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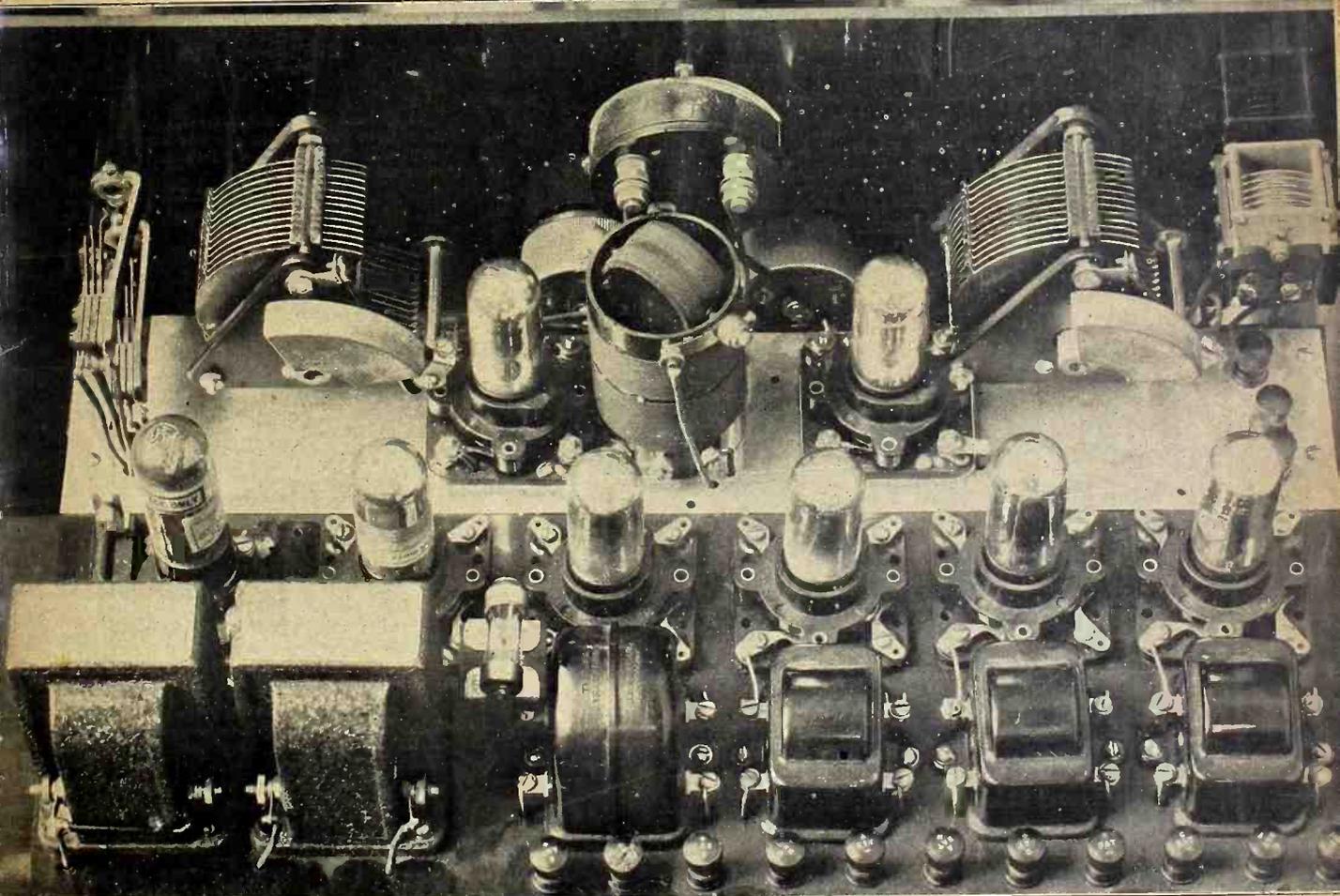
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THE DE LUXE SUPER-HETERODYNE as seen from the rear. Dry-Cell tubes (99 type) are used, with a power tube (120) in the last stage, at left. A feature of this set is its expert layout. Regeneration is used in the antenna circuit, the midget condenser affording this.

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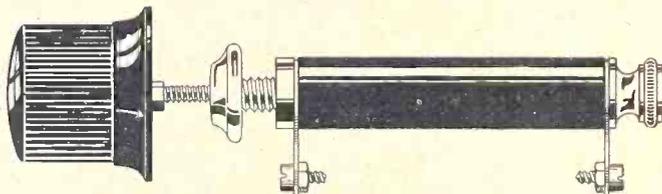
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NOT all high class radio receivers are built in laboratories by skilled men whose vocation is radio engineering. Not all high-class receivers are built in accordance with the ready-made plans published in the various radio journals, and laid out and described by professionals who are supposed to be well versed in the subject. A few superior receivers are built by fans in their own homes and in accordance with their own ideas and plans. One of the finest examples of home-constructed sets that the present writer has ever seen is the Super-Heterodyne described in this article, built by Paul Hollingshead, a photographer by vocation and an advanced radio experimenter by avocation. Naturally, Mr. Hollingshead did not essay a complicated Super-Heterodyne the first thing. This receiver is his nth, where n is a large number not accurately known. He began by building the simpler sets "way back in pre-Neutrodyne days, then increasing the complexity as both he and the art developed. He has used practically every good receiver that has come out since he began as stepping stones to his present standing.

### Used His Head

In building his various receivers he was not satisfied by blindly running spaghetti-covered bus-bar between numbered terminals. He preferred to work from symbolic diagrams of the receivers, and to use his own judgment about layouts and connections. He learned the meaning of all the symbols, what the functions of all the component parts in the circuit were, and to what degree the various parts available could be expected to perform these functions. He was not satisfied with a finished receiver which would merely squawk. His sensitive musical ear demanded quality comparable with the original matter broadcast. His choice of parts from the aerial to the Western Electric cone-speaker was made in answer to this demand.

The present Super-Heterodyne represents Mr. Hollingshead's own ideas as to what constitutes a good receiver, both as to physical and electrical layouts; and it is the result of careful study of all the Super-

## A Super-Heterodyne De Luxe

By J. E. Anderson  
 Consulting Engineer

Heterodynes that have been published during the last two years. A scrutiny of the circuit diagram will show that he is not alone in his opinion. The oscillator circuit is of the three winding type with one side of the oscillator condenser grounded. This type of oscillator was selected because it won out over the other types in actual trial.

### Hand Capacity Absent

One of its main advantages is that there is no hand capacity effect, since the rotor side of the condenser is grounded, or at the same potential as the hand that operates the dial. The modulator is the grid bias type, which many engineers regard as the only logical type to use. Regeneration is employed in the loop or antenna circuit as a means of varying the sensitivity; and this regeneration is accomplished by the Hartley parallel feed method, with a midget condenser for controlling the feed back. The intermediate amplifier consists of three stages, iron-core transformer coupled; the detector is of the grid condenser, grid leak type, chosen because of its sensitivity, and this is coupled to the last IF stage by an air core filter-transformer; the first stage of audio is transformer coupled, while the last is auto-transformer coupled. The antenna input transformer L1L2 is not an integral part of the assembled receiver, but is external to it. Three binding posts merely are provided because the receiver is primarily intended for loop operation. The input transformer is used for long distance reception and in cases where a loop would prove inconvenient. The two windings L1 and L2 are wound on a piece of bakelite tubing 3" in diameter and have 10 and 43 turns, respectively, of No. 24 double silk covered wire. The tap on the secondary is placed at the 15th turn, measured from the plate end of the coil.

The two windings L3 and L4 of the oscillator are wound on a piece of Bakelite tubing 2" in diameter with No. 26 double silk covered wire, the tickler containing 45 turns and the secondary 60 turns. The pick-up coil L5 is wound with 24 turns of No. 26

double silk covered wire on 1.5" Bakelite tubing, and this coil is mounted on bearings inside the larger tube near the tickler coil end. While the pick-up coil may be rotated for varying the amount of coupling between the oscillator and the modulator circuit, no control for this purpose is placed on the panel.

### Constants Discussed

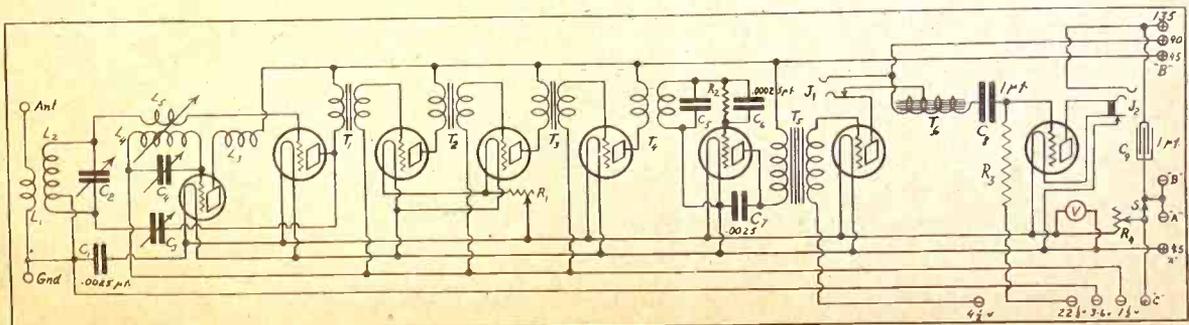
The two tuning condensers C2 and C4 are both of .0005 mfd. capacity of General Radio make. The capacity of these condensers and the inductance of the two windings across which they are connected are such as to cover satisfactorily the broadcast range of frequencies. The regeneration control condenser C3 is a midget, while the by-pass condenser C1 is a .0025 mfd. Sangamo Bakelite moulded condenser.

The first three intermediate frequency transformers T1, T2, and T3 are General Radio medium frequency iron core transformers, while the filter transformer T4 is of the same make, but in a tuned air core filter. The condenser C5 across the secondary of this transformer T4 is an integral part of this filter, placed there to tune the secondary to a frequency of 30,000 cycles. When building this circuit, therefore, this condenser should not be considered. It is merely included in the circuit drawing Fig. 1 to indicate that it is actually there.

The grid leak in the detector is variable, and over wide limits. The grid condenser C6 is a .00025 mfd. Dubilier, and the by-pass condenser C7 in the plate circuit of the detector is of the same size and make as C1.

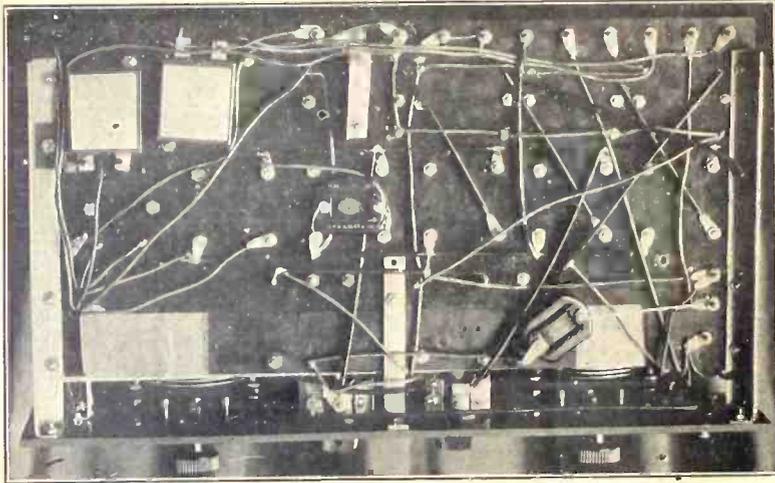
### The Audio Channel

Both the audio frequency transformers are Rauland Lyrics. The first, or T5, is used as a straight transformer, but the second, or T6, is used as an auto-trans-



THE CIRCUIT PATTERN of the 8-tube dry-cell Super-Heterodyne in schematic form. The "first detector" uses the grid bias method, the "second detector" the grid leak-condenser method.

# Assembly of the DX Set



MUCH OF THE WIRING is done under the subpanels, as this photograph by Mr. Hollingshead shows.

former. In connecting this transformer in this manner, the terminal marked G is connected to the positive of the plate battery, the terminal marked P is connected to the grid, and the two terminals marked B and F are joined together and connected to the spring of jack J1 which leads to the plate of the first audio amplifier tube. This places the largest winding in the primary or plate circuit and both the windings connected in series—aiding in the secondary or grid circuit.

The blocking condenser C8 is a 1.0 microfarad Dubilier. The grid leak R3 is a 250,000-ohm Daven, and the mounting for this is also of the same make. The by-pass condenser C9 across the B battery is of the same size and make as C8.

All the tubes in the circuit with the exception of the last are Cunningham 299. The last is the UX120 power tube. All the sockets for the small tubes are Benjamin and the socket for the power tube is a General Radio UX type.

## Rheostat Control

A master rheostat R4 controls the filament current in all the tubes. A Weston voltmeter V is put across the common fila-

ment line on the tube side of the rheostat and the voltage is always held at 3. As a means of controlling amplification and oscillation in the intermediate frequency amplifier, a second rheostat R1, in series with the master rheostat, is connected in series with the first two IF amplifier tubes. This is an effective volume control and it does not seriously affect quality since it is used for the two tubes which are called on to handle only small signal grid voltages. With this minor exception there is no tampering with the filament current in an effort to tone down the volume in case it is too loud. Ample volume control is obtainable with the pick-up coil and with the tickler condenser C3.

## Battery Voltages

The plate potential on all but the two last tubes is maintained at 45 volts with respect to the negative end of the filaments. On the first audio frequency amplifier tube the plate voltage is 90 volts, and on the last, or power tube, it is maintained at 135 volts. The grid potentials on the various tubes are adjusted for these plate potentials. On all the amplifier tubes and on the oscillator tube which have 45 volts on the plates the grid bias is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  volts. On the modulator, or the second

## LIST OF PARTS

- An antenna input transformer, L1, L2 (or a loop).
- An oscillating coil as described.
- Three General Radio medium frequency transformers, iron core, type 271.
- One General Radio 20-ohm rheostat, type former, type 331.
- Two Rauland-Lyric audio frequency transformers
- Two General Radio tuning condensers, .0005 mfd. each, type 247-F.
- One midget condenser.
- Two Marco vernier dials.
- Two Sangamo fixed condensers, .00025 mfd. each.
- Two Dubilier fixed condensers, 1.0 mfd. each.
- One Dubilier fixed condenser, .00025 mfd.
- One General Radio 20-ohm rheostat, type 214A.
- One General Radio 6-ohm rheostat, type 301.
- One Variable grid leak.
- One Daven grid leak, 250,000 ohms, with mounting.
- One double circuit jack.
- One single circuit filament control jack.
- One filament switch.
- One Weston filament voltmeter (panel type 0-7, 0-140).
- Seven Benjamin sockets for UV199 tubes.
- One General Radio socket for UX120 tube (type 349).
- Seven 99 type tubes and one UX120 tube.
- Accessories: Fourteen Eby binding posts (C-, C-, C-, C-, C+, A+, A-, B-, B+ Det., B+ Amp., B+ Amp.; three unmarked, for ant., ground loop); one 22.5 volt grid battery, tapped for every cell; twelve No. 6 dry cells; three 45-volt plate batteries, preferably large size; one Western Electric cone type speaker.

tube in the diagram, the grid bias is from 3 to 6 volts. Various values between these limits may be tried until the one is found that gives the best response. If two different values seem to give about equal volume, the greater negative value should be used since this is more economical with respect to plate battery drain. The tube operating on 90 volts on the plate should have a grid bias of about 4.5 volts or slightly more.

The last tube, which has 135 volts on the plate, requires a bias of 22.5 volts or somewhat less. The bias on the detector tube is, of course, positive, the grid return being connected to the positive end of the filament. The correct bias on the two last tubes may be found experimentally by means of the voltmeter. This is temporarily disconnected from its present position and then connected in series with the plate circuit of the tube for which the grid bias is to be adjusted.

The jacks may be used for this purpose. The grid bias is adjusted until the pointer on the meter neither jumps up nor down when very strong signals are being received. When each of the two last tubes has been adjusted in this manner, the voltmeter may be returned to its permanent position. It is, of course, not necessary to remove the meter from the panel when the adjustment is made.

## Speaker on One Audio

The first jack, J1, is mainly provided for use with a headset, but it may be used for moderate volume on a loud speaker. J2 is the regular output jack for loud speaker operation. It is an automatic filament jack which leaves the filament of the last tube open when no plug is in the jack.

There are fourteen Eby insulated binding posts altogether in the circuit. Three of these are for the loop, five for the grid

## Slipping of Dials Confuses Many Fans

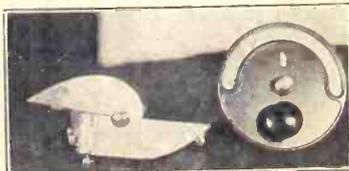


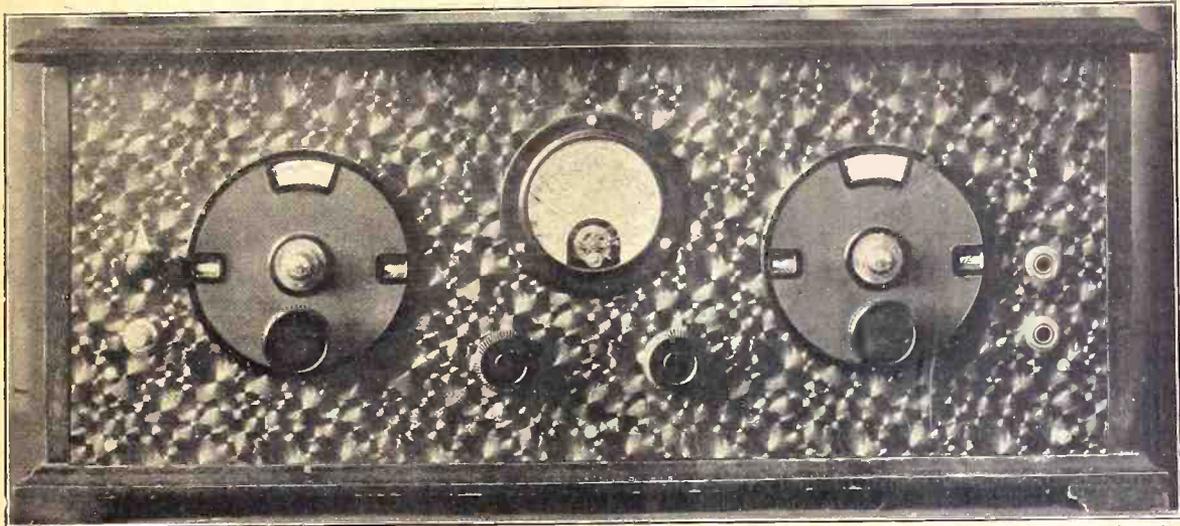
PHOTO represents minimum setting of the condenser and zero setting of the dial.

Much perturbation accompanies the seemingly inexplicable shifting of dial readings. Sometimes a radioist enjoys the simplified tuning attendant upon synchronously reading dials. Stations come in at 15-15, 20-20, 60-60, etc., if there are only two dials, or if there are more, they

read similarly in step. This is hailed as an accomplishment, as the stray capacity coupling in the antenna circuit sometimes makes the achievement of synchrony rather difficult. Then, as if for no reason, the whole scheme is upset!

This is often due simply to a loose set-screw on one or more of the dials. Especially if the tuning condenser has end-stops is there a tendency to jar the dial one way or the other, therefore the dial settings, but not the actual condenser settings, are changed. The solution is to re-adjust the "off" dial, so that at zero or at 100 it represents full capacity (depending on whether the frequency or wavelength system of tuning and dialling is used). Most fans, in either case, will prefer to have minimum capacity represented by zero on the dial, and should test both dials accordingly.

# Panel View of Receiver



PANEL VIEW of the De Luxe Super-Heterodyne, as constructed and photographed by J. E. Anderson's personal friend, Paul Hollingshead. The 7x18" panel is of the frieze type. Photographed by Paul Hollingshead.

battery, two for the filament battery, and four for the plate battery.

The master rheostat is of 6 ohms resistance and the other, R1, is of 20 ohms. Both are of General Radio manufacture.

The filament power is supplied by a battery of 12 No. 6 dry cells connected in series-parallel to give 4.5 volts. Since the total filament current flowing is about .54 ampere when each tube is drawing normal current, each tube delivers about .137 ampere. This is near the rate at which dry cells deliver the greatest number of ampere-hours, and hence this combination is the most economical. The set may be operated on six of the cells connected in series-parallel, but the current then in each cell would be slightly excessive.

### The Builder's Photography

Three photos, taken by the builder, are shown herewith. One of these shows the attractive panel layout. It shows the filament voltmeter at top center. Directly under this are the two rheostats, the master rheostat at the right and the other at the left. On either side of the voltmeter are the two vernier dials which control the tuning, the oscillator being on the right and the loop at the left. The knob controlling the regeneration condenser is shown directly to the left of the loop dial, and the filament switch S is directly under this knob. At the right end of the panel and symmetrically located with respect to the knob and switch are the two jacks. There is nothing superfluous on the panel. Size of panel is 7x18" and material is hard rubber.

The second picture shows the interior layout of the receiver. The width of the baseboard is 10", and it is divided into two parts, one of hard rubber and one of metal, both supported on metal brackets. One criticism may be offered to this arrangement, and that is the location of the oscillator coil with respect to the metal part of the baseboard. It is close to it and the field is at right angles to the metal sheet. Losses will be introduced by eddy current induction. The builder intends to replace this sheet of metal with a strip of hard rubber; and any one building the set should use insulating material throughout. Attention is called to the very short leads from the transformer secondaries to the various grids.

The third picture shows the wiring underneath the baseboard, together with the sup-

porting brackets and four of the five fixed condensers in the circuit.

### DX Not So Bad

A few of the DX stations picked up with receiver from New York City follow:

Station	Ant.	Osc.
WSB, Atlanta, Ga.....	62	65.5
WCBD, Zion, Ill.....	41	44.5
KOA, Denver, Colo.....	36.5	39.5
KFKX, Hastings, Neb....	29	32
KNOX, St. Louis, Mo....	28	31
WCXB, Detroit, Mich....	26.5	29.5
KMOK, St. Louis, Mo....	24.5	27.5
WENR, Chicago, Ill.....	24	27
WDBO, Winter Park, Fla..	21	24

All of these stations were received with

loud speaker volume while most of the local stations in New York were on the air.

The photograph on the front cover shows the so-called modulator tape at right, near panel, the oscillator at left of the coupler. The intermediate chain runs from right to left, the transformers in foreground being T1, T2, T3 and T4 (filter) in that order. The four C— posts are in foreground at right, and reading thence to left are C+, A+, A, B—, B+ Det., B+ Amp., B+ Amp. The antenna coupler is not shown, as it would be external to the set, if used at all. A loop is inserted by placing its tips at the two posts that connect to C2. As L2, if used, is grounded, the three posts are for ant., grid and modulator grid.

## An Expert's Analysis Of the Super-Heterodyne

[Part I of this article on "My Adventures with Super-Heterodynes," by J. E. Anderson, was published last week, issue of March 13, when the illustrations, referred to in this week's text, were printed too. More data will appear next week.]

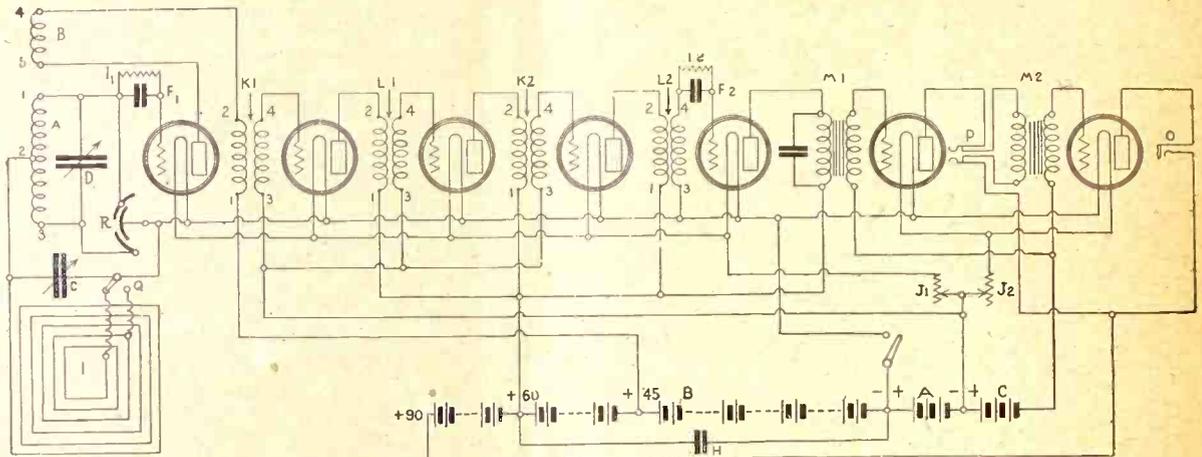
**C**ALIBRATED once for all, three controls present no hardship. It is even possible to add two stages of radio frequency amplification and making this a regular Neutrodyne tuner. Some of the radio frequency tuned circuits may be combined so as to eliminate a control or two. If this is done it will be necessary to include a volume control in the radio frequency amplifier which is independent of tuning, otherwise the advantage of the radio frequency filter will be lost. This control may be a rheostat in the filament circuits of the radio frequency tubes, but preferably it should be a voltage input control. All pick-up of signal by the oscillator coil, the radio frequency coils, or leads must be carefully prevented by shielding. There should only be one avenue of ingress to the circuit, and that should be the loop or antenna. The electromotive force thus let in should be controlled as to intensity so that no part of the circuit becomes overloaded.

Much of the squealing interference

caused by radiating receivers has been attributed to regenerative sets in the past while the Super-Heterodyne has been given a clean slate. That is not entirely fair to owners of regenerative sets. It is safe to say that much of this type of interference during the international tests was caused by super-heterodynes. Many owners of the more humble sets knew by previous experience that they could not pick up trans-Atlantic stations, and probably did not try again. But owners of Super-Heterodynes thought they might, and they kept the oscillator dial whirling all the time in the hope that they would hear something of a foreign origin. And just because they could not hear their own squeals in the loud speaker they thought that no body else could. Every Super-Heterodyne worthy of the name has a good filter between the oscillator and the loud speaker which effectively prevents squealing of this type from getting through. But rare is the Super-Heterodyne which has any provision which keeps the radio wave generated by its own oscillator from getting out into space. Every Super-Heterodyne in operation radiates. Some radiate much, some just a little. Radiation of energy may take place from the battery and other leads, from the oscillator coil, and from

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# The Super-Heterodyne



**CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE PRESSLEY Super-Heterodyne.** This uses the Autodyne system, where the frequency conversion is accomplished in one tube (combined oscillator-modulator). R is a balancing condenser. A tapped loop is necessary. (Q.) J. E. Anderson discusses radiation in conjunction with this receiver. A rheostat J1 is the oscillation control of the medium frequency amplifier.

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the antenna or loop. Even the Pressley circuit, which is supposed not to be a radiator, does radiate. The radiation from the pick-up loop in a well balanced Pressley may be infinitesimal but the radiation from the open field oscillator is certainly not infinitesimal. A loop radiates if radio frequency energy is fed into it, and a solenoid coil is nothing but a miniature loop. Hence it radiates. No doubt the radiation from this circuit is very small in comparison with that from certain other forms of Super-Heterodyne, but it is there.

In connection with overloading it may be well to call attention to a phenomenon which is often observed in a Super-Heterodyne receiver. It sometimes happens that on a loud signal this will entirely disappear at that point of the dial where it should come in loudest; that is, the signal comes in weak at first as the oscillator dial is turned, increases slowly, then suddenly disappears and remains absent for several degrees on the dial, then appears with the same strength as it had when it disappeared, and then gradually disappears. This phenomenon sometimes also appears on the modulator tuning condenser and on the radio frequency condenser if there is one in the circuit; and when there is, it is more likely to happen. On these condensers the silent space is usually much wider than on the oscillator condenser. The reason for this silent space is obviously overloading of some part of the circuit, most probably either the modulator or the final detector. The remedy is to incorporate a volume or signal voltage intensity control in the circuit; and this must, of course, be placed ahead of the overloaded part. The best places to put it are in the grid circuit of the first radio frequency amplifier, the oscillator pick-up, and in the grid circuit of the first intermediate frequency tube. It is well to have one such control in the grid circuit of the first tube in each of the three levels of frequency.

## Overloading Explained

This overloading may be explained with the aid of Fig. 1. AB represents a resonance curve of either the intermediate frequency filter or of one of the radio frequency tuned circuits. The ordinates represent the volume, or signal voltage amplitude, and the abscissas represents the frequency. F1 may be the frequency at which the signal becomes audible as

the control is varied. It then increases up to F2, where it is about as loud as it can be received clearly. At this point it becomes mushy and rapidly grows unintelligible, until the overloaded tube chokes up and silence results. This silence is noticeable for several divisions on the dial on either side of the setting which corresponds to the resonant frequency Fr. At F3 the signal becomes clear again and remains so until it becomes so weak at F4 that it can no longer be heard. In a well controlled set it should be clearest at Fr and it should not be heard at all at F2 and F3.

## Intermediate Oscillation

It often happens in poorly adjusted or intentionally regenerative intermediate frequency amplifiers that oscillation occurs in one or more of the tubes. If this oscillation is feeble the set may be abnormally sensitive as a result, but if it is intense it may completely ruin the set, unless the oscillation can be stopped by some means. Oscillation in the medium frequency amplifier manifests itself in profuse squealing as the oscillator dial is moved. Beat squeals may be heard at every division of the dial over the entire scale, and sometimes the squeals overlap. The intensity of these squeals varies from the lower limit of audibility to ear-splitting howls. The squeals are due to beating between the I.F. frequency and its various harmonics as generated by the frequency changer with the frequency generated in the oscillating I.F. tube and with the harmonics of this frequency. The remedy for this kind of squealing is simply to stop oscillation in the tube that causes the trouble. This may be done by shielding the various stages from each other, by so placing the transformers as to minimize electro-magnetic and electrostatic coupling, by neutralizing the I.F. stages as in a neutrodyne, and, in an extremity, by reducing the filament current in the tube or tubes causing oscillation. This last method is bad practice, but is nevertheless the one most frequently resorted to.

How can radiation from a Super-Heterodyne, or any other oscillating circuit, be minimized? One way is by shielding. It was stated above that this should be done to prevent energy from coming into the circuit by all avenues of ingress except one, the loop or antenna. If this is done there is only one avenue of egress; and it is easy to prevent the radio frequency energy from backing up

and escaping through that avenue. The Pressley method of balancing is one effective way; neutralization of the radio frequency amplifier stage is another. And if the locally generated oscillations cannot escape the circuit of course there will be no radiation. A receiver so adjusted can be given a clean slate; the energy that would escape through any unbalance or through the shielding is not likely to cause any interference. Another way of minimizing radiation is by using closed field oscillator coils, such as a static and toroidal windings; and this method may be used in conjunction with shielding. Next time the proud owner of a powerful Super-Heterodyne is interfered with while fishing for distant stations let him first set his own house in order before he gives vent to his feelings against the tickler addict.

## Blame for Harmonic Interference

In the Super-Heterodyne, and to a lesser extent in other receivers, there is sometimes considerable trouble from harmonic interference. There is cross talk between the second and even third, harmonic of a long wave station and the fundamental of a shorter wave station. For instance, WEAF, which is operating on a wave of 492 meters, sometimes interferes with the fundamental wave of a station operating on 246 meters; or WNYC, operating on 526 meters, interferes in the same manner with WBPI, which is operating on 263 meters. In the past this sort of interference has naturally been blamed on the big fellows, by accusing them of sending out broad waves, or waves rich in harmonics. For a time I was "taken in" by this accusation against the supposedly offending stations, but I have revised my opinion. I found that the receiver was to blame. The wave radiated by WEAF is quite free from harmonics, yet I have received that station with the set tuned to 246 meters. A wave trap tuned to 492 meters cut out the signal, but a trap tuned to 246 had no appreciable effect on the signal. This seemed to indicate that the harmonics arose in the receiver.

## Harmonic Trouble

Frequency doubling occurred in one or more of the R. F. tubes, and the double frequency was selected and amplified. When the first tuner was set at 492 meters and the rest of the tuners at 246 meters, the signal was very loud, indicating that in this case, the first tube did most of the frequency doubling.

# A 2-Tube Speaker Set

By Percy Warren

**S**PEAKER volume on only two tubes may be obtained from the reflex circuit shown in Fig. 1. The volume will be fairly good on local stations. High ratio audio-transformers may be used in both stages.

It is advisable to use storage battery tubes, but if dry cell tubes are used they should be of the 99 type.

The radio-frequency transformers L1L2 and L3L4 may be any commercial type, with tuning condensers C1 and C2 of suitable capacity, determined by the inductance of the secondaries. If the coils are to be wound by the constructor, they may be placed on 3 1/2" diameter tubing, 3 1/2" or 4" high. There would be two such forms. L1, the primary of the first transformer, would consist of 13 turns of No. 24 double cotton covered wire. The secondary would be wound with the same kind of wire and would consist of 45 turns if C1 is a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. If a .00035 mfd. instrument is used, make the number of turns on the secondary 58.

### Crystal's Damping Effect

The crystal, because of its low resistance, will have a damping effect upon the second tuned circuit, hence it will be possible to utilize a greater transfer of energy than ordinarily. So L3, the primary of the second coil, may consist of 16 turns of wire. The secondary will have the same number of turns as the other secondary, depending on the capacity of the tuning condenser, as explained. The separation in each case between primary and secondary is 1/8".

### The Circuit Described

The circuit consists of a stage of tuned radio frequency amplification, a crystal detector, a first stage of audio reflexed in the radio-frequency or first tube, and a second stage of audio, non-reflexed. The coupling media in the audio channel are transformers. Fans having any at hand may use those, and if the radios differ it may be advisable to put the higher ratio in the first stage. This is AF1 in the schematic pattern.

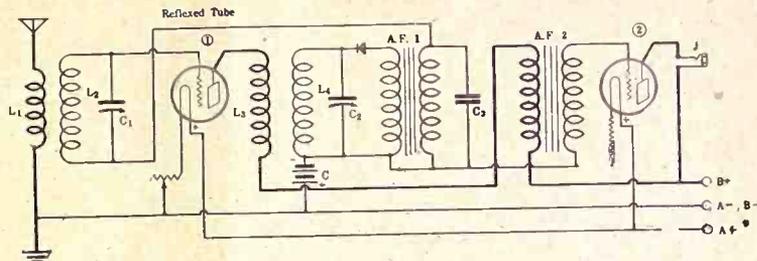
### Oscillation Control

There is only one rheostat shown. This may be used to control excessive oscillation in the reflexed tube. Strong oscillation on the lower waves, say on 350 meters or less, is to be expected, due to the comparatively large number of turns on the primary L3.

A rheostat may be used for the final tube, also, but as this tube is not in a critical part of the circuit this resistor may be a ballast. If a 99 tube is used here, with a 4 1/2-volt A battery source (an ordinary C battery), then the ballast may be a 4 1/2-v-99 Amperite. If a ballast is used, put a switch in series with the A plus lead, not shown in the diagram, but if a rheostat replaces the ballast no switch will be needed.

### Theory of Set

The set is a reflex because the first tube, designated by the numeral 1 in a circle, amplifies the signal both before and after detection. The radio wave enters the set through the antenna-ground system, L1 being the medium therefore, and is transferred to the secondary L2, by mutual induction. In this secondary circuit it is afforded a path of lowered resistance by virtue of the tuning of C1 and then is passed on to the other secondary, L4.



**CIRCUIT PATTERN** (Fig. 1) of a 2-tube reflex receiver that affords fairly good speaker volume in the reception of local stations. The resistor in the filament leg of the second tube is a ballast and its unconnected side should go to A minus. A switch in series with the A plus lead of the set and that post of the A battery should be included, if a ballast is used, but if a rheostat is substituted, omit the switch.

through the primary L3 of the interstage coupler. L4 is tuned likewise. The crystal is connected between the "high potential" side of L4 and the primary of the first audio-transformer, and thus separates the audio wave from the radio wave, rendering audibility possible. The action is called detection. The secondary of AF1 picks up the alternating current which the audio-transformer introduces and this is passed back to the first tube by connecting the G post of the transformer to the grid of that tube, through the coil L2. In other words, the grid return of L2 is made through the audio-transformer secondary. To facilitate the passage of the radio wave by-pass condenser is sometimes advisable across the audio-transformer secondary. This is C3 in Fig. 1. It should not be of large capacity, to avoid passing audio current. The plate of the first tube, at this stage, represents audio output, although, as we have seen, it is handling radio frequencies too. The end of L3 is brought to the P post of the second audio-transformer, and the B voltage is delivered through the primary of AF2 to the plate of tube (1). The audio current, again amplified, is delivered to the grid to filament circuit of the last tube, in the plate circuit of which, in series with the positive B, the speaker connections are made through a jack.

### LAYOUT OF SET

The set may be made on a 7x18" panel,

### LIST OF PARTS

- Two radio frequency transformers, L1L2, L3L4.
- Two variable condensers, C1, C2.
- One crystal detector.
- Two 4" dials.
- Two dial pointers.
- One 20-ohm rheostat.
- One 99 4v-99 Amperite.
- One single-circuit jack, J.
- Two sockets.
- One fixed condenser, .00025 mfd., C3.
- Two audio frequency transformers, AF1, AF2.
- One 7x18" panel.
- One 7x17" baseboard.
- Accessories: 100 ft. aerial wire, 50 ft. No. 14 insulated leadin wire, window lead-in connector, ground clamp, lightning arrester, bus bar, battery cable (connecting being made to most convention point direct on parts used); two 99 tubes; two 45-volt B batteries; two parallel connected 4 1/2-volt C batteries, used as A battery for 99 tubes; one extra C battery, used as C battery, bias 4 1/2-volts negative.

with plenty of room to spare. With panel in front of you, the coil L1L2 may be at the rear left rear of a 7x17" baseboard, the reflexed tube being in front of the coil. The other coil may be placed on the baseboard, too, its nearest point 8" back of the panel rear, (unless the condenser C2 is deeper), and the coil at right angles to the other coil, and about 7" away from the nearest point of L1L2. The first audio transformer would be at the right-hand front side of the baseboard, while the other audio-transformer would be behind L3L4, about 3" free space existing between the RF and the AF transformers mentioned. The final tube would be to the right of the second AF transformer.

The panel would show the two tuning dials, centers 4" from left and right of the panel edges, respectively, with 6" in between the two dial edges. The rheostat would be under dial No. 1 and the switch under dial No. 2, with the single circuit jack 9" from left and 1 1/4" up. Two dial pointers should be added, unless the dials used are of the type that do not require them, such as the window model dials.

### The Reflexing

The actual reflexing is one of the problems, especially for a beginner, as he gets confused in the doubling up of the purposes. Therefore the wiring of the reflexed stage will be stressed, in conjunction with a sketch of the wiring work.

Be sure to connect the coils so that, if they are placed with primary considered on top, the connections would be: aerial to top terminal of L1, ground to bottom of L1; top of L2 (point adjoining end of L1) to G post of AF1, other terminal of L2 to grid of tube (1). Beginning or top of L3 to plate, end to P post of AF2; beginning of L4, (point adjoining end of L3) to minus C; other terminal of L4 to one side of the crystal. The other side of the crystal goes to the P post of AF1.

The rotor plates of the variable condensers go to the G post of AF1 and to C minus, respectively.

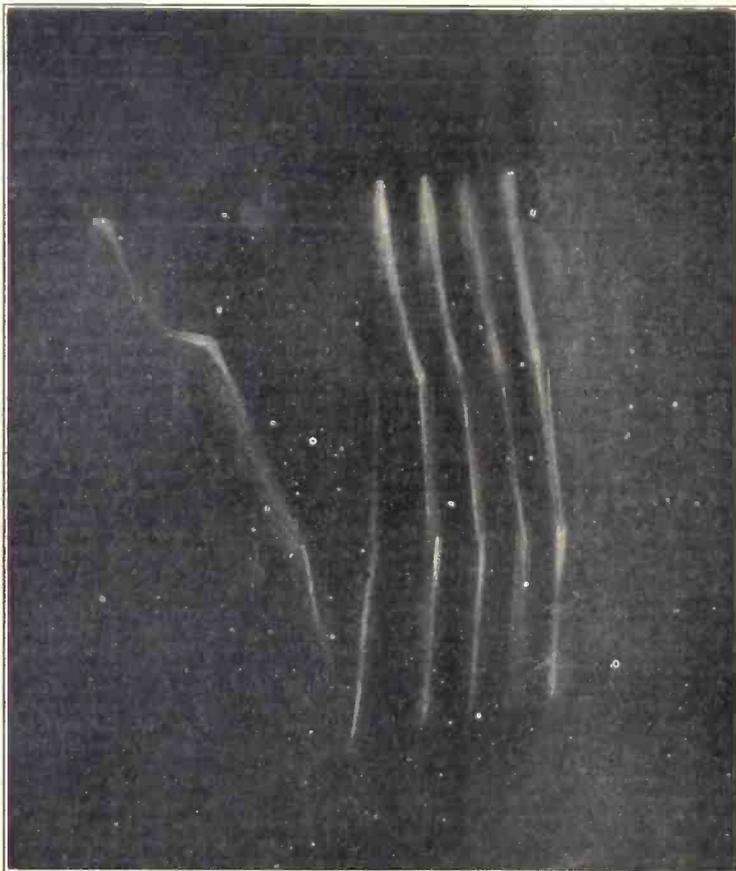
The fixed condenser C3 is placed across the secondary of AF1. Note that the end of the primary of AF1 and the end of the secondary are connected together, that is, both terminals go to C minus. This imparts no negative bias to the crystal, since the output side is not connected to A minus.

Note that in the diagram one side of the ballast is not connected. It goes to A minus. Draw the line in there, hopping over A plus on the way down.

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# Choke Coil Amplification

Substitution of Primary of Bell-ringing Transformer for Regular Choke Coil Impairs Purity of Wave Form, Photographs and Tracings of Actual Wave Forms Show



PHOTOGRAPH of an audio-frequency wave, made from the fluorescent screen of a cathode ray oscillograph tube. This shows a 60-cycle note, the familiar line hum.

[This is the second of a series of articles describing the results of making audio waves visible by means of a cathode ray oscillograph. The electronic stream in this tube enables portrayal of audio wave form and amplitude on a ground glass at the top of the tube. Thus the waves may be photographed or traced. Last week's article compared the purity of crystal rectification with that of ordinary tube rectification, the author reporting no difference, except that the amplitude (voltage) was much greater when the tube was used. This week the choke coil audio amplifier is discussed.]

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IT is said that a little knowledge is dangerous. That statement is indeed true, and nowhere is its accuracy so frequently and forcibly illustrated as when that proverb is applied to radio matters. Without attempting to assume the role of a critic, it must be admitted that many erroneous statements have been made under the guise of well-intended suggestions. The majority of these have been suggestions of various substitutes to be used in place of the original. This is especially true when the discussion pertains to audio-frequency amplification

and the audio-frequency amplifier unit of any one receiver. Particular reference is being made to choke coil audio-frequency amplification.

## The Rule in Amplifiers

The comparative degree of efficiency of the choke coil amplifier and that of the transformer and the resistance units are at this time beyond the point, and will not be discussed. But the selection of various chokes adaptable as the coupling media in this type of audio-amplifier is of greater interest. It has been frequently demonstrated in many fields and activities that substitutes as a rule are not as good as originals; if they were they would not be classed as substitutes. And this is significantly true in audio amplifying units of the impedance coupled type, as intense electrical design is necessary so that the proper operation be obtained. This in fact is true with practically every unit utilized in the radio receiver art. Hence one need not be an electrical expert to comprehend the fact that by virtue of the design factor, an electrical unit specifically designed for a definite function will not afford the maximum when applied to some other use.

Now with due respect to the well meaning individuals who recommend the use

of various types of bell ringing transformers, spark coils, etc., in place of the choke coil designed for use with impedance coupled audio amplifiers, it is highly recommended that the practice be stopped, since it is not conducive to the results strived for. This fact was conclusively determined by the writer in a series of experiments conducted in an endeavor to ascertain just how effective these various substitutes were, when compared with chokes expressly designed for the purpose. It might just as well be mentioned at this stage that the substitutes proved dismal failures, insofar as faithful amplification of the input signal was concerned.

## Taste a Personal Factor

No doubt many fans will not agree with the writer, these fans having at one time or other utilized bell ringing transformers as chokes in impedance coupled amplifiers, and obtaining what were considered satisfactory results; or some are now using these units with perfect satisfaction to themselves. But the question naturally arises as to the individual's musical palate and the fidelity of amplification. Between these two there is a great divergence. Some of us prefer high tones rather than low tones, the coloratura soprano being more popular than the basso. But in the selection of equipment to be used in an audio amplifier, so the tone frequency, amplification will be as perfect as possible, especially when the system is recommended to others, personal likes and dislikes become secondary. The item of importance becomes the faithful reproduction of the signal that was passed into the amplifier. Consequently the equipment used, irrespective of manufacture, should afford these results.

Now in view of this situation it is mighty difficult to suggest substitutes to take the place of specific units designed for a certain function, especially when the test upon the substitute is conducted by means of the ear. That is, the ear is the judge of the output tone entirely without knowledge of the input tone. This, in substance, is the reason for the statement that bell ringing transformers should not be suggested as chokes in choke coil coupled audio amplifiers.

## One Element Lacking

The difference between the input and the output tones is not noted, simply because the input is unknown, and if any amount of amplification is obtained it is assumed that the tonal characteristics have been retained. This will be cleared up by comparisons of the input wave form and the output wave form with various types of bell ringing transformers used as chokes, and compared against a regular choke designed for that purpose.

The equipment utilized is a cathode ray oscillograph. The process of operation is to obtain a photograph of the original output of the audio oscillator as fed into the amplifier and then to again photograph the output wave form as obtained from the amplifier. Any variation other than increased amplitude will immediately become apparent, which variation in wave form will constitute a difference in tone, although this difference in tone does not signify a difference in frequency, but

# A Test of Audio Quality

rather a loss in the distinguishing characteristics. By distinguishing characteristics is meant the difference in tone of middle C on a saxophone and middle C on a banjo.

### Vocal Differences

This loss in distinguishing characteristics with certain amplifying units is the reason that the broadcast voice may be recognized with one type of unit and not with another. The former retains the small but important variations whereas they are lost entirely in the latter.

The equipment utilized consists of four distinct units. They are, the cathode ray oscillograph itself; the time constant producing device, by means of which the image upon the oscillograph screen can be made stationary; the audio oscillator and the audio amplifier. To give wiring diagrams and explanations of the first two units would require excessive space, but wiring diagrams of the audio oscillator and the audio amplifier are given in Figs. 1 and 2. The chokes tested were a Thordarson, compared against a Dongan, a Viking, a Killark small, and Killark large. In each of the four bell ringing transformers the primary was used, that is, the coil was connected to the AC line, with the secondary left open. This is the arrangement usually recommended.

### A 50-Cycle Note Used

To proceed, a note of approximately 50 cycles was generated by means of the audio oscillator and the image as shown on the oscillograph traced and reproduced as in Fig. 3. This low frequency was selected as the lower frequency spectrum is the cause of most discussion among the radio fraternity. It is said that resistance and impedance coupling bring out the low notes lost in regular transformer coupling, therefore the tests should really be made upon low frequencies. As an incidental comparison between the regular choke and resistance coupling, the curves of Fig. 3 A and B are also given. Curve 3 A is that for resistance and curve 3 B for the Thordarson choke. These curves are the amplified reproductions of the original wave form shown in Fig. 3 after being amplified by the audio amplifier. The constants for the amplifier unit were arranged so that the tube was operating at best efficiency. Relative to the variance between the amplification characteristics of the two methods, the general opinion is sustained, namely that resistance coupling is truer than choke coil coupling. In this paper, however, this fact is beyond the point, but will be discussed in detail in a subsequent paper.

### Effect of Substitution

Inserting the Viking bell ringing transformer in place of the Thordarson choke and utilizing, as has been mentioned, the primary of that transformer as the choke, everything else remaining constant, the wave form shown in Fig. 4 was obtained. In amplitude this wave was approximately one-sixth that of the Thordarson choke output. A close examination of the wave form is not necessary to disclose the fact that it has undergone a change other than in amplitude. Certain additional peaks and depressions have made their appearance, which cannot be found in the original input. An audible notation of the output by means of a loud speaker in place of the oscillograph brings to light this change by a different pitch to the output signal. Now, if the original input wave form were not available it would be perfectly logical to assume that the wave form as obtained with the bell ringing transformer as a choke is the correct one

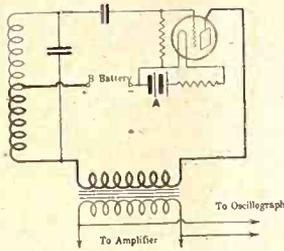


FIG. 1 THE AUDIO OSCILLATOR

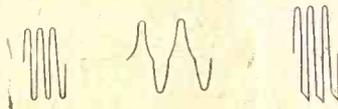


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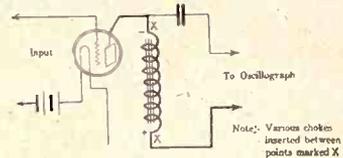


FIG. 2 THE AUDIO AMPLIFIER

Note: Various chokes inserted between points marked X

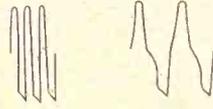


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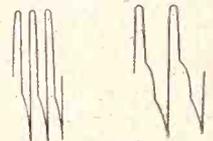


FIG. 3 B

and correspondingly the note as emitted by the loud speaker to be the correct one. A comparison between the input and the output however shows up the discrepancy.

Continuing further, the Viking unit was replaced by a Killark, large size, and the curve obtained is shown in Fig. 4 A. The wave form amplitude was even smaller than that obtained with the Viking, and the distinguishing characteristic was again maintained. In addition, the depressions and slope marked D and S in Fig. 4 have been shifted somewhat. Replacing the large Killark unit with the smaller one results in the curve 4 B. The difference this time is more in amplitude than in wave form, the smaller unit affording a greater output. Connecting the Viking and the small Killark primaries in series results in the curve shown in Fig. 4 C. A large increase in amplitude but the same deficiency in wave form are present.

### The Moral

Now to show the detrimental effects to a still greater degree a more complex wave form was obtained. This was the output of a rotary converter. The original as obtained from a step-down transformer is illustrated in Fig. 5. The output with the Thordarson choke is shown in Fig. 5 A. This is followed in Fig. 5 B and 5 C by the output wave forms with the various bell ringing transformers. While the output of the Thordarson choke is not an absolute amplified reproduction of the input, it is nevertheless a more nearly perfect reproduction than either of those shown in Figs. 5 B and 5 C.

As to the moral, there is only one and it is very simple. Do not employ bell ringing transformers as the coupling media in impedance coupled audio amplifiers. If you desire impedance coupling use the chokes designed for that purpose. Insofar as the operation of these chokes



FIG. 4



FIG. 4 A



FIG. 4 B

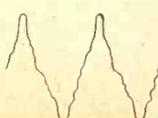


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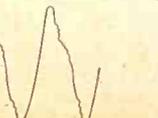


FIG. 5 A

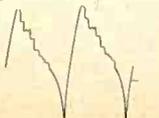


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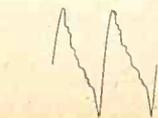


FIG. 5 C

is concerned upon frequencies above those used in the measurements, the same deficiency will exist. And in addition, the average voice wave forms are even more complex than those shown herewith and the output from the audio amplifier equipped with bell ringing transformers for chokes will be far removed from the actual input wave form, assuming perfect amplification and rectification preceding the audio unit.

The bell ringing transformers mentioned herein function well when used for the purpose intended, but do not employ them as impedance coupling units for the amplification of the voice frequencies.

### An Improved Leak



A PIECE OF PAPER, dipped in India ink, makes a grid leak of unknown resistance and short life, but handy in an emergency.

### RESULTS EDITOR:

I wish to add my congratulations to the very many folks who have praised Herman Bernard and his 1926 Model Diamond of the Air. I was located in the toughest spot for reception in New York City and probably in the United States. With WJZ, WJY, WHN, WGBS, WMCA and WHAP all going, I had no trouble in receiving stations in Chicago, etc.—J. L. Dunn, Kansas City, Mo.

# The Pickle-Bottle Coil



**FIG. 1,** take fairly stiff piece of cardboard, mark off eight lines as shown. **Fig. 2,** take this marked strip and with the edge of the ruler bend the cardboard so as to make an octagon-shaped tube. **Fig. 3,** this tube so formed is shown in this photo, being held together with adhesive tape. Place the tape on the inside of the cardboard, using two strips about 4" long. **Fig. 4,** before the actual winding is started, cut two pieces of the tape, and fix them under the wire so that the sticky side will be face up. The wire is then wound right over this. **FIG. 5** shows the completed winding, with the two pieces of the tape folded over, thereby holding the coil in shape.

*By Herbert E. Hayden*

Photographs by the Author

THE construction of a pickle-bottle coil is shown in the accompanying photographs. The diameter may be measured when the cardboard is in circular fashion. before the octagonal separation is



**FIG. 6,** the winding form is now torn apart and the finished coil removed as shown.

made, and the amount and kind of wire to put on will be the same as for the straight solenoid. Winding directions were given for a variety of coils in the March 6 issue

of RADIO WORLD, and these may be followed. For a radio-frequency transformer, if No. 24 single or double silk covered wire is used, or even No. 24 double cotton covered, the wave band will be covered with a .0005 mfd. condensers if the secondary has 45 turns on a 3" diameter. For straightline frequency condensers, however, the number of turns on the secondary might well be 50. The primary, separated  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the secondary, would consist in either case of 10 turns of the same kind of wire as was used on the secondary. For condensers of smaller capacity or of the same capacity, but with smaller diameters, more turns would have to be used, and it is advisable to consult last week's table to ascertain the answers.

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F. H. Schnell, traffic manager of the American Radio Relay League since 1920, has resigned to go with the C. F. Burgess Laboratories at Madison, Wisconsin, where he will undertake experimental radio development.

## How Best to Utilize Broadcast Time Signals

*By Capt. P. V. O'Rourke*

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IN determining exact time, a vast convenience in all the affairs of everyday life, radio has played an important part.

In many large cities the dropping of a ball on a high tower indicates exact noon. The error of the signal, only a fraction of a second, is published in the local newspapers of the following day.

Correct time is established by astronomers at the Government Observatory at Washington, D. C., by observations of the fixed stars, the sun and other planets.

### Method of Regulation

Clocks and watches are regulated to run according to the average or "fictitious" sun, which makes all the days of equal length; the sun itself is sometimes ahead of this "fictitious sun" and sometimes behind it. This deviation is called the equation of time and varies from a second to nearly seventeen minutes.

The mechanical equation causing time-pieces to gain or lose time makes it necessary to have some means of checking this error to insure uniform time for regulating our various affairs.

One of the first practical uses to which radio was put was the sending of time signals to ships at sea where time is the most important factor in accurately determining latitude and longitude and conducting a ship from port to port.

### Makes Big Difference

The difference of one second equals one quarter of a mile at certain positions on the earth's surface.

The consequences due to an unknown error in time at sea can be readily appreciated.

One day I was called upon by a radio fan to determine the possible cause of a diurnal disturbance which blurred his reception for about five minutes. It was more annoying than static, but disap-

peared suddenly without any apparent effort on his part in manipulating the set.

### Many Think It's "Trouble"

Since then I've inquired among other radio set owners and much to my surprise found that he was not the only one having this "trouble."

There were some who admitted it gave them some concern until they finally heard the last line: "The next dash you will hear will be exactly ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time."

The time signals as sent out by NAA at Arlington, Va., are not sent out on the broadcasting wave band, but they are retransmitted by several broadcasting stations throughout the country at 9:55 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, and continue until 10 P. M.

### The Schedule

The schedule is as follows: the first dash at 9:55 P. M. and subsequent dashes at one second intervals for 28 seconds, the 29th second silent and starting again on the 30th second, continuing at one second intervals until the 54th second and remaining silent five seconds, resuming on the 60th second or whole minute. The dashes are repeated in this way until the 49th second of the last minute, when there is a silence of ten seconds; it is at this period when the announcer cuts in with the warning—that the next dash you will hear is the final signal.

You may find it necessary to depend on your chronometer to catch a train or reach the bank or file an important document or for some other reason where the correct time is imperative hence it is well worth knowing the rate of gain or loss of your timepiece.

This may be established by keeping a record of your time daily for a week or ten days and noting whether the amount of gain or loss is constant. Where the daily error is irregular compute the total number of seconds and divide by the number of days recording, the answer being the average rate of gain or loss.

# The KB-8

By M. B. Sleeper

[Part I of this article on the KB-8, a 5-tube non-regenerative set, was published last week, issue of March 13. The final installment will appear in the March 27 issue. The photographs published this week are by courtesy of "Radio Engineering."]

## PART II

THE pictures show the manner that Lastites have been used for nearly all of the connections. When a screw is too long to take a Lastite, put the screw in place and fasten it with an ordinary 6-32 nut instead of the Lastite. Then cut the screw off and remove the nut. That will leave the screw just long enough to go into the Lastite. A 1/4" Spintite wrench makes this work a great deal easier. In two or three cases it is necessary to cut the head from a screw in order that one end can go into a Lastite or coil mounting pillar, with a Lastite on the other end.

When the set is mounted in a cabinet it may be well to arrange a small wooden block at the back of the cabinet so as to support the two corners of the large tube panel. The construction is very sturdy, however, for three angle brackets hold the horizontal panel in place. The vertical panel, in turn, is fastened to the front panel by four heavy panel support pillars.

### Panel Data

The front panel measures 7x24". The original model was made with Celoron, 3/16" thick, although the Crowe Name Plate Company is furnishing a metal panel, beautifully engraved and finished, which can be used in this set without any loss of efficiency.

In the rear there are two panels 2 1/2 x 3 1/2" and two 9 1/2 x 3 1/2", all of 3/16" Celoron.

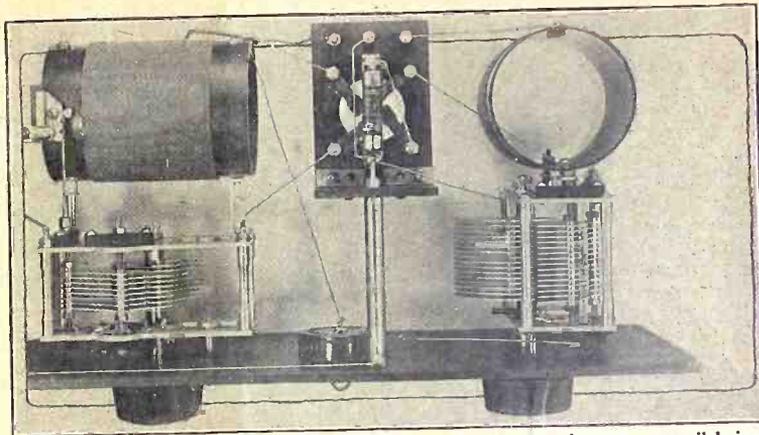
No engraving for the binding posts is called for, for Eby posts have been used throughout. If you can't get a binding post engraved B-C+, use a plain binding post and scratch the markings on it yourself, filling them in with white crayon.

Just to bring the binding post arrangement right up to the minute, we used a red Eby binding post for the 135 volts. As a matter of fact it is well to be a little careful in handling that lead for, although 135 volts is not dangerous, it is possible to get a slight kick from it.

### Tubes for the Set

Either a UX199 tube with a Pacent Isolantite adapter or a UV201A tube can be used in the RF stage.

We are inclined to prefer the UV201A



THE RADIO SIDE of the circuit, viewed from the bottom, the antenna coil being at right. Note the method of mounting the Amperite under the RF socket.

as being more sensitive, although it may be easier to neutralize the UX199. We do not recommend the UV199 with an adapter because adapters for UV199s too often develop contact troubles.

The UV201A as a detector is entirely satisfactory in this set for all ordinary purposes but, as has been stated previously, the Donle tube gives a very definite increase in distance, volume, and quality, certainly more than enough improvement to justify the increased cost.

The first and second amplifying tubes should be Daven Mu-20, with a Daven Mu-6 for the last stage. These three audio tubes were chosen because they operate directly from 6 volts and do not require a rheostat. For this reason, it is well to watch the storage battery so that it will not drop appreciably below 6 volts.

Other types of amplifier tubes can be used provided they are the equivalent of the Daven tubes in their electrical characteristics.

Binding posts on this set call for 22 1/2, 67 1/2, 90, and 135 volts.

The current drain on the set with 9 volts C battery for the last tube, with a UV201A for the RF amplifier, Donle detector tube, two Mu-20 and one Mu-6 is divided as follows: RF tube, 1.75 milliamperes, Donle detector tube, 0.1 M.A., first two AF tubes, 2.75 M.A., and the last power tube 5 M.A. This is with a 9-volt C battery on the last tube.

It is interesting to note that strong

signals decrease the current in the last tube, instead of increasing it. Therefore, the total drain fluctuates between 7 and 10 M.A.

The Acme B eliminator is quite satisfactory for this outfit. The low voltage binding post on the eliminator should go to the B+22 volts binding post on the set and the high voltage tap should be connected to the B+67 1/2, B+ 90, and B+135 posts. That puts the full voltage on the RF and AF tubes.

### Installation Notes

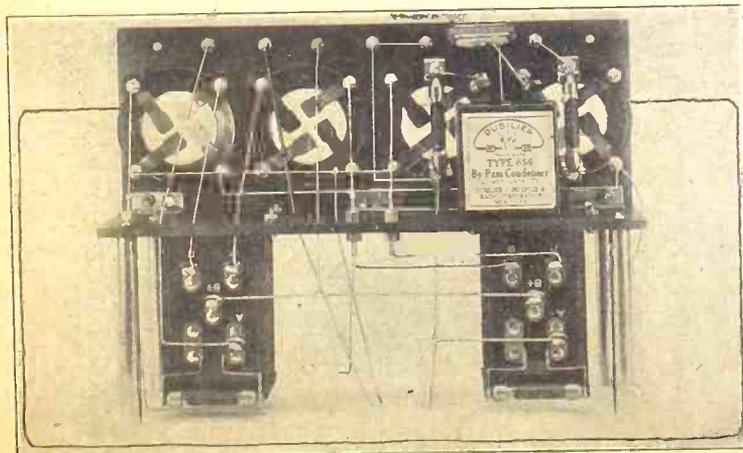
Thirty or forty miles from New York City, the KB-8 gives as sharp tuning as anyone can ask of a set, even when it is operated on a 100-ft. single wire antenna. This is a convenient size, not too big, but large enough for good pick-up. With a 75- or 100-ft. antenna the range is equal to any of the very best receivers.

In congested areas where there are a number of broadcasting stations operating simultaneously, it is necessary to reduce the antenna to 25 or 30 ft. The ground lead should not be more than 10 or 15 ft. If it is necessary to use a longer ground lead, reduce the length of the antenna accordingly. Then the tuning will be sharp enough to cut out local interference. The ability to use the KB-8 on such a short antenna makes it particularly well suited for installation in apartment houses where an outdoor antenna is not practical.

Any standard 7x24" cabinet can be used for the KB-8, allowance having been made around the edges of the panel so that the parts behind will not interfere. A depth of 7-1/6" is required.

On general principles we do not recommend a cabinet which has a loudspeaker chamber built as a part of the cabinet. Often mechanical vibration from the loudspeaker causes the tubes to howl. However, a cabinet such as the Jewett Radio Highboy, which has a separate papier-maché sound chamber mounted at the back of the cabinet, with the bell coming up to a screened opening, does not develop that trouble.

It is advisable to have the B battery eliminator mounted a slight distance from the set itself, and not directly behind it in the same compartment, although we have not had any difficulty with the Acme eliminator in this respect.



DETAIL of the bottom of the detector-AF unit. The detector tube is at right. The impedance transformers are shown underneath, with the audio leaks mounted thereon.

THE 4-TUBE DIAMOND OF THE AIR, by Herman Bernard, appeared in RADIO WORLD dated Jan. 23. 15c. per copy, or start subscription with that number. RADIO WORLD, 145 W. 45th St., N. Y. C.

# A 2-Tube Eliminator

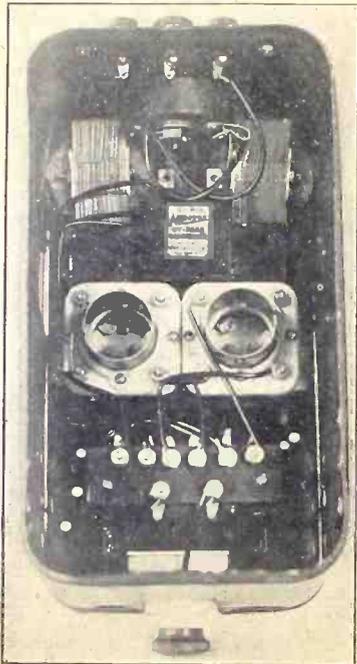


FIG. 1, looking down upon the completed eliminator in the cabinet.

By Lewis Winner

Associate, Institute of Radio Engineers

[Part I of this article on the construction of a B battery eliminator which rectifies both sides of the wave was published last week, issue of March 13. The conclusion follows.]

## PART II

CONNECT the leads of the cord to the terminal in the plug. Do not yet connect the B terminals to the set. Screw the plug into the line socket. The tube should light fairly bright and make a very slight hum, which can be heard only by placing your ear close to the tube. Disconnect the line now and connect the B terminals to their respective places on the receiver. Connect the line to the

eliminator. Do not place the eliminator very close to the set. That is, there should be at least a 2-foot separation between the two. The strength of the signals can be increased or decreased by the varying of the voltage, through the means of the variable resistor, R2.

Now as to the detailed information regarding the chokes, transformers, aluminum strips, panel and special cabinet. The transformer used was one that was wound by machine. That is the reason for no transformer head, etc., being employed. However, those who wish to wind their own may consult my description in the Dec. 19 issue, on pages 12 and 13 in conjunction with that given herewith.

The machine employed to wind the transformer produces a solid foundation, wraps a layer of insulation between every 100 turns, paraffines the ends of the windings, so as to keep the windings rigid, and places a covering over the completed winding. An adjustor is set to the different number of turns, which automatically stops, as the required number of turns is reached. This same procedure may be followed, with the use of a hand-winding machine, if the person is very careful. It is not difficult, but plenty of patience is required.

A solid foundation may be made by taking a common cotton spool, with a diameter of 1", and pouring hot paraffine over. The layer formed should be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. This foundation should be fitted on the spool of the winding unit. A layer of manila paper .005" thick should be placed over this paraffine, so that when winding, the wire will not cut. Layers of paper are placed over every layer of wire. You can either bring the leads from the winding direct to the respective terminals or make a bracket as is seen in Fig. 2, of last week's issue. A piece of insulating strip is placed over the aluminum strip where the binding posts are to be placed and the leads then are brought to their respective positions.

In order to mount the condensers, sockets, etc., you have to use aluminum strips, the dimensions of which are given herewith.

Procure an aluminum strip,  $9\frac{3}{8}$ " long and 1" wide. Bend as per Fig. 4. (1). This strip is used for mounting the condenser bank and the sockets. Drill holes for mounting the sockets. The exact positions of these holes will not be given as they vary for different sized sockets,

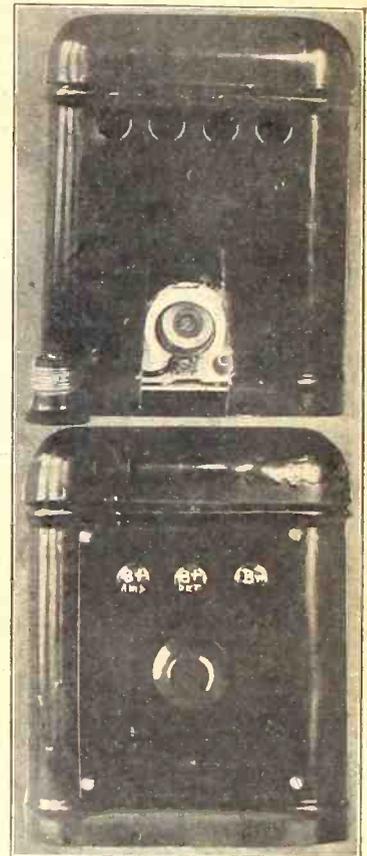


FIG. 2 (top), showing the back of cabinet. Note the holes, which allow air to enter and cool the tubes, in case they have become overheated. The input voltage socket is at the bottom. Fig. 3 (bottom), showing the front of the cabinet with the three binding posts and the variable resistor knob.

no special make being necessary. Lay this aside. Now procure two pieces of aluminum stripping,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " in length and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in width, Fig. 4 (2), used for con-

## LIST OF PARTS

One AC 220-volt step-up transformer (Shore).

Two 30-henry choke coils, L1L2 (Shore).

Two .5 mfd. fixed condensers, C1 C2 (Aerovox).

One .5 or 1 mfd. fixed condenser, C6 (Aerovox).

One condenser unit; one 3 mfd. fixed condenser, C3; one 2 mfd. fixed condenser, C4; one 6 mfd. fixed condenser, C5 (Aerovox).

One variable resistor, Clarostat, R2 (American Mechanical Laboratories).

One 10,000 ohm fixed resistor, R1 (Aerovox).

Two rectifying tubes (Tectron).

Two sockets, standard base.

One socket for input voltage.

One switch, S.

One panel.

One fuse, F.

One socket for holding fuse.

Accessories: Lamp cord, aluminum brackets, screws, nuts, cabinet, flexible wire, binding posts, insulating strips, etc.

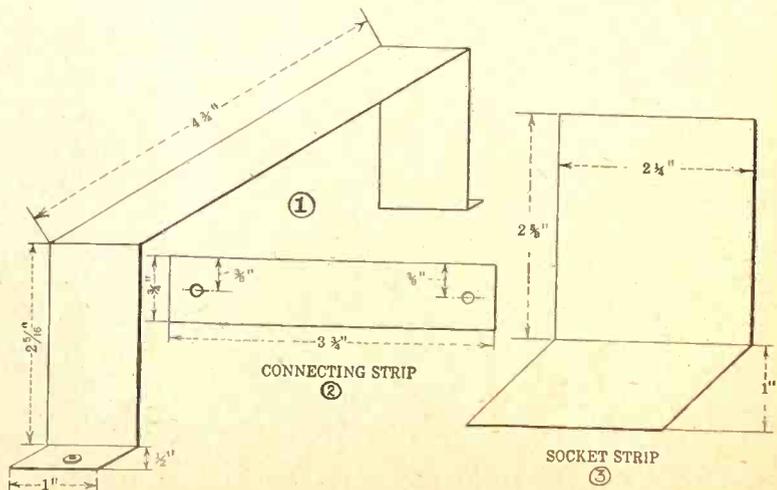


FIG. 4, showing the different dimensions of the aluminum strips required.

# Choke Coils for Tectron

necting the laminations of the choke coils, using the closed core style (Fig. 6). The last piece of stripping required is that for the socket. This is  $3\frac{5}{8}$ " in length and  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " in width and is seen in Fig. 4 (3). By following the template, shown last week, the holes for the mounting of the strip on the baseboard, may be obtained. For the positions of the holes holding the input voltage socket, it is best to make the measurements direct from the type of socket employed, as the size and positions vary.

As was explained last week, there are two methods of making the cores for the choke coils. The methods are shown clearly in Figs. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. In the closed core method, instead of placing the laminations in alternate layers as per transformer, they are placed as per Fig. 9. That is, there are two stacks of 60 laminations banked. They are then placed through the center of the windings. A piece of manila paper, of .005" thickness is placed between the laminations. This is shown in Fig. 5. This is done only at one point, although there are two places as per Fig. 9. The aluminum strips are then placed through the windings and over the laminations, as per Fig. 6.

### Bolting the Laminations

Screws running through the holes on both the strips and laminations are then bolted. With the shell type of core, the laminations are just slipped through the center of the winding. This is shown in Fig. 7. Here the laminations have normal gaps. This is also shown in Fig. 8. Therefore no paper is necessary to place between laminations. The laminations for this shell type core, have the following dimensions according to Fig. 8: A is  $\frac{3}{8}$ " B is  $\frac{3}{4}$ " while C at the top is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This means that between B and the top of C there is a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " reduction. The

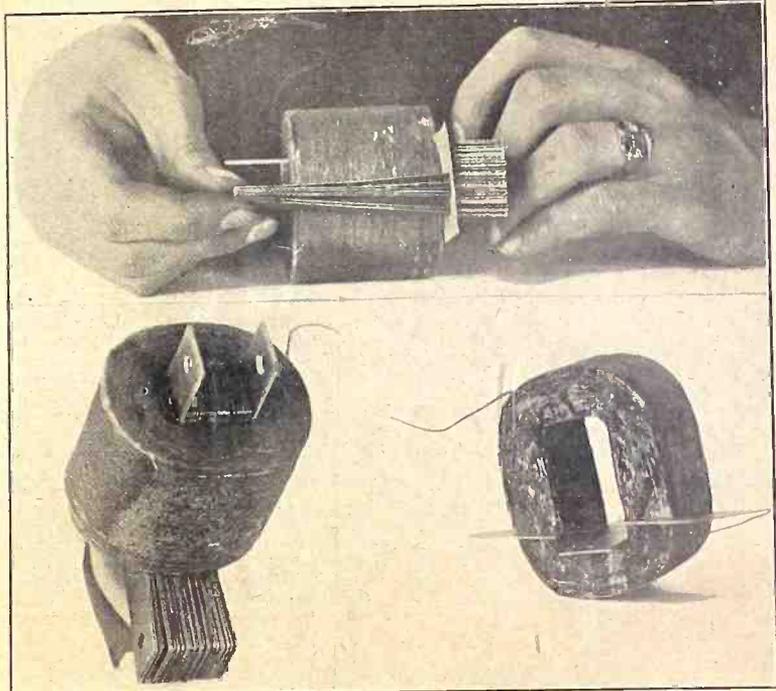


FIG. 5 (top), placing a piece of manila paper between laminations. Fig. 6 (left), showing the aluminum connecting strips, over the laminations and through the center of the choke coil, employing the closed core method. Fig. 7 (right), showing the shell type lamination placed through the core. Note the difference in size between the windings, where the closed core and the shell core are used.

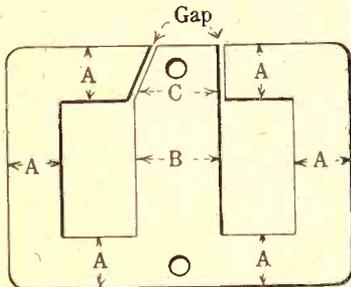
holes are  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the top and the bottom of B and C.

Angle irons are placed at the bottom of the cores, so that they may be mounted on the plate.

The panel for the mounting of the variable resistor and binding posts is shown in Fig. 10. The center hole is for the variable resistor. The three top holes are for the binding posts. The two bottom

holes are for the mounting of the panel on the baseboard, as per Fig. 4, last week.

If so desired, the complete eliminator may be placed in a steel cabinet, as per Figs. 1, 2 and 3. The cabinet shown is a rough laboratory model, which was made out of sheets of tin. I would not advise the layman to attack this proposition, as they can be purchased for a very small price from the Shore Electric Co.



SHELL TYPE LAMINATION

FIG. 8, showing the shell type lamination. Note the normal gap, also the decreasing in width of C.

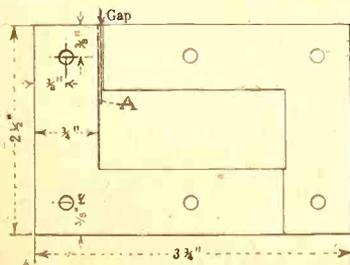
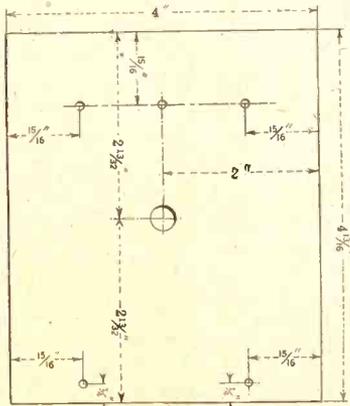


FIG. 9, showing the method of placing the laminations, so as to make a closed core. A is the piece of paper making the gap.



PANEL FOR RHEOSTAT AND BINDING POSTS

FIG. 10, showing the panel. Note that the arrangement of the holes on the bottom are for the placing of the panel on a simple baseboard. However, when using the panel in the cabinet, the holes should be in the same level, on both top and bottom, e.g.,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", while the distance of the holes from the edges is  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", instead of  $\frac{15}{16}$ ".

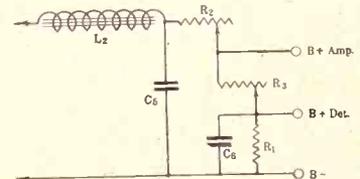


FIG. 11, showing a method of placing variable resistors, whereby both the amplifier and the detector voltage may be varied. The varying of R2 will change the value of R3. This, however, does not apply vice versa action. Therefore, do not attempt to adjust R2 and R3 at the same time.

### BAD PRACTICE TO USE NEW B BATTERY WITH OLD

It is not good practice to place a worn out B battery with a fresh B battery, as the new battery will be run down very quickly, due to the high internal resistance of the worn out battery. By purchasing a fresh pair of batteries, the saving in comparison as to when using the old one and the new one, will be beyond comparison. As soon as the B batteries (45 volt type), are run down, so that they read 35 volts, it is high time to throw them out.

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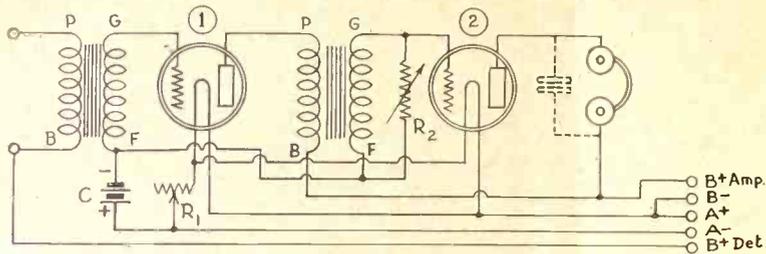


FIG. 276, showing the amplifier diagram, Mr. McDonall requested.

**PLEASE GIVE** a schematic diagram of a 2-stage transformer coupled audio-frequency amplifier for use with 01A type tubes, with a C battery inserted in series with the F posts of the AFT, a variable resistor shunting the secondary of the second AFT and a fixed by-pass condenser shunted across the output. I would like to have the constants stated also.—James McDonall, Passaic, N. J.

Fig. 276, shows the diagram. Both the transformers should be of the low ratio type. R1 is 6 ohm, ½ ampere variable rheostat. R2 is a 500,000 ohm variable resistor. The by-pass condenser which is shunted across the output (drawn in dotted lines, as it is not absolutely necessary) is of the .001 mfd. fixed type. If you are going to place 90 volts on the plate of these tubes, then a 4.5 volt C battery should be used. If you are going to place 135 volts on the plates of the amplifier tubes, then a 9 volt C battery should be used. The P post on the first AFT goes to the plate output of the detector circuit.

**REGARDING** the Victoreen, as pictured in your issues of February 20, 27, March 6 and 13, is the approved layout of parts shown? I have seen different arrangements.—Dinny Reinitz, 127A Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The set shown in the photographs published in those issues is orthodox and the layout should be followed. That set was built for experimental purposes by Paul R. Fernald, c-o H. & F., 168 Washington St., N. Y. City.

**I AM** very much interested in the Bernard 1-Tube set, which appeared in the October 24 issue of RADIO WORLD. I have two .0005 mfd. variable condensers, which I would like to use instead of the .000375 and .00025 mfd. variable condensers specified. What would be the correct number of turns to place on L1 and L2 so that these condensers may be employed?—Leslie James, 312 Estelle St., Houston, Tex.

The primary winding, L1, no matter what capacity C2 or C1 may be, is the same, 10 turns. This is wound on a tubing a 3/8" in diameter and 4" high. Use No. 22 double cotton covered wire. The secondary, L2, is wound on the same tubing. There is a 1/4" separation between the two windings. This secondary consists of 45 turns. However, there is a tap made on this secondary, which is located at the third turn from the beginning. It is preferable to use a .00025 mfd. variable condenser, instead of the .0005 mfd. variable condenser, as regeneration is easier to control. If the latter is to be used, then make the tap at the second turn.

**IN REFERENCE** to the 3-tube 3-circuit tuner receiver, described in the October 10 issue of RADIO WORLD by Capt. P. V. O'Rourke. (1) What ratio audio-fre-

quency transformers should be employed? (2) Please state the number of turns to place on a form 3 1/2" in diameter and 3" high, to constitute the primary and secondary windings of the tuner? (3) How many turns should be placed on a form 3" in diameter, to constitute the tickler windings? The tickler is to be wound with No. 26 single silk covered wire, while the primary and the secondary windings are to be wound with No. 22 double cotton covered wire. The secondary winding is to be shunted by Remler .0005 mfd. variable condensers. (4) Are these condensers all right to use here? (5) I tried to get a .00025 mfd. fixed by pass condenser, but the clerk told me that they were the same as the plain .00025 mfd. fixed condensers. Is this true?—Cary Clenenger, 1518 Pauline Ave., Rockford, Ill.

(1) Both transformers are of the low ratio variety. (2) The primary winding consists of 10 turns. The secondary winding consists of 45 turns. There is a 3/8" separation between the two windings. (3) The tickler winding consists of 36 turns. (4) Yes. (5) Yes.

**I HAVE** constructed the 3-tube 3-circuit tuner described in the October 10 issue of RADIO WORLD by Capt. P. V. O'Rourke, but am having some trouble. Only the local stations come in with volume. I cannot make the set oscillate. The tickler has no effect. I am using a standard tuner, with a 10 turn primary, 45 turn secondary, wound on a tubing 3/4" in diameter and a 30 turn tickler wound on a tubing 2 1/4" in diameter. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used to wind the primary and the secondary, while No. 26 single silk covered wire is used to wind the tickler. How can this trouble be remedied?—Elton Jackson, 1706 Texas Ave., Houston, Tex.

Add 10 turns to the tickler coil. Reverse the leads from the tickler. Try a small fixed condenser across the tickler, say .00025 mfd.

**I AM** about to build the 1926 Model Diamond of the Air, but before doing so I would like to have some information. (1) I have a Daven 3-stage resistance coupled audio-frequency amplifier, with two Daven hi-mu 20 tubes and one Daven lo-mu 6 tube. Would it be practical to use this after one stage of transformer coupled AF amplification, or would it be advisable to cut out the transformer stage and just use the three stages of resistance coupled AF amplification? (2) If I use a transformer of the 2 to 1 ratio type and then follow it with the resistance coupled AF amplification, would the volume be too great for a common phonograph unit loud speaker?—J. P. Smith, Chester, Pa.

(1 and 2) It would not be advisable to use the transformer stage in this case. The resistance stages will suffice amply.

**I WOULD** like to know if the following method of hooking up a two stage audio-frequency amplifier, to a step of tuned RF and a regenerative detector, using a 112 tube in the last stage is all right? The G post on the first AFT goes to the G post on the socket holding the first AF tube. The P post on this same socket goes to the P post on the second and last AFT. The F minus post on this socket goes to a terminal of a ballast resistor, the other terminal going to the A minus post of the battery. The F plus post of this socket goes to the A plus post. The F post on the first AFT goes to the minus post of a 4.5 C battery, the plus post going to the A minus post. The B plus post on the second AFT goes to the 90 volt post on the B battery. The G post on the second AFT goes to the G post on the last socket. The P post of this socket goes to the top terminal of the single circuit jack. The bottom terminal of this jack goes to the 135 volt terminal on the B batteries. The F post on the AFT goes to the minus post of a 9 volt C battery. The plus post of this battery goes to the minus post of the A battery. A ballast resistor is in series with the negative leg of the filament. The F plus post of this socket goes to the A minus post. (2) Is it necessary to place a .001 mfd. fixed condenser in series with a choke coil, which is in series with the P post on the last socket, the other terminal of which goes to the 135 volt post, while the other terminal of the fixed condenser goes to the top terminal of the jack, with the bottom terminal of the jack going to the A minus post, instead of the F plus post so as to obtain quality reception?—Sol Michael, 1615 Townsend Ave., Bronx, N. Y. City.

(1) The wiring of the amplifier is O. K. (2) No.

**IS IT** possible to add two stages of audio-frequency amplification to the 1-tube receiver, described by Wm. Mercer on page 17 of the Feb. 20 issue of RADIO WORLD? (2) If so, a description of it, would be very much appreciated.—T. E. Crawford, 1534 Emily St., Philadelphia, Pa.

(1) Yes. (2) First make a 100-turn choke coil, wound on a tubing 1" in diameter, using No. 30 single silk covered wire. Insert it in series with the plate of the detector tube and the top terminal of a double circuit jack. The second terminal from the top goes to the plate post of the AFT. The third terminal from the top goes to the B post on the AFT. The bottom terminal goes to the B plus 22 1/2 terminal. The G post on this same AFT goes to the G post on the socket holding the first AF tube. The F post on the AFT goes to the F post on the next AFT. This then goes to the minus post of a 4.5 C battery. The plus post of this C battery goes to the minus post of the A battery. A ballast resistor is placed in series with the negative legs of both the tubes. The F plus posts go to the A plus post. The P post on the second AFT goes to the P post on the first AF socket. The G post on this AFT goes to the G post on this same socket. The P post on the last socket goes to the top terminal of a single circuit jack. The bottom terminal goes to the 90 volt terminal.

**I WOULD** like to have the circuit diagram of a 4-tube set, employing a regenerative detector, with the 3-circuit tuner and 3 stages of resistance coupled audio-frequency amplification. The constants of the various parts which make up this receiver are also requested. A rheostat should control the filament of the detector tube, while one ballast resistor should control the filaments of the three amplifier tubes.—Henry Ukarts, New Lebanon, N. Y.

Fig. 277, shows the 4-tube receiver. The

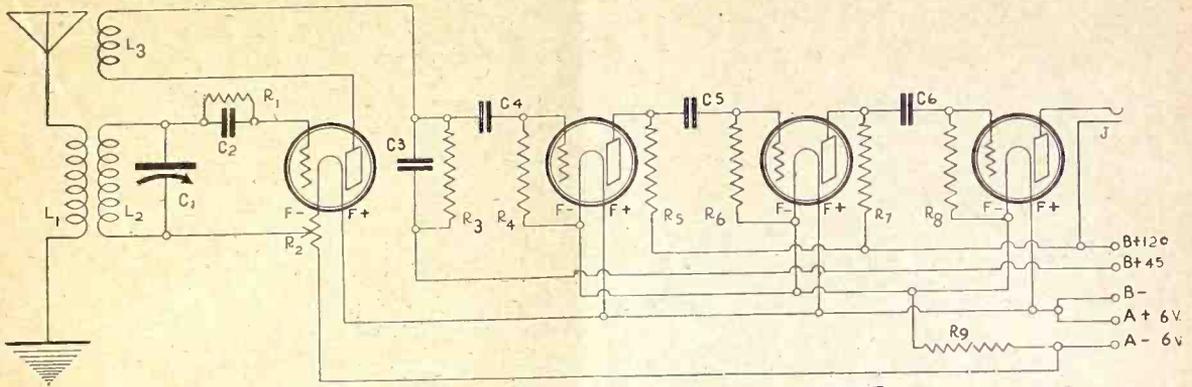


FIG. 277, showing a 3-circuit tuner with resistance coupled AF.

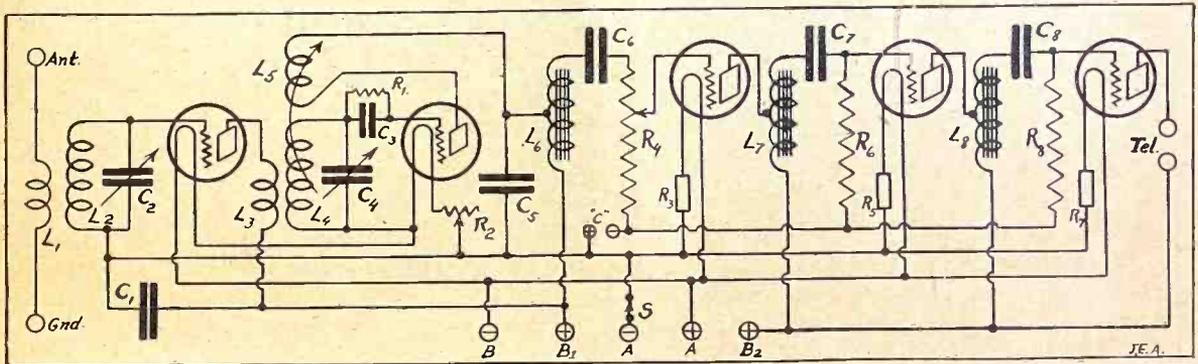


FIG. 278, showing the schematic diagram of the quality receiver.

tubing, upon which the primary and the secondary, L1L2, is wound is  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter and 4" high. The primary, L1, consists of 10 turns. The secondary, L2, consists of 45 turns. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used. There is a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " separation between the two windings. The tickler, L3, is wound on a tubing  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter and consists of 36 turns. No. 26 single silk covered wire is used. A .0005 mfd. variable condenser is shunted across the secondary, L2. The grid condenser, C2, is of the .00025 mfd. fixed type. A 2 megohm grid leak, R1, is also used. R2 is a 10 ohm rheostat, with a carrying capacity of  $\frac{1}{4}$  amperes. C3 is a .001 mfd. fixed condenser. C4, C5 and C6 are all .25 mfd. fixed condensers. R3, R5 and R7 are all .1 megohm resistors. R4 is a .5 megohm resistor. R6 and R8 are .1 megohm resistors. R9 is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ampere ballast resistor. The -01A type tubes are employed. It is advisable to use a 6 volt C battery, in series with the F- posts of the last socket. J is a single circuit jack.

L6, L7 and L8 are autotransformers. S is a filament switch. Now as to the tubes employed. It will be seen that the filaments of the first two tubes are connected in series, while the filaments of the other tubes, which are the amplifiers are connected in parallel: The 99 type tubes are used as the RF and the detector stages, while the 01A tubes are used as the amplifiers. The 99 type tubes require 60 milliamperes at 3 volts. Hence two of these tubes may be connected in series and then placed across a 6 volt battery. This is what is done in this receiver. These tubes will operate well until the voltage falls to about 5.8, when it may be considered as fully discharged. In that case, the least voltage across the terminals of each tube will be 2.9, only .1 less than normal. The power saved when two are connected in series is .36 watt and the current saved, of

course is 60 milliamperes. You therefore obtain the efficiency of two tubes, while only using the power of one tube.

I AM desirous of purchasing a cone speaker for use with the 1926 Model Diamond of the Air. Will the Crosley Musicone loud speaker be satisfactory for use in conjunction with this set?—G. T. Garnett, 116 West Grace St.

WHERE COULD I get information regarding the 1-Dial 6-tube sensitive DX getter, which is shown on the bottom of page 12 in the Dec. 26 issue of RADIO WORLD?—J. A. Kukuk, Brookings, S. D.  
See Capt. P. V. O'Rourke's article in the July 11 issue of RADIO WORLD.

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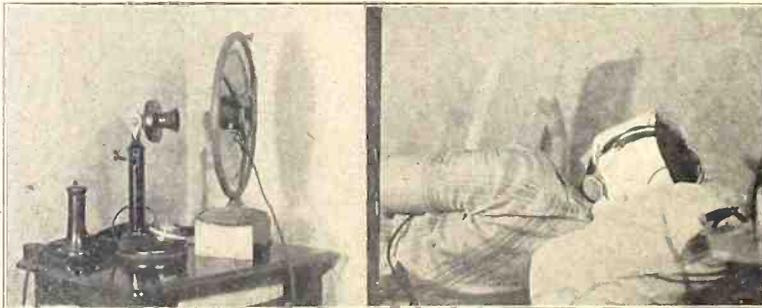
I WOULD like to have the circuit diagram of a 5-tube set, in which quality reproduction is stressed. A regenerative detector, using a 3-circuit tuner, should be used. Please state the constants of all the parts.—Robert James, Newport Center, Vt.  
Fig. 278, shows such a diagram, L1 and L3, the primaries consists of 10 turns. L2 and L4, the secondaries, consists of 45 turns. The tubing that these windings are placed upon is  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter and 4" high. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used here. The tickler is placed on a tubing  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter and consists of 36 turns of No. 26 single silk covered wire. C2 and C4 are .0005 mfd. variable condensers. C1 is a .005 fixed condenser. C5 is a .001 mfd. fixed condenser. C6, C7 and C8 are all .01 mfd. fixed condensers. R4 is a 500,000 ohm potentiometer. R1 is a 1 or 2 megohm grid leak. R2 is a 10 ohm rheostat. R3, R5 and R7 are 1-A Amperites. R6 is a .5 megohm grid leak. R8 is a .25 megohm grid leak.

## Testing Broken Cables by Radio



A NOVEL and ingenious method of finding out where broken cables are present, with the use of a radio receiver, has been put into use by some large power companies in the eastern portion of the United States. A super-sensitive receiver, employing a loop as the collector of energy, is used to detect the stray noises. (Underwood & Underwood)

## Telephoning Program Cheers up a Patient



PROGRAM coming through speaker being delivered into telephone (left) and being received by a patient, miles away, who has no radio accessible (right).

If a speaker, with the usual volume output, is placed with the nearest emitting point not less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of a telephone receiver, as shown in photo at left, you may call up some one who is sick and let him or her listen to a snatch of program. Of course this should not be kept up long, despite the beneficent effort, because the telephone lines should be kept open for the normal traffic. Yet a sick and tired patient may be cheered up by a snatch of music heard during this pleasant interval.

The patient is called on the phone in the usual way and the telephone receiver is placed on the table when the patient is ready to receive the music. If the patient

has a telephone at her bedside the music may be heard plainly and comfortably if the afflicted one's telephone receiver is laid on a pillow with the diaphragm even a few inches from the ear.

At the patient's end greater volume would be obtained if the telephone receiver were placed against a regular speaker unit, used for the nonce as a microphone, the unit cords connected to the input of an audio amplifier. Then a speaker or earphones could be used for reception. At places where headpiece receivers are used in regular telephony of course the problem is simplified, for the telephoned signals are snugly received, as shown in the photo at right.

# Divide Stations Nationally Senator

By C. C. Dill

United States Senator from Washington and author of the Dill Radio Bill now pending in Congress.

RADIO during the last two years has become a source of real public service. It has gradually passed beyond the experimental stage and reached the point where the people of this great country may rely on it for entertainment and instruction.

I do not mean that radio development has reached perfection. I gather from engineers and scientists with whom I have discussed the subject that much greater improvements may be expected in transmitting and receiving apparatus, and that we may also have radio vision within the near future.

### The Task of Congress

It is with the thought of dedicating this great service to the permanent use of the people as a whole that Congress is attempting to frame legislation for its regulation. There seems to be no doubt that regulation is necessary and that a new radio law is needed immediately.

The question has arisen during our consideration of the bill as to whether the regulation of radio should be entrusted to the Secretary of Commerce or to any other one man. It is my belief that at the present stage of development, the details of administration should remain with the Department of Commerce, but that a non-partisan commission should be established now with authority to pass finally upon questions which may be referred to it by the Secretary of Commerce or any one else. The decisions of this commission should, of course, be subject to review in the courts.

### Service Curtailed

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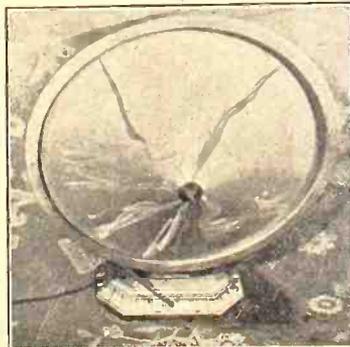
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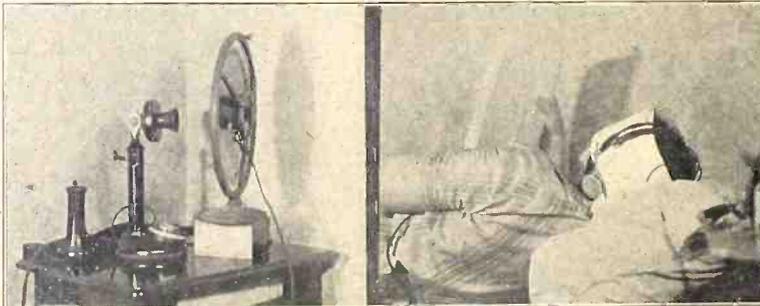
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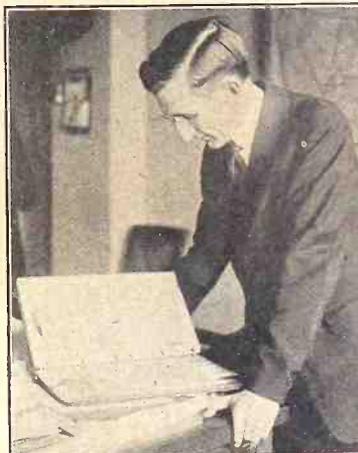
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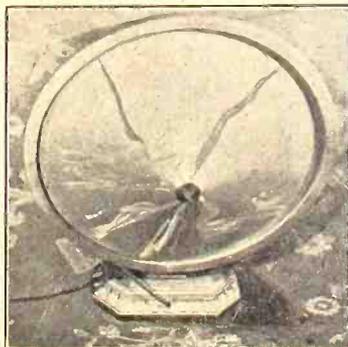
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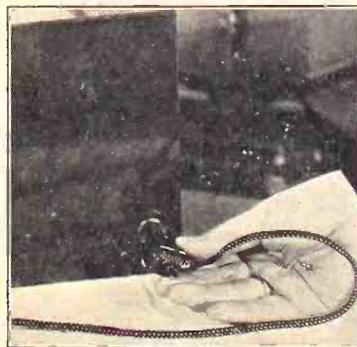
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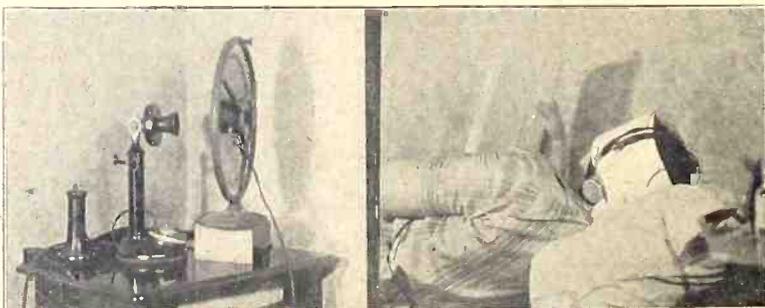
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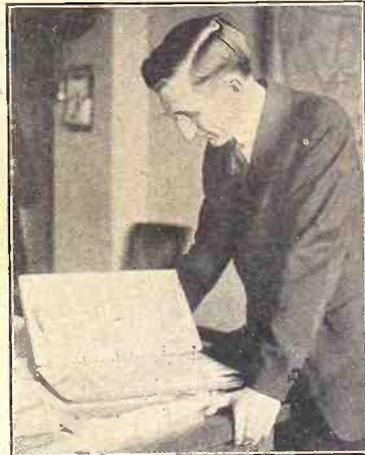
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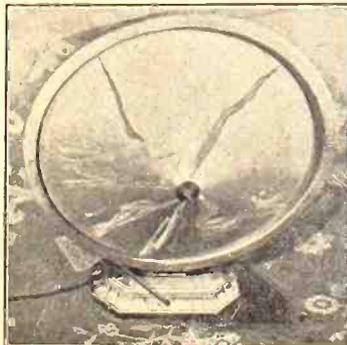
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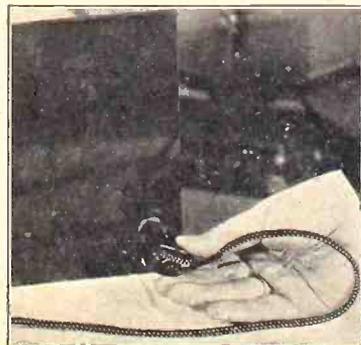
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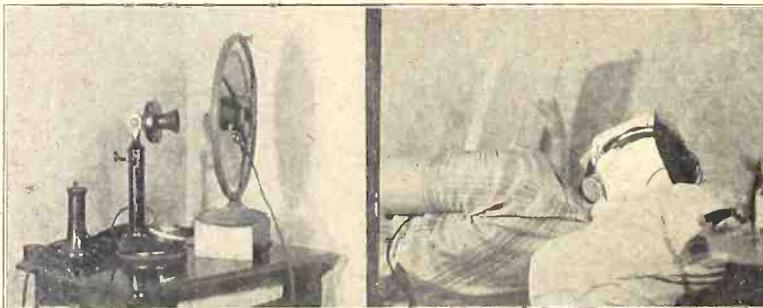
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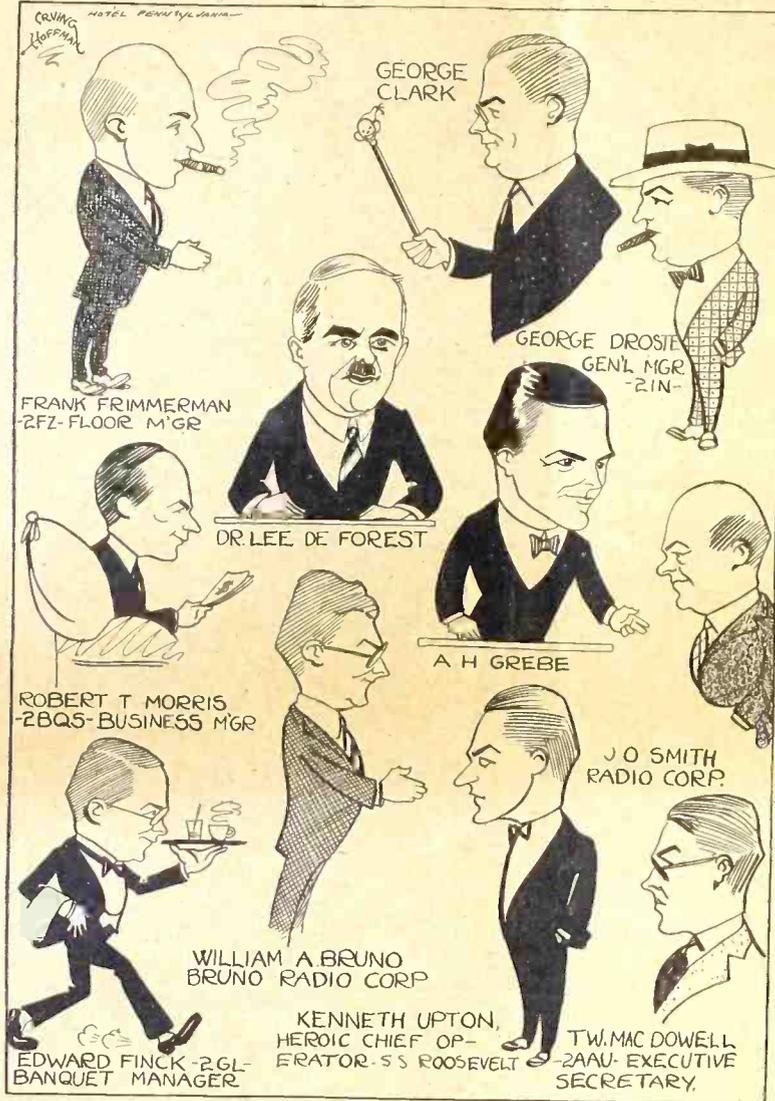
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The department of Commerce established a branch office at one end of the ballroom where amateurs took examinations for licenses.

The army, represented by Colonel E. T. Hartmann, chief signal officer of the Second Corps Area, had an exhibit introducing the special equipment developed by army engineers for use in the army-amateur transcontinental radio net.

Many of the short wave sets on display differed from the ordinary broadcast receiver in that the tuning coils were interchangeable and mounted on top of the cabinet so that they could be quickly substituted and plugged into the circuit. These coils were arranged in various sizes and designed to cover a definite wave band. A complete tuning unit covered from 10 to 200 meters (1,500 to 30,000 kilocycles). Most of the receivers were equipped with straight line frequency condensers and cushion sockets.

## London and N. Y. Talk 4 Hours By Radio Phone

After three and a half years of intensive experimenting with transatlantic radio telephony, on the part of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Radio Corporation of America and the British General Post Office, successful conversations were held recently between New York and London by radio telephony.

The American terminus of the high circuit was in the A. T. & T. building at 25 Walker St., N. Y. City, where the former broadcasting equipment of the A. T. & T. also was located. The other point was in the British Post Office in London.

From New York the signals were sent over telephone wires to the radio transmitting station of the Radio Corporation of America at Rocky Point, L. I., a distance of 70 miles. Thence they were transmitted by radio to Wroughton, Eng., where they were caught by the receiving station of the British General Post Office and then sent over telephone wires. The

speeches from London, being sent to the United States, were carried by wire eighty-five miles to Rugby and thence sent by radio for 2,900 miles to Houlton, Me., there to be caught by a receiving station and sent the remaining 600 miles to N. Y. by means of the telephone lines. The wavelength of the station at Rocky Point was 5,260 meters, while the Rugby station transmitted the signals on a wavelength of 5,770 meters. The power used in transmitting from each end was 100 kilowatts.

The volume of the signals on either side was so great that frequently those listening-in had to tell the party to speak more softly. More than thirty engineers and newspapermen talked from the telephone headquarters in N. Y. City to a similar group at the British Post Office in London. The feat was hailed as the forerunner of the trans-Atlantic broadcasting of programs.

## Welty Unit Makes Set Building Easy

A 3-tube detector-amplifier on a  $9\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ " subpanel is manufactured by William A. Welty, 36 S. State St., Chicago, Ill. The parts that comprise this unit are of the best. All one need do is to make a 1-tube circuit, use the first tube as regenerative detector hooked up to this circuit, connect the batteries to binding posts and plug to speaker jack, and hear very loud signals on the speaker.

There are two rheostats, one for the detector, the other for the AF tubes. The grid condenser and bypass condenser are Micamold, while the two audio transformers are Welty. The switch, speaker, jack, fixed condensers and audio transformers are mounted underneath, out of sight. Lastites are used for soldered connections. The subpanel is Bakelite and the sockets are moulded, too. There are nine binding posts on top, each colored for identification. The entire set-up is very attractive to the eye.

**HERMAN BERNARD**, managing editor of **RADIO WORLD**, broadcasts every Friday at 7 p. m., from WGBS, Gimbel Bros., N. Y. City, 315.6 meters. He discusses "What's Your Radio Problem?" Listen in!

# The Goat At the Mike

By Herman Bernard

EVERY newcomer in a broadcasting studio, who is scheduled to take up some time on the air, is viewed with suspicion. Until one has proven worthy his merit is doubted, and often for long thereafter. The numerical preponderance of small stations, with their familiar type of talent, abstracts all essence of surprise from this.

But it must be said in favor of studio managers, announcers, operators and power room executives, that one can not discover offhand the doubts that thrive on ignorance of the performer's qualifications. These studio fixtures have seen so many who were willing, eager, but, alas, not able, come and go, and then not come again, that they draw on a big fund in the bank of experience.

## Effective Concealment

The concealment of the real doubts is so effective as to be misleading. Moreover, the rule of courtesy that exists, perhaps through the grace of executive order, leaves the unproven genius feeling that he is greatly appreciated. As the "artist" stops at the program board, and catches a gratifying glimpse of his name thereon, he hesitates to move upon the reception room, or substitute therefor. He may be lucky enough to be recognized, otherwise must go through the ordeal of self-introduction. The greeting is a fine one. And when finally he has finished his broadcasting the announcer will say "Thank you," and make him feel that he was really worth while, but it is more consoling not to know that in advance, because pre-knowledge somehow robs the expression of some of its sincerity. It is a fact that artists whose art is doubted to the extent of a secret prohibitory order on the subject of reappearance, have received thanks in the most gushing volume.

## The Audition

These remarks may lead some to wonder what has become of the old-fashioned practice of giving auditions, or private tryouts, before the artist is entrusted to the much-mentioned "unseen audience." It still exists, but the hard practice of supplying a station with talent sufficient to cover the allotted hours on the air is like the problem of the pauper who has been bequeathed a palace and lacks sufficient carpet for the floors.

While some stations give close scrutiny to manuscript speech of some intended orator, most of them do not, especially as men of reputation resent such censorship, and some of them—in one instance a Major-General of the United States Army—actually speak in a spirit of defiance. The soldier I refer to was asked to omit a certain paragraph from his prepared speech but somehow forgot to do so!

And then there are countless other exigencies, including non-appearance of scheduled performers and no musical stores on hand to feed the empty microphone. As a last resort—an unalterably final one, really—a hurry-call will be sent to some music publisher, if the station is in a large city. Then a couple of song pluggers, or maybe a trio, as if to make matters 50 per cent. worse, hasten gladly to the studio, and interspersed with the reiteration of the song titles, name and address of the publisher, identity of the composer, etc. are a few rhythmic renditions, called popular songs, the popularity somehow reminding one of a hope chest.

## The Welcome Orchestra

A dance orchestra is always a safe bet and the studio manager or announcer who has been left in a lurch will phone to some cabaret or hall. He knows that the worst that can happen is that only four men show up, instead of the eight or ten expected, and a few discords and faux tempos get on the air. Besides, if an orchestra will play only songs that the public prefers at the moment,



any artistic shortcoming always can be forgiven—if it is observed at all. Especially if songs in which the saxophonist does long solo stretches of a whining or drawing nature are included on the program, the day is safe, or even the night. It is well-known that night audiences are more critical than day audiences, because in the daytime it is so often a case of having to listen to this or that station, or none, while at night a choice exists that will suit any one's fancy, and the dials turn easily.

With singers, of course, it is necessary to be quite careful, as so many persons suffer from the hallucination that they can sing, and are confirmed in this by their nearest relatives and their music teacher, with whom business is not so good that he can afford to be undiplomatic. Most singers, unless reputed, must suffer the indignity of an audition, but they may pass that very handily and yet fail completely before the microphone. That is due perhaps to the sympathetic frame of mind of the audition conductor, usually a man, and his sympathies are not so hard to rouse, unless he is listening to a man! Also, microphone fright makes failures out of many, because the studio manager is not likely to risk many attempts by one ambitious to succeed. When composure finally would be gained—say at the sixth broadcast—the station might have lost its reputation, and as some stations still have some left, that might be serious.

## The Talkers

Then we finally get down to talkers. They are classed as "artists," too, although professionalism is likely to be utterly absent. If the idea of a talk on a given subject has been "sold" to the studio director or program manager, the identity or ability of the talker in most cases hardly is considered. Assuming the talker knows what he is going to talk about, else those sponsoring him would not send him there, the rest is taken for granted, and he finally treads into the studio where so many real artists take regular exercise. He gets a fine greeting (from somebody who has been warned to be polite to all comers at the risk of his job) and begins to feel important. This sensation would be ascendant, were it not for the dread he begins to feel as the moment for going on the air draws near. He wonders whether he should read his speech or try to deliver it "extemporaneously." Amid the excitement he forgets what his decision was, for the announcer has given the necessary introduction, the talker half stumbles to his chair, and the typewritten speech somehow forces its way onto the table where the microphone is perched. Instead of moving closer to the microphone, for comfort's sake the talker, still silent, moves the microphone nearer him, by dragging it over the table, whereupon the announcer bursts from the control room, snaps off the microphone from the transmitter, and (barring executive orders not to talk loudly) shouts:

"Don't move that mike! You'll break your listeners' ears!"

## The Ordeal

Finally the talk is begun. Meanwhile many radioists have been amusing themselves

listening to the carrier wave or have been taking manual exercise of a rotary nature and have stopped at a certain set of figures not representative of this particular station.

And what an ordeal it is to talk! Whether you sit or stand, your knees shake. Words that once seemed so easy to pronounce that you uttered them while munching cherries, twist themselves about, and syllables become as if but the facets of a kaleidoscope. As you turn them over with your tongue they form themselves into things grotesque, until you wonder what you are talking about and seem to hear listeners' snickers coming back at you through the microphone! It is the zero hour in this radio life.

## The Sign of "Pipe Down"

You were allotted ten minutes. You had forgotten to put your watch on the table. Suddenly the announcer presents himself before you like an ogre, half stretching out his arm, hand extended, palm down, and pumps this arm up and down with a motion from the elbow. Spurred by this gentle warning you stumble onto the conclusion of your talk, leaving the main threads of it hanging in the air, so that mayhap some passing wave of another frequency will pick them up and transport them to their proper destination!

"Thank you," says the schooled announcer, smiling pleasantly, and then proceeds to identify the deliverer of the interesting talk. Yet, if one lingers to listen, he feels that the transition from that motif to the emphasis of the call letters and the sighless prophesy of the next feature was oddly hurried.

On the way home the newly created artist feels proud and wonders why persons in the streets and cars do not stare at him the way they would at the Prince of Wales. Before getting very far the artist begins to feel a growing stiffness in his neck and maybe a slight pain in the eye. He can not remember that anybody had hit him in the studio (for conduct is restrainedly gentlemanly there, whatever the natural impulses). He can not understand it.

## Sees for Second Time

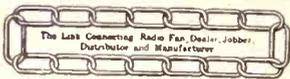
On the second appearance, just one week later—supposing that the glib information purveyor is granted the privilege of a reappearance—he is less uneasy, hence better able to note his surroundings. For the first time, he sees that the studio walls are heavily curtained, and that there are no windows, or, if windows are there, none is ever open. Also when he starts to read his manuscript this time he realizes that the microphone is directly before him, hence to speak with his mouth five frontal inches away from it he has to put his manuscript on one side, and read it from the corners of his eyes, meanwhile straining his neck. Another piece of close observation is that an orchestra leaves the studio as he is about to begin and returns immediately after he has finished. This orchestra, the program week after week will reveal, spends fifty minutes each Friday evening, doling out "Who," from "Sunny," "The Prisoner's Song," "Lullaby Lane" and other rare finds of musical quest. At about his fourth appearance the talker begins to

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## Roemer, of Zenith Denies Job Change

The following letter was received by RADIO WORLD from H. H. Roemer, director of sales promotion, Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago:

"An article appeared in a magazine stating that I had severed connections with Zenith Radio Corporation and gone with some Bridgeport concern. Such a report is erroneous and absolutely without foundation. Publishers printing such matter as news certainly should secure confirmation before placing a man in the position this publication has placed me. I shall consider it a personal favor if you will run in the first issue, following receipt of this letter, a denial of the report."

The magazine he refers to was not RADIO WORLD.

HEAR JOHN F. RIDER, contributing editor of RADIO WORLD, broadcast every Thursday at 9 p. m. from WGPC, 252 meters. D. W. May, Inc., Newark, N. J. Mr. Rider discusses radio problems.

# Standard Definitions Compiled by Experts

Definitions of intense interest to radio experimenters are contained in the Institute of Radio Engineers' Report of the Committee on Standardization for 1926. This contains definitions of terms, standard and graphical symbols used in Radio Engineering. The report is copyright, 1926, by the Institute of Radio Engineers (Inc.). The following excerpts are reprinted by special permission of the copyright owner:

## RECEIVING

**Receiving Set (Receiver)**—A device for converting radio waves into perceptible signals.

**Monitoring Receiver**—A receiver arranged to enable an operator to check the operation of a transmitting set.

**Heterodyne Reception**—The process of receiving radio waves by combining the received current with locally generated alternating current. The locally generated frequency is commonly different from the frequency of the received current, thus producing beats. This is called beat reception.

**Self-Heterodyne Reception (Autodyne Reception)**—A system of heterodyne reception through the use of a device which is both an oscillator and a detector.

**Homodyne Reception**—The process of detecting a wave by the aid of a locally generated wave of carrier frequency. (Sometimes called zero-beat reception).

**Super-Heterodyne Reception**—A method of reception in which the received current is combined with the current from a local oscillator and converted into current of an intermediate frequency which is then amplified and detected to reproduce the original signal wave.

**Intermediate Frequency**—A frequency of a magnitude between that of the carrier employed in radio transmission and the frequency of modulation, and to which the carrier is converted in the super-heterodyne process of reception.

**Reflex Circuit**—An arrangement in which one or more amplifiers are used,

each to amplify the signal both before and after detection.

**Tuning**—Primarily, the adjustment of a circuit or circuits to resonance. Use also to mean the adjustment of a circuit or system to secure maximum transmission of a desired signal.

**Sensitivity**—The degree to which a radio receiving set responds to signals of the frequency to which it is tuned.

**Selectivity**—The degree to which a radio receiving set is capable of differentiating between signals of different frequencies.

**Detector**—That portion of the receiving apparatus which, connected to a circuit carrying currents of radio frequency, and in conjunction with a self-contained or separate indicator, translates the radio-frequency power into a form suitable for operation of the indicator. This translation may be effected either by the conversion of the radio-frequency power, or by means of the control of local power. The indicator may be a telephone receiver, relaying device, tape recorder, and so on.

The most common type of detector is a vacuum tube operated on a non-linear portion of its characteristic curve, thereby converting a modulated radio-frequency current into a modulated direct current.

A tube which operates similarly to a detector tube, but the output of which does not operate an indicator, may properly be called a frequency converting tube.

**Telephone Receiver**—An electrically operated device designed to produce sound waves which correspond to the signal current actuating it.

**Loud Speaker**—A telephone receiver designed to produce sound of sufficiently large volume to be heard at a substantial distance.

**Interference**—Confusion of reception due to strays, undesired signals or other causes; also that which produces the confusion.

# House Clashes Over The Monopoly Clause

## WASHINGTON.

The White bill to be considered by the House will not be encumbered by Section 4, which was considered so objectionable by Mr. White and most of the radio manufacturers and broadcasters. Section 4 was the provision making it unlawful to transport in interstate commerce radio apparatus or tubes upon which there were restrictions as to use.

As originally reported by the House committee, the White bill contained the anti-monopoly clause. Mr. White was opposed to the clause on the ground that it conflicted with the patent laws. Therefore, Mr. White introduced a new bill, similar to the bill reported out by the House committee, with the exception that the anti-monopoly clause was eliminated. The new White bill was sent to committee and immediately reported back to the House.

An effort will be made by a number of House members to have the anti-monopoly clause reinserted into the bill. A proposal will also be offered to establish a new commission with authority to take over radio in its entirety from the Department

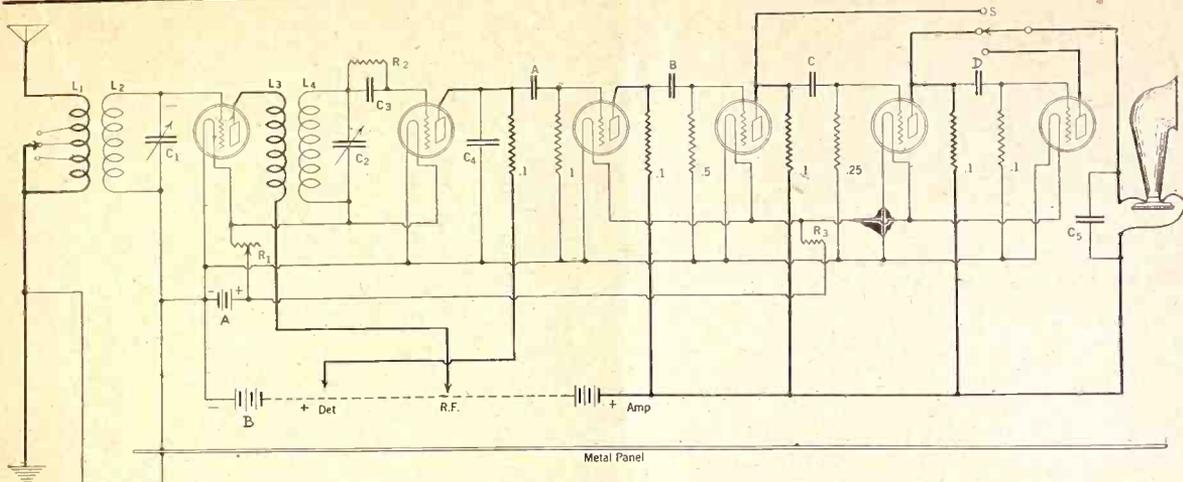
of Commerce. This commission would be somewhat along the lines of the Interstate Commerce Commission which has jurisdiction over the railroads.

Heading these proposals will be Rep. E. L. Davis, of Tennessee. Judge Davis is thoroughly convinced that certain interests are trying to get a strangle hold on radio and that they will succeed unless drastic steps are taken immediately. Judge Davis is the ranking Democrat on the House committee which considered the White bill. It was at his instance that section four was added to the measure. In a long minority report, Judge Davis called attention to the Federal Trade Commission report on the alleged radio monopoly, and quoted some of the witnesses appearing before the committee as bearing out his contention.

## WFBI NOW WGAM

## WASHINGTON.

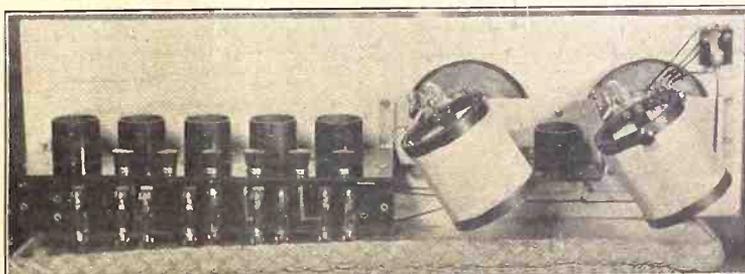
The call signal of WFBI, Camden, has been changed to WGAM. The station is owned by the Galvin Radio Supply Company and uses 250 watts power.



VOLUME is controlled by a switch in this 6-tube set, which has four stages of resistance-coupled audio.



Panel View of the Set



THE REAR VIEW of the set. Note that the coils are mounted at an angle.

## Factory Sets

A weekly department for the Owners and Prospective Purchasers of Manufactured Receivers. Address questions to Factory Set Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th St., N. Y. C.

THE 6-tube Airway Receiver, the circuit diagram, rear view and front panel of which are illustrated on this page, utilizes resistance coupled audio frequency amplification for supreme tonal quality. So that utmost volume will be obtained on distant stations there is a fourth stage of audio, a switch enabling one to utilize the three or four stages, without removal of the speaker plug.

On the radio side the set has a stage of tuned radio frequency amplification ahead of a non-regenerative detector. The antenna coil is comparatively large, and it is tapped, so that best reception for any given aerial will be achieved, and also so that utmost sensitivity may be enjoyed in distance reception, when one setting of the tap may function better than another. The coils used are low-loss radio-frequency transformers of efficient design, the primaries being inside the secondaries. The set tunes without squealing, due to the coil construction and position, and to the use of high-grade parts throughout. The set is marketed in a handsome cabinet and is sturdily constructed and packed. It is very easy to tune, due to the presence of only two dials, and affords a remarkably enjoyable quality.

### Interesting Definitions

#### WHAT DOES micro mean?

Micro is a prefix meaning one millionth. That is, a microfarad is one millionth of a farad.

#### WHAT DOES milli mean?

Milli is a prefix meaning one thousandth. That is, a milliamperere is one thousandth of an ampere.

# What Type of Program Best Suits Your Likes?

The canvass conducted by RADIO WORLD to discover what its readers prefer in programs is nearing its end. So far symphonic concerts are preferred and jazz is in fifth place. Readers who ballot will be helping themselves to get what they

want, because stations are co-operating and some may frame their programs on the basis of the tabulated result.

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## The DC-112 Power Tube

The DC-112 tube made by the Connevey Electric Laboratories, Hoboken, N. J., has an amplification constant of eight and an exceedingly low plate impedance. Its characteristics are such that it can handle large power surges with complete ease. The result is a rich, heavy flow of power from filament to plate and thus to the loud speaker. That is why in the final audio socket you get a fullness of volume and richness of tone. As a detector also the DC-112 delivers fuller signals. When properly biased it is excellent in the radio frequency sockets.

The following is the C battery table:

Plate Volts	Negative Bias
90	6
112½	7½
135	9
157	10½

# THE RADIO TRADE

## 17,500 More Sets Used This Year In Milwaukee

### Factory-Made Receivers Increase 18 Per Cent., While Home-Made Products Show Proportionate Loss.

A big increase in the listening audience in Greater Milwaukee, meaning increase in the number of radio receiving sets in Milwaukee homes, is indicated by figures obtained in the preliminary studies of the Merchandising and Research Bureau of "The Milwaukee Journal."

The number of receiving sets grew during 1925 from a total of 23,000 to 40,000. More than 17,500 Greater Milwaukee families "went in for radio" during the year. Twenty thousand sets were purchased and 8,000 were built or assembled by the owner. This indicates that approximately 11,000 sets were discarded, traded in or rebuilt, most of these, of course, being crystal and one-tube affairs.

#### 18 Per Cent More Factory Sets

The percentage of Greater Milwaukee families owning a purchased set as of January 15, 1926, in comparison with those who built their own set, shows an increase of 18 per cent, while those in the latter class show a proportionate loss. Because of the increased number of families in the city this year as against last year, however, the total number of home-made sets is a trifle larger than it was last year. Of the home-made sets, 29 per cent were made from standard kits, or according to standard circuit. Crystal sets are on the decline, and this year will probably be the last of this type for, while the percentage of the total number of radio set owners who owned a crystal set on January 15, 1925 was 8, the percentage this year is only 1.7. The majority of crystal sets, as was the case last year, fall under the heading of home-made.

Radio sets in combination with phonographs have not as yet taken a great hold in this market. Only 5.5 per cent of all the families in Greater Milwaukee who owned a radio set on January 15, 1926, owned a set which was in combination with a phonograph.

#### Freshman Sets Most Popular

"Freshman sets have increased in popularity to first place on January 15, 1926," says the report. "Sets manufactured by the Radio Corporation of America, which were in first place last year, take second place this year with Atwater-Kent third."

Five-tube sets maintain their lead, this year their percentage being well over 53 per cent, as compared to 22 per cent of all the sets last year. The greatest decline is in three-tube sets, which dropped from 36 per cent of the total to 15 per cent. Six-tube sets show an increase of 3 per cent. The average hours of use per family per week have increased from 21.2 to 27.

As to loud speakers, 67 per cent of all families in Greater Milwaukee who own a radio set own a horn type; 12 per cent use the built-in speaker in connection with the set; 7 per cent use the cabinet type; 3.5 per cent use a phonograph at-

tachment, and 2 per cent use cones. Nine per cent do not use any loud speaker.

#### Battery Eliminators

As yet, battery eliminators have not come into great use among Greater Milwaukee radio set owners. Forty-three one hundredths (.43) of one per cent of radio set owners own and use the combination A and B battery eliminator. Fifty-two one hundredths (.52) of one per cent of all radio set owners use an A battery eliminator. B battery eliminators are used by 3.54 per cent of all Greater Milwaukee radio set owners.

Fifty-five and sixty-five one hundredths (.55.65) per cent of all Greater Milwaukee radio set owners own a battery charger. Of those Greater Milwaukee radio set owners who use batteries, 79.5 per cent use the wet type, and 20.5 per cent the dry type.

In dry A batteries, Eveready leads with 45 per cent of the total, this being an increase of 25 per cent over last year. Burgess, which is in second place, shows an increase of 7 per cent over the total for last year.

#### Wet Battery Users Decrease

Of those owners of radio sets in Greater Milwaukee who have occasion to use B batteries, 12.97 per cent use the wet type, and 87.03 per cent use the dry type. In the last analysis compiled for 1924, the wet users represented 13.38 per cent. This shows a slight decrease in the percentage of wet B battery users. In the dry type, Eveready again leads with 46.50 per cent of the total, an increase of 8 per cent over last year. Burgess is second with 23.91 per cent of the total, an approximate loss over last year of 10 per cent.

Analyzing the type of antennas used by Greater Milwaukee radio fans, the investigators found an increase of 14 per cent in the inside type, with a corresponding loss in the outside type; loops showing a very small decrease. Fifty per cent of all antennae are inside; fifty-five per cent outside; and 7.6 per cent loops. The fact that the percentage exceeds a total of 100 is due to a number of radio owners using more than one type.

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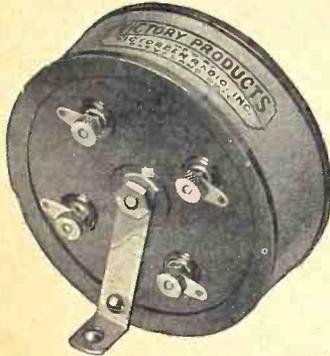
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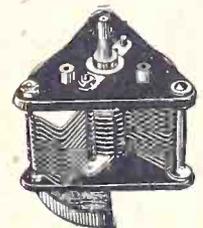
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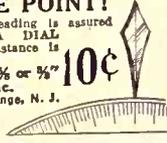
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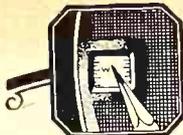
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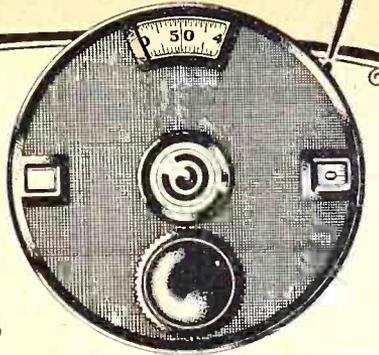
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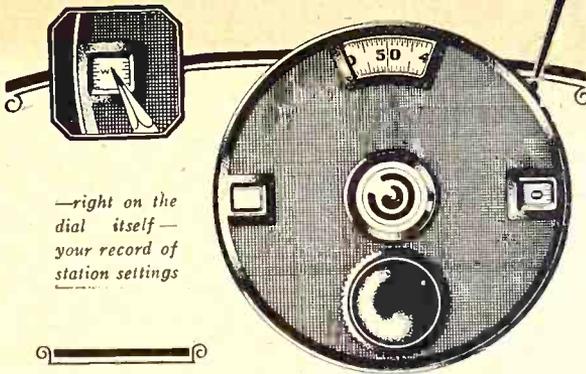
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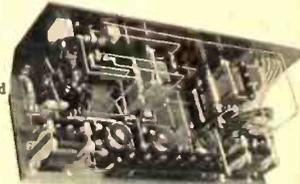
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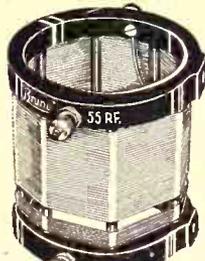
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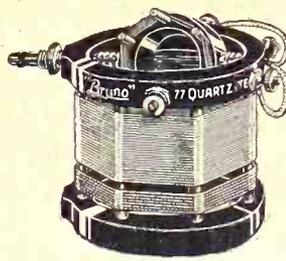
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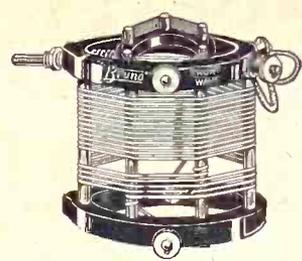
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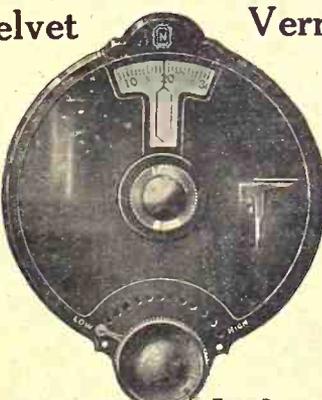
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1 Special R. F. Variable Coupler mounted on sub panel with switch and taps, all wound ready for use	6.00
3 Gem Fuses and Base	1.00
1 Royalty Type B Resistance	1.50
1 Yaxley Filament Switch	.50
1 Yaxley Filament Control Jack	.70
1 Yaxley 2 Circuit Jack	.80

1 Yaxley D. P. D. T. Switch, No. 60	\$1.25
9 Air-Gap Sockets, each 75c	6.75
3 National Vernier Dials (new type), each \$2.50	7.50
8 Eby Binding Posts, each 15c	1.20
50 Foot Celastite Wire, per foot, 4c	2.00
1 Jewell Combination Volt Meter 0 to 8-80-160	12.50
1 Jewell Meter 0 to 50 Milli-Amps	7.50
1 Micamold Condenser Grid .00025	.35
1 Micamold Condenser Grid .0005	.45
1 Micamold Condenser By-Pass .001	.40
1 Micamold Condenser By-Pass .01	.90
3 Micamold Condenser By-Pass .5, each 90c	2.70
1 Micamold Grid Leak 2 Megs.	.30
1 Micamold Grid Leak 5 Megs.	.30
1 Micamold Grid Leak Mount	.30

Total \$133.00

NOTE—Silver-Marshall Transformers can be supplied at an additional cost of \$4.00 per set.

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