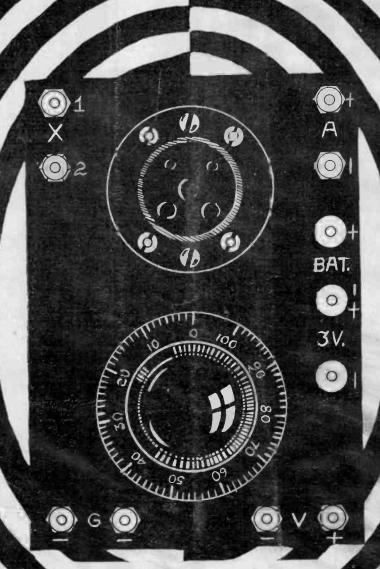
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Law Enacted, Relief Near Commission to Cut Down Interference

THE enactment of the radio control bill, which creates a Government agency to regulate broadcasting, ends a deadlock that existed between the Senate and the House of Representatives for several years. The Senate adopted the compromise The Senate adopted the compromise measure which represented the conciliatory preference of a conference committee, consisting of a group of Senators and Representatives.

A commission of five is created, which is what the Senators wanted, while the Secretary of Commerce enjoys some powers, thus meeting in part the desires of the House. After the first year of the commission's existence the Secretary of Commerce assumes most of the powers, and the commission functions as a quasi-judicial body, with rather appellate jurisdiction.

What It Means to Listeners.

To radio listeners the passage of the Dill-White compromise bill means that the Federal Government will assume charge of broadcasting, thus filling a void. Since nearly a year ago nobody has exercised authority over wavelengths, power, time on the air, etc., because the courts then ruled that the law of 1912 did not give the Secretary of Commerce such power, but that Congress had withheld that power to itself and had not exercised it. Hence, from now on, there will be a duly constituted authority to deal with the problem of interference in all its aspects, particularly in stopping wavelength jumping, and compelling stations as a whole to act for the common good, rather

than merely for their individual advantage.

Interference is one of the problems that the commission is expected to tackle as soon as it gets started. With stations properly regulated, and in immediate danger of losing their licenses if they do not obey instructions, it is expected that inter-station inter-ference will be greatly curtailed, and better quality of reception will result, together with restoration of the advantage of being able to tune through locals to get distant

All Licenses at Mercy of Commission

Several plans already are afoot and will be presented to the commission. One of them contemplates the division of all stations into two classes, national and local stations, with wavelengths allotted to them, instead of wavelengths being seized at will. Power would be strictly limited.

One of the strong points of the law is that within a couple of weeks all station licenses will expire automatically, and that vests in the commission the power to issue licenses as public policy dictates. While the disposition to renew licenses is expected to

prevail, nevertheless the commisson enjoys a sort of "police power" in that it can mete out punishment to offenders by withholding or refusing licenses.

The enactment of the law was hailed by radioists throughout the United States. In fact, only the strength of public sentiment compelled the Congress to take action. Just before enactment of the bill a flood of letters and telegrams descended on legislatics of Washington from all over the country tracing adoption. Manuface of the trade tors at Washington from all over the country, urging adoption. Members of the trade were prominent among the petitioners, as they felt that, when the air was cleared of interference, business would be better.

ADOPTION FOLLOWS FOUR YEARS OF CONTROVERSY

Washington.

Enactment of the Dill-White radio bill into law was the culmination of more than four years' efforts in the Senate and House.

Representative Wallace White, Jr., of Maine, co-author of the bill, first became interested in radio legislation during the Summer of 1922. He introduced his first bill during the 1922 Fall session of Congress. His first bill passed the House but died in the Senete but died in the Senate.

Early in the Senate.

Early in the fall session of 1923, White introduced another radio bill on which extensive hearings were held. It was reported to the House and placed upon the calendar. Just when the House was about ready to take it up, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover sent Mr. White a letter in which he declared he thought it unwise to enact a law in the then transitory and experimental stage of broadcasting. Mr. Hoover's letter was responsible for the radio bill being dropped, although many members of the House did not understand or sympathize with Mr. Hoover's views.

Nothing else was done about radio legislation until the fall of 1925, when Mr. White again introduced a radio bill. This bill passed the House early in 1926 and went to the Senate. The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee adopted the Dill bill as a substitute and reported it to the Senate for passage.

The Dill bill was adopted by the Senate a few days before adjournment and went to conference between the Senate and House. The conferees were unable to reach an agreement before Congress adjourned.

Early in the present session, the conferees took up the two bills but did not reach an agreement on a compromise measure until late in January.

The House adopted the compromise

bill two days after it was reported back to it, although objections were expressed to some of its provisions

In the Senate a filibuster prevented adoption for a short time, but the compromise bill was finally passed and approved by the President, who was strongly in favor of remedial legislation.

SUMMARY OF LAW

The radio control law, a compromise that fully satisfied nobody, but was agreeably accepted as the best that was obtainable from legislators with conflicting minds, establishes a Commission of five, which gets most of the authority over radio for one year. The Secretary of Commerce during that year exercises what authority is not vested in the Commission but becomes a more important radio official after the first year, the Commission's power being reduced then. President is to appoint the Commission, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Will Classify Stations

The Presidential Commission is empowered to clear up the air by classifying broad-casting stations, prescribing the nature of their service, assigning wave bands, power and time, determining location, regulating the character of apparatus used and controlling interference and chain broadcasting.

All existing broadcasting licenses are supposed to be renewed after the passage of the act, although sixty days of grace are granted in which operators may continue without objection. During the first year the Secretary of Commerce must refer to the Commission all applications for renewal and modification of licenses, but after that only

modification of licenses, but after that only the applications involving controversy.

Anti-monopolistic provisions were placed in the bill, licenses being refused to any person or corporation convicted in Federal Court of unlawfully monopolizing radio communication or trade in radio apparatus in interstate or foreign commerce.

Fine and Imprisonment

safeguard against foreign control, the bill forbids the granting or transferring of a license to any alien, any foreign Government or any corporation in which an

alien is an officer or in which a fifth of the stock is held by aliens.

Penalties attached to the bill provide a fine of \$500 for violating the law or regulations issued under it and a fine of \$5,000 or five years' imprisonment, or both, for making a false oath at any hearing or in any required affidavit.

One section declares that equal courtesies are required in political broadcasting and that the sources of paid broadcasting must be announced. Divulging of private radio messages is forbidden.

Seventy-Five Eager To Make the Sacrifice

About seventy-five applications have been received by President Coolidge for appointment to the Federal Radio Commission. It is said at the White House that the President has given considerable thought to the personnel of the Commission.

Limitation on Stations Backed by Leading Men

The 89 Wave Channels Would Be Divided Into 72 for National Stations and 17 for Local Ones-Recalcitrants Would Be Forced Off Air

Tremendous pressure will be brought on the Federal Radio Commission, created by the Federal Radio Commission, created by the Dill-White radio law, to eliminate a number of stations now on the air. Evi-dence of its character and form is already beginning to appear, although the personnel of the commission has not been definitely

Already a plan has been drawn up for clearing the air of interference which will be urged upon the Commission. The plan has the approval of Representative Wallace White. Senator Dill believes it has considerable merit

erable merit.

Under the plan there would be a radical change in existing allocation of wavelengths, and many stations would be forced to stop broadcasting. It contemplates a distribution of the broadcasting hand into groups. vision of the broadcasting band into groups of national and local wavelengths. There of national and local wavelengths. The would be 72 national and 17 local waves.

Distribution Plan

Of the 72 national waves, 48 would go to as many stations for full time operation. All as many stations for full time operation. All stations would be permitted to qualify for these waves, but they would be scattered throughout the United States and assigned to cities of sufficient size and importance to provide talent worthy of a national audi-

The other 24 national waves would be di-

The other 24 national waves would be divided among 48 stations scattered throughout the United States. These 48 stations would each operate half time.

Under the plan, allocations would be made with the view of enabling every listener in the United States to be close enough to receive a number of national stations.

The 17 local waves would go to local stations which would be required to operate with power not exceeding 250 watts so as not

with power not exceeding 250 watts so as not to interfere with other stations using the

same wave at the same time. All stations which did not get national waves would be forced to accept the local classification or stop broadcasting.

Call Plan Practical

Advocates of this plan are convinced of its practicability. They point out that under existing conditions, it is difficult if not impossible to receive distant stations with sufficient clarity to enjoy a complete rendition

ficient clarity to enjoy a complete relation because of station interference.

"It's a question of whether we will have 72 national stations and 500 local stations, or 600 local stations," one of the sponsors said. "There can be no question that with 72 national stations operating each night free from station interference most listeners will be able to get a dozen or more of them satisfactorily.

satisfactorily.

"If the present situation is continued, it will mean that listeners must depend entirely on local stations for entertainment.

"Nor would most stations now in operation be deprived of the privilege of serving their local communities. Except in congested areas like New York and Chicago, all existing stations would be permitted to continue operation on the local waves, but with tinue operation on the local waves, but with decreased power.

Hardship "Not Too Great"

"The limitation of the power of these stations would not be too great a hardship on them. At present they are able to provide reliable service only to their local communi-ties, and they will continue to do that."

In the plan is also a proposal to prevent the national stations from hooking up in chain broadcasts beyond a certain point. This would mean that most of the time there would be 72 different programs broadcast by stations with sufficient power to be cast by stations with sufficient power to be heard almost throughout the United States.

Armstrong is Suggested for Commission Post

Washington.

A conflict between President Coolidge and Congress over the personnel of the Federal Congress over the personnel of the Federal Radio Commission seems likely, according to those who are in close touch with the White House and leaders of the Senate.

In the first place, the Senate is going to examine critically the selections of the President for evidence of Secretary Hoover's handiwork.

In the second place, the Senate interpre-

ver's handiwork.

In the second place, the Senate interpretation of eligibility for the Commission is at variance with that of the White House.

The sponsors of the Dill-White law assume that the clause requiring candidates for the Commission to be "actual residing citizens of a State" prevents the selection of "lame ducks" and residents of the District of Columbia for the post. Under the Congressional interpretation, "lame ducks" are not eligible because they have been living in Washington.

Washington.

The White House looks at it in a different light, however. Advisers of the President point out that the courts have held that members of Congress are actual residing citizens of the states which they represent.

Among those considered for the Commission were Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wis-

consin: John Hayes Hammond, inventor, of Massachusetts; Major E. H. Armstrong, of Columbia University; Lambdin Kay. of Georgia, and Representative Frank Scott, of Michigan.

of Michigan.

Among those mentioned for the Commission are Acting Secretary of Commerce Stephen Davis, Chief Radio Supervisor W. D. Terrell, and Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. It is known on the best of authority that the state of the control of the state thority that these men do not want the job

The President has asked the views of Senator Dill and Representative White about Mr. White nor Senator Dill recommended anyone for the Commission. But they did

of the Commission as a whole.

They would like to see the Commission consist of a professor, an expert on economic a radio expert and two lawyers. would like to see men with vision appointed, men who are capable of rising above political and partisan influences. They helieve it will be necessary first of all to consider the interests of the entire country rather than any particular section thereof. The President considered the suggestions.

Busy Builders Must First Get Commission O.K.

Washington.

Until the Federal Radio Commission begins to function radio is left without the slightest vestige of control or regulation.

Immediately upon signature of the Dill-White bill by the President, the radio section of the Department of Commerce stopped functioning. It no longer had the power to issue licenses, which was practically the only authority it had exercised.

Applications for licenses for exercised.

Applications for licenses for stations are continuing to reach Mr. Terrell's office. In each case, Mr. Terrell is notifying the applicant that application must be made to the Federal Radio Commission; that the Department of Commerce no longer has the authority to issue licenses

For a time Mr. Terrell considered sending a warning to the owners of new stations under construction calling their attention to the provision of the new law which requires that a construction permit be obtained from the Federal Radio Commission before work is continued.

It is assumed, however, that the builders of new stations must know about the new law. Radio inspectors, however, will point out the provisions of the law to those who

seek information abut it.

Meantime, it is pointed out, stations which continue construction without first getting a permit to do so, will violate the law and probably prejudice their chances of ever getting a license.

Twelve Stations "Under the Wire"

Twelve new stations won in their race to finish construction and obtain a license before enactment of the Dill-White radio law. Licenses have been issued to these stations by the Department of Commerce. One station is of 1,000 watts power.

New Stations

w.	kc.	wts.
WFIW—The Acme Mills, Hopkinsville, Ky 356.9	840	1,000
WNBK-H. C. Barton Elec. Co., LeRoy, N. Y 354		
KGFM—Geo. W. Johnson, Yuba City, Calif 450		15
KGFK-Kittson Co. Enter- prise, Hallock, Minn. 225		100
WNBJ—Lonsdale Bapt. Ch., Knoxville, Tenn 335	895	10
WNBI—W. J. Romanouski, Peru, Ill 357	.840	10
KWBS—Schaeffer Mfg. Co., Portland, Ore 200	1499	10
WNBL—H. R. Storm, Bloomington, Ill 495	606	15
KLIT-L. I. Thompson, Portand, Oregon 380	79 8	10
KGFL—Trinidad Broadcast Co., Trinidad, Colo 222	1351	50
WALK—Albert A. Walker (Portable) 285		50
KELW-E. L. White, Burbank, Calif 535		250
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Discontinued

WLBU—Canastota, N. Y. WGBR—Marshfield, Wisc.

CHANGES

The call of WMBX, Columbus, Miss., has been changed to WCOC. WBBC Brooklyn, has changed its wave to 267.7 meters. 1120 kc.

WGBU, Fulford, Fla., has changed its wave from 277.6 meters, 1,080 kc, to 384.4 meters 780 kc.

WCRW, Chicago. has changed its wave to 410.7 meters 730 kc. CHANGES

Sensible Volume Control Finds Its Way Into the Good Receivers

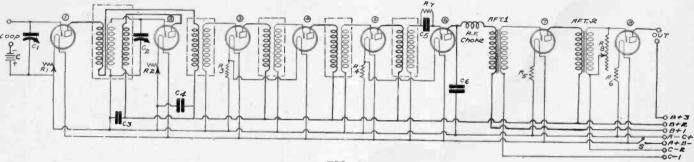


FIG. 1

This diagram illustrates the methods of volume control. R1 and R2 are filament rheostats in the radio frequency end of the circuit, a very satisfactory method. R8 is a potentiometer across the secondary of the second audio transformer, AFT2. It might better be across the secondary of the first audio transformer AF1.

By Charles Gribben

EVERYBODY wants a volume control on the radio set now. The day when the excellence of a radio set was measured by the number of blocks that the reproducer could be heard has passed. Now the excellence of the receiver is mainly measured by the quality which the loud speaker emits, and the ease with which the volume may be controlled. A simple and adequate control is now considered a prime mecessity in the set.

Many methods of volume control have been recommended. Some of these concentrate the attention on the radio frequency end of the circuit and others on the audio frequency end.

In the early days the system most frequently used was the jack and plug arrangement. That has entirely passed out, and no one is shedding any tears over its demise.

Another method practiced by some fans was the use of a filament rheostat. Especially was this used in the last tube.

Prevention That Didn't

Where else should the volume control rheostat be used except in the last tube where volume was the greatest? This method was especially applied to prevent overloading of the last tube. The fact was that the more the volume was throttled down by this means the worse the overloading

Well, that system now is almost completely out of use. Education of the fans put the finishing touches on that method. But even yet this abominable method is used in the early stages of the audio amplifier. A few more lessons in the principles and operation of vacuum tube amplifiers will be required to put an end to the practice.

Another method of similar characteristics is the use of a shunt resistance across the loud speaker terminals, usually in the form of a variable resistance. This method controls the amount of output all right but it does not help the overloading condition of the last tube. It has the opposite effect. The lower the shunt resistance is the lower is the volume but also the worse is the quality.

Series Resistor Better

A better method of controlling the volume is to use a variable resistance in series with the speaker. This both cuts the volume and it tends to improve the quality at the same time. A greater input to the tube is allowable without distortion.

An atrocious method of controlling the volume is the use of a variable grid bias for the purpose. In order that this meth-

od be effective in greatly reducing the volume it is necessary either to increase the negative grid bias very greatly or else make the bias very much positive. One is as bad as the other.

The reduction of the plate voltage with a view of stopping down the volume is no better than the use of excessive grid bias, positive or negative, or the use of filament current control. When controlling the volume the three batteries or other voltage current sources in the audio frequency amplifier should be strictly left alone.

Resistor in Proper Place

A popular method of controlling volume is by the use of a shunt variable resistance across the input to the tube, for example a control across the secondary of an audio transformer. This is not a bad method but it is not the best by any means. In a measure it has the same effect as a similar variable resistance across the primary of the transformer, which is also a popular method of controlling the volume. Now a variable resistance across the primary decreases the load impedance to the tube preceding it and as soon as the impedance of the load on the tube becomes low, quality suffers. Harmonics are introduced into the signal. That is undesirable, of course. But the method of controlling the volume by a variable resistance across either the primary or the secondary is fair.

Is there then no method of volume control in the audio frequency amplifier which can be recommended under all conditions? There is one good method and only one, and that method is the use of a high resistance potentiometer across the secondary of the transformer. If the circuit is direct coupled the potentiometer may take the place of the grid leak resistance.

The Logical Place

A high resistance potentiometer does not affect the primary of the circuit to any appreciable extent, either directly or indirectly, and its resistance always remains constant no matter what the adjustment for

volume may be.

Where should the control potentiometer be placed in the audio frequency amplifier? It will have the same effect on reducing volume in no matter what amplifier stage it is placed, but from the point of view of quality it will introduce least distortion if it is placed in the input circuit of the first audo frequency amplifier.

There is, therefore, only one logical method of controlling volume in the audio frequency amplifier, and that is by a high resistance potentiometer, and there is only one logical place to put it, in the grid circuit of the first audio frequency tube, after the detector.

The audio frequency output may be controlled in the radio frequency amplifier while the signal is still of high frequency. And here the volume may be controlled by a number of methods which are inadmissible in the audio frequency. sible in the audio frequency amplifier. There is then no fear of introducing any appreciable distortion to the audio signal. There is only one thing that should be avoided. and that is a decrease in the selectivity of the set.

One of the best methods of controlling volume in the radio amplifier is by means of a filament rheostat. The signal may be completely throttled out by this means without distortion. At the same time this method tends to increase the selectivity, if the grid return is properly connected. The use of a high variable resistance in the plate circuit is also an excellent method. This controls the plate voltage in the primaries of the RF transformers, or rather it controls the plate current in the plate circuit. Very good control may be obtained in this manner without increasing distortion or without damaging the selective distortion or without damaging the selectiv-

Methods which are often used but which are not so good as the foregoing are shunt impedances across any of the windings in the radio frequency amplifier. It does not matter very much whether the impedance is a resistance, condenser or inductance coil.

Drags Down Selectivity

Selectivity suffers as soon as any shunt connected across the windings. A variable resistance is very often connected across the primary winding for controlling volume, but this is not a good method be-cause of the bad effect on the selectivity. The use of a high resistance potentiometer across the tuned secondary circuit is not desirable for the same reason. While this is the only method recommended in the audio frequency circuit it is to be avoided in the radio. Of course, if the resistance of the potentiometer is half megohm or more the effect on the selectivity is not great, but it

A possibly worse effect than the resis-

A possibly worse effect than the resistance across the tuned circuit is the necessity of using rather long leads in the grid circuit to and from the potentiometer.

The use of a tickler for varying the volume is desirable so long as some regeneration is used. It is very convenient. When the tickler is used to introduce damping in the circuit selectivity suffers and from this point of view the tickler as a volume control is not desirable. control is not desirable.

The use of all three favorable methods of volume control in the radio frequency amplifier is often desirable, though not necessary.

DX Much Better Now Savants Baffled, While Fans Reap Benefit

By Capt. Peter V. O'Rourke

DX hunting now is better than it has been for some time. Those who have circuits which are at all capable of reaching out for the elusive wave originating somewhere between here and the Antipodes will find that, after all, the wave is not so elusive as it was last year. There must be elusive as it was last year. a reason for this condition.

Not Well Understood

Just what causes the variation in the propagation of a radio wave from year to year is not well understood. Some blame it on sun spots, others on the weather, others on the earth's magnetism, while still others would put the blame elsewhere. There is no doubt that the sun has something to do with it, and long range variation in the weather as well as the earth's magnetism are closely related. But just how they are related is not well known. That is a subject of study at present by those who are in the vanguard of radio progress, in the hope of finding a definite relationship that may be of some practical use in radio work.

The Earth's Effect

Of course, some of the variation in the propagation of the radio wave is caused by terrestrial, or even mundane, phenomena.

The refinements in the radio receivers must be reckoned with. Much of the noise in radio receivers which formerly interfered with distant reception has been done away with, or at least has been greatly reduced. The signals that used to have a difficult time competing with the noise now come through without much trouble at all. Hence a signal of given intensity now seems much louder than it used to, simply because there is not so much heterogeneous competition.

The general increase in power of the broadcast stations also tends to improve the reception of DX. At a given distance from a station there is now a much greater signal strength than formerly, while the natural noises have decreased. Man-made noises have been greatly reduced by systematic and persistent elimination of various sources.

One reason for better DX that must not be forgotten is the fact that fewer fans have squealing receivers. The heterodyne squeal that used to hover around every weak carrier wave due to radiating re-ceivers can now be heard very rarely. This ceivers, can now be heard very rarely. This source of trouble, it will be remembered, was one of the main reasons why the in-ternational broadcast tests were a failure. It would seem that a similar attempt to pick up signals from Europe at this time would have a better chance of success, even with the same equipment which failed to "deliver the goods" a year ago.

Competition Hurts

Even where there is no heterodyne squealing around a carrier it is harder for any one to pick up the signals where a very large number of fans are trying at the same time to pick it up. There is only a certain amount of energy per unit volume of space and if that amount, which is very small at best, were divided up into a million parts, there would not be much hope for anybody.

Foolish Things That I Have Read

By Edgar Ryan

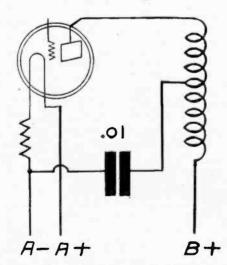
Recently I read of a "new" system of neutralization of a radio frequency ampli-Somehow or other this system had eluded the attention of experimenters and novelty hounds, until the other day the lucky finder triumphantly announced his find. And what did this new thing consist of? Just a new way of connecting the neutralizing condenser! One side of the neutralizing condenser must by force of precedent be connected to the mid tap of the primary of the RF transformer. The other side is left open that the experimenter may try his luck at finding a new point to

which he may connect it.

Now there are a few dozen points in the average radio set to which this open terminal may be connected, and the bird that can find a point which some one else has not already used for purposes of neutralization is indeed lucky. According to the recent announcement of the new method the point discovered was the filament. The loose side of the condenser was therefore connected to that point. It was found by experiment that the condenser used had to

be rather large, or the order of .01 mfd.

Did it neutralize? Yes, quite effectively. Also it reduced volume greatly and wholly R.F. Tube



A POOR method of neutralization, in that it is a "short-circuiter."

spoilt selectivity. But a still better way of short-circuiting the secondary tuned circuit is to put a screw driver in between the tuning condenser. It has a most complete way of neutralizing a set. It makes absolutely no difference what the wavelength is!

Not so long ago there came out a device using crystal detectors for amplifiers. This idea bobbed up again just the other day. Well, why cannot crystals be used for amplifiers when amplifier tubes can be used quite effectively as detectors? The desirability of the thing is very intriguing. It would make possible the smallest kind of receiver without tubes and batteries?

There have been countless perpetual motion schemes suggested, and many of them much more plausible than this radio scheme. The idea of conservation of energy, fundamental though it is, does not seem to register at all.

I have also read descriptions of multitube radio receivers, which have been called greyhounds, DX-getters and Go-geters. Distance is the idea that they are supposed to call to mind. Many of these receivers have been composed of two main parts, gainers and lossers. First a tube has been put in to amplify the signal, then a losser has been put in to limit the amplification. This has been followed by another amplifier and another losser. This series has been

extended to several stages.

What Do You Like

In RADIO WORLD—And What Don't You Like?

The Editorial Department of Radio World has been pretty successful in selecting text matter and illustrations that appeal to radioists. This fact is proven by our newsstand and subscription sales, and by the thousands of letters received regarding features in our various numbers.

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But we want to get closer to the desires of our readers. Incretore, we ask you as a Radio World fan to drop us a line, and let us know what you particularly like in our columns. We ask also to let us know if there is anything in our pages that you do not like. Eternal vigilance is the price of a periodical's success. While we still reserve the right to edit Radio World in a manner that seems most beneficial to all concerned, we should be only too glad to have criticisms from our friends, and to give these criticisms conscientious attention.

Write us your likes and dislikes, and thus help you and ourselves.

-THE EDITOR:

Name Spelling Change Gives Him Big Relief

Cincinnati.

What's in a name, anyway?

Plenty of grief, if it's spelled so the public pronounce it half a dozen different

William C. Stoess, musical director and orchestra leader of WLW, the Crosley station at Cincinnati, found that his name was called Stace, Stoce, Stess and even Stooce. This got tiresome, so he has changed the spelling of it to Stace, as far as radio purposes are concerned. That is the correct pronunciation and from now on it will be spelled that way.

The Variable Condenser Discussed With View Toward Right Choice

By James H. Carroll

Associate, Institute of Radio Engineers

WHILE the tube has often aptly been called the heart of the radio set, nevertheless, the variable condenser fills a highly important function also and, to carry out the simile, might well be termed the pulse of the circuit. It therefore behooves the set-builder to use great care in selecting the proper model for the circuit he is building and it must be absolutely the proper capacity to match the coil with which it is to work. Not only its physical shape and mechanical construction but also its electrical efficiency must be considered. Fortunately, there are many models on the market to choose from and our Americanmade condensers are marvels of mechanical construction-even cheap condensers often being a first-class job mechanically.

The first and most important thing to be determined after the size, which depends on the space allowed for in the layout, is the exact capacity. This capacity should be determined in microfarads and should exactly match the inductance of the coil

to be used in the circuit

Avoids Mistake

In this way one avoids the possibility of using a .00035 condenser where a .0005 should be used. Capacities usually range from .001 down to .00025, tuned radio frequency circuits generally calling for condensers of .00035 mfd., this value assuring the coverage of the entire wave band in confunction with the proper coil in this table types. junction with the proper coil in this type of

In building popular circuits the capacity of the condenser should be the one specified by the author and this should not be deviated from, as trouble may follow. builder, however, may use any particular make he favors, provided it is of the specified capacity. The next important points fied capacity. The next important points to look for are mechanical construction, rigidity, trueness and proper alignment. The condenser selected should be able to stand pressure far beyond its apparent strength and should not be susceptible to misalignment by pressure at the corners.

A poorly-made condenser of cheap materials may easily be warped by slight pressure and the plates bent sufficiently enough to make it the prime cause of trouble, which will later be hard to trace, by being shorted when the screws are being tight fastening the condenser to the panel. screws are being tightened in

An easily warped condenser will also prove a prolific cause of hand capacity and will throw out tuning with pressure on the dial, and will cause erratic changes in wavelength if the panel warps. The fit of the shaft is also highly important. The well-designed condenser should show no wabble or weave from side to side when pushed back and forth on the shaft. See, also that a secure form of adjustment is provided for taking up the wear on the shaft and that a good spring contact exists be-tween the rotating part and the frame to insure efficient electrical contact at all dial settings.

Electrical Aspect Secondary

It is axiomatic that the electrical characteristics of the condenser are really secondary to the mechancial design. Although a poorly designed condenser has greater losses than one that is perfectly designed, and the results will not be as good, the resistance of even the poor one is a very small percentage of the total loss in the circuit. This does not mean that it is not necessary to use the best designed condenser obtainable, but that if one is limited to a hard and fast choice between one that is good mechanically but not as good electrically as another which is good mechanically, the one which is mechanically efficient will the better serve the purpose.

Losses in a condenser can be traced to many causes. For instance, the problem of dielectric loss, which is due to the dielectric in the field, will arise. Dielectric is the material used between the plates. Dielectric In most variable condensers this is air, has practically no losses. Nevertheless, a part of the condenser should be made with an insulating material, such as Bakelite or hard rubber, to support the stator plates, to insure against dielectric losses If this insulation is not in the right pro-portion and is placed in a strong part of the field appreciable losses result. Insulation of this kind belongs at the ends furtherest from the center and not near the shaft. As a usual result, using end plates made of some insulating material does not make for as high efficiency as the putting the insulation as far as possible from the

Leakage Losses

Aside from introduced losses caused by the material itself there may also be losses caused by direct leakage across the insulator or through it. This is called surface leakage and is, in most instances, caused by dust. This is eliminated by keeping the apparatus enclosed or by regular clean-

ing of the plates and surfaces of the condenser with a piece of silk and an ordinary pipe cleaner which can be used for cleanis best both mechanically and electrically and not subject to any losses caused by direct current resistance in the plate and entire assembly.

Tuning Characteristics

The facts here set forth for our guidance in the choice of a condenser that will do the work best have no bearing on the type of condenser, whether it be straight line wavelength, straight line frequency, straight line capacity, or straight line tuning (midline). The only thought to consider in connection with the circuit being constructed is that the straight line frequency type will give better separation of stations on low waves at the expense of the higher waves.

These, therefore, are your main requirements in the condenser to be used in your new circuit, and any condenser you select from among the standard brands, if it is of the capacity specified by the designer, is bound to give good service in wearing ability and long-lived efficiency. And, as I said before, stick to the advertised brands. and don't use an old condenser that has been sticking around for ages and has been used time and again for other circuits. Get a new one. The results are worth it. There is a wide variety of standard makes

to choose from, among others, Amsco, graceful, beautifully made and long lasting; Karas, orthometric in name and performance; Hammarlund, rugged as the Rock of Gibraltar: Precise, which is all the name implies; Bruno, worthy of the name that dignifies a sterling line; Acme, strong and well protected; Cardwell, one of the pioneers in fine construction; Remler, smooth tuning, excellent anti-hody capacity. All are names to conjure with in radio.

Gang Condensers

In gang or tandem condensers the same specially sought. Amsco makes a fine line of double and triple condensers, truely mounted, and Perlesz of Chicago specializes on this type, mounting as many as four and five condensers on one shaft, the jobs being geared as precisely as human ingenuity can make them. Another good job is the Victoreen Universal control recently put out by this well-known company. Bear in mind, that care and consideration of all parts before construction will always pay big dividends in good re-

Ancient Worlds In Making Affect Reception

The behavior of radio waves is puzzling the scientist as well as to the layman. The sun is usually suspected of affecting the propagation of the waves from radio stations. But the sun is not the only celestial body which may exert an influence. are countless stars in the heavens which send their energy to us, and every one of them is capable of affecting the transmission of radio waves to some extent. Recently cosmic rays were discovered. These rays have immense powers of penetration, very much greater than the powers of the hardest X-rays. It is well known that X-rays affect adversely the propagation of radio waves. It is then reasonable to sup-pose that the cosmic rays have an even greater effect in making the radio waves misbehave. Cosmic rays pervade every-thing on and near the surface of the earth.

No radio waves can escape their influence. What are these cosmic waves? They are waves of radiant energy of extremely waves of waves of radiant energy of extremely), where wavelength (of very great frequency). Where do they come from? Perhaps from a point beyond the Milky Way. Perhaps somewhere in space, a quintillion miles away, a universe was in the making some billion years ago, and the cosmic rays are nothing but the smoke of the catacylsmic conflagration that is just reaching us now.

Then again the cosmic rays may be coming from some stellar body not so far away but which is so hot that we cannot see it.

One usually speaks of hot bodies as being red hot, white hot, or blue hot. But why should we stop with the visible colors? If the sun were twice as hot as it is now it would no longer be white hot, unless we redefined "whiteness." Perhaps it would be

ultra-violet hot. were ultra-violet hot, it would be too hot for us to see it. Then its effect on radio waves would be very much greater than its present effect. If the sun were a million times as hot as it is now, we surely could not see it, yet it would emit rays similar to the cosmic rays.

Millions of stars have been discovered in

the heavens by means of powerful telescopes. But only those stars which are not too hot to be seen, or those which are not too hot to affect the photographic plate, can be thus discovered. There may be millions of other stars which are either too cold or too hot to be discovered by the means at present available.

Perhaps the too-hot-to-be-seen stars may be discovered by their effect on the radio

A Vacuum Tube Voltmeter That Easily Measures Both AC and

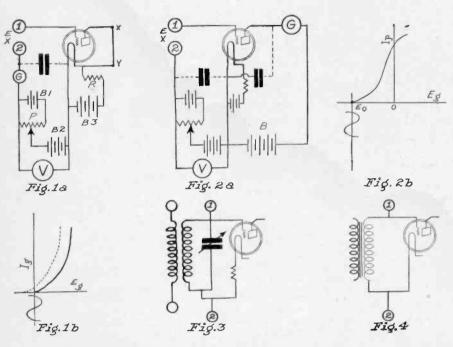


Fig. 1a. Diagram of a simple vacuum tube voltmeter based on the operation of the Fleming two-electrode valve.

Fig. 1b. Characteristic curve of two-electrode tube, showing grid current against the

Fig. 1b. Characteristic curve of two-electrode tube, showing grid current against the grid voltage.

Fig. 2a. Standard three-element vacuum tube voltmeter in which the plate current is used to give an indication.

Fig. 2b. Characteristic curve of three-element vacuum tube showing plate current against the grid voltage.

Fig. 3. Diagram illustrating the use of the vacuum tube voltmeter for measuring the radio frequency input voltage to a tube.

Fig. 4. Circuit illustrating the use of the voltmeter for measuring the audio frequency input voltage to an amplifier tube.

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T HERE are innumerable measurements in a radio receiver which cannot be made with ordinary meters, such as voltmeters, ammeters, milliameters and milliwoltmeters. Nearly all meters and milliameters. Nearly all meters which are at hand in the laboratory of the average radio experimenter are direct current devices, but most measurements on a radio set must be done on alternating currents and voltages. Also there are some DC measurements which cannot be made with the meters available because the meters are not suitable for the purpose. For experience of the purpose of the purpose of the purpose of the purpose. ample, the direct current voltmeters which are suitable for measuring the voltages of A, B, and C batteries are not at all suitable for measuring the steady voltage output of a B battery eliminator nor the steady DC potential obtained by voltage drop in high resistors used for grid bias. If an attempt is made to measure these voltages with the ordinary meters available not even approximately correct indications are obtained. ample, the direct current voltmeters which

Advice on DC Tests

The reason for this is that the meters used in most cases draw a much greater used in most cases draw a much greater current for their operation than does the circuit that is to be measured. An example of the utter failure of the direct current instruments to give a correct indication of voltage is when an attempt is made to measure the actual grid bias of a tube when that bias is obtained through a high resistance. The actual grid bias may be as high as 40 volts, yet when a voltmeter is connected from filament to grid no readable indication at all is obgrid no readable indication at all is obtained. The meter short-circuits the circuit to be tested, because the meter's re-

sistance is so low.

For DC measurements a high resistance voltmeter may sometimes be used to get a close approximation of the actual voltages, but these meters are of no use when alternating voltages are to be measured. What is needed for these is a vacuum tube voltmeter which measures the peak voltage of the AC wave. A vacuum tube voltmeter is really a potential meter, and it may be used equally well for both AC and DC work.

A vacuum tube voltmeter is not a complex affair which only can be used in the better equipped laboratories. It is quite a simple contrivance which anyone interested can make or procure. Of course, the cost and complexity of the meter de-

pends on the degree of sensitivity and precision that is necessary. And for many practical purposes an extremely simple device will suffice. It is the purpose of this article to describe such a simple vacuum tube potential meter, which most fans can afford to procure and is easy for anybody

A vacuum tube voltmeter or potential meter employs an ordinary voltmeter of suitable range for measuring the actual suitable range for measuring the actual voltage and some sensitive current indicating device for indicating a very small current. The more sensitive this indicating device is to direct current the more sensitive will be the vacuum tube potential. What is ordinarily used in this connection is a microammeter with a range of from 0 to 100 microamperes, but a galvanometer would be more sensitive.

May Use 0-1 Milliammeter

If neither of these devices is available a milliammeter of 0-1 sensitivity will give good results. The voltmeter used in this connection should have a range which is slightly greater than the range of peak AC or steady voltages that are to be measured. An instrument having a double or triple range would be desirable, as then more accurate values may be obtained for both high and low values of the unknown voltages.

At this point it is well to explain briefly the principle of the vacuum tube voltmeter. Several types have been developed, two of which will be described. The first of these the writer believes to be an innovation. This instrument is of extreme simplicity and its operation depends on the properties of the two electrode tube, or the Fleming valve. However, it is neither necessary nor desirable to use a two electrode valve for the purpose. Use a high mu tube, e. g., the new CX-340, which has a mu of 30.

The essential circuit of this simplified voltmeter is shown in Fig. 1a.

Identification of Constants

The circle is the tube, G is a sensitive current indicating device such as a galvanometer or milliammeter, and V is an ordinary voltmeter of suitable range. Bl is a three volt battery connected across a 400-ohm potentiometer P, and B2 is another battery which may be varied in steps of less than 3 volts. Bl and B2 conconstitute the grid bias of the tube. The voltmeter V is connected across the entire grid biasing battery. B3 is the filament heating battery and R is a suitable rheostat or Amperite. Observe particularly stat or Amperite. Observe particularly that the positive leg of the filament has been connected to the plate binding post

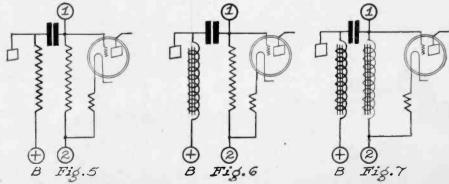


Fig. 5. Illustrating the use of the vacuum tube voltmeter for measuring the voltage input to a tube in a resistance coupled amplifier.

Fig. 6. Showing how meter is used to measure the input voltage to a tube in an im-

pedance coupled amplifier.

Fig. 7. In a double impedance coupled circuit the input voltage may be measured in this manner.

of the tube by means of a strap x y. The unknown voltage to be measured is connected to the two binding posts marked

The operation of this device depends on the stoppage of the flow of grid current. A high mu tube is desirable because for a given positive grid bias the grid current is greater the higher the mu is. Hence the device is more sensitive for higher values of mu. The grid current in the tube may be represented by a curve such as the dotted line in Fig. 1b.

A Simplified Connection

It will be noted that the grid current does not become zero as soon as the grid voltage becomes zero, but that a small negative value is necessary to stop it. This is unfortunate, since it would require a reversing switch in the leads to the voltmeter V if there were no other method of stopping the grid current when the grid voltage is zero. By connecting the plate of the tube to the positive end of the filament the grid current curve takes the shape of the full line in Fig. 1b, which passes through the zero point when the grid voltage is zero. This gives a definite starting point and it obviates introducing a reversing switch in the voltmeter leads.

The method of operation of the vacuum tube potential meter is as follows: First short circuit the binding posts 1 and 2 and adjust the voltage of the battery B1B2 until the current in the grid circuit just stops, as shown by the meter G. Note the reading on V. Then replace the short circuit strap by the voltage to be measured. If the unknown is DC the positive should be connected to point 1 or the should be connected to point 1, or to the grid. Then increase the negative bias on the grid as given by the battery B1B2 until the current in G again just disap-

pears.

Unknown Voltage Found

Note the new reading on the voltmeter V. The difference between the

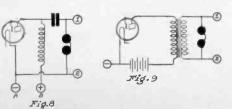
Note the new reading on the voltmeter V. The difference between the two readings on the voltmeter is the value of the unknown voltage. If this voltage is AC the reading is the peak value, and to get the effective value of the AC, the peak value should be multiplied by .707.

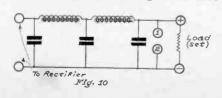
When radio frequency voltages are to be measured the by-pass condenser shown in dotted lines should be connected as shown. Its capacity should be about 1.0 mfd. Even for audio frequency measurements this condenser is desirable, though not necessary. For DC voltage measurements it is not at all necessary.

If it is desired to use the standard vacuum tube voltmeter the same device may be used by connecting it as shown in Fig. 2a. The three element tube is now used in the regular way. The indicating meter G is placed in the plate circuit of the tube to show the DC plate current and a plate battery B is added to the equipment. For high frequency measurements two by-pass condensers should now be ment. For high frequency measurements two by-pass condensers should now be used as shown by the dotted lines.

Reduces Plate Current to Zero

The three-element vacuum tube voltmeter works on the principle of reducing the plate current to zero. In Fig. 2b is shown a characteristic curve of a three-element tube, plate current against grid voltage. By increasing the negative bias to a suitable value the plate current can be reduced to zero. In Fig. 2b this voltage is OE. When operating the tube as a voltmeter, first adjust the bias so





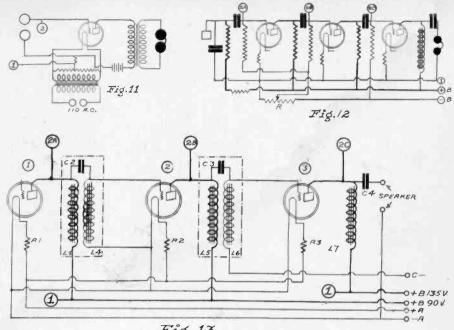


Fig. 13

that the plate current just stops flowing. The reading on the meter V should then be noted. This reading is EO. The terminals 1 and 2 should of course be closed when taking this preliminary observation. Then the unknown voltage should be connected across the two input terminals and nected across the two input terminals and the grid bias should again be adjusted the grid bias should again be adjusted until the plate current just stops flowing. The reading on the voltmeter V should again be taken. The difference between the second and the first readings is the value of the unknown voltage across the terminals 1 and 2 if a steady voltage is measured, and it is the peak voltage of the unknown, if an alternating voltage is measured. The effective AC voltage is obtained by multiplying the peak voltage

The device described here may be used both as shown in Fig. 1a and Fig. 2a by making a few changes in the connection. The simple connection shown in Fig. 1a

requires less equipment.

Increased Impedance

There is a slight advantage in using the second hook-up in that the input impedance to the device is slightly greater, that is, it is more nearly a potential meter. When grid current is used to give an indicator see Fig. 1. indication as in Fig. la the input resistance has a finite value but it is extremely large so that for all practical purposes it may be regarded as infinite. The more sensitive is the indicating meter G, the greater is the impedance when the reading is taken. In the case of the second circuit no grid current at all flows since the plate current is used to give the indica-tion on meter G. Hence the resistance is

practically infinite.

When using the device as a three-electrode circuit it is also desirable to use a high mu tube because such a tube requires a lower grid bias to reduce the initial plate current to zero, and there is no great difference between the sensitiv-ity of high and low mu tubes.

In Figs. 3 to 16 a few of the possible applications of the vacuum potential meter are suggested. Fig. 3 shows how the radio frequency input voltage to a tube

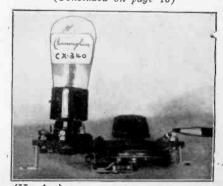
may be measured. The numbers enclosed in the small circles correspond with the terminals of the same numbers on the meter. Figs. 14 and 15 show how to measure the radio frequency voltage across the tuned circuit in the detector stage with and without regeneration. Fig. 4 shows how the meter may be used to measure the audio frequency input voltage to an amplifier tube, or the voltage across the secondary of a transformer.

Separation of Components

Figs. 5, 6, and 7 show how to measure the input voltage to an amplifier in the three different types of direct coupled amplifiers. Fig. 8 shows how to apply the voltmeter to the measurement of the output voltage of a radio receiver, that is, the voltage across the loud speaker. In the voltage across the loud speaker. In this case it is necessary to separate the AC component from the DC component of the plate current, since only the AC is of immediate interest. Fig. 9 shows how to measure the voltage across the loud-speaker when an output transformer is used for separating the DC from the AC. In many cases it is desirable to measure the steady potential in radio receivers

ure the steady potential in radio receivers where an ordinary voltmeter completely fails to give the true indication of the voltage. One such case is shown in Fig. 10. The true voltage of the output of an eliminator and filter cannot be obtained with any ordinary voltmeter due to the high resistance in the eliminator. The vacuum tube voltmeter should be connected as shown and the voltage measured when the set is in operation. The set is represented by a load resistance. It will be noticed that the grid of the voltmeter is connected to the positive terminals of the eliminator. This will make a large (Concluded on page 10) ure the steady potential in radio receivers

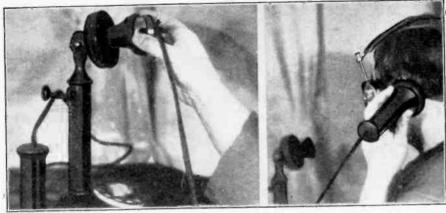
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(Hayden) HIGH MU tube is used in Anderson's vacuum tube voltmeter.

Fan Proud of Set "Flops" on 'Phoned Demonstration

Reception Put On the Wire In Good Style, But Noises Originating In the Relaying System Cause Listener to Complain of "Static"



BY PLACING the earpiece in front of the telephone mouthpiece a friend at the other end of the wire can listen in to your radio receiver by merely putting the receiver of her own telephone to her ear. If she complains of noises the chances are they originate in the telephone line.

Sometimes a radio fan is very proud of the quality of his or her receiver and is anxious to have friends hear the performance. One way that the friend is made to hear the set without leaving home is for the proudful person to transmit the output of the set by the telephone. The earpiece of he receiver is placed in front of the microphone of the ordinary telephone and the friend at the other end of the wire listens in.

of the wire listens in.

Now just imagine the friend complains there is considerable noise that comes over with the signal. Yet the proud owner of the receiver cannot hear any static that particular evening. The noise is undoubtedly

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grid current flow when the voltage is applied. This current is stopped by the negative grid bias and the reading of the voltmeter V is taken.

A Precaution

picked up on the telephone line. Practically there are a million chances of picking up noise on the ordinary telephone. up noise on the ordinary telephone. Such noises are always present on the ordinary telephone, but due to the fact that the telephone is primarily a practical utility they are not noticed unless they are so severe as to interfere with a conversation. But compared with radio reception they are severe. Since radio is primarily an entertainment very little noise is tolerated.

Giving a demonstration of the quality of

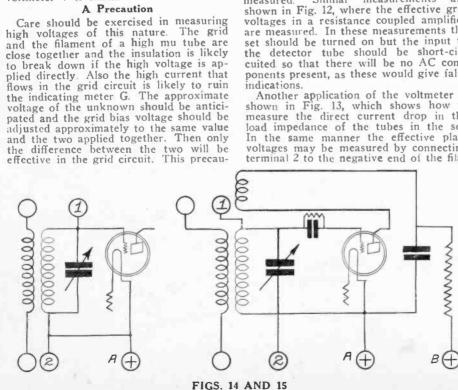
a radio receiver by ordinary telephone is very unfair to radio. It is a poor substitute for having the friend come over to the house and listen in.

tion should be observed when either type

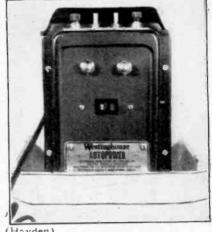
la or 2a is used.

Another case of DC voltage measurement is shown in Fig. 11. Here the effective grid bias on an amplifier is measured. Similar measurements are shown in Fig. 12, where the effective grid voltages in a resistance coupled amplifier are reserved. In these measurements the are measured. In these measurements the set should be turned on but the input to the detector tube should be short-circuited so that there will be no AC com-ponents present, as these would give false

Another application of the voltmeter is shown in Fig. 13, which shows how to measure the direct current drop in the load impedance of the tubes in the set. In the same manner the effective plate voltages may be measured by connecting terminal 2 to the negative end of the fila-



A HELPFUL TRAY



(Hayden)
STORAGE BATTERY and trickle charger in a proper tray.

It is a good plan to put a trickle charger, of the electrolytic type, or a storage battery, in a photographer's tray, as this is specially made to withstant acid effects. The commoner run of trays is not imper-

while the storage battery and the trickle charges give hardly any trouble on the score of acid, nevertheless carelessness on the part of the user, or unfamiliarity perhaps, sometimes causes a wee drop of the electrolyte to got on the parents. haps, sometimes causes a wee drop of the electrolyte to get on the carpet. And it's always a newly bought carpet or rug and some feminine voice in the house has a great deal to say on the subject in uneulogizing terms. Well deserved, too, but better avoided, so the tray idea is presented in its pristine glory.

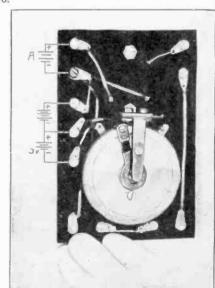
By the way, when charging the storage battery, do not forget to remove the ventilator caps over the plates. When the charging is completed, restore the caps.

Do not rely on hydrometer measurements, no matter when made, if distilled water has been newly added. The addition changes the specific gravity so that the reading is lower than otherwise. Do your measuring the next day ing the next day.

ment. There must be no AC components of currents present, as was suggested above. Care must also be exercised here not to overload the grid circuit of the voltmeter tube, and the precautions suggested above should be carefully observed.

The drawing of the vacuum tube voltmeter as it appears on the cover page will

be better understood by reference to Fig.



(Hayden)

How the filament heating battery and main and auxiliary C batteries are connected is shown above.

U.S. Has More Than Half of World Stations

Washington.

There are more than twice as many broad-casting stations in the United States as in all the rest of the world. This is revealed by a report of the Department of Commerce which shows 164 stations in Europe, 85 in North America (except the United States), 38 in South America, 16 in Asia, 28 in Oceania and 9 in Africa, a total of 340. At the present time there are more than 700 stations in operation in the United States.

Here is a list of some of the high-power foreign stations which might be received in

United States under favorable conditions
OKP—Prague, Czecho Slovakia. 50
meters, 5,000 watts.
AFT—Berlin, Germany. 483.9 mete

483.9 meters, 4,000 watts.

IRO-Rome, Italy. 433.6 meters, 3,000 watts.

RYK-Kovno, Lithuania. 400 meters.

-Moscow Russia. 450 meters, 8,000 watts HHK-Port au Prince, Haiti. meters, 1,000 watts.

JOAK-Tokyo, Japan. 375 meters, 2,000

2BL-Sydney, Australia. 353 meters,

Sargent Wins Singing Fame

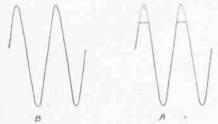
B. Felton Sargent is a young American singer who has received his entire musical education in this country. He has attracted attention with his radio, church, concert, and oratorio work both in the North and the South.

the South.

Mr. Sargent, prior to going South, was connected with Trinity Chapel, N. Y., Calvary Baptist Church, N. Y., Hedding Methodist Church, N. Y., and St. John's Episcopal Church, Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Sargent has been broadcasting over WDBO, Rollings College, Winter Park, Fla., for two seasons, and has been delighting his radio audiences. He has a lyric baritone voice.

How Distortion Greets the Eye



The alteration of the wave form, representing the commonest distortion, is visible on an oscillograph. This is a tube device that enables the wave form to be seen on a fluorescent screen. If the frequency is very high, as at radio frequencies, the wave form still may be seen, because the repeti-

form still may be seen, because the repetition at almost incrediable and indivisible rate reduces itself graphically to a certain form, because of optical limitations. That is, the eye can not see fast enough, but can see group wave trains.

Thus by looking at the original wave form, and even tracing it on paper or photographing it, and then doing the same things with the wave form under different operating conditions, the changes, if any, may be noted. The original wave, say, is whole, as in B, but distortion wll cut the peaks, as in A.

VERSATILITY IN CHARGING



(Havden)

IF THE RATE of charging of a charger is too great the current may be decreased by putting a rheostat of suitable value in series with the battery and the charger. The rate of charge may then be adjusted to any desired value by, adjusting the resistance in the rheostat. A 10-ohm rheostat is suggested. The charging of batteries of lower voltage than otherwise called for is thus made probable, too.

Remove Detector Leak To Test Grid Condenser

If the Insulation in the Capacity Unit Has Broken Down, Then You May Get Just the Same Results With Leak In or Out-How to Restore Efficiency

A small condenser is connected in the grid circuit of a detector tube to make the tube detect. To make the tube operative when there is a condenser in the grid circuit a leakage path must be provided across the condenser to give the grid the proper bias. Sometimes it will be found that the tube works better as a detector when the grid leak is removed or at least it will the grid leak is removed, or at least it will work just as well. In such cases there is a leakage elsewhere, and it may be that the condenser is not leak-proof. If the condenser effectively stops all direct current the leak across it should be necessary for proper operation.

In some case the leakage takes place through the insulation of the socket. When the socket is made of poor insulating material there may be more leakage in the socket than in the grid leak, and when that is the case it makes very little difference whether a leak is connected across the condenser or not.

Another case in which the stray leakage

Another case in which the stray leakage is detrimental to the operation of a tube is the stopping condenser in direct coupled circuits. When this condenser leaks ever so little, the grid of the amplifier tube following it becomes positive and the amplifier will not function at all. It will behave in the most erratic manner. When have in the most erratic manner. When that is the case and when the leakage through the condenser is not too great, the

circuit may be restored to an operable condition by using a low resistance leak. However, the only safe remedy is to replace the condenser with one which is absolutely leak-proof. A leaky condenser has been the cause of the complete failure of many resistance coupled amplifiers.



IF YOUR SET works just as well with the grid leak out of the detector circuit, it is a sign that something's wrong. I ably the grid condenser leaks.

Four-Tube Designs Popular Need of Greater Selectivity Expertly Met

By Herman Bernard

Associate, Institute of Radio Engineers

D URING the last three years the fourtube receiver has been very popular, and fans hold it in increasing esteem as The main reason is econ-with supreme results. While time rolls on. omy consistent with supreme results. the three-tube set has passed out of the popularity class, on account of the demand for extra selectivity and the desire to be decent and not emit annoying whistles when tuning, the four-tube set has taken the vacated place in the hearts of those who demand something good, yet desire to be quite conservative in financial outlay.

The interesting parade of hookups that fascinates those technically inclined has shown a general trend in the direction of greater number of tubes. The reasons are various, and include the necessity for extra amplification to maintain efficiency at the output while resorting to shielding, the adoption of direct coupled forms of audio amplication, e. g., resistance and impedance coupling, or combinations including them, and the desire for loop recep-

Design Is Important

But on the radio frequency side no extra tubes are needed for full enjoyment of programs from near and far, if one uses a properly designed combination of a stage a properly designed combination of a stage of tuned radio frequency amplification and a regenerative detector. This will give you all the selectivity and sensitivity than you would normally desire. In fact, properly designed and constructed, such a receiver will enable you to pierce through the local stations and bring in distant ones with all the volume you want. I the refinement of design. The secret lies in

The combination of tuned RF and regenerative detector has been very popular, circuits embodying this design having been the favorites in the home-contruction field for the two or three years previous to the present one. Now the tendency is to omit regeneration in favor of an extra stage of tuned radio frequency amplification. While there are arguments on both sides that justify respectful attention, no statement or assertion can honestly contradict the greater sensitivity and selectivity of the regenerative type at lesser cost.

Improvement Developed

Some improvements are necessary in the previous standard designs of the two-tube radio frequency portion of the two-tube radio frequency portion of the receiver. Many have found that circuits of this type were not selective enough for their needs. Such set owners probably live in air-congested centers, like New York and Chicago, or have powerful though few locals to contend with, and find themselves establed from content in the latest the selection of the consecution of the content of th topped from penetrating the local waves to bring in the distant ones. Yet, a radio circuit with just two tubes will do it, (disregarding audio), and such a circuit is the new Universal, which will be described in Radio World, beginning next week, issue of March 12.

On the score of selectivity, which has been considerably increased over what was obtainable from previous models, the mid-tap method has been employed. This contap method has been employed. sists of putting the tuning condenser across the secondary in each instance, as is the usual custom, but of connecting the grid return to a midtap on the secondary, instead of to the end of that coil. This utilizes more than the supposed half of the radio frequency voltage originally across the secondary.

The reason is that the voltage across the secondary, when the entire secondary is in the grid to filament circuit, is one thing, but the voltage across the entire secondary when the midtap method is used is less, while that across the utilized half of the coil relatively increases. Hence by the midtap method the voltage in the grid-to-filament circuit is more than half of the total voltage across the coil terminals.

Exceptional Selectivity

With so many stations on the air, and the necessity for selectivity being paramount, the increase in selectivity, obtained in both the RF stage and the detector input by the midtap method, is extremely valuable and important. Then, of course, the regeneration of the detector tube makes the set about four times as selective in this stage as it would be without regeneration. And, besides, the sensitivity goes up around a thousand times, due to feedback.

Negative grid bias is used on the RF tube to increase the grid-to-filament impedance, which makes the receiver more selective and reduces the plate current

drain.

The method of regeneration control is particularly attractive. One of the annoying features of using regeneration is that it often requires continuous adjustment for different wavelengths, unless proper design eliminates this. If one may omit regeneration at will, as when tuning in strong locals (an instance of when the help of feedback is wholly unnecessary). and can do this without employing a shortcircuting switch, he has a regeneration control that approaches the ideal. Such is the actual accomplishment of the Universal in its new and improved design.

The Audio Hookup

The audio frequency channel of the receiver consists of two transformer coupled The transformers were chosen with due regard to the nature of the radio circuit, so that audio frequency oscillation is wholly avoided, and excellent tone qual-ity is obtained. The transformers are of latest improved design, and are of the generous physical size so important in the manufacture of tone quality transformers. The first stage audio transformer is of moderate turns ratio, and has a high impedance primary, thus facilitating best detector action, most especially when the special detector type of tube is used, as recommended. This tube increases the sensitivity considerably, a fact that can not be noticed much when local stations are received, but which boldly asserts itself when a distant station—otherwise faint—is heard with all desired volume on the The second transformer is of speaker. lower ratio.

The first tube, the radio frequency am-

plifier, is of the -01A type, the special detector is an -00A, the first audio tube is of the same kind as the RF tube, while the final audio valve is a 112 power tube. Thus a fine combination of tubes increases the performance of the receiver both as to tone quality and volume.

Easy to Build

The audio channel is adapted to phonograph pickup installations, so that phonograph music may be amplified and played your speaker, increasing volume and quality.

Of particular interest to the many who like to have a highly efficient yet inexpensive receiver is the fact that the set is very easy to construct. One need know hardly anything about radio to make a successful job of the building of the new Universal. To simplify matters to the extreme, blueprints will be available, and these will show where each lead goes, in life-size picture diagram, so that in actual construction you may simply copy the wiring as clearly revealed in the blueprint. The construction need take only a few hours, and yet a neat and substantial piece of workmanship will have been accomplished.

Along the same simplicity lines is the tuning itself. There are only two wave-

tuning itself. There are only two wavelength controls, the variable condensers. A rheostat in the negative leg of the radio frequency amplifying tube is the volume control, and thus is volume adjusted without introducing any distortion. An optional pilot light, of colored glass, and the switch complete the family of parts on the 7x21 inch front panel.

Hard to Beat

You have your choice of a right-angle arrangement for the front panel or any degree of slope that may be required by the most popular sloping type of cabinets, due to the inclusion of adjustable brackets.

When you build this receiver you will find that you have a set that can tune through the locals to bring in distance, a set that affords excellent tone quality, gives you an option of using no regeneration or, if you use it, of controlling regeneration with amazing smoothness, and a set that will not radiate offending squeals, a virtue resulting from the stabilization of the radio frequency tube. All in all, tube for tube, the receiver represents the most obtainable from the parts used, and also something quite near the maximum that a quality four-tube model affords.

British Plan Weekly Rebroadcast of WGY

If broadcasting conditions prove favorable, the British Broadcasting Company plans to relay a WGY program at 6:30 p. m. Tuesdays as a weekly broadcasting by Martin P. Rice, manager of broad-casting for the General Electric Company. The music of the Ten Eyck orchestra is

broadcast weekly by WGY, Tuesday night from 6:30 to 7 and on that evening 2XAF, the 32.79 meter wavelength transmitter also sends out the program. It is the signals of the latter station that the British Broadcasting Company proposes to pick up and relay through all the sta-tions making up the great B. B. C. chain.

The radiogram, received from Captain A. G. D. West, assistant chief broadcasting engineer of the B. B. C. states:

"Relayed Ten Eyck Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, very successfully. Intend to make weekly feature 6:30 to 7 eastern if conditions remain good.

"WEST."

New Tube Has Mu of 30 The CX-340 Improves Resistance AF

DEVELOPMENT work has been com-D pleted on a new special purpose high mu amplifier tube for resistance and im-pedance coupled audio frequency amplification circuits, according to an announcement made at the offices of E. T. Cunningham, Inc., manufacturers of Cunningham radio tubes, at 370 Seventh avenue, N. Y. City. This new tube, on the market March 1, is known as the CX-340 and is the sixteenth type bearing the Cunningham name.

General operating specifications of the CX-340 are as follows: filament voltage, 5.0 volts; filament current, .25 ampere; recommended B voltage 135 to 180 volts; amplification factor (mu), 30.

Audio frequency amplification today is accomplished by three general methods:

transformer coupling, impedance coupling and resistance coupling. The requirement of the amplifier tube for resistance and impedance coupling is identical, but entirely different than the tube requirement

for transformer coupling.
Up to the present time few satisfactory tubes have been on the market for resistance and impedance coupled circuits. Therefore many radio owners who have been using these forms of audio frequency circuit have not been obtaining maximum results due to lack of the proper special purpose type of tube.

Requirements Severe

In a preliminary audio resistance or impedance coupled circuit the voltage amplihigh voltage amplification factor in the tube, and the requirement is an extremely high voltage amplification factor in the tube itself. The new Cunningham radio tube, CX-340, has a voltage amplification factor (mu), of 30 and the theoretical possible voltage gain per stage is 30.

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possible voltage gain per stage is 30.

There seems to be a general impression in the radio world that a resistance coupled audio frequency circuit is extremely simple to build. It is not true, however, that good tone quality can be had from any resistance coupled amplifier that is carelessly or hurriedly thrown together. The requirements, while simple, are severe and must be rigidly adhered to if the tube is to do its best job.

With a properly designed circuit the

With a properly designed circuit, the CX-340, with either resistance or impedance coupling, offers very remarkable

audio amplification possibilities.

The fact that the new Cunningham CX-340 is efficient as a special audio am-CX-340 is efficient as a special audio amplifier and as a detector tube will cause radioists to be greatly interested in the constants with which the tube is to be operated. The following recommendations are set forth by E. T. Cunningham, Inc.:

TABLE I

CX-340 as an Amplifier

Plate coupling resistor, .25 meg. (250,000 ohms)

TABLE II CX-340 as a Detector

- For detection with grid condenser and
- table III.

[Suggested for use where sensitivity is of less interest than tone quality; not recommended for code reception only.]



TABLE III Plate and Grid Voltage Values

AMPLIFIER Grid Bias Volts **B** Voltage Plate Resistor Volts ohms .25 meg. .25 meg. .5 to 1.0 meg. 1.0 to 1.5 135 180 3.0 Above 180 3.0 to 4.5

DETECTOR Condenser and Leak, Grid Bias B Volt. Grid age Volts Leak 135 2 to 5 m Grid Bias Volts Plate Resistor Plate Resistor 135 2 to 5 meg. .25 meg. 180 2 to 5 meg. .25 meg. 3.0 .25 meg.

Voltage Computation

4.5

.25 meg.

When used as an amplifier, with more than 180 volts at the source, the CX-340 should have a plate resistor high enough so that effective voltage across plate and filament of the tube does not exceed 180 volts (the voltage drop in the plate resistor must be subtracted from the B voltage to obtain this.) A grid bias of 3.0 volts in the CX-340 is sufficient to allow operation of the CX-371 or CX-310 in the last audio stage at full volume, but 4.5 volts may be preferred in order to reduce plate current, thus avoiding over-heating of plate resistor. The voltage across plate and filament may be estimated by reading the plate current on a sensitive milliammeter. Average values are, with -3.0 volts grid bias, .75 milliampere and with -4.5 volts, .25 milliampere (difficult to read on milliammeter, having full

scale reading above 5 m. a.)

The increasing use of B voltages higher than 90 volts has made the use of resistance coupling practical in recievers defended for broadcast reception. The defended signed for broadcast reception. The design of CX-340 results in recommended circuit constants that differ in important respects from the values commonly used. These values have been chosen in order to take fuil advantage of the high amplification constant of the CX-340 tube, and to obtain desirable frequency character-

Why the .25 Meg. Resistor?

The use of a plate resistor of 250,000 ohms, instead of the more usual value of 100,000 ohms, makes possible the use of the proper grid biasing voltage for distortionless amplification, without sacrificing voltage amplification. The maximum possible voltage amplification ob-

tainable from the tube would be a value equal to the amplification constant, or 30 per stage, and with the 250,000 ohm resisper stage, and with the 250,000 ohm resistor about 60 per cent. of this value is obtained or about 20 per stage, thus comparing favorably with transformer coupled audio amplifiers in this respect.

The real necessity for the use of a grid biasing voltage to obtain distortionless

amplification from resistance coupled amplifiers has not been generally appreciated although there is less power available in the place circuit to drive the grid posi-tive than is the case with transformer coupling. The normal grid current of a high-mu tube is about 0.5 milliampere at the property of the current must far zero grid, and as this current must flow through the grid leak, it tends to produce a drop proportional to the grid leak resistance. The use of low resistance grid leaks is not a satisfactory remedy, as this has the effect of cutting off low frequen-cies unless an oversize blocking condenser is used, a grid biasing voltage being the only method not open to criticism.

Insight Into Bias

The biasing or C voltage cannot be large, in fact, should be no higher than necessary. The most severe conditions under which a resistance coupled amplifier operates is found when a CX-371 tube is used in the last audio stage.

is used in the last audio stage.

If the plate voltage is 135 volts the CX-371 is capable of taking a signal voltage having a peak swing of 27 volts (the recommended bias for that tube). With a voltage amplification of 20 per stage, the CX-340 just preceding the CX-371 must carry a peak swing of 1/20 of 27 volts, or slightly over 1.3 volts. A grid biasing voltage of 1,5 volts, obtained from a single small dry cell, will just suffice. With a tube having a higher amplification constant than the CX-371, such as the CX-112 or CX-310, a much smaller input voltage is required, and a bias of one volt, which may be obtained from the drop across a four ohm resistor placed in the negative filament lead, will be all-sufficient. This method may also be used to obtain the bias of 1.5 volts mentioned above, if a fixed resistor of higher value is used, as the tube will operate at 4.5 volts filament without any appreciable difference as compared with operation at 5.0 volts. In this without any appreciable difference as compared with operation at 5.0 volts. In this tase a six ohm fixed resistor should be

New Circuit on Way

By-pass condensers are quite ineffective at very low frequencies; for instance, at 30 cycles per second a condenser as large as 1.0 mfd. offers an impedance of more than 5,000 ohms and therefore is ineffitive. This means that amplifiers which are efficient at low frequencies may have considerable common coupling when several stages are operated in the usual manner from common B batteries, and this effect is still more pronounced in the case

of B eliminators.

To avoid the trouble which has been termed "motor-boating" it has been common practice to decrease the resistance of the grid resistors and to use small size blocking condensers, the effect being to blocking condensers, the effect being to cut off the troublesome low frequencies. Other means are being developed of pre-

Other means are being developed of preventing this action and of maintaining the efficiency of the amplifier when the aim is utmost fidelity of reproduction, in which resistance coupling is said to excel.

The CX-340 is also adapted to impedance coupled amplification, but this method is said to offer little advantage over transformer coupled circuits, due to the necessity of using a very large reactor the necessity of using a very large reactor in the plate circuit.

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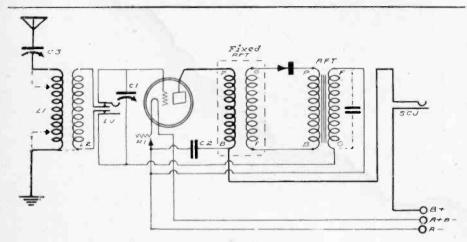


FIG. 521 A one-tube reflex, using a fixed radio frequency transformer to couple the tube output to the crystal detector.

CAN THE following parts be successfully used in a one-tube receiver: a fixed radio frequency transformer of a standard make; a double circuit jack; a two to one audio frequency transformer and two .0005 mfd. variable condenser? If so, please give the circuit diagram of such a set. Please state any other material that may be necessary.—William Bumler, Kan-

City, Kans.

The circuit diagram of a receiver using these and a few extra parts is shown in Fig. 521. It is a standard reflex type, with a few modifications. The first tube acts as a radio frequency and audio frequency amplifier. A crystal is used, a detector of the synthetic type being preferred. One .0005 mfd. variable condenser is used to tune the antenna, while the other is used to tune the secondary of a tuned radio frequency transformer, containing fifty turns of No. 22 double cotton covered wire, wound on a two and three-quarter inch diameter form. This is labelled L2 in diameter form. This is labelled L2 in the diagram. The primary L1, which is wound on this same tubing, consists of twenty turns of the same sized wire as used for the secondary, tapped at every second turn. Across the secondary winding of the tuned RFT, the double circuit jack, called LJ, because a loop can be inserted here to cut out the antenna, is placed also. The fixed radio frequency transformer is identified by Fixed RFT in the diagram. The filament of the tube is controlled by a twenty ohm rheostat. C2 is a .01 mfd. fixed condenser. The audio frequency transformer is labelled AFT in the diagram, and as you will note, is used to feed back the energy to the tube. A single circuit jack is used at the output. The—01A type tube should be used. At least ninety volts should be applied to the plate of this tube. The filament should, plate of this tube. The filament should of course be heated with a six volt A battery. Across the secondary winding of the audio transformer, a .001 mfd. fixed condenser may be shunted. This is indicated by dotted lines. The arrow and base indicates the crystal detector. The loop used, may be a two foot square affair, wound with about fourteen turns of No. 18 double cotton covered wire, each spaced one-quarter inch. The antenna should be no longer than one hundred feet. If you do not wish to use the taps, you can follow the solid connections. However, when doing this, the antenna should be con-perted to the tenth turn from the kind. nected to the tenth turn from the beginning of the transformer. Any type of

audio frequency amplification can be used with this set. Use a separate B battery supply for the plates of the audio amplifying tubes.

ENCLOSED PLEASE find the circuit diagram of a five-tube receiver, which I am using at the present time. The primam using at the present time. aries, L1 and L3, of the radio frequency transformers consist of fifteen turns, while the secondaries, L2 and L4, consist of sixtytwo turns. Each primary and secondary is wound on a tubing which is two and three-quarters inches in diameter, using No. 24 single silk covered wire, a space of oneeighth inch existing between the two wind-These secondaries are shunted by .0005 mfd. variable condensers, Cl and C2. Now I am troubled with interference from some of our local stations which are about a half mile away from me. Could I do away with this nuisance, if I reduced the number of turns on the primaries? If so, how many? (2)—You will note, that I am using resistance coupled audio frequency amplification, with the following value resistors and condensers:—R4, R6 and R8 are one-tenth megohm; R5 a one megohm; R7 a one-half megohm; R9 a one-quarter meghom, while C5, C6 and C7 are all .25 mfd. fixed. Now the volume using —01A tubes is fair. I would like to use a power tube in the last stage to get louder signals. R1 is a twenty ohm rheostat. R2 is a four ohm rheostat. I would like to do away with both these, using a ten ohm rheostat to control the filament of the first three tubes, a ballast for the fourth tube and another ballast for the last tube, to take care of the power tube. Please show a diagram illustrating these filament corrections.—James C. Friedland, Lexington,

The reduction of the number of turns on the primaries will help greatly.

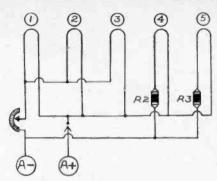


FIG. 523

The revised filament wiring diagram for the circuit sent in by Mr. Friedland.

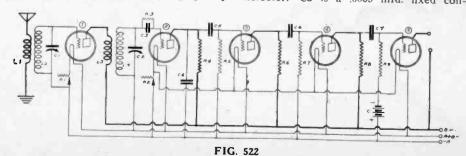
You may also try inserting a .0005 mfd. variable condenser, shunted by a forty-five turn coil wound on a three-inch diameter tubing with No. 22 DCC wire, in series with the antenna. (2)—The circuit diagram of the receiver you sent in is shown in Fig. 522, while in Fig. 523, you have diagrammed the changes necessary to make for the installation of the power tube. You will note that the tubes are numbered in accordance with those of the circuit, you sent in. The filaments of tubes, one, two and three are controlled by the ten-ohm rheostat. The filament of the second audio tube is controlled by a one-quarter ampere ballast resistor as per your request. filament of the last tube is controlled by a one-half ampere ballast resistor. Note the installation of the filament switch, in the plus A lead. It is also suggested that you apply a separate B voltage on the plate of the last tube.

COULD TWO, three-to-one ratio audio frequency transformers be used, instead of those specified in the six-tube portable receiver shown in the Radio University columns of the June 26 issue of Radio World?—Dave Harber, Waco, Tex.

I AM going to build the two-tube set described in the Oct. 30 issue of Radio World, Radio University columns. I would like, however, to add on another tube in the form of a stage of transformer coupled audio amplification. Is this O. K.? I am going to use a two and one-half to one ratio transformer.— Garland Jenks, Pittsfield, Mass.

PLEASE GIVE me the circuit layout of a simple crystal detector circuit, using a variocoupler, which has a twenty-turn primary, tapped every fifth turn, wound on a three and one-quarter inch diameter form and a fifty turn secondary (inserted inside of the primary), wound on a two and three-quarter inch diameter form, tapped at every tenth turn, No. 24 double silk covered wire being used in all cases. State the size of panel to be used.—Leroy Maxers, Clinton, N. Y.

Such a circuit is shown in Fig. 524. and L2 are the primary and the secondary windings of the variocoupler. Cl is a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. CD is the crystal detector. C2 is a .0005 mfd. fixed con-



The circuit diagram of the five-tube set sent in by James C. Friedland.

denser, which may or may not be used. To reduce the number of controls, you can discard the use of the taps on the rotar, as well as the variable feature. The variable system can be avoided by placing the shaft directly opposite to the panel. Should you find it necessary to vary this coil in this way, it can be done without interfering with any of the other instruments in the receiver. The taps from the primary should be brought to both sides of the variable condenser, which should be mounted in the center of a panel, seven inches high, and fourteen inches long. If the crystal is of the adjustable type, such as galena, then place it in such a position, that it will not be difficult to approach, e.g., in the front of the panel, over the variable condenser dial. If it is of the synthetic type, it can be placed inside of the cabinet.

IS THE four and one-half battery commonly used as a C battery known as a primary battery?—Charles Lesward, Portland, Ore.
Yes.

ARE ALUMINUM cell rectifiers used most commonly in B eliminators? (2)—How are they made fundamentally?—John Malone, Boston, Mass

Malone, Boston, Mass.

(1)—Yes. (2)—Aluminum and lead are used as the electrodes, they being immersed in a solution of aluminum phosphate, sodium bicarbonate, or borax.

WHAT IS Argon gas?—Jessie Samson,

Atlantic City, N. J.

It is an inert or inactive gas and a portion of the atmosphere. It was found in 1895 by Raleigh and Ramsay. No other combinations with elements can be made with it.

WHAT IS a fluorescent screen?— Francis McCloud, Jersey City, N. J. It is a very fine screen, which is coated

It is a very fine screen, which is coated on one side of its surfaces with a fluro-esecent substance, which may be potassium platino-cyanide, or calcium tungstate. When this surface is exposed to ultra-violet rays, cathode rays, etc., the light is seen.

REGARDING THE phone talk article, published in the Feb. 12 issue of Radio World. Can any type of audio frequency amplification be used? My set has three stages of resistance coupling. (2)—There is no provision at the detector output for listening in. Could I, therefore, run wires from each terminal of the input resistor to a single circuit jack, placed outside of the set?—Max Davis, Jamestown, N. Y. Yes. (2)—Yes.

REFERRING TO the circuit diagram of the one-tube receiver shown on page 13 of the July 3 issue of RADIO WORLD, which uses a plate coil shunted by a 00035 mfd. variable condenser, to control the regenerative action of the detector tube. (1)—How many turns should be wound on a three-inch diameter tubing, to constitute L1 and L? (2)—What wire should be used? (3)—What is the capacity of C5 and C1? (4)—Can the audio frequency coupling used in the receiver described by J. E. Anderson in the Jan. 16 issue of RADIO WORLD, the diagram also being shown on this page, be used in conjunction with this set?—Willard Harris, Altoona, Pa.

(1)—L1 consists of fifteen turns, while

(1)—L1 consists of fifteen turns, while L consists of fifty turns, each separated one-quarter inch. C1 and C5 are .0005 mfd. variable condensers. (2)—No. 22 double cotton covered wire. (3)—Yes.

MUST A rheostat be used to control the filament of the audio frequency amplifier tube used in the two-tube receiver described in the Radio University columns of the Oct. 30 issue of RADIO WORLD? I

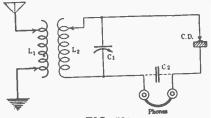


FIG. 524
The circuit diagram of the crystal set,
which Leroy Maxers requested

have a 1-A Amperite, which I would like to use here. Can this be employed?—
Jackson Palmer, Palm Beach, Fla.
(1)—No. (2)—Yes, this can be used.
Connect it in the same way as the rheo-

(1)—No. (2)—Yes, this can be used. Connect it in the same way as the rheostat, that is, in the negative leg of the filament. The 01A type of tube must be used with this style ballast resistor.

I HAVE built the combination transmitter and receiver described on page 10 of the June 5 issue of RADIO WORLD, in response to a query sent in by John C. Buttry. The results are excellent on both sets. On the transmitter I have been heard, according to reports, using two -01A type tubes, at places more than one thousand miles distant. The receiver gets consistent reception from stations two thousand miles away. Now, I would like to build this set in my car, which is of the sedan type. (1)—Could the antenna be placed on top of the car, a five-wire T type being used? The entire length of the car is fifteen feet. (2)—Could the frame of the car be used as a ground? (3)—Is it O. K. to use the battery from the car as an A battery? (4)—Is it advisable to keep the receiver away from the dashboard of the car. (5)—At the present time, I only have a single stage of transformer audio frequency coupling, just as per original diagram. Would it be a good idea to add on another stage which could be switched in or out at will, so that the volume of stations, near or dis-tant could be controlled? Of course, tant could be controlled? Of course, phones are now used. However, I intend. later on, to place a speaker in the car, and listen to the more powerful stations from this. when possible.—Harold James, Kansas City, Mo.
(1)—Yes. (2)—Yes. (3)—Although this may be done, it is suggested that

(1)—Yes. (2)—Yes. (3)—Although this may be done, it is suggested that you use a separate battery if possible. (4)—Yes, this is a good suggestion. In this way, you will prevent the reception of strays, emitted by the spark plugs, etc. (5)—Yes.

I AM thinking of building the three-tube regenerative receiver described in the Radio University columns of the Oct. 2 issue of Radio World. (1)—I would like

to use the three-stage Twinchoke audio frequency amplifying system, described, by Kenneth Harkness in the Jan. 1 and 8 issues of Radio World. Could this be done? (2)—Do the output posts of the input coil of the audio coupler go to the variometer and B plus posts respectively? (3)—In the article, it is stated that only about 45 volts should be applied to the plate of the detector tube. Will it be necessary to increase this voltage with this new system of coupling? (4)—Could I use a variable grid leak? (5)—This leak has the adjuster connected to one post, and the resistance portion to another post. Should the adjuster post go to the end of L2, the secondary winding of the radio frequency transformer, while the other post is brought to the G post on the socket, both posts, of course, going to the grid condenser?—Leonard Markis, San Francisco Cal

markis, San Francisco, Cal.

(1)—Yes. (2)—Yes. It is advisable to insert a radio frequency choke coil in series with the variometer connection to the P post on the audio coupler. The fixed condenser C3, which is of the .0005 mfd. fixed type, should be brought directly from plate post of the detector socket to the minus A post. (3)—Suggest you try 67½ volts, as a starter. (3)—Yes. (4)—Yes. (5)—Yes, this is the correct method. Reversing these connections will cause body capacity, when you touch this

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PLEASE TELL me if both dials on the KH-27 receiver should read alike. Also how the volume is controlled, as well as how to receive the lower wavelength stations with the maximum efficiency. Any other general suggestions as to the best way to run the receiber will be appreciated. I am going to use a six volt, eighty ampere hour storage A battery, three forty-five volt, acid cell storage B batteries, and a special forty and one-half volt storage acid cell C battery for power supply.—Anna Kupperberg, Bx., N. Y. City.

cial forty and one-half volt storage acid cell C battery for power supply.—Anna Kupperberg, Bx., N. Y. City.

To tune in stations, just turn the two vernier dials. They should read approximately alike for any given station. Volume is controlled by turning the center knob or filament rheostat. This may be turned on full without harming the tubes, a fixed resistance being at all times in series with the filaments of the two tubes it controls. The volume should be carefully adjusted to give the

best quality.

Ordinarily, keep the antenna switch turned to the left. In this position low-wave stations are received best and the set is more selective. Turn to the right if your antenna is very short or if you want to receive distant long-wave stations. Of course the regular addition of water to batteries, should be made.

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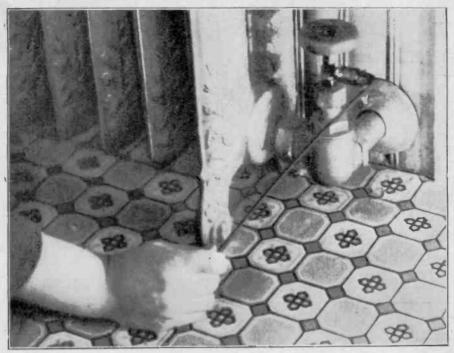
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HOW TO GROUND TO RADIATOR



(Havden)

WHEN MAKING the ground connection to the radiator valve, don't bring the clamp to that portion which is attached to the adjustor, as is shown above, since every time you wish to control the amount of steam you have also to turn the clamp and the wire, loosening or probably breaking the connection and of course, spoiling or even killing reception of signals. Instead bring the clamp to the thicker portion of the pipe, which needs no adjustment. Be sure to sandpaper and then thoroughly clean off the paint on the pipes. Do not fasten to the setscrew on the valve head.

The best ground that can be obtained is a direct connection to a cold water pipe. The connection should be soldered, clamped with a copper ground connector, or connected in a similar positive way.

A fair ground may be obtained by connecting the ground lead to the hot water pipes or to the radiator valve. It should

be connected in the same manner that the ground wire is connected to the cold water pipe. The ground lead should never be connected to the gas pipes. These pipes are insulated at every joint. It would be just as effective to tie the ground lead to a nail in wall or to the coffee percolator on the able.

Higher Waves Favored By Dellinger and Taylor

1,000 to 1,600 Meter Band Their Choice for Test, As Fading Would Be Less, They Believe—Present Receivers Would Require Radical Changing

Washington.

Government scientists and technicians are having a dispute over the best band of waves for broadcasting. A number of them say a higher grade of broadcasting could be obtained on the band between 1,000 and 1,600 meters. Others say the best band for broadcasting is between 100 and 200 meters, while still others believe the band now in use is the best and most practical.

Dr. J. H. Taylor, chief of the Naval Research Laboratory, at Bellevue thinks there would be less fading between 1,000 and 1,600 meters. He wonders why the broadcasters have never attempted to use this band. The same view is shared by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Dr. L. W. Austin and others of the Bureau of Standards. Signal Corps experts are strong for the band between 100 and 200 meters.

Chief Radio Supervisor W. D. Terrell thinks the present band is adequate to serve the entire United States and sees no reason for either enlarging or changing it.

"Broadcasting was put on its present band originally because that was the most con-

venient place for it," said Mr. Terrell. "As broadcasting enlarged, the band was expanded to its present proportions. There has been nothing yet to make me believe we made a mistake in assigning this band to broadcasting.

to broadcasting.

"It is claimed that the reason European stations use the band between 1,000 and 1,600 meters for broadcasting because it is possible to get better reception there. But I have also heard that the reason is to compel European listeners to buy European receivers. American receivers are made to operate between 200 and 600 meters and are of no use in Europe.

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"Regardless of the merits of the various bands, it certainly would not be practical to attempt to change the broadcasting band now. If we did, every listener would have to get new equipment or make radical changes in his present set. Moreover, the band between 1,000 and 1,600 meters is in use by other kinds of service, and it would take years to clear them out so that interference would not be encountered in that

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Ir. Ludlow for concert work in New York.

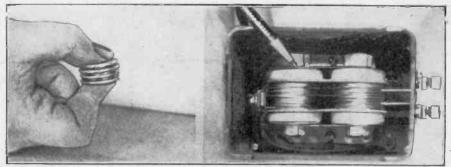
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IRMED "CEILING"



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RECTIFICATION BY METALS



A TRICKLE CHARGER that operates on the principle of dissimilar metal plates in contact under pressure. Metals often used are copper and lead. The principle of the dissimilar metal rectifier may be illustrated by a stack of coins. Nickel and copper coins are placed alternately and held together by the pressure of thumb and finger.

Best Minds Ponder on Weighty Program Problems

Advisory Council of N. B. A., Including Root, Hughes, Morrow and Damrosch, Called From Country Over, Meets in N. Y. for Listeners' Benefit

The Advisory Council of the National Broadcasting Company, consisting of a number of the most distinguished Americans in educational, public and social life, recently held its first meeting at the National Broadcasting Company's offices, New York City, to study the further extension of broadcasting service to millions of American homes

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Broadcasting was discussed by Owen D. Young, acting as temporary chairman. The progress of the National Bradcasting Company was presented by Merlin Hall Aylesworth, president of the company.

Among other members of the advisory council present were Elihu Root, Charles Evans Hughes, Dr. E. A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Henry M. Robinson, president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles; Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Dwight W. Morrow, of J. P. Morgan & Company; Dr. Charles F. MacFarland, general secretary, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; Francis D. Farrell, president of the Kansas State Agricultural College, and Walter Damrosch, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra.

United States Leads

In his report presented to the Advisory Council Mr. Aylesworth showed that in the number of listeners served, in character and number of listeners served, in character and quality of programs presented and in the educational and social services already organized, the United States had taken a position of leadership in broadcasting. The time was now ripe, he pointed out, with the cooperation of the leading factors in American educational, social and political life, to develop the broadcasting service of the country to a point where it will bring to the try to a point where it will bring to the home not only music and entertainment but the best educational and cultural thought of the entire nation.

How best to develop national broadcasting from the cultural and educational standpoint was considered by the advisory council. Among the subjects discussed were: church activities, education, labor, political economy, music, drama, women's activities and agriculture. For the development of these subjects assignments were made to the following members of the Council: education, Mr. Alderman; church activities, Dr. MacFarland and Julius Rosenwald; music, Mr. Damrosch; agriculture, Mr. Farrell; Labor, Mr. Green; women's activities, Mrs. Sher-

man.

Nothing could so impair the object sought by the founders of the National Broadcasting Company so quickly and effectively as the misuse of the broadcasting facilities already created, Mr. Young declared,

Experiments Necessary

"In this country we must learn by experiment the best way of handling this important agency," he continued. "The National Broadcasting Company is making that experiment. It seeks to demonstrate to the American people that this agency can be handled by a private organization effectively,

handled by a private organization effectively, economically and progressively. It would like to demonstrate that it can respond quickly to the public taste and the public needs. It would like to show that it can administer these facilities without unfair discrimination and with maximum service both in quality and quantity.

"It is quite apparent that to a large degree broadcasting must be national in scope in order to give listeners the kind of service they should have. If the National Broadcasting Company can provide the highest quality of programs which exists in the United States, no mafter where the point of origin may be, and can disseminate it completely throughout the country so that everyone can hear it, no matter where he may be, and if it can do this without charge may be, and if it can do this without charge upon the listener and without unfair dis-crimination between those fairly entitled to use the facilities, it will, in my judgment, have rendered a great service to the American people.

Need of Outside Help

"No one organization can hope to do that

without the wise advice of disinterested and competent people widely distributed."

The most important function which the Advisory Council could serve, Mr. Young pointed out, was to make constructive recommendations as to how the broadcasting service of the country might be continually service of the country might be continually improved.

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Weekday Afternoon Programs by WJR

Detroit.

A new daytime schedule has been in-augurated by WJR, Detroit, called the Musical Matinee Program, and lasts from 12:45 to 2 o'clock every day, except Sunday. Before this, WJR has been broadcasting only in the evenings, except on Sunday, when the station is on the air al-

most continuously with programs.

There will be plenty of variety on the new program, with dance music alternating with concert music. From time to time, well known soloists will appear on the program, although the hour is intended primarily to be one of orchestral entertainment. Charles Fitz-Gerald and his tainment. Charles Fitz-Gerald and his Rhythm Kings will play groups of dance numbers throughout the program. Concert music, consisting of musical comedy selections, overtures, lighter operatic selections and other numbers for string sextet will be interspersed by Jean Goldkette's Petite Symphony Orchestra. The dance music will come from the Oriental Cafe and the concert music from the Cafe and the concert music from the Venetian room of the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

If the fans take well to the idea it may be extended.

Davis Dons the Toga of Broadcasting Prophet

Hoover's Assistant, Legal Expert, Calls the Turns Like a Fortune Teller, and Shapes Many of the Radio Policies of Commerce Department

By Thomas Stevenson

Washington.

Enactment of the Dill-White Radio Law of 1927 has brought Assistant Secretary of Commerce Stephen Davis prominently into

the radio limelight.

For four years former Judge Davis has had much to do in shaping the policies of the Department of Commerce on radio. He has been responsible for important decisions Hoover has made about radio since Janu-

Secretary Hoover has other problems equally important as radio. It would be impossible for him to handle all of them himself. So on Mr. Davis devolved many of the actual radio duties, Mr. Hoover has generally accepted Mr. Davis' advice.

The Turning Point

So long as the industry was 100 per cent with him, Mr. Davis made out nicely, and it is considered rather remarkable that it lasted as long as it did. The break in line did not come until last June, when the Zenith Radio Corporation, of Chicago, questioned the right of the Department to

allocate wavelengths.

The Chicago Court took Judge Davis' sling-shot away from him. He saw the futility of involving the Government in immmerable court suits and asked the Department of Justice for its interpretation of the law. When that department agreed with the Chicago Court, Mr. Davis withdrew attempts to regulate radio.

Mr. Davis has a pleasing personality. He is 51, five feet ten, has dark hair, brown eyes, and a strong nose. He is fond of bridge and likes to argue. It has been said of him that he can almost prove black is white. Formerly he was a Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico.

Prophesies Come True

He has displayed an almost uncanny percept in dealing with broadcasting. Two years ago he wrote a book on its legal aspects. It was not accepted by the publishing house to which he sent it because of the limited appeal of its legal arguments,

But those who saw the book have been surprised at the accuracy of some of his predictions as borne out by recent events.

He is an enthusiastic radio fan. He has an eight-tube set and a nice log of distant stations.

In his consideration of broadcasting, his Bible has been "public interest." He is not terrified by visions of monopoly and considers that there will always be too many stations for any such charge to be taken seriously. He is keenly interested in the social aspects of broadcasting and its possibilities for spreading culture. He believes a certain amount of commercialism in broadcasting will result in better programs, but is opposed to direct advertising by radio.

Self-Annihilation

He is not alarmed, however, by the tendency in that direction, for he thinks stations which indulge in it will kill themselves off by alienating their listeners.

More than a year ago he was asked if he would accept the post of "Czar" of ra-dio. Very emphatically he replied:

"No, indeed. There's too much grief in it for me."

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Ford 'Plane Flight Guided by Beacons

Dayton, O. Guided by the newly perfected radio beacon, the Stout-Ford three-motored airplane, owned by the Ford Airplane Company, recently, successfully made a trip from Detroit to this city, and back again.

With this beacon, the pilot is not dependent upon landmarks. When the transmitting stations is notified of the direction of the coming flight of a plane, a dial is set toward that point of the compass, the instruments being started, and the signals sent in the desired direction. When the aviator is in the correct direction, he hears aviator is in the correct direction, he hears a dash, which in telegraph represents T. Should he turn to the right, the signal dit dah or A is received. Should he turn to the left, dah dit or No is received. The engineers of this company are now working on a new scheme, using lights, so that the silet need not have a knowledge

that the pilot need not have a knowledge of code, to be able to use the beacon.

"PAGLIACCI" AT KGO
A new organization, the KGO Grand
Opera Co., directed by Albert Gillette, is
to present "Pagliacci." Friday, March 11,
at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Gillette will be heard
in the role of Tonio, Dorothy Buechner as
Nedda, James Gerard as Canio, Gwynfi
Jones as Harliquin, and Willard Schindler
as Silvio as Silvio.

Bristol Is Elected Engineers' President

T. R. Bristol, well-known radio engineer with the Georgia Railway and Power company, and prominent in experimental and scientific circles of the radio world, was honored with the post of president of the Atlanta Institute of Radio Engineers at a

recent meeting.

Mr. Bristol, who has occupied the office of vice president of the organization since its annual election, succeeds Henry L. Reid, who resigned the presidency because of preswho resigned the presidency because of pressure of work in conducting the affairs of Henry L. Reid and company, prominent radio retail store, and in his important activities with the American Radio Relay league. Mr. Reid is a pioneer in radio development of the Company of the opment in the Southeast.

George L. Llewellyn, treasurer, retains his position. The vacancy in the vice presidency will be filled at a subsequent meeting. The association is a chapter of the national body.

BRAHMS FEATURED

Oakland, Calif.

The San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Alfred Hertz, will feature Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in the Sunday afternoon broadcast over KGO, March 6, at 2:40 p.m. Rudolph Reuter, pianist, will be the guest artist.

Include Woman as Boss of WJZ

M. H. Aylesworth, president of the National Broadcasting Company, announced that the company's executive staff is at present constituted as follows M. H. Aylesworth, president; George F. McClelland, vice-president and general manager; H. W. Angus, assistant vice-president and general manager; Charles B. Popenoe, treasurer; Mark J. Woods, assistant treasurer; L. MacConnach, secretary; Donald Withycomb, assistant secretary; Harry F. McKeon, auditor.

Frank A. Arnold, director of development; George J. Podeyn, Pacific Coast manager; Gerard Chatfield, supervisor of programs; Nicholas de Vore, manager of musical and literary research; O. B. Hanson, manager of operations and engineering; G. W. Johnstone, publicity manager; Samuel L. Ross, manager of Artists' Bureau; H.

L. Ross, manager of Artists' Bureau; H. A. Woodman, traffic manager.
Miss Bertha Brainard, manager of WJZ; Phillips Carlin, manager of WEAF; Ralph Edmunds, manager of WRC; Frank E. Mullen, manager of KFKX; Carl Dreher, staff engineer; E. F. Grossman, supervising engineer; W. H. Ensign and D. S. Tuthill, assistant sales managers; Herbert B. Glover, WJZ publicity representative; R. W. McAdam, WEAF publicity representative.

Let There Be Light But No Noise, Please!

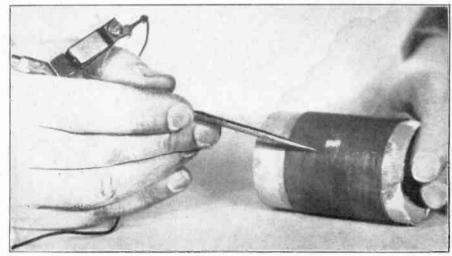
Some noise heard in the radio receiver originate in the lighting system. Whenever a light is turned on or off a click is heard in the loud speaker. This click is louder in the loud speaker. This click is louder the closer the light socket is, or rather the closer the leads to the light are to the radio set. This effect may easily be observed by turning on and off a light near the radio set. It is particularly noticeable when the contact in the light socket is not clean, when considerable arcing occurs at the break of the light circuit.



(Hayden)

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT circuit contributes many of the noises heard in a radio receiver. At make and break of a light circuit a click is heard. This is particularly severe on break, and when the contact at the light bulb is not clean.

N.B.C. Executives Pointed Circuit Tester Serves Double Object



(Hayden)

A SIMPLE CIRCUIT TESTER

Locates Break In Coil and Also Enables One to Determine How Many Turns are Necessary for a Given Capacity Condenser

When there is an open in an inductance coil the break may quickly be located by means of the simple tester shown herewith. A sharp pointed tool is used as an exploring point. This must be sharp enough to pierce the insulation and fine enough so that it will not damage the insulation. A mechanic's scriber or a large needle is suggested.

To operate this tester an indicating device is necessary and this may either be an ordinary voltmeter or a headset. Connect this indicator in series with a low voltage battery. One lead from the battery should be connected permanently to one end of the coil to be tested, and the free end of the indicating instrument should be connected by means of a clip to the scriber. When the insulation is pierced, establishing a contact with the wire of the coil, there will be an indication of current flow as long as the winding of the coil is continuous. If there is a break in the coil no indication is obtained. By trying the coil in various places it is possible to locate the break in the coil within one turn of wire. Usually some point is suspected of being defective. The test can then be applied to both sides of this test can then be applied to both sides of this point to determine whether the wire is open at the point suspected.

Another use of this circuit tester is to determine the right number of turns to use on a coil to bring the stations in on the on a coil to bring the stations in on the desired dial settings. Suppose that the coil in the circuit is too large, that is, it has too many turns. One side of the coil is connected permanent as before and the other end of the coil is disconnected from the condenser. The needle is then connected to the condenser, the dial set at the desired point and then the station is tured in desired point and then the station is tuned in by varying the number of turns in the coil, which may be done by simply piercing the insulation with the needle. When the right number of turns has been found, all excess turns can be removed and the coil connected up permanently. connected up permanently.

SOCKET CONTACT VITAL

Defective contacts at the springs of the tube sockets are among the most prolific sources of noise in a radio receiver. The contacts corrode, accumulate dirt and gradually become weak, so that the contacts made with the tube prongs are very uncertain. Very often the noise takes the form of a disagreeable hissing. Clean the contacts occasinally and bend them with a pair of pliers in case the prongs have

Seattle Inaugurates Big Listeners' Club

Seattle. Wash.

With 300 persons present, preliminary steps in the formation of a citywide radio listeners' club were taken at a mass meeting in Eagles' Hall recently. John B. Powers, automobile dealer, was elected president. Assistant Fire Chief W. H. Clark was named first vice-president; Carl Croson, attorney, second vice-president, and E. W. Brownell, a vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce, secretary and treasurer.

A board of directors was chosen, consisting of H. R. Cunliff, A. S. Kincaid, George Shrive, D. W. Henderson and R. W. Frame.

Mayor Bertha K. Landes acted as temporary chairman at this meeting. Speakers in the open forum indicated a keen in-

terest in the subject of interference and a silent period for local broadcasting sta-

Croson urged the expression of public thought on radio through the medium of

"We don't want the atmosphere made an aerial billboard," said Andrews.

"At the same time, we know we are going to have some advertising because somebody has to sponsor the programs. It is for us to express the consensus as to just what we want."

Matt H. Gormley expressed belief that soon the influence of the local club will become statewide, and that it will be followed by similar organizations in Tacoma and Spokane. A. S. Kincaid pledged the support of the radio and music trades.

Complete List of Stations

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denser will not be altered.

This change also brings the vice-presidency of Rossiter and Company, New York, to Thomas B. Rhodes, who has been associated with Sangamo for thir-

teen years.

This contact with the Sangamo Electric Company will not be completely broken as he will continue relations with both Sangamo and Acme Wire Company in reference to their radio advertising and publicity

Mr. Rhodes takes with him to Rossiter

Mr. Rhodes takes with him to Rossiter the exclusive sales representation from Cleveland east for all Sangamo radio products and the Parvolt condenser.

This move is of particular interest as it marks the entrance of Mr. Rhodes, an executive with more than 24 years of experience in the electrical industry, into

the radio business.

His new work will not be unfamiliar as he has been in charge of radio and radio development for the Sangamo Electric Company since they entered the field three

Van Horne Company Increases Capital Stock

An increase in the capital stock of The Van Horne Company, Franklin, Ohio, was announced, following the return of J. S. Van Horne, president of the company, to the factory after an extensive Eastern

It is understood that contracts with two or three leading set manufacturers call for the delivery of production quantities of a new Van Horne tube which is to be used in a new circuit as yet unannounced. The demand for this tube and another special Van Horne tube will make all-Summer production necessary.

WHOLESALE HOUSE MOVES

Omaha, Neb.
The Radio Apparatus Company, Inc., for the past four years located at 1808 Farnam street, wholesaling and retailing radio parts, supplies and equipment, has moved to its new location at 1109 Farnam street.

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Gary, Inc., \$30,000; Thomas J. Johnson, Francis K. Johnson. (Incorporated under the laws of Indiana).

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CAPITAL INCREASES

Heina Radio Corp., N. Y. City, \$25,000 to \$200,000.

TRADE NOTES

Glendale, Calif.

I. A. Newton, president of the J. A. Newton Electric Co., 154 South Brand boulevard, has announced that his firm will dis-continue the sale of lighting fixtures after

"The space now occupied by lighting fixtures will be turned into a radio display room," he said. This concern sells and serv-

ices a complete line of Radiolas.

Minneapolis, Minn. T. E. Date has been appointed northwest factory representative of the Magnavox Company, manufacturers of radio and electrical equipment. Mr. Date for the last six years has been in charge of the radio department of the Minneapolis Drug Company, which has just discon-

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tinued its radio business, Mr. Date taking over the line. Mr. Date was one of the first distributors of radio equipment in Minneapolis and has had a long association in the radio and music field. He has been active in the work of the Northwest Ra-dio Trades Association, of which he is a director.

St. Louis.

H. T. Whitten, president of the Valley Electric Company, and Thomas Barnes have opened an imposing radio store at the corner of Delmar avenue and Kingshighway Boulevard, under the firm name of Whitten & Barnes Radio Company.

A JOURNEY IN SLEEP

C. R. Smith of Leicester, England, informs WGY that he fell asleep while listening to a jazz program from WGY Sun-day morning, January 23, and was awakened by a German announcing divine service from station OKP, Stuttgart, Germany.





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Armstrong Co. Makes Full Line of Tubes

The Armstrong Electric & Mfg. Co. announces the perfection, after four years of experimentation and research, of their new Armor C F-500 tube. This is an oxide coated, platinum filament tube, embodying new principles which the manufacturers claims give much higher emission than any other type of tube, being practically non-michrophonic. The Armor tube is made in every type, including power tubes. The fivetube has a most unique characteristic, in that it will work on a very low voltage, several that the writer has had under severe test in his laboratory having worked along delivering perfect tone at high volume on only two volts. The three volt tube under laboratory test nearly equalled a five-volt tube. It is exceptionally longlived for this type of tube due to the oxide coated platinum filament. This tube will make possible the general use of electri-fied sets using the 99 type tubes in series. An interesting experiments in electrification are being carried on at the Armstrong factory under the able direction of Mr. R. A. Clarke, well-known expert in this line of work.

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twice the volume over any other type of tube; really pure tone, due to the platinum filament; longer filament life and highest vacuum; elimination of tube noises; low internal capacity making tuning much sharper and practically a power tube at low voltage, no extra "B" batteries required. The plate and grid of this tube are filament, sealed with glass beads at five points making it impossible for the elements to work out of position. This tube may also be had in a really armored model being surrounded with a copper shield with protective layers of felt between tube and shield. Rossiter & Co., 136 Liberty Street, New York City, have taken the exclusive distribution for the New York metropolitan district, believing that a quality tube of this type will be in big demand. These tubes are manufactured at the factory of the Armstrong Electric & Mfg. Co., 351 Halsey Street, Newark, N. J., under the personal supervision of Mr. Armstrong. Literature will be sent to those interested on application.—J. H. C.

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It is suggested that all those interested write to the Radio Electric Manufacturing Company, get samples and quotations, and learn of the real worthwhile improvements this company has made in aerial and radio wire.—J. H. C.

A Novel, Efficient Loop

High efficiency is attained through physical height in the new model Volumax loop. This loop is designed to intercept the most energy from the broadcast wave on a new

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New City Radio Store

The City Radio Co., well-known pioneer in the radio chain store business, has opened a new and handsomely appointed store at 42 Cortlandt Street, New York City. This is adjacent to the Hudson Terminal Building and will prove a boon to thousands of hurrying commuters who can rush in to buy without having to worry over the quality of the merchandise or value received. A full stock is carried of all popular standard radio goods, eliminators, tubes, batteries, speakers of all types, good makes of sets and a most complete line of parts for the set builder.

Ample facilities are provided for testing and complete demonstrations of sets and speakers may be had in comfortable surroundings. Satisfaction is guaranteed and courtesy is the watchword under the able management of Dave Schloss. The many readers of Radio World who have bought from Henry Berman for the past three years at other City Radio stores and who have benefited by his courteous service and expert advice will meet him here as assistant manager.

AROUND THE TRADE

Boston. The MacNeil Electric Service Company recently opened a radio and electric wholesale and retail store at 50 High St., under the management of P. H. MacNeil.

Saginaw, Mich. A new radio shop was recently opened at 122 North Baum street. The shop is under the management of Fred W. Schmidtke and Grant Rowe, and will handle radios and radio accessories.

Portland, Ore. "Bob" Smith, radio service man, has announced a change of headquarters from 1009 Belmont street to 1107 Sandy Blvd.



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PLEASE tell me how to test transformers for short circuits and slight defects. (2)—What is the difference between

a long wave transformer and a filtering transformer?—D. V. Clark, Miami, Fla. (1)—You do not state in your letter whether the transformers you wish to test are RF, IF, or AF. I assume they are AF, as these are the ones most frequently under discussion. They can be tested by under discussion. They can be tested by means of a 40-watt light in series with the regular light lines and transformer windings. The test is made for both the primary and secondary. The light should light with somewhat less the normal brilliancy when in series with the primary and should not light when in series with the secondary, there being a slight sparking at the terminals, when the connection is made and broken. If you do not want to try this, you can use a voltmeter or ammeter in series with the battery and the winding of the transformer. If a short winding of the transformer. If a short circuit exists, the reading will be practically the same as if the two ends of the test leads were connected directly together, but if there is no short-circuit, the reading should be considerably less when the transformer is in the circuit. This test cannot be made with a high grade voltneter. (2)—A long wave transformer is designed to pass a fairly big band of frequencies from the output of one tube to the input of the next. Filter transformers are somewhat more sharply tuned so that only a comparatively narrow wave band is passed. Both are used in Super-Heterodynes.

I HAVE a Victoreen radio and would like to know if it will be a good thing to shield it. (2)—Can I place the coils straight, instead of on an angle as it would make a better job. I am bothered with a lot of interference and I think by shield.

ing I will get away from some of it.—E.

B. Churoveth, Cleveland.

(1 and 2)—If you shield your Victoreen
and have shielding between the stages, so that the coils you refer to are in separate compartments, the angular placement rate compartments, the angular placement can probably be done away with. Before bothering to put in the shielding, remove the loop (or antenna and ground) from the set and see whether the noise decreases or is entirely eliminated. If all the noise stops when the pickup systems are removed, shielding will do you no good, as your pickup of noises would be entirely through the antenna entirely through the antenna.

WE HAVE an eight-tube super-heterodyne built of Remler part on Best's cir-cuit, but do not get the volume we would like. We get most anything in the U. S. and can tune anything in or out, but we think it is not loud enough. A boy came in the other night with a three tube of his own make with a four dollar speaker that was louder than ours. Ours has a cabinet and built in speaker, and uses a loop. Some fans suggest a new speaker, some new transformers, some wet bat-

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teries; (ours use 199 tubes with dry bat-

teries) some suggest power tubes, etc.— John Shaffer, Gentry, Ark.

The fact that your set gets everything in the United States and is extremely selective would indicate that the detectors, oscillator and intermediate frequencies are all right. Lack of volume can probably be attributed to some defect or mistake in the audio end. I would recommend that you examine these stages and also try out your loud speaker on another set to see that it is all right. You do not state whether you are using transformer or re-sistance coupling, but a transformer coup-led amplifier will work best with a Super-Heterodyne.

I HAVE a four-tube Diamond of the Air. I am using —99 type tubes, one All-American audio transformer and one Giliffin 3½—1 AFT. The reception from the phone jack is O. K., but the results from the speaker jack are poor. That is, there is a rushing sound heard all the time.—F. L. Bell, Oakland, Calif.

There are several things that may be the matter with your set. First, I would say that you had better examine the contacts of your phone jack. It is more than likely that the springs do not make the mecessary contact when the plug is re-moved. If this is all right, examine your wiring and socket prongs. Then test out the transformer primaries and secondaries with a meter and battery to make sure that there is no open circuit. If there are any condensers in this last stage, test them out also. As a last resort, try another tube, as the one in that stage may be defective.

I WOULD like to ask you a few questions in regards to my radio set. I have a Harkness Counterflex, three tubes, employing three UX 199 tubes. I do not seem to get the howl that is so frequent with a reflex, only on the low wave lengths up to about 400 meters. The volume is very low for the speaker and too strong for

I wound the counterformers myself. The secondaries are wound with No. 24 D. S.

C. wire instead of No. 23 S. C. C. as specified. I could not get 23 wire anywhere here in town. Would this have any effect on the volume or oscilation of the reflex tube?

I have tried bypassing the reflex audio with different sized condensers, but find I get better results by bypassing as specified with a .0001 mfd. I have used all Frost parts with the exception of condensers and audio transformers. I have used Harkness subpanel AFT and Dubilier micadon condensers. My batteries are in Al condition. I am using 90 volts B battery, $4\frac{1}{2}$ volts C battery and $4\frac{1}{2}$ volt A battery.

Can you help me with any suggestions which will add volume to my set?-Claude

L. Warner, Lansing, Mich.
You might try adding or removing a few turns from the secondaries of your Counterformers. If you do not want to bother with this, you can probably find complete satisfaction in building a separate one stage amplifier in which you can use a CX-220 tube.

I WISH to take advantage of your service to readers of RADIO WORLD. I have a 5 tube T. R. F. set described on pp. 395-7 (Continued on page 26.)



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of The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 4th edition, and desire to improve its sensi-tivity and selectivity. Can I add another tube, and how, in order to do the above? Would there be sufficient improvement

to warrant the substitution of the Benjamin R. F. Coils? The present coils are hand made as directed, 10 to 50 turns.—Rey. Paul M. Spangler, Cherryville, Flemington, N. J.

I have no copy of this magazine. However, instead of adding another tube, I would suggest that you either reduce the primaries of the radio frequency coils, or add regeneration to the detector. This can be done by winding a 3 inch coil with 20 turns of No. 22 D. C. C. wire and placing it at the grid end of the detector coil. This coil should, of course, be wound in the same direction as the detector coil. A variable high resistance, say from 0 to 50, 000 ohms can be used, shunted across this coil to control regeneration.

SOME TIME ago I purchased a Universal Victoreen Kit from a local dealer. The set worke fine and is very selective. I can pick up stations up to 1,500 miles away with a ground wire without loop or aerial on the loud speaker. Now here is my trouble. WOO and WIP in Philadelphia broadcast on 508.2 meters and WFI and WLIT, Philadelphia, broadcast on 394.5 meters. The 508.2 meter stations cause much interference. Is there any way to change the heterodyne? It is the heterodyne on 394.2 stations, it being

heterodyne on 394.2 stations, it being same on a loop and outside aerial. I shall be very grateful if you will advise me on this trouble.—Walter H. Hodges.

It is possible to re-design your set, so that the heterodyning of which you complain will be eliminated, but it would call for the purchase of several new parts and much rewiring. If your set is otherwise satisfactory. I would say that you had best satisfactory I would say that you had best leave it alone. Your trouble might also be caused, not through any fault of the set, but through stations having a harmonic which is sent out with their wave,

causing the interference.

CAN you give me the name and address of Manufacturers of Edison Nickel Type

Storage Cells, or tell me where they can be purchased?—R. B. Caehamer.

The Todd Electric Company, 109 W. 23rd Street, New York, is a manufacturer of Edison type batteries. There is also a concern called Cravic Electrical and concern called Gray's Electrical and Chemical Laboratories, Bayonne, New Jersey, which makes batteries of this type.

I HAVE been very much interested in your articles which have been appearing in RADIO WORLD. However, there are one or two questions which I would like to

I have one stage of transformer and two stages of resistance coupling in my audio. I am using a .001 fixed condenser across the primary of the transformer and two I meg. resistors with a ½ meg. leak in the first stage and a ¼ meg. leak in the last stage of the resistance coupling. The

by-pass condensers are 4 mfd.

The grid return of the first two tubes of the audio circuit is to -3 volts C battery, using 90 volts on the plates, and the last tube, the grid return is to—7½ volts C with 135 volts on the plate.

After tuning in a station, I found that to disconnect the grid return of the last tube did not affect the signal. Neither did changing the value of the possible bigs. changing the value of the negative bias change the quality or volume.

Also when the filament of the last tube is turned up, even slightly, the circuit howls as though caused by a microphonic tube, but changing tubes does not remedy

Naturally there is distortion, although at times the signal seems quite clear to the ear. The distortion has the effect of the ear. one talking with a hot potato in the mouth, and, on strong stations, the signal seems to be hushy or even at times seems to be similar to a rattle in the horn. This I also noticed with the head phones.

If there is anything which you might suggest to remedy the conditions above, it would be very greatly appreciated.—

Valter A. Sorg.

I believe that if you will either increase the resistance in the plate circuit, or decrease the resistance in the grid circuit of one of the last two tubes (particularly the last one) you will eliminate the trouble of which you complain. Your B voltages seem right, but I would suggest that you use 9 volts C on the last tube. Probably by using a ¼ meg. in the plate circuit of the last tube, or a 1/10 meg. in the grid circuit would help.

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ment in RADIO WORLD is a fine thing for us newsstand buyers, as I have been having quite a lot of questions to ask and now find a chance to have them answered. Well, the first thing will be my troubles. I built a Victoreen Super last August, and

have had rotten selectivity, both on a loop and outside aerial. Am using National condensers and dials. How about correcting this circuit either by adding a tube recting this circuit either by adding a tube or something to gain more selectivity? Would building it like the Fenaway Super make it selective? And, if so, what kind of a coil, etc. I don't want to put in loop regeneration unless it's the only way out. The Fenaway had an RF coil ahead of the first detector or the first tube in the Super and also used regeneration in this coil too. which he claimed made it seleccoil too, which he claimed made it selective, and also got away from receiving the same station on two different places on the dials. Outside of this trouble, the set is O. K., but would like to know what difference, if any, it would make whether I wired this receiver with bus wire or flexible stranded spaghetti covered wire. used the last named on all wiring, now

understand I should have used bare bus wire in plate and grid leads.

One more question: For year in and out service would the Air Gap socket make any noticeable difference?

Would be much obliged if you would give me complete answer to the above, would prefer actual workings instead of experimental circuits made on paper, but never tried.—W. DeLong.

Adding a stage of radio frequency to your set undoubtedly would increase the your set undoubtedly would increase the selectivity, but the set itself is selective if properly made. Try using a .00025 or .0001 mfd fixed condenser in series with the aerial. See the article or ...e Victoreen in the February 12 and 19 issues. If bare bus is used, time is less likely hood of leads being run too close to gether. Some people claim that spagnetti

gether. Some people claim that spagnetti insulation absorbs enough of the radio frequency energy to decrease the efficiency of the set. If you did a good job and kept your leads reasonably far apart, I see no reason why your set should not operate satisfactorily because the spaghetti covered flexible wire was used.

[This department is conducted by Robert Eichberg, director of the Extension Division Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. All ques-Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. All questions regarding the construction, repair, selling, merchandising and advertising of radio equipment should be sent direct to Mr. Eichberg at that address. The answers to questions of general interest will be printed here. All others will be answered by a personal letter from Mr. Eichberg.]

WRHM Moves

Minneapolis. WRHM is being moved to a new location 6½ miles north of the city limits, according to Dr. Troy S. Miller, owner of the station. The 3,000-wat transmitter will be located at the Backus-Brooks Lumber Co. plant on the Central avenue road. Approval of the change was given by J. C. Vincent, assistant city engineer, and Oscar Fryckman, electrical inspector, technical advisors to the council committee working on the proposed ordinance to place all trans-mitters outside the city limits.

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We all know that tremendous strides have been taken in the development of radio during the last five years, but few of us realize what a prodigious task it has been for radio engineers to keep pace with the demands for better and better equipment.

Radio equipment, in general, has improved, and it is quite interesting to take the case of some particular unit, look back to its status some five or six years ago and consider the steps in its development up to the present time.

For instance, let us consider the grid leak A few years ago we used to draw a few pencil marks on a piece of paper and the resistance embodied in these pencil marks was made to function as a grid leak.

The importance of the grid leak soon became apparent, and manufacturers started turning them out in large quantities. At this time these units consisted of a small tubular-shaped piece of glass with the resistance element fastened with in. The resistance units consisted of a piece of paper covered with India ink, in some instances, and in other cases a piece of paper which had been impregnated with carbon.

In the course of manufacture the resistance element was inserted within the glass tube, the ends flapped over the glass and caps soldered on the ends of the tubing. This type of grid leak was unsatisfactory

for several reasons.

First, it was inefficient in operation due to the poor connection between the end caps and the resistance unit; second, you had absolutely no assurance that the leak which was marked 2 megohms was anywhere near this value, due to the method of manufacture and also due to the fact that the particles of carbon were in light suspension and were continually in motion.

The third major disadvantage to this type of leak was due to the fact that it had a tendency to absorb moisture. It

had a tendency to absorb moisture. It is quite natural that all of these disad-vantages tended toward inefficiency, which

vantages tended toward inefficiency, which was manifested sometimes by noisy operation and sometimes by producing distortion in the output signal.

The first fault was overcome by attaching a phosphor bronze contact to each end of the resistance element in the process of manufacture, and this contact was in turn soldered to the metal end cap. This was a help in eliminating the noise due to poor contact, but it didn't overcome the other disadvantages inherent in this type of leak.

ent in this type of leak.

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pany, announced.

"The new station," Mr. Aylesworth explained, "will carry more clearly and perfectly the programs of the National Broadcasting Company. The present WEAF transmitter, located atop the Bell Telephone Laboratories, is interfering with the important research work of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and it was a part of the agreement of the officials of the National Broadcasting Company and of the National Broadcasting Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company when WEAF was sold that the station should be relocated at the earliest convenient date."

The most eminent radio engineers in the country, included in the board of consulting engineers of the National Broadcasting Company, have drawn the plans for the rebirth of WEAF. The new station, which will be located on Long Island, is expected to be in operation by early Summer.

The board of consulting engineers includes Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, chief broadcast engineer of the Radio Corporation of America; Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, consulting engineer of the General Electric Company; and Frank Conrad, consulting engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

The latest principles of construction and

equipment will be incorporated in the sta-

tion, said Mr. Aylesworth.

Located on Long Island, and consequently between the two great steamship lanes covbetween the two great steamship lanes covered by the great Atlantic liners on the south and the Sound steamers on the north, the new WEAF will have many advantages, according to Dr. Goldsmith. The troubles heretofore experienced by radio listeners from telegraphic code signals and from land stations in the vicinity will be largely eliminated, he hoped.

"In relocating WEAF in the open spaces of the country," Dr. Goldsmith continued, "the 'radio shadows' which have caused a blight on radio reception for many listeners situated in some city areas will be avoided

situated in some city areas will be avoided to a large extent. These 'shadows' have been due to the fact that the great masses of steel in city buildings often absorb the signals from stations located in their vicinity, and, therefore, affect reception to thousands

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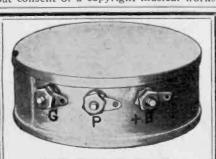
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ED. JENKINS, 703 E. Main St., Louisville, Ky.

Enclosed herewith find check for \$1.50 for one Bretwood Grid Leak. I am using your leak and find it far superior to any others. This is my third Bretwood.

J. C. WHITE, 422 W. Wooster St., Bowling Green, Ohio.

Will you please send me by return mail two Bretwood Variable Grid Leaks. I enclose herewith check for \$3.25, the 25c being for a special handling stamp, as these leaks are needed at once. The leaks are the only satisfactory instrument on the market. I find them absolutely essential in the construction and operation of sensitive experimental receivers.

ED. J. WHITTIER,
The American Appraisal Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

I want to thank you for your leak, it makes the set 100% better. I was going to have a Diamond of the Air built, but since I have added your leak to my set I am now down in the dining room of the first floor and the set is on the second floor. I can hear the set just as plainly as if I were up there. I can hear every player in any band or music which is on air. The first night I gave the leak a very good test, and I got four stations in Chicago, one in Detroit, one in Canada, one in Atlanta, Ga., and several others without any noise. All were good and clear. It is going to make me spend more moutey, as I will have to get a good loud speaker. The horn I have now is a Manhattan Jr., and is good and clear, but as soon as your leak is installed the howling present when using three tubes is immediately stopped.

LEON E. COLE, 5816 Tilbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Grid Leak received and tested out, and find it is the only variable leak I ever used that is really variable. Enclosed find \$1.50, for which please send me another one.

F. E. STAYTON,

Box 240, Ardinore, Okla.

Thank you for introducing me to the Bretwood Variable Grid Leak! I have installed one in my Three-Circuit Tuner, according to your instructions, and find that it does all you said it would—and more. I am now recommending the Bretwood to all my friends, and those who have used this wonder grid leak have nothing but high praise for it. The fact that it can be adapted for any hookup makes it invaluable to the experimenter.

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Please accept my best wishes for your continued success and also for the Bretwood Grid Leak.

S. R. HUBBS,

S. R. HUBBS, 180 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Let me say that the Bretwood Grid Leak improves the set 100% J. E. McGINNISS, 27 Lenox Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y.

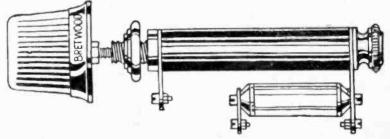
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R. W. DeMOTT, Experimenter Pub. Co. 53 Park Place, N. Y. C.

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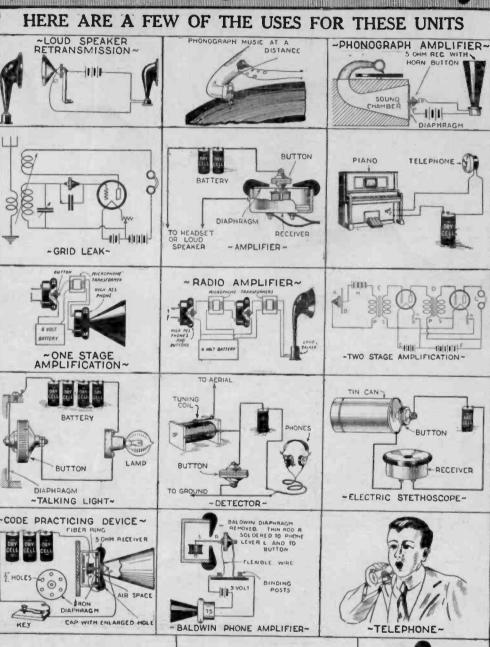
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