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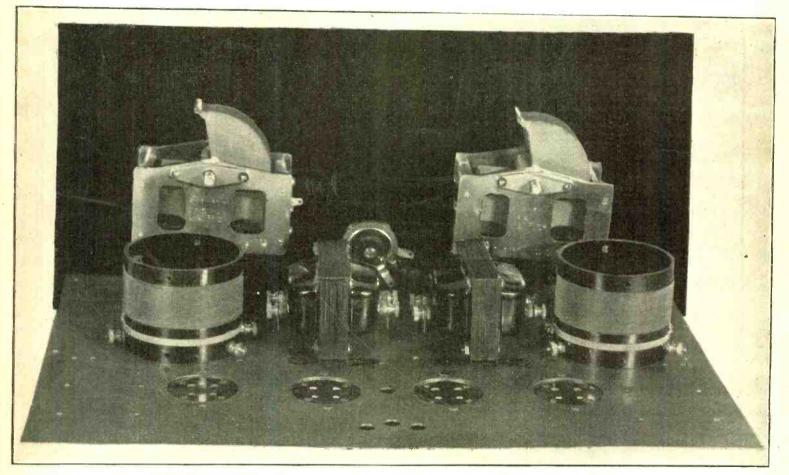


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Schoolboy's Economy 4

Good Performance Assured, Using 201A and 112A Tubes

By Jack Tully

S ATISFACTORY performance indeed may be obtained from a four-tube circuit consisting of two circuits tuned at radio frequencies and two circuits coupled by iron-core transformers at audio frequencies. The first tube is the radio frequency amplifier. The second tube is the detector, using a grid leak and grid condenser. The third tube is the first audio tube. The fourth and last tube is a semi-power tube, the 112A. The three other tubes are 201A, so that not only is the cost of the parts extremely low (\$11.72) but the tubes are the lowest-priced ones you can obtain, for amplifying and detecting purposes, while the semi-power tube is as low in price as any other in the output group of tubes. A maximum of 135 volts is required, furnished by B batteries or a B eliminator, while a six volt storage battery heats the tube filaments.

That is the summarized picture of the circuit and its components. For tuning purposes two .00035 mfd. condensers are used, each actuated by a separate dial. Both of these coils have the same type of windings. The primary is the small winding and consists of 14 turns. The secondary is the large winding and consists of 60 turns. There is 1/4'' separation between the two windings. The diameter is 2 1/2'' and the wire is No. 24 silk insulated.

Compact Assembly

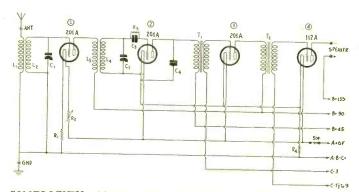
The receiver is compact. A 7 x 14" front panel is large enough. The baseboard should be 13 $1/2" \ge 8 1/2"$. The tuning condenser holes are 7/16" in diameter, 7 1/2" apart and 4" up, so that that these holes are 334" from a line drawn down the middle of the front panel. The locknut that holds the adjustment of the condenser rotor plates is used for single hole mounting, but it is necessary that the front panel be no thicker than $\frac{1}{6}$ ", to insure the nut biting the thread on the shank.

The volume control is a 30 ohm. rheostat, in which a switch is built, for turning the set on and off. The hole for the rheostatswitch is $1\frac{1}{2}$ " up on the middle line, and the size is 7/16" also. At left and right behind the subpanel, but attached to the baseboard, are the two tuning coils. These are electrically connected as shown in the schematic diagram. The two audio transformers, each 3-to-1 ratio, are placed between the coils, and a neat appearance results, especially as the sockets are in line at rear. The antenna and ground binding posts are the lugs on the antenna winding, while the speaker posts are at center rear.

Speaker Set for Schoolboys

This circuit is a good one, and will not only provide satisfaction but delight. Schoolboys will find it just the type of loudspeakeroperating receiver they have been looking for, particularly as the cost is within their means, and when they have finished the wiring and tuned in some stations they will know that they have a real, honest-to-goodness receiver.

Now, as to what can be received. No great expectations should be encouraged of reception of distant stations. A great many who build this receiver will tune in plenty of distance, enough to boast of the DX, but it is a certainty that all the locals will come in fine under any conditions, and steady reception on the speaker over a rage of 100 to 150 miles may be expected. Of course 1,000 miles



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will be reached by many, but as that will not be the rule, it can not be promised. Whatever is received will come in plenty loud enough, for the sensitivity in the radio level is good, while the gain at audio frequencies is sufficient.

Separately Tuned Circuits

Two separately tuned circuits should be used, as prescribed, instead of single control, because a little extra sensitivity results, and it is needed to keep the performance of the circuit at a reasonably high level. Also the detector must be of the leak-condenser type. That is the easiest one to hook up for the immediate production of loud signals. Other types of detection, while they have excellent

LIST OF PARTS

L1L2, L3L4—Two RF3 radio frequency transformers. C1, C2—Two .00035 mfd. tuning condensers. C3—One .00025 mfd. mica grid condenser with clips. C4—One .00025 mfd. mica grid condenser. R1—One 4 ohm filament resistor. R2, SW—One switched rheostat, 30 ohms. R3—One 5 meg. grid leak. R4—One 1.3 ohm filament resistor. T1, T2—Two audio frequency transformers. (1), (2), (3), (4)—Four UX 4-prong sockets. Sp. (—), Sp.(+)—Two binding posts. Nine wires for cable. Two dials One 8½"x13½" subpanel. Three 201A tubes and one 112A tube. One 6-volt storage battery. Three 45-volt B batteries. One 7½-volt battery, tapped at 3 volts.

Where Bypass Helps Much

Detector Condenser Placed from Plate to Filament Minus

(Continued from preceding page)

purposes in other receivers, are not suitable for this one. The sensitivity of the leak-condenser detector is well known. Power detection requires much radio frequency amplification and is not to be considered in connection with the present circuit. The baseboard you can obtain from any woodworking shop or cabinet maker. The front panel is standard and you can drill the

three main holes as previously directed. Also two or three equi-distant small holes should be drilled along the bottom of the front panel to permit insertion of wood screws, so the front panel may be affixed to the baseboard.

Affixed to the baseboard. Next mount the coils, sockets, audio transformers and the two fixed filament resistors. Put the two binding posts in place. The binding post mounting may be accomplished by drilling a hole for each post through the baseboard, and countersinking at the

hole for each post through the baseboard, and countersinking at the bottom of the baseboard, to afford room to attach the nut that will hold the binding post in place. The coils are examined before being wired, so that you can see where the respective terminals come out to lugs. The beginning of one winding adjoins the end of the other. Then there are two extreme points. Connect the first coil, L1L2, so that the adjoining terminals of the windings go to ground. Connect the other coil, L3L4, so that the adjoining terminals go to B plus and A plus, respectively. Thus in both instances the grids are connected to outer terminals of the windings, and so are antenna and plate.

Filament Resistors

Notice that the first tube, the radio frequency amplifier, has two resistors in its filament circuit. One is a fixed resistor, R1, of 4 ohms, and is in the negative leg. The other is the rheostat and is in the positive leg. This rheostat is the volume control, wholly is in the positive leg. Th adequate for this purpose.

The third filament resistor cuts down the voltage of the storage battery (six volts) to about the required five volts of the filaments of three tubes. The voltage need not be precisely 5 volts, as tolerance is permissible. Use of the specified resistors will give good results.

good results. Use of the bypass condenser, C4, which is .00025 mfd., mica dielectric, improves the detecting efficiency by sidetracking radio frequencies while not impeding audio frequencies. This bypass condenser is not necessary with all types of tubes, and with tubes of very high amplification, such as the 222 and the 240, it is better omitted, but in the present circuit, with a 201A detector, it must be included. The circuit will work without it, but not as well.

The audio transformers have their windings marked, P and B representing the primary, connected in the plate circuit, P to plate and B to B plus, and G and F representing the necondary, with G to grid and F to C minus. As both audio transformers are the same, either one may be used in the first stage and the other in the second stage. The negative biases are different for the two stages. Notice this in the diagram. No interaction will be suffered by the placement of the audio transformers as shown on the front cover, as it was tried out and proved highly successful. The gain is high enough, but not so high as to make one audio transformer back-couple to the other. There are few special precautions to be taken. The rotors of the tuning condensers go to the "cold" side, that is, to A minus The audio transformers have their windings marked, P and B

as to make one audio transformer back-couple to the other. There are few special precautions to be taken. The rotors of the tuning condensers go to the "cold" side, that is, to A minus and A plus respectively, and these connections are represented by a condenser lug at which a pigtail terminates. The purpose of the pigtail is to insure perfect connection and conductivity between moving plates and frame, and not rely on friction affording this. The nut holding the pigtail lug may have to be removed and inserted backward, the excess snipped off, so that the condenser can be more securely mounted to the front panel.

This Side Is Hot

The "hot" side is represented by the grid, or G post of socket, in each instances. A lug at the side of the condenser is used for establishing this connection.

All leads should be soldered. The way to solder is to wipe a proposed joint clean, using alcohol on cotton batting or on a small rag, and if any muck is present which refuses to yield to this treatment, scrape off with a knife, or file it off. The proposed joint is then heated with the soldering iron, a tiny bit of soldering flux is placed on the joint, and then the solder is placed on the iron while the iron is against the joint. This is better practice than melting solder on the iron and carrying it over to the joint. Also the separate flux, with strip solder of 50-50 composition, serves excellently for radio purposes, and is handier in the long run than self-fluxing solder, which causes the iron to become greasy, and makes solder form beads and roll off. Everything is so constituted that the placement of parts and All leads should be soldered. The way to solder is to wipe a

makes solder form beads and roll on. Everything is so constituted that the placement of parts and the wiring are simplified and excellent results are bound to follow the exercise of reasonable care. Do your very best, make wires run neatly, instead of being scrambled in appearance, and solder carefully. Test each joint with a tug to be sure it's right. You will then be sure of a good receiver, one that will fill you with exterior and pride satisfaction and pride.

Wrong? Right or

[Here are ten more questions. They are based on material pub-lished in last week's issue of RADIO WORLD. If you read that issue carefully you should be able to answer the questions. Verify your efforts by consulting the answers herewith. Next week's questions will be based on material published in this week's article.—Editor.]

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 (1)—A push pull stage can be added advantageously to the server grid Diamond of the Air, battery model.
 (2)—Beats can occur only between tones of different frequencies.
 (3)—The production of beat tones and heterodyne currents can take place only if the disturbances occur in a medium in which the amplitude of the disturbance is not proportional to the force caus-

(4)—A radio frequency wave modulated by a single low fre-(4)—A radio frequency of three different frequencies, the quency is physically composed of three different frequencies, the carrier and the two side frequencies, and no more. (5)—When a circuit is tuned to the carrier frequency of a sta-

tion it is also tuned to the side frequencies regardless of the values

of these frequencies. (6)—A characteristic curve is a graphical representation of the relation between two quantities which vary together according to

some law. (7)—A curve showing the relationship between dial settings and frequencies of broadcast stations is a characteristic curve of the tuner.

(8)-An audio frequency oscillator can be constructed by taking advantage of the beat between two radio frequencies. (9)—A screen grid tube can be used as a detector by employing

the screen grid tube as the control grid. (10)—A stroboscope is an optical device for slowing down the apparent motion of any device that has a regular periodicity too fast for the eye to follow.

ANSWERS

(1)-Right. A push-pull stage can be added to any receiver, and

if the circuit remains properly designed there will be a gain both

in quality and volume. (2)—Wrong. Beats can occur between any regular periodic dis-turbances such as waves on water, tones on air, alternating cur-rents, two pendulums and many others. The difference between spring tides and neap tides is due to beats between the tides of the

(3)—Right. This is essentially correct. This does not, however,

(3)—Right. This is essentially context. This does not, however, mean that beats cannot occur. (4)—This is the usual conception because mathematically or analytically a modulated wave is equivalent to the carrier and the two side frequencies provided certain factors are neglected. Actu-

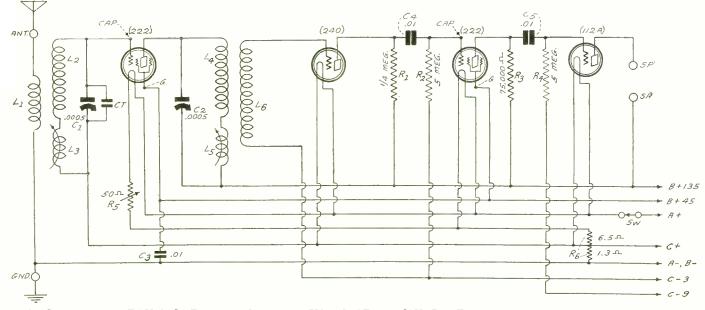
two side frequencies provided certain factors are neglected. Actu-ally there are many more components. (5)—Wrong. This is only true approximately when the side frequencies differ but slightly, relatively, from the carrier. If the side frequencies differ much they are tuned out by the tuner just as effectively as if they had no relation to the carrier. (6)—Right. If any two quantities I and E are related so that when E is given certain values, I assumes certain other values depending only the value of E in each instance, then a graph rep-resenting the relation is a characteristic curve, that is, it is char-acteristic of the device having the specified relation. (7)—Right. In this case definite values are assigned to the fre-quency and certain dial settings follow because of the nature of the tuning condenser and the dial attached to it. (8)—Right. A very satisfactory oscillator can be constructed in this manner for measurement purpose where a high order of con-stancy of frequency is not essential.

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(9)—Right. This forms the space charge detector, which is a very good form of detector. (10)—Right. A stroboscope is a device for bringing out optical beats between two visual periodic motions. Any such motion, such as the cogs in a gear spinning at a high speed. can be made to appear to move very slowly or even to stand still. This fact is often utilized in observing a piston running at high speed.

Leak-Condenser Detection

mines the Type of Carrier-Eliminator to Use *V*. O'Rourke



THIS IS THE BATTERY MODEL HB COMPACT, USING SEMI-POWER DETECTION. IF C-3 DOES NOT DO THE TRICK, RETURN THE DETECTOR GRID TO DETECTOR NEGATIVE FILAMENT OR TO A GROUNDED .01 MFD. CONDENSER.

sturdy detector would be sorely overloaded, for this circuit is one of the most sensitive tuned radio frequency receivers ever developed.

Careful to Be Wrong

One man who built the MB29, despite the specification of 135 to 180 volts on the detector plate, severed this B plus lead from the others so he could carefully apply the wrong voltage of 45. Sensitivity and quality were of a low order. So would they be if the tubes were connected backward, as with plate inputs and grid outputs, or, alas, if the speaker were connected to antenna and ground, and the antenna and ground to power tube plate and B plus1 There are many ways of doing them right. But in this instance you can not gain anything by adventuring in the realms of forbidden voltages. The geometry of the tube is the imperial law of the circuit. The plate voltages must be high for power detection. That must be understood above all else.

Semi-Power Detection

As to semi-power detection, it is encouraging indeed to find so many experimenters interested in this, but not discouraging to find so many having trouble with, because the ground is unfamiliar to them.

When the low voltage type of negative grid bias detection is used, the negative bias becomes critical, if for no other reason than small differences in grid bias are hard to obtain from batteries.

If AC operation is used, then this critical aspect can be overcome in practice by use of an adjustable biasing resistor, or by providing means of applying different plate voltages. Large differences in plate voltages are more readily obtained than small differences in grid voltages, even in AC circuits, because of taps on the voltage divider, not because of greater ease of turning the knob of an adjustable resistor when it is in one circuit, as compared with the physical task when it is in another!

If detection difficulty is experienced in an AC circuit it is well to take the bias directly off the voltage divider, or if a separate biasing resistor is used, to introduce bleeder current, as was done in the MB29, an idea of Prof. Browning. Also, with battery-operated circuits the difficulty may be overcome by altering the bias specified or attempted. This may be done by connecting the grid return of the detector, instead of to a C battery voltage, to A minus itself, affording a bias equal to the voltage drop in the filament resistor, usually 1 volt (for 5-volt filament tubes served from a 6-volt storage battery). If a high mu tube is used with resistive load, it will be found a readier bias detector than a 201A tube. If difficulty is experienced with the 240, try these remedies: (1) Reduce the plate voltage without changing the bias.

(1) Reduce the plate voltage without changing the bias.
(2) Restore the plate voltage to what it was, and connect the grid return to negative filament of the detector tube.
(3) Let the grid return be unconnected to anything

(4) Under the free grid and negative filament return experiments, vary the plate voltage, particularly downward from 135.

Good Detection With Free Grid

Good detection a ways can be obtained from a 240 tube with 135 volts on the plate, with a resistive load, and a grid returned to negative filament, or not conductively returned anywhere. There is actually a small negative bias, due to the grid's tendency to accumulate electrons.

In modest circuits, even where negative grid bias (semi-power) detection is specified, and assuming you can not obtain satisfactory results, do not condemn the system. Sometimes tubes have different characteristics, and bias voltages must be arranged accordingly. It would be possible to plot the curve of a tube, showing grid voltage compared with plate voltage, and predict the point at which any given tube will be best as a negative bias detector, but there is no need for that. The foregoing suggestions will simplify matters.

Somewhat better quality is afforded by negative bias detection on loud signals because the detector will stand higher signal amplitudes, as compared with a leak-and-condenser detector which overloads at lesser values of signal voltage. Those having circulits using two or three stages of general purpose tubes in RF amplifiers, or two stages or less of screen grid tubes, still may use leak-and-condenser without danger, so if you are stuck at the detecting end, where negative bias (semipower) detection was specified, you can insert the leak and condenser and make the grid return positive.

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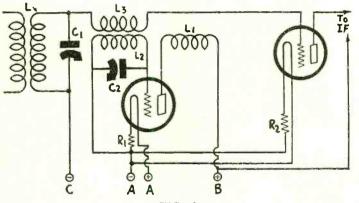


FIG. 3 THE MOST COMMON METHOD OF COUPLING THE OSCILLATOR TO THE MODULATOR IN A SUPERHETE-RODYNE. L₃ IS LOOSELY COUPLED TO THE RESON-AND CIRCUIT

[This is the second of a series of articles on the Superheterodyne. Next week another.]

Next week another.] For the purpose of explaining the operation of the Superheterodyne it will be convenient to assume for the time being that the signal to be received is unmodulated, or that it consists of the carrier frequency alone. Let this frequency be F_1 and let the frequency of the local oscillator be F_2 . Voltages having these two frequencies are impressed simultaneously on the modulator tube in the receiver. The product of this modulation contains the frequencies $F_1 - F_2$ and $F_1 + 2$, the two side frequencies. The first of these is a difference between two radio frequencies, and is, therefore, **a** beat or heterodyne frequency. The second is a sum of two radio frequencies, and is, therefore, itself a radio frequency. In practice these two frequencies are so widely different that they

In practice these two frequencies are so widely different that they cannot be selected by the same tuning system. Receivers employing either of these frequencies can be built, and many have been constructed of both types. Every superheterodyne employs the beat frequency $F_1 - F_2$. However, F_2 , the local frequency, does not have to be the fundamental of the local oscillator frequency. One commercial superheterodyne made use of the second harmonic. How this can be done will be clear after the discussion of the effects of harmonics on the behavior of a superheterodyne.

to be the fundamental of the local oscillator frequency. One commercial superheterodyne made use of the second harmonic. How this can be done will be clear after the discussion of the effects of harmonics on the behavior of a superheterodyne. The difference frequency F_{1} — F_{2} will be referred to as the intermediate frequency, or simply IF, unless there is some reason for retaining the terms beat or heterodyne. Let the intermediate frequency be designated by f so that $f=F_{1}$ — F_{2} . The intermediate frequency filter or tuner is simply a selective arrangement which is tuned to the intermediate frequency f. It may consist of transformers with tuned secondaries, or with tuned primaries or again it may consist of filters having both tuned nri-

The intermediate frequency filter or tuner is simply a selective arrangement which is tuned to the intermediate frequency f. It may consist of transformers with tuned secondaries, or with tuned primaries, or again it may consist of filters having both tuned primaries and secondaries. Again, it may consist of more complex filter systems which respond to a definite band of frequencies rather than a single frequency. Some of these filters are only variations or refinements of the simple tuned transformer system which in no way alter the principle of operation of the Superheterodyne. The selectivity of the Superheterodyne depends primarily on the properties of the intermediate frequency filter. If this is selective, the receiver is selective; if it is broad, the receiver is broad. The lower the intermediate frequency as a rule, the greater is the selectivity. However, high selectivity in the intermediate frequency amplifier is not at all a guaranty against interference from stations

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Many think that the oscillator determines the intermediate frequency. This is erroneous because it has nothing to do with what the intermediate frequency is to be. It is merely one of the factors which jointly produce the frequency that is acceptable to the tuned filter system.

Yet the oscillator condenser is the main device for bringing in desired signals. When this condenser is turned the radio frequency

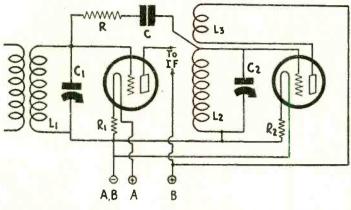


FIG. 4 A MODULATOR CIRCUIT IN WHICH THE OSCILLATOR IS COUPLED TO THE MODULATOR BY MEANS OF A HIGH RESISTANCE AND A SMALL CAPACITY.

generated by the oscillator changes continuously. Beats between this frequency and any other frequency that may be impressed on the modulator also change. Whenever the beat frequency between any signal frequency and the oscillator frequency happens to be that which is acceptable to the filter, the signal comes through and is amplified. Beats of all other frequencies are rejected.

The oscillator is the heart of the superheterodyne, and as long as it beats the receiver is alive. The sensitivity of the receiver depends to a large extent on how vigorously the oscillator works and how much energy it pumps into the modulator. The signal received is directly proportional to the product of the voltages impressed on the modulator by the carrier frequency of the signal and the oscillator. If either is reduced, the signal received is reduced also; and conversely, if either is increased, the output of the receiver is increased.

The intensity of either of these voltages depends on the degree of coupling between the source and the modulator. If the oscillator, for example, is closely coupled to the modulator the output of the receiver is strong for a given signal strength. If the coupling is loose, the output is weak. Indeed, if the coupling between the oscillator and the modulator is zero, the receiver is dead just as if the oscillator were not functioning and as if no carrier were present. The method of coupling the two frequencies with the modulator constitutes a major problem in design.

The method of coupling the two frequencies with the modulator constitutes a major problem in design. Countless coupling arrangements have been used, but only a few of the more typical can be presented. Six such arrangements are shown in Figs. 2 to 7. The points for and against each of these will be discussed.

Fig. 2 represents the autodyne, which is characterized by the fact that the oscillator tube is also the modulator. The coupling between oscillator and modulator is, therefore, unity, or just as high as it can be. In this particular arrangement the signal is impressed on the grid circuit of the oscillator by means of a choke coil Ch, and therefore the signal is also coupled very closely to the modulator.

tor. There is no frequency discrimination in this case, and all signal carriers present are impressed on the modulator with practically the same intensity, provided they reach the antenna with the same intensity.

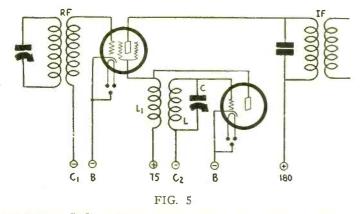
Intensity. Usually a modulator of this type is extremely sensitive. Loudspeaker volume can be obtained when only one stage of IF, a detector and one stage of audio are used. Yet the circuit is practically useless because it cannot eliminate interference. For example, with a circuit of this type a low power local broadcasting station was brought in at 32 different points on the oscillator dial, and besides these definite points where the signal could be recognized without difficulty, there were many other points where the station could be recognized by the rhythm of the music emanating from it. Moreover, the circuit growled all over the dial.

could be recognized by the rhythm of the music emanating from it. Moreover, the circuit growled all over the dial. The reason for the many "repeat points" and the growling was that the two beating frequencies were coupled too closely to the modulator. Beats of sufficient intensity to produce audible tones and noises were produced between harmonics of the oscillator and the signal carrier frequencies. If the multiplicity of repeat points and the growling are to be avoided, it is essential that harmonics be

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A SCREEN GRID MODULATOR CIRCUIT IN WHICH THE OSCILLATOR IS COUPLED TO THE MODULATOR BY MEANS OF THE SCREEN GRID.

eliminated from the modulator as much as possible. This requires loose, selective coupling between the oscillator and the modulator, or it requires an oscillator which does not produce harmonics of appreciable intensity. Moreover, it is necessary to prevent genera-tion of harmonics of the signal carrier frequency, which can be done by tuning and by adjusting the RF amplifier so that there is the least amount of detection in the circuit. The production of "repeats" will be discussed at some length in a subsequent section.

The circuit shown in Fig. 3 might be called the standard modu-lator, because it has been used more than any other, either as it is shown or in some of its many variations. The oscillator is a separate tube and the frequency generated is determined by L_2C_2 . The signal carrier is selected by means of the tuned circuit LC1 and is then impressed on the grid of the modulator, which is the sec-ond tube shown. The oscillator frequency is introduced into the grid circuit of the modulator by means of the pick-up coil L_{δ} con-nected in the grid lead. This coil could also be connected in series with the grid return lead below the tuned circuit without changing the type of the modulator.

the type of the modulator. Since the signal carrier and the oscillator frequency are intro-duced into the modulator grid circuit through selective circuits, only the fundamentals of the two frequencies are impressed in appre-ciable intensity. This is especially true if L_a is coupled loosely to L_2 and still more loosely to L₁. Even so harmonics will be generated in the modulator since this operates under detection conditions. The only way to prevent the harmonics would be to use a linear detector detector.

In most superheterodynes in the past the coil L has been a loop. In more recent receivers, L has been the secondary of an ordinary radio frequency transformer of which the primary is connected in the plate circuit of an amplifier tube, this tube being preceded by another tuner. This tuner may be of the same type as shown in Fig. 3, in which the primary is in the antenna circuit, or it may be a loop with a tuning condenser across it. In some instances the available between the same data of the lifetime instances the coupling between the antenna and the first RF amplifier is non-

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suitable capacity to let the two radio frequency currents by, but if the primary is tuned the tuning condenser serves this purpose. When the intermediate frequency is low and the tuned circuits of the oscillator and the signal selector are coupled closely, the frequency of oscillator is not completely determined by the oscilla-tor tuned circuit, but is partly determined by the constants of the signal selector. Under certain conditions the two selective circuits act as one, when they are said "to pull together." Reception is not possible when this occurs. The looser the coupling between the two resonant circuits, the less the likelihood of this occurring, and also the higher the intermediate frequency the less the tendency for

also the higher the intermediate frequency, the less the tendency for the two circuits "to pull together." Loose coupling between the two resonant circuits is not neces-sarily the same as loose coupling with the modulator. There are arrangements in which the coupling between the resonant circuits

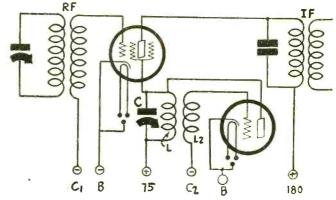


FIG. 6 AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE CIRCUIT IN FIG 5 IN WHICH THE OSCILLATOR RESONANT CIRCUIT IS PLACED IN THE SCREEN GRID LEAD.

is very loose and yet the coupling with either of these circuits and the modulator is close.

One arrangement for securing loose coupling between the two resonant circuits and still fairly close coupling with the modulator is shown in Fig. 4. The grids of the modulator and the oscillator are connected by a high resistance R and a small condenser C. The are connected by a high resistance K and a small condenser C. The smaller the condenser and the higher the resistance, the looser is the coupling. A resistance of two megohins and a condenser of .0001 mfd., or smaller, have been used successfully when the inter-mediate frequency is as low as 45 kilocycles. This method of coupling has the advantage that it practically eliminates the ten-dency for the two resonant circuits to act as one. Yet it has not

when a screen grid tube is used as modulator several additional methods of coupling are available, and there is no doubt that these will be used extensively in the future. One of these is shown in Fig. 5. The signal carrier is impressed in the usual manner on the scattered wild set the modulator, which is coverating on the grid his control grid of the modulator, which is operating on the grid bias

control grid of the modulator, which is operating on the grid bias principle. The oscillator is coupled to the screen grid so that the voltage on the screen grid and the plate of the oscillator is the same. The tickler coil L₁ is simply placed in the screen grid circuit. The screen grid voltage, therefore, is varied according to the frequency generated by the oscillator, and this results in modulation. The disadvantage of this arrangement is that all the harmonics generated by the oscillator is very rich in hormonics.

the plate current of the oscillator is very rich in harmonics. Fig. 6 shows a modification of this method, the tuning condenser being placed in the plate circuit instead of in the grid circuit of the oscillator. This is an improvement with respect to purity of the voltage impressed on the modulator because the fundamental volt-age across the tuned circuit is relatively much higher than the har-monic voltages. However, the tuned circuit is shunted with the resistance of the screen grid circuit, and this will lower the selec-

resistance of the screen grid circuit, and this will lower the selec-tivity of the oscillator, which in turn will make the frequency gen-erated unsteady and more easily influenced by other tuned circuits in the vicinity. Moreover, the oscillator will not work as readily as if no resistance were shunted across the tuned circuit. A preferred arrangement is that shown in Fig. 7. A small pick-up coil L₂, placed in the screen grid circuit, is coupled to the tuned grid circuit of the oscillator. Since the oscillation current in the tuned circuit is free from harmonics, only fundamental fre-quency voltage will be induced in L₂, and only the fundamental will be introduced into the modulator. It is true that L₁ is also coupled to L₂ and that this contains harmonics, but the coupling between be introduced into the modulator. It is true that L_1 is also coupled to L_2 and that this contains harmonics, but the coupling between L_1 and L_2 can be made so loose that harmonics introduced by this route are negligible. The tickler coil, for example, can be placed at one end of the tuned coil and the pick-up coil at the other. Of the three arrangements, Fig. 7 is by far the best. The intentional coupling in any Superheterodyne between the oscillator and the modulator is not necessarily the only coupling. The two tubes will be served by the same batteries or voltage sup-plies. These will have resistance which will act as a coupling medium. In order to minimize this coupling by-pass condensers should be used liberally across the supply leads. No condenser is

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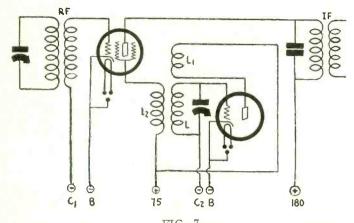


FIG. 7 THE PREFERRED WAY OF COUPLING THE OSCILLA-TOR TO THE SCREEN GRID MODULATOR IS BY MEANS OF A SMALL PICK-UP COIL IN THE SCREEN GRID CIRCUIT.

(Continued from preceding page) shown in any of the modulator arrangements because the only pur-pose of the circuits is to show some of the possible methods of modulation. Stray coupling must be kept down to the lowest possible minimum if the receiver is to work properly.

Types of Oscillators

In the preceding paragraphs only two types of oscillators have been shown, tuned grid and tuned plate. There are many other types which can be employed in a Superheterodyne, and the par-ticular type used does not make much difference. The main condi-tion is that there is present an oscillator the frequency of which can be varied over the required range. Some oscillators, however, have certain disadvantages, and in designing a Superheterodyne it is just as well to avoid them. In Figs. 8 to 13 are shown six dif-ferent oscillators, any one of which can be used. Fig. 8 shows the tuned grid oscillator. It has the advantage that one side of the tuned circuit can be grounded, which is an important consideration. If the side of the circuit to which the control knob

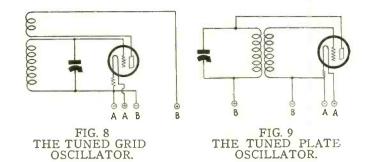
consideration. If the side of the circuit to which the control knob is connected is not grounded, body capacity effects will make tuning difficult, unless special precautions are taken to shield the resonant circuit from the hand.

circuit from the hand. Fig. 9 is of the tuned plate type. Neither side of the resonant circuit can be grounded directly in this oscillator, but it can be grounded through a large condenser. If the capacity of this con-denser is large, the grounding is as good as if the rotor of the tuning condenser were grounded directly. Hence this oscillator is satisfactory as far as body capacity is concerned. The size of the satisfactory as far as body capacity is concerned. The size of the by-pass condenser need not be larger than .25 mfd., and since a condenser of this capacity should be used anyway, no extra equip-

by-pass condenser need not be larger than 125 mild, and ended condenser of this capacity should be used anyway, no extra equip-ment is needed. Fig. 10 shows an oscillator of the Hartley type. A single coil is used and this serves both as grid and plate inductance, since the plate battery lead is connected to a point near the center of the coil. The tuning condenser is connected across the entire coil. The condenser C serves to isolate the grid from the plate voltage and resistance R serves as a leak. For broadcast reception the con-denser may have a value of .001 mfd. and the leak about 50,000 ohms. This circuit is a good oscillator and is very simple in con-struction, but it has the disadvantage that neither side of the tuning condenser can be grounded. Hence when this is used special precautions must be taken against body capacity. Fig. 11 is an oscillator which has been used in -many popular Superheterodynes. Two coils wound on the same form are used, one being connected in the plate circuit and the other in the grid circuit. The tuning condenser is connected across both these wind-ings, and the resonant circuit is completed by a large condenser C, for which a capacity of .01 mfd. is sufficient. It will be observed that this condenser is also a by-pass across the grid and plate bat-teries. If there are other condensers across these, and if they are placed so that the oscillating circuit is confined, condenser C is not necessary, for its only function would be to by-pass the leads from the coils to the batteries. But whether or not the by-pass condensers are used, it is of some advantage to use C. This circuit is a very good oscillator and is even simpler in

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Fig. 12 is a modification of the circuit in Fig. 9, and is of the tuned plate type. It is not especially suitable for a Superhetero-dyne but is very useful for the production of a pure alternating



current of a steady frequency. The purity of the wave generated and the constancy of the frequency are greater the higher the value of the resistance R. This resistance determines the amount of feedback, and if it is too large the circuit will not oscillate. The intensity of oscillation also decreases as the value of the feed-back resistance increases, and it is because the amplitude of oscillation is small that the generated wave is pure.

Fig. 13 is an oscillator of the Colpits type, which is characterized by the fact that regeneration is obtained by capacity feed back. Two condensers C_1 and C_2 are connected in series and are then con-nected across the tuning inductance. The junction between the two series condensers is connected to the filament circuit, and one extreme of the tuned circuit is connected to the grid and the other to the plate. Condensers Ci and C₂ should be small compared with the tuning condenser. This circuit is subject to body capacity since neither side of the tuned circuit can be grounded. It is rarely used in Superheterodynes but is frequently employed in transmitters. Whichever of these oscillators is used for supplying the local

radio frequency, the most satisfactory coupling is that which em-ploys a small pick-up coil in inductive relation with the tuned cir-cuit, as illustrated in Figs 3 and 7.

While all these oscillators are shown for battery type tubes, they can be used equally well with alternating current tubes, especially of the heater type. Likewise, any of the modulators shown above can be used with DC or AC tubes.

Double Modulation

We assumed previously for the purpose of explaining the pro-

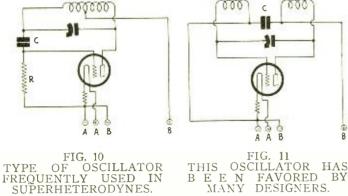
We assumed previously for the purpose of explaining the pro-duction of the intermediate frequency that the signal was unmodu-lated, or that it consisted of the carrier alone. But a broadcast wave is modulated with audio frequencies whenever it brings in an audible signal, and these audio frequencies may lie, as we found, anywhere in the band between about 16 and 10,000 cycles per sec-ond. For simplicity let us assume that the carrier is modulated by a single audio frequency. We have found that the modulated wave can be regarded as composed of three different radio fre-quencies, namely, the carrier itself and two side frequencies. When a locally generated frequency is mixed with this complex wave, the local wave becomes modulated by it, or what amounts to the same thing, by the three components of it. Of the products of the local modulation we are interested only in the inferior side frequency, since the intermediate frequency filter accepts this only. The local frequency is subtracted from each of the three compon-ents of the complex signal wave, or each of the three compon-ents is subtracted from the local frequency, depending on whether the locally generated frequency is lower or higher than the signal com-ponent frequencies. The result is an intermediate frequency which is modulated by the original audio frequency, and this intermedi-ate frequency wave can be regarded as composed of three inter-mediate frequency and the local frequency, and the chief inter-mediate frequency wave can be regarded as composed of three inter-mediate frequency wave can be regarded as composed of three inter-mediate frequency and the local frequency, and the chief inter-mediate frequency wave can be regarded as composed of three inter-mediate frequencies, one equal to the difference betwen the carrier frequency and the local frequency and the other two being greater. mediate frequencies, one equal to the difference betwen the carrier frequency and the local frequency, and the other two being greater

and less this difference by the amount of the audio frequency. Let us summarize this in symbols. Suppose the carrier fre-quency is F_1 and the local oscillator frequency is F_2 . Let the audio frequency be f. Then the complex signal is composed of $F_1, F_1 - f_1$, and $F_1 + f_2$ all of which are radio frequencies. When these are mixed with F_2 and the difference frequencies only are taken, we have $F_1 - F_2$, $F_1 - F_2 - f$, and $F_1 - F_2 + f$, if the local oscillator frequency is less than the carrier frequency, and $F_2 - F_1$, $F_2 - (F_1 - f)$, and $F_2 - (F_1 + f)$, if the oscillator frequency is greater than the carrier. All of these are intermediate frequencies.

In each of these two groups there are three frequencies, the intermediate carrier and the two side frequencies. In the two groups the value of F_2 is not the same for any particular value of F_1 and f. In fact, F_2 in one group differs by 2f from the F_2 in the other group, and the two values of F_2 represent the two points on the oscillator at which any given signal comes in on a Superheterodyne,

or more exactly the two principal points. The value of f in the above formulas may be any from 16 to 10,000 cycles per second, and it may have one or more values at the same time; depending on the complexity of the sound that is





being transmitted. In fact, it may have as many different values as there are different frequencies in the sound of orchestral music. No matter how complex the sound may be, each component frequency can be treated separately as f was treated above.

No matter how complex the sound may be, each component frequency can be treated separately as f was treated above. The value of the difference F_{2} — F_{1} , or F_{1} — F_{2} , is determined by the tuning of the intermediate frequency filter, and the value accepted by the filter is determined by varying F_{2} . This is done by turning the oscillator dial. In order to save writing out the difference let it be designated by IF. Thus the intermediate frequency signal can be expressed by the three components IF, IF—f, and IF+f. These expressions include both groups given previously.

The field of the designated by I^{A} . Thus the interinduct reductive signal can be expressed by the three components IF, IF-f, and IF+f. These expressions include both groups given previously. When a circuit is tuned to a carrier, as has been stated, it is also tuned approximately to the side frequencies provided that the frequencies do not differ much relatively. Suppose, for example, that the carrier frequency is 1,060,000 cycles and that the highest audio frequency impressed on it is 10,000 cycles. The side frequencies are 900,000 and 1,100,000 cycles, and the ratio of the lower side frequency to the carrier is 9. This is so nearly equal to unity that when the circuit is tuned to the carrier it is almost as well tuned to the side frequencies. But suppose the carrier is 30,000 cycles. The ratio of the lower side frequencies corresponding to a 10,000 cycle tone are now 20,000 and 40,000 cycles. The ratio of the lower side frequency to the carrier the side frequency to the carrier the side frequency to the carrier the side frequency to the carrier is now 2/3. This differs so much from unity that when the circuit is tuned to the side frequencies are practically tuned out. Not only are the upper side frequencies tuned out, but frequencies corresponding to tones as low as 1,000 cycles are greatly suppressed.

Avoid Low IF

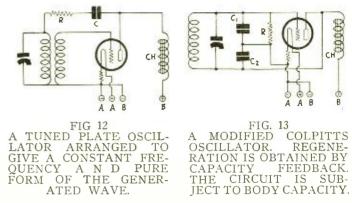
This is one of the reasons why a low intermediate frequency should not be used in a superheterodyne. Excessive selectivity must be avoided if the quality of broadcast signals is to be good.

When superheterodynes were first popularized the intermediate frequency was made low in order to get a high order of amplification with stability of the circuit. The development of new tubes and the invention of stabilizing devices have now made it possible to use a high intermediate frequency without any loss in amplification or stability.

It should be remembered that the intermediate frequency amplifier and filter accepts the intermediate frequency to which it has been tuned regardless of the source of the intermediate frequency. A signal having the proper frequency will pass through if it comes directly from a station operated on this frequency just as well as if it comes from the interaction of two higher frequencies. It will come through also if it is produced by the beating of any two frequencies, for example, the harmonics of the carrier frequency and the oscillator frequency. or by the beating of the fundamental of one and any harmonic of the other. There is an infinite number of ways in which the proper intermediate frequency can be produced. The number of possible combinations which will yield the intermediate frequency can be illustrated effectively by the aid of symbols. Let S be the frequency of its harmonics. Likewise let H be the

The number of possible combinations which will yield the intermediate frequency can be illustrated effectively by the aid of symbols. Let S be the frequency of the carrier and let m be a whole number expressing any of its harmonics. Likewise let H be the oscillator frequency and n the number of any of its harmonics. Either m or n may have any value from unity to infinity, just so it is a whole number. Then mS will be the frequency of the mth harmonic of S and nH will be that of the nth harmonic of H. If these harmonics beat in a modulator, and if they are so related that ms-nH=f, or so that nH-mS=f, we have the proper condition for producing the intermediate frequency acceptable to the filter. Here f is used for the intermediate frequency for simplicity and H and S are used for the radio frequencies for the same reason.

Now m and n can have any values whatsoever as long as they are integral, and therefore it is clear that there is an infinite number of possibilities. When m=n=1 we have the two funda-



mentals beating to produce the intermediate frequency. This is the normal case in most superheterodynes, and it is clear that there are two possible adjustments of the oscillator when m and n are equal to unity. Every superheterodyne, whether it is called "one-spot" or not, has these two adjustments of the oscillator at which a given signal can come in. Theoretically, a true "one-spot" superheterodyne is not possible; practically it can be approached. The meaning that can be attached to the term "one-spot" will be discussed later.

can be attached to the term 'one-spot' will be discussed later. Since m and n in the above formulas can be assigned any integral values whatsoever, it is clear that for any signal, or value of S, there is an infinite number of points on the oscillator dial at which that signal will come in, at least theoretically. Practically the number may be quite limited.

Suppose the oscillator dial has been calibrated in frequency so that H not only represents the oscillator frequency but also the dial setting. Let us rewrite the equations given above as the conditions for the production of the intermediate frequency in he forms H=(mS-f)/n and H=(mS+f)/n. Assume that S is fixed, or that we are considering a single carrier frequency. Also assume that f is fixed by the tuning of the filter. Both m and n can vary in any manner just so they remain whole numbers.

Intensity Decreases Rapidly

Under these conditions, the value obtained for H no matter what the values of m and n, is a possible setting of the oscillator that will bring in the signal carried by S. Not all, however, will be within the tuning range of the oscillator condenser, and those that are off will not cause any trouble. Moreover, not all will be of sufficient intensity to cause appreciable interference. The values obtained for large m and n will be weak.

We saw that when the two harmonic numbers were unity we have the normal two points at which a given signal comes in on the superheterodyne. Suppose m=n=2. The two second harmonics are beating, and these give rise to two points on the dial at which the same signal comes in. If we let m=n=3, we get two additional points. If we take higher integral values, we get two points at which the same signal comes in for every value. Since there is no limit to the whole numbers there is no limit to the number of points at which the signal comes in.

There is a definite limit, however, to the place on the dial where they can come in. They all lie between the two normal points determined by letting the two harmonic numbers, m and n, equal unity. As the harmonic numbers increase the location of the repeat points converge on the dial where the carrier S would tune in. The distribution of these repeat points is illustrated in Fig. 15. The horizontal line represents the frequency scale and the numbers on this scale are values of H for different values of m and n. When these two numbers are unity the two repeat points are S-fand S+f at the two extremes of the figure. These are the normal points for the ordinary superheterodyne. The middle line SB indicates the point at which the oscillator is in tune with the carrier frequency, since S is the carrier. When the two harmonic numhers are equal to 2. the two points S-f/2 and S+f/2 are obtained. These lie midway between S-f and S and between S and S+f, respectively. As the harmonic numbers are increased, the two corresponding points lie closer and closer to the point S_i as well as closer and closer to each other. The highest harmonic number used in the figure is 5.

In the ingure is 3. The dotted curve is an approximate representation of the manner in which the intensity of the signals produced at each point is decreased. If the harmonics are absent from both fundamentals, or either of them, there will be only two points, the two extremes under A and C. If the harmonics are present in both but weak, the dotted line drops rapidly, so that even the intensity of S-f/2 and S+f/2 is negligible. The object of loose selective coupling between the oscillator and the modulator is to make all the repeats except the two extremes vanish.



with the fixed condensel. Ce is also used for condensel poses. This will be taken up later. The frequency of the second oscillator is to be variable be-tween 250,000 cycles per second and about 260,000 cycles per second. This allows for a beat frequency range from zero to 10,000 cycles. This variation in the frequency is effected by varying C3. The sum of the capacities of C3 and C4 and the inductance of L4 must be such that the frequency of the second oscillator is 250,000 cycles per second when C3 is fully meshed. Suppose that L4 has an inductance of 160 microhenries. Then, as we found for the first oscillator, the total capacity of C3 and C4 should be .0025 mfd. It remains to determine how these two condensers should be proportioned so that as C3 is varied from maximum to minimum the frequency change is 10,000 cycles. This is done by substituting in the usual formula for frequency, first using 260,000 cycles and C4 alone and then by using 250,000 cycles and both C3 and C4. In both cases the inductance is 160 microhenries. The calculation gives .00234 mfd. for C4 and .00253 mfd. for C3 and C4. Thus the capacity of C3 should be .00019 mfd.

There is no commercial variable condenser of this value. But one of this value can be made out of a .000250 mfd. variable condenser by cutting down the number of plates and reducing the size of one or more plates. Another possibility is to use a commercial variable condenser of .000250 mfd. and then in-crease the number of turns on L4 and adjusting the value of C4. The exact adjustment in any case must be made experi-mentally. The adjustment should be such that when all the mentally. The adjustment should be such that when all the capacity is used in the second oscillator the beat frequency with the first oscillator should be zero. Then as C3 is opened up the frequency should increase up to 10,000 cycles. As much as possible of the range of C3 should be used in effecting this frequency change.

The oscillator can be calibrated against any known set of frequencies, or a single known frequency and its harmonics. The output of the beat frequency oscillator is impressed on a Independent of the known frequency is sounded simultaneously. The setting of C3 is adjusted until the sound from the speaker is in unison with the known tone. This setting is recorded against the known frequency. Then another known tone is sounded and C3 again adjusted

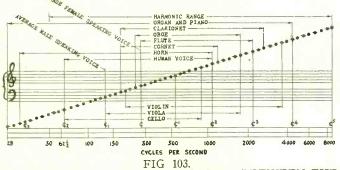
until the two tones are in unison. This process is repeated for all the known tones available. To get settings for the higher frequencies from the speaker. for which known tones may not be available, the harmonics of the known tones may be used. One set of known tones which is nearly always available is that of an example, two decima Unwill the two here.

One set of known tones which is nearly always available is that of an accurately tuned piano. Usually the A above middle C on a piano has a frequency of 435 cycles. The A one octave higher has a frequency of 870 cycles and one octave below a frequency of 217.5 cycles. For any given note and its octave the ratio is one to two. Instead of calibrating in terms of frequency it is often an useful to cyclimate in terms of frequency, it is often as useful to calibrate in terms of octaves.

The piano does not go as high as the oscillator. Harmonics must be used to locate the higher frequencies or octaves on the oscillator.

In Fig. 103 is shown a scale giving the relationship between frequencies of vibration and notes on the musical scale. the It will be noted that the piano extends only up to about 4,000 cycles, whereas the oscillator should go up to at least 10,000 cycles. The first harmonic of the highest note on a piano, when A above middle C is 435, lies between 9,000 and 10,000 cycles per second.

The beat note oscillator will not stay accurately calibrated. It will change with temperature, with voltages applied to the tubes, and with changes in the tubes. These changes can be compensated for by adjusting C2 just before using the oscillator. For this purpose a low frequency tone is used as guide, such as the 60-cycle note obtained from a 60-cycle power line when this the 60-cycle note obtained from a 60-cycle power line when this is coupled to a loudspeaker. A small voltage from the line is introduced into the beat oscillator by means of a step-down transformer or it may be introduced in the same manner directly into the loudspeaker while the beat oscillator is also feeding energy into it. Then the condenser of the second radio fre-quency oscillator is set on the point corresponding to 60 cycles, as obtained during the calibration. Then the setting of C2 is adjusted until the tone generated by the beat oscillator is in unison with the tone from the power line. C2 is then locked. This so-called zero setting adjustment corrects the calibration This so-called zero setting adjustment corrects the calibration throughout the range of the oscillator.



SCALE SHOWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FREQUENCIES OF VIBRATION AND NOTES OF THE MUSICAL SCALE.

[Herewith is the final instalment of the serially published book, "Power Amplifiers." The volume in bound form will be released soon.-EDITOR.]

There are oscillator circuits which generate practically pure sinusoidal currents, but the amplitudes of these currents are weak. The use of such oscillators would require additional weak. audio frequency amplification with its attendant complications and chances for frequency and amplitude distortion. There-fore two oscillators which generate currents of large amplitudes have been selected in this instance. The first of these oscilla-tors, the one which feeds into the control grid of the detector tube, is coupled directly and therefore feeds the harmonics of the radio frequency as well as the fundamental into the detector tube. However, due to the fact that the input potentiotor tube. However, due to the fact that the input potentio-meter P is connected across the oscillating circuit, across which there is little harmonic voltage, the fundamental input to the detector will be large in comparison with the harmonic voltages. The pure radio frequency is impressed on the screen grid circuit of the detector. While the second oscillator generates a large proportion of harmonics, practically none is impressed

on the detector because the coupling between the pick-up coil L3 and the oscillating coil L4 is losse and only the fundamen-tal circulates in the L4C3C4 circuit. In practice the tickler L5 and the pick-up coil L3 should be placed as far apart as is consistent with satisfactory oscillation and pick-up.

and the pick-up coil LS should be placed as la apart as is consistent with satisfactory oscillation and pick-up. The audio frequency output of the detector tube is propor-tional to the product of the voltages introduced by the two oscillators. Hence the output can be varied by varying either. The input from the first oscillator is adjusted by means of potentiometer P and the input from the second oscillator is adjusted by varying the coupling between the two coils L3 and L4. If the intensity of the audio frequency output from the power tube cannot be reduced to the desired value by means of these two variables R5 can be made another potentiometer just like P, with the grid of the power tube connected to the slider. It is doubtful that this will ever be necessary if the two oscillators are shielded from each other. The transformer used in the output of the power tube should have the best possible frequency characteristic. That is to say, this transformer should be one which is capable of the highest quality. If this condition is met, and if the resistance coupler between the detector and the power tube does not distort, the output from the circuit will be substantially the same for all audio frequencies.

audio frequencies.

audio frequencies. The choice of oscillating coils and condensers depends largely on what size of variable condenser is available, as well as on what value of radio frequency is desired. Suppose we select a frequency of 250,000 cycles for the fixed oscillator, and let this oscillator be (1) in Fig. 1. The sum of the capacities of Cl and C2 and the inductance of L1 must then be chosen so that the frequency of the circuit is 250,000 cycles per second. Let C2 be a midget, the capacity of which can be neglected temporarily in comparison with the capacity of Cl. Let Cl have a capacity of .0025 mfd. Then L1 must have an inductance of 160 micro-henries. This is practically the same as the inductance of a tuning coil in a radio receiving set when the tuning condenser has a value of .0005 mfd. Hence L1 may be the ordinary tuned winding of an RF coil, but L2 should have at least as many turns on approximately the same diameter as L1. A commercial condenser of a nominal value of .0025 mfd. may differ considerably from this value, say from 5 to 15 per cent.

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se Of Audio Amplifiers

Of Four Vacuum Tubes, Is Used

nd Herman Bernard

The settings of P and L3 also affect the calibration. effect of the potentiometer can be corrected by the zero setting adjustment just explained, for each setting of the potentiometer.

The setting of L3 will have a very small effect on the frequency because it is loosely coupled to the oscillating circuit. It is we'l to shield the two oscillators from each other and from external electrical disturbances by means of grounded metallic boxes.

List of Parts

C0-One .01 mid. condenser. C1-One .0025 mfd. fixed, mica condenser. C2-One 80 mmfd. midget variable condenser.

C3-One .00234 mfd. condenser (assembled from smaller units). C4-One .00025 mfd. variable condenser, preferably cut down to .00019 mfd.

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C5—One 1 mfd. fixed by-pass condenser.
C6, C7—Two .0005 mfd. condensers.
C8—One .25 mfd. condenser.
C9—One 2 mfd. by-pass condenser.
L1, L2—One radio frequency transformer. Primary L1 40
turns of No. 22 DCC wire on 3 inch tubing. Secondary L2 the same number of turns of fine wire or a larger number.
L3—A small coil mounted at one end of L4 so that it can be turned.

turned.

L4-A tuning coil of 40 turns of No. 22 D. C. C. wire on .3 inch tubing.

L5-A fixed tickler of 30 turns of fine wire on L4 tubing far from L3.

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R4-One 100,000-ohm resistor with mounting. R5-One 2 megohm grid leak with mounting. Sw-One filament switch.

Four X-type sockets (four prong). Two 201A type tubes, or 112A type.

One 222 type screen grid tube. One 171A type power tube.

Six binding posts. Filament, plate and grid batteries. Frequencies other than those at which the beat note oscillator has been calibrated may at times be required. For example, calibra-tion points may have been taken at C and C1 on the musical scale and the tone A may be required. This note, or any other within and the tone A may be required. This note, or any other within the range of the calibration, may be obtained if a calibration curve is made of the data obtained. Frequencies are plotted against settings on the dial of oscillator condenser C3, Fig. 102, and a smooth curve is drawn through all the points. From this curve the setting required for any desired frequency can be obtained. While the frequency thus obtained may not be close enough to be in unison with the frequency desired, it will be accurate enough for thing output characteristics of transformers awnlifers and taking output characteristics of transformers, amplifiers, and for loudspeakers.

The output of the modulator in the beat frequency oscillator is practically constant for all frequencies because it is proportional to the product of the intensities of the two radio frequencies impressed on the modulator tube, and one of these remains constant and the other varies by a negligible amount. The amplifier, however, will introduce some frequency distortion since there are condensers and transformers in the circuit. For some purposes it is required to have the output constant as the frequency varies, or to know just how the output varies with frequency. To determine this variation a curve showing the relationship should be taken after the oscillator have be explored. has been calibrated.

The method of taking this curve depends somewhat on the manner in which the output is to be used. Let us assume the tone generated will be impressed on the grid circuit of an amplifier, and that we are interested only in the effective value of the alternating voltage. If we know the alternating current flowing in the secondary of the transformer T, Fig. 102, and in a resistance of known value con-nected across the output terminals, we know the voltage, for it is simply the product of the current in amperes and the resistance in chose. To obtain the current an AC multiplumeter is insected in in ohms. To obtain the current, an AC millianmeter is inserted in series with the secondary of the output transformer and with the resistance R, as shown in Fig. 104. An output curve can be obtained by setting the oscillator, which has been calibrated as to frequency, resistance R, as shown in Fig. 104. An output curve can be obtained by setting the oscillator, which has been calibrated as to frequency, at several selected points throughout the scale and noting the cur-rent output at each point. The output voltage is obtained by APPLICABLE TO BOTH RADIO AND AUDIO FRE-multiplying the current at each setting by the resistance R. Then

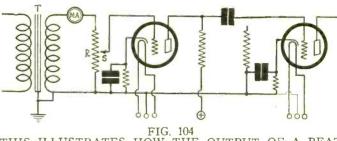


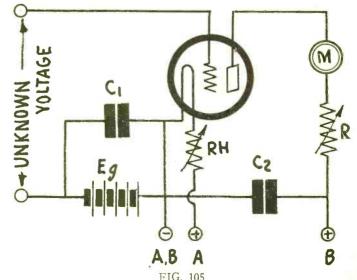
FIG. 104 THIS ILLUSTRATES HOW THE OUTPUT OF A BEAT NOTE OSCILLATOR, SUCH AS THAT IN FIG. 102, CAN BE IMPRESSED ON AN AMPLIFIER UNDER TEST AND HOW TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVE VALUE OF THE VOLTAGE. M.A. IS AN AC MILLIAMMETER AND R KNOWN RESISTANCE.

the data obtained are plotted on suitable cross-section paper. The curve can be used regardless of the absolute value of the output curve can be used regardless of the absolute value of the output voltage for the percentage deviation from constancy will be the same for all intensities. For example, if the output voltage is less by 5 per cent. at 10,000 cycles per second as compared with the voltage at 400 cycles, it will be the same whether the absolute voltage is 1 volt or 100 volts.

If the entire output voltage across resistance R is not required for some measurement, a lower voltage can be obtained by tapping the resistance at a suitable point so as to include only a fraction the resistance at a suitable point so as to include only a fraction of the resistance in the input circuit to the amplifier under test. The input voltage will be the product of the current and the resistance actually in the grid circuit. By choosing the proper ratio of the total resistance to the resistance of the fraction used, any desired small voltage can be obtained. For example, suppose the ratio is 1,000/1 and that the total voltage is 10 volts. The voltage across the small fraction is then .01 volt. If the resistance of R be taken as 1,000 ohms, the total voltage across the resistance is numerically equal to the reading on the milliammeter. If the small fraction of R is one volt the voltage

across this resistance will be as many millivolts as the meter indicates milliamperes.

When measuring voltage amplification it is convenient to adjust the input voltage so that it is just one volt, for then the amplification will be given directly by measurement without any computation. For example, if the measured voltage across the grid leak of the last stage in the amplifier is 50 volts, the amplification is also 50. In many instances, of course, the amplification is much greater than this. In such cases the input voltage can be adjusted to values of .1, .01, or .001 volt, as the case may require, and the measured this.



Wave's Route to First Tuned Circuit

By Thomas Pierce

W HEN a radio wave leaves the broadcast station antenna it is composed of a high frequency carrier having the wavelength of the station. On this is superimposed the modulated wave (the audio wave). We say that a certain station has a wavelength of so many meters of a frequency of so many kilocycles. By wavelength we mean the distance between the crests of the wave. If the distance is 300 meters the wavelength is 300 mters. It is very evident from this, that the more crests that appear

It is very evident from this, that the more crests that appear the shorter will be the distance between the two crests. Hence, the shorter the wavelength the higher the frequency.

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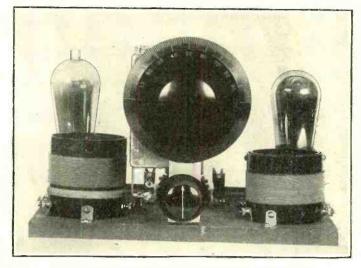
to the distance divided by the number of waves, which in this case means that each wave would be 545,550 meters long. These 550,000 waves are in reality electrical impulses which alternate in polarity 550,000 times a second. That is, they flow in one direction 550,000 complete changes or alternations of current are produced current are produced.

Between the antenna and the ground of the receiver, what is known as a condenser effect exists. That is, the antenna may be termed as one plate and the ground as the other, and the air between can be charged with electrical energy.

between can be charged with electrical energy. Now when the waves from the transmitting station reach a receiver's antenna-ground condenser, they pass through the condenser dielectric, air in this case, setting up a charge. This charge flows through the primary or the fixed small winding known as the antenna winding. We are all familiar with the action of an iron nail and mag-net. That is, the iron nail is drawn to the magnet. This is known as magetnism, and consists of magnetic lines of force. Because it is easier for the lines of force to travel through iron than through air, the nail goes to the magnet

than through air, the nail goes to the magnet.

When an electric current passes through a coil, there is the same result. That is, the lines of force exist about the coil. It



THE FIRST TUNED CIRCUIT IS AT LEFT

is these lines of force that we call electromagnetic lines of force, while the effect is known as electromagnetism.

While the effect is known as electromagnetism. Since a current flowing through a coil will produce a mag-netic field about the coil and since a magnetic field will repro-duce an electric current set up in the coil, a second coil can be brought close to the field of the first one and have an electric current induced in it. This second coil may be called the secondary.

The impulses through a condenser effect in the antenna and ground, and by induction have reached as far as the secondary winding. But these impulses are of a variety of frequencies and were so far transferred from circuit to circuit as such. Some-thing must now be done to separate them. For that purpose we have the condenser, which is also needed to complete the circuit. That is, we must have capacity (con-

denser) to tune the secondary.

Vacuum Tube Voltmeter Calibration

(Continued from preceding page) voltage multiplied by the proper multiple of 10 in order to get the amplification.

Alternating voltages such as occur across secondaries of trans-formers and across grid leaks can best be measured with a vacuum tube voltmeter. There are many forms of such meters but one of the simplest and most satisfactory is shown in Fig. 105. In this circuit Eg represents a grid bias battery the voltage of which is so high that the plate current in the tube is nearly zero. M is a microammeter or a sensitive milliammeter, and R is a variable resistance which can be adjusted to obtain suitable deflections on the microammeter. Cl and C2 should be condensers of 2 mid. or more. The tube used should preferably be a 171A type, and the filament voltage impressed on it be about 4.5 volts. This is adjusted with the rheostat Rh, which can have a value of 10 ohms, provided to volt storage battery is used. The plate voltage should be about 10 volts and supplied by a battery. The principle of operation of the meter is that of grid bias detection. When the two terminals marked "unknown voltage" are short-circuited the current in the plate circuit will be determined Alternating voltages such as occur across secondaries of trans-

detection. When the two terminals marked "unknown voltage" are short-circuited the current in the plate circuit will be determined by the emission, or by the filament terminal voltage, by the grid bias Eg, by the resistance R and by the plate voltage applied. For given values of the other factors, R should be adjusted so that the microammeter reads about one tenth of the meter scale. This reading is the zero for the instrument and it should be carefully noted. Whenever this reading is obtained it means that there is no voltage across the input terminals no voltage across the input terminals.

When any voltage is impressed across the input terminals, the reading on the microammeter will be higher, and the higher the voltage impressed the higher is the reading on the meter. The highest alternating voltage that can be impressed on the voltmeter in any particular case is determined by the upper limit of the microammeter microammeter.

Before this vacuum tube voltmeter can be used it must be calibrated, and this is a simple process if the equipment represented in Figs. 102 and 104 is available. The input terminals of the volt-meter are connected across R in Fig. 104, or across a portion of it as has been explained in place of the amplifier used in this circuit. The transformer T in Fig. 104 is the output transformer in the beat note oscillator in Fig. 102. Hence we have a source of pure alternating current and voltage and a method for measuring the current before it is impressed on the vacuum tube voltmeter. The frequency of the current used should be comparatively low, or somewhere between 60 and 400 cycles per second. The first reading is taken with zero input in order to determine the zero reading on the microammeter. Then readings are taken at various voltage inputs until the microammeter reads full scale. A curve is then plotted between voltage input and microammeter

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A curve is then plotted between voltage input and microammeter readings. The resulting calibration curve can be used for measur-ing any unknown alternating voltage impressed across the input terminals of the vacuum tube voltmeter. Since the AC milliammeter used in calibrating the instrument reads effective values of current, the voltage drops across the resistance R will also be effective values. Therefore the vacuum tube voltmeter is calibrated in terms of effective values and not in terms of peak values. To get the peak value of any voltage measured multiply the reading by the square root of 2, or 1.414. Peak values are useful when the grid bias to be used in any given instance is to be determined. This factor for obtaining the peak values from effective values applies strictly only when the voltage measured is free from harmonics, but if the harmonic content is measured is free from harmonics, but if the harmonic content is small the error will be very small also. There should be no DC component in the unknown voltage impressed on the voltmeter. A vacuum tube voltmeter for measuring steady voltage has been described already.

The accuracy is very high indeed.

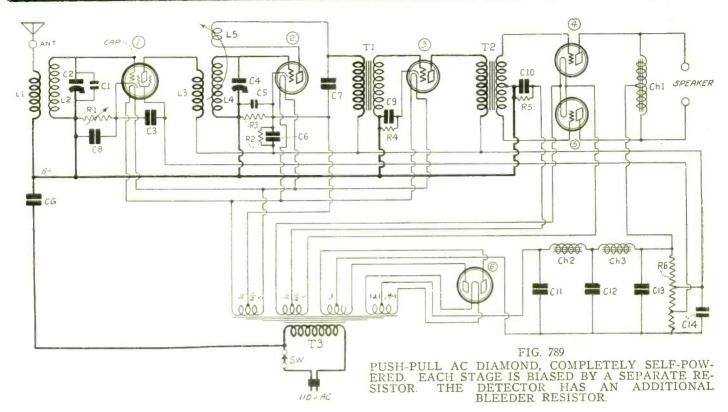
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S THERE any way I can avoid insulating the condenser brackets that are affixed to the subpanel in the HB Compact, battery model?-F. W.

model?—F. W. Yes. You can fasten the brackets to the two condensers and to the subpanel without insulation. The rheostat must be insulated from the front of the metal cabinet. A small bakelite or fibre washer will do this. If unable to obtain such a washer, write to Technical Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York City, and enclose stamped, addressed envelope. Connect the grid return of the first coil to the juncture of the two filament resistors, as diagrammed originally, but do not connect this coil to the tuning condenser rotor. Do connect the other terminal to condenser stator The coil in the grid circuit of the 222 radio frequency amplifier is The coil in the grid circuit of the 222 radio frequency amplifier is meant. Now, in the next stage, connect the plate return of the tuned winding to B plus, but do not connect this coil to the tuning condenser rotor. Connect the plate terminal of this coil to plate and to stator of the tuning condenser, of course. Put a fixed con-denser of .01 mfd. capacity or higher from the plate return of the second tuned winding to the subpanel. Thus in the first instance the tuned circuit was completed through the filament resistor and in the second instance through the bypass condenser. * *

I WAS always my understanding that the larger the filter capacities used in a B supply, the better the filtration, the less the hum. But I read something in RADIO WORLD recently that seemed to argue in the opposite direction. The question came up in Anderson's and Bernard's book, "Power Amplifiers," which you are publishing serially.—S. E. F. The larger the capacity, the better the filtration, up to the point where filtration saturation is reached, a condition reflected in the

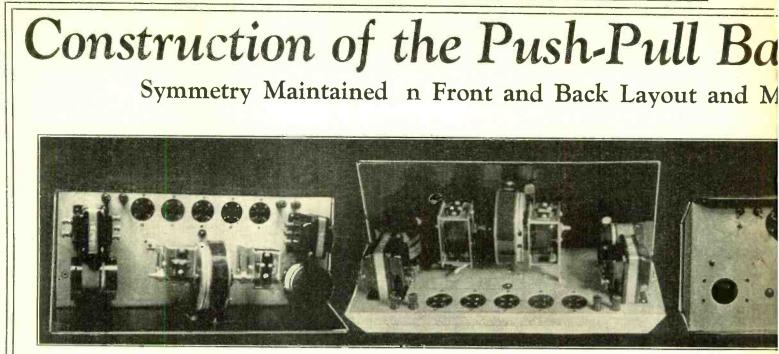
where filtration saturation is reached, a condition reflected in the audio amplifier. If hum is due to inadequate capacity in the filter and bypass sections, then additional capacity will reduce the hum. If the filtration has been done adequately, hence the capacities are sufficiently large, then hum may be due to the characteristic of the audio amplifier. The excellent audio amplifiers hum more than the poor ones, because fine audio channels amplify low notes much better, and poor ones usually cut off around 200 cycles. Hence the principal hum frequency, 120 cycles, and the 60-cycle fundamental itself, while present, are not amplied much, hardly at all, in poor audio channels. The elimination of hum is sometimes touted as a scientific feat, when all that has been done is to render a poor audio amplifice worse by filtering out the low forguerou response audio amplifier worse, by filtering out the low frequency response entirely. Hum that is heard when no program is being reproduced, but is inaudible when the program is on, cannot be fairly called objectionable. Indeed, if the audio amplier is a good one there is bound to be some hum. The increase of filtration and bypass ca-pacities beyond the bare requirements of hum reduction in the B supply tends to increase hum in the speaker, because the low notes are more adequately served by large filter capacity, especially the capacity across the line at the output.

* * PLEASE show how an AC receiver has its stages separately

PLEASE show now an AC receiver has its stages separately biased by means of individual resistors, and explain the theory of operation of this biasing.—H. W. T. Fig. 789 shows the AC Push-Pull Diamond of the Air, which embodies this feature. The plate current of the tube that is to be biased is sent through the biasing resistor and this resistor is by-passed. For radio frequencies a small capacity is sufficient, say, 000 mfd. up, while for audio frequencies a higher capacity is needed, especially the last stage, where 4 mfd. is the minimum. R1 is a 0-5,000 ohm adjustable resistor. If it proves critical place another resistor of about 2,000 ohms in parallel with it. R3 is the separate resistor for biasing the detector stage, while R4 is the re-sistor that sends bleeder (additional) current through this biasing resistor, so the biaser may be of smaller resistance, due to the in-creased current, hence of lower relative impedance, making the bypass condenser more effective. In practice the two, R2 and R3, may be a 20,000 or 25,000 ohm resistor with an adjustable tap on it, like Electrad type B. A ratio of about 10 to 1 is used, that is, ten times as much resistance for the bleeder resistor R2. The first audio stage is biased like the radio stage, only the resistor K2. The first audio stage is biased like the radio stage, only the resistor is fixed. The biasing resistor of these three tubes is connected from cathode to B minus. The last stage has directly heated tubes, and the biasing resistor is connected from midtap of the filament winding to B minus. In all instances the grid return (B minus) is negative in respect to the cathode or filament center, hence the bias is nega-tive. The rectifier in this circuit is a 280.

IN THE HB Compact, battery model, negative grid bias de-tection is used on a 240 high mu tube. Please give me particulars on how to get best detection. Also, the first audio tube is a 222 screen grid. Please let me know the value of the resistor in the

screen grid. Please let me know the value of the resistor in the plate circuit of this tube.—F. D. You can try 135 volts applied to the resistor in the plate circuit of the 240 tube, grid return to negative filament. You will find that low order of bias affords better detection. If the detec-tion is not as sensitive as you would expect, decrease the plate voltage. The resistor is .075 meg. (75,000 ohms) or try .05 meg.



Views of the receiver, showing rear, top and bottom observations. The two tuning condensers are att the medium of a piece of insulated rod, aided by a flexible coupler. The bottom view shows how

[In last week's issue, dated October 12th, was published the first instalment of a series of articles on the Push-Pull Battery Model Diamond of the Air. The radio frequency amplifier is a screen grid tube, 222, the detector is a high mu tube, 240, the first audio tube and the push-pull pair are 112As. Next week another instal-ment will be published, but enough has been printed, with this week's article, to enable anybody to build the receiver.—EDITOR.]

SPECIALLY prepared steel subpanel, cadmium plated, is used for the Push-Pull Diamond of the Air, battery model. It has A a right-angle flange all around, which provides a self-bracketing feature. The subpanel will not dip when you insert tubes, even

though no additional supporting brackets are used. Indeed, no such brackets are specified, as the rigidity leaves nothing to be desired. The five four-prong (UX) sockets are built into this subpanel. They are in a row at rear. At left rear, assuming you have the front panel before you, is the push-pull input transformer, and at right the push-pull output impedance-transformer.

The queer name for the output is derived from the following facts: the device is a transformer, but it has a large primary, centertapped, that renders it useful as an output impedance, as shown in last week's diagram. This week the diagram shows the same outand the push-pull pair of tubes.

Symmetry Is Keynote

The object of presenting the choice is to permit constructors to use that type of output that works better with the particular speaker

they are using, without buying two devices. In general the speaker cords for the magnetic or inductor type may be connected to the secondary of the output transformer. For dynamic speakers it is usually, but not always, better to connect the speaker tips to the plates of the respective tubes, with the center-tapped impedance in circuit. The better way is a marked improvement, so you will have no difficulty in reaching a decisive determination determination.

The usual insulated openings are provided for antenna, ground and two speaker binding posts. A simple way of grounding the sub-panel is to omit the flat insulating washer underneath the subpanel, and tighten a nut directly on the ground binding post screw. A lead may be soldered between lugs from the ground post to the nearest mounting screw of the input transformer for double assurance of grounding.

ance of grounding. There is a symmetrical keynote in the entire layout. Take the parts at rear. The sockets are symmetrically arranged. The two push-pull couplers and the coils that adjoin them are in symmetrical positions. So are the respective pairs of binding posts. There is only one deviation, and that is, one of the tuning condensers is spaced from the National drum so that about 2" intervenes, when coupling is effected by a small extra bakelite rod and a flexible coupler although the other tuning condenser is close to the drum coupler, although the other tuning condenser is close to the drum.

Valuable Constructional Information

The reason is that the second tuning condenser, the one in the detector grid circuit, has grid return of its coil made to A plus, while the other has grid return of its coil made to grounded A minus (the subpanel). To keep the two insulated it is not only necessary to use insulated coupling, but the condenser supporting bracket for the second capacity must be insulated from the subpanel. This is done in the factory, the insulator being built into the subpanel at the proper place.

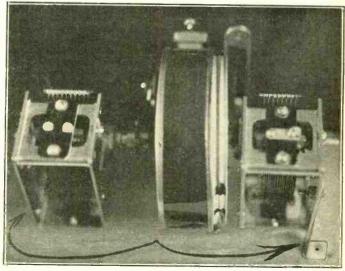
Both condensers are supported on one side by the drum and on e other side by independent single brackets. These are special the other side by independent single brackets. brackets and are furnished with the subpanels.

Not On Its Head

The diameter of the bakelite rod is $\frac{1}{3}$, so that the drum bushing will receive it, and only about $\frac{3}{3}$ is permitted to protrude. The flexible link will grip this extension. It is not necessary that the flexible link will grip this extension. It is not necessary that the flexible coupler be insulated, since the bakelite rod separates the condenser electrically from grounded A minus, while uniting it mechanically with the tuning mechanism. However, if the flexible link is insulated no harm is done. A brass bushing, with two set screws about $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart, will serve as a uniting element. Front panel symmetry and other aesthetic advantages are gained by having the knob that turns the drum located a little higher up than the knobs that actuate the tickler and the switch-rheostat. This carries out the impression of a pyramid standing on its base, rather than on its head.

rather than on its head.

The subpanel is cut away at left to afford clearance for the rheostat, and at the other end is cut away in a circle $3\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter, to permit a clearance of the entire three-circuit coil diameter. The coil lugs should be bent inward, to avoid all danger



ARROWS POINT TO WHERE THE CONDENSER BRACKETS ARE PLACED. THE ONE AT RIGHT IS IN FULL VIEW. THE ONE AT LEFT, HIDDEN, MUST BE INSULATED FROM THE SUBPANEL.

ttery Model Diamond of the Air ost Wires Are Dropped Out of Sight Through Subpanel DIA-CIRCUIT DIA-GRAM, WITH PUSH - PULL O U T P U T TRANSFORM -ER. THIS DE-VICE MAY BE U S E D A S S HOWN, OR THE DEMMARY 9 THE PRIMARY 8+72 5 4 ALONE MAY 4+ 6Y BE USED, AS TOLD IN TEXT. A-8-E -11 60 LIST OF PARTS L1L2—Antenna coil RF3. L3L4L5—Three circuit SG Coil, SGT3. R4-One 1.3 ohm filament resistor. Ant., Gnd., Sp (+), Sp. (-)-Four posts. One 7x18" drilled front panel. T2-Push-pull output device. T1-Push-pull input transformer. One self-bracketing subpanel $7x17\frac{1}{2}$ ", sockets affixed; already drilled, cut out in two places. CE-Equalizing condenser 80 mmfd. C3-One .01 mfd. condenser. Two resistor mountings. \mathbf{R}_{-} -One 6.5 ohm filament resistor. One National type H modernistic dial with RISW-75 ohm switched rheostat. color wheel, pilotbracket, lamp, hardware. R2—One 0.25 mg. Lynch resistor. R3—One 5.0 mg. Lynch resistor. C1, C2—Two .00035 mfd.

ched to the drum, one through ome of the parts are placed

of contact with the subpanel, and upward inside to avoid all possi-bility of being struck by the rotating tickler.

Properly placed holes in the subpanel receive the National Type drum dial, which is the new model, with modernistic escutcheon and the now-famous rainbow feature, that causes changing colors to flood the illuminated screen on which the dial numbers are read.

How to Mount the Dial

Just below the tuning knob on the National dial is a mounting screw with diamond-like engraving on it. This screw must not be driven in as far as human strength permits, but should be gently handled, and turned until it comes to a natural stop. Use no extra pressure, or you may bend the beautiful modernistic escutcheon. You should get some willing pair of hands to give you a moment's assistance when you attach the tuning lanch to the National dial

assistance when you attach the tuning knob to give you a monitor's assistance when you attach the tuning knob to the National dial, as someone should hold the pulley which the knob shaft drives, otherwise this pulley may be spaced from the vertical plate of the drum dial. The object is to have the pulley close to the plate, so suppose you hold it close, meanwhile pressing the knob at front against the apex of the special washer provided with each dial. The if you're acrobatic, you may use a long, thin screw for you. Or, if you're acrobatic, you may use a long, thin screw driver and tighten the screw with that. The problem seems to be, with which hand? The answer is, just teeth!

Mounting feet and a footrest bracket are on the specified tuning condensers, but these appurtenances are not needed in this hookup, so remove them. A pair of pliers will take off the mounting feet with ease. A little extra pressure is needed to remove the foot-rest bracket. When these extras are off, clean the holes. An easy way is to drill through them, thus removing all remains of the eyelets that held the fixtures in place. If you hear loud squeaks, and the last vestige of eyelet seems impossible to dislodge, use a larger size drill, as you are simply turning the eyelet around in the groove, without drilling.

The first condenser bracket uses the footrest bracket holes for mounting purposes. The other condenser bracket is mounted by removing two small screws from the condenser adjoining the shaft, and restoring them after the bracket is placed. These screws have lock-washers on them. Do not lose these washers.

Adjustable Tension

The condenser tension is adjustable. Very easy rotation is ad-visable. Loosen the locknut, and turn the adjusting bushing a frac-tion of a turn. Do not loosen the adjustment to that point where the independence of the moving plates is lost, and they touch the stator plates or wabble. When the desired adjustment is attained, factor the locknut. fasten the locknut. The three-circuit coil is mounted with tickler at bottom, so-called

upside down fashion, the only way it can be mounted in this re-ceiver, so you will make no mistake.

The antenna coil is secured to the subpanel as follows:

The antenna coil is secured to the subpanel as follows: Examine the coil, hold it in the illustrated position, with binding posts pointing toward the first tuning condenser. Examine the coil for connections. The pair of binding posts that connects to the antenna winding should face the rear of the front panel. Now you will find holes in the coil that permit mounting it on insulating washers already provided in the subpanel. These washers are not

directly for purposes of insulation, but to keep the coil elevated from the subpanel. Now with awl or jackknife enlarge the smaller mounting hole on the coil just a trifle, so it will easily pass a 6/32 machine screw. Put such a screw, of 3⁄4" length, through a flat insulating washer, and through the hole in the coil, from the inside. Let the screw pass through the collar washer on the subpanel, and tighten a nut against the subpanel from the under side. True up the coil and fasten with extreme tightness now the coil and fasten with extreme tightness now.

Flexible link, insulating shaft. Five vari-colored cable leads.

Two matched knobs

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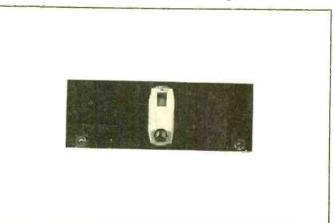
Extra insulating washers are provided with the subpanels, also screws and nuts.

Parts On Subpanel Bottom

Below the subpanel are placed the two resistor mountings and Below the subpanel are placed the two resistor mountings and the two fixed filament resistors. The one that connects to the F minus post of the screen grid tube (6.5 ohms) is attached to a condenser bracket screw, is bent up at an angle, and wired to the F minus socket post, which is about $\frac{3}{8}$ " away. Use flexible wire, connect physically as securely as you can, by threading through the hole in the socket lug, and then solder. This resistor must not be mounted in wobbly fashion but must be rigid

the hole in the socket lug, and then solder. This resistor must not be mounted in wobbly fashion but must be rigid. The other fixed filament resistor (1.3 ohms) is underneath, also, but in the central line of the subpanel, attached by a screw at one end with insulation (already provided in the subpanel), and unin-sulated at the other end. Thus the uninsulated end, nearer the front panel, picks up A minus directly from the subpanel. Between these two resistors are the resistor coupler mountings. Put three flat insulators between each of these two mountings and subpanel, to prevent the lugs on the mountings from touching the subpanel. You will find that the lugs of these mountings until these lugs will pass into the mounting lugs nearer the sockets.

pivoted, so cut down the sides of the .01 condenser higs until these lugs will pass into the mounting lugs nearer the sockets. Thus the resistor mountings are close to the sockets they serve. The reason why this accessibility prevails in several places is that (apart from the fact it was so intended) the sockets are in an unusual order. Left to right, front panel toward you, the sockets are: first audio, RF, detector and push-pull pair.



WABC GRANTED **50,000 WATTS** AS EXPERIMENT

Washington.

Authority to use the maximum broadcast-ing power of 50,000 watts has been granted to WABC, key station of the Columbia broadcasting system, in New York, the Federal Radio Commission announced. The station which previously used 5,000

The station, which previously_used 5,000 watts, will be removed to a location outside the city limits of New York, pursuant to engineering regulations of the Commission which removed the city limits of the commission which require that high-powered transmit-ters be remote from thickly populated areas because of the "blanketing" of the signals of lower-powered stations transmitting in the sections.

Robinson Opposes

In its application for increased power, the Columbia System stated that the new site had not vet been determined.

Chairman Ira E. Robinson voted against the grant of increased power. Commission-ers Sykes, Lafount, and Starbuck voted in favor.

Sam Pickard, vice-president of the Co-lumbia System, former member of the Comlumbia System, former member of the Com-mission, presented the application. He said that WABC, with its low power, was un-able adequately to cover the metropolitan area of New York. He explained that the National Broadcasting Company has two key stations in New York—WEAF, using 50,000 watts, and WJZ, 30,000 watts.

KNX Got 50 KW

Under Commission regulations, says "The United States Daily," the maximum power actually allocated broadcasting stations is 25,000 watts, with 25,000 watts additional awarded on an experimental basis. There are now six stations throughout the country using this maximum power, while construc-tion permits to build such stations are held

by six other stations. KNX, Los Angeles, Calif., previously obtained authority to use 50,000 watts.

Bill Bans Lottery

in Air Advertising

Washington.

A bill to prohibit lottery advertising over the radio was recently introduced in Con-gress by Representative Burton L. French, of Moscow, Idaho. According to Mr. French, this type of advertising constitutes as much a violation as that if it were advertising in newspapers, which has long been prohibited.

Kolster-Earl Merger Is Put Into Effect

The Kolster Radio Corporation recently acquired the Earl Radio Company, by an exchange of three shares of Earl stock for one of Kolster. The present chairman of the board of

Ine present chairman of the board of Kolster, Rudolph Spreckels, will remain as chairman of the Kolster board. Clarence A. Earl, president of the Earl company, will become president of the new company. El-lery Stone, now president of the Kolster Company, will become chairman of the ex-counting committee ecutive committee.

Ether Music Maker To be Sold by RCA

The patents covering Prof. Leo There-min's "ether music" device have been ac-quired by the Radio Corporation of Am-erica. The instrument, played by merely waving the hands, one controlling the volume and the other the tone, will be made by the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric and Man-ufacturing. Company and merchandised

and the Westinghouse Electric and Man-ufacturing Company, and merchandised by RCA. It will sell for \$175. The first public demonstration of this device was given by Prof. Theremin, in the Metropolitan Opera House on Janu-ary 31st of this year. He had arrived from Russia only a month before. It met with instantaneous success. The sounds emanate through a loud-speaker, and are of approximately the same frequencies as those of a 'cello. Beat note oscillation produces the sounds.

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WORLD CONTROL IS PROPOSED

Control of radio broadcasting through a world organization under the jurisdiction of the League of Nations was recom-mended by the International Parliamen-tary Economic Congress which recently met in Berlin.

A proposal that an international statute shall govern world radio activities was made, this statute to provide among other things the elimination of transmission conflicts between various competing staconflicts between various competing sta-tions and also guarantee more equitable distribution of short wave allocations. The fact that radio is of an international structure, which makes it a valuable agency for the promotion of peace, was pointed out. While its functions are akin to those of the press, the stage and litera-ture it commands an unique position in ture, it commands an unique position in relation to problems which affect human endeavor, it was further stated.

Recommendations for the erection of an international broadcasting station at Geneva were also made.

Phones to Australia, 15,000 Miles Away

In a recent test, the new round-the-world radiophone circuit of the American Tele-phone and Telepgraph Company was put into action, when Dr. Frank Jewett spoke from his office at 195 Broadway, New York City, over a standard desk phone to a per-son in Australia. The voice traveled a dis-tance of 15,000 miles. The transmissions are made on short waves. Different frequencies are used, according to the weather condiare used, according to the weather conditions.

The service will be placed into commer-cial operation shortly.

Spearman Promoted

Washington.

The Federal Radio Commission has ap-pointed Paul D. P. Spearman, of Jackson, Miss., assistant general counsel to the com-mission. For the past six months, Mr. Spearman has been on the Commission's legal staff. He now becomes one of the two assistant general counsel.

SOON FOREIGN STATIONS WILL RING IN EARS

One of the big attractions to be expected the coming winter is trans-oceanic programs.

According to arrangements independently completed between the two largest chain station operators, the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, and stations in Europe, the broadcasts will begin during December, and will take place nearly every week, during the late afternoon. The recent tests conducted by these companies whereby programs originating

in studios of stations throughout Europe were rebroadcast on regular broadcast waves after being picked up on short waves, were highly successful. The signals received were with great volume and with extreme clarity.

So highly successful has been the special experimental work on international broadcasts covering distances twice and three times as great as heretofore, that station owners predict that next year we will be able to listen to programs emanating from stations located in the farthest points of the earth, by the rebroadcast method.

Hoover, Jr., Obtains **35** Trade Licenses

Washington.

The Federal Radio Commission recently approved thirty-five applications for aero-nautical station licenses and for modificanautical station licenses and for modifica-tion of licenses for communication be-tween plane and ground, and point to point, made by the Western Air Express. The applications were filed by Herbert Hoover, Jr., who is the technical adviser to the president of the company. These applications were filed before the revised set up by aeronautical radio communiset up by aeronautical radio communication.

Automatic Beacons Used in Canal Zone

Washington.

A notice recently made by the lighthouse service of the Department of Commerce says that an automatic radio beacon is now in operation on each side of the Panama Canal, one at Cristabol at the Atlantic entrance and one at Capa Malta in the Pa-cific approach. This means that ships 100 to 200 miles distant from this zone will be able to take accurate bearings each half hour to guide them to the canal entrances.

These beacons are the first in the western hemisphere, south of the United States coasts.

TELEVISION LICENSE RENEWED Washington.

The general experimental and experi-mental television licenses of Radio Pic-tures, Inc., of New York City was recently renewed by the Federal Radio Commission.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK RADIO assuredly is now in the Big Business class. Proof: mergers ac-complished, mergers in the offing and talk of mergers all over the place. Looks as if Wall Street had become radio-minded—and the bend has only just started to play the band has only just started to play.

List of Stations by Frequency With Wavelength Conversion

* Canadian shared ** Canadian exclusive S-Studio

** Canadian exclusive S-Studio \$50 KC, \$45.1 METERS WGR-Buffalo, N. Y. WEAO-Columbus, O. WKRC-Cincinnati, O. KFUC-Cincinnati, O. KFUC-Cinyton, Mo. S-St. Louis, Mo. KSD-St. Louis, Mo. KFDY-Brookings, S. D. KFYR-Mismark, N. D. KTAB-Oakland, Calif. \$60 KC, \$35.4 METERS WIDD-Miami, Fla. WLIT-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFI-Philadelphia WFOM-Beaumont, Tex. WNOX-Knoxville, Tenn. WOI-Ames, Iowa KFEQ.51. Joseph, Mo. KOAC-Corvallis, Ore. KLZ-Dupont, Colo. \$70 KC, \$26 METERS

KL2-Dupont, Colo.
570 KC, 526 METERS
WNYC-New York, N. Y.
WMCA-Hoboken, N. J. S.New York, N. Y.
WSR.-Syracuse, N. Y.
WSK-Syracuse, N. Y.
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WSK-Oaynon, O.
WKBN-Youngstown, O.
WWNC-Asheville, N. C.
KGKO-Wichita Falls, Tex.
WNAC-Asheville, N. C.
KUOM-Missoula, Mont.
KXA-Scattle, Wash.
KMTR-Hollywood, Cal.
*580 KC, Si6.9 METERS
WTGC-Herrien Sgrs.Mich.
WCAC-Manhattan, Kans.
WSUL-Ilowa City, Iowa
590 KC, 698.2 METERS
WEEL-N. Weymouth, Mass.
WSUL-Ilowa City, Iowa
590 KC, 699.7 METERS
WEEL-N. Weymouth, Mass.
WEGO-Berrien Sgrs.Mich.
WCAC-Storrs, Conn.
WCAC-Storrs, Maine
WDAF-Kanasa City, Mo.
KFRO-San Francisco
620 KC, 4315 METERS
WLBZ-Bangor, Maine
WDBO-Orlando, Fla.
WDAF-Kanasa City, Mo.
KFRC-San Francisco
620 KC, 4315 METERS
WLBZ-Bangor, Maine
WDBO-Orlando, Fla.
WDAF-Kanasa City, Mo.
KFRU-Columbia, Mo.
KFRD-San Francisco

S-Chicago, Ill. 780 KC, 384.4 METERS WBSO-Wellesley, Mass. WTAR-WPOR-Norfolk. Va. WEAN-Providence, R.I.

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WSGH-WSDA-Bklyn, N Y WLTH-Brooklyn, N, Y. WBBC-Brooklyn, N, Y. KOCW-Chickasha, Okla. WCMA-Culver, Ind. WKBF-Indianapolis, Ind.

WCMA-Culver, Ind. WKBF-Indianapolis, Ind. 1410 KC, 212.6 METERS WBCM-Hampton, Mich. S-Bay City, Mich. KGRS-Amarillo, Tex. WDAG-Amarillo, Tex. WHOA-Amarillo, Tex. WHDL-Sheboygan, Wis. WSGP-Savannah, Ga. 1420 KC, 211.1 METERS WHDL-Tupper Lake, N.Y. WHDL-Tupper Lake, N.Y. WHDL-Blueneld, W. Va. WLBH-Patchogue, N. Y. WHSJ-Jamaica, N. Y. WLBH-Patchogue, N. Y. WLBH-Datchogue, N. Y. WLBH-Detron, Mass. WFOE-Patchogue, N. Y. WIBR-Steubenville, O. WILM-Wilnington, Del. WEDH-Erie, Pa. WHDL-Detroit, Mich. WKBP-Battle Creek, Mich. WKBP-Battle Creek, Mich. WGBZ-Weirton, W. Va. KGFF-Alva, Okla. KTAP-San Antonio, Tex. KTUE-Houston, Tex. KTUE-Houston, Tex. KTUG-Abilene, Tex. KICK-Red Oak, Iowa KTUE-Houston, Tex. KTUE-Houston, Tex. KFYO-Abilene, Tex. KICK-Red Oak, Iowa WIAS-Ottumwa, Iowa WLBF-Kansas City, Kan WMBH-Joplin, Mo. KLMP-Minot, N.D. KGFW-Ravenna, Neb. KFIZ-Fond du Lac, Wis. KFXY-Flagstaff, Ariz. KGFJ-Los Angeles, Calif. KGCC-San Francisco. KFXD-Jerome, Idabo KGIW-Trinidad, Colo. KGCX-Vida, Mont. KFIF-Portland, Ore. KORE-Eugene, Ore. KFQW-Seattle, Wash. XXRO-Aberdeen, Wash. 1430 KC, 209.7 METERS KARO-Aberdeen, Wash. 1430 KC, 209.7 METERS WBRL-Manchester, N. H. WHP-Harrisburg, Pa. WBAK-Harrisburg, Pa. WCAH-Columbus, Ohio WGBC-Memphis, Tenn. WNBR-Memphis, Tenn.

WNBR-Memphis, Tenn. 1440 KC, 208.2 METERS WHEC-WABO-Rochester, N. Y. WORO-Mt. Beacon, N. Y. S-Poughkeepsie, N.Y. WCBA-Allentown, Pa. WNRO-Greensboro, N. C. WTAD-Quincy, Ill. WMBD-Peoria Hts., Ill. KLS-Oakland, Calif. 1450 KC, 206.8 METERS KLS-Oakland, Calif. 1450 KC, 206.8 METERS WBMS-Fort Lee, N. J. WNJ-Newark, N. J. WNBS-Elizabeth, N. J. WKBO-Jersey City, N. J. WKBO-Jersey City, N. J. WKJC-Akron, Ohio KTBS-Shreveport, La. WFJC-Akron, Ga. K.1BS-Shreveport, I.a.
WTFI-Toccoa, Ga.
1460 KC, 205.4 METERS
WJSV-Mt. Vernon, Va.
KSTP-Westcott, Minn.
S-St. Paul, Minn.
1470 KC, 204 METERS
WKBW-Amherst, N. Y.
S-Buffalo, N. Y.
KFJF-Okla. City, Okla.
WRUF-Gainesville, Fla.
KGA-Spokane, Wash.
1480 KC, 202.6 METERS
WJAZ-Mt. Prospect, Ill.
S-Chicago, Ill.
WORD-Batavia, Ill.
S-Chicago, Ill.
WCKY-Villa Madonna, Ky.
S-Covington. Ky.
1490 KC, 2012 METERS
WBAW-Nashville, Tenn.
WLAC-Nashville, Tenn.
KPWF-Westminster. Calif
1500 KC, 199.9 METERS
WMBA-Newport. R. I.

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LANGMUIR TUBE PATENTS FOUND **RIGHTLY VOIDED**

Three patents issued to Dr. Irving Langmuir covering vacuum tubes, used principally in radio receiving apparatus, have been held to be invalid by the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The three patents are No. 1558436, known as the high vacuum tube patent; No. 1244216, covering the use of thoriated tungsten filament in a high vacuum tube, and No. 1529597, known as the magnesium flash patent covering the use of a magnesium vaporizable agent.

G. E. Sued De Forest

Langmuir patent No. 1244217 relating to electrical devices having a thoriated cathode was held to be valid by the court.

cathode was held to be valid by the court. The assignce of these patents, the Gen-eral Electric Company, brought suit for infringement against the DeForest Radio Company in the District Court for the District of Maryland, and the defendant alleged invalidity of the patents. The District Court held that the first patent mentioned was invalid in view of the prior art developed on part by Dr. Lee DeForest. The second patent was held not to involve invention, while the third patent was held to be invalid in view of one of Dr. Langmuir's prior pat-ents. The fourth patent was held to be valid. valid.

Court's Brief Opinion

The Appellate Court, Judge Buffington

The Appellate Court, Judge Buffington dissenting, affirmed the decrees of the lower court in a per curiam opinion which follows in full text: "The issues raised on these appeals were fully discussed in the opinion of the learned district judge and we agree with his conclusions. The decrees are, accordingly, affirmed on his opinion."

Producer Objects **To Broadcast Review**

London.

A critic has no right to express his A critic has no right to express his views freely on current productions over the radio, according to Bertie Meyers, theatrical producer, who has protested to the British Broadcasting Corporation against the review of his production "The Flying Fool", criticized by James Agate. the dramatic critic of the BBC, who is also the dramatic critic of the "Sunday Times" Times"

Mr. Meyers said that the criticisms carried remarks which were injurious to' the success of the production.

Licensed to Transmit From Falling Parachute

Washington.

Authority to operate a broadcasting transmitter, using only one watt of power, from a parachute when it is descending, was granted by the Federal Radio Commission to Roosevelt Field, Inc., of New York. It was explained at the Commission that

the transmitter will be used in instructing classes in parachute jumping. The instruc-tor, it was said, after he has jumped from the plane, will broadcast to the class on the ground the proper methods of parachute jumping. The license granted is for experimental work on the frequency of 2,368 kilocycles.



A Word for a Few Million

N the October 5th issue of the RADIO WORLD in the Forum column I find several interesting things that I would

like to comment upon. With due regards to Mr. Braddock, of Tampa, Florida, I would like to ask him where he received his information about the people interested in battery-operated

receivers being such a meagre minority. Perhaps it would interest Mr. Braddock to learn that there are people living west of the Mississippi River, and that perhaps three-fourths of these depend entirely upon battery outfits to operate these receivers. It might interest him to know that some of these people haul these same batteries as far as fifteen miles to get them charged. Perhaps Mr. Braddock's radio is much

more important to him than radio is to

more important to him than radio is to these few million people. Enough of this, though. Let me sug-gest that Mr. Work, of Bangor, Me., sub-scribe for "Radio-Craft". It and RADIO WORLD ought to go hand in hand. RADIO WORLD tells how to make them and "Ra-dio-Craft" tells how to fix them when they won't work.

Here is an idea of my own. Maybe there is such a place as this but I never heard of it. Why doesn't somebody start a school for radio service men, where they take regular sets and throw them out of adjustment; then let the students fix them; or take sets that won't work and let the students fix them? Of course, it would be desirable to give a thorough course in theory, too. I think RADIO WORLD is the best.

Everett James, St. Charles, Iowa.

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At It Five Years; Still Going

READ with amusement the letters I from certain peevish individuals and I want to say, in all fairness, that after five years of buying RADIO WORLD I have nothing but praise for it. As for one gentleman's remark about "all elec-tric" sets, it seemed rather pointless to sets, it seemed rather pointless to me. Doesn't he know that any set served by A and B eliminators is an electric set, even though it be a table model? And doesn't he know that such a set can be made to perform better than an "all elecconsole set with its boxed-in, boomy tric" speaker? But perhaps he was speaking in terms of "furniture". This seems to be the most important feature of sets to-day. Few realize that we have, musically speaking, quite some distance to travel yet. The thing to worry over is the loudspeaker and honest-to-goodness, no-kid-ding, realism. Let's forget the "all electric" mumbo-

jumbo and concentrate on something im-portant. If RADIO WORLD were to ignore eliminator-served sets it would lose half its patrons.

Frank Keats, Elizabeth, N. J.

Congress to Resume Monopoly Inquiry

Washington.

Immediately upon the passage of the tariff bi'l, the investigations by Congress into the fields of radio, telephone, telegraph and cable communication, suspend-

ed last Spring, will be resumed. The radio monopoly question will be one of the topics discussed.

BIG STATIONS QUIZZED ABOUT **USE OF WAVES**

A survey of the actual amount of com-munications maintained by licensees over radio channels assigned for their use, which will embrace the entire range of the radio frequencies, will be undertaken by the Federal Radio Commission. "Plans already have been completed for

W. J. Clearman, investigator for the Commission. The survey, he explained, is being undertaken at the direction of Harold A. Lafount, Radio Commissioner in charge of investigations in charge of investigations. When this information is obtained,

Mr. Clearman said, the files of the Com-mission will show the actual amount of communication carried on over every channel; prgoress being made in experi-ments conducted on frequencies reserved for such purposes; hours of operation over each frequency, and similar information.

Duplication to be Noted

On the broadcasting frequencies rang-ing from 550 to 1,500 kilocycles the sur-vey will provide information as to the extent of duplication of programs by stations on cleared channels which subscribe to chains, and the number of hours each station devotes to particular types of pro-grams, such as educational, musical, mechanical reproductions, and the like.

mechanical reproductions, and the like. It will require several months, accord-ing to Mr. Clearman, to complete the survey of point-to-point licensees. After it is concluded, the plan is to canvass licensees assigned to the frequencies re-served for television and visual broad-casting experiments. When that is com-pleted another separate group of licenpleted, another separate group of licen-sees will be canvassed, he explained, until the entire spectrum will have been covered.

23,000 kc Present Limit

Mr. Clearman pointed out to "The United States Daily" that the radio art has advanced to the stage where it is possible to use frequencies up to 23,000 kilocycles.

Beyond this point, he said, lies the "great unknown" of radio, but experi-menters, with the permission of the Com-mission, are now endeavoring to utilize channels ranging from 23,000 to 35,000 kilocycles, and the survey will show how for these experiments have progressed far these experiments have progressed.

Loudspeaker Heard Thirty Miles Away

London

At the recent National Radio Exhibi-tion, held in Olympia, a giant loudspeaker and audio amplifier having a reputed am-plification factor of 3,000, enabled speech to be heard over a thirty-mile area.

LITERATURE WANTED T. B. Strickley, 3710 S. Gramercy Pl., Los Angeles, Calif. William H. Polhill, 308 Morris Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. E. B. Maxwell, 347 Brock St., Kingston, Ont., Can

Can. Harvey B. Paul, L. Box 582, Port Carbon, Pa. Anton Adasiewicz, care Central Garage, Stam-baugh, Mich. Joseph Freund, 1430 E. Lake Road, Erie, Pa.

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New High Mu AC Tube

228 Provides Higher Amplification and is an Excellent Power Detector

HEN signals are weak in an up-to-date AC receiver using 227 tube as detector or audio amplifier, replace the 227 with the new 228 high mu AC tube and be amazed at the difference in volume.

The up-to-date receivers have high impedance primary in the first audio transformer, or have a resistor in the plate circuit, so the high mu tube is a boon indeed. As a detector the 228 can be used with leak and condenser,

As a detector the 228 can be used with leak a with grid returned to cathode, or as a negative bias (power) detector. See table, lower left corner. Since the 228 has the same base, same prongs and same heater voltage as the 227, it can be used for replacement and improvement, and without re-quiring any wiring changes or any other changes. Simply insert the 228 in the socket from which the 227 is removed.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 228

Heater voltage 2.5 volts AC. Heater current 1.75 amperes. Amplification factor 45. Mutual conductance 1,000. Plate voltage 180 volts.

Grid bias, detector —6 volts. Grid bias, amplifier —2.5 volts. Load resistance, 0.1 to 0.5 meg. Internal plate resistance 45,000 ohms.

228 AC High Mu Tube, with an amplification factor of 45 is an ex-clusive contribution to tube science by Kelly laboratories.

The plate current under normal operation is less than one milliampere. Hence the 228 tube imposes minimum load on the Bsupplu.

The 228 is not suitable as a radio frequency amplier.

224 at \$3.00-245 at \$2.25-227 at \$1.50-226 at 95c

The screen grid tubes have proved not only their capability but their dependability, and in AC circuits the 224 AC screen grid tube is popularly used as amplifier and detector, with the 245 as output, singly or in push-pull. Safe and satisfactory, Kelly 224 tubes are made with the same expertness and precision that characterizes the entire line of Kelly tubes. Our products are used by laboratories, technicians, experimenters and general consumers because of proven merit.

The Kelly 224 screen grid tube is not only excellent as a radio frequency amplifier but as a detector, especially applicable as a space charge detector.

A suitable high impedance load should always be in the plate circuit of any screen gride tube. For RF a large untuned primary, or a tuned primary, for detection and AF a resistor of 50,000 ohms or higher, usually considerably higher, or a high impedance inductance. You will find Kelly 224 fully meets your most exacting requirements.

The 224 and 227 are 5-prong (UY) tubes, the 245 and 226 4-prong (UX) tubes.

Battery Type Screen Grid 222 at \$3.50

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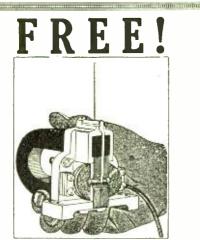
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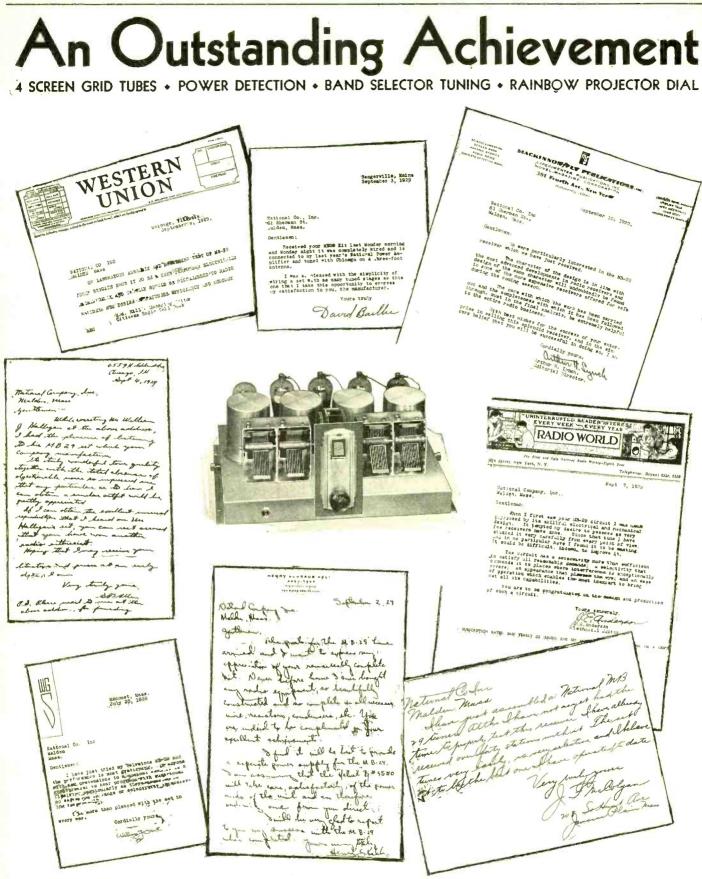
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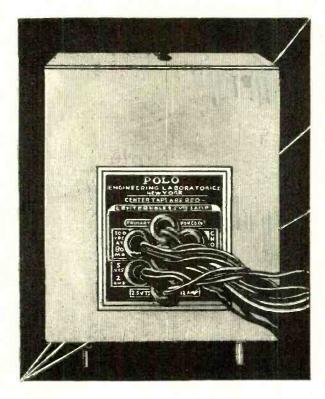
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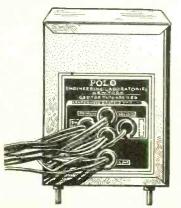
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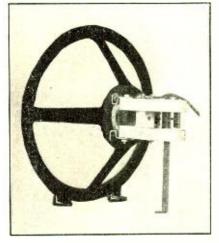
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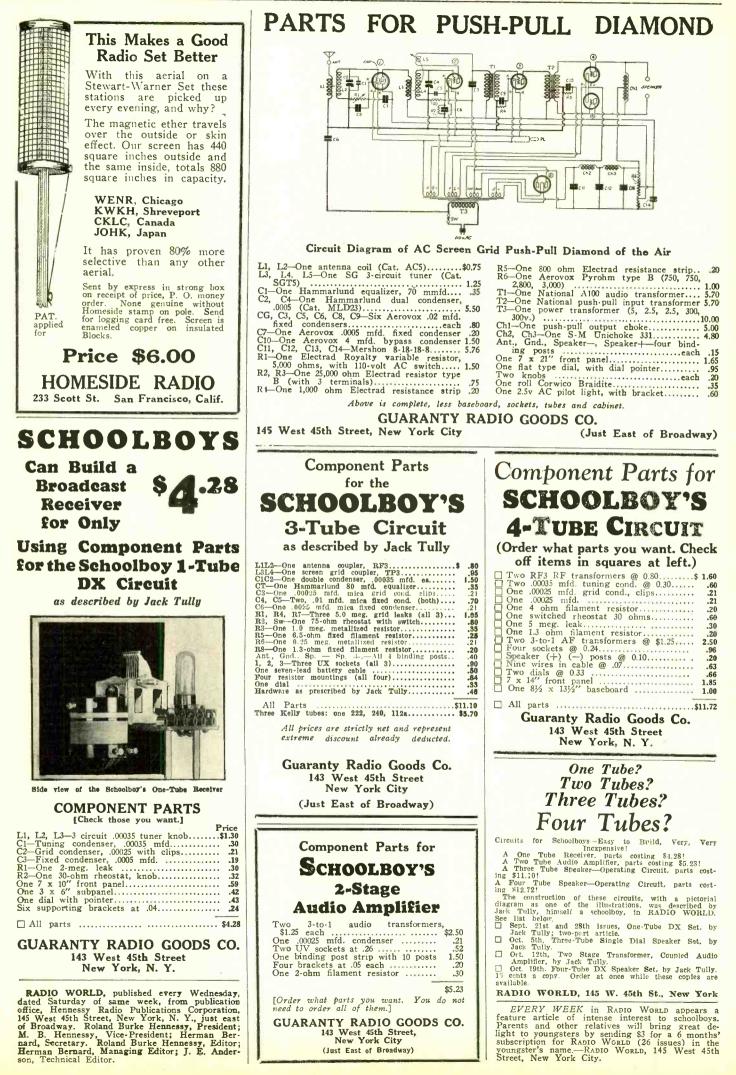
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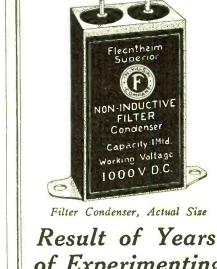
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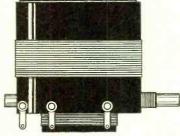
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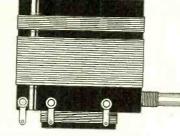
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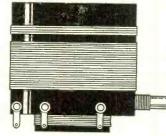


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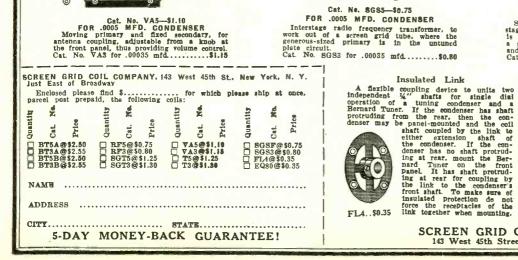


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with 8 per stage for a general purpose tube. If only the screen grid tube could be used at full practical amplifica-tion! Then a few tubes would do the work of many! At radio frequencies it was found that tuning the plate cir-cuit put the mule kick into the set. But the whole wave band could not be tuned in. So Herman Bernard invented a coil—the Bernard dynamic

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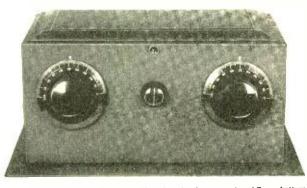
And this amazingly sensitive, most thrilling and utterly economical circuit gives you all the selectivity you will require, unless you live close to a powerful broadcasting station. So you get a super-abundance of results, in an unusual but thoroughly tried and tested, positively proven eigenit circuit!

Selectivity a 112A or 171A power tube. The RF tube's plate circuit is tuned by a new type coil that has a moving segment as part of the tuned inductance, with step-up ratio to untuned detector grid. The audio is resistance-coupled. A 7x14'' front panel may be used, with baseboard, but the HB Compact Steel Cabinet, decorated brown, with satin aluminum subpanel, sockets affixed, is recommended.

HB Compact, AC model, uses a 224 RF amplifier, a 224 space charge power detector, a 224 first audio and a 245 output tube, with 280 rectifier. Except for the space charge feature, not suitable in the battery model, and the larger power tube, not economically powered by batteries. the two models are fundamentally the same. The AC model is still more sensitive, however.

The same steel cabinet is recommended for the AC model, while the aluminum subpanel has the five sockets affixed and the type of each tube (except detector) printed on each socket.

Order what individual parts you want.



Front view of the HB Compact. The view is the same for AC er bittery model. For batteries the switch is built in the rheostat. For AC a pendant switch is used at rear, in the AC cable.



View of the HB Compact AC Model, the tubes being, left to right: 23 224 first AF, 245 power tube, 280 rectifier and 224 RF. The subpan 9/g.rl14/2', yet everything save the speaker is in this small space right: 224 he subpanel

| Component Part | s for i | HB C | ompacts |
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AC MODEL

| L1L2L3-Bernard Antenna Tuner BT5A\$2.50 | |
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| L4L5L6-Bernard Interstage Tuner BT5B 2.50 | |
| CT—One 80 mmfd. equalizer | |
| C1. C2—Two .0005 Dustproof @ \$2.50 | |
| C. C3. C4. C5-Four .01 mfd. @ .35 1.40 | |
| C7—One 1 mfd. 500V AC | |
| C8, C9, C10, C11-Mershon Q2-8, 2-18B 5.75 | |
| C12. C13—Two 1 mfd. 200 V. DC @ .50 1.00 | |
| R—One 25,000 ohm wire-wound pot | |
| R1, R2, R3, R45, 1.0, .05 5.0 meg. @ .35 1.40 | |
| T1-Polo 245 Power Supply Cat. P245PS | |
| 2500, 4400, 774, 50, 8 (20 watt) Voltage Divider | |
| PL-Bracket and 2.5 v. AC lamp | |
| OC. C6-Output choke, 2 mfd. 500 v. AC cond | |
| SP_{-} , SP_{\perp} —Two binding posts @ .10 | |
| Three National grid clips @ .06 | |
| F—One 1 amp. cart. fuse with base | |
| Aluminum socketed subpanel, 9½x14¼", 8 brackets | |
| Steel cabinet, crackled brown finish, 7x15x9½ | |
| 2 Inculating washers @ 03 | |
| Two full vision dials with pointers @ 756 | |
| 3 Insulating washers @ .03 | |
| One 12 ft. length AC cable | |
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| Two flexible couplers (links) @ .35 | |
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Kelly tubes: Three 224 @ \$3, one 245 @ \$2.25, one 280 @ \$1.75......\$13.00 [National Company's coils, soon to be released Cat. BTS5, BTP5 @ \$5 each, may be used instead of BT5A and BT5B listed above @ \$2.50 each. National Velvet Vernier full-vision dials, instead of plain dials listed above, counterclockwise, @ \$1.75 each.]

BATTERY MODEL

 Kelly tubes: Two 222, one 240, one 112A or 171A, total, \$9.20.
 [National Coils for the battery model, vernier condensers, see note under AC Model.]

 \$23.75 [The HB Compacts were designed and built by Herman Bernard. The battery model was described in the August 24th, 31st, September 7th and 14th issues of Radio World.] [The AC Model is now being described. See pages 12 and 13 of this issue.]

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extra adapters. Into the case are built the following meters: one reading O-20 ma. and O-100 ma, for plate current, change-over switch included; one reading O-60, O-300 volts DC for plate voltages and DC house line voltages; and one reading O-10, O-140 volts AC and DC (though the meter is marked AC), thus O-140 may be used for DC line voltage.

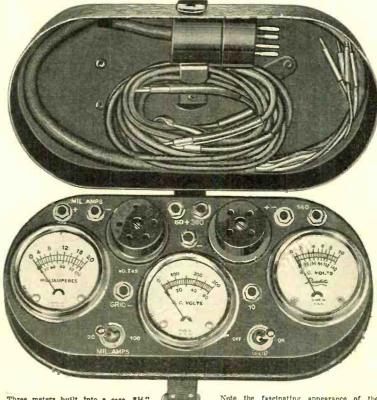
Two switches and nine tip jacks are on the panel. The jacks are marked to receive the four-tipped leads which emerge from the plugged cable conector. These leads are colored red, blue, brown and white, and so are little rings around the tip jacks that the leads connect to. All nine jacks are marked besides.

marked besides. The switches are for change-over on the milliammeter, and for connecting and disconnecting the grid return to note a tube's "liveliness." How this is noted is explained in the instruction sheet accompanying the J-245. Two sockets are on the panel, one 5-prong, the other 4-prong, for holding the UX and UY tubes, including screen grid tubes, both AC and battery types. To enable full test of screen grid tubes, including AC 224 and DC 222, a screen grid cable is supplied.

The compact J-245 therefore tests all plate voltages up to 300 volts, including B eliminators; all filament voltages, DC or AC, up to 10 volts; all plate current up to 100 ma. Besides, it provides close readings for plate current of 20 ma. or less and for B voltages of 60 volts or less, and AC voltage readings up to 140, including AC line voltage. Be-sides, it reads screen grid voltage.

sides, it reads screen grid voltage. The base that contains the meters has four feet on it, is only 1¼" high, and snugly receives the cover. Inside the cover is a spring clip to hold the plugged cable, with a 4-prong adapter, as well as the red and black separate test leads for use of each meter independently, and the screen grid cable. You have three separate double-range meters independently accessible, in other words, six-meter service, besides the plug-in feature for joint use of all meters in testing receivers, tubes, continuity, shorts, opens, etc., as described in the instruction sheet.

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