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Use of 6 Tuned Circuits

A Theoretical Discussion of an AC Design on That Basis

By Herman Bernard

Managing Editor



A THEORETICAL CIRCUIT, USING A BAND PASS FILTER INPUT, WITH A TOTAL OF SIX TUNED CIRCUITS. THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE DESIGN OF SUCH A RECEIVER ARE DISCUSSED IN THE TEXT. CII, C12 AND C13 ARE 1 MFD. EACH.

A SSUMING that you are to use six tuned circuits, how would you accommodate them in an AC tuner design? There is a multitude of variations. The first theoretical consideration might be to include five stages of tuned radio frequency amplification. The input to the detector would be the sixth tuned stage. The fourth and fifth stages might be worked at high gain, the preceding ones at low gain, for the selectivity that they afford. In that way a measure of stability might be established.

But five stages of tuned radio frequency amplification would constitute rather too unstable a tuner or, if stability is provided, the amount of theoretically possible amplification cast away would be very great. Perhaps it would be better therefore to limit the number of tuned RF steps to four, leaving one tuned circuit for the detector input and one for a band pass filter. Stability attainment is thereby rendered much more practical, but the device of limiting the circuit to low gain in the first and second RF stages is still necessary, even with careful shielding.

Where Theory is Serviceable

Let us consider such a circuit theoretically, for the design, as shown in Fig. 1, has not yet been built, and we seek at this time only to predict the results. Then we shall proceed to the constructing, testing, revision and final authentication, for we have the materials with which to work, and also experience with other circuits involving the very principles to be invoked in this instance.

While the discussion is purely theoretical at this stage, it must not be supposed that theory means wild guesses. Theory, as meant here, is a code of operation, based on experience, and applied to a present problem. Therefore a theoretical circuit is not a dangerous instrument but simply a circuit that has not been built, but in the design of which experience with similar circuits has been incorporated.

With these facts in mind we can proceed to a better understanding of the underlying factors of the diagrammed circuit. We have the tuning condensers, the shielded coils, the subpanel (although one resuscitated from a previously operating circuit), the dial and the choice of resistors, condensers, and other parts.

Band Pass Filter Introduced

Take the input circuit, deemed to consist of two tuned circuits united so as to produce a band pass filter. The first coil, ABPs, is like any other radio frequency transformer, in that it has one winding for the antenna-ground connections and a larger winding for the tuned secondary. R_1 is the volume control, appearing to be two resistors, but really one, since it is a potentioneter with a definite minimum resistance that makes it impossible totally to short the input.

Instead of the secondary of ABP₃ going directly to ground it is returned to ground through a band pass coupling coil, BPL,



FIG. 2

REAR VIEW OF A RANDOM METAL SUBPANEL ON TOP OF WHICH THE CONDENSERS, DIAL AND SOCKETS WERE MOUNTED. THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN BEFORE ANY WIRING WAS DONE.

which is common to the other tuned winding, BP_s , so that the two tuned circuits are coupled by BPL, which may consist of 10 turns of No. 28 wire on 1 inch diameter, to provide a 10 kc band at 1,500 kc.

The principal object in the present instance is to gain selectivity, which is accomplished by tuning twice before reaching the input to the first tube. This is in sharp distinction to the practice of introducing a radio frequency choke coil in the antenna-ground circuit, which admits all frequencies to the grid band at 1,500 kc.

Avoids Cross Modulation

Here we obtain a fair order of selectivity before any amplifiriere we obtain a fair order of selectivity before any amplification takes place. This not only improves the selectivity throughout but it also tends to rid the circuit of any tendency to cross modulation due to stray detection in the first tube. This detection may arise from too strong an input, resulting in detection by shock excitation, or from a negative bias which is too low. But we can arrive the bias as desired so it will be high. low. But we can arrange the bias as desired, so it will be high. probably selecting 2 or 3 volts, and then we have a relatively

probably selecting 2 or 3 volts, and then we have a relatively high input impedance in addition to the other incorporation, that of a twice-tuned input, to raise the impedance greatly. The higher the selectivity, the higher the input impedance. Likely we will run into a snag right away, unless we make suitable precautionary provision. If the coils are to be identical throughout the circuit, that is, all radio frequency transformers are to be wound exactly the same, we will find a preponderance of inductance in the first pair of tuned circuits, due to the coupling coil BPL adding its inductance to the inductance of the two tuned windings of which it is made a common part.

Inductances Equalized

The inductance of the coupling coil is 20 microhenries, therefore we will wind the secondary of the antenna coil so that its inductance alone is 20 microhenries less than the inductance of the other secondaries. Then there is the winding BP₅, which may be regarded for the moment as a straight impedance. It has no other coil in mutual inductive relationship to it, there-form it own inductance will be the resultant inductance. The fore its own inductance will be the resultant inductance. The effect of a primary, as in the other instance, would be to decrease slightly the inductance otherwise present in the secondary. We solve both problems as follows: the standard radio frequency transformers AK_3S are to be wound with No. 28 enamel wire, with 76 turns secondaries on 134" diameter tubing about 3" high, with primaries of 40 turns of the same kind of wire, separated from the secondary by a layer of Empire or similar insulating and moisture-proof cloth 21/10,000 inch thickness. Thus we make coils AK_3S of which there are four. The antenna coil will have 74 turns on the secondary, same kind of wire, same separate fore its own inductance will be the resultant inductance. The have 74 turns on the secondary, same kind of wire, same separation and 40 turns on the primary. The impedance coil BPs, used as input to the first tube, will have 72 turns, with no primary. All coils, except the coupling inductance, BPL, are shielded. The shields reduce the effective inductance. The number of turns stated seems to be too much for the intended capacity of .0005 mfd. used for tuning, but the data are given for effective inductance when the shielding is taken into consideration.

Capacity of Equalizers

Equalizing condensers will balance the two circuits, so that single control operation will be effective. In fact, this same system of balancing prevails throughout all the tuned circuits, the equalizers having a minimum capacity of 20 mid. and a maximum capacity of 100 mmfd. All stray capacities resulting from wiring, placement of parts, relative similarity of potentials, and the like some he balanced out her this trimming range but and the like, can be balanced out by this trimming range, but can not be assuredly balanced out by trimmers of smaller maxi-mum capacity, where close shielding is used. As stated, we shall not use the first tuned stage at high gain.

As stated, we shall not use the instituted stage at high gain, therefore we select a relatively low screen grid voltage (applied to the G post of the socket). The same low voltage will prevail on the screen of the second 224 tube. Independent biasing re-sistors, R_2 and R_3 , are shown, and since the screen voltage

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FIG. 3

UNDERNEATH VIEW OF THE SUBPANEL, WITH TEN-TATIVE LOCATION OF THE SIN SHIELDED COILS AND THE SOCKETS. YOU WILL NOTE THIS METHOD LEAVES NO ROOM FOR THE VOLUME CONTROL.

is lower than ordinarily, the current through these resistors is lower, and the resistors have to be considerably higher than the usual 300 oluns recommended, if we are to exceed 1.5 volts negative bias. We will make provision for at least 2 volts negative bias, possibly 3 volts, although at this moment we are not cer-tain whether independent biasing resistors will be used finally, the tuned circuits eventually to ground in two instances and directly to ground in the three other instances, and establishing a connection point for the RF cathodes to a potential 2 or 3 volts higher than ground. The detector may take its own indi-vidual biasing potential, whereby R^{\pm} would be 20,000 ohms.

Value of Condensers

If a common biasing resistor, a part of the voltage divider, is used, the same bias may prevail for all RF tubes, so that for the preliminary stages the bias will be higher than the signal level would require, but not higher than selectivity would render advisable. Therefore the controlling factor is the bias desired advisable. Therefore the controlling factor is the blas denied on the RF tube ahead of the detector, and 3 volts will be ample for this. If independent stage biasing is to be used, as shown, R_* and R_* may be 800 ohms each, and R_4 and R_5 may be 400 ohms each. The condensers C_7 , C_8 , C_9 and C_{10} , since serving RF purposes only, may be 400025 mfd, or higher.

The detector biasing resistor, \mathbb{R}_{\bullet} , of 20,000 ohms, should have a 1 mfd. condenser across it, if the detector is to be independently biased finally. A point on the voltage divider could be selected that would provide detecting bias, as well. The detector bias will be about 6 volts negative.

It is advisable to use negative bias detection, or so-called power detection, both being the same thing, except that the power detector bias is somewhat higher and the plate voltage likewise. The detector, when operated in either of these two ways, will stand a heavy signal input without distortion. The sensitivity may not be as great as by the leak-condenser method of detection, but we have abundant amplitude, and require only the requisite voltage-handling capability in the detector.

Detector Output Filtered

A filter circuit is used at the detector output to keep the radio

A filter circuit is used at the detector output to keep the factor frequencies out of the audio amplifier. This filter consists of a radio frequency choke coil of from 50 to 60 microhenries, and two condensers, C_{15} and C_{16} , of .0005 mfd. each, or less. A filament transformer is included, first, because there are five tubes, each drawing 1.75 amperes, a total of 8.75 amperes, and most power amplifiers, even if they afford a 2.5 volt winding for PE and detector tubes, use this winding for one or two audio for RF and detector tubes, use this winding for one or two audio tubes as well, and a possible 12.25 amperes is a lot of current to draw from a supply of perhaps undetermined capacity. There will be no danger of overloading the power amplifier's trans-former by the present method, and all necessary precautions hand to take account of the power of performer of the take account of the take account of the present method. should be taken against all types of overload.

Also a voltage divider is to be used in the tuner. The may be a total of 7,000 ohms or so, suitably tapped. The value main object is to be assured of application of the proper voltages to the tubes of the tuner-biasing, screen grid and plate voltages. Hence the P post of the tuner is connected to the primary of the audio transformer, or to one side of the plate resistor or impedance coil, in the power amplifier. The post beside it, marked 180, goes to the 180-volt tap of the power amplifier. This voltage is available from almost all power packs, and if not more than 180 works are obtainable, then the warest voltage thereto exactly 180 volts are obtainable, then the nearest voltage thereto may be used, although it is not well to go above 200 volts nor under 100 volts.

Voltage for Detector Tube

The detector plate voltage is not definitized in the tuner cir-The detector plate voltage is not definitized in the timer dif-cuit, since this voltage depends on a potential applied in the power amplifier. Around 100 volts will be excellent, although as little as 50 volts may be used, or as much as 180 volts. What-ever voltage is applied within this range, the tube will detect, as the current through R_6 depends on the plate voltage. Should a resister he in the detector plate circuit however, no less than a resistor be in the detector plate circuit, however, no less than





FIG. 4 THE MECHANICAL METHOD OF ERECTING THE COIL IS SHOWN AT LEFT, SO IT WILL FIT INTO THE SHIELD AT RIGHT. A CIRCULAR BLOCK OF WOOD AN INCH OR SO HIGH AFFORDS GOOD PROTEC-TION AGAINST THE COIL "LEANING OVER." MOUNT COIL ON THE BLOCK AFTER DRILLING HOLE FOR OUTLEADS.

100 volts should be used. This may require a change in your power amplifier wiring, in any event, since if it was gaited for a leak-condenser detector, the voltage may not be quite as high as desired.

With the bias depending on plate and screen currents, in all the RF tubes, no critical aspect prevails as to bias voltage, as that voltage is higher when higher bias is needed, and lower when lower plate voltage permits of lower bias. The situation takes care of itself automatically.

The voltage divider may be used finally for obtaining all biasing voltages, for it may be designed to lend itself to that use. Ordinarily the biasing voltage taken from a voltage divider results in some instability, due to the effect of the modulation. But here all the plates go to the highest potential, except the detector plate, which may as well go there, too. Hence no plate current flows through the voltage divider whatever, under any conditions. The 180-volt lead is connected through the plate load impedances to the plates, and the plate currents flow through the tubes and biasing resistors to ground.

Different With Screen Currents

But the screen grid currents do flow through that part of the voltage divider that would include the section to be used for joint biasing. This current is modulated. But it is of a low order of magnitude, as compared with the plate current. In the



FIG. 5 TWO THREE-GANG CONDENSERS ARE USED IN THE CIRCUIT. EACH SECTION IS .0005 MFD. TRIMMING OR EQUALIZING CONDENSERS ARE REQUIRED ADDITION-ALLY. PHOTO SHOWS ONE OF THE THREE-GANG.

case of the two tubes directly ahead of the detector, the proportion is about 3-to-1, plate current to screen current. In the first pair of RF stages, it will be remembered, a much lower voltage than standard value is used on the screen grids, so the proportion is less than 5-to-1.

The instability referred to has nothing to do with squealing but concerns the rise and fall of the amplitude of the carrier due to modulation. It will be observed that if the bias depends strictly on the modulation, and works in the right direction, the higher the amplitude of the carrier, the greater the current and the greater the bias, then a condition of automatic volume control will prevail. But the condition will not be strong enough, at best, to make the volume control really effective. It will be a relative change, not high enough for practicability. This situation obtains only when high bias is used on radio frequency tubes. In the detector circuit the modulation is upward also, that is, increased amplitude results in increased plate current.

In any event, the plate current is steady originally, being direct current. The effect of the signal is to unsteady it, and the rate of this unsteadiness is the rate of change in the undulation.

With six tuned circuits a problem to consider is how to make them work together, in view of the two three-gang condensers actuated from a single control.

Any circuit with three accurately tuned stages immediately feeding a detector is certainly a good amplifier and selector. Now, suppose the sections C_4 , C_5 and C_6 were thus accurately tuned and attention were concentrated on making them balance. Then we would tackle the remaining three, and under conditions whereby we would be permitted some off-resonance effects. When it is recalled that many three-tuned-circuit receivers have as their input and antenna winding that picks up all frequencies, we feel safe in assuming excellent results when in addition to the three accurately tuned as accurately as possible, and maybe just as accurately as the first-mentioned three!

Now let us build the tuner, wiring it carefully, testing it thoroughly and see if it is all that we think it ought to be and if not, ascertain what need be done to make it do all that it should do.

[Next week a full report will be given as to results obtained from the receiver as diagrammed this week.—EDITOR.]

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A Pocket Size Set

It Gives Good Results Despite Its Tinyness

By Neal Fitzalan



FIG. 1 TOP VIEW OF THE RECEIVER THAT YOU CAN AL-MOST PUT IN YOUR POCKET. YET IT WORKS A SPEAKER.

A HIGHLY compact and neat little receiving set may be assembled from inexpensive parts. Fig. 1 shows a top view of the receiver with the four UX199 tubes in place. There is ample room for all parts on a 5½x83%" panel. Fig. 2 shows the underneath view of the set. Referring to the wiring diagram. Fig. 3, we find that it is a conventional tuned detector, preceded by a tuned RF stage, the detector fol-lowed by two resistance-coupled stages.

You will notice from Fig. 1 the tuning inductances have been mounted very close together and also well within the electro-static fields of the condensers. This combination of opposing effects results in a circuit that is stable. Eddy current effects help offset the otherwise troublesome feedback.

The ends of the tuning coils nearest to you are the grid ends, and the opposite ends go to plus and minus of the filament circuit respectively.

The values for the grid leaks and plate coupling resistors are (reading wiring diagram from left to right), 50,000 ohms, 2 meg-ohms, 50,000 ohms, 2 megohms. The set will not operate well on an indoor antenna as at present wired, but is effective on a good outdoor antenna of at

least 100 feet in length, and using a good water-pipe ground. The writer has had exceptional results in DX reception with simple circuits using 199s.

simple circuits using 199s. Since this is a diminutive receiver it is necessary to use small-size coils. The forms used have a diameter of 1.25 inches and the wire is No. 30 enameled copper. The primary winding con-tains 22 turns and the secondary 106 turns. This secondary gives the proper inductance to be used with a .00035 mfd. tun-ing condenser. The two coils are identical. The primary wind-ing is 1/4 inch long and the secondary 13/16 inches long. This little receiver is suitable for use in a camp not too far from a broadcast station since it can be operated with light

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FIG. 3 WIRING DIAGRAM OF 4 TUBE MIDGET RECEIVING SET USING 199S—EFFECTIVE ON A GOOD ANTENNA, AND A GOOD WATER-PIPE GROUND.



FIG. 2 WHAT'S UNDER THE PANEL OF THE RECEIVER.

filament and plate batteries. If an antenna is erected between two tail trees as good results can be obtained in camp as at home, and in many instances much better results. One of the home, and in many instances much better results. One of the conditions for good results in camp, however, is a good ground. It is more difficult to get a good ground where there is not cold water system available. But a long steel rod driven into moist earth is very good. In lieu of this type of ground it is possible to use a counterpoise. This may be a long wire strung directly under the antenna, if this is horizontal for a consider-able distance, and raised above the ground by about six feet. The counterpoise should be insulated from ground. If the major portion of the auteuna is vertical the counter-

If the major portion of the antenna is vertical the counterpoise may consist of a number of long wires radiating from the lead-in in the form of a star. There is no definite shape of length of antenna or counter poise which will give the best results. The higher the antenna wire, as a rule, the more sta-tions will be picked up. Also, the longer the counterpoise, or tions will be picked up. Also, the longer the counterpoise, or the larger the number of radiating wires, the better that portion of the pick-up will be. It is really surprising how good a "ground" a counterpoise is. The reason why such a system is effective is that the re-

sistance is low.

If the camping trip is made in a car the filament supply may be taken from the storage battery in the car. The total current drawn from the battery is so small that the set may be oper-ated for hours without noticeable drain from the car battery. The receiver is not recommended for use in the car while this is in motion. An adequate antenna and counterpoise cannot be obtained. Moreover, there is no provision in the set for a limit

is in motion. An adequate antenna and counterpoise cannot be obtained. Moreover, there is no provision in the set for elimi-nating the ignition noise, and chances are there will be no provision in the car either to do this. If it is contemplated to use the set at the seashore, or near any body of water, a good ground can be obtained by running a wire from the set into the water. On a beach there may be considerable difficulty in erecting an antenna that will be high enough to pick up sufficient signals. The main idea, anywhere, is to get the antenna wire as high up in the air as possible is to get the antenna wire as high up in the air as possible.

List of Parts

Two .00035 Variable Condensers. Two coils as described. One .00025 grid condenser. One 1 megohm grid leak. One A75 switch rheostat. Three 50 ohm wire wound resistor strips Two dials. Four 4-prong sub panel sockets. Four resistor mounts. Two 2 megohm resistors. Two .05 megohm (50,000 ohm) resistors. One battery cable. One roll of wire. Two .01 mfd. coupling condensers. One bakelite panel 5½x8%". One cabinet to fit.

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Sideband Suppression Mythical Quantities Are Real Enough in Effect on Quality

By Herbert E. Hayden

T HERE is now somewhat of a controversy concerning whether sidebands really exist or are nothing but mathe-matical abstractions. One school says that a modulated wave is a high frequency wave, the amplitude of which varies according to the tone frequency wave, the ambitude of which varies according to the tone frequency amplitude impressed on it. The other school says that the modulated wave consists of three distinct waves, the carrier and two side bands. Mathematically these conceptions are equivalent, which is admitted by both sides of the controversy. Hence the question deals with whether or not the two conceptions lead to different results when a mod-ulated wave is selected by means of resonant circuits.

It can be shown both mathematically and experimentally that the consequences of both conceptions are the same so that the

The consequences of both conceptions are the same so that the principal unreality in the controversy is the bone of contention. As everybody knows, a tuned circuit responds to one fre-quency more than to any other frequency or frequencies. If a modulated wave consists of three frequencies, the carrier and two side frequencies, all being different, it is clear that if the resonant circuit is adjusted to one of them it cannot at the same time be adjusted to the other two. Hence one will come through the tuned circuit more strongly, relatively, than the other. If the frequency of resonance is used to coincide with the carrier the funder circuit more strongly, relatively, than the other. If the frequency of resonance is made to coincide with the carrier frequency the side frequencies will be suppressed to a certain degree, depending on the selectivity of the tuned circuit and on the amount by which the side frequencies differ from the carrier frequency. The greater the selectivity and the greater the fre-uencer difference the curverence the superscene. frequency. The greater the selectivity and the quency difference the greater the suppression.

Easy to Understand

When the modulated wave is looked at in this manner it is easy to understand how the side frequencies, or sidebands, if easy to understand how the side frequencies, or sidebands, if there are many side frequencies, are suppressed. They are simply tuned out just as other frequencies differing from the carrier desired are tuned out. The side frequency conception also makes it easy to treat a modulated wave mathematically, and that is the reason why this conception was formulated. If we take the other view of a modulated wave there is no basis for even talking about the side frequencies. They do not exist and they are not components of the wave here the

wave is the product of the carrier and the audio frequency im-pressed on it. But still when this wave encounters a tuned cir-cuit resonant to the carrier frequency it undergoes exactly the cuit resonant to the carrier frequency it undergoes exactly the same changes as if it were composed of the carrier and the two side frequencies. This can be demonstrated mathematically, though the mathematics is a little more complex than that of the side-frequency theory, and it can also be demonstrated ex-perimentally. The experimental demonstration is exactly the same as that of the side frequency theory. Those who argue that the side irequencies do not exist are correct so long as they draw the conclusion that a modulated wave can pass through a highly resonant circuit or series of

wave can pass through a highly resonant circuit, or series of such circuits, without undergoing any changes. They cannot argue away the fact that the degree of modulation is decreased by such a circuit.

Misunderstanding of Sidebands

Judging by the comments made by many radio fans there seems to be a widespread misconception of the meaning of side-band cutting. But just what the conception is, is difficult to fathom. No doubt, every fan has his own peculiar conception, just as engineers have different conceptions.

One idea, apparently, is that sideband cutting is in some man-ner related to amplitude distortion similar to that type of distor-tion that occurs when the grid bias is so high as to cut off the plate current during a part of every cycle. Nearly everybody is familiar with the characteristic choking effect when this occurs. One fan expressed it thus: "It seems like the signals have a hard time to squeeze through."

If this is the idea of sideband cutting there can be no circuit so selective that it would have the slightest effect on the quality. Sideband cutting is not at all a matter of amplitude, or signal intensity. It is a matter of frequency distortion, or relative suppression of the higher audio frequencies as compared with

the very low frequencies. Neither is it a case of sharp cut-off. That is to say, a tuner does not cut off sharply, say at 5.000 cycles, so that everything above that frequency is completely eliminated and everything above that frequency is completely eliminated and everything below it is let through with undiminished intensity. The sup-pression begins at zero modulating frequency and increases as the frequency increases, but it increases more rapidly at the higher frequencies than at the lower. The change is gradual, not abrupt. In a certain frequency range, depending on the selectivity, the rate of increase in the suppression is maximum.



THREE CURVES SHOWING THE MANNER IN WHICH SIDEBANDS ARE SUPPRESSED BY THREE TUNERS OF DIFFERENT DEGREES OF SELECTIVITY. CURVE C IS FOR THE MOST SELECTIVE CIRCUIT.

For ordinary tuned circuits the suppression below 5,000 cycles is negligible but increases rapidly above that point. By the time the 10,000 cycle frequency is reached the suppression may be so great that the amplitude of this signal of this frequency may be entirely inaudible. If the circuit is excessively selective serious suppression may begin as low as 1,000 cycles.

Another Comment

One comment that suggests misconception of sideband cutting is often made in connection with long distance reception. The owner of a certain superheterodyne in which the RF stage is strongly regenerative and the intermediate frequency tuner sharply selective and tuned to a comparatively low frequency said, referring to the quality: "That is not so bad is it, and no sideband cutting." The truth was that there was very much sideband cutting. There was very little reproduction of any frequency above 1,000 cycles and entirely too much below 100 cycles. The characteristic barrel-effect was excessively strong. Sideband cutting does not always mean unpleasant quality. In many instances it means quite the reverse. People say that the quality is sweet and mellow. Nevertheless, it always means unnatural quality, a strong preponderance of bass. Such quality is tolerable, if not actually pleasant, as long as the signal is primarily music, because few musical tones are sup-pressed. Not many fundamental musical tones are higher than One comment that suggests misconception of sideband cutting

pressed. Not many fundamental musical tones are higher than 5,000 cycles so that if the suppression is negligible up to that frequency there is little change in the fundamentals of any mu-sical notes, nor in the more important harmonics of the lower sical notes, hor in the more important harmonics of the lower pitch tones. However, the higher harmonics of the lower pitch tones, and all the harmonics of the highest nusical tones, are suppressed. This, of course affects the timbre of the reproduced music but few people, if any, are aware of it. At least not unless the suppression becomes extremely great. It should be remembered that the higher frequencies are never entirely mission missing.

Speech Affected

The same thing does not hold true of speech, because much of the intelligence in speech is carried by the frequencies above show 5,000 cycles. While it is true that speech in which all frequencies above 5,000 cycles is understandable, it is not so easy to under-stand when the high frequencies are missing as when they are present in full strength. Many of the spoken words have to be present in full strength. Many of the spoken words have to be completed by rapid-fire guessing. A certain word may be noth-ing but a grunt, but the context may require that a certain meaning be attached to that grunt, so the brain translates it into a real word. Just how closely the grunt resembles the word, or how much it deviates from it, depends on the degree of selectivity of the tuned circuit, or on the higher frequency suppression elsewhere in the receiver.

suppression elsewhere in the receiver. The best way to judge by ear whether or not there is side-band cutting is to listen to the hissing consonants in speech. If they can be heard distinctly there cannot be much suppression of the higher frequencies in the sidebands. The hissing con-sonants are s, z, sh, zh, j, soft c, soft g, and x. There are in addition many other consonants which depend on the high fre-quencies for their distinctness such as v, f, th, and d. In fact, nearly all consonants are dependent in varying degrees on the bigh frequencies. high frequencies.

 B_y H. B.



SEVEN DIFFERENT FORMS OF AUDIO COUPLING.

UDIO amplification is the magnification of audio frequency UDIO amplification is the magnification of audio frequency voltages. For purposes of general discussion these fre-quencies are considered to lie in the range from 50 to 5,000 cycles, although some systems amplify well in the region a little below 50 cycles, and quite a few amplify well in the range above 5,000 cycles. The normal adult ear has no difficulty hear-ing sounds from 24 to 10,000 cycles. With the improvements that have taken place in audio fre-quency amplification in the past few years, the amplifier itself has been made to magnify well frequencies above and below the limits of keen response by loudspeakers, the sole means em-ployed for reproduction of the audio frequencies, that is, their radiation as actual sound waves. The function of the loudspeaker is to accept the variations in voltage and current, that is, the electrical pulses, and change

in voltage and current, that is, the electrical pulses, and change these to corresponding pulsations of an ultimate mechanical nature, and these impacts produce audible sounds radiated as wave motion in air.

Input to the Amplifier

Audio amplification may be applied to any electrical input that varies or remains steady at audio frequency. The output of the detector tube of a radio receiver is one example. The out-put of a microphone is another. A phonograph pickup receives mechanical variations and converts them into electrical pulsa-tions, so the pickup's output may be magnified by the audio amplifier. amplifier.

amplifier. The most used type of coupling for audio amplification is the transformer. This consists of two coils wound on an iron, steel or other core, the smaller winding being the primary and the larger the secondary. The primary is connected in the plate circuits of a tube, or to some other device than a tube, and the secondary in the grid circuit of another tube. The pulsa-tions in the primary are induced in the secondary. The transformer is represented by Fig. 1A where P goes to

The transformer is represented by Fig. IA, where P goes to the plate of the detector tube, let us say, and B goes to the positive B voltage to be applied to the detector plate through the primary, which is known as the plate load impedance. The secondary has to be connected to the grid of the next tube, which is the fort ordina condition and the return of the concretent tube, which is the first audio amplifier, while return of the secondary is made to a voltage negative in respect to the filament of the first audio tube.

Resistance Coupling

Another form of audio coupling is resistance coupling, represented in one type by Fig. 1B, where the connections to R1 correspond to those to the primary in the instance of the trans-





FIG. 3

PUSH-PULL, A SPECIAL FORM OF TRANSFORMER COUPLING, SUCCEEDING A SINGLE-SIDED STAGE.

former, while the resistor R2, of 1 meg. or more, corresponds in connections to the secondary in the instance of the trans-former. Between plate and grid is a condenser, C, of .01 mfd. of greater capacity. This is an isolating condenser. It keeps the positive plate voltage off the grid of the succeeding tube. It is not a coupling condenser. The coupling consists of the voltage drop in R1 being duplicated in the grid leak R2. CR2 are in parallel with R1, CR2 being in itself a series circuit. Whereas the transformer has a step-up ratio, the resistance coupler contributes no step-up, but relies on the amplification factor of the tube in the plate circuit of which the coupling resistor, R1, is connected. Good quality is obtainable from resistance coupling, which is one form of direct coupling.

one form of direct coupling.

Two audio choke coils may be substituted for the resistors, in which instance impedance coupling results, as in Fig. 1C. Or, a choke coil may be in the plate circuit, while a resistor leak is in the grid circuit of the succeeding tube, as in Fig. 1D, or the resistor may be in the plate circuit and the coil in the grid circuit.

Special Types

A special form of coupling, known as the Clough system, has a resistor in the plate circuit, and a coil in the grid circuit of the next tube, the voltage drop in R1, Fig. 1E, being applied to a part of the coil, by utilizing a tap, so that in effect the grid coil is an auto-transformer, where the part from T to C A standard auto-transformer, where the part the fact that i do Fig. 1G shows a non-reactive circuit is shown in Fig. 1F, while Fig. 1G shows a non-reactive circuit. A circuit is non-reactive when it has resistance only, no in-

ductance, no capacity.

A form of non-reactive coupling of more recent popularity is known as the Loftin-White system, because Edward Loftin and S. Young White were successful in reducing it to easy practice in AC designs, using heater type tubes. A typical Loftin-White amplifier is shown in Fig. 2. The condenser from cathode to a potentiometer arm is how burghing cathode to a potentiometer arm is hum-bucking.

The theory of the non-reactive circuit is that the voltage drop-



PUSH-PULL OUTPUT TO A PUSH-PULL INPUT OF THE SUCCEEDING STAGE.

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FIG. 5

METHODS OF LAST AUDIO STAGE OUTPUT FOR COUPLING TO A LOUDSPEAKER.

in a plate resistor is directly applied to the grid of the next In a plate resistor is directly applied to the grid of the next tube, so that indeed the same resistor is also a grid leak, while the available B voltage is used in series. So, in Fig. 2, the first tube is the first audio amplifier, biased negatively by the resistor R1. If it is desired to have the first tube a detector, this may be done by increasing the value of R1, so that the tube is worked at a higher negative bias for detection.

Voltage Apportionment

The total B voltage is represented by the drop across the In total b voltage is represented by the drop across the voltage divider from plus to minus. Assume there are 350 volts. If the bias on the first tube is 2 volts negative, there would be 348 volts left. But there is still another tube to accommodate. A screen voltage of, say, 20 volts is applied, and a plate voltage of 98 volts. Thus to point (4) we have used 100 volts total, as the screen voltage is simply taken off a part of the drop used for plate voltage

for plate voltage.

for plate voltage. Now, there is a drop in the coupling resistor, R2, and as the plate side is negative in respect to the B plus side of this resistor. so the grid of the next tube (the same circuit) is negative in respect to the filament center of the last tube by the amount of this drop. The value of R2 is chosen, in respect to that of R1 and the voltage distribution, so that the drop in R2 is equal to the bias required for the last tube, on the basis of the plate voltage applied to the last tube. This voltage in the given instance can be 250 volts, so if the last tube were a 245, at 250 plate volts, the drop in R2 would have to be 50 volts.

Push-Pull

Push-pull is a special form of transformer coupling. It has not been made practical yet for other forms of coupling. The practice of push-pull is that the secondary of the input trans-former, Fig. 3, divides its input between two tubes, by connec-tion of the two extremes of the winding to the respective grids of these tubes with center tap to the negative bias. Thus the tion of the two extremes of the winding to the respective grids of these tubes, with center tap to the negative bias. Thus the voltage in one tube is always the same voltage as that in the other tube, but the phases are 180 degrees apart. The voltages are said to be equal but opposite at any given instant. The difference between the voltages obviously is zero. This fact is utilized to get rid of distortion, principally that due to harmonics. The push-pull circuit suppresses the even order of harmonics, or gets rid of them entirely, hence push-pull is used in circuits for obtaining quality of a higher order than transformers other-

for obtaining quality of a higher order than transformers other-wise would be likely to render possible. T1 is the push-pull input transformer. The output is taken through the transformer, T2. The difference lies in the fact that the input transformer has its secondary center-tapped, while the output transformer has its primary center-tapped. However, both input and output may be in push-pull, as shown in Fig. 4 where both windings are center-tapped.

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Final Audio Output

There are several ways of taking the output from the final audio tube or tubes for delivery to the loudspeaker. Let us take up the battery operated tubes first. In Fig. 5A the direct coupled output is shown, where the speaker's magnet coil would be connected between the posts designated speaker input. In Fig. 5B a filtered output is shown, where the direct current flows only through the audio choke coil, Ch, while the audio frequencies are coupled to the speaker through the condenser C2. An output transformer may be used, as in Fig. 5C. For push-pull an output transformer with a center-tapped primary may be used. It so happens that the secondary is not absolutely essential, although in some instances for purposes of matching impedances it is preferable to include it. The dotted lines show the speaker connections when there is no secondary. There are several ways of taking the output from the final

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AC Tubes

As for AC, where a heater type tube is used as output with a choke-condenser filter circuit, the diagram is as shown in Fig. 5E. Fig. 5F shows the filtered single-sided output, using choke and condenser, for a directly AC heated filament, while Fig. 6G gives the connection for a push-pull circuit of the AC type.

Speaker to Use

In connection with audio amplification, it is always important to consider the speaker. The dynamic is the most popular today. It may have its extra energizing coil, called the field coil or magnetizing coil or "pot," supplied by rectified AC, or DC from a storage battery or DC house line. Another popular speaker is the inductor, an improvement on the old-style mag-netic, but still a magnetic. Either of these or an exponential horn may be used to advantage.

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Hum Reduction in Reverse-Wound Coil Systems and Co By John C.

We say that the field of a dynamic speaker pot, when exited by the output of a rectifier, without the use of any device or circuit to smooth out the pulsating field flux and make it more uniform, is unfiltered or "raw." When a dynamic speaker voice coil is placed in a raw pot field the continuously variable field flux cuts across the voice coil turns, inducing emf's which are in such relationship to the inducing flux (the pot flux) that the voice coil is being con-tinuously repelled, first outward then inward, when the voice-coil circuit is complete. See Fig. 1. Now this outward and inward motion of the voice coil and cone occurs at a frequency equal to the original AC operating frequency if the rectifier is inward motion of the voice coil and cone occurs at a frequency equal to the original AC operating frequency if the rectifier is half-wave and at twice the AC line frequency if the rectifier is full-wave. In the case of a speaker pot operating from a 60 cycle AC source this cone frequency is 60 cycles for half-wave and 120 cycles for full wave. This steady 60 or 120 cycle note, there, is what we call "hum."

Series Opposing Connection

Referring to Fig. 4, page 12, the coil forms a secondary source of hum emf and is connected in opposing series with the voice coil so as to neutralize the hum developed by the cone. See Fig. 2. Though the hum coil R does oppose the emf developed in the voice coil, it can never develop the *same current and voltage* at the same instant of time that the voice call does, and therefore this means though the hum can be reduced, it cannot be totally

obliterated, specially with a flexible cone. A simple system like this is fairly successful with low exiting power or a stiff cone. A reason for our not being able to make coil R exactly oppose the emf of the voice coil is the fact that the densities of the fluxes cutting across the two coils is not

equal. So we try to find some other way out of the difficulty. Fig. 5 shows an arrangement of coils that is effective in that it payes the way for reducing the hum by smoothing out the pulsating field first.

Referring to Fig. 3, we remember that when the copper ring was *held* down in the AC field strength of the core was weaker, hence in Fig. 4 if we wind a single or double layer the magnetizing turns, the result when the heavy turn coil leads are connected will be to set up an opposing pulsating field flux in the pot core, in other words, to smooth out the pulsating field, making it much easier to remove the hum emf than formerly.

Repulsive Effect Analyzed

This repulsive effect must give rise to the following. If we exite the core AB, Fig. 3A, and hold the metal ring above the exited coil we will find that its weight is relatively slight, and if we wish to place the ring down at its position of rest we will find that we have to use considerable force. A pick-up coil placed at the end of coil AB would indicate a decided weakening in the force of the magnetic field. Under these conditions, if





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FIG. 1

A STEADY UNI-DIRECTIONAL CURRENT FLOWING THROUGH CONDUCTOR AA' (AWAY FROM OBSERVER) SETS UP A MAGNETIC FIELD AS SHOWN. BATTERY B IS THE SOURCE OF THE CURRENT.

THOSE who live in AC supply districts use the induction motor in many forms and for various purposes, such as the electric fan, vibrator and vacuum cleaner. Your radio set, if it is an "all-electric" one, contains a power transformer the operation of which is based on well-known laws of electro-magnetic induction magnetic induction.

When a current of electricity flows along a conductor, at a steady rate, there is set up around the conductor a circular magnetic field the center of which is the axis of the conductor. In Fig. 1 the battery B, in sending a current through the con-ductor. ductor AA' sets up a circular field as shown. Now, if we imagine an alternating generator connected at the points where battery B is connected in Fig. 1, we would find that as an alternating cur-rent flows in the conductor AA⁴ the circular field itself would be alternating, periodically reversing its flow, according to the frequency.

Neutralized emf

Now that we know that the magnetic field surrounding a conductor is dependent upon the character of the current flowing through the conductor, we move to the next consideration. Fig. 2 shows an arrangement of coils where by any emf (electro motive the dependent of coils where be any endicated the shows an arrangement of coils where by any emit (electro motive force), whether it be direct, pulsating direct for alternating, can be neutralized. The action here is an extension of that shown in Fig. 1. Suppose we complete the circuit of coil E with a battery and an ordinary telegraph key, and have previously con-nected the galvanometer to coil P only. Where we close the key we get a deflection of the galvanometer needle to, say, 4. Then with the key still held closed the needle returns to zero. If we now open the key we observe another deflection in the opposite direction (and if we had used a central zero galvano-meter we could have shown that the reverse deflection was

opposite direction (and if we had used a central zero galvano-meter we could have shown that the reverse deflection was very much more rapid though no greater than the first one). But the needle returns to zero again. Now let us shift the galvanometer connections over to coil P_1 and repeat. First close the key and notice that the galvanometer deflection is now reversed, showing that the induced current in coil P_1 is opposite to that in coil P_2 . Now, if we reverse the galvanometer connec-tion to coil P_1 we will find upon closing the key again that the deflection is the same as the one originally obtained from coil P_2 . Therefore if we connect coils P and P_1 together as shown, we will find that we will obtain zero deflection of the galvanometer. Similarly, if we connect a zero-center galvanometer. Similarly, if we connect a zero-center galvanometer in place of the instrument shown, and apply an emf of any form the re-sultant deflection will always be zero.

Origin of the Hum

Where does hum originate? In nearly all commercial dynamic where does num originater. In nearly an commercial dynamic speaker designs operated on pulsating direct emf. obtained from either a half-wave or full-wave rectifier (and as this pulsating DC energy is of the order of from 8 to 26 watts depending on the pot in question) the pulsations of the flux due to the nature of the exciting emf. will be quite considerable.

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FIG. 3A THIS SHOWS REPULSION OF COPPER RING BY AN AC FIELD.

FIG. 3B THE REPUISION EFFECT APPLIED TO A ROTA-TION DISK.

the ring be now removed, the magnetic field strength will be restored.

Fig. 3B is an application of their repulsion to the case of a revolving disk (the repulsion or shaded pole motor. Looking down on the core AB we bring a rotatably-mounted metal disk B (copper or aluminum) to the position shown and interpose a copper ring H over the edge of core. The result is to produce rapid rotation of disk B.

rapid rotation of disk B. The rotation is explained by the fact that the copper ring sets up a condition of similar fluxes. As similar fluxes repel, and these similar fluxes are developed and effective in the dotted or shaded area projecting over the core, the resultant magnetic reaction is a single flux which is *opposite* to the flux in the uncovered area of coil and therefore the dish rotates clock-wise under conditions shown. This action is also utilized in the readvariant of hum in dynamic speakers.

Now for the hum. In Fig. 4 is shown a dynamic speaker pot or field coil, with a hum coil R so wound placed and con-nected that it opposes the hum developed in the voice coil.

Cause of the Hum Reduction

Cause of the Hum Reduction The effects obtained above are due to the fact that every initial change in intensity or direction of current flow in a con-ductor creates an *opposing* change of exactly the same intensity as the one that induced it. This is a simple statement of the law of electro-magnetic induction. The applications of this law of induction to the reduction of undesirable hum in dynamic speakers should follow, but I want to make one further illustration of the inductive repulsion effect which is also used to reduce hum both in combination with

which is also used to reduce hum, both in combination with

other circuits and by itself. Fig. 3A shows an iron core wound with an exciting coil which is to be connected to an AC source, and preferably in series with a key switch. Over the free end of this core AB is a loosely With a key switch. Over the tree end of this core AB is a loosely fitting single closed turn of very heavy wire. Now in the sketch the coil is depicted at rest in the position shown with no current in the exciting coil. Close the key and the ring will jump up vertically, showing that the magnetic flux developed due to the current flowing through the ring is opposite to the magnetic flux in the core AB, due to the existing coil current. This is ocular proof of the statement that given exciting fluxes produce equal and opposite fluxes, and is further proof of the statement that similar magnetic poles repel one another statement that similar magnetic poles repel one another.

Loss of Power

In utilizing the inside of a solenoid for obtaining counter emfs some will say: "Placing a winding between the core and the magnetizing turn weakens the magnetizing flux anyway." The reply is, yes, but every scheme of compensating flux anyway." The reply is, yes, but every scheme of compensating for undesirable electrical effects has its advantages and disadvantages. In this case disadvantage of a weaker magnetic coupling of the mag-netizing coil is amply repaid by the room gained for placing a few turns of very heavy wire on reversely. In work of this character any scheme that will produce ulti-mately the closest approximation to whatever is going on in the voice coil is an advantage

the voice coil is an advantage.

Returning to Fig. 4. if we place the voice coil turns within the air gap and add this time a hum voltmeter, connecting the terminals of the voice coil to the hum voltmeter, and exciting the pot as usual with pulsating DC, the hum voltmeter will register a deflection of, say, 40. Now, connect together the terminals of the heavy coil and the deflection will fall to around 8. If this same experiment is tried with the arell set of the terminals of the heavy coil and the deflection will fall to around 8. If this same experiment is tried with the coil set up of Fig. 4 but with the heavy coil open circuited, the results will not be as good. The deflection will be of the order of 12 to 15. This is because the coil R couples only a small portion of the mag-netizing pulsating flux of the core (being nearest to it)—while the scheme of Fig. 5 actually smooths out the pulsating flux before the voice coil turns are cut by it, and the relatively large drop in hum voltage for this case proves out. Also a flux meter test would confirm the readings of the hum voltmeter.

hum voltmeter.

Applies to Wider Variety

Fig. 6 is essentially the same as Fig. 5, except that it is applicable to a wider variety of pots, especially long ones. Some dynamic pots are so designed that the coil length is less than the diameter. In a case like this a different method of apply-

dynamic pots are so designed that the confidence is less than the diameter. In a case like this a different method of apply-ing reverse emfs is necessary. In Figs. 5 and 6 the reverse emf of the heavy reversely-wound current coil is arranged to be the same as that of the voice coil under load, and the no-load voltage is within .8 of a volt of similarity. Then the output of this current coil is im-pressed across a variable resistance which can be made per-manent. Next the voice coil is connected in series with the secondary of its operating transformer and the resulting two leads of the voice coil circuit are connected in opposing voltage relationship. With the pot excited, the resistance is adjusted until the hum is inaudible, which it will be if the resistance is correctly proportioned. The whole idea of this system of hum reduction is to provide two parallel paths for component cur-rents acting in both pot and voice coil to flow in such a way that nearly complete neutralization is obtained. And when 1 say nearly I mean hum voltages less than 1 millivolt! If the hum voltmeter method be applied to what has just been written above, the deflection will be found to be almost unreadable.

Case of Small Dynamics

For small dynamics the single layer solenoid of Fig. 5 is all that is usually necessary for wattages up to 8 watts, but for larger and longer coils the multi-layer coil Fig. 6, is imperative. Referring back the discussion of the weakening of the effective coil flux by removing turns, we must always bear in mind that the core flux is due to the ampere turns wound around it, i.e., if I remove 200 turns from a 1,000 ampere turn coil, and then in-crease the current to 1½ amperes I have my 1,000 ampere turns pot back again. And it is a fact that if the pot exciting power and ampere turns are kept constant, you can pull out quite a little wire from the center of a coil without weakening the DC flux appreciably.

a little wire from the center of a coil without weakening the DC flux appreciably. Now we will have a look at the arrangement of Fig. 7. It looks a little different from its predecessors in that there are two windings, a coarse one and a fine one. They are both wound reversely with respect to the magnetizing turns but you will notice that the greater part of the total winding space is occupied by the current coil, while the lesser part *nearer* to the voice coil end is occupied by the fine voltage coil. This arrangement of balancing coils often is necessary where one has *two* difficulties to overcome with respect to suppressing audible hum. A light weight pot winding, one of low inductance, and a cheap A light weight pot winding, one of low inductance, and a cheap and inefficient rectifier as an operating source, one that does not rectify very well.

Purpose of Current Coil

Refer to Fig. 3 again. If we could place an ammeter in the circuit of the beavy copper ring and then turn on the exciting current the deflection would be comparatively large, perhaps over 200 amperes, and for this reason I refer to the heavy winding in Fig. 7 as a current coil, its principal purpose being to generate a large opposing effect. As the ratio of current to voltage is very great we are justified in calling it a current coil. Fig. 3 again can be used to develop the voltage coil idea also. Here again we substitute a winding of several turns for the heavy copper single turn and of the same dimension as the copper ring and then excite the coil. (Continued on next page)



(Continued from preceding page) The cases where the circuit of Fig. 7 is necessary include, as previously stated, the use of a cheap inefficient rectifier, the same rectifier operating on a 110 volt AC circuit with a series resistance (a non-reactive input) with resultant poor filtering of line harmonics, and other associated noises; a pot coil of less than 2 lbs. in weight, and consequent low inductance. In all schemes for hum reduction the fact that one cannot obtain an *exact* balance is due partly to the fact that all such circuits take some energy and therefore to obtain an opposing emf in the case of Fig. 7 it is important to consume as little energy as possible in the hum reduction circuit. Hence we split it into two parts, as differentiated from all preceding cases, and use the current coil solely for the purpose of reducing the amplitude of the pulsation of the core flux, and use the voltage coil shunted by a high resistance, in this case, to balance out coil shunted by a high resistance, in this case, to balance out the residual hum developed by the voice coil.

Coil With More Turns

Fig. 8 is a combination which is somewhat similar to Fig. 4 in that a coil similar in location, though having more turns, performs practically the same function of coil R in Fig. 4. The choke and condenser indicated in Fig. 8 are used in this instance solely for economic reasons. It is cheaper to use two separate devices like these to smooth out the amplitude of pulsating DC emf than to wind a magnetizing coil incorporating a reversely wound coil of any kind. This does not apply to magnetizing coils of between 2 to 5 lbs. but does apply to



FIG. 7 SPECIAL APPLICATION OF TWO REVERSELY WOUND COILS TO SYSTEMS WHERE THE FIELD FLUX IS ROUGH. THE VOLTAGE COIL IS THE SOURCE OF OPPOSING HUM VOLTAGE. THE CUR-RENT COIL MERELY SMOOTHS OUT THE AMPLI-TUDE.



FIG. 8 HUM REDUCTION CIRCUIT USED IN SOME AC OPERATED THEATRE SPEAKERS. A CHOKE AND CONDENSER ARE USED BECAUSE THE MAGNETIZ-ING COIL WEIGHS 12 POUNDS.



FIG. 9 THREE TYPES OF COMMERCIAL DRY RECTIFIERS.

coils weighing 12 lbs. or over, especially where the winding facilities are arranged for one winding direction only. The choke and condenser form a filter and the coil that is similar to coil R in Fig. 4 is wound so that its opposing voltage is nearly

coil R in Fig. 4 is wound so that its opposing voltage is nearly equal to that of the voice coil. A final word on the shading ring method which is not very effective, though it was used initially in combination with the scheme of Figs. 4 and 8. It consists of a non-magnetic metallic ring placed on the core between the magnetizing coil and the inside of the voice coil end of the pot. The effect of this is somewhat similar to that of Fig. 3A in which the copper ring shades the pole AB, causing the disk to rotate. This metallic ring, sometimes called a shading ring, is supposed to shade the voice coil end of the core and air-gap magnetic circuit and reduce the amplitude of the pulsating magnetic field. It does this, but rather weakly. this, but rather weakly.

Dry Rectifier's Popularity

For reasons that have been pointed out the commercial popularity of the dry-rectifier operated speaker has been threatened from time to time due principally to inadequate rectifier design and the prevalence of bad acoustical hum, and it is on this account that many radio set manufacturers have turned to the high voltage, high impedance type of pot winding, which, being supplied with either partly or wholly filtered high voltage, is much less subject to hum troubles. In Fig. 9 are shown some commercial forms of dry rectifiers. (Concluded on next page)

Hi-Q Volume Control How Small Screen Grid Change Produces Large **Output Difference**

By Lewis Winner

[Last week, issue of March 22d, the author described the con-struction of the battery model Hi-Q 30, recently made available to set builders. He will be glad to answer questions on the Hi-Q, either AC or battery model. Address Lewis Winner, c/o RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York, N. Y.-Editor.]

HE proper adjustment of the volume control in the HiQ-30 is most important in obtaining the utmost from this re-ceiver. This may, at a glance, be mistaken for a petty matter

As indicated last week, the overall amplification of the HiQ-30 is very great, and it is thus capable of amplifying extremely weak signals up to loudspeaker volume. Under these conditions a large portion of the total amplifying power of the set will be needed and the volume control will be advanced to a point, twothirds the way around.

Suppose the receiver is tuned to a distant broadcast station. Suppose the receiver is tuned to a distant broadcast station, more powerful than another station on a channel close by. It will now be necessary to reduce the volume control to, say, the three-eights position, in order to avoid choking up of the de-tector, and the audio end of the set. Now let us tune to a very powerful local station. Naturally, the volume control will have to be reduced still further, probably near the zero point, to obtain the desired loudspeaker output without overloading.

Amplified 20,000,000 Times

Now let us see what actually has been taking place in the receiver. We can first assume that the volume from the loudspeaker was the same in all three instances, and corresponded to, say, fifty volts across the speaker terminals. Let us assume the modulation of the three stations equal, averaging twenty-five percent., and that their field strengths such as to induce the following voltages in the receiving antenna connected to the receiver:

10 microvolts from the weak distant station 100 microvolts from the strong distant station

100,000 microvolts from the powerful local station

Dividing these voltage inputs into the voltage obtained at the loudspeaker, allowing for twenty-five percent. modulation, in-dicates that the total amplification required of the receiver varies within wide limits as follows:

20,000,000 times in the case of the weak distant station

2,000,000 times in the case of the strong distant station 2,000 times in the case of the powerful local station

Volume Controlled at RF

Since the amount of audio frequency amplification is fixed, this this variation in amplification must occur in the radio frequency

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(Concluded from preceding page) The one on the etreme right is the copper oxide type. This rectifier is highly efficient and provides almost pure DC, which is attested by the fact that it can be used in many cases similar to Fig 4 without any special filtering device. The rectifier on the left hand side is the lead sulphide type. Its proponents claim long operating service under conditions of normal load, but in practice those rectifiers disintegrate rapidly, with in-crease of interval temperature a defect not present or likely. crease of internal temperature, a defect not present or likely to occur with the copper oxide type. The center rectifier is some-what similar to the lead sulphide type except that it is much smaller physically per watt of rectified output than either of the others. It too is subject to distintegration and must not be overloaded, as its recuperative ability is seriously impaired

The rectified output characteristics of the particular dry rectifier that you intend using must be known before the in-tended load is applied, so that the rectifier may be operated at the lowest temperature consistent with output requirements.

Drop per Disk

Now the rough average voltage-drop per section or per disk for small rectifiers as pictured is around 1 to 1¼ volts per disk, and for smaller disks the voltage drop is lower, so we have to be careful not to apportion a DC load beyond the capacity of

the rectifier. Dry rectifiers depend for their action on the fact that the combination of two dissimilar substances forms a cell that has the ability to conduct a current of electricity in one direction only, this property being termed unilateral conductivity. Referring to the Fig. 10 you can see the two disks on each

amplifier. In the HiQ-30 this variation is obtained by adjusting amplifier. In the HiQ-30 this variation is obtained by adjusting the voltage applied to the screens of the three screen grid radio-irequency amplifier tubes. This is accomplished by connecting the screen grids to the moving arm of 25,000-ohm potentiometer, the outside terminals of which are connected to the 45 volt terminal of the B battery and to ground. Thus the voltage ap-plied to the screen grids of the radio frequency tubes varies from zero to 45, as the potentiometer is turned. Under operating conditions the amplification required for dif-ferent stations varies enormously. At the same time, once the station is tuned, comparatively slight variations in the amount of radio frequency amplification produce a relatively large change

station is tuned, comparatively slight variations in the amount of radio frequency amplification produce a relatively large change in the output from the loudspeaker. This is especially true in the case of the powerful local stations, where only a very small amount of radio frequency amplification is necessary. When receiving such a local station, the volume control is set at a low point where the voltage impressed on the screens of the screen grid amplifier tubes is very small, say, 3 or 4 volts. Due to the characteristics of the screen grid tubes, their amplifying power changes very rapidly with slight changes in screen grid potential below ten or fifteen volts. Since the potentiometer volume control covers a range of 45 volts with one revolution, it is easy to see that only a slight movement is one revolution, it is easy to see that only a slight movement is required to change the screen grid voltage a volt or so. If the proper setting for a given station is 4 volts, a slight movement of the volume control easily may increase the voltage to five or decrease it to three.

Additional Volume Control

Due to the critical characteristics of the screen grid tubes, this may quite easily increase the total radio frequency amplification on whether the control was increased or decreased. Naturally this results in a loudspeaker response which is either too loud or not loud enough, and the volume control setting for just the desired volume appears rather critical.

There are two simple methods of overcoming this condition. The first is the use of a variable resistor in series with the antenna. The value of this resistor is not critical, anything from 5.000 to 50,000 affording a sufficient reduction in the intensity of the signals from the powerful local station to enable the volume control in the receiver to be operated at a less sensitive portion of its range.

If best results are to be obtained, the antenna resistor should be set at a value just high enough to insure smooth operation of the volume control. In the Hi-Q this antenna resistor should not be used as a volume control in itself, although it may be all right in other receivers.

section of the copper exide type rectifier on the right. The others are not so easily discernible but the basic arrangement is similar.

A certain amount of mechanical pressure is necessary to main-tain a uniform electrical contact between the rectifying surfaces. This pressure is obtained by means of the central clamp bolt

This pressure is obtained by means of the central clamp bolt as shown. It will be seen by inspection that all three rectifiers are of the sixteen disk type, and the normal rating of each is supposed to be the same, namely, up to 8 watts DC at between 6 to 8 volts. The operating temperature of the three models shown here is widely different. The right-hand rectifier will carry a load of 8 to 10 watts at a temperature of not more than 110° F, and the little one in the center will reach at least 130° F, and the leit-hand one will be only a few degrees lower. Assembly will alter these temperatures a little.

Maximum versus Usable Power

Any new rectifier may be placed on an exciting circuit and its DC voltage will be the same as the exciting AC voltage. An animeter in the AC side will of course show no current. Now if a variable load be connected to the DC side with an ammeter and voltmeter in the circuit, and the load slowly increased so that the ammeter deflection starts from zero, a point will be found for any rectifier so connected that it gives a certain maximum wattage indication. But this wattage indication is accompanied by a higher than normal operating temperature down to safe continuous values the contention wattage rating is lower than the maximum by as much as $1\frac{1}{2}$ watts. Hence the need to adapt the load requirements correctly.

By Capt. Peter

Answers to Questions Many Put Interrogations That Supply

30 H • + 100 000 -000-0-00 110 V D.C + 15 -6V RH Δ+ MAAM FIG. 1

THE CIRCUIT OF AN A AND B BATTERY ELIMIN-ATOR DESIGNED FOR DC SUPPLY. THE RESIST-ANCE VALUE OF RH CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITHOUT KNOWING THE CURRENT WHICH WILL FLOW TO THE RECEIVER SERVED.

NCOMPLETE questions on technical subjects are asked of RADIO WORLD every day, questions which either cannot be answered at all or which cannot be answered without making a multitude of assumptions, conditions, counter questions, and long explanations. Some of the tentative conditions may not have any direct bearing on the trouble at hand, but any one may be as applicable as any other. If an attempt be made to answer one of these incomplete questions in this manner in the hope of preventing delay by fortuitously hitting on the right conditions, it takes a great deal of time to make the answer and the involved reply may cause more confusion than elucida-tion. The alternative is to write the questioner asking for the specific conditions necessary to give an explicit answer. This causes delay which is satisfactory neither to the questioner nor

to the technical department of RADIO WORLD. It is no cause for wonder that so many questions should be incomplete, for if the questioner could state all the conditions required to answer a question, he would probably be able to remedy the trouble without help. However, there are many types of questions for which the fan alone can give the data, and he can give them even if he is not well versed in radio. One he can give them even if he is not well versed in radio. One thing that the fan should remember in asking questions is that nobody can read his mind by mail. If he does not put down in his letter the facts he knows, and has in his mind at the time of writing, there is no way that any one else can tell what those essential facts are.

Unfortunately, some who ask questions put down nearly ever thing that comes to mind, much of which is impertinent to the subject in question, and entirely forget to give the facts neces-sary. For example, just now a letter of four closely written pages came in from a professional set builder in which he devoted three and three-quarters pages to financial and legal experiences he had had with customers and the remaining quarter page to a technical question and the usual termination. He neglected to say what the technical question was about, unless he entwined it in legal phraseology.

A Typical Question

One question that is frequently asked deals with the tuning of circuits. Here is a sample. "I have a 19-plate condenser. How many turns are required on the coil?" To say that this question

many turns are required on the course of say that this duestion is asked frequently does not give an adequate indication of the frequency, for it "ticks in" with the regularity of a clock. In what respect is that question incomplete? In nearly all respects. In the first place, a 19-plate condenser does not mean anything. The size of the plates may be as great as the plates in a battleship hull or they may be as small as the cover plates in a battleship null or they may be as small as the cover plates on a microscope. It is true that the variation in the plates in radio tuning condensers is not so great but they vary enough to make the 19-plate specification absolutely meaningless. Again, the distance between the plates in a radio condenser may vary from a few thousandths of an inch to a tenth of an inch or more. What is needed is the maximum capacity of the condenser, and this depends on the size of the plates and the distance between them, as well as on the number.

Other Missing Essentials

However, if the condenser is specified as a 19-plate condenser it is reasonable to suppose that the capacity is .00035 mfd. since that is the average capacity of a variable condenser of that num-ber of plates. The answer to the above question in so far as

it depends on the capacity must be based on the assumption that the condenser has a maximum capacity of .00035 mfd. More important features are missing from the question. For example, the scale form is not given by the control of the second second

example, the size of the coil form is not given. It is essential to know the diameter of the coil of the number of turns cannot be given in any case. Not only is it necessary to know the size of the coil form but also the size of the wire, measured over the insulation. That is to say, it is required that the number of the wire and the kind of insulation be known. All the necessary values may be assumed but if that is done there is no assurance that the fan who desires the information can get the size of

that the fail who desires the information can get the size of coil and the number and type of wire specified. There is one other missing bit of information in the question that is essential to the solution of the problem. The question speaks of tuning, and the counter question is, "Tune what?" In other words, what is the frequency of resonance to be when all of the condenser is used?

Let us restate the question as it should have been asked. Let us restate the question as it should have been asked. "I have a variable condenser of maximum capacity of .00035 mfd. which I want to use in tuning a broadcast receiver, to cover the entire band if possible. How many turns of No. 24 enameled wire will be required on a 2 inch coil form to give the required inductance?" This gives all the required information, for it gives the capacity, the diameter of the wire measured over the insulation, the frequency band, and the diameter of the coil form. At least it gives the necessary facts with sufficient ac-curacy for design purposes. curacy for design purposes.

A Variation of Question

A variation of the above question is frequently asked. For example, "I have an XYZ condenser. How many turns of wire should I put on a 1.5-inch form?" Even if XYZ is a well-known brand it is impossible to answer the question, because not only is the capacity missing, as well as the coil dimensions, but there is no way of finding what the capacity of that particular condenser is

Naturally, not all the questions of this type are as devoid of pertinent information as the two examples given above. But there are few that are entirely complete. In some instances, of course, the questioner is not in a position to give all the necessary facts, but then he should give all that he can. The needed facts are: the capacity of the tuning condenser, the wave band to be covered, the diameter of the coil form, and the num-ber and type of insulation of the wire. The insulation is needed only because it determines the effective diameter of the wire, when the number of that wire is known.

What Changes Are Necessary?

One type of question often asked deals with alterations of old receivers. For example, "I have 1923 model PDQ receiver, battery operated. What changes will be necessary to convert it to an AC, screen grid, single-control receiver like the latest BVD receiver?" This is not at all unanswerable, but the answer is always unwelcome. Here it is: Throw out the old set, start from scratch, and build the new receiver. Here is another: "I have a Model Y, Serial Number 385,764, DX-dyne. What changes are necessary to make it into a

DX-dyne. What changes are necessary to make it into a Model Z, Qualitydyne receiver?" Clearly, there is no change possible which will convert a receiver of given brand into one of another brand.

Sometimes a question demands to know what changes are necessary in a receiver to adapt it to tubes of a different make, but of the same type. Such a question might seem ridiculous, but it is not. Not everybody can be expected to know that the tubes in the set have identical characteristics with the tubes desired. So the answer to this question is: Change the tubes. When the question refers to changes calling for tubes of dif-

ferent characteristics, the answer is not so simple, for it may call for rebuilding the receiver, or it may only call for a new filament transformer with a few appropriate wiring changes. When such questions are asked no answer can be given unless the circuit diagram of the receiver to be changed is supplied. Any question relating to changes of a receiver is incomplete unless the diagram is supplied.

Good, Better, Best

Questions involving comparisons of receivers and accessories defy intelligent reply in most instances. Once in a while a question demands to know whether or not a given receiver is good. The counter question must be: Good for what? How is the goodness of a receiver to be judged? No two individuals

That Can't Be Answered

Insufficient Basis for Any Definite Reply

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will judge the same receiver the same way. Goodness is really not a definite quality of a receiver.

But which of two receivers is the better? Certainly that is a definite question. "Better" can be no more definite than "good." It is necessary to compare the different characteristics of the two receivers. Which is the more sensitive, the more selective, the simpler to tune, the less expensive to operate, the easier to operate, the more reliable? Which is capable of better quality? But when we single out any one of these characteristics we are not much nearer an answer, for individual receivers of the same type and make differ widely, prohably more widely than the averages of the two receivers of different types. And in many

of the characteristics the individual's judgment enters. In order to make any comparison it is necessary to have a common basis of judgment, a basis which is not subject to the personal equation. Such bases are not available for all receivers. What has been said of "good" and "better" is also true of "best." Moreover, there is no best receiver, tuner, amplifier, speaker, power pack. speaker, power pack. There are so many variable factors which enter that one part may be best in conjunction with certain other parts and it may be the worst in conjunction with others. One complete receiver may be entirely satisfactory in one place and unsatisfactory in another. One man may like one receiver in a given locality and another man another set.

If there were no difference of opinion among engineers and fans there would be only one type of set and only one design.

Best Way of Judging

The best way of determining which receiver, or part, is best is to operate it and listen to it. Which gives best satisfaction? That is the best set. Nearly everybody can do this, either at home or in radio stores. If the prospective purchaser is located so that this is not practical, he can usually buy a set on approval. This is particularly the case when the set is bought by mail. Before buying in this manner, which inevitably will entail some expense, it is well to look into the reputation of the manufacturer of the set. A reputable manufacturer is more likely to turn out a satisfactory receiver than a fly-by-night manufac-turer. One has good will to maintain.

There is a certain prejudice against discontinued models, either of going manufacturers or of makers which have been forced out of business. The fact is that some of these receivers are better than current models, and it is also true that discon-tinued models can be obtained for one-third or one-fourth the price of the current models. The principal objection to discon-tinued models is that it may be more difficult to get them ser-iced. This cases to be an objection when it is remembered viced. This ceases to be an objection when it is remembered that once a current model has been sold for good, it is discontinued in so far as the manufacturer is concerned.

The problem of servicing devolves on the service man, and if he is any good he can service a discontinued model just as well, perhaps better than, a current model. In places where there are no service men there is no one to service either. Hence it devolves on the owner to keep his set in running order. It makes no difference to him whether he got a model that was current at the time of purchase or one that was of an earlier vintage, not as far as servicing is concerned, but it does make a difference in respect to cost.

Questions Involving Ohm's Law

One type of unanswerable questions is based on a misunder-standing of Ohm's law. This type of questions is asked so often that it should be kept constantly before the readers of radio magazines.

Here is one of the type: "What resistance should I put in series with the high voltage tap on the power pack to cut the voltage from 450 to 180 volts?" This is unanswerable, because the current flowing through the resistance is not given, and no information is supplied by which the current can be determined. Ohm's law states that the voltage drop is equal to the product of

the resistance on ohms and the current in amperes. At least two of the factors should be given if the third is to be determined. Many variations of this question are propounded. Here is one, for example: "What resistance should I put in series with The only answer that can be given is: Divide 45 by the current that will flow through the resistance when it has been put into the circuit. The number 45 is used because it is desired to cut the voltage by this amount, that is, the voltage drop in the re-sistance to be added is to be 45 volts. And here is another: "I want to build an A supply to be used on a 110 volts DC line for heating the filaments of 201A type tubes. What should the resistance in series with the fila-ments be?" The counter question must be: How much current



FIG. 2 THE RESISTORS DESIGNATED R1, R2, R3, AND R4 CANNOT BE DETERMINED DEFINITELY WITHOUT KNOWING THE CURRENTS FLOWING THROUGH THEM AS WELL AS THE VOLTAGE DROPS IN THEM. THESE MAY BE ESTIMATED WHEN THE TUBES ARE KNOWN.

will flow through the resistance? In other words, how many 201A tubes are used in the receiver? Without knowing the current an answer cannot be given. Sometimes this question takes the form of a request for a circuit diagram of the A supply, but the missing element is the same. To make this question complete supply a circuit diagram of the receiver to be served.

Grid Bias Resistors

A similar problem arises in connection with requests for grid bias resistance values. If the grid bias resistor is to be used for a single tube, or a specified number of similar tubes, there is no essential lacuna in the question, because the current and voltage drop are known for all the usual tubes. But the type of tubes and the number of tubes to be served by the resistor must be given or there can be no answer.

must be given or there can be no answer. When the grid bias is obtained from a drop in the voltage divided more information is necessary. Usually it is best to send along the circuit diagram of the receiver and the voltage supply. In the absence of this information the best answer that can be given is: Don't. That is to say, don't use this method of obtaining grid bias. The individual resistance method is better. Since we have scoffed at the comparative "better" an explanation is in order. When the grid bias is obtained from voltage drops in the voltage divider there may be feed back complications which might set the circuit oscillating or blasting complications which night set the circuit oscillating or blasting on certain notes. The individual bias resistor produces feed back, too, but it results in degeneration, which is much to be preferred over regeneration. In either case the grid bias re-sistor should be by-passed, the larger condenser being required when the bias is obtained from drops in the voltage divider.

SOS Questions

The most frequent unanswerable questions come in the SOS class. Here is one: "I have and RSV receiver which has been class. Here is one: I have and RSV receiver which has been giving good service for over a year, but now it does not work. What shall I do?" And here is another. "I built the TRF set just exactly as you described it. I have made every test I can think of, but I cannot make it work. What is wrong with it?" Questions of this kind could be quoted indefinitely.

All these questions indicate that the questioner is in distress and he cannot be expected to think rationally, much less giving any information which might give an inkling as to what the trouble may be. What is needed in cases of this kind are symptoms. How, for example, does the set misbehave? What tests have been made and what was discovered as a result of these tests? If there is a service man available he should be called in. Possibly he can spot the trouble in a jiffy. While on the job he can put the circuit through simple tests which will disclose the kind and location of the trouble. Nobody can do that by mail. If a remedy is sought by mail the symptoms must be supplied to the one who is to diagnose the trouble. Many of the SOS questions contain the statement that every

possible test has been made without success. That is a great help provided that the tests made are described and the results included in the letter. Without this information "every test" means nothing at all in so far as the answer is affected. Sometimes the test made is described and still gives no information. For example: "My receiver does not work as it is supposed to do. I have made every test I can think of without luck. I have re-versed the grid leak. What could be the matter with the set?" Who knows, if reversing the grid leak did not help!

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Resolved, That Home-Built F

AFFIRMATIVE

By Francis Hunter Cabot

W HICH is better, a commercial set or a home-constructed set? There is a great deal to be said in favor of each type, and the answer to the question depends largely on the viewpoint or on personal preference rather than on the relative technical merits.

To answer the question intelligently it is necessary to com-pare the different points of value. Some persons regard one set of values as paramount while others will deem a different set of values of greater importance. For example, one group may regard appearance of prime importance while another group may place greater value on tone quality. Then there may be a group that ranks sensitivity first and still another group that must have selectivity above all things.

The receiver must be judged first by results desired and then by the means for obtaining these results. Most persons generally are agreed that tone quality come first, but they are willing to sacrifice some of the quality to reduce the cost of the re-ceiver, the maintenance charges, to enhance the selectivity and the sensitivity, and to improve the appearance. One of the rea-sons they are willing to sacrifice quality is that very few people can tell the difference between really fine quality and just fair quality. This is no indictment against their judgment at all, for it takes long experience with first-class quality to appreciate it. and this experience must be obtained by comparison. It is not right to accuse people of having poor taste in this respect just because their tastes differ from those of somebody else.

Tone Quality Paramount

Just the same, tone quality is one of the prime attributes of a receiver. Is it possible to build a receiver at home that has better quality than the quality of a commercial receiver of the same type? Surely it is possible, because no commercial receiver has been designed so well that it cannot be improved, and the necessary improvement can be done just as well at home as in the laboratory, provided that the home builder knows what to do or takes the advice of those who do. The commercial receiver must be designed and built so as to

Ine commercial receiver must be designed and built so as to meet keen competition successfully. Manufacturers are quick to take advantage of the weak points in the buying public's armour, and one of these weak points is the public's inability to judge good quality. Some manufacturers make receivers to "get by" and depend largely on the ability of the advertising copy writer to convince the public that the quality of certain sets is really supreme

sets is really supreme. The quality of a set is largely determined by the audio amplifier. Least trouble of serious nature will be obtained with transformer-coupled circuits, hence nearly all commercial receivers contain this form of coupling. Now, transformers are not al-ways capable of the very best quality, as all versed in the subject know. The home constructor does not even have to select transformer coupling if he is convinced that better quality can be obtained with resistance coupling. But the man who buys a commercial set has to accept a certain form of coupling. He has no choice.

Poor Transformers

The fact that many transformers are not capable of delivering as good quality as correctly designed resistance-coupled circuits is not in itself sufficient to condemn transformer circuits, be-cause there really are excellent transformers on the market, transformers of such excellence that not even the keenest judge can tell that the highest form resistance coupling is not used. But transformers of this type cost real money and manufac-turers cannot put them into sets that are to be sold in competi-tion. One of the first sacrifices a manufacturer makes is the quality of the transformers. This should not be blamed on the engineers working out the designs of the receivers but rather against the financial policy of the company making the sets. This policy in turn is dictated by the public's choice of sets costing little. No one can receive good quality for little money. Just as some manufacturers skimp on the transformers so they skimp on other parts. For example, they often include The fact that many transformers are not capable of delivering

they skimp on other parts. For example, they often include cheaper condensers than those offered the home set builder. These condensers do not tune as well as those of better con-struction. Selectivity is poorer and equalizing adjustments do struction. Select not last as long.

not last as long. One point where skimping is the rule is in the power supply. Filament transformers are made just large enough to deliver the necessary current to operate the tubes. The transformer may get very hot in service, but "that goes" as long as it does not get so hot as to burn anything. It may be hot enough to

burn a hand that touches it, but the argument is that the hand is not supposed to touch a transformer that is in operation. If

commercial power transformers were constructed on the same basis, the electric companies would go bankrupt in a short time, or the rate for electric energy would be nearly doubled.

High Voltage Transformer

The high voltage transformer is designed on the same scale as the filament transformer. Likewise the choke coils used to smooth out the rectified current are made too small. The volt-age divider is proportioned on the same diminutive scale. The age divider is proportioned on the same diminutive scale. The result is that the regulation of the device is poor, which in turn adversely affects the quality of the tone emitted.

Another point where skimping is practised is in the by-pass condensers. In the first place that voltage rating is not sufficient to allow ample margin of safety against break-down. Re-placements may have to be made frequently, and these are costly in the long run. Moreover, they cause interruptions in service.

Not only is skimping practiced in the voltage rating of con-densers but also in the capacity. It is well known that if the by-pass condensers are not large enough there will be consid-erable feedback through the B supply, and this feedback will cause oscillation, called motorboating, or serious distortion of the signal at frequencies not usually included in the term "motorboating."

It is understood that not all commercial receivers are built on these diminutive lines. There are some excellent ones. Anybody can buy a first class receiver if he is willing to pay for it.

Advantages of Home-Built Sets

There are numerous advantages in home-built receivers of which the ready-built buyer cannot take advantage. The amateur set-builder usually has studied the subject of radio considerably. He has certain ideas of his own. He knows, for example, the advantages of a Superheterodyne, and of various types of Superheterodynes. If he wishes a circuit of this type he can build one that just suits his fancy. While the commercial type receiver is excellent, it may not suit the particular taste of the home set builder.

If the home set builder desires some other type of circuit he

It the home set builder desires some other type of circuit he can select that. He can buy parts, or make some of them, if he prefers, for any receiver that he may set his heart on. Commercial sets, as a rule, come complete. They contain the radio frequency amplifier, the audio frequency amplifier, the power supply, the cabinet, and in most instances, the speaker. All these components are the selections of somebody else and may use meet the tasts of one who has his own ideas else and may not meet the tastes of one who has his own ideas, either in part or as a whole.

If he builds his own receiver he can select the type of radio frequency amplifier that suits his fancy. He can use regener-ation, tuned radio frequency, the Neutrodyne principle, the Superheterodyne principle, or any other, and he can use as many tubes as he likes as well as the kind of tubes he likes. He can emphasize sensitivity or selectivity, or he can place equal emphasis on these two features as far as equality can be applied to two different things. He can also guard the quality by incorporating band pass filters.

The Detector Open to Choice

There are several types of detectors. In a commercial set to another. The man who builds his own receiver can selec the type of detector which best suits his ideas, his power supply, and his audio amplifier. Moreover, he can arrange his receiver so that he can change easily from one type to another

When it comes to the audio amplifier the amateur builder can select any type which appeals to him at the moment. He can use resistance, impedance, Clough type, push-pull, trans-former, or non-reactive coupling. And he is able to build an amplifier of any one of these types which is better than the average commercial amplifier. To be sure, the amplifier he selects may cost a little more than the amplifier built into the commercial receiver, but he is well paid in satisfaction. In must exceed the man who really understands most cases the man who really understands amplifiers will build one capable of superior quality at a cost which is only a small fraction of the cost of an amplifier found in many commercial sets, even if extreme economy has been practiced by the de-signer of that commercial amplifier. The case is the same when it comes to the power supply.

The amateur builder can assemble one with ample by-pass condensers of adequate voltage rating, with power transformer which will not get excessively hot, with chokes large enough not to saturate, with a voltage divider that does not get red hot. He can do this without expending a fortune provided that he shops around for parts.

Receivers Outclass Commercial

NEGATIVE

By Adrian Brooks

F ALL factors affecting the worth of a radio receiver are taken into consideration, there can be no doubt that the commercial receiver is superior to the home-constructed. If, on the other hand, particular attributes are considered the exclusion of all others it may be the superior to the home-considered the exclusion of all others. set. to the exclusion of all others, it may be that doubt is justified, because certain properties of a receiver may be given such importance in forming a judgment that overall efficiency may be discounted. If we are to make a fair comparison between commercial

and home-constructed receivers we cannot argue in general terms. We must be specific with respect to sensitivity, selectivity, tone quality, original cost, expense of maintenance, ap-pearance, ease of operaton, and reliability. Obviously, it would not be fair to compare the most elaborate commercial set with the cheap hastily thrown-together amateur receiver, nor would it be fair to compare the cheapest commercial set with the de luxe home-built receiver which is the handicraft of a radio engineer or a skillful home-builder. If we make such com-parisons the premises preclude all arguments and divergence of opinion.

Basis of Comparison

It is difficult to find a true basis of comparison because there are so many different sets of both kinds. As regards cost and expense of maintenance there is no difficulty. But when we try to put a dollar value on sensitivity, selectivity, quality, appearance, ease of operation, and reliability we meet difficulty. appearance, ease of operation, and reliability we meet dimculty. For example, how much more in dollars and cents is one set worth because it looks better than another set? One man, or woman most likely, will say, "I would rather pay more for the attractive set even if it does not sound so well." Some one else will say, "Give me the receiver with the better quality." Still another will say, "The difference even in appearance is not commensurate with the difference in price." The judgment is individual. Hence to make a comparison we must compare eimilar observations in commensular and home-built receivers similar characteristics in commercial and home-built recevers

rather than the two types of receivers. Let us start with sensitivity. This is certainly one of the most important characteristics of any receiver. In this re-spect which is the better set, or which is more likely to excel? It is understood that we must compare similar types of receivers in the two classes.

The commercial receiver has been designed by engineers of the highest skill in a fully equipped laboratory. Only the opti-mum combinations of parts as determined by the results of careful measurements and expert interpretation will go into the final model. The home constructor cannot hope to dupli-cate the results for he lacks both the knowledge and the equipment. From this point of view the commercial receiver must be superior by a wide margin, provided that the manu-facturing technique is such that the laboratory model can be equalled in quantity production. The success of quantity pro-duction as conducted in modern factories depends entirely on the possibility of making exact replicas, and no one has the temerity to say that quantity production is not a success. A large part of the preliminary engineering concerns itself with the practical possibility of making true replicas. There can be no doubt that the factory made set is superior.

Selectivity and Quality

What has just been said in connection with sensitivity can What has just been said in connection with sensitivity can be repeated word for word in discussing selectivity and quality, and it would be equally applicable to either, or both in con-junction. A home constructor can take virtually the same parts as an engineer and with them build a set which is not nearly as selective as the set the engineer would build. Per-haps only a slight difference in the placement of some minor part would account for the difference. The engineer would prescribe exactly to the workers in the factory how to place the parts, and there would be no deviation. If deviations should result precise tests on the finished receiver would re-veal them and the particular set would be rejected or corrected. The home builder would not know what to do, even if he were aware of the defect.

aware of the defect.

The same applies to tone quality. The home constructor might think that he is a keen judge of quality, but the engi-neer has instruments which are infinitely keener than any human ear can be. Yes, not only much keener but absolutely impartial and unbiased. The human ear does not convey the same impression to the brain of two similar stimuli two seconds apart. The instruments remain unchanged for years. When there is a slight defect in the laboratory model the engineer knows simple remedies which he can apply, with practically no

extra cost. The home constructor would probably not be aware of the defect, and even if he were, he would not know what to do about it. So it seems reasonable that the commercial set should be superior on these points.

Original Cost

The argument in favor of the home-constructed receiver has always been that it costs less. It was once true that a home-made set cost less, but now it is far from true. The commercial receiver of comparable quality and performance is much less expensive. There are many reasons for this. In the first place, there is keen competition among manufacturers. It is place, there is keen competition among manufacturers. It is necessary to keep the cost of the raw materials down to mini-mum, which is done by quantity buying. Then they have to be satisfied with reasonable profits. Indeed, at times they have to be satisfied with "breaking even." If the home set builder should purchase comparable parts he would have to pay much higher prices for them, for he would have to pay bigher excellent. He could use to pay higher profits. He could not hope to obtain as favorable terms in buying parts for one set as the manufacturer who buys in tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands.

The cost of assembly of parts in the factory is so small that the saving effected on this item is negligible. Moreover, the home builder should charge the value of his own time against the receiver, and this time in many instances may be more than a complete factory-made set would cost.

Regarding the expense of maintenance there should be no regarding the expense of mancemate there should be how difference between the home-made and the factory-built receiver, provided they are of the same type with respect to kind and number of tubes. Some difference may enter due to improper design of voltage and current supply, and this as a rule is design of voltage and current supply, and this as a rule is against the home-built set. For example, the filament volt-ages may be too high, which would shorten the life of tubes. Likewise the plate voltages may be too high, or the grid voltages may be too low, which would tend to shorten the life of the tubes by rapidly exhausting the emission reserve. Again, the B supply may be so designed as to require more current from the rectifier than is needed for satisfactory oper-ation of the receiver. This would shorten the life of that tube. The factory-made set has been designed so that the life of all tubes is the maximum that is consistent with good per-formance. The engineer knows where to effect savings with-out sacrificing performance whereas most home builders be-lieve that the higher the voltage, filament and plate, the better the circuit will perform. This is only true in some parts of the circuit.

Appearance

While appearance does not always have a dollar value, in most instances the good looking receiver is preferred. Just what constitutes good appearance is a matter of individual judgment, but it is a fact that most factory-made sets look better to the average radio listener than the home-constructed set. Should the amateur attempt to install his set in a cabinet set. Should the amateur attempt to install his set in a cabinet as attractive as the cabinets housing factory sets the cost of the receiver would be out of all proportion. This is true whether he buys an attractive cabinet or makes one himself. It will be particularly expensive if he builds his own. The home-built receiver has always been known to be very unattractive and unsightly. It is only occasionally that one of them coupares forceably with the average forcers of New

them compares favorably with the average factory set. Now and then a factory set has also been unattractive, but a note-worthy fact about such receivers is the rapidity with which they have disappeared from the market. The buying public will have none of them

Ease of Operation

The factory-made receiver in nearly all instances is easier The factory-made receiver in nearly all instances is easier to operate. As a rule there is a single control for tuning, a con-trol which really does effect tuning. There is only one con-trol for volume, and sometimes this is quite automatic. Be-sides this, there is only an on-off switch. While a home-made set could be constructed in the same manner, it is seldom that this is done successfully. If the several tuned circuits in the set are controlled by one knob the tuned circuits are seldom lined up properly. It is not that it cannot be done just be-cause the set is made at home but that the builder does not cause the set is made at home, but that the builder does not want to go to the trouble involved, or that he does not know how to go about it. It is true that many set builders do trim up their receivers even better than factories do, but these are really amateur engineers, and probably could do as well in a laboratory as some of the professionals. Simplification of receivers with respect to ease of operation

has been a feature of recent development in all radio laborahas been a feature of recent development in all radio labora-tories, and the results already are about as good as can be expected. Home builders of sets find it more convenient to use more than one tuning control than to go through the necessary adjustments for successful one-dial control. Many home-made sets are still of the multi-dial type, so complex that it requires a great deal of experience to get much out of them them.

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Short-Wave

E LEVEN different designs for short wave adapters are illustrated herewith. In Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 a plug cable is used, and the circuits are shown for AC and battery-operated filament tubes. The constants are given ex-cept for the coils. All eleven adapters use the same coils, that fit in four-prong (UX) sockets, so provide two of these sockets for each adapter. The theory of all the adapters except Figs. 1 and 2, is that a mixer is built, so that your broadcast receiver, tuned to its most sensitive frequency (usually the highest fre-quency, around 1,700 kc.) serves as intermediate frequency amplifier, second detector and audio amplifier. So plug into the detector socket for Figs. 1 and 2 and into the first RF socket for Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

for Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Three different coils, two of each type, total of six coils, are required. You can use the base of an old UX tube and solder the coil terminals to the proper prougs. Both windings are in the same direction. Use No. 24 silk covered wire. The three coils have the number of turns shown, on 1¼ inch diameter. Coil No. 1: primary (G, F— of socket), 5; secondary (P, F+), 7. Coil No. 2: primary (G, F—), 7; secondary (P, F+), 11. Coil No. 3: primary (G, F—), 7; secondary (P, F+), 20. In Figs. 1 and 2 there is an extra coil, L. This consists of 10 turns of wire, any insulated kind, of No. 28 or larger diameter, on a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " form, and is placed over the socket, to be in inductive relationship to the coil that goes into that socket.

relationship to the coil that goes into that socket. Fig. 1 is for battery sets having a 201A detector. Plug into

the detector socket.







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Fig. 2 is for AC sets that have a 227 detector. Plug into the detector socket.

Fig. 3 is for battery sets with 201A as first RF. Plug into the first RF socket and supply about 50 volts from the B battery (45 will do) for the lead marked "B+50 more or less."

Fig. 4 is for sets having 222 screen grid tube as first RF,

otherwise similar to Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is for AC sets having 227 first RF. Fig. 6 is for AC sets having 224 first RF. Fig. 7 is different from the rest. Here for the first time no tube is removed from the receiver, and no plug is used, but tube is removed from the receiver, and no plug is used, but the output is connected to the antenna and ground posts of any set. The diagram is shown for battery operation of the adapter because you may not have AC. Fig. 8 is similar to Fig. 7, works with any receiver, but is powered by a filament transformer and a B voltage from your receiver (50 volts or more). Fig. 9 is the same as Fig. 7, except that a stage of 201A RF is used ahead of the modulator. Fig. 10 incorporates a stage of RF as in Fig. 9 but for AC

Fig. 10 incorporates a stage of RF, as in Fig. 9, but for AC operation.

Fig. 11 is the same as Fig. 10, except that the RF tube is a 224, instead of 227, and the B supply is a part of the adapter. The pickup coil LP in all the diagrams, except Figs. 1 and 2, is the same as the antenna coil L in Figs. 1 and 2.

All these adapters have been tried out and they work. The construction of Fig. 8 was described in the March 1st issue of RADIO WORLD, and that of Fig. 10 in the March 15th issue.









Fig. 10



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A 4-Tube DX Design

Compact Assembly Brings 'em in Loud From Far Off By Jack Tully



CIRCUIT OF A GOOD PERFORMER IN THE FOUR-TUBE CLASS.

T HIS is the season when fans are looking around for small receivers to be used on camping trips and travel in gen-

eral. Some of the essential characteristics of receivers to be used for these purposes are compactness, lightness of weight, good sensitivity, and moderate filament and plate requirements. While the ideal receiver for these purposes is one which operates effectively on a loop antenna, this requires so high radio frequency amplification that it becomes bulky and therefore unsuitable for the purpose. Therefore, when the essential characteristics enumerated above are to be met it becomes practically necessary to use an open circuit antenna.

The four-tube battery-operated receiver has always been a favorite among the fans, especially where there is regeneration in the circuit. Some of the finest distance records have been established with circuits of this type. Hence it seems timely to describe such a receiver, making it as light and compact, as is consistent with good results.

consistent with good results. Selectivity is not one of the prime requisites in a receiver which might be used for entertainment in camp and on the road, but, of course, it should be as selective as possible without sacrificing sensitivity. In the simple receiver about to be presented the circuit has been arranged so that the optimum compromise has been effected between these two qualities.

Type of Tuner Used

The circuit contains two tuners, one being between the antenna and the first radio frequency amplifier and the other between this amplifier and the detector. Direct tuned impedance coupled is used because this gives the greatest sensitivity. A fixed tickler is used to provide regeneration, the degree of which is controlled by means of a 50 micro-microfarad midget condenser. The control of regeneration is exceptionally satisfactory in that the circuit may be set for extreme sensitivity, and selectivity as well, without any troublesome instability. It is possible to hold the circuit for an indefinite time at the most sensitive point for the reception of long distance stations. Part of this stability is due to the fact that the regeneration control condenser is grounded on that side which comes in contact with, or nearest to, the operating hand. It will be observed that space-charge detection is used that the detector is followed by a resistance coupled audio amplifier.

It will be observed that space-charge detection is used that the detector is followed by a resistance coupled audio amplifier. This combines the advantages of high sensitivity and good output quality. Not only that, but it also permits compact construction and a minimum weight. The output of the circuit is sufficient to operate a loudspeaker. This is true because the output tube is a 112A and the voltage amplifier ahead of that tube is a 240. In these days of multi-tube receivers it seems strange that this simple four-tube receiver should be so sensitive and capable of such output, but it is quite natural when one remembers the excellent four-tube receivers in the past.

It should not be assumed that this receivers in the past. for camp or for traveling. It is equally suitable for home reception. Indeed, it was designed for this purpose. Hence it may be called a universal receiver, the universality referring to the places where it may be used rather than to the tuning range. It is strictly a broadcast receiver. When used in the home one has the advantage of using it with an outdoor antenna, which is recommended. The circuit retains its selectivity even on a long outdoor antenna because most of the selectivity results from the regeneration.

Care in Assembly

The arrangement of parts is shown in the picture, and great care should be exercised in the placement so that the compact-

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FIG. 2 VIEW OF THE WIRED RECEIVER.

ness does not defeat the purpose of the set, that is, stable reception. The coils are placed sufficiently far apart so that the interaction between them will be negligible even when no shielding is used. The separation indicated in the picture is ample.

The wiring of the receiver is extremely simple, and all the leads are short as a result of the compactness. The tuning coils should be placed so that the grid ends are as far from the subpanel as practicable. This also makes the grid leads short, since they only have to run from the top of the coil to the top of the tube, or to the grid post on the socket in the case of the detector.

Those who wish to panel-mount the parts, a 7x12x1% inch bakelite or hard rubber panel should be obtained, with a subpanel of similar material. A wood sub-panel may also be used. All the design constants are given on the circuit diagram with the exception of the tuning coils. Since the condensers are specified as .00035 mfd. capacity units the coils should be wound for these for which studend coils are available.

specified as .00035 mid. capacity units the coils should be wound for these, for which standard coils are available. While a magnetic speaker is recommended for traveling because of its simplicity, either as a dynamic or a magnetic may be used at home. As far as this statement is concerned an inductor dynamic is magnetic. Good home volume can be expected, and strange as this may seem, an even greater apparent volume can be obtained in a camp where everything is quiet. However, since the range of the set depends on the length of the antenna, and as only a short antenna can usually be used outdoors, a greater range may be expected at home.

Testing the Set

Since the receiver is very simple to wire there is no need of describing this phase of the work, except to call attention to the circuit diagram.

After the wiring has been completed a continuity test should be conducted with the aid of a voltmeter, preferably a high resistance meter, and a suitable battery. First connect a sixvolt battery across the filament terminals and measure the voltages at each socket. Then insert the tubes and measure again. The voltage across either of the screen grid tube filaments should be approximately 3.3 volts and that across either of the other tubes should be 5 volts, or slightly less, down to $4\frac{1}{2}$ volts. Of course, all the filaments should light.

Having tested the fiament circuit, remove the tubes and the battery and connect the B battery as specified at the binding posts. Now measure the voltages on the plates of the tubes. The voltages on the first and the last tubes should be practically equal to the applied voltages, assuming that the speaker has been connected, and the voltages on the plates of the other tubes should be very low. On these it is sufficient if an indication of voltage is obtained since the voltage is measured through the coupling resistons.

When the plate voltage has been tested the tubes may be inserted and the filament battery connected. Now test the set for signals. If all the work has been done carefully signals should roll in aplenty.

wavelength varies considerably according to the season of the year, time of day and

other causes. Two stations from the same locality may be only separated by a few notches on the tuning dial, a difference of maybe four meters in wavelength, and while both can be received at good volume at certain times, the difference in wavelength might permit only one to be received at good strength, even though they were operating simultaneously, and either one could be well received at the time best for its particular frequency.

A short-wave station may be received at strong loudspeaker volume, and yet the signals may not be 100 per cent readable

due to the prevalent gushiness or high-speed fading. W-2-XAF has a terrific signal here, but often between 10 P.M. and 8 A.M. they are so weak as to be unintelligible owing to skip effect. Often signals fade and increase to maximum strength many times in a second's time, and have a tremulo effect from this cause, while again the steadiness of short-wave signals may rival that of signals from a good 700 kilocycle transmitter.

At times an echo may be heard in the signals of some distant short-wave transmitter. Near sunrise there is a marked change in reception of short-wave sta-tions and a period of one hour may make tions and a period of one nour may make a difference of an inaudible signal and a loudspeaker signal from a station 4,000 miles distant. This may be noticed on European stations around 16 meters which are inaudible before sunrise here, but become quite loud soon after sunrise, while stations in the vicinity of 30 meters can at times of the year be received at good strength after darkness, and at other times become inaudible at that time, owing to the season of the year. I have a great amount of data on re-

ception conditions in different parts of the world which I have accumulated by correspondence with many amateurs, in England, New Zealand and other countries. I have not time to write of this as

it would require many pages. I have been a reader of RADIO WORLD for several years, and this is my first let-ter to you, and the object is to ask you to publish an article or series of articles on the actual reception conditions of shortwavelengths, as I believe that an article would be of immeasurable benefit to many who have constructed the various shortwave receivers that you have published, and would throw some light on the subject of short-wave reception, and not leave fans groping in the dark as to the proper time and season for DX tuning on the short wavelengths. I think an article by one of your ca-

pable editorial staff on this subject would be of great benefit to readers who have not been initiated into short-wave reception and remove the doubt of some of them as to the results attainable with short-wave receivers.

I am glad to know that RADIO WORLD has not forsaken the experimenter and constructor, as some of our other maga-zines have done, and I hope that you will continue your present policy.

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M and operation of receiving circuits designed for reception of the short waves have appeared from time to time in the pages of RADIO WORLD, many of which I have successfully constructed myself as I have been a reader since 1923, but an article dealing with the peculiarities of short waves, such as the rapid fading, distortion, skip effect and other phenomena encountered, has never to my knowledge appeared. One who has never had the opportunity of hearing how these signals are received, when operating a receiver for the first time will think that something serious is wrong with his receiver, even if the set is functioning perfectly, by the way signals are received. In operating my first short-wave receiver for the first time I was under the impres-sion that it was a hopeless failure, and after rebuilding it many times, trying various sizes of grid leaks, and using different spacing and locations of the various components and doing everything else that I could think of to remedy what I thought a fault of the receiver, finally after hearing a relay of the English trans-mitter 5-SW from a local station two years ago, picked up by a receiver de-signed and built by a radio engineer whose name is familiar to almost every radio ex-perimenter in the U. S. A., I learned that nothing was wrong with my set. This rapid fading, boiling, gushiness and what-not, encountered, in short-wave reception, was actually due to the way signals are received and not a fault of my set. I have since then built several short-wave receivers, even to a seven-tube Superheterodyne very successfully. An article in RADIO WORLD dealing with the peculiarities of short waves, written by a com-petent authority, would no doubt be a great benefit to many readers of your magazine, who are thinking that they have some trouble with their set from this cause.

ANY articles on the construction

The foreign relays through the networks are picked up with elaborate receiving equipment, with specially designed receiving antenna, and provisions for over-coming the rapid fading that causes the layman so much trouble, and antennas are located in places that have been found to be far better suited for distant recep-tion than the locations found where the tion than the locations found where the home-made short-wave receiver are used. Reception on a par with that obtained by RCA must not be expected from the aver-

age short-wave receiver. It is very important that the receiving antenna used for short waves be very taut, so that it will not sway in the wind, as this on the lower wavelengths will run reception by causing severe swinging of the signals received and inability to control the oscillation.

It is very easy to obtain reception from broadcast stations 8,000 miles distant in good loudspeaker volume at the time or season of the year favorable for the signals to come through. It is futile to attempt to tune in a very distant station after dark if this station is using a movement moder 20 meters

is using a wavelength under 20 meters, and darkness in Winter is less likely to yield any DX than in Summer. I have been noticing the signals for the past two years of G-5-SW in England on 25.53 meters, and of PCJ at Eindhoven, Holland on 31.4 meters, and I am giving the

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times of best reception from these two transmitters in this locality, and being in touch with other fans in different parts of the country I find that this locality is

no exception to this rule. In favorable weather both of these sta-tions are easily received at strong loudspeaker volume on a good four-tube receiver.

of G-5-SW The transmissions at Chelmsford, England, are made daily, ex-cept Saturday and Sunday, from 12.30 to 13.30 Greenwich Mean Time (7:30 to 8:30 A.M. Eastern standard time (7:30 to 8:30 A.M. Eastern standard time) and from 19:00 to 24:00 G. M. T. (2:00 to 7:00 P.M. E. S. T.) with an extra 2 hour program of records from 00:01 to 02:00 G. M. T. Tues-day and Thursday (7 to 9 P.M., Monday and Wednesday E. S. T.) The transmis-sions from 7:30 to 8:30 A.M. here are generally inaudible. At times the cargenerally inaudible. At times the car-rier wave can be heard and on rare occasions I have heard signals at readable strength at this period. During months from October until March. During the The P.M., E. S. T.) usually reach maximum strength around 3:00 P.M., and as the evening advances begin to grow weaker and by 5 P. M. are faded out entirely. There are rare exceptions to this rule, however, and during the months of February and October the signals generally hold good later in the evening than in the mid-Winter months. Exceptions to this rule occur as G-5-SW. gained in strength and was at strong loudspeaker volume on February 9th and 10th, 1930, at 7 :00 P.M., E. S. T. During the months of April, May, September and October 5-SW reaches maximum strength at about 5:00 P. M., E. S. T. and often grows weaker as the evening advances.

During the mid-Summer months the signal always hold good until the sta-tion has signed off. The volume of the signal is considerably greater in the pring and Summer months than in the Winter months. I have found that the same conditions prevail in the mid-west part of the United States and East of the Rocky Mountains. The Atlantic States are better for re-

ception and a good signal may be had in the Atlantic States while at the same time the signal here is poor. I have not had any reports from the West Coast cover-ing any period of time. The great strength of 5-SW on February 9th and 10th was noted by a listener in Iowa who reported it to me, and I verified it by my own reception, an exception for that season of the year.

The signals of PCJ are seldom audible here in the Winter months, but in the Summer months are at good loudspeaker strength after 7:00 P.M., Eastern time. The knack of DX tuning on the broad-

cast band is easily learned, as darkness and Winter months yield the desired DX. but the knack of DX tuning on the shortwaves is learned only by long experience, as the best reception of any one particular

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Frequency Call, Location, Power and Time Sharers Given

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- used for Canada. *** Channel exclusively assigned to Canada. *** Frequency change under consideration. See "List of Im-pending Changes," on page 21. CP—Construction permit authorized. T —Transmitter location, specially given where it differs from main studio location.

- Where two powers are given, larger is for daytime use.

Time-sharers are shown in parentheses for U.S. stations.

KFI--Los Angeles, Calif. 650 KILOCYCLES, 461.3 METERS WSM--Nashville, Tenn. .5 Kw.
 650
 KLOCYCLES, 4513
 METERS

 WSM - Neabville, Term, S. 5433
 METERS

 WEAF - New York City
 50 KW.

 T-Bellmore, N.Y.
 500 - W

 670
 KLOCYCLES, 447.5
 METERS

 WMAQ. - Chicago, III.
 500 - W

 670
 KLOCYCLES, 447.5
 METERS

 WPTF - Raleigh, N. C.
 1 Kw.

 KFEO - St. Joseph, Mo.
 24 Kw.

 KFEO - St. Joseph, Mo.
 24 Kw.

 KFEO - St. Joseph, Mo.
 5 Kw.

 690
 KLOCYCLES, 43.5
 METERS

 CHCA, CFCN-Calgary, Alberta
 500

 CHC, CYCLES, 43.5
 METERS

 WLW-Cincinnin, Ohio
 700
 KLOCYCLES, 422.3

 MOR-Newark, N. J.
 50
 Kw.

 T-Birin, III.
 25 Kw.
 500

 GKR, WLIB-Chicago, III.
 25 Kw.

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T HE list of stations by frequency published herewith was corrected up to the moment of going to press. The list includes all broadcasting stations in the United states and Canada. The reason for consolidating them is that so many Canadian stations are tuned in that a United States list would require resort to a Canadian list to make the serv-ice complete, and that Canadian list might not be at hand.

Following the list of stations by frequency will be found a list of stations by call letters, alphabetically arranged. If the call letters are heard, ascertain the frequency from the sec-ond list and refer back to that frequency in the first list for details of location process and time them. details of location, power and time sharers.

T-West of Cross Bay Blvc C. P. issued to move & incr. pr.	1., Queens Co. to 50 KwLP
WHB-Kansas City, Mo. KFQZ-Los Angeles, Calif.	
T-Hollywood, Calif. KMO-Tacoma, Wash.	1 Kw 50
870 KILOCYCLES, 344.6	METERS
T-Crete, III. (WENR, WB)	2N) 5Kw., 50 Kw
T-Downers Grove, Ill. (W	'LS)50 Kw
*880 KILOCYCLES, 340.7 I WGBI—Scranton Pa (WOAN)	METERS
WOAN-Scranton, Pa. (WGBI)	
KLX-Oakland, Calif	
KFKA-Greeley, Colo. (KPOF)	
CHCS—Hamilton, Ontario	
CKOC-Hamilton, Ontario	
CKCI-Quebec, Quebec	
*890 KILOCYCLES, 336.9	METERS
WJAR-Providence, R. I. WKAQ-San Juan, P. R.	
WMMN-Fairmont, W. Va WMAZ-Macon, Ga. (WGST)	
WGST-Atlanta, Ga. (WMAZ) KGIF-Little Rock, Ark	
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CFBO-St. John, New Brunswick	
WFBL-Syracuse, N. Y. (WMAK	.)
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WMAK-Billalo, N. Y. (WFBL) T-Martinsville, N. Y.	
T-Orchard Park, N. Y. (C.	P. only)
WIAX—Jacksonville, Fla.	
KIIJ-Los Angeles, Calif.	
KGBU—Ketchikan, Alaska	
CIGC-London, Ontario	METERS
CNRL-London, Ontario CFQC-Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	
CIHS—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan CNRS—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	
WBSO-Wellesley Hills, Mass	METERS
KPRC-Houston, Texas	
WAAF-Chicago, Ill.	
KOMO Seattle, Wash. KFEL-Denver, Colo. (KFNF).	
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**960 KILOCYCLES, 312.3 METERS
CJBC—Toronto, Ontario. CFRB—Toronto, Ontario
CFCY-Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island250
CHWC-Pilot Butte, Saskatchewan
CJBR—Regina, Saskatchewan
CNRR—Regina. Saskatchewan
970 KILOCYCLES, 309.1 METERS
KJR-Seattle, Wash
980 KILOCYCLES, 303.9 METERS KDKA—Pittsburgh, Pa
T-Wilkins Twp., Pal
990 KILOCYCLES, 302.8 METERS
WBZ-Springfield, Mass (WBZA)15 Kw.
WBZA-Boston, Mass. (WBZ)
1000 KILOCYCLES, 299.8 METERS
WOC-Davenport, Ia. (WHO)
*1010 KILOCYCLES 296.9 METERS
WQAO, WI'AP-New York, N. Y. (WHN,
T—Cliffside, N. J.
WHN-New York, N. Y. (WQAO, WPAP,
WRNY-New York, N. Y. (WQAO, WPAP,
WHN)
KGGF-Picher, Okla. (WNAD)
WIND-Norman, Okla. (KGGF)
(C. P. only)
CFLC—Prescott, Ont
CKSH-St. Hyacinthe, Que
***1020 KILOCYCLES, 293.9 METERS
WRAX—Philadelphia, Pa
T-Bloomingdale. Ill.
TIGO KILOCYCLES, 291.1 METERS CIOR—Sea Island, B. C
CNRV-Vancouver, B. C
***1040 KILOCYCLES, 288.3 METERS
WKEN-Buffalo, N. Y 1 Kw.
WKAR-East Lansing. Mich
KTHS-Hot Springs National Park, Ark. (KRLD) 10 Kw.
KRLD-Dallas, Tex. (KTHS)
KFKB-Milford, Kansas
KNX-Hollywood, Calif
1060 KILOCYCLES, 282.8 METERS
WBAL-Baltimore, Md. (WTIC)10 Kw.
WTIC—Hartford, Conn. (WBAL)
T-Avon. Conn. WIAK-Norfolk Nebr
KWJJ-Portland, Ore
WAAT-Jersey City, N. J
(Day until 6 PM, but not after sunset at
WTAMCleveland, Ohio
TBrocksville Village, O. WCAZ-Carthage, Ill
WDZ Tuscola, Ill
KJBS—San Francisco, Calit100
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***1080 KILOCYCLES, 277.6 METERS WT—Charlotte, N. C

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WHDI-Minneapolis, Minn. (WDGY)500 KEX-Portland, Ore. (KOB)5 Kw. KOB-State College, N. M. (KEX)20 Kw.
1190 KILOCYCLES, 252.0 METERS WICC-Bridgeport, Conn
T-Easton, Conn. WOAI-San Antonio, Tex
*1200 KILOCYCLES, 249.9 METERS WABI-Bangor, Maine
WNBX—Springfield, Vt. (WCAX)
T-Auburn, Mass. WIBX-Utica, N. Y
WHBC Canton, Ohio (WNBO)
WLBG—Petersburg, Va
(Sundays) WEHC-Emory, Va. 100
WKJC-Lancaster, Pa. (WCOD)
WIBZ-New Orleans, La. (WIBW)
WFBZ-Fonca City, Okta
KBTM—Paragould, Ark
WWAE-Hammond, Ind. (WRAF)
KGCU
KGDY-Oldnam, S. D. KFWF-St. Louis, Mo. (WMAY, WIL)10 KGDE-Fergus Falls, Minn
WCLO-Kenosha, Wis
T-West De Perc. Wis. WIL-St. Louis, Mo. (KFWF, WMAY)250, 100 WMAY-St. Louis, Mo. (KFWF, WIL)250, 100
KX()—El Centro, Calif
KWG-Stockton, Calit
KUGHI-Little Rock. Ark
KGY-Lacey, Wash,
WGBB-Freeport, N. Y. (WCOH, WJBI)100 WCOH-Yonkers, N. Y. (WJBI, WGBB)100 T Greenville, N. Y. WCCL-Lauretown, N. Y. 25
WLCI-Ithaca, N. Y
I-Cranston, R. I. WMAN-Columbus, Ohio
WBAE—Cambridge, Ohio WBAN—Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (WJBU)100 T—Plains Twp., Pa. WIDU L. united Styp. (MDAN)
WMBG—Richmond, Va. (WMBG) 100 WBRL—Richmond, Va. (WMBG) 100 WSIV—Springfeld Tonu
WRBU-Gastonia, N. C. 100 WJBY-Gadsden, Ala. 50
KGMP-Elk City, Okla
T—Mississippi City, Miss. Now Licensed. KWFA Shrevenort, La
KDLR-Devils Lake, N. D. 100 KGCR-Watertown, S. D. 100 KFOR-Lincoln, Nebr. 250, 100
WHBU-Auderson, Ind. 100 KFVS-Cape Girardeau, Mo. (WEBQ)
WSBC Chicago, Ill. (WEDC, WCRW)100 WCRW Chicago, Ill. (WEDC, WSBC)100 KGNO-Dodge City, Kansas
(C. P. only) WEDC-Chicago, Ill. (WSBC, WCRW)100 WCBS-Springfield, Ill. (WTAX)100
W1AX-Streator, III. (WCBS)
KMI – Mathilowee, Wis
KPPC Pasadena, Calif. (KFNM) 50 CHWK-Challiwick, British Columbia 50 CFNR-Redevicton New Brunswick 50
CFCO Chatham. Ontario 50 CKNC Cobalt. Ontario 15 CKPC Preston. Ontario 50
1220 KILOCYCLES, 245.8 METERS WCAD-Canton, N. Y
WCAE -Pittsburgh, Pa
KWSC-Pullman, Wash,
Mass.) 1 Kw. WPSC-State College, Pa. 500 WSBT-South Bend. Ind. (WFBM)
WFBM—Indianapolis, Ind. (WSBT)1 Kw. KFIO—Spokane, Wash

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KGMC—Jerome, Ariz.	100
(C. P. only)	
KGCX-Wolf Point, Mont.	.250, 100
KGEZ-Kalispell, Mont.	
KFUP-Denver. Colo. (KFXJ)	100
KFXI-Edgewater, Colo. (KFUP)	
KMEDMedford, Ore.	50
KXRO Aberdeen. Wash	
KIT-Yakima, Wash.	50

1320 KILOCYCLES, 277.1 METERS

WADC—Tallmadge. Ohio	.1 Kw.
WSMB-New Orleans, La.	
KGIQ—Twin Falls, Idaho (KID)	
KGHF—Pueblo, Colo.	500, 250
KGMB-Honolulu, Hawaii	500
KID-Idaho Falls, Idaho (KGIQ) 50	0, 250

1330 KILOCYCLES, 225.4 METERS

WDRC-New Haven, Conn.	500
WSAI-Cincinnati, Ohio	500
T-Mason, Ohio	
WTAQ-Eau Claire, Wis. (KSCJ)1	Kw
T-Township of Washington, Wis.	
KSCJ-Sioux City, Iowa (WTAQ)21/2 Kw., 1	Kw
KGAR-Tucson, Ariz	100

1340 KILOCYCLES, 223.7 METERS WSPD-Toledo, Ohio 1 Kw., 500

KFPY-Spokane, Wash.	1 Kw.,	500
WCOA-Pensacola, Fla		500
10100, 0110	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	100

1350 KILOCYCLES, 222.1 METERS WBNY-New York N. V. (WMSC

WCDA, WKBQ)	
WMSG-New York, N. Y. (WBNY, WCDA, WKBQ)	250
WCDA. WKBQ)	
WCDA-New York Civy (WBNY, WMSG, WKBQ)	50
WMSG, WKBQ)	
T-Cliffside Park, N. J. WKBQ-New York City (WBNY,	:50
WKBQ-New York City (WBNY,	
WMSG. WCDA)	:50
KWK-St. Louis, Mo 1 K	w.

1360 KILOCYCLES, 220.4 METERS

WFBL-Syracuse, N. Y1	Kw.
WMAF-S. Dartmouth, Mass. (WLEX,	
WSSH)	500
WLEX-Lexington, Mass. (WMAF, WSSH)	500
WQBC-Vicksburg, Miss	300
WJKS-Gary, Ind. (WGES)500,	1250
WGES-Chicago, Ill. (WJKS)	Kw.
KFBBGreat Falls, Mont. (KGIR)500, 1	Kw.
(C. P. to incr. pr. to 1 KwL. S. on 1280 K	ycs.)
KGIR-Butte, Mont. (KFBB)	500
KGER-Long Beach, Calif. (KPSN)1 Kw.	250
KPSN-Pasadena, Calif. (KGER)1	Kw.

1370 KILOCYCLES, 218.8 METERS

ISTO REDOCTCELES, 218.8 METERS
WQDM-St. Albans, Vermont (C.P. only)5
WSVS-Buffalo, N. Y
WPOE-Patchogue, N. Y100
WCBMBaltimore, Md
WHBD-Mt. Orab. Ohio
WHDF-Calumet, Mich
(C. P. to increase power to 250)
WLEY-Lexington, Mass
WJBK-Ypsilanti, Mich. (WIBM)50
WIBM-Jackson, Mich. (WJBK)100
WRAK-Erie, Pa
WELK-Philadelphia, Pa100
WFDV-Rome, Ga
WRBJ-Hattiesburg. Miss10
WHBO-Memphis, Tenn100
WRBT-Wilmington, N. C100
KGFG-Oklahoma City, Okla. (KCRC)100
KCRC-Enid, Oklahoma (KGFG)250, 100
WMBR-Tampa, Florida100
KGCI-San Antonio, Texas (KONO)100
KONO San Antonio, Texas (KGCI)100
KGKL-San Angelo. Texas100
KFLX-Galveston, Texas100
WGL-Ft. Wayne, Indiana100
WBTM-Danville, Virginia (WLVA)100
(C. P. only)
WLVA-Lynchburg, Virginia (WBTM)100
(C. P. only)
KGDA-Dell Rapids, S. D
C. P. to move to Mitchell, S. D.
KFJM-Grand Forks, N. D100
KWKC-Kansas City, Missouri100

WRJN-Racine, Wisconsin
KGAR-Tucson, Arizona
(C. P. to incr. pr. to 250)
KOH-Reno, Nevada100
KRE-Berkeley, California
KLO-Ogden, Utah
KOOS-Marshfield, Ore100
KFBL-Everett, Wash. (KVL)
KVL-Seattle, Wash. (KFBL)100
KFJI-Astoria, Ore100
KGFL-Raton, N. M

1380 KILOCYCLES, 217.3 METERS

1390 KILOCYCLES, 215.7 METERS

 WHK.-Cleveland, Ohio.
 T-Village of Seven Hills

 KLRA-Little Rock, Ark.
 (KUOA)

 KUOA-Fayetteville, Ark.
 (KLRA)

 KOY-Phoenix, Ariz.
 500

1400 KILOCYCLES, 214.2 METERS

WCGU-Brooklyn, N. Y. (WSGH-WSDA, WLTH. WBBC)
WSGH-WSDA-Brooklyn, N. Y. (WCGU, WLTH. WBBC)
WSDA, WBC)
WSDA, WBBC)
WSDA, WBBC)
WSDA, WLTH
S00
WBCC-Brooklyn, N. Y. (WCGU, WSGH-WSDA, WLTH)
S00
WBCCA-Chiver, Ind. (WCAA, WKBF)
S00
WKBF-Indianapolis, Ind. (WCMA, WKBF)
S00
WBAA-W. Lafayette, Ind. (WCMA, WKBF)
S00

1410 KILOCYCLES, 212.6 METERS

WBCM-Bay City, Mich. Hampton Twp.,

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 500

 WLEX-Lexington, Mass.
 100

 KGRS-Amarillo, Texas (WDAG).
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 KGRS-Murrillo, Texas (WDAG).
 100

 KGRS-Amarillo, Texas (WDAG).
 500

 WODX-Mobile, Ala. (WSFA).
 500

 WOSA-Montgomery.
 Ala. (WODX).
 500

 WSFA-Montgomery.
 Ala. (WODX).
 500

 WSSH-Boston Mass. (WLEX, WMAF).
 500
 250

 KFLV-Rockford, Ill. (WHBL)
 500, 1 Kw.
 500

 WHBL-Shebogan, Wis. (KFLV).
 500
 500

1420 KILOCYCLES, 211.1 METERS

WHDL—Tupper Lake N V 10
WMIR-Jamaica, N. Y.
WTBO—Cumberland Md 100 50
WILM-Wilmington Del 100
WEDH-Frie Pa
WMBCDetroit Mich 250 100
WKBP-Battle Creek, Mich 50
WHIS-Bluefield, W Va. 100
WIBR—Steubenville Ohio 50
WFDW—Talladega, Ala 100
(C P only)
WIBO-New Orleans, La 100
KTAP-San Antonio, Tex 100
KTUE—Houston Texas 100
KFYO-Abilene, Texas 250 100
WSPA—Spartansburg, N. C. 250, 100
(C, P, only)
KICK-Red Oak, Iowa
WIAS-Ottumwa, Jowa
WLBF-Kansas City, Kans 100
WMBH Joplin, Mo. 250 100
KLPM-Minot, N. D. 100
WEHS-Evanston, Ill. (WKBL, WHFC) 100
WHFC-Cicero, Ill. (WKBL WEHS). 100
WKBI-Chicago, Ill. (WHFC, WEHS)
KFIZ-Fon du Lac. Wis
KFXY-Flagstaff, Ariz. 100
KGIX-Las Vegas Nev. 100
(C, P, only)
KFOU-Holy City, Calif. (KGGC)100
KFXD-Jerome, Idaho50
KGIW-Trinidad, Colo100
KGKX-Sandpoint, Idaho
KGGC-San Francisco, Calif. (KFOU)50
KXL-Portland, Oregon (KFIF)100
KFIF-Portland, Oregon (KXL)
KORE-Eugene, Ore
KFQW-Seattle, Wash
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1420 KH OCYCLES 2007 METERS
14MENTER TREES 7197 MELERS

1430 KILOCYCLES, 209.7 METERS

1440 KILOCYCLES, 208.2 METERS

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WHEC-WABO-Rochester, N. Y. (WOK	0)500
VOKO-Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (WHEC-WAI	30).500
T-Mt. Beacon, N. Y.	250
WSAN = Allentown, Pa. (WCBA)	250
WNRC-Greensboro N (500
WTAD Ouincy, Ill. (WMBD)	
WMBD-Peoria Hgts., 111. (WTAD)1 K	w., 500
KLS-Oakland, Calif.	250

1450 KILOCYCLES, 206.8 METERS

WBMS-Hackensack, N. J. (See Note)	50
WHOM-Jersey City, N. J. (WBMS, WNJ,	
WKBO)	50
WNJ-Newark, N. J	50
WKBO-Jersey City, N. J	50
WSAR-Fall River, Mass	50
(Note: WBMS, WNJ, WIBS and WKBO	
divide time with each other)	
WCSO-Springfield, Ohio (WFIC)	00
WFJC-Akron, Ohio (WCSO)	00
WTFIToccoa, Ga	00
KTBS-Shreveport, La1 Kv	N.

1460 KILOCYCLES, 205.4 METERS

VJSV-Mt.	Vern	on Hill	s.	v	a.	 	 • • •	 .10	Kw.
STP—St.	Paul,	Minn.	÷.	-		 	 	 . 10	Kw.

1470 KILOCYCLES, 204.0 METERS

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WTNT-Nashville, Tenn (WLAC)	Kw. Kw. Kw.

1480 KILOCYCLES, 202.6 METERS

WKBW-Buffalo,	N.	Y		Kw.
KFJF—Oklahoma	Cit	y, Okia.	5	Kw.

1490 KILOCYCLES, 201.2 METERS

WFBL—Syracuse, N. Y1 Kw. (Also operates ¹ / ₂ time with 750 w. on 900 kc.)
WCH1-
WCKY-Covington, Ky. 5 Kw.
WTNTNashville, Tenn. (WLAC)
WLAC-Nashville, Tenn. (WTNT)
WORD-Chicago, Ill (WJAZ, WCHI,
KPWF-Westminster, Calif
(C. P. only) WIAC-Mt Prospect III (WORD WCEV
WCHI)
1500 KILOCYCLES, 199.9 METERS
WMBA-Newport, R. I100
WLOE-Boston, Mass (WMES)250, 100
WMES_Boston Mass. (WLOE) 50
WNBF-Binghamton, N. Y.
(C. P. to incr. pr. to 100 w.)
WMBO-Brooklyn, N. Y. (WLBX, WCLB, WWRL)
WCLB-Long Beach, N. Y. (WLBX, WMBO,
WWRL)
WCLBA—Long Island City, N. Y. (WMBQ)
WWRL-Woodside, N. Y. (WMBO, WLBX.
WCLB)
WKBZ—Ludington Mich
WPEN-Philadelphia Pa 250 100
WMBJ-Penntownship, Pa
WOPI-Bristol, Tenn
KGKY-Scottsbluff, Nebr
KGFI-Corpus Christi Tex 100
KUT-Austin, Texas
KGKB-Brownwood, Texas
Kill Houston Tousa 100

KILC-Houston, lexas
WKBV-Connersville, Ind
KPJM-Prescott. Ariz
KVEPPortland, Ore15
KDB-Santa Barhara, Calif,
KREG-Santa Ana, Calif100
KUJ-Long View, Wash
$(\frac{1}{2} \text{ time})$
KGMD Roswell, N. M 100
(C. P. only)
KGIZGrant City, Mo
(C. P. only)
KPCB-Seattle, Wash
KPG-Wenatchee, Wash

List of Impending Changes, Not Yet in Effect

[Stations marked (***) on list by Frequencies are under consideration for change in frequencies as follows:]

Station Location Press	ent Proposed	WAPI-Birmingham, Alabama 1140 1130	WCBD-Zion City, Illinois 1080	1040
ka ka	c. kc.	KVOO-Tulsa, Oklahoma 1140 1130	WHDI-Minneapolis, Minn 1180	1176
WHAS-Louisville, Kentucky 8	20 1020	WHAM-Rochester, N. Y 1150 1160	WDGY-Minneapolis Minn 1180	1170
KYW-Chicago, Illinois	20 1140	WOWO-Fort Wayne, Indiana 1160 1180	WIID-Moosebart Illinois 1130	1090
KIHS-Hot Springs, Arkansas. (10-	40 1070	WWVA-Wheeling, West Virginia 1160 1180	WKEN-Grand Island N V 1040	1160
WTAM Clausland Ohio 10	70 1080	WCAU-Philadelphia, Pa 1170 820	WKAR-Lansing Michigan 1040	830
WPT Charlotte North Carolina 10	20 1000	KUB—State College, New Mexico., 1180 1170	WCAZ-Carthage Illinois	No
KMOX-St Louis Missouri 10	90 1110	WMBI_Chicago Illingis 1080 1040	WDZ-Tuscola, Illinois	Chang
WRVA-Richmond, Virginia 11	10 1150	Following Proposed Changes Involve Limited	KSOO-Sioux Falls, S. Dakota 1110	1100
KSL-Salt Lake City, Utah 11.	30 1090	Time and Day Transmission:	KTNT-Muscatine, Iowa 1170	1160

RADIO WORLD

List of Stations in U.S. and Canada by Call Letters

If you know the call letter, ascertain the frequency from this list, and obtain the rest of the information about the station from the List of Stations by Frequency:

CANADA		Station	kc	Station	kc	Station	kc	Station	kc	Station	kc	Station	kc
Station	kc	WBAK	1430	WFIW	940	WKBP	1420	WPOE	1370	KFJM	13/0	KJR	970 1200
CFRC	890	WBAL	800	WFKD	1310	WKBS	1310	WPTF	680	KFIY	1310	KLO	1370
CFCA	840	WBAX	1210	WFLA	620	WKBV	1500	WQAM	560	KFKA	880	KLPM 1	1420
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CFCN	690	WBBM	770	WGBB	1210	WKEN	1040	WPAP	1010	KFLV	1410	KLX	880
CFCO	1210	WJBT	770	WGBC	1430	WKJC	1200	WOBC	1360	KFLX	1370	KLZ	560
CFCR	630	WBBR	1200	WGBI	880	WKY	900	WRAF	1200	KFNF	890	КМВС	950
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velocity, as this aids in remembering a formula. Division is called for, hence wavelength equals the velocity divided by the only remaining known factor, the frequency. Also, the velocity must exceed the frequency, which calls for multiplication. The only remaining factor is the wavelength. Think of velocity being fast, wavelength slow, as an arbitrary memory aid

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300,000,000 $\lambda = \frac{1,000,000}{1,000,000}$ or 300 meters

by the formula already presented $(\lambda = V/f)$. Given the wavelength we can compute the frequency, since the frequency is the velocity divided by the wavelength: $f = V/\lambda$

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