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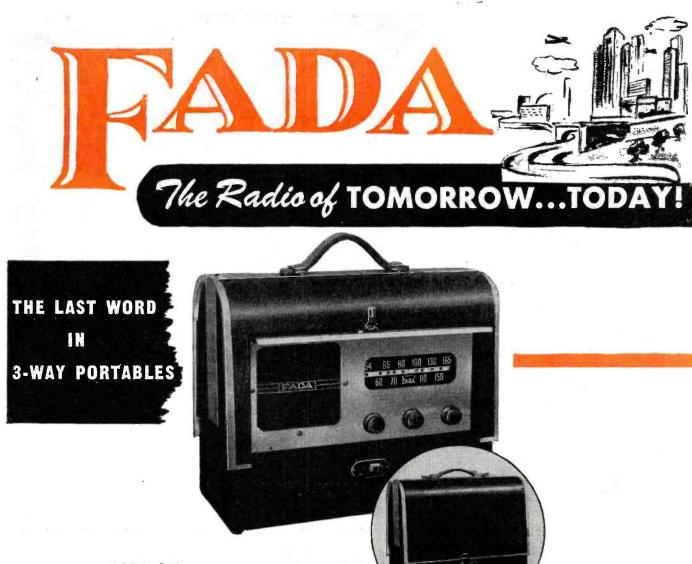
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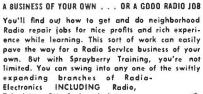
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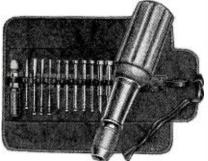
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Denny said that the FCC has been undertaking widespread revisions in the Commission's standards and rules for all radio services throughout the United States. Mr. Denny further emphasized that, "It is our objective that one by one the technical requirements and operating requirements for each of the different individual radio services shall be completely overhauled and brought up to date. In making these revisions we are seeking to do a great deal more than simply codify the existing rules."

Mr. Denny then went on with what might well be a somber warning to the amateur by pointing out that the frequency spectrum between 4 and 25 megacycles is very much in the revision spotlight. These frequencies, said Mr. Denny, are those including the international channels and best suited for world-wide communications. "We are carefully reviewing each rule and each standard for the purpose of insuring that we retain only such requirements as are really essential for the proper functioning of the service in question."

That brings us to the topic at hand; the "conduct" of many amateurs who are, in many cases, abusing their priviliges to operate. Interference is at an all time high and the QRM situation becomes worse with each passing day. Many 500 watt transmitters can be heard on the air emitting strong DX signals when many of them are merely talking "cross town." Such operators are doing little, if anything, to enhance the art of amateur radio and when the chips are down they will only have themselves to blame if they come out on the short end of the deal.

So important is the matter of frequency allocations to international communications that a special World Telecommunications Conference is to be held at Atlantic City beginning this month. Among the many subjects likely to come up for review and evaluation are the present amateur allocations. We know, for example, that there will be much pressure from some of the foreign representatives to have certain amateur frequencies reassigned to other services. In most cases the countries that will favor further restriction of amateur frequencies are those that allow little or no personal freedom. Many of them do not believe in freedom of the press and it is the wish of certain governments that no information be printed or transmitted outside of their own borders for the world to see or hear.

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In view of the pressure that will be brought to bear, it becomes vitally essential that every amateur take careful stock of his own operating practices and to make certain that he is not open to criticism. One of the worst and most common of all violations of good operating ethics is the interference presently affecting established traffic nets. At times the interference is of such proportions that the nets are forced to cease operations and close down.

There has been a lot of general griping about this and that on the air by amateurs. In many cases these gripes have been justified but in others they have not. But regardless of whether these complaints have been in or out of order, the fact remains that those responsible for the conduct on the ether are not just sitting by and not taking notice. No organization is perfect in itself but the principles it represents, if sound, must be maintained by those whose very existence on the air depends upon loyalty and support of its tenets.

It is the personal responsibility of each amateur to look jealously upon the safety of his hobby. If amateurs are to preserve their rights it becomes their responsibility to avoid needless interference and to be a bit "prestige conscious." It takes but little time to listen in on the operating frequency before transmissions and to size up the general situation before proceeding. This will avoid much unnecessary QRM.

While we don't feel that the future of amateur radio is in present danger, we do take cognizance of the fact that there are many interests seeking any type of ammunition which would help destroy our hobby. We feel that the matter of *conduct* may have much to do in furthering our position as a necessary and vital part of communications particularly when disaster strikes or when, if ever, we again need a large backlog of skilled operators.

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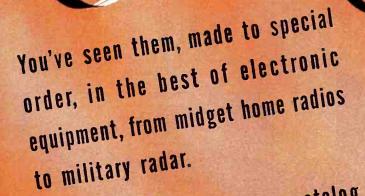
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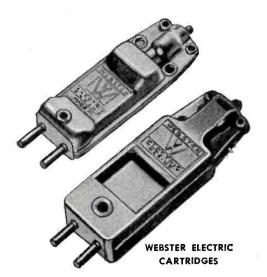
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ONE FCC OBJECTION was that to achieve brightness and absence of flicker, CBS needed channels so wide that only 27 could be accommodated on the present band. FCC emphasized that this would cut competition down to a point that might become monopolistic, while "it was the Commission's hope . . . that in this band it would be possible to provide for a truly nation-wide competitive television sys-This led the Commission to tem." re-emphasize the need for further development: "Every effort," it ruled, "must be made to narrow the bandwidth required for color television. It is quite possible as a result of wartime discoveries," the Commission added, "improvements can be made" all along the color television line. "Furthermore, wartime developments may show that there is an entirely different method from either the sequential or simultaneous system which is superior to both. Before standardizing television in the upper band, we should be sure that all of the wartime electronic developments have been explored to determine whether they can be applied to the advantage of television." In sum, FCC favors more and more development—more and more competition. But the CBS proposal doesn't seem to offer enough of either. . . . We like to think that in predicting a CBS victory, we were betting on the right jockey, but picked the wrong horse.

GOOD RADIO JOBS are still available for qualified candidates. Latest indication is more than sixty civilian openings recently listed by the U.S. Navy, many of which featured radio experience. Typical are two, one for an electronics engineer, the second for a graduate radio engineer. To quote the Navy on qualifications for the electronics job, the candidate must be a "project engineer for programs such as radiological instruments and detection devices for harbor defenses, industrial electronic systems, radio control devices, and similar control applications." The radio engineer must, "under general supervision, serve as project engineer on specialized radar equipment." If you are interested in either of these, or other Navy openings, the trick is to go to the nearest post office, get a Civil Service Form 57, fill it out, and mail it to the U.S. Navy, Department Civilian Personnel Branch, Code 612, Main Navy Building, Washington, D. C. You will be notified if the Navy is interested enough to interview you and chances are-assuming you're qualified-that they will be. They report difficulty in filling the radio jobs, of which there are more than a dozen open as this goes to press. . . . And publeeze don't write us-we haven't the vaguest idea of competing with the U.S.N. in the project business.

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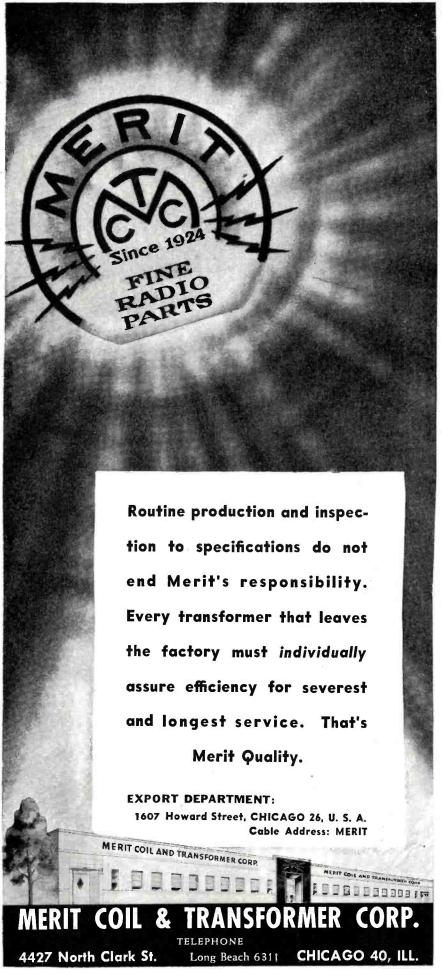
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metropolitan station in the East, for example, is quoting Class A time at as low as \$15 an hour. But if the rates are bargain, the customers are definitely not bargain-counter. FM salesmen are emphasizing that their listeners are quality buyers. They want quality programs-including the commercials. To give them mine-run instead of institutional commercials is to lose their interest. Advertisers are heeding this advice with the result that FM plugs continue at a comparatively high level. So does the audience. In the words of Martin Schadi, sales manager of WASH, Washington, D. C., "Owners of the 5000 to 8000 FM-AM consoles sold in the Washington area to date are in the high income bracket and constitute a class audience."

LOOKING AHEAD, FMers anticipate that sales of sets will make possible increased rates, in many cases by mid-1947. Interest by advertisers and advertising agencies brightens this hope. That advertisers are aware of FM potentialities was illustrated recently in Washington when, for the first time in history, an advertising agency bought time for a program for themselves on an FM station. Said R. Willoughby Williams, head of the Williams, Stark and Hinkle advertising agency, in announcing purchase of half an hour of time once a week: "The future of FM is limitless, as the world is beginning to realize. We plan to make full use of it both for our clients and ourselves." . . . While we're on the subject, another thing to watch as a rapid and significant development in the FM field during the next few months is the growth of networks. First big hook-ups will probably be mostly in the East, but others will blossom across the country as more and more stations go into operation. It's more than passing significant that, while not mentioned on the program, one of the chief problems facing delegates at the first FM Association regional meeting in April was networks. . . . Chief goal: to keep network programs and plugs on the same high level now being achieved by the station broadcasts.

INVITE AN ADMIRAL TO SPEAK before the Institute of Radio Engineers and the odds should be heavy that you'll get yourself bored stiff, but such was not the case when Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood recently spoke to the Institute. His audience had all the elements of six movie thrillers wrapped into a super-production, yet not once did he get off his basic topic-electronics. Without dramatics-he didn't need them-he told of radar's role in submarine warfare. Three factors which made the submarine the deadly weapon it was, he said, were the personnel, improved underwater equipment, and electronics. . . . Especially in submarine-vs.-submarine

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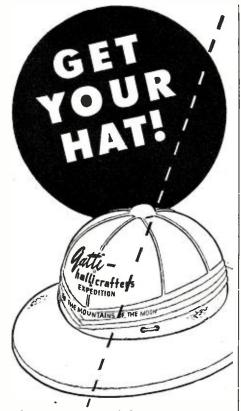
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warfare, the Admiral pointed out, electronics "demonstrated the tremendous advantage our fighting men were afforded." Perhaps most dramatic underwater battle was staged by the "Batfish." under Commander J. K. Fyfe of Seneca Falls, N. Y. Fyfe was assigned to keep Jap subs from taking emergency supplies to land troops under attack by General MacArthur. Working by night, within a period of 76 hours, and using radar, the "Batfish" nailed three enemy subs going to the rescue of Japs in Luzon. Not once was the U.S. submarine threatened with attack - apparently the Japs weren't even aware of its presence until it was too late. . . .

ANOTHER HIGH SPOT in the Pacific submarine campaign was when the "Sealion", under Commander Eli Reich, used radar to sneak up unobserved on a Japanese flotilla and tagged a battleship, the "Kongo." Commanders discovered early in the game that they — and radar — could work in all kinds of weather. Even when the waves were mountain-high. they stalked the enemy with radar antennas just out of the water, firing entirely on radar range and direction. At other times, with the enemy blinded by poor visibility, they made surface approaches. One bold commander approached a Jap convoy without submerging and at one point was so close that he was almost run down, accidentally, by an enemy ship. He got away untouched. Another, Commander Dick O'Kane of the "Tang", broke all records for a single patrol in October, 1944, by sinking 110,000 tons of enemy shipping, abandoning the attack only when one of the "Tang's" own torpedoes went bad and circled to sink the sub which had fired it. A third, the "Sailfish", under Commander Bob Ward, went after a Jap convoy in a typhoon-40-50 knots of wind with mountainous seas. The wind and waves were so strong that Ward even had difficulty making headway against them, but when he sighted his prize—an aircraft carrier -he fought through and sank it. Even the Japs used to cite this one as an example of daring and determination when they were lecturing new sub recruits. . . .

GETTING BACK TO EARTH, it's not too late to mention a heroic ham hook-up in the East Coast area during the last big snow of the winter in early March. One of the hardest hit towns was Cobleskill, N. Y., some forty miles west of Albany, with a population of 2300. Telephone and power lines went down under a twenty-six inch snowfall and the town was completely cut off from the outside world by 2 a.m. one bitter cold morning, save for a 100-watt ham station, W2DBX, operated by Stanley D. Conklin. He stuck to his set till 6 a.m. before establishing contact with the

outside world in the person of Corporal Albert Martin at Ft. Monmouth's 900-watt station, W2OEC, who picked up Conklin's weak signals asking that the Signal Corps relay messages to the New York Telephone Company and the New York Power and Light Company to get rescue crews on the job. Repairmen fought their way through drifts from Oneonta, N. Y., thirty miles away, finally restoring normal communications and power lines at 6 p.m. Conklin stayed on the job to that point-more than 24 hours without sleep and with a record of sixteen hours without rest at his radio. . . Other ham stations throughout New England and the Middlewest did emergency work during the storm, with the result that no community hit by the snowfall was long out of touch with the outside world.

ON THE PRODUCTION FRONT, the promises of spring seem to be rocketing toward record fulfillment. Both industry and government sources are agreed that 1947 is going to be a banner year in all departments. "Radio manufacturers," reports the Civilian Production Administration, "are expected to gear their production to increased output of combination or radio-record player models and television sets. Production of table sets has already reached a record monthly rate almost twice the average of 1940-41, and current demand is now being met. Increases in car radio production will be possible as fast as steel is made available for cases, mountings, and parts." These will undoubtedly figure in the fall market, as will FM-AM receivers, already showing good production totals by late spring. FM sets have the backing of the industry, which declared early in the spring through the Board of Directors of the Radio Manufacturers Association that it was "doing everything in its power to expedite the production of FM-AM receivers." Results had already begun to show as early as January, when FM-AM set production totals jumped to 51,318 from the December score of 40,903. Television sets were also up almost two thousand units from December's 3561, reaching a January high of 5437. Table models featured in the television output but the FM-AM sets showed a heavy trend toward consoles, RMA member survey showed a total set output of 1,564,171.

FOREIGN PRODUCTION continues to be miniscule when contrasted with that in the United States. Reports from abroad, some delayed, most sketchy, would seem to indicate that U. S. manufacturers interested in export should find little competition so far as production is concerned for some time to come. Reports indicated that full-scale production might be expected by only two foreign manu-(Continued on page 162)

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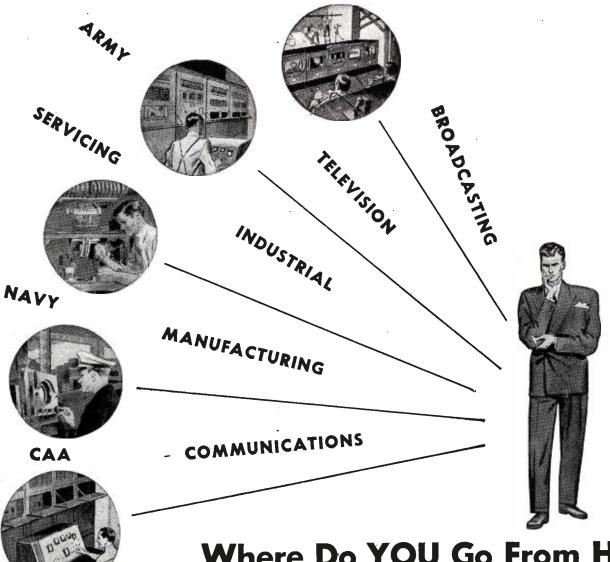
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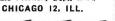
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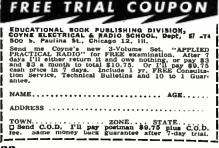
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D. E. NOBLE, vice-president in charge of the Communications and Electronics Division of

Motorola, was awarded the grade of Fellow by the Institute of Radio Engineers at their banquet held in conjunction with the IRE New York meeting.

The grade of Fellow is honorary and awarded to IRE members who have made outstanding contributions to the science or technology of radio and allied fields.

Mr. Noble has been engaged in the development of FM equipment for mobile service and military applications since joining Motorola in 1940. He is chairman of Panel 13 of the Radio Technical Planning Board, chairman of the IRE technical committee on Railroad and Vehicular Communications and chairman of the RMA committee on Vehicular Radio Communications Equipment.

* * CONCORD RADIO CORPORATION recently opened the new Concord Buying Center at 229 West Madison Street, Chicago, to an enthusiastic pre-

view audience. The new store has been especially designed to feature several revolutionary merchandising ideas, including sound-proof demonstration salons to enable customers to sound test and inspect radios, radio-phonographs, amplifiers, microphones, sound equipment and movie equipment.

Special facilities have been provided for the comfort and convenience of servicemen, dealers, hams, and other buyers. * *

ALBERT C. GABLE has been named assistant engineer of the Tube Division

of General Electric Company's Electronics Department.

Mr. Gable, who was formerly administrative assistant of the division's engineers, will continue to maintain

his headquarters at Schenectady where he has worked on various engineering assignments since 1929.

A native of Macon, Ga., Mr. Gable holds a B. S. degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. He joined General Electric in 1929, working in the Test Department and Vacuum Tube Engineering Department. In 1931 he became section leader on the



development of rectifier tubes. Responsibility for ignitron and thyratron tube engineering was added to his duties shortly thereafter.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROAD-**CASTERS** announced the appointment of three new members to their Sales Managers Television Subcommittee.

Newly appointed members are Samuel H. Cuff, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., New York; G. Emerson Markham, WRGB, Schenectady, New York; and George Moskovics, commercial manager, WCBS-TV, New York. * *

EDWARD E. WINEBLATT was recently named as the first direct factory representative to han-

dle the JFD Manufacturing Co.'s line of radio parts.

After an extensive training in the various company plants, Mr. Wineblatt is now prepared to serve the



company's customers for dial belts, cables, battery plugs, ballast tubes, step-down ballasts and line cords.

Mr. Wineblatt will maintain headquarters at the Hotel Monterey, 808 Junior Terrace, Chicago 13, Illinois. He will cover the state of Illinois.

DONALD MacGREGOR, formerly executive vice-president of Webster-Chicago Corporation, has been elected vicepresident in charge of production for the Zenith Radio Corporation of Chicago.

He began his business career with the Belden Manufacturing Company in 1920. Since that time, he has held positions with All-American Mohawk Corporation, Rauland Corporation, Thordarson Electrical Manufacturing Company, and Watsontown Cabinet Company.

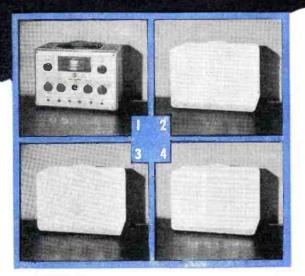
Mr. MacGregor is one of the founders of RMA and for several years held the post of director for the association. . 38

JOHN C. WEBB, former sales manager for Micro-Ferrocart Products Division, of Maguire Industries, Stamford, Conn. and former vice-president of the Ferrocart Corporation of America, announces the organization of a new company to be known as the Stanwyck-Webb Magnetic Core Corporation, with both plant and laboratories to be located in Ossining, New York. Large scale production is now underway with several recently com-

pleted new developments for low frequency application. Mr. Webb is well known in the radio

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industry, having covered the entire United States and Canada as Field Sales Manager for the *Ferrocart Corporation*.

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L. C. McCARTHY of Chicago, well known radio sales representative, was recently elected to

the board of directors of *Electronic* Laboratories, Inc., of Indianapolis.

Mr. McCarthy's sales experience covers over 20 years in the radio business with the last



fourteen years spent in Chicago representing *Electronic Laboratories*, Inc.

During the war he was general manager of the Canadian subsidiary of *Electronic Laboratories of Canada*, *Limited*, which was engaged in the production of specialized communications equipment.

RADIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION has recently initiated a new service for its member companies. Weekly reports are now issued from RMA headquarters for the benefit of set manufacturers and covering available surplus radio materials.

These new RMA surplus inventory reports were recommended by the Set Division, under Chairman Paul V. Galvin of Chicago, and authorized by the RMA Board of Directors.

To assist in inventory and production matters, RMA set manufacturers may report available surplus of parts, tubes, accessories, and other radio materials. These reports from the set manufacturers are then compiled and distributed weekly for the exchange or sale of surplus inventory between the RMA set companies.

LEO L. HELTERLINE, JR., was recently appointed Chief Engineer for Sorensen

& Company, Inc. Mr. Helterline has been with Sorensen since January, 1946 as senior project engineer. In his new capacity he will be responsible for the design and development of all com-



pany products which include voltage regulators, transformers, Nobatrons, and special electronic equipment.

Mr. Helterline is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and prior to joining the Sorensen organization he was affiliated with Sylvania Electric Products Inc. as a quality control engineer doing test and liaison work on radar vacuum tube components.

RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING COM-PANY'S new permanent sales headquarters for the Radio Receiving Tube Division are now located at 445 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. All activities in connection with sales engineering, ad-(Continued on page 176)

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APRIL 7 is a notable day in communication history, for on that day in 1927 was the first demonstration of television over long distances. Large-scale images were flashed from Washington, D.C., by wire and from Whippany, N.J., by radio to a public demonstration in New York City. "It was," said a newspaper, "as if a photograph had suddenly come to life and begun to smile, talk, nod its head and look this way and that."

That was the first of many public demonstrations, each to mark an advance in the television art. In 1929 came color television, and in 1930 a two-way system between the headquarters buildings of A. T. & T. and Bell Laboratories. When the first coaxial cable was installed in 1937, television signals for 240-line pictures were transmitted between Philadelphia and New York and three years later 441-line signals were transmitted. By May, 1941, successful experiments had been made on an 800mile circuit.

End of the war brought a heightened tempo of development. Early in 1946 began the regular experimental use of coaxial cable for television between New York and Washington, and a few months later a microwave system for television transmission was demonstrated in California.

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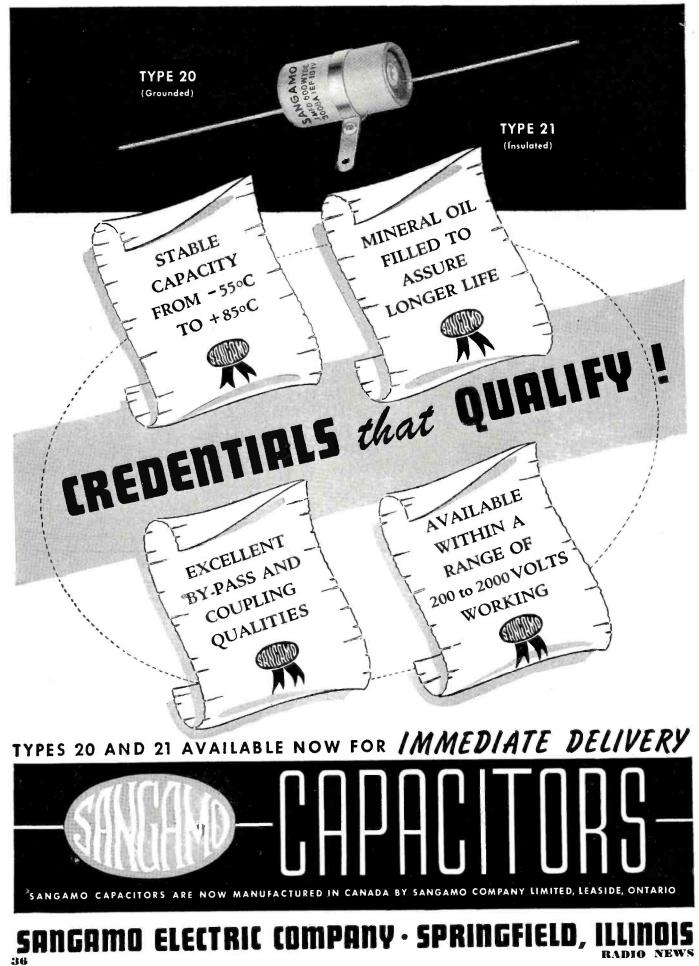
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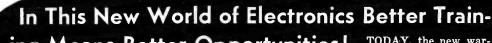
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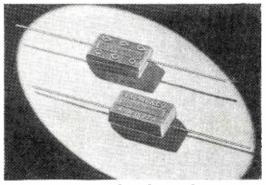
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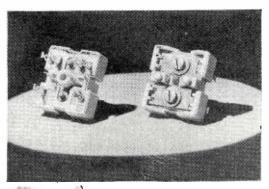
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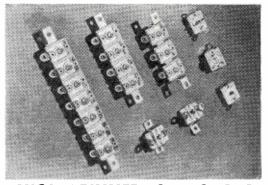
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Mobile Radio-Telephone Service Links Nation

By FRANK E. BUTLER

Mobile radiotelephone service is now being provided to subscribers. This relatively new "Bell" system provides 2030 selective signaling combinations.

THE act of "calling" or "receiving" a mobile radiotelephone call is no more complex or difficult than performing the same operation with a regular wire line telephone. Transmission standards are equal to wire line service and no tricky operating procedure or "tuning" is necessary.

This new service, which combines regular wire telephone operation with shortwave radio is remarkably clear and free from "dead spots," fading or static. This perfection is obtained by using frequency modulation to bridge the gap between the regular wire telephone channels and the specially equipped vehicles. Two bands are allocated for this service. One operates in the 152-162 megacycle band and its counterpart operates in the 30-44 megacycle band.

Complete equipment on the vehicle consists of a radio receiver and transmitter, an 18 inch stand antenna, a selective signaling device and a telephone instrument. All controls and the cradle telephone are conveniently mounted under the instrument board of the car in a single unobstructive unit. On the left of the control panel is a small lamp which lights to in-May, 1947 dicate an incoming call. A regulation bell signal is also used.

However, the bell stops ringing after a short interval but the lamp remains lighted until the driver acknowledges the call. Thus by having the lamp signal "lock in" the driver is notified that he had been called during his absence from the car.

Centered on the front panel is the main "On-Off" switch. With the switch in the "On" position, the receiver is in operating condition, ready to receive a call while the transmitter is in a standby condition. The transmitter is ready to operate when the handset is removed from the cradle, and operates when the "push-to-talk" button in the center of the handset is depressed. To the right of the switch is a lamp which indicates the power is on. The control weighs less than 8 pounds, including the handset. A retractile cord is used to prevent any fouling or tangling that might occur with a regular handset cord. The ringing bell is mounted inside the control unit.

Unique with the Western Electric equipment is a selective signaling device, incorporated as an integral part of the receiver. It is the "heart" of the mobile radiotelephone unit. This selector and its associated filters and relays provide full selective signaling with 2030 combinations available. Each radio channel will serve a number of mobile stations. Each mobile installation is assigned a five digit number prefixed by a channel designation of two letters. Because the number "1" is used as a selector "return to normal" pulse, the station number never includes the digit "one." The selector is designed so that the total of the five digits add up to "23." As an example: "WJ6-2834" . . . WJ, is the channel designation and 62834 the mobile radiotelephone station number.

When a call comes in to the mobile telephone traffic operator she dials the digits for this particular station. In so doing, she causes the control terminal equipment to modulate the land transmitter with a series of pulses of 600 and 1500 cycles. These pulses, received and amplified at the mobile stations, cause all selector sets assigned to the same channel to be actuated. Stop pins in the cog wheel of the selector in the receiver called will cause only that selector to be positioned to ring a bell and light a call lamp in the vehicle. All other selectors will fail to reach the final or signaling operation.

Operation of mobile telephone service is very simple. All calls are handled by special mobile service operators at a central office. It is only necessary to give central the telephone number wanted, such as . . . "WJ6-2834." This numbering, by the way,

		HIGHWAY	URBAN
	 Frequency range (Transmitting) (Receiving) 	42-44 mc. 30-40 mc.	152-162 mc. 152-162 mc.
	2. Max. frequency tolerance $(-20 \text{ to } + 55 \text{ deg. C.})$.01%	.005%
	3. Type of modulation 4. Predistortion	Phase	Phase
	(FM characteristic) 5. 100% modulation swing 6. Audio band transmitted	6 db./octave ± 12kc.,(±7.4 radians) ± 300-3000 c.p.s.	6 db./octave 15kc.,(±10 radians) 300-3000 c.p.s.
1	7. Max. radio bandwidth 8. Output power	40 kc. 20-40 watts	60 kc. 15-35 watts
	9. Max. transmitter spurious radiation	70 db. below carrier	
	 Max. residual transmitter noise modulation Receiver sensitivity limiter 		I transmitter noise w the level of a 1000 hich modulates the lian swing. The noise n a manner which
	effectiveness	30 db.	30 db.
Ι.	Signal input for complete limiting	$5 \mu v$.	$5 \mu v.$ = 20 to = 25 kc.
	2. Receiver acceptance band 3. Receiver suppression	± 10 to ± 15 kc. 85 db. adjacent to midchannel	85 db. adjacent to midchannel
	 Receiver spurious response Max.squelchsensitivity (adj. inside equipment over 25 db. 	-70 db.	-70 db.
Ι,	range) 6. Receiver noise figure	$1 \mu v.$ 12 db.	$\begin{array}{c}1 \ \mu v.\\ 8 \ db.\end{array}$
	7. Max. residual receiver noise		l receiver noise (car ld be at least 50 db. 000 c.p.s. sine wave the test radio fre-
1	8. Radio receiver de-emphasis (FM characteristic)	6 db./octave	6 db./octave
1	 Receiver output power (250 mw. required for operation of selector set—10 mw. for 		0 401/001400
2	handset) 0. Audio characteristics with		250 mw. 50 c.p.s. 0 to -4 db.;
	100% modulation of trans- mitters or receivers	500 to 2000 c.p.s. 0 to c.p.s. 0 to -4 db. Characteristics specific	
ŀ		parture from the ideal mitter pre-emphasis or sis.	6 db./octave trans- receiver de-empha-
	1. Selective signaling	The selector set must tone audio frequency s mitted by the land stati code consists of a seri tones, 600 and 1500 c.p mitted alternately at a 11 per second. The tor successively without is pulses are of equal leng The local signal circuit selector set should prov audibility and a lock- bell circuit should be operated (bell ringing) lector contact is close should operate when closes and remain oper until the local circuit operation of a release	ignaling code trans- ion. The transmitted ies of pulses of two .s. which are trans- uniform rate of 8 to nes are transmitted nterruption, and all gth (.09 to .125 sec.). s associated with the ride a bell of suitable in lamp signal. The arranged to remain as long as the se- d. The lamp circuit the selector contact rated (lamp lighted) is restored by the button or contact.
	2. Transmitter warmup	Full operation within 3 push-to-talk button is	depressed.
	3. Nominal battery voltages 4. Ambient temperature	6-12 volts Satisfactory operation peratures ranging bet	
2	5. Voice frequency control unit	degrees C. Bell System installati push-to-talk handset, o bon-button type tran- telephone type receiver conductor cord. The fi istics of the handset s utilize efficiently the v specified above.	equipped with a car- smitter unit and a unit having a 5 foot requency character- hould be such as to

does not conflict with any existing central code of the entire wire telephone system.

The mobile operator then checks channel "WJ" to determine whether it is in use. If the channel is idle the mobile service operator inserts a dial cord and dials "62834." The mobile station bell rings and the driver answers and talks. The mobile service cord circuit supervisory lamp is extinguished. The operator starts timing the ticket covering that particular call.

At the termination of the call, the supervisory lamp at the switchboard lights. The mobile service operator releases the channel and enters the time of the call on the ticket. The channel is now ready for the next call.

A call from the automobile to a wireline subscriber is just as easily completed. The driver removes the handset from the control unit and "monitors," i.e., listens to check that the channel is not in use. This consumes about three seconds of time. If the channel is idle, the driver presses the "push-totalk" button on the handset. The line lamp at the mobile service switchboard position lights. The mobile service operator answers, and asks for called number. The mobile service operator completes the call in the same manner as for wire line subscribers. As before, the cord supervisory lamp gives a continuous indication of the progress of the call.

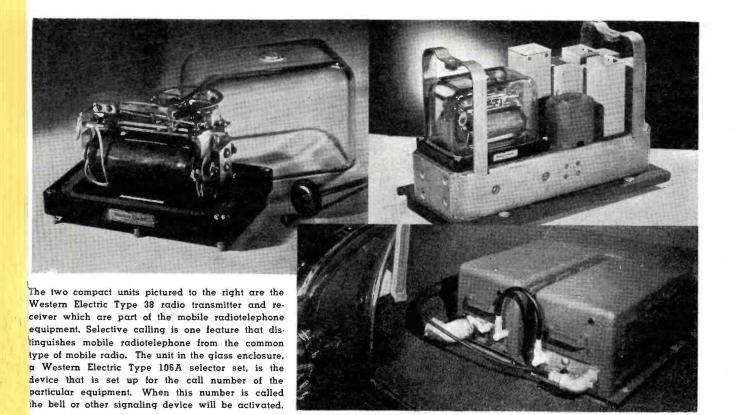
The receiver and transmitter are housed in separate cases which can be easily carried in the luggage compartment of a passenger automobile. The transmitter with its 20 watt output is capable of providing reliable service in the area served, which is approximately 25 to 30 miles. A special dynamotor powered by 6 or 12 volts, depending on the vehicle in which the radiotelephone is installed, is used to operate the equipment.

Quartz plate crystal control of the transmitter frequency is provided, with a thermostatically controlled, constant temperature oven enclosing the quartz plate. Temperature control insures operation of the transmitter on its proper frequency.

The radio frequency carrier is modulated by a phase modulation circuit, resulting in excellent voice quality transmission with an extremely low noise level. Maximum deviation plus frequency tolerance of the carrier under speech modulation is normally a swing of plus or minus 15 kilocycles. The modulation circuit requires no adjustment, and only one vacuum tube is used.

Spurious radiation, that is, radiation of signals on other than the assigned frequency, is well below what is normally expected with mobile transmitters. An unusual double tuned circuit in the first doubler stage accounts for the absence of undesirable radiation.

Table 1. Technical characteristics of mobile equipment recommended for Bell System general mobile radiotelephone service.



The receiver is a sensitive, triple deection superheterodyne type. It is xed tuned, with quartz plate control or both conversion oscillators. Triple etection is a modification of the usual uperheterodyne, and incorporates two onverters and two intermediate freuencies. The great advantage of riple detection lies in its effective nage suppression with no loss in sectivity. Images in superheterodyne eceivers are spurious responses to sigals separated from the frequency to 'hich the receiver is tuned by twice he intermediate frequency. Further nage rejection, along with added sentivity, is gained by having a tuned adio frequency amplifier ahead of he first converter stage.

A non-synchronous vibrator is used the power supply circuit. The adantage gained by using this type of ibrator is that no concern need be iven as to whether the positive or egative side of the vehicle battery is rounded.

The intermediate frequency stages re designed to have bandpass characristics that provide an unusual deree of selectivity. The audio frelency response of the receiver is at in the voice frequency range with ie resultant faithful reproduction of le speaker's voice. With less than microvolt input to the receiver the gnal-to-noise ratio is about plus 25). During the period when the voice rcuit is in use, negative feedback introduced, further providing for a gh degree of distortionless reception. The selective signaling device inrporated in the receiver requires ightly more output power than is ailable when the feedback circuit is perative. Consequently when the

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handset is not in use, i.e., when it is in the cradle, the feedback circuit is disconnected, thus providing additional power to operate the selector.

A frequency modulation type of squelch is used to make the audio circuit operative whenever a usable signal is received. An outstanding feature of the squelch circuit is that selected noise is amplified to bias the audio circuit to cut-off, reducing the possibility of anything but the desired radio frequency carrier opening the squelch and making the audio circuit operative. Such an arrangement greatly reduces the possibility of false operation of the selective signaling equipment by noise.

Two types of radiotelephone service are currently in service and supply both urban and highway service. Urban mobile radiotelephone service extends telephone service, not only to motor vehicles but to other mobile units, such as harbor craft, operating in a city or metropolitan area, the extent of coverage being determined by the needs of the subscribers.

A system of this kind requires a fixed plant comprising one or more land radio transmitters at locations which are favorable from the standpoint of radio transmission coverage, and a number of strategically located land radio receivers, all connected by wire lines to a centrally located control terminal and the telephone switchboard. Completing the system are the mobile radio transmitters, receivers, and signaling units of the motor vehicles and water craft equipped for radiotelephone communication with the land equipment.

In most cities, a single land radio transmitter for each frequency channel will suffice. Some of the larger cities may require two. Experience has indicated that little if any trouble will be experienced as a result of interference where more than one land transmitter is operated on the same frequency.

Radio frequencies allocated to urban radiotelephone service by the Federal Communications Commission are in the 152 to 162 megacycle band (See Table 1). At these frequencies radio waves are propagated over substantially line-of-sight paths between the transmitter and receiver. Therefore, the location of the land transmitter and receiver antennas greatly affects the coverage obtained. The antennas ordinarily will be the simple vertical half-wave coaxial type, the supporting structure being determined in each case by the height required and local mounting conditions. The vehicle or water craft antenna will be a simple quarter-wave vertical whip in most cases.

Vehicle transmitters are limited to relatively low power because of space and primary power available. Antenna heights are also restricted, so the range of transmission from the vehicle transmitter may be considerably less than that from the land transmitter. This makes it necessary to provide additional land station receivers at strategic locations.

High power is required in the land transmitter because of the antenna and power supply restrictions of the vehicle receiver and because of the presence of local radio-frequency noise. More than one land transmitter per channel may be necessary for a large area or for an area in which (Continued on page 108) Fig. 1. Over-all view of completed unit.

> By RAY FRANK, W9JU Amateur Radio Editor, RADIO NEWS

Two dual triodes and a selenium rectifier provide "5 tube performance" in 3.5, 7, 14, and 28 mc. bands.

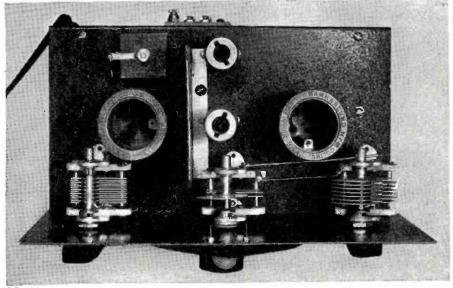
REQUENTLY the embryo ham is confronted by the high cost of a complete station with all its accessories. Too often, when the transmitter has been built or purchased, the funds then available for a satisfactory receiver are found to be insufficient. The usual result is that the remaining funds are invested in a receiver that will not meet future requirements.

It was with this thought in mind that the receiver described in this article was designed. The complete cost is low, and when more funds are available, it may be discarded or kept as a standby unit. In addition, its compact size lends itself well to portable work.

While the performance of this receiver cannot equal that of the regular communications jobs, ease in handling, plus sufficient selectivity to work under difficult conditions is attained. To keep the parts to a minimum, it was decided to dispense with the usual output stage, and confine the output to a level adequate for headphone use.

In order to have usable selectivity, it is almost essential that any ham receiver be of the superheterodyne

Fig. 2. Top view of receiver. Rectifier is shown mounted to rear of L_1 , L_{2^*}



type. In these days of parts shortages this often entails considerable searching to locate the desired components. By the use of a regenerative second detector, however, it is possible to realize considerable gain. The use of a high frequency i.f. system insures adequate freedom from images.

Simple Two-Tube

HAM SUPER

As finally adopted, the lineup is as follows: 6J6 oscillator and first detector, with another 6J6 serving the dual purpose of a regenerative detector and audio amplifier. These tubes were chosen because of their small size, excellent performance, and availability on the surplus market. Pulling between the oscillator and first detector, so common in a receiver of this type, is practically absent, due to the low interelectrode capacities of the tube, and the low amount of oscillator injection needed to give satisfactory conversion.

The i.f. circuit consists of L_4 and a feedback winding L_5 . One section of the second 6J6 is used as a regenerative detector. The resistor, R_6 , controls the amount of feedback by adjusting the plate voltage on the detector section of this 6J6.

For maximum convenience a builtin power supply was included. This power supply consists of a selenium rectifier and a simple RC filter. Heater power for the tubes is supplied by a 1 ampere, 6.3 volt filament transformer rather than a dropping resistor. The heater current of 6J6's is .45 amperes each and the heat dissipated in a dropping resistor to carry this current would be considerable.

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One of the bugaboos of transformerless power supplies is the danger to the operator when a metal chassis is used. To eliminate the possibility of shock, the variable condensers and the phone jack are insulated from the panel by means of fiber washers. All ground returns are made to a piece of tinned copper bus, insulated from the chassis. This bus is bypassed to the chassis by means of an .05 μ fd. condenser. This permits connection of the chassis to a direct ground with no danger to the user.

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The entire receiver is built on a $5''x9\frac{1}{2}''x1\frac{1}{2}''$ black crackle finished chassis. A 7''x10'' front panel is used. The lower edge of the chassis is mounted $\frac{1}{2}''$ above the lower edge of the panel to give greater clearance for the various knobs.

Coils L_4 and L_5 are wound on a $\frac{3}{4}''$ diameter bakelite form. L_4 consists of 55 turns of No. 30 enameled wire closewound, while L_5 is 10 turns of No. 36 single-silk covered, wound at the "cold" end of L_5 . It is essential that proper polarity of L_5 be observed or the i.f. will not oscillate. If this winding is reversed, it will be necessary to reverse the leads.

Tube shields should be used on both tubes, mainly to eliminate microphonics. A small shield formed of scrap aluminum measuring $3\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ wide $x3\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ high is used to separate the oscillator and mixer portions of the receiver.

The controls as seen from the front are, upper left hand knob C_2 , center dial, bandspread tuning C_4 upper right hand knob, band set condenser C_3 . Along the lower edge are mounted the send-receive switch S_2 , the on-off switch S_1 , the phone jack, and the regeneration control R_8 .

The selenium rectifier is mounted on the antenna section of the chassis just to the rear of the antenna coil. This insures adequate ventilation for the rectifier. Parts below the chassis are mounted wherever convenient.

When construction has been completed, the receiver should be turned on and allowed to thoroughly warm up. The antenna coil should be removed and a 1 megohm resistor connected across the terminals of C_2 . A signal generator or other source of modulated signal should be applied across this resistor and the frequency of the signal source varied until the signal is heard in the headphones. This frequency should lie somewhere in the range of 1500 to 1700 kc. The exact frequency is not important as long as it is in an interference free spot. It is easy to change the frequency by changing the value of C_9 . In the particular unit constructed here, C_9 consisted of a 200 µµfd., 5 per-cent mica condenser shunted by a 25 $\mu\mu$ fd. mica. This gave an i.f. frequency of 1630 kc.

With the regeneration control R_6 full on, the trimmer condenser C_{11} should be adjusted so that the i.f. just goes into oscillation at the maximum (Continued on page 98)

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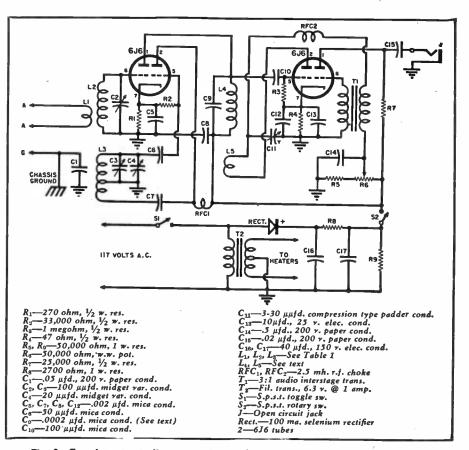
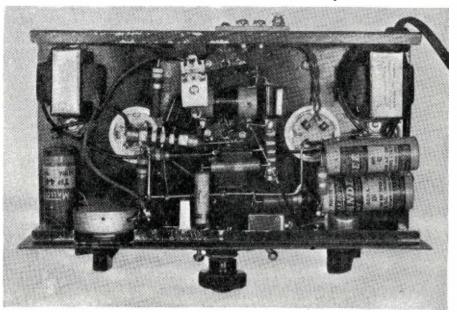


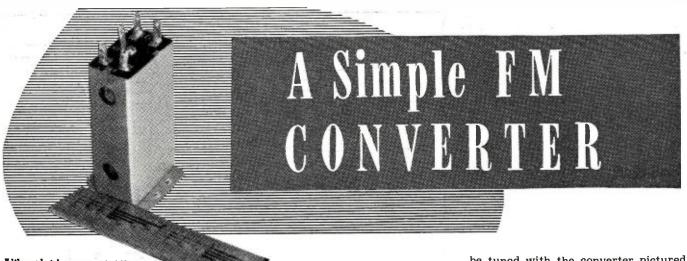
Fig. 3. Complete circuit diagram and parts list for simple two tube "ham-super."

Antenna Coil	Oscillator Coil			
L_2 —37 t., #22 e., $1\frac{1}{2}^{\prime\prime}$ long. L_1 —11 t., #30 s.c., $\frac{1}{4}^{\prime\prime}$ from cold end.	nc. L _s —26 t., #20 e., 1¾" long. Tap at 6th turn from bottom.			
L ₂ —17 t., #20 e., 1½″ long. L₁—6 t., #30 s.c., ¼″ from cold end.	mc. L _s —13 t., #20 e., 1½" long. Tap at 3½ turns from bottom.			
L ₂ -8 t., #16 e., 1" long. L ₁ -2 t., #30 s.c. 1/8" from cold end.	8 mc. L ₃ —6 t., #16 e., 1″ long. Tap at 2 turns from bottom.			
All coils wound on $1\frac{1}{2}$ diameter forms.				

Table 1. Detailed specifications for constructing antenna and oscillator coils.

Fig. 4. Bottom view showing location of component parts. The i.f. coil, L_i , L_s may be seen in center of the chassis. C_{11} is mounted directly above i.f. coil.

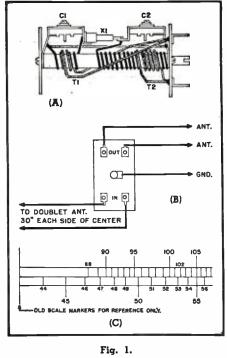




Although trimmers are preset, holes are provided in the case for later adjustments if found necessary.

By STANLEY N. FINLEY

There are many FM stations now operating on the new 88-108 mc. band. This unit permits old band 40-50 mc. receivers to tune in the new FM band.



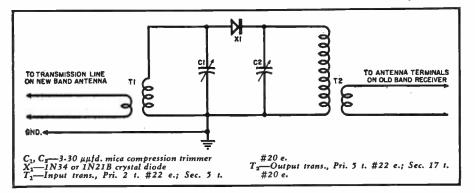
Receiver I.F.	Old band Tuning Rang In which New Band Fa
5.0 mc.	46.5 mc. to 56.5 mc.
4.3 mc.	46.15 mc. to 56.15 mc.
3.0 mc.	45.5 mc. to 55.5 mc.

Table L

HERE are many ways of converting FM receivers for operation in the new 88-108 mc. band. The simplest method yet devised is the conversion of the set into a double superheterodyne by the addition of a unit which requires only the connection of a suitable antenna to its input connections and then it is connected to your present old-band (40-50 mc.) FM receiver. It is then effectively in series with the doublet antenna leadin.

The unit may be used without making any changes or adjustments in the present receiver but this limits the range to just the first half of the new band for some receivers. The intermediate frequency of the present set and its present range are factors in determining how much of the band can

Wiring diagram of FM converter. In using this unit with old band receivers simply connect it between the antenna and the antenna terminal posts on the receiver.



be tuned with the converter pictured in the photographs. Table 1 shows the range in which the new band falls on typical old band receivers, when using the crystal diode FM converter. For any other i.f. in an FM receiver the range can be determined from the formula:

$$88 - \frac{(88 - i.f.)}{2} = low end$$

 $108 - \frac{(108 - i.f.)}{2} = high end$

The stations in the old band will be received through the converter as usual.

To make the present tuner operate with the crystal diode FM converter over the entire new band is a very simple operation. Merely shift the tuning range upward by adjusting all capacitors used as trimmers on the tuning condensers in the direction of less capacity. This raises the minimum frequency and maximum frequency to which the dial will tune. The ranges listed in the table will cover all or nearly all the receiver types that were sold for the 40-50 mc. band. For the intermediate frequencies not listed the formula may be used to determine the range to which the set should tune to cover the entire new band.

In making the shift to a higher range the oscillator trimmer is first set to minimum capacity. Then with the signal generator set to some frequency in the middle of the former range tune in the generator signal. In the absence of a generator a midband (old band) station may be used. This mid-band signal should now fall near the low frequency end of the dial. Final adjustment is made with the other trimmers. These are tuned for maximum output.

Recalibration of the set is simply a matter of receiving known stations and marking their frequencies on the dial or a new dial plate. A typical scale change on one of the receivers (Meissner Tuner 9-1047) is shown in Fig. 1C.

There are two trimmers on the FM converter which can be preset for best (Continued on page 181)

FM TUNER CONVERSION with LC Circuits

Fig. 1. Meissner FM tuner that has been converted for the new FM band. The 125A7 mixer and 125K7 r.f. tubes have been replaced by the 12BE6 and 12BA6 tubes respectively

By NORMAN L. CHALFIN

Don't discard those Meissner and GE FM tuners. It is a simple process to convert them for operation in the new band.

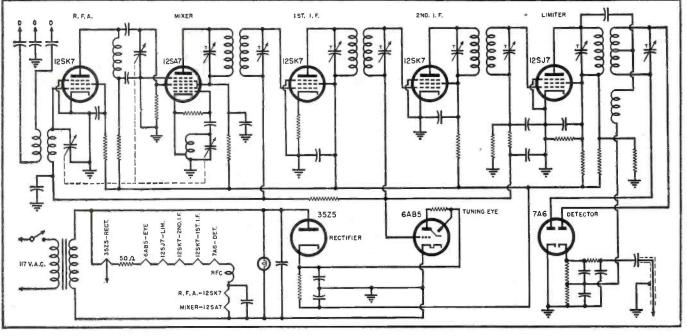
T SEEMS a shame that there are so many FM tuners lying idle or are now tuning only the one or two stations still available in the 40-50 mc. band for any area. Since new converters are unavailable and new sets are slow to appear on the market in any quantity these tuners can be made serviceable by coil and other

changes that will convert them for operation in the 88-108 mc. FM band. The *Meissner* 9-1047 and the *GE* JFM 90 were probably the most popular units and there are many of them around. These have been converted by the author with the changes described herein and are giving excellent service where they had previously been unused. The cost of the conversion is entirely negligible in terms of the original cost of the set.

Since the conversion of the *Meissner* unit was accomplished most easily we will describe this first:

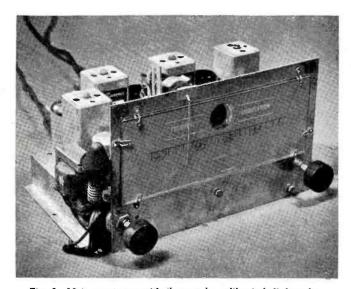
The first operation is to strip the unit of the three coil assemblies for the r.f., oscillator, and antenna tuning.

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the Meissner FM tuner before it was converted for operation in the new FM band.



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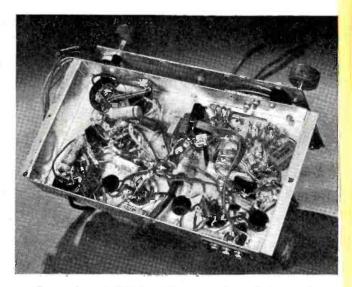


Fig. 3. Meissner tuner with the newly calibrated dial scale.

Fig. 4. Converted Meissner tuner showing coil placement.

If it is desired to retain the original tubes as in choice 1, below, make certain in this operation that all parts are left connected to their original points on the chassis and the tube sockets, removing only the coil assembly wires. Next remove the a.v.c. dropping resistance and its assembly tie points from the front wall of the chassis near the r.f. stage (12SK7). Connect the grid return end of the first i.f. transformer to ground (black wire). Remove the connections to the a.v.c. source resistances. (There is really no need for a.v.c. in this type of FM receiver since the limiter serves this function to a large extent). From this point on there are three choices from which to select a method of conversion. These are:

1. Use the existing tubes; 12SA7 mixer, 12SK7 r.f. or 6SK7, and 6SA7.

2. Change to the newer types with more transconductance (12SG7 r.f. and 12SA7 mixer) or the types for the 6 volt equivalent set: 6SG7 r.f. and 6SB7Y mixer.

3. Change the r.f. section over for miniature tube types: 6BA7 r.f. and 6BE6 mixer or, as was the case in the unit pictured in the illustrations (Fig. 1), 12BA6 and 12BE6.

Our experience with the first was that the operation was satisfactory for the area within the immediate vicinity of the transmitters. When tried in suburban areas more gain was desirable. The second choice helped considerably for the twelve volt series. Use of the 6SB7Y and 6SG7 for a 6 volt filament unit left nothing to be desired. In order to equal the performance of the 6 volt unit it was necessary to use the miniature tubes.

The miniature tube sockets are mounted on deck switch separator shield plates drilled for the purpose. The r.f. tube socket (12BA6) was assembled and mounted so that pin 1 (grid) faces the front of the chassis. This makes pin 5 (plate) face the rear of the chassis, thus, short leads to the tuning capacitor and coils are assured. The 12BE6 socket is mounted so that pin 1 (oscillator grid) is directly facing the tuning capacitor. This places the signal grid connection (7) in line for close connection to the mixer grid tuning tank. alent) is now connected in the series filament connection between the 12BA6 and 12BE6: This is bypassed to ground with .01 μ fd. at the .12BE6 socket. The filament series connections are completed as in the diagram Fig. 5.

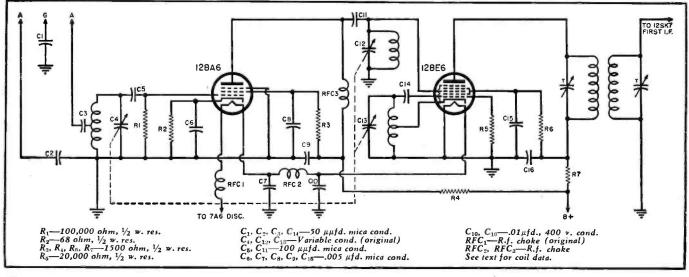
The tuning coils are each four turns of #10 tinned copper wire wound on a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch form spaced approximately 3/16'' per turn. The final spacings will vary for each coil when the set is aligned for tuning capacitor tracking as described later. The coils are a sembled in the set as shown in t' picture, Fig. 4.

The grid ends of the coils mounted directly on the tuning cap tors; the antenna-r.f. stage is at 1, ht angles to the direction of the tuning capacitor mounting on the concenser nearest the front; the oscillate, tank in the same direction on the middle tuning capacitor with the ground end of the coil away from the antenna tank; the mixer grid tuning coil is mounted at right angles to the other two with the ground end towards the rear of the chassis. Thus, the fields of the three coils are made to oppose one another—the antenna and oscillator

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An r.f. choke (Ohmite Z-1 or equiv-

Fig. 5. Schematic diagram of the converted r.f. end of the Meissner tuner. The r.f. and mixer stages have been changed.



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by virtue of winding direction and the mixer with respect to the other two by virtue of positioning at right angles to them.

Reference to the diagram and bottom view photograph (Figs. 4 and 5) will show that r.f. stage is capacitively coupled to the tuning coil ¹/₂ turn down from the grid end. The grid is returned to ground through a 100,000 ohm grid leak.

The oscillator tank is arranged for Hartley operation and the tap is one and a half turns from the ground end.

The balance of the wiring can be done with only one major precaution in mind. The bypass capacitors should be connected with as short a lead connection as is possible and the ground ends should come to a common point for any one tube. For the r.f. stage all bypass capacitors are connected to the point where the ground end of the tank coil is connected. This is a little more difficult to do at the mixer stage but, if the screen and plate decoupling bypass capacitors are brought to the ground end of the signal tank and the filament bypass to the ground end of the oscillator tank, this will do the trick.

When the wiring is completed the condenser is made to track in tuning by squeezing together and separating the turns of the coils as required. The oscillator tuning range should be 83.7 mc. to 103.7 mc. If an absorption type wavemeter is handy this can be readily checked by observing the grid current dip on an 0-1 ma. meter inserted in the ground end of the local oscillator grid leak resistance. When doing this, bypass the meter to sustain oscillation.

In the absence of a signal generator the tracking can be checked with known stations.

The tracking that has been attained by the author is indicated in the photograph of Fig. 1.*

It has been assumed that the alignment of the i.f. has not been touched throughout this conversion. Some readjustment of the first and second i.f. transformers can be anticipated. A further improvement in limiter action can be had by making the limiter tube a 12SH7 replacing the 12SJ7. The i.f. transformers will require slight retuning if this is done. For the 6 volt counterparts the tube type for this change is the 6SH7.

The use of negative temperature coefficient capacitors (*Erie* Ceramicons) would undoubtedly reduce any frequency drift of the oscillator due to heat generated within the tuner.

The JFM 90 Tuner

The conversion of the JFM 90 GEFM translator can be made readily. It is important first to understand its

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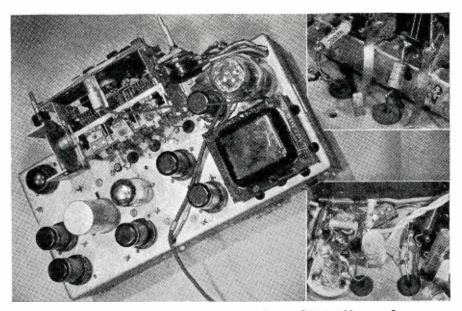


Fig. 6. Top view of the converted General Electric JFM-90 FM tuner. Insets show position of series condensers that are placed in the variable condenser leads and the under chassis position of the new oscillator coil.

operation. The tuner is a double superheterodyne of very unusual type. The first i.f. is tuned along with the oscillator and r.f. (1st mixer) stage. The operation is as follows:

The local oscillator beats with the carrier in the first mixer to produce the first i.f. This first i.f. is tunable with the oscillator and antenna stage. This difference frequency in turn beats with the same local oscillator frequency which passes through the first mixer and the resultant is the final i.f. If the final (second) i.f. is known the first i.f. range and the oscillator range can be determined from the formulas: $(F_c-F_z)/2 = F_o$ and $F_c - F_o = F_1$ where: $F_c = \text{carrier fre-}$ quency; $F_o =$ oscillator frequency; F_1 = first i.f. (variable); $F_2 =$ second i.f. (fixed).

Thus for the 4.3 mc. i.f. of the set (F_2) the local oscillator (F_o) range for the FM band is 41.85 mc. to 51.85 mc. and the first i.f. (F_1) range is 46.15 mc. to 56.15 mc. The carrier (F_o) range, of course, is 88-108 mc.

It is quite apparent that this represents a nice tracking problem. In the original set the tracking was taken care of in a tuning capacitor with three (3) special units ganged together.

The antenna primary, the r.f. grid and the local oscillator coils are wound on a single form. The original coil assembly was removed and a new coil form of a one-half inch polystyrene rod was made. Nearest the bottom end of the form is wound seven (7) turns, center tapped, of #18 solid copper tinned wire. The turns are spaced 12 turns to the inch.

On the same form 3/16'' above the oscillator coil wind one and threequarter turns of # 18 tinned copper wire spread 3/16'' apart. Then 3/16''above this wind $1\frac{1}{4}$ turns (12 turns per inch) # 18 tinned copper wire leaving very long ends, about 8 inches, covering these ends with spaghetti, then twist together. A sketch of this coil is shown in Fig. 9.

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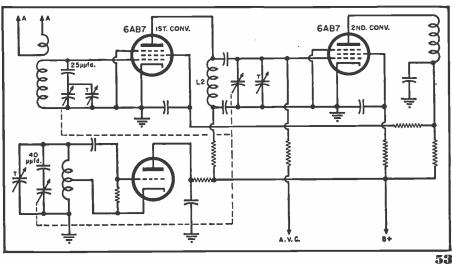


Fig. 7. Schematic diagram of the front end of the JFM-90 tuner after conversion. The oscillator tube is a 7A4. See Fig. 9 for complete coil specifications.

[•] In the picture Fig. 1 there can be seen at the left of the chassis a small a.c.d.c. filter choke that was added in place of the resistive power supply filter in the original set. This removed a tunable hum which appeared in the set both before and after the conversion. This choke is soldered to the chassis and made a considerable difference in the over-all performance.



The Trade Show will feature "Open House Day" this year on May 16th.

HE 1947 Radio Parts and Electronic Equipment Conference and Show, to be held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, is destined to break every record for attendance when it opens its doors on May 13th. From nearly every corner of the globe representatives will gather with their exhibits of brand new products, most of which will be shown for the first time.

The Show is sponsored by the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers, The Radio Manufacturers Association (RMA), The Sales Managers Club, and the National Electronic Distributors Associations (NEDA).

The editorial staff of RADIO NEWS will again publish the RADIO NEWS DAILY which was introduced at the 1946 Show. Widely heralded for its on-the-spot coverage of the conference, the paper will again be distributed early each morning from Monday to Friday, inclusive. Familiar faces in our industry will appear in the DAILY in the form of photos and specially drawn caricatures by a leading artist. Other features too will appear for the first time in a show daily.

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RADIO NEWS will also have its Display Booth, No. 44½, in the Exhibition Hall.

"Radio's Old Timers," suspended back in 1941 on account of Hitler and Tojo, will again meet at a cocktail party at the Stevens, May 11. As qualifications for membership require members to have been connected commercially with the radio or electronic industry for twenty years or more, nearly all of the "Old Timers" have attended all the Trade Shows and have seen the Shows grow from a me-(Continued on page 118)



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By JOHN T. FRYE, W9EGV

If you have postponed getting your ham ticket try this tested method of preparing for exams.

RE you a SWL? In your case, do these letters stand for "Sure Would Like" a ham ticket? Do you hang around ham shacks, read all the short-wave magazines, build receivers and even dummy-loading transmitters, but still cannot go on the air because you do not have an amateur license? If so, this is your article.

If you will do what I tell you, whole-heartedly and with enthusiasm, you can earn a ham ticket in thirty days, devoting only an hour and a half each day to the project.

Learning the code is the highest barrier between the would-be ham and a license, but did you ever stop to think what a simple matter learning the code really is? There are twenty-six letters, ten numerals, and four marks of punctuation that you should learn to identify instantly when you hear them. That makes a total of forty. But the multiplication table, which you know frontwards and backwards, has a hundred and fortyfour combinations!

Again, suppose I spell "c-a-t" out loud. Instantly you think of the word "cat." Consider the thousands of letter combinations that you can recognize in a split second when you hear or see the words spelled. Beside these two feats of learning that you have *already accomplished,* learning the code dwindles to the small matter that it really is.

No, learning the code is not hard. It only seems so because you have fallen into the rut of thinking that it is. Make your mind up right now to quit stalling around and to get yourself a ham ticket. For once, just for the heck of it, show that naturally lazy mind of yours who is really the boss. Are you ready? Let's go!

Secure some $3'' \times 5''$ file cards. With a small paint brush and some India ink, paint on the blank face of each card a single different letter of the alphabet, numeral from 1 through 0, or a question mark, error sign, period, or comma. Make the letters as large and as bold as the space permits. Then, on the back of each card, write the code combination for the character appearing on the opposite side, using the word "dit" for each dot and "dah" for each dash.

Shuffle the cards and place them in front of you with the "dit-dah" sides up. Say the combination of the top card aloud, as rapidly as you can do so distinctly, while you turn the card over and stare fixedly at the big letter painted on the opposite face. "Dit" is pronounced as shortly and as sharply as you can make it. "Dah," by its very nature, is dragged out a trifle longer. No appreciable space is left between the elements of a "ditdah" combination in pronouncing it. For example, the combination for K, "dah-dit-dah," is pronounced with exactly the same rhythm as "shoot the chutes."

Speak the combination five times; then go on to the next card and do the same thing. Make no attempt to memorize the combination of letter and "dit-dahs." Simply keep the eyes glued to the letter while you repeat the correct "dit-dah" combination. Learning to read code is not a matter of memory. It is one of association.

Did you ever catch a whiff of perfume that instantly threw the face of a blonde you used to know on the screen of your mind, and then you searched around in your memory until you came up with her name? The first part of this process was instantaneous and purely automatic, like a reflex; the second part took time and effort. "Association" was working for you when the perfume recalled the blonde, and association is what we want to work for you in learning the code. If the ear is forced to listen to "dit-dah, dit-dah, dit-dah, dit-dah, ditdah." an association is formed in the subconscious between the sound and the letter so that the instant the one is seen or heard the other is instantly called to mind.

As soon as you have gone through the pack, shuffle the cards and start right back through. Be sure and shuffle the cards. The mind must not be allowed to form any misleading sequence-patterns. Keep going through the cards again and again, saying each "dit-dah" combination *aloud* while you keep your attention—not just your eyes—sternly fixed on the big letter in front of you.

I suggest that you do this in private for two reasons: first, you need complete privacy and insulation from all distraction to get the full benefit from this method; secondly, the family will probably think that you are ready for one of those jackets with the wrap-around sleeves if they hear you muttering this baby-talk to yourself.

Keep at the practice for a solid hour and a quarter, not trying to hurry, but never stopping to get a drink of water, light a cigarette, or to do any of the hundred and one things that your squirming mind will suggest in an effort to escape from the unaccustomed work you are forcing it to perform. Stick right at it, and do not be surprised if, toward the end of the period, you catch yourself "seeing" the letter that is written on the opposite side just as soon as you say the "dit-dah" combination written on the ruled face of the card, even before you turn it over. When you do, this is a good sign that you are making progress, but do not try to force it. Always go on and turn the card over for a check and continue to repeat each combination the regular five

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By SAMUEL MILLER Premier Electronic Labs., N.Y.C.

ROGRESSIVE radio repairmen are coming more and more to the realization that there is no substitute for proper test equipment in servicing modern receivers, and that accurate and reliable test instruments are an absolute necessity for intelligent troubleshooting and repair. The time when it was possible for the serviceman to get by with a minimum number of test instruments (and sometimes with almost as little understanding or knowledge of the basic principles and operation of the receivers on which he was working) is rapidly disappearing.

It is true that in the past many types of receivers could be put back into some sort of operating condition without the use of any test equipment, especially under emergency conditions, but with the increasing complexity of modern receivers, such methods are now completely inadequate. Furthermore, as the newer AM, FM and television receivers appear in greater quantity, much of the equipment which is at the present time being used by servicemen in their work will be found to be inadequate and obsolete. If the radio serviceman expects to be a major factor in the postwar receiver servicing field in the face of increased competition from large service organizations and the manufacturers themselves, he will have to keep his equipment, as well as his knowledge of fundamentals and basic principles, abreast of the latest developments in his field.

One of the most important requirements in servicing any type of communications equipment is to have available a signal generator supplying an accurate and readily controllable signal which is similar to the actual signal present in the circuit under operating conditions. This signal can then be traced, analyzed and measured through every stage of the equipment until the source of any trouble is located. The signal generator is also used for final alignment of the r.f. and i.f. stages of the receiver, and the accuracy with which this can be done depends directly upon the accuracy of the signal generator. The requirements of modern radio servicing make a good signal generator one of the most important and crucial instruments the serviceman can have.

Commercial receivers are designed to track well and follow accurately the dial calibration for only one particular intermediate frequency, and therefore the i.f. amplifier must be aligned to this exact frequency for good tracking. If the i.f. is aligned to a different frequency, the dial calibration will be off over most of the range (even though the 600 kc. and 1400 kc. check points may have been set correctly by means of their respective

the commercial. ly built generators which may be used for servicing all types of home radio receivers.



With the increased acceptance of FM and television service a signal generator assumes an ever greater role in the servicing of these high frequency units.

trimmers), tracking will be poor and receiver sensitivity will vary over different portions of the dial. This is an important point in favor of using the most accurate signal generator in aligning i.f. channels, even though a rough and approximate alignment can be performed by ear. The accuracy of the signal generator is of considerable importance not only in guaranteeing the accuracy of the frequency to which the i.f. channel is aligned, but also in assuring the accuracy of the 600 and 1400 kc. points at which the dial calibration is checked, and of any additional radio frequency points at which the tracking may be spot checked.

The need for an accurate, stable and reliable signal generator assumes even more importance in the servicing and aligning of FM and television receivers than in the case of standard broadcast receivers. While broadcast receivers can sometimes be roughly aligned without the use of good equipment, so that they will be acceptable to the uncritical customer, such a procedure becomes completely inadequate and unsuccessful for FM and television receivers. For example, a video amplifier certainly can not be aligned without a signal generator supplying a variable frequency signal up to about 10 mc.

A signal generator for universal use in all types of receivers, including FM and television as well as standard broadcast, has to possess many precision features. It must be capable of supplying a continuously variable tone-modulated signal whose frequency range extends to at least above 108 mc., in order to permit testing the performance of the r.f. sections of FM and television receivers under the new frequency allocations. The dial calibration must be accurate and have an easily read scale at even the highest frequencies, in order to permit accu-

rate testing of receiver bandwidth and dial calibration. External radiation from the circuit should be kept to a minimum, especially at the high frequencies. In testing FM receivers and high-fidelity phonographs, where audio fidelity is a much more important consideration than in broadcast receivers, a good source of pure sine wave audio frequency signal is required in order to test for fidelity and distortion characteristics. The r.f. carrier must also be capable of being externally modulated in order to be able to check video amplifiers in television receivers. At the same time, the signal generator possessing these features should be compact and portable for possible use in field servicing and for occasions when emergency repairs must be performed outside the repair shop.

The purpose of this article is to describe the design and constructional details of a new signal generator which provides the various features required in a modern servicing instrument. This signal generator is being made commercially available by the Premier Electronic Laboratories of New York City. A photograph of the instrument and the schematic circuit diagram are given in Figs. 1 and 2. The frequency range which is covered is from 75 kc. to 50 mc. on fundamental frequency of the r.f. oscillator, and to 150 mc. on third harmonic. This equipment possesses the following essential features:

A. It is extremely accurate and stable throughout its entire range. Accuracy is better than .5% throughout the broadcast band and 1% on higher frequencies.

B. The micrometer tuning mechanism provides that any frequency to which the generator has once been set can be repeated at any time to an accuracy of .02% of the frequency on the main dial.

C. The frequency scale is almost linear on all bands.

D. The 400-cycle audio modulation is essentially pure sine wave with well under 5% distortion.

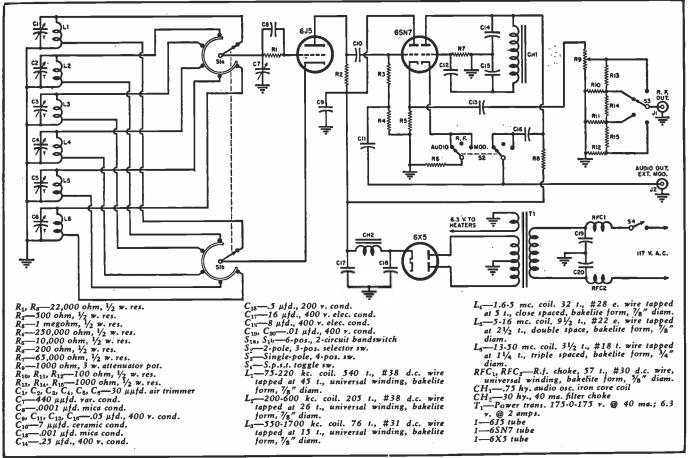
Details of the circuit can be seen in the schematic diagram in Fig. 2. The radio-frequency signal is generated in a Hartley oscillator circuit using a 6J5 triode. Six coils are used to cover the entire band. The indicated values of the inductance of the oscillator coils were chosen so that, for convenience in operation, the entire broadcast band is covered in one range from 550 to 1700 kc. and no switching is necessary. On most of the frequency bands there is some overlap from one dial scale to the next. For best stability with variations in temperature and humidity, and under mechanical vibration, all the oscillator coils for the different bands are precision wound on bakelite forms and coated with Q-Max. The coils are tapped as indicated in the parts list at the point which gives best frequency stability. By means of a shorting type

coil selector switch, all oscillator tuning coils except the one in use are shorted out, to eliminate any absorption effects which might otherwise be present due to self-resonance of the coils.

Each coil has across it an air trimmer with a minimum capacity of 30 $\mu\mu$ fd. Air trimmers are used because they are less affected by changes in temperature and humidity than mica trimmers. The use of a relatively high minimum fixed capacity in the oscillator tuned circuit results in greater frequency stability and less effect upon the tuned circuit from heating of tube and circuit elements, and serves the additional function of spreading the tuning at minimum frequency setting of the main tuning condenser.

The 440 µµfd. variable tuning condenser is of special straight-line-frequency design with specially shaped plates to give almost linear frequency variation as the condenser is rotated through its 180° range. A major feature of the construction of this equipment is the "Micromaster" Precision Tuning Dial. Spring-loaded split gears are used to completely eliminate play and backlash, and provide extremely smooth and accurate settings. The tuning condenser is driven by the tuning knob through a special vernier geared to the main drive. The vernier dial has calibrated reference points from 0 to 100 to provide a micrometer tuning accuracy, and thus makes the





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instrument suitable for fine tuning adjustments even at the highest frequencies. This vernier dial lends itself to delta tuning and calibrating purposes, and makes possible delta tuning adjustments to an accuracy of better than 1/5000 (i.e., .02%) of the frequency to which the main dial has been set.

The r.f. signal is amplified by a triode buffer amplifier consisting of one section of a 6SN7 dual triode tube, and modulation of the carrier is performed in the grid circuit of this stage by applying the audio modulating voltage to a tap in the grid resistor. The r.f. oscillator is not modulated directly, in order to obtain better stability and prevent the modulation from causing any carrier shift or frequency modulation. The buffer stage is modulated approximately 45% by the internal modulation.

The r.f. output is taken from the cathode of the buffer amplifier operating as a cathode-follower. This provides a low-impedance output to the attenuator. The output voltage from the unit may be varied from zero to maximum by means of the potentiometer gain control, and the maximum output may be varied in four decade steps by means of the multiplier. The output attenuator is completely shielded to reduce leakage to a minimum.

The internal 400-cycle audio modulating signal is generated in the second half of the 6SN7 serving as a triode audio oscillator. A tuned-circuit type of oscillator, with an ironcored inductance of approximately .75 henry, is used in order to obtain good wave shape in the audio-frequency signal. The oscillogram in Fig. 5 shows the actual 400-cycle modulated waveform of this signal generator. It was taken after the signal passed through the r.f. and audio sections of a commercial receiver. The presence of a pure sine wave audio signal, available for external audio testing purposes as well as for modulation of the r.f. carrier, is an important factor in making it possible to check both the quality of the audio circuit and the overall distortion of any receiver. Without pure sine wave modulation such checks cannot be made.

The audio signal is applied to the grid circuit of the buffer amplifiermodulator stage as shown, and is also available as an audio signal at the "Audio-Out" plug when the "A.F.-R.F.-Mod." switch is in the "Audio-Modulate" position. The carrier is unmodulated when this switch is in the "R.F." position, and may be modulated by any signal fed into the "Audio-Out" plug, which also serves as the "External Modulation" input. In order to eliminate the possibility of any audio leakage into the carrier when it is desired unmodulated, an additional gang is used on the "A.F.-R.F.-Mod." switch to open the audio oscillator cathode circuit so that the audio oscillation stops at the same time the modulator output is disconnected from

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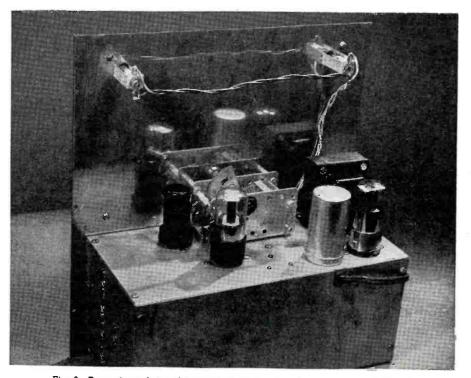


Fig. 3. Rear view of signal generator. Under chassis components of this r.f. section are completely shielded to prevent radiation to external circuits.

the grid of the r.f. buffer amplifier. Physical details of the unit and its construction may be seen in the photographs in Figs. 1, 3, and 4. Fig. 1 shows the external details and all operating controls and input and output plugs, which are all located on the front panel. The entire unit is contained in a black crackle-finished metal case 12'' wide, $12\frac{1}{2}''$ high and 5¼" deep.

The internal construction can be seen from Figs. 3 and 4. External radiation from the r.f. oscillator is kept to a minimum by placing an additional internal shield around the r.f. section inside the cabinet. This shielding may be seen in Fig. 4, which shows the inside of the unit with the cover removed, and with the internal shield in place. Any r.f. leakage into the a.c. line is minimized by the low-pass line filter shown in the schematic. The wiring details of the completed unit may be seen in illustration Fig. 4, which shows the internal view. It may be noted that frequency stability of the r.f. oscillator is affected by the wiring between the bandswitch and the various coils, therefore stiff solid wire is used for these connections to provide maximum frequency stability over long periods of time.

The precision tuning dial is seen in the center of the front panel in Fig. 1. The entire "Micromaster" tuning dial and vernier drive mechanism is located in a dustproof, glass-front casing. Settings are easily read by means (Continued on page 183)

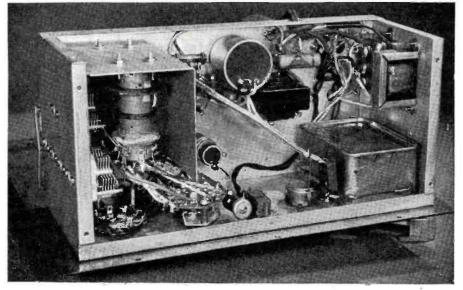


Fig. 4. Under chassis view of r.f. section shows relative placement of components.

Where Will You Find Them?

YOW that the sellers' market has done a rapid about face and become a buyers' market, the radio and appliance dealer is again faced with the problem of finding good prospects.

Before the great rush of competition begins, it would be well for each and every dealer to start compiling a list of persons to whom he wishes to sell his line. This compilation cannot and should not be a hit or miss affair. Since your list will be the one from which your salesmen will work, your mailings will be made, and to whom your advertising messages will be addressed, it must be as complete and accurate as possible. Your file will be of little use to you if it contains the names of persons who have moved from your primary service area, people who are no longer financially able to purchase your products, or persons whose status as householders has undergone a drastic revision.

Shown on this page are eight tested methods of getting sales prospects. Perhaps all of these methods are not applicable to your particular community, but some of them are worth your consideration.

After compiling your prospect list, keep it up-todate by constant revisions, additions and deletions. One excellent way to test your sales list is to make a mailing to all persons whose names appear on your records. If these letters or circulars are sent first class mail and in return address envelopes you can revise your list in the light of the mail which is returned to your office. This system is of no use unless all returns are carefully checked against your master copy-so don't adopt this plan unless you are willing to carry through with the scheme.

Business may be a bit slow now while your customers are shopping around or waiting to buy-so now is a good time to get your lists made out and the clerical work in connection with such a listing completed. It is not too early to get a head start on your competitor-in a few months you will be glad you had the jump on him! 30-



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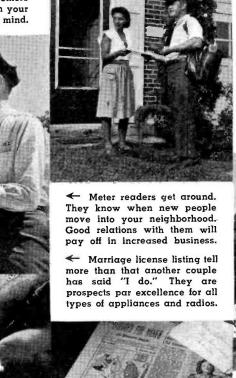
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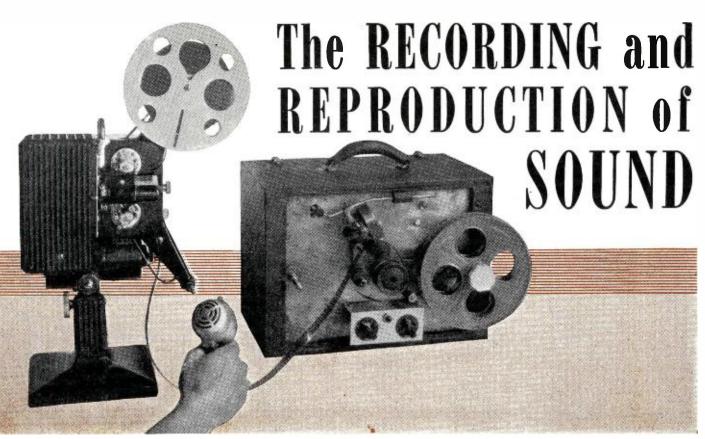


Fig. 1. A 16 mm. Filmgraph recorder in operation with home movie projector.

By OLIVER READ Editor, RADIO NEWS

Part 3. Introduction to basic methods for embossing sound on film and disc, magnetic recording on tape, disc, and wire, and optical film recording systems.

O FAR we have dealt briefly with the lateral type of disc recording whereby a moving stylus actually cuts from and modulates a groove in a plastic or lacquer coated disc. Several improvements have been made in order to gain more time on a record of given size. Among these are the methods for embossing sound on disc at *constant groove speed*.

Constant groove speed, as the words imply, means that the linear speed of the recording track or groove, in inches per second, is fixed (see Fig. 2A). This remains constant regardless of record diameter. In the conventional phonograph, a fixed turntable speed is employed resulting in a very high speed in the outer circumference. Linear speed becomes progressively slower as the smaller inner circumferences are approached (Fig. 2B). The result is that varying amounts of distortion of the original sound are present. This is especially true at 33¹/₃ r.p.m. In order to compensate for the variable speed, several forms of equalization are required in order to boost the high notes as the speed becomes slower at the smaller diameters.

Constant groove speed techniques have been employed successfully in

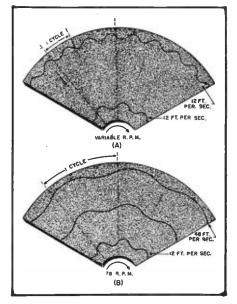
the design of highly efficient dictating machines such as the *Gray Audograph*. Vinylite records 10/1000 in. thick in sizes from $5\frac{5}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter provide up to 31 minutes of dictation.

A roller drive at the stylus head provides constant recording speed. This speed is selected so that the maximum amount of dictation consistent with high intelligibility in sound reproduction can be embossed on the record (260 lines to the inch). This driving method does not require an extra mechanism to change rotational speed as the record center moves away from the stylus. The combination recording and reproducing head is illustrated in Fig. 3.

Three problems are encountered in playback stylus design; adjustment to vertical irregularities, adjustment to minute deviations from the Archimedes spiral that is theoretically traced during recording, and sensitive reproduction of the modulation pattern. The *Audograph* playback system comprises a stylus fixed on a flexible arm that is mounted on a heavy bar, a magnetic sleeve vertically set on the arm, a pivot shaft rubber-mounted in the sleeve, and a stationary coil surrounding the sleeve. Permanent magnets in the stylus head form a field about the coil. Lateral compliance is furnished by the heavy bar turning on the pivot; vertical compliance by the springloaded flexible arm.

Modulation reproduction can be followed from the schematic sketch. The groove force acts on the flexible arm through the stylus and weak torsion resistance, caused by the notches in the rear of the flexible arm, will permit the arm to tilt. This action tilts the sleeve mounted on the arm. As the ends of the sleeve rock forward, (one pole, then the other) lines of flux

Fig. 2. (A) Modulation by constant groove speed. (B) Constant hub speed produces variable groove speeds.



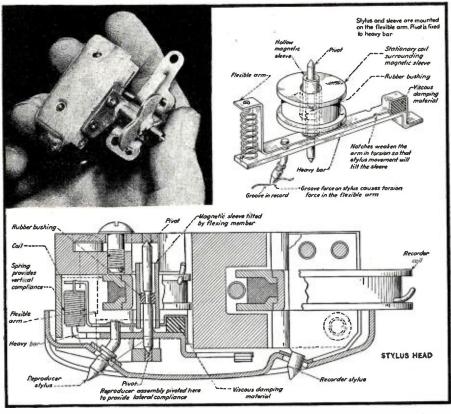
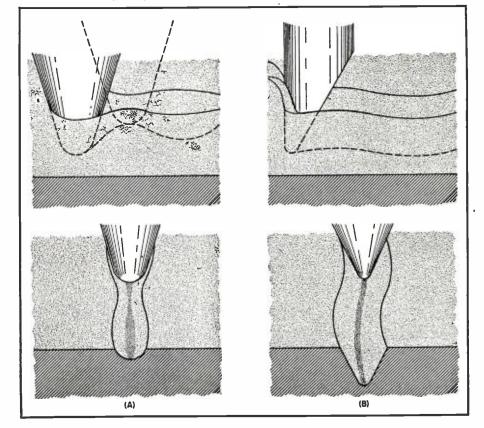


Fig. 3. Audograph record-playback head for embossing sound on Vinylite records.

flow through the magnetic sleeve, first in one direction and then in the other. This induces a voltage in the coil that electrically repeats the modulation pattern.

A belt reduction drive from the motor turns the driving roller. The idler roller, pressing the record against the driving roller, turns the record at a constant groove speed which is maintained throughout the recording. The angular velocity varies with the linear distance of the driving roller from the record axis. As the record turns the

(Å) Embossing action of a dull stylus moving vertically. (B) Engraving action of a cutting stylus that is moving laterally.



spindle, the carriage mechanism inside the case moves the record to the left.

A worm gear on the end of the spindle shaft engages a pinion on the end of the feed screw. Thus when the record turns, the feed screw is rotated. The feed screw, turning in engagement with the fixed worm pinion, is moved to the left, taking with it the carriage assembly that holds the spindle and record. In this manner, the record is slowly moved to the left while the driving roller rotates it beneath the recording stylus.¹

Sound on Film

Original talking motion pictures were made possible by means of sound recorded on regular transcription discs and synchronized with the action as it appeared on the screen. This method became obsolete and was supplanted by the improved optical sound-on-film systems.

There are two general methods for recording sound on film. One is the *Movietone* method wherein the variations in sound are produced by variable density (variations in light through a sound track). This sound track has constant width along one edge of the film. See Fig. 4A. The other most commonly used method is the so-called variable area type. (*R.C.A. Photophone.*) Here the density remains fixed while the width of the sound track varies in accordance with the sound, as illustrated in Fig. 4B.

Variable density recording depends primarily upon the action of a "light valve." Basically, this valve consists of a loop of duraluminum ribbon, .003 in. thick and .006 in. wide, which is suspended in a very narrow slit between the two pole pieces of an electromagnet. Light from the exciter lamp is condensed and focused by means of a condenser lens system into a tiny path which shines through the slit in the light valve formed by the position of the duraluminum ribbons (Fig. 5). An objective lens system focuses and concentrates the tiny light beam onto the sensitized negative film which is traveling at a speed which is synchronized with the picture camera. The audio currents produce varying magnetic fields through the duraluminum ribbon loop. The varying magnetic fields cause the sides of the ribbon to repel each other. The amount of audio current flowing through the coils on the magnet governs the width of the slit, which in turn limits the amount of light that can pass through.

Reproduction from sound on film, employing the variable density technique, is shown in Fig. 6. The light from the exciter lamp, being focused into a very narrow beam, actually shines through the film to the photoelectric cell. The photocell, which is sensitive to variations of light, will pass minute variable electrical currents. These are then amplified by the audio system and fed through the ¹ Product Engineering, November 1946.

loudspeakers. The changes in the frequency of the sound are determined by the number of changes in film density per-inch-length of the sound track. The changes in the intensity of the sound are determined by the changes in the density or darkness of the lines on the sound track as the film passes the narrow beam of light. The light and dark lines on the sound track are continually interrupting the light going through the film. These interruptions vary the output currents of the photo-electric cell. Upon amplification, these variations or interruptions appear as sound waves and are heard through the speaker.

The fundamental setup for recording sound on film by means of the variable area method is shown in Fig. 7. Recording is accomplished by means of an oscillograph whose mirror is actuated by the variations in the intensity and frequency of the output voltage of the photocell. This, accordingly, throws a strong beam of variable light onto a moving film. These variations of light correspond to sound variations. They are recorded as a single heavy jagged line that looks very much like a series of high mountain peaks, as might be observed from a distance. Reproduction is similar to that of Fig. 6. Complete sound-on-film systems will be thoroughly discussed in later articles.

Embossing Sound on Film

One of the newer developments in sound-on-film is the technique employed to emboss sounds by means of a vertically driven stylus directly onto specially prepared film. See Fig. 8. One such machine, the Filmgraph, employs an endless loop of film which is placed in a magazine. The recording time depends upon the length of the loop used. Loops can be used for fifteen minutes', one hour's, two hours', five hours', and even up to eleven hours' recording. The loop moves forward continuously through the machine and no rewinding of the film is necessary. For example, if the recording is started on track No. 1, it automatically moves over to track No. 2 at the end of recording on track No. 1. This automatic movement continues until all tracks across the width of the film are indented or embossed. The track on which material is being recorded is indicated on a dial and this number changes as the stylus moves from one track to the other. Any track may be played back at any time by moving the stylus manually, by means of a control knob, to the desired number. Means are provided to start and stop the recording or playback instantly on a single word or syllable. A speed control is used on this type of machine for recording or playback.

The sound track is formed by indenting a groove into the film. The 16 mm. film is five-eighths of an inch wide and five-thousandths of an inch thick. A permanent type sapphire stylus of special design is used in the

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dual-purpose head for recording and playback.

The number of sound tracks that can be recorded on film depends on the physical width of the film. Sixteen or thirty-five millimeter film provides between forty and one hundred sound tracks. Sound may also be recorded on home movie film as shown in Fig. 1.

On the *Recordgraph* machine, sound is permanently embossed on thirtyfive millimeter cellulose acetate film having a base material which is fire resistant and free of abrasives. No processing of the film is required before reproduction. Continuous recording with automatic trackover from groove to groove in the film is available. One hundred and fifteen tracks can be accommodated on one side of thirty-five millimeter film. Means are provided for the recording and also the locating of a particular track for playback as desired.

One of the earlier known methods of embossing is known as the Western Electric hill-and-dale recording technique. This is still used for many electrical transcriptions. Instead of a stylus moving laterally within a groove of a record, the stylus moves in a vertical plane and sound is actually cut and embossed by this motion.

Magnetic Recording on Film

The first talkies used the phonograph disc synchronized with the picture as mentioned previously. An optical sound track, however, proved itself better for most sound-on-film work. It is now used almost exclusively. *Magnetic* recording on film apparently has been neglected although it has some worthwhile advantages over the conventional optical systems.

Any system, no matter how successful in its application, has certain advantages and disadvantages compared to other methods. In optical recording systems we find that there is better resolution and better high frequency response at a given speed. There is no direct contact of the recording head with the film and neither is there any wear or clogging problem. The duplication of films recorded by the optical system may be accomplished



(B)

Fig. 4. (A) Variable density sound track on 35 mm. movie film. (B) Variable area sound track as it appears on a single frame.

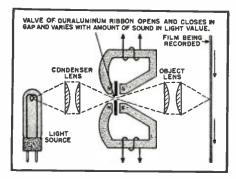


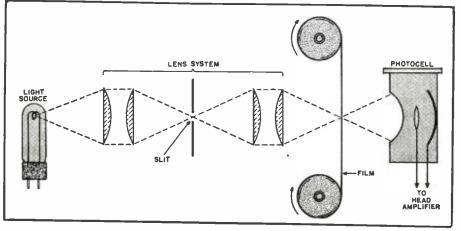
Fig. 5. The essential elements employed in variable density recording.

easily by direct contact printing.

The disadvantages of the optical recording systems are briefly as follows: The films must be developed before the sound can be played back. They are relatively expensive and cannot be monitored immediately and as far as film technique is concerned, film must be handled in the dark and the processing requires highly skilled labor.

In the case of magnetic recording (Continued on page 102)





A SALES CONTROL SYSTEM

By FRED MERISH

The day of casual and slap-dash methods of sales control has drawn to a close and dealers must now revamp or go under.

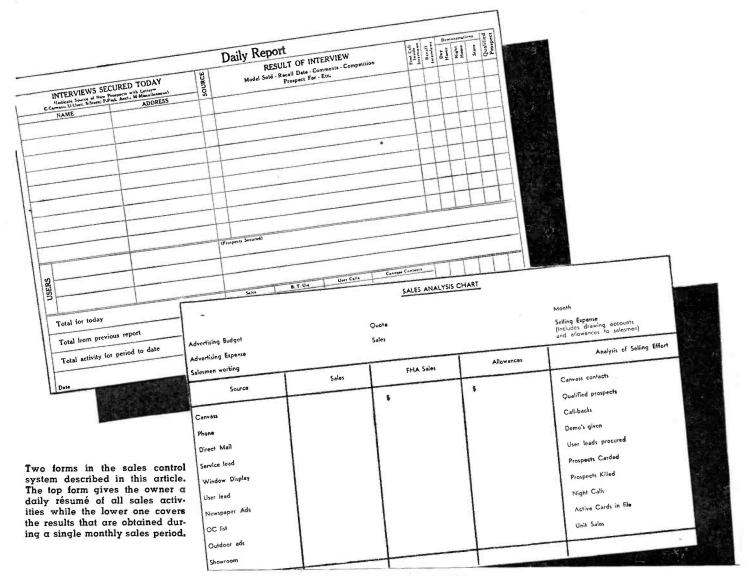
IRECT selling will resume its place in the merchandising picture as soon as goods start to flow freely to retail stores-in fact, some dealers are already using "bird dogs" to track down live leads on home appliances and radios, these prospects to be followed up later on by "closers." Outside sales work requires adequate sales control for best results and the dealer can utilize effective sales control if he adheres to certain fundamentals. An efficient system should tell a complete story and function with mechanical precision. The "garden variety" type of prospect card, an ordinary 4×6 inch blank is a long way

from being a well-balanced sales control system.

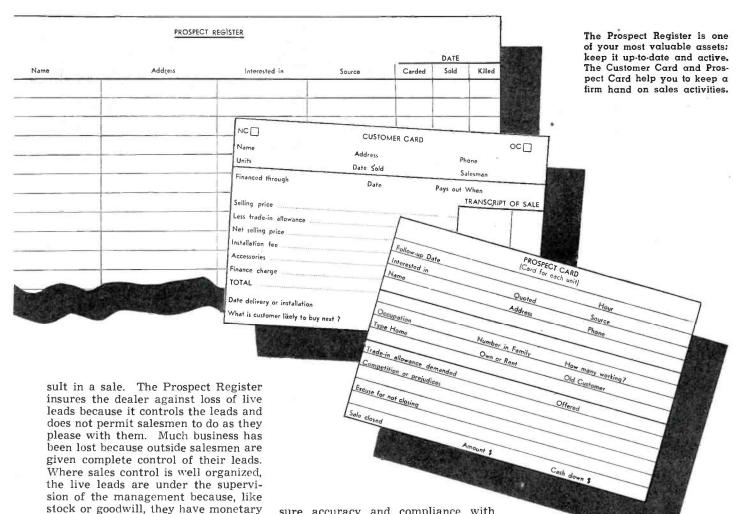
After analyzing many sales control systems, we find that the most adaptable routine for radio and appliance dealers embraces five forms. The Prospect Register is for listing all genuine prospects. This prevents loss of good leads and provides a central point from which the dealer can make a periodic check on the success his salesmen are having. The Prospect Register also supplies valuable statistical information for the Sales Analysis Chart, another form in this system.

In addition to the date, name and address of the prospect, the Prospect

Register records the item in which the customer is interested, whether an electric refrigerator, radio, washing machine, etc. Under the column headed, "Source," should be recorded where the salesman got the lead; cold canvass, user, phone canvass, directmail, etc. The date when the lead is carded is placed in the appropriate column and this provides a check on lost cards or on cards that a salesman may "ditch" deliberately for one reason or another. At times, a salesman may hesitate to report that he cannot close a sale and dispose of a card, whereas, the lead, if given to another salesman, or contacted at a later date, may re-



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value. Prospects sold and cards "killed" are recorded on this form. Before a card is "killed," the dealer or his sales manager should OK the "kill." No salesman should be permitted to "kill" or discard cards after they have been registered on this form. The fact that a lead is recorded indicates that it has good sales potentialities. Remember, that every person canvassed is not necessarily a prospect for your wares. Thus all contactees are not registered. just live leads. The decision as to what is a "live lead" depends upon the information written on the salesman's Daily Report, another form in this system. Some organizations permit their salesmen to make this decision; others assign this authority only to the management, usually after conferring with salesmen about their daily reports. The separation of live leads from deadwood is a phase of sales control that has much to do with minimizing selling expense. Too often, salesmen, lacking seasoned supervision, spend a lot of valuable time chasing deadwood, running up selling expense, when they could devote their time with more profit to leads with more likelihood of concluding a sale.

Periodically, a dealer should check the Prospect Card file *a*gainst the Prospect Register to make sure that all listings are accurate. There is little use installing a sales control system unless you devote some time to it to assure accuracy and compliance with sound salesmanship.

The Daily Report in the modern sales control system offers another improvement over the old-fashioned sales report in that it provides an automatic cumulative total of each salesman's work to date, which enables the dealer to keep close track of his outside salesmen, without going over a mass of records. Interviews, results of interviews, call-back dates, and other pertinent information is recorded, providing a precise picture of the day's selling activities in figures and facts for current consumption, also for use later in a statistical way on the sales analysis chart.

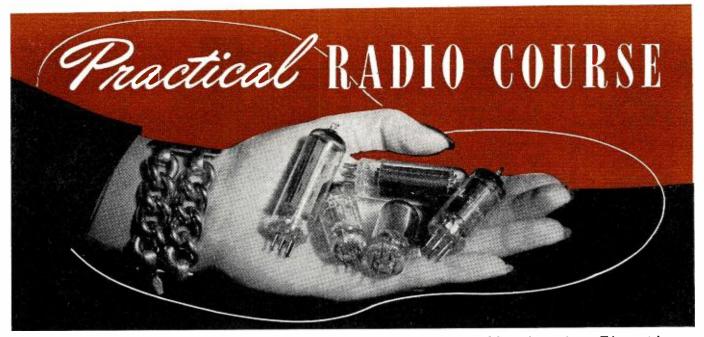
The Prospect Card should be filed according to the follow-up date, otherwise called a Tickler System. Many managements file their prospect cards alphabetically, but prospects are not contacted or followed up alphabetically, consequently, follow-ups are often not made on time because the cards do not come to attention systematically. The salesman either relies on his memory, makes notations on Daily Reports or in his personal notebook. These methods foster errors and lose sales. It is mighty important to follow up prospects on time, just as it is essential to prompt collections to follow up past-due accounts on time. The Prospect Card, operated with a Tickler System, eliminates the hazard of follow-up negligence. The form shown provides space for credit infor-

mation, which gives the creditman an opportunity to investigate the prospect's credit standing in advance. Sometimes, because of a bad credit rating, a sale cannot be made, then much time has been wasted if this information is gathered after the sale is closed. By means of this form, time may be saved on bad risks. There are enough good credit risks desiring home appliances and radios in the postwar period to keep a dealer's outside salesmen busy; so it is unwise to waste time on bad risks. Now that the war is over, many individuals must take less money for their work. Dealers should not overlook this important fact and should check credits more carefully than during the war years when many wage earners were making big money, hence, were better credit risks.

The Prospect Card also provides space to record the trade-in allowance demanded and offered, the nature of the competition and the reason for not closing. The dealer should look over these prospect cards once a week and suggest ways and means to overcome a prospect's objections if the salesman doesn't seem to be getting anywhere with his line. Often this type of direction will save a sale. Sometimes the Prospect Card can be turned over

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As soon as production permits, these new miniature tubes will be used in 5-tube, table model, a.c.-d.c. receivers. This new tube kit will consist of 35W4, 50B5, 12BA6, 12BE6 and 12AT6. They will replace the 35Z5, 50L6, 12SK7, 12SA7 and 12SQ7 respectively.

By ALFRED A. GHIRARDI

Part 53. Important factors which must be considered when choosing i.f. frequency of a superheterodyne.

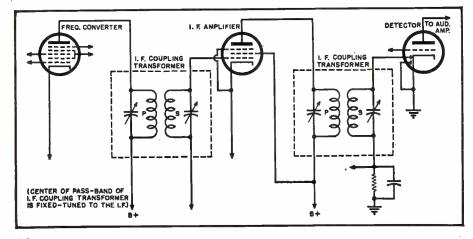
F superheterodyne receivers are to provide satisfactory reception, very careful design of the i.f. amplifier (see Fig. 1) is necessary because they are subject to certain serious interference effects (spurious responses) that are largely controllable by the design of this amplifier. Probably the most important single factor in the design of a successful superheterodyne that will be free from such spurious responses is the choice of the intermediate frequency to be employed.

Unfortunately there is no simple, clear-cut choice of the best i.f. to employ for any particular class of receiver service, for this choice is intimately tied up with a number of conflicting requirements that make it necessary for receiver designers to choose for this frequency value one that enables them to provide the best possible compromise as regards receiver cost and physical dimensions, adequate high amplification, and freedom from objectionable spurious responses due to various causes. Consequently, it is important to understand these controlling factors and the effect of the i.f. value upon each of them.

How I.F. Employed Affects Adjacent Channel Selectivity

In an AM receiver, adjacent-channel selectivity is the ability to discriminate against interfering signals on an adjacent broadcasting channel 10 or 15 kc. removed from the desired sig-

Fig. 1. Elements of a typical single stage i.f. amplifier between the frequency converter and the diode detector of an AM receiver. It employs two double-tuned coupling transformers and a single pentode i.f. amplifier tube.



nal frequency. Detailed discussions of adjacent-channel (arithmetical) selectivity that were presented in two earlier articles1 of this series clearly explained the reasons for the following very important inherent characteristics possessed by i.f. amplifiers:

1. The major portion of the adjacent-channel selectivity of practical superheterodynes resides in the i.f. amplifier and results from the frequency conversion action in the superheterodyne.

2. The lower the i.f. employed, the greater will be the percentage frequency separation between the wanted signal and any unwanted adjacentchannel signal after frequency conversion has taken place; consequently the greater will be the adjacent-channel selectivity and rejection of the unwanted adjacent-channel signals.

It is apparent that if the desirability of making the adjacent-channel selectivity as great as possible were the only factor involved, it would be advantageous to employ as low a value of i.f. as possible. Use of a low i.f. would have the further advantage that it would permit high gain per stage to be easily and cheaply obtained. However, several important conflicting considerations enter into the picture and, for a receiver designed to operate over a particular signal-tuning range, they place a definite practical limit on how low the i.f. may be made. The most important of these is the probability that image-frequency interference will occur.

Image-Frequency Interference

It will be recalled from an earlier article of this series² that image inter-

¹ For detailed explanations of adjacent-channel interference and selectivity see Alfred A. Ghirar-di, Practical Radio Course, Part 26 (RADIO NEWS, Sept. 1944) and Part 52 (RADIO NEWS, March 1947). ² For a detailed explanation of image-frequency interference see Alfred A. Ghirardi, Practical Ra-dio Course, Part 27 (RADIO NEWS, Oct. 1944).

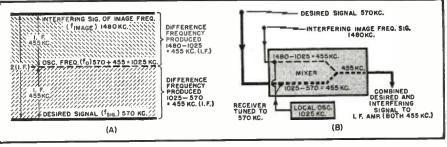
ference, the interference caused by any sufficiently strong received signals having a carrier frequency higher³ (see Fig. 2A) than that of the desired signal by an amount numerically equal to twice the i.f. employed in the receiver ($f_{imoge} = f_{eig.} + 2f_{int.}$), is one of the outstanding undesired responses in superheterodynes. Figs. 2A and 2B show why a signal of this frequency will interfere with the desired signal. It is important that this type of interference be effectively reduced to a minimum in order to obtain satisfactory reception of desired signals.

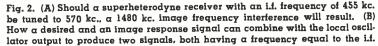
It is evident that the i.f. value employed in the receiver has an important bearing upon whether or not image interference will be experienced during reception of any desired signal. The tabulation presented in Table 1 is interesting in this connection because it shows the AM broadcast signals that can be expected to be involved in image-frequency interference with one another when receivers employing the i.f. values indicated at the top of each column are used in the various localities specified in the left-hand column. For example, in New York City if a superhet receiver employing a 450 kc. i.f. amplifier is tuned to receive the 660 kc. signal from station WNBC, the 1560 kc. signal from station WQXR will tend to cause image-frequency interference with it. This is so because 1560 kc. is the image frequency for a superheterodyne receiver tuned to 660 kc. and employing a 450 kc. i.f. that is, $(660 + (2 \times 450) = 1560$ kc. Therefore, an incoming signal of this image frequency will be converted to a 450 kc. signal by the frequency converter in the receiver and be passed and amplified (along with the desired signal) by the i.f. amplifier. Whether or not annoying interference will actually occur in this case depends upon the relative strength of the two signals received at the locality of the receiver's antenna, the image-rejection ratio provided by the r.f. preselector tuning circuits employed in the receiver, etc.

The tabulation of Table 1 also shows that in this same locality if the receiver employs an i.f. of 455 kc., image interference cannot occur between the signals of the aforementioned stations but it is apt to occur between the signals of stations WMCA (570 kc.) and WHOM (1480 kc.). On the other hand, if the receiver employs an i.f. of 460 kc., no image interference is apt to occur between any of these signals if the receiver is operated in New York City. However, when this i.f. is employed, image interference might occur between the signals of stations WEEI (590 kc.) and WMEX (1510 kc.) if the receiver were located in Boston and did not employ a sufficient degree of r.f. preselection.

This illustrates how important becomes the matter of what i.f. is employed in a receiver under actual present-day receiving conditions in various localities.

It is important to remember that once the "conversion" of the wanted





signal and an unwanted interfering signal of image frequency to a "common" intermediate frequency has been effected in the frequency converter (see Fig. 2B), they are inseparable, and no subsequent degree of selectivity in the i.f. amplifier will attenuate one of the signals more than the other. The interfering signal of image frequency, after its conversion to the intermediate frequency, is just as acceptable to i.f. amplifiers as is the desired signal after its conversion to the same i.f. The i.f. amplifier does not discriminate between them in any way.

It is quite obvious then that either, or both, of two courses are open to the receiver designer:

1. The undesired interfering imagefrequency signal must be eliminated *prior* to its reaching the frequencyconverter stage, or,

2. An i.f. value must be such that no possible signal that could be received (at the locality) with sufficient strength to cause annoying interference will be of the correct frequency to qualify as an *image-frequency* signal.

Use of Preselector for Suppressing Image Signal

In the first method, sufficient r.f. preselection⁴ (pretuning) is employed by providing specially designed variable-tuned r.f. preselector circuits ahead of the frequency converter. This provides sufficient r.f. selectivity ahead of the frequency converter so that the

³ In superhets whose oscillator frequency is normally maintained higher than that of the incoming signal by an amount exactly equal to the i.f. for which the receiver is designed. ⁴ For a detailed explanation of preselector circuits see Alfred A. Ghirardi. Practical Radio Course, Part 28 (RADIO NEWS, Nov. 1944).

450 kc. 1.F.	455 kc. I.F.	460 kc. 1.F.	465 kc. I.F.
		WEE1-590 WMFX-1510	
	WCHS-580 WGKV 1490		
WNBC-660 WQXR-1560	WMCA-570 WHOM-1480		WMCA-570 WWRL-1600
WOW-590 KBON-1490			
		WSYR-570 WOLF-1490	
		KHQ-590 KGA-1510	
KTSA-550 KABC-1450			A Service News
	WNBC-660 WQXR-1560 WOW-590 KBON-1490	WCHS-580 W6KV 1490 WNBC-660 WQX-1560 WHOM-1480 WOW-590 KBON-1490	WEEL-530 WCHS-580 WCW-550 WOW-550 WOW-590 WOW-590 KTSA-550 KTSA-550

Table 1. Broadcasting station signals and their carrier frequencies that become involved in image frequency interference in certain cities when the various i.f. values indicated are employed in the receivers.

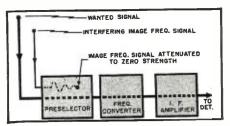
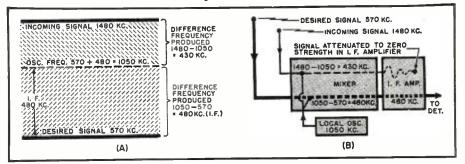


Fig. 3. Illustrating how an image frequency signal may be sufficiently attenuated by a preselector so that it does not reach the frequency converter.

image-frequency rejection ratio will be high and all signals of image frequencies will be sufficiently attenuated so they do not cause interference. The action is illustrated in Fig. 3.

At AM broadcast-band frequencies (535 to 1605 kc.) it is usually sufficient to include a well-designed tuned r.f. preselector ahead of the frequency converter to completely eliminate all (Continued on page 124)

Fig. 4. (A) How proper selection of i.f. value employed in a receiver can prevent a particular incoming signal from qualifying as an image frequency interfering signal. (B) Diagram illustrates how the 1480 kc. incoming signal of (A) is attenuated and eliminated by the tuning circuits of the i.f. amplifier.



SENSITIVE PROBE uses **Crystal Diode**

Complete details for constructing a multi-purpose a.f.-r.f. probe.

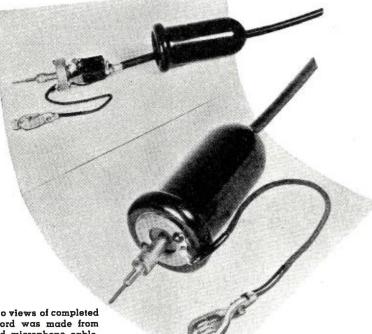
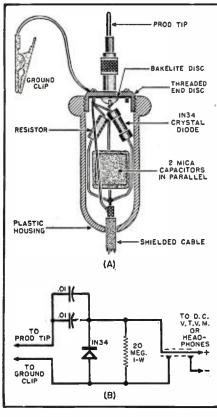


Fig. 1. Two views of completed probe. Cord was made from a shielded microphone cable.



SYLVANIA 1N34 germanium crystal diode is the heart of the multi-purpose a.f.-r.f. probe shown in Fig. 1. This device will be useful to experimenters, amateurs, and servicemen. A crystal probe has the advantages that it can be made much more compact than the tube type probe, it requires no power supply of any kind, and it is free from the contact potential effects common to diode tubes. The 1N34 crystal diode may be used entirely safely whenever the inverse peak voltage does not exceed 50 volts.

The shunt capacitance of the 1N34 crystal diode is only 3 µµfd. in contrast to the 15 $\mu\mu$ fd. (approximately) of the 6H6 tube ordinarily employed in home-made probes.

The probe illustrated here may be used in radio-frequency and audiofrequency voltage measurements or in a.f. and r.f. signal tracing by connecting its two output leads directly (or through a 1 megohm, 1 watt series resistor) to a d.c. vacuum-tube voltmeter such as the VoltOhmyst.

Fig. 2, (A) Structural details of probe. (B) Circuit diagram of probe. In using the IN34 crystal diode, all contact potential effects, common to conventional diode tubes, are eliminated.

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Or it may be connected directly to a pair of headphones or to a magic-eye indicator tube. The probe may be used in measuring up to 100 megacycles, and it is provided with an .02 μ fd. input capacitor which isolates the crystal from direct current components. The circuit schematic appears in Fig. 2B.

The probe shown in the photograph, is built into the plastic case of a hospital pushbutton. This housing was used because it is unusually rugged, being thick molded, and fits the hand comfortably, having originally been intended to be grasped by a bedridden patient for ringing the nurse call bell. The threaded metal disc through which the pushbutton originally extended was unscrewed from the plastic housing and the switch mechanism removed. A thin bakelite disc (to cover the pushbutton hole) was attached to the inside of the metal disc by means of two 5-40 screws easily seen in Fig. 1. A 6-32 screw passes through a hole drilled in the center of the bakelite disc and holds the prod tip. The cord is a length of shielded microphone cable. Other builders may prefer other types of housings. Much latitude is permissible in this direction. Indeed, the small sizes of the crystal diode and of present-day capacitors and resistors make it possible to reduce the probe size to the dimensions of a jumbo multimeter test prod.

The crystal probe presents a high value of input impedance to the circuit under test. A low capacitance likewise is presented. These desirable characteristics reduce loading and detuning effects. Connected to high-resistance headphones, the probe is invaluable for tracing a signal through a radio circuit or audio amplifier; locating hum, oscillation, or noise; or localizing distortion. Connected to a d.c. vacuum-tube voltmeter or magic eye indicator, the probe makes possible the measurement of r.f. and a.f. voltages with negligible frequency error. It can serve also as a tuning indicator.

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The deviation produced by phase (Continued on page 118)

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ELIEVING that many hams will want to incorporate a narrow band phase modulation exciter into their present rigs we are describing this unit which produces the effect of equivalent frequency modulation.

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Theory

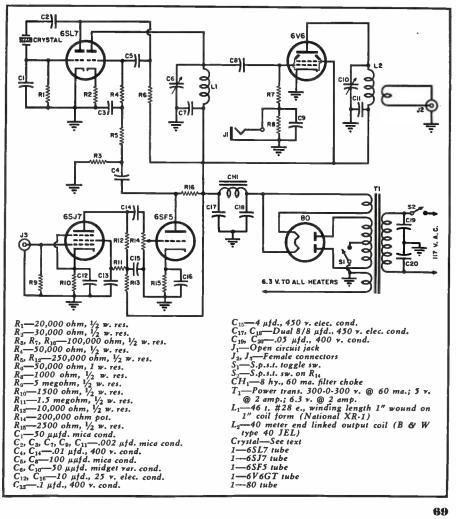
One half of the 6SL7 operates as a conventional Pierce oscillator while the second half is the phase modulator. This dual purpose tube is followed by a straightforward doubler. The two high gain audio stages are also conventional.

The output of the crystal oscillator is coupled by means of C_{\bullet} to the grid of the phase modulator section of the 6SL7 whose tank circuit is tuned to the crystal frequency. In this half of

* The design of this exciter unit is based upon original circuits developed by the Fred M. Link Company of New York.

Front view of crystal controlled exciter unit shows parts placement. Jacks J, and J_2 are mounted on rear flange of chassis.

Schematic diagram of exciter unit. Either a crystal or dynamic mike can be used.





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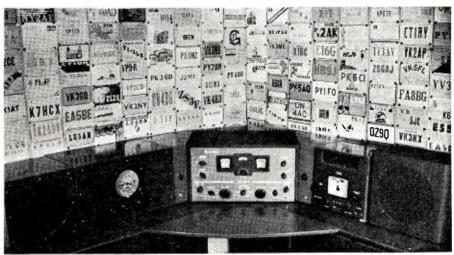
HIS month's ISW Department is dedicated to The Czech Radio. Direct from M. Gregorova, Foreign Relations Department, The Czechoslovak Broadcasting Corporation, Praha XII, Stalinova 12, Prague (Praha), Czechoslovakia, we have just received a most interesting booklet (in *English*) dedicated to "listeners abroad," and bearing the title: "The Czechoslovak Radio in War and Revolution."

Here are some highlights from the booklet:

"The Broadcasting Company played a leading and often decisive part in the Prague Rising in May 1945. The call of the revolutionary announcers was one of the first and most authoritative calls to arms to the Czech nation in Prague and in the country. Broadcasting House in Stalinova trida, Prague, was heavily damaged inside and the inevitable repairs will take several months. In spite of this, there was feverish activity as the task of free broadcasting was expanding. Broadcasting House was sanctified by the blood of those who had come to the aid of the Broadcasting Company on May 5th, who had fought bravely inside the building and in the surrounding streets, and of whom more than one hundred had fallen in the struggle, and many had been wounded and some have been in hospitals for many months.

"The Prague Broadcasting Company has today employees who had been suffering for years under the Nazi boot-but they had been working in illegal movements, had fought and remained at their technical stations, in the studios and everywhere where they had been needed in the center of Broadcasting House and other stations, they had remained in close touch with faithful companions from the trunk exchange and broadcasting stations, that is with the postal employees. They carried on everywhere, regardless of bombing and shooting. They now work again together with their new colleagues of the Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company, who had fought and worked abroad, separated from their families for the last few years, who had been broadcasting or taking part in other related branches of the resistance movement abroad, for the liberation of the Czechoslovak people and the Republic. Many of those who have come back have not found their dear ones, for they had had to sacrifice their lives and starve in concentration camps for the courage of their relations. The Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company today also incorporates the great organization of 'Soldiers of the Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company' and protects the flag of the 'Broadcasting Battalion' of the Tyrs and Fugner Infantry Regiment 28, forever called after the heroes who defended Broadcasting House. When the building has been repaired, a marble disk commemorating all those employees

This attractive corner is the SW Listening Post of Harry Kentzel, Sand Lake. New York. Receiver (center) is a new Hammarlund HQ129X.



who were executed or martyred and who fell during the May Revolution in the Battle for Broadcasting House, will be affixed over the entrance.

"The last German announcement to be broadcast on May 5 was the 'Unterhaltungsmusik' which the Czech announcers allowed the German announcer to make just before noon, after long discussions and constant threats by the German chiefs. After that, announcing was completely taken over by Czech announcers, even though the German intendant threatened them with immediate shooting. One of the greatest provocations, which strengthened the tension, was the very quick reading of the last news bulletin, when a unit of the Czech police entered the building. Outside Czechoslovak flags were beginning to come out.

At about 12:15 the Czechoslovak and American flags were flown on the mast of Broadcasting House; at the attempt to fly the British and Soviet flags, the Germans opened fire. The first revolutionary announcement was a call to the Czech police, the Czech gendarmes, and the Government Militia to come to the aid of the Broadcasting Company, as the Germans were murdering Czech people there. This was at about 12:33, and was one of the most powerful and most decisive signals of the national revolution. From the whole of Prague and the nearby countryside individuals and groups of determined Czechs started off to help their comrades in Broadcasting House. Many unarmed and inexperienced patriots were wounded by German assassins on the way. The battle in the wider circle round the building continued throughout the whole revolution until the coming of the Red Army, the battle in the building itself ended with the defeat of the Germans on the evening of the first day, after a battle of several hours during which Czech patriots fought from floor to floor, entering the building by the only free side entrance and over the roofs of the neighbouring houses.

"Of the later coordination of the revolutionary military forces and of the determination of the people of Prague, bears witness by the fact that, in the most difficult moments on Sunday, the tankists from industrial (Continued on page 141)

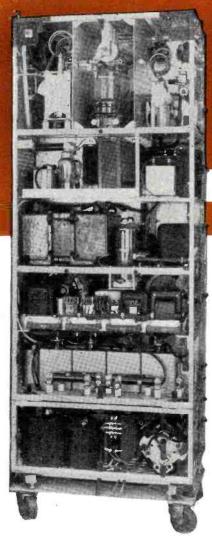
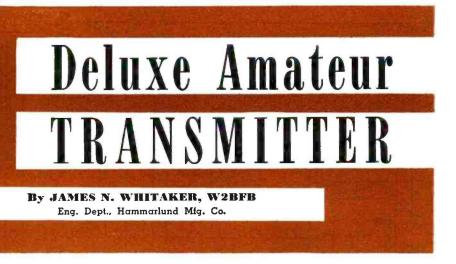


Fig. 1. Rear view of transmitter. Front view of this unit was shown last month.

N CONTINUING the discussion of deluxe amateur transmitter design begun last month, we would like to point out to our readers that the circuit diagram for the complete transmitter was given in the April installment, along with a discussion of the oscillator and frequency multiplier stage. Reference should be made to this discussion before proceeding to a consideration of the driver stage.

Driver Stage

The driver stage uses a 4E27 beam tetrode in a more or less conventional amplifier circuit. When using a tube of this type it is well to observe the manufacturer's recommendations for maximum grid drive. This value should never be exceeded, and satisfactory operation will generally be obtained with driving power considerably below the maximum permitted. In the present instance it was found that the grid current should not exceed 0.3 ma. for optimum operation. With this value of grid drive the 4E27 tube is capable of delivering approximately 225 watts of r.f. power to the final amplifier. The plate and screen



Part 2. Concluding article covering the design principles for a 1-kw. amateur type transmitter.

grid power for the driver stage is obtained from the high voltage power supply which supplies plate power to the final amplifier. The full potential is applied directly to the anode of the tube while the screen grid potential is applied to the tube through a 100,-000 ohm resistor. A 1200 ohm cathode biasing resistor is connected between the filament center tap and ground to provide normal operating bias for the tube. A 250,000 ohm grid resistor is also used to prevent excessive grid current when the plate potential is reduced and the drop across the cathode biasing resistor decreases correspondingly.

There has been much controversy regarding the use of the new beam type of tubes versus a neutralized triode. Unquestionably much of the reluctance to incorporate these new and wonderful tubes in equipment is due largely to a lack of understanding as to just how they may be satisfactorily incorporated in the equipment. The general complaint seems to be the difficulty in eliminating the tendency toward self-oscillation.

In designing any equipment using a beam tube, always bear in mind the fact that the power sensitivity of this new type of tube exceeds by far the power sensitivity of any tube heretofore known. It is this extremely high power sensitivity that makes this tube so highly desirable, and at the same time so apparently difficult to operate satisfactorily.

In order to successfully design an amplifier using a high-powered beam tube, it is extremely important to bear in mind that a very small amount of feedback, which in a triode amplifier would be practically undetectable will be a very serious amount indeed for a high gain beam tube.

The isolation of the input and output circuits must be as nearly perfect as possible. The r.f. bypassing must be complete with all leads as short as possible. Each filament terminal must be bypassed directly to the chassis as close to the socket terminal as possible. The screen grid must be bypassed to the filament terminals as well as to the chassis, and if the suppressor grid is not directly connected to the filament, it must also be bypassed directly to the filament as well as to the chassis.

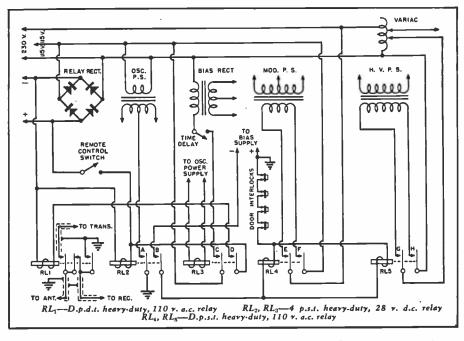
If the isolation between input and output circuits is complete, the amplifier will operate as smoothly as a conventional neutralized triode amplifier and the driving power required will be almost unbelievably small compared to the power required to drive any other type of amplifier having an equivalent power output.

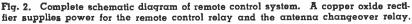
If the designer is unable to eliminate feedback entirely, there are several ways to suppress spurious oscillations. One way is to insert a 50 ohm, non-inductive resistor in the screen grid circuit, between the screen grid terminal and the bypass condenser. Another method is to insert a 50 ohm resistor (around which has been wound eight or ten turns of wire forming a small inductance shunted by a 50 ohm resistor) in the grid or plate circuit.

Any of these suppression methods are subterfuges, serving to remove the symptoms rather than the ailment, and are, in reality, an admission that the equipment has not been properly designed.

It is possible to obtain satisfactory operation from a triode amplifier when departing widely from the manufacturer's recommended ratings regarding driving power, grid bias, and plate voltage.

In a beam power amplifier, such departures are a direct invitation to trouble, and should be attempted only by those completely familiar with every detail of the operational theory of a beam tube. Perhaps one of the most difficult things for the amateur to grasp is that the grid drive must be kept well within the maximum limits specified by the manufacturer





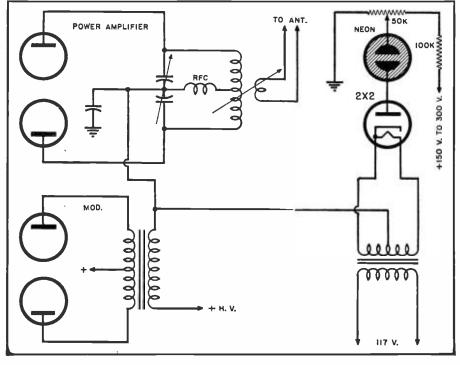
of the tube. Excessive grid drive can not be tolerated by a beam tube regardless of other operating conditions, and the most satisfactory operation is generally obtained with a grid current of less than one milliampere. The manufacturer's maximum grid current rating is generally the maximum permissible current which will not damage the grid structure or cause sufficient heating of the grid leads to crack the glass seal.

Power Amplifier Stage

A rather wide selection of tubes is

available for use in the power ampli-The choice of tubes defier stage. pends largely upon the efficiency desired and the power output needed. Since the 4E27 driver stage is capable of supplying sufficient power to drive almost any 1 kw. amplifier stage, any tube or tubes of sufficient power capabilities may be used. One point to bear in mind is that amateur transmitters are limited to a maximum plate input of 1000 watts. For this reason one must consider the efficiency of the final amplifier rather than economy of tubes in order to obtain the greatest possible power output with

Fig. 3. Schematic diagram of the negative peak over-modulation indicator. The neon bulb flashes, indicating when a predetermined modulation percentage is reached.



the permissible input. In order to obtain the best possible efficiency it is necessary to use tubes capable of considerably more power than is required. Another very good reason for using relatively high powered tubes is that the output need not be decreased in order to obtain satisfactory high-level modulation. This is not necessarily the most economical way to design a transmitter but it is the most satisfactory way of obtaining a maximum power output from a given input.

The power amplifier stage in a telephone transmitter should be a pushpull stage in order to discriminate against second harmonic radiations. Some objection may be raised because of the possibility of a third harmonic radiation from a push-pull amplifier but these radiations are never as serious as the second harmonic radiations because of discrimination against the higher frequencies in both the plate tank and antenna circuits.

In designing the power amplifier it is important to consider very carefully some arrangement for completely shielding the input and output circuits from each other and from the rest of the transmitter. The most satisfactory method of shielding is to arrange the power amplifier so that the input circuit, the tubes, and the output circuit are effectively in separate compartments with the neutralizing system in the compartment with the tubes. It will be found that with this arrangement the nearest approach to true neutralization is obtainable. If the shielding is not complete, the apparent neutralization will not be true neutralization since a certain amount of input-output coupling will be compensated for in the neutralizing. When this occurs there is danger of feedback, parasitic oscillations, and various other difficulties when the plate power, grid drive, or output coupling is changed. This is a condition which most commonly produces parasitic oscillations during modulation peaks which is easily understood when one remembers that high-level modulation actually varies the input power to the amplifier in accordance with the applied modulating power.

In a push-pull amplifier it is necessary to very carefully design the circuits to provide equal grid driving power to both tubes. The plate loading must also be equal. In practice it is very difficult to design a center tapped coil in such a way as to obtain a perfect electrical balance in each half of the coil. This may not be too serious at frequencies below 14 mc. but at higher frequencies irregularities which are almost unnoticeable may produce a serious unbalance. For this reason it is well to depend on a split stator tuning capacitor to provide electrical center tap rather than to bypass the center tap of the coil to ground. Tuning capacitors are manufactured to very close tolerances and are generally assembled with the aid of very accurate jigs and therefore, for all practical purposes, may be

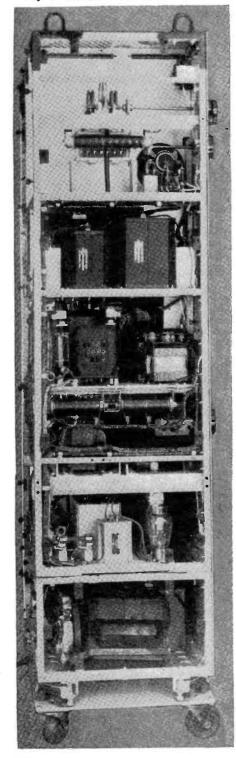
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considered as being perfectly balanced electrically as well as mechanically insofar as capacity is concerned.

Any tuned r.f. circuit is more efficient when the tuning capacitor is connected directly across the inductance. In order to do this it is usually necessary to insulate the rotor of the variable capacitor from ground instead of grounding the rotor section and connecting one side of the inductance to the rotor through a fixed capacitor. This is more important in the higher power stages because of the higher circulating currents but it is important in any stage since there

Fig. 4. Left side view of transmitter.



is always a certain amount of loss in even the highest grade of mica capacitors. This is also important in high power stages as it prevents grounding the high voltage power supply in the event that a flash-over of the capacitor occurs.

The antenna coupling circuit should be variable by means of a dial or knob accessible from the front panel. The number of turns and diameter of the coupling coil will depend upon the method of feeding the antenna and if the connection to the transmitter is by means of a coaxial transmission line, the coupling coil will be smaller or will contain fewer turns than if a higher impedance line is used. Where the same antenna is to be used for the receiver and the transmitter, the antenna changeover relay should be mounted inside the transmitter and as close as possible to the coupling The relay and the connection coil. should be adequately shielded from the power amplifier plate tank circuit. The location of the antenna changeover relay adjacent to the output coupling coil is very important where coaxial transmission line is used. If the relay is located outside the transmitter, it will cause a discontinuity of impedance which may result in serious standing waves along the transmission line.

Power Supply System

The power supply systems for a high-powered transmitter do not necessarily have to be complicated. Primary consideration should be given to designing the power supplies so that there will be a minimum of reaction between stages. This is particularly true of the reaction between the oscillator and the amplifier stages. It is always well to provide a separate power supply for the oscillator and multiplier stages rather than to attempt to use a common power supply for the entire transmitter. It is also well to use some sort of voltage regulation in the oscillator power supply although this is not absolutely necessary when using the oscillator circuit previously described. It should not be necessary in any case to use an elaborate vacuum tube voltage regulator. A regulator tube such as the OD3/VR150 or two such tubes con-nected in series should be ample. The intermediate or driver amplifier and the final amplifier may be operated successfully from a common power supply. It is very desirable to do this where a variac or some other means of primary power control is used.

The class "B" modulator tubes should be operated from a separate power supply unless the main power supply has unusually good regulation and the class "B" modulator tubes are operated with zero bias. Where grid bias is required for the modulator tubes a power supply should be provided to supply this bias and this power supply should be very heavily loaded to prevent a change in bias due to varying grid current.

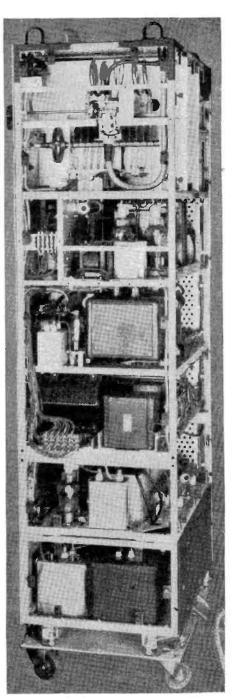
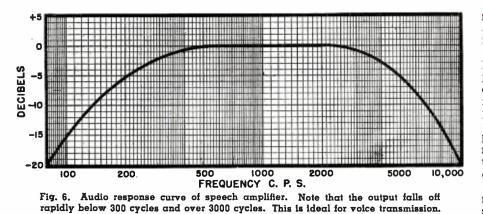


Fig. 5. Right side view of transmitter.

In the transmitter being described a small power supply provides the power for both the oscillator and multiplier stages. The main high voltage power supply provides power for the driver and final amplifier stages. The main power supply is equipped with a variac in the primary circuit to permit easy adjustment of the input power. The class "B" modulator stage has its own power supply and a bias rectifier system provides 60 volts of negative bias for the modulators. The bias supply is loaded with a 250 ohm resistance causing a normal drain of approximately 0.24 amperes. This high bleeder current assures a minimum of fluctuation in the bias supply due to the varying grid current of the modulator tubes. The bias supply also provides power for some of the relays.



Remote Control System

A positive acting remote control system should be provided in any transmitter in order that the transmitter may be started and stopped from the operating position by means of a toggle switch or other simple device.

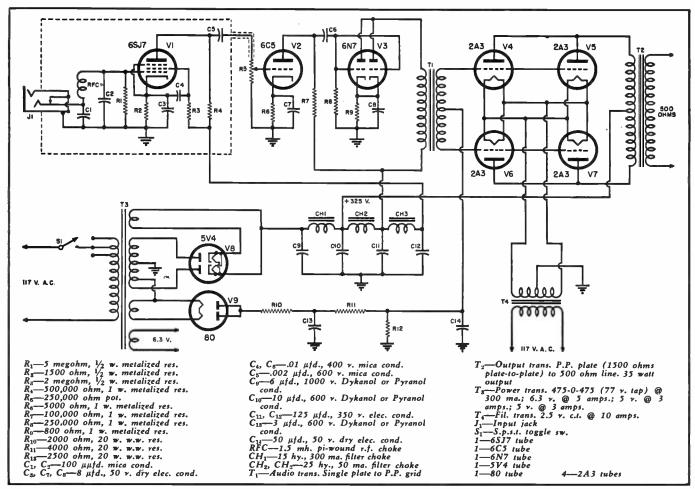
A number of relay combinations may be worked out to suit the particular installation once the proper sequence of operations has been determined. The system should provide a means for applying power to the various parts of the transmitter in such a sequence as to prevent the application of power to the power stages in the transmitter before power has been applied to the oscillator and multiplier stages. It must also provide means of transferring the antenna from the receiver to the transmitter before power is applied to the final stages. The system must also provide a means for removing the power from the final stages before the power is removed from the oscillator and multiplier stages and sufficient time must elapse between the removal of the power from the final stages and the operation of the antenna changeover relay to assure that there will be no power in the antenna circuit when the antenna changeover relay is operated.

The control system in the transmitter being described uses a total of five relays for performing all operations. A copper oxide rectifier supplies power for the remote control relay and the antenna changeover relay. The circuit is shown in Fig. 2.

Relay RL_3 is the remote control relay, receiving its power from the copper oxide rectifier, through the remote control switch. The operating coil of relay RL_3 is connected in the oscillator power supply circuit as a filter section, and receives power when the oscillator power supply is energized. Power for relays RL_4 and RL_5 is obtained from the bias supply, through contacts Bof relay RL_5 .

The operation of the system is as follows: When the remote control switch is closed, relay RL_2 operates, closing contacts A and B. Contacts A are in the center tap of the oscillator power supply transformer. When these contacts close, the power builds up in the oscillator power supply, energizing the operating coil of relay RL₃. Relay RL₃ operates closing contacts C and D. Contacts C close the primary power circuit of the bias supply, through the time delay switch, and contacts D operate the antenna changeover relay. When the power builds up in the bias supply, relays RL. and RL_s operate, since contacts B of relay RL_2 are closed. When contacts E, F, and G, H of relays RL_4 and RL_5 close, power is applied to the modulator and the main high voltage supplies, and the transmitter is in operation.

Fig. 7. Schematic diagram of speech amplifier. The unit has an over-all gain of 100 db. and an undistorted output of 31 watts.



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As we have shown, the sequence of operation is as follows: The oscillator power supply comes up first, then the antenna changeover relay operates, then the bias supply comes up, and finally the power comes up in the modulator and p.a. power supplies.

When the transmitter is shut down, the remote control switch removes the operating power from relay RL_4 , which immediately opens contacts A and Bof relay RL_2 . Contacts B of relay RL_2 open, removing operating power from relays RL_4 and RL_6 , causing contacts E, F, G, H to open, removing the primary power from the modulator and main power supply.

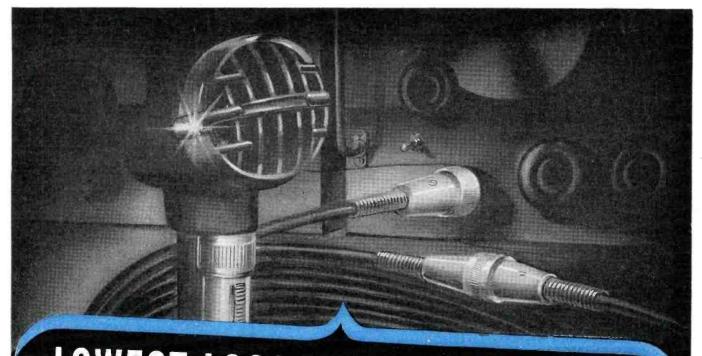
As the power in the oscillator power supply dies down, the operating coil of relay RL_3 is de-energized, permitting contacts C and D to open. The opening of contacts C removes the power from the bias supply, and the opening of contacts D operates the antenna changeover relay RL_3 .

From the above, we find that the sequence of operation for shutting down the transmitter is not exactly in the reverse of the starting sequence, but is as follows: The oscillator and all high voltage power supplies are shut off simultaneously; then the antenna relay operates and the bias supply is shut off after the oscillator power supply dies down, whereas in starting up, the oscillator power comes on, then the bias comes on and the antenna changeover relay operates, and lastly the high voltage power supplies come on.

With this arrangement, failure of the bias supply will remove the high voltages, and failure of the oscillator supply will shut down the entire transmitter. In this manner, the tubes are all protected from loss of bias, and from loss of excitation due to oscillator power supply failures.

Over-Modulation Indicator

Any transmitter used for telephony should be equipped with a very positive means for indicating over-modulation. An indicator which shows average modulation is not satisfactory for voice operation because of peaks which occur in normal voice frequencies. In order to be certain that serious over-modulation does not occur during the peaks of the voice frequencies, the over-modulation indicator must indicate over-modulation peaks. When an r.f. amplifier is fully modulated, the plate voltage swings from zero to twice the normal value. When over-modulation occurs the plate voltage will actually swing from a negative value to more than twice the normal positive value. Because of this action a negative peak over-modulation indicator may consist of simply a high voltage rectifier and a neon glow lamp as shown in Fig. 3 with a bias voltage applied between the neon lamp and ground. The rectifier filament supply transformer should be insulated for approximately three times the normal plate supply voltage of the transmitter. The filament of the rectifier is connected to the side of the



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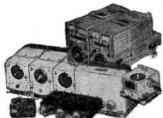
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modulation transformer secondary which feeds power to the modulated amplifier. The plate of the rectifier tube connects to one side of an ordinary neon glow lamp. The other connection to the neon glow lamp is to a positive bias. Since the starting voltage of the standard neon glow lamp which is on the order of 30 to 50 volts has been overcome by a biasing voltage, the glow lamp will flash on overmodulation peaks which are hardly detectable by any other means.

The current drawn by a standard neon lamp is very small, and therefore a bias adjusting potentiometer of 50,000 ohms is satisfactory. The bias potential may be taken from any convenient low voltage source such as the oscillator power supply.

With the main high voltage power supply off, adjust the neon bias to a value where the lamp just starts to glow.

With this adjustment, the lamp will flash whenever a modulation peak reaches exactly 100%, regardless of the plate voltage applied to the r.f. amplifier.

If the bias is not used, the overmodulation indicator will be less accurate, but will still be quite satisfactory for use where the d.c. plate potential applied to the r.f. amplifier is 1000 volts or more. If the starting voltage of the neon lamp is 50 volts, and the d.c. plate potential applied to the r.f. amplifier is 1000 volts, the lamp will flash when the peak mcdulating voltage becomes negative by a value of 50 volts, representing 5% over-modulation on a peak, which can be tolerated. The percentage of overmodulation detectable with an unbiased neon lamp system becomes increasingly less as the d.c. plate potential applied to the r.f. amplifier is increased, and will be 2.5% for a d.c. plate potential of 2000 volts, 1.6% for 3000 volts, etc.

Speech Amplifier

The speech amplifier in a large transmitter should be a separate unit and should be connected to the transmitter proper by means of a standard 500 ohm line. The amplifier should have sufficient gain to permit the use of any of the commercially available crystal microphones. The noise output from the amplifier should be at least minus 60 db. The audio fre-quency response of the amplifier should not be flat. Since we are interested only in voice frequencies, those frequencies below 200 cycles and above 3000 cycles should be appreciably attenuated. This may be conveniently accomplished by the proper selection of coupling capacitors and resistors in the amplifier without the use of special filter circuits. The amplifier designed for use with the transmitter described has a gain of 100 db. and has an undistorted output of 31 watts. The noise level with the gain control full on and the microphone disconnected is approximately minus 70 db. The audio response as is indi-

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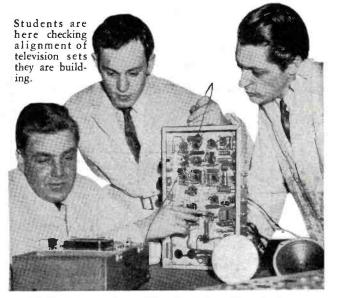
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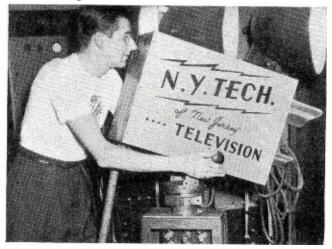
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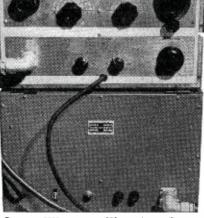


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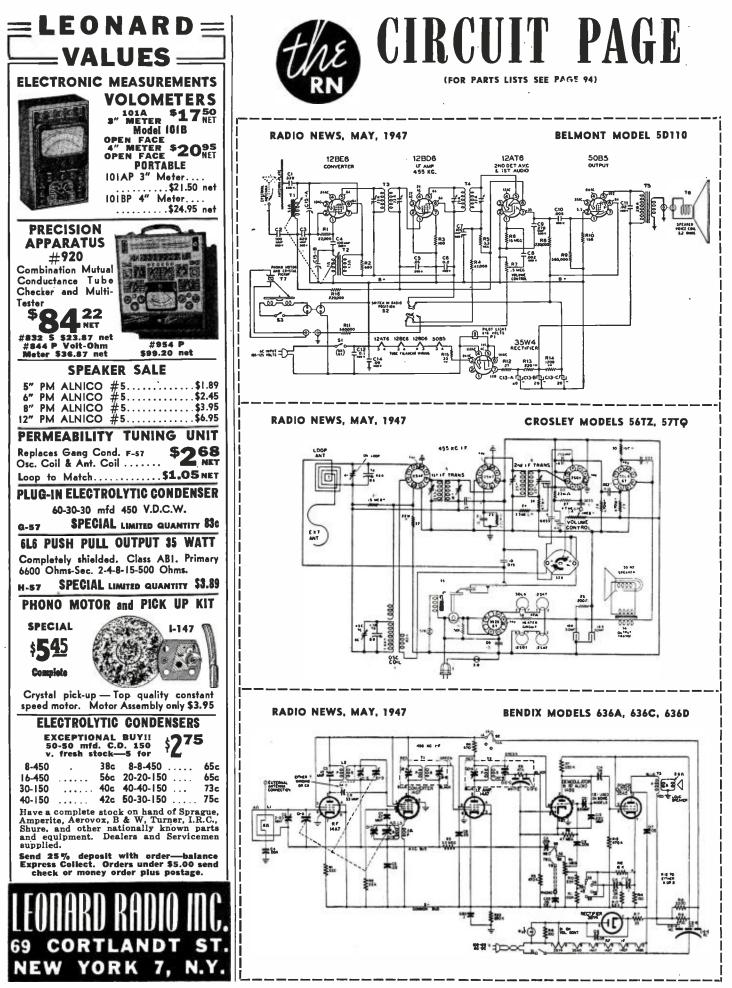
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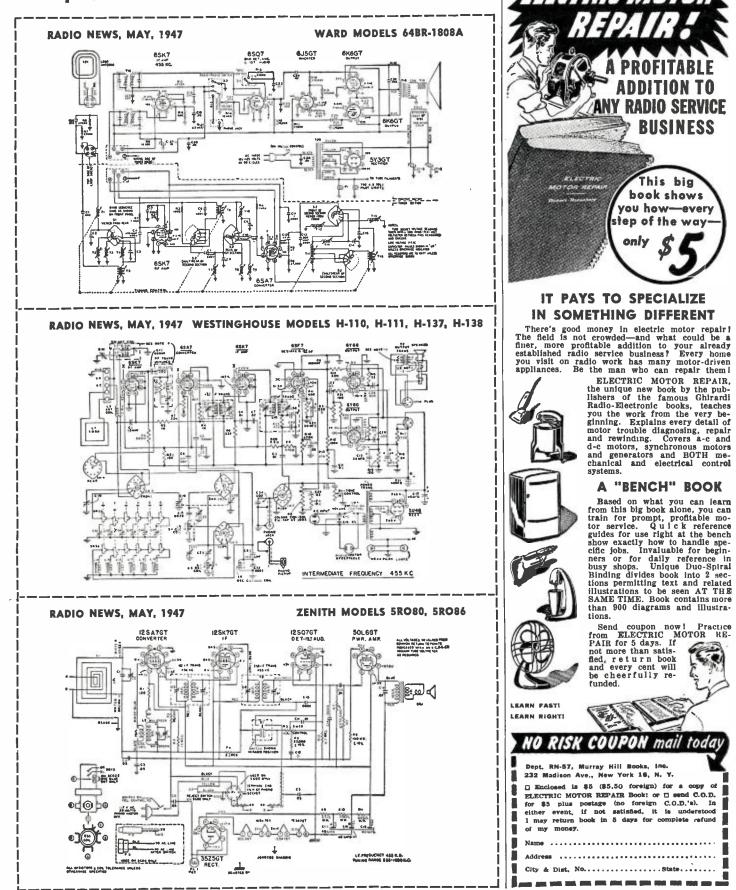
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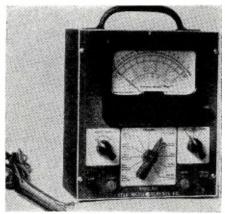
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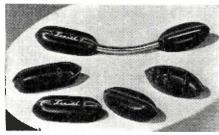
The instrument features a large $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", 400 microampere *Marion* meter, an etched aluminum panel, and a gray crackle finish metal cabinet for use under all operating conditions. The entire unit weighs four pounds and comes complete with test leads and batteries.

Prices and complete data wil be furnished by Star Measurements Company, 442 East 166th Street, New York 56, New York.

PLASTIC PARTS

G. Felsenthal & Sons of Chicago, molders and fabricators of plastics, are presently offering their services to radio manfacturers for the processing of plastic parts for the industry.

Lightweight, high impact polystyrene was used in the tone arm pickup assembly illustrated. Both heads are injection-molded and assembled to the



metal arm by means of cement. Tradenames and other identifying marks are etched in the mold and the recessed letters filled in with white paint in a separate operation after molding. The company invites inquiries by manufacturers regarding their plastic problems. Complete specifications and information about the part to be molded should accompany requests for additional data. Address all requests to *G. Felsenthal & Sons*, 4100 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago 51, Illinois.

MODULATION METER

A new instrument, designed for use in the amateur phone bands falling between 3.5 and 54 mc., has been announced by Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

This modulation meter which operates without vacuum tubes and requires no batteries or a.c. line power can also be used by forestry, emergency, police, and marine services using AM transmitters.

This compact, lightweight instrument is used for monitoring signals with respect to modulation. Modulation percentage is indicated on a direct-reading, hermetically-sealed meter which is flush-mounted on a panel approximately 4" square. Elimination of vacuum tubes, batteries, and the need for a.c. line input is accomplished through the application of the Sylvania germanium crystal diode, Type 1N34.

The meter permits determination of the modulation percentage of either a sine-wave-modulated or a voice-mod-



ulated carrier, as well as giving an indication of carrier shift. It enables the user to avoid over-modulation.

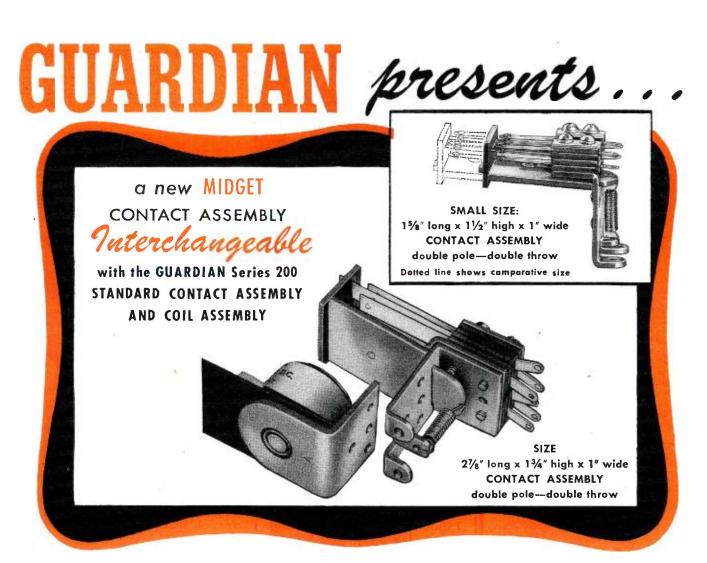
The Model X-7018 modulation meter is supplied with a 75 ohm twin-lead transmission line for use with an external link circuit; handy toggle switches; trimmer condenser for convenient peaking of input circuit and a jack to disconnect meter and insert phones for audible signal check.

Sylvania Electric Products Inc. at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, New York will furnish additional information upon request.

SIGNAL GENERATOR

Northeastern Engineering, Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire has recently announced a new signal generator, Model 700A.

This generator covers the range from 160 kc. to 20 mc. on fundamental



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to indicate a sixth band (band F) which has been calibrated in degrees for special calibrations.

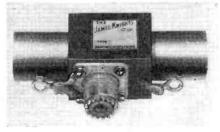
Modulation of the unit is approximately 30 per-cent at 400 cycles with provision being made for external modulation. The signal generator uses two tubes and operates on 105-125 volt, 60 cycles.

Additional data on this unit will be supplied by Northeastern Engineering, Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire upon request.

ANTENNA COUPLER

A universal type antenna insulatorconnector for making a secure weatherproof junction between Amphenol "RG" type flexible coaxial line and any current fed antenna or array has been announced by James Knights Company of Sandwich, Illinois.

Known as the J-K Impedacoupler, this unit may also be used with Am-phenol "flat lines" or with the usual



type of open wire lines. Equipped with an Amphenol type 1R receptacle, the unit requires only the addition of an Amphenol type 1SP cable connector on the end of the coaxial line for quick, positive connection without fanning and without disrupting the terminal impedance of the line.

An insulator block provides optimum dielectric properties and ample strength to withstand the pull of the antenna and support the weight of the coaxial line.

The insulator is drilled at both ends for bolts or rivets for holding tubing (Continued on page 136)

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A NOVEL INPUT CIRCUIT

By ZYGMUNT HOF

Transformerless matching from a low impedance microphone to the input tube of an amplifier is accomplished by a grounded grid circuit.

ANY servicemen are faced with the problem of matching p.a. amplifiers with dynamic microphones where the impedance of the mike proves to be 500 ohms while the amplifier has only a high impedance input-all this without an available matching transformer!

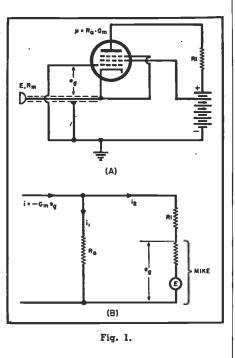
If such a problem is facing you, this special input circuit, which is a cousin to the cathode-follower, may be used. Known as the grounded grid amplifier, to use this circuit the input impedance must first be calculated.

Using a pentode, Fig. 1A shows the actual circuit and Fig. 1B the equivalent circuit. The mike may be seen connected between the cathode and grid, the latter being grounded. It is equivalent to a generator of a voltage \vec{E} , with internal resistance, R_{*} , connected in series with the load resistance.

From Fig. 1B: $i_1 + i_2 = G_m e_R$ $R_a i_1 = E + i_2 (R_m + R_1)$ $e_{g} = E + R_{m}i_{2}$ From these equations:

 $Z_{\text{Input}} = \frac{e_g}{i_2} = \frac{R_a + R_1}{\mu - 1}$ (approx.) where: μ = amplification factor $R_{\bullet} =$ plate resistance

 $G_m =$ mutual conductance $R_1 = \text{load resistance}$

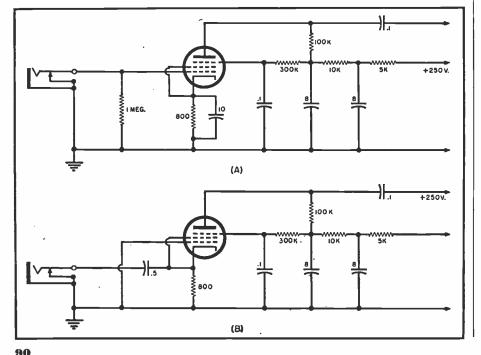


According to the formula, most pentodes, under recommended operating conditions, will be found to have an input impedance of around 1000 ohms in this circuit.

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Study of the schematic diagram of the unit (Fig. 2A) shows an amplifier of conventional arrangement and values for a supply voltage of 250 volts.

If the 6SJ7 stage is converted to a grounded grid amplifier, as shown in Fig. 2B, the input impedance of the 6SJ7 is $(0.1 + 1.5) \times 10^6/2500$ or 640 ohms. Fig. 3 shows that the actual impedance, looking toward the mike, consists of the input impedance of the tube with open cathode circuit in shunt with the cathode bias resistor. The value of the combination is given by the following equation.

$$Z_t = \frac{Z \times R_k}{\sqrt{Z^2 + R_k^2}} = 500 \text{ ohms.}$$

When the results of this calculation indicated that the microphone and circuit input impedance were sufficiently matched, the necessary wiring changes were made. The only additional component required was a .5 µfd., 400 volt condenser in place of a cathode bypass condenser and the grid resistor in the amplifier.

Incidentally, since the first stage of the amplifier had a separate filament winding this was disconnected from ground and kept floating in order to keep a hum voltage from developing between cathode and ground. This was necessary inasmuch as this connection would have paralleled the input.

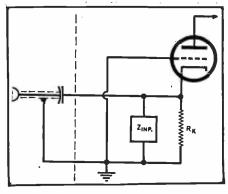


Fig. 3.

As a result of the perfect matching, the grounded grid circuit worked without noise, without any unwanted pickup and with excellent frequency response and volume.

By choosing a suitable tube with a variable cathode resistor, a separate grounded grid input stage can be built (by using the equations and Fig. 2B) for microphones with an impedance of from 200 to 1000 ohms and added to existing amplifiers.

The simplicity and trouble-free operation of this circuit and the important saving in components should make this circuit popular with servicemen and experimenters.

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DRESSING UP THE ANTENNA CONNECTION

ONE of the unsightly trappings of amateur radio is the usual antenna feeder line inside the house. Outdoors. the two-wire feeder may be as neat as a pin, but it takes a turn for the worse after it comes through the wall. Full of kinks, it either clutters up the floor or dangles from the ceiling. A lot of "72ohm" lines are just as unlovely to behold as the open-line jobs. The womenfolks object to this sort of thing, and rightly so.

The new coaxial cable and fittings which have become available to the public since the war ended offer a means of correcting this evil, and the accompanying photograph shows one way they can be used to do the job.

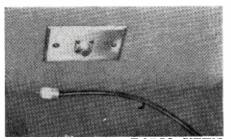
In this case, the antenna coupler is located down cellar just inside the sill through which the 2-wire feeder enters. The coupler is not re-tuned often, so can be remotely located in this manner. The coupler is link coupled to a section of Amphenol type "RG" concentric (coaxial) cable which, in turn, is run up through the wall and connected to a female coaxial connector (Amphenol 83-1R; Signal Corps No. SO-239) mounted in the center of a plain brass outlet plate on the baseboard as shown in the photograph. A %-inch round hole in the brass plate will clear the rear pro-trusion of the coaxial connector, and a in the baseboard. The cable may be pushed up through the floor or fished through with a length of wire or string. Another section of "RG" type cable,

seen on the floor in the photograph, is used to connect the baseboard outlet to the transmitter. Each end of this second cable terminates in a male coaxial connector (Amphenol 83-1SP; Signal Corps No. PL-259), one of which may be seen on the end of the cable in the photograph.

The final amplifier plate tank also is link coupled to a female connector on its chassis. When the transmitter is to be put on the air, the cable plugs are inserted into floor and chassis connectors, the cable thus being run between the transmitter and "outlet." When transmissions are completed, the cable may be disconnected and stored out of sight. Even when this cable is connected between the transmitter and base plug and lies along the floor, its sleek, black coat makes a trim appearance. For this reason, some operators may prefer to leave it connected.

If a doublet antenna is used for transmitting, no antenna coupler is needed. The "cellar" length of coaxial cable then may be run through the wall of the house directly to the center of the antenna and the system is greatly sim--30plified.

The coaxial antenna outlet on the baseboard has the same neat appearance as the familiar power outlet. The coaxial cable for connecting to the transmitter is shown on the floor beneath the outlet.



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 R_{g} —2100 ohm, V_4 w. res.

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 R_{g} —1500 ohm, V_4 w. res.

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 R_{g} —2100 ohm, V_4 w. res.

 RC1H38
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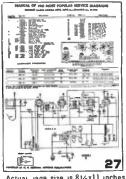
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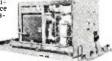


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setting of R_6 . This method of adjustment is considerably simpler than removing or adding turns from the tickler coil L_5 .

When adjustment of the i.f. has been completed, a set of coils for the desired bands should be plugged in and the signal generator set to some point within the range of these coils. As a representative figure for the 3.5 mc. band the antenna condenser is set at approximately half capacity while the oscillator bandset condenser C_3 is set to slightly greater than half capacity. With these settings, the 3.5 mc. band covers from 0 to 90 on the bandspread dial. For 7 mc. operation the antenna condenser C_2 should be set to slightly greater than half capacity and the oscillator bandset to about three-fourths capacity. The 7 mc. band will cover approximately 65 degrees in this case. For 14 mc. operation the antenna condenser C_2 is set to about two-thirds capacity and the oscillator to about approximately the same position as for the 7 mc. band. The 14 mc. band in this case covers 60 degrees on the bandspread.

The 28 mc. band uses the same set of coils as are used for 14 mc. making a total of only 6 coils necessary to cover the four popular bands. For this range the antenna condenser C_2 will be set near minimum capacity and the oscillator bandset about one-fourth meshed. The band covers approximately 62 degrees in this case.

After a signal has been tuned in, the regeneration control should be adjusted. If the station heard is a c.w. station, the proper adjustment for the regeneration control is with the second detector just weakly oscill-ating. This will give a marked "single signal" effect. If the received station is using phone, the regeneration control should be set just below the point of oscillation.

It will be found that the setting of the antenna condenser is rather broad and it is possible to tune across a considerable portion of any band without the necessity for readjustment. After the desired signal has been located, however, this condenser should be peaked for maximum response.

There will be a slight interaction between the regeneration control and the antenna condenser. For best results, both should be repeaked when necessary.

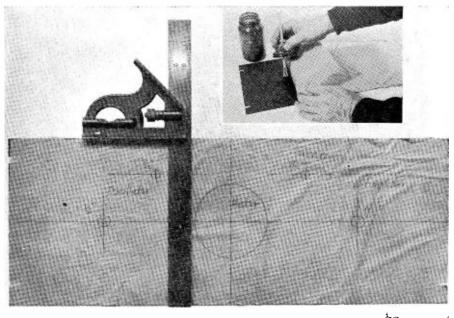
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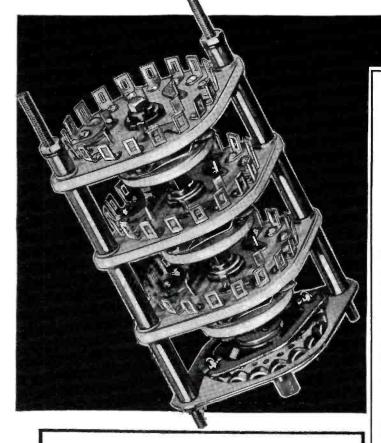
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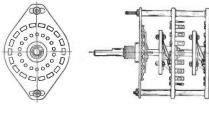
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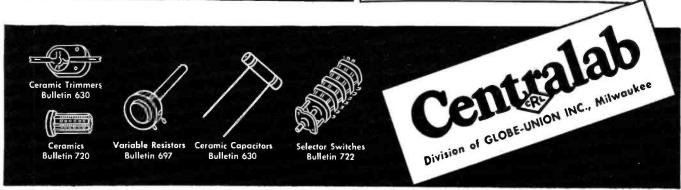
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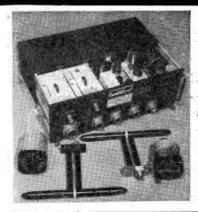
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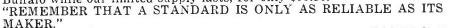
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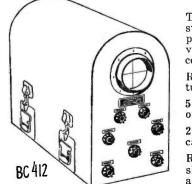


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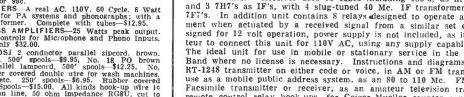
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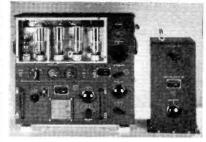
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Sound Recording (Continued from page 63)

on film, we find the low cost of the magnetic system has much to offer in producing a picture more economically. The simplicity of handling this type of recording compares favorably with other forms of wire, tape and magnetic disc recording. Immediate monitoring is available with magnetic recording on film. No processing is necessary and the magnetic recording medium can be erased by demagnetizing. The sound strip may be used over and over until the quality and coordination of sound is perfect. No serious distortion with overmodulation is probable and any part of the sound track can be edited simply by erasing and dubbing in new sound.

There are two main disadvantages to magnetic recording on film: The recording head contacts the record surface which results in the possibility of wear, and the technical performance is not quite equal to the advanced optical methods now used by the large studios. However, it should be pointed out that the above facts are based on the present state of the art. As magnetic recording on film is perfected, it may even supplant the optical systems now commonly employed.

The method for recording and reproducing magnetic sound on film is illustrated in Fig. 9. A magnetic head assembly is employed and is mounted rigidly on an adjustable holder. In fact there are three heads each having an individual arm and a spring holding the head against the film while the latter rides against the brass drum. The upper head is used for erasing and removes sound from the magnetic track previous to the recording of new sound. The erase coil is fed with the conventional supersonic frequency of approximately 40 kc. Recording is accomplished at the center head. This contains a main audio winding plus an auxiliary high frequency coil. This

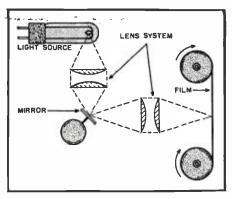


Fig. 7. The essential elements used for variable area optical recording.

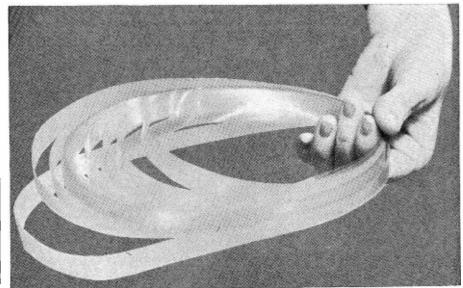
coil is connected in series with the erase coil to secure proper high frequency excitation. The third head is the monitor or playback head. This feeds directly through the amplifier and follows the picture by approximately fifty milliseconds.

Sections of various films are illustrated in Fig. 10. A magnetic material of approximately one-half mil in thickness is added to the emulsion on the film. The relative positions for the magnetized sound track are illustrated for various types of film, mainly the 8, 16, and 35 millimeter.

Magnetic recording on film bids fair to become extremely popular with the amateur projectionist. Home talking movies have become an economical reality and it is expected that with further improvements inexpensive projecting systems will be developed and will gain much popularity even with the novice.

There are other methods now employed for magnetic recording and these include magnetic recording on separate film. This is particularly suited for nonsynchronized work; for example, an eight millimeter film could be used with a full width sound track. This would be played on a second machine and would be synchronized with the other machine carrying the picture. Editing is very

Fig. 8. Endless loop of 35 mm. film used in the Filmgraph recorder.



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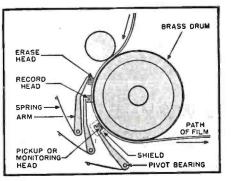


Fig. 9. Triple head assembly for recording and reproducing (magnetically) on film.

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Magnetic Recording on Tape, Disc, and Wire

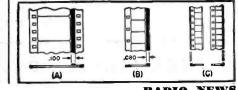
Fundamentally the recording on paper tape, paper disc, or wire is the same. The main difference lies in the mechanical means for driving the material to be magnetically recorded, in the means for playing back the sound, and in the employment of different techniques for recording the sound on the material.

Magnetic materials are drawn past a recording head. As the material passes the head, it becomes and remains magnetized. The amount of magnetism remaining in the material at each instant is governed by the signal impressed upon the recording head. In playing back, the magnetic material is drawn past a playback head. In many systems the recording and playback heads are the same, Fig. 11. The magnetization, which is variable, exists in the material and induces a corresponding voltage in the coil of the playback head. The functions of recording and playback are incorporated into a single recordplayback head in most magnetic recorders.

It is a simple matter to erase any signal from any of the magnetic materials now employed. A strong field is set up within the erase head and this is impressed upon the material. This erases the old signal and makes the material ready to receive new signals. Basically, the tape, disc, and wire recorders consist of the magnetic material, the record-reproduce head and the erase head. In addition, of course, are the various types of driving systems used to draw the material through or over the head and the conventional amplifying and reproducing systems.

A supersonic oscillator, usually from approximately 30 to 40 kc., serves

> Fig. 10. Sections of 35, 16 and 8 mm. film showing the actual position of the magnetic sound tracks,





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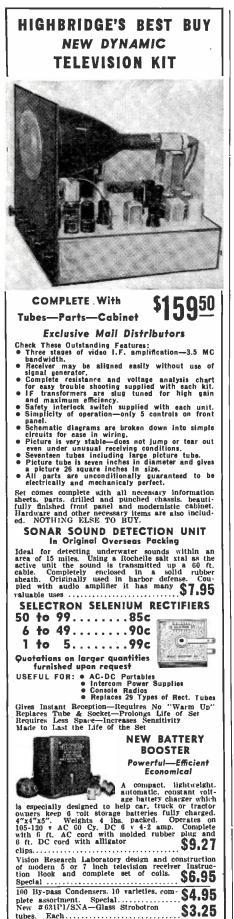
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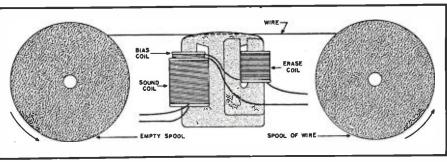


Fig. 11. Combined record-playback head assembly for wire.

the double purpose of providing high frequency for both the demagnetizing head and for the recording head. The material is first run through the erase head. Here it is demagnetized and made ready for the recording. The audio signal from the sound source appears at the recording head. The application of a supersonic signal to the recording head provides a bias. This is essential to overcome the nonlinearity of the normal magnetization curve of the magnetic materials. Fundamentally these materials are the same. They differ only in their type of construction. These materials may be in the form of steel tape, wire, magnetized coating upon paper tape, or upon paper discs, or in fact the magnetized material may be coated or impregnated into various alloys.

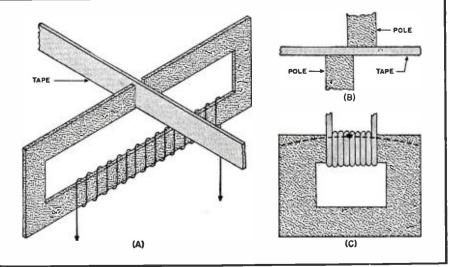
Insofar as quality of recording-reproduction is concerned, we find that speed is an all-important factor. The higher the speed, generally, the greater will be the fidelity. This will be completely explained in following articles.

The development of record-erase heads has gone on at a rapid pace. Beginning from cumbersome units often measuring four inches square, new tiny heads have been developed which are no larger than a regular two cent postage stamp. The magnetic field in these new units has been concentrated and condensed to a very small area. The slot, for example, in the case of a wire recorder head, often is not more than one-thousandth of an inch in width. The traveling wire passes through this slot and encounters the magnetic field set up by the head as in Fig. 11.

Three basic types of magnetic recording heads are illustrated in Fig. 12. In magnetic recording, frequency response, noise level, and signal amplitude are affected by the type of magnetic material used. At fixed speed and at lower frequencies, the retentivity, which is the measure of residual flux density, will determine the magnitude of the output voltage from the reproducing head. Generally speaking, the lower or bass notes must be suppressed when using magnetic recording. This too applies to the cutting of slow speed electrical transcriptions by means of lateral styli on discs.

Frequency response from the above systems, as mentioned, depends largely upon the speed of the magnetized material as it passes the head. A frequency response of between 60 and 8000 cycles per second can usually be obtained from most of the above machines. Recording time depends upon the material used and upon the physical size of the containers for the magnetized material. For example, the average wire recorder has enough stainless steel wire to operate for approximately 66 minutes at a speed of 2 feet per second. This type of recorder is being used to dictate this entire series of articles.

Fig. 12. Simplified diagrams of (A) record-reproduce head for transverse recording on tape, (B) offset, thick pole pieces which improve characteristics of head shown in (A), and (C) closed type wire record-reproduce head.



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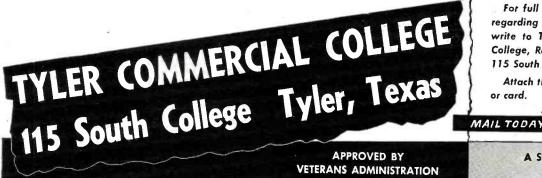
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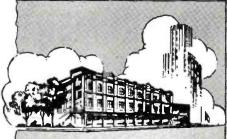
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Our next article will cover driving systems (cutters, embossers, etc.), their construction and characteristics. (To be continued)

Mobile Radiotelephone

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there is high local noise. Because of the large ratio of mobile units to fixed units, the over-all cost of service to the public is reduced by having the mobile units as small and simple as possible.

In determining the locations of the fixed land stations, field surveys are undertaken to determine propagation characteristics of the area. This is usually done by a combination of computation of field intensity over various paths and the making of actual field surveys.

Usually the land transmitter should be located at the highest available site in the vicinity of the area to be covered because of the line-of-sight propagation characteristics of very high frequencies. In general, the most suitable location for the land transmitting antenna will be on or above the roof of a centrally located building commanding a relatively unobstructed view in all directions of desired coverage. In some cities, hills may afford favorable sites; in others, a telephone central office or a midtown office building may be desirable to afford a high signal intensity where radio frequency noise is the highest. Here multiplepath transmission results from reflection and diffraction effects, causing signal field intensity to vary over a wide range within short distances. If the general level of signal intensity is relatively high, these variations are not very disturbing.

"Shadows," within which the signal intensity is considerably attenuated, may be cast by high buildings in the service area, and this effect is particularly marked on the far side of buildings near the transmitting antenna. In nearby "shadows," the high signal fields near the transmitter serve to offset the high attenuation enough to make the signal satisfactory, and the "shadow" area of high buildings a mile or more away from the transmitting antenna will be smaller and tend to

fill in as distance beyond the interfering building increases. Increasing the height of the transmitting antenna often reduces this "shadow" effect.

In the case of land station receiving sites, the foregoing also applies. Another important problem is local radio frequency noise. The principal sources of noise at frequencies used in this service are man-made, such as electrical machinery, diathermy apparatus, etc. Thus locations should be selected where such interference is at a minimum.

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The coverage of an area in a given direction is considered sufficient if the average signal-to-noise ratio is approximately 17 db. This ratio is determined from two measurements. The measurement of the magnitude of the signal is made with the transmitter fully modulated with a 1000-c.p.s. tone; the noise measurement is made with the transmitter on, but not modulated. The difference in signal and noise measurements in db. is the signal-to-noise ratio. These measurements may be made with the Western Electric 2B Noise Measuring Set.

Coverage measurements must take into account radiated power, distance from transmitting antenna, effective height of both transmitting antenna and receiving antenna, local noise, type of intervening terrain, and objects in the optical line of sight between the transmitting antenna and receiving antenna. Profiles of the terrain, drawn to take into account the curvature of the earth, are used in computations of coverage.

In the selection of land receiver sites, all of the above mentioned problems apply. The receivers, and particularly their antennas, should be located well away from noise-generating devices. In some cases it may even be desirable to locate one of the land receivers at or near the land transmitter. In the absence of actual measurements, the noise conditions may be estimated by grouping into four classes:

A. Very low noise - outlying residential area, light traffic; B. Moderate noise-residential area, moderate traffic; C. High noise—residential area or business district, heavy traffic; and D. Very high noise - business or industrial area, heavy traffic.

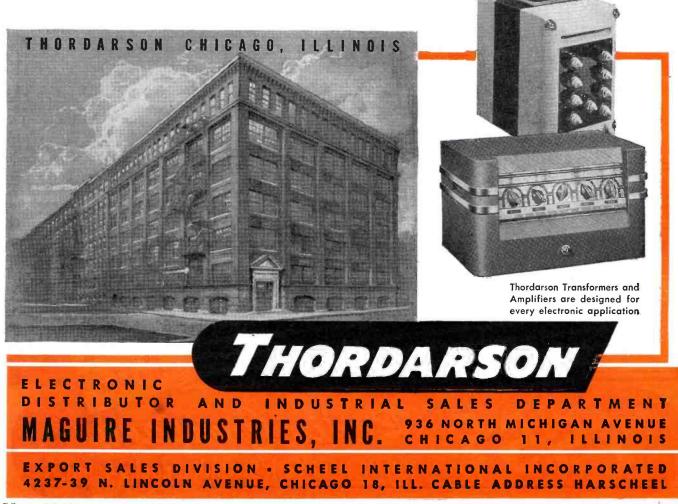
Measurements have indicated the radiated power necessary for sufficient signal-to-noise ratio at various distances under varying noise conditions and with various effective antenna heights. For example; with an an-tenna height above the effective ground plane of approximately 200 feet, range to be expected with 100 watts of radiated power at a frequency of 160 mc. over smooth earth under varying noise conditions is: A. Very low noise, approximately 30 miles; B. Moderate noise, approximately 25 miles; C. High noise, approximately 17

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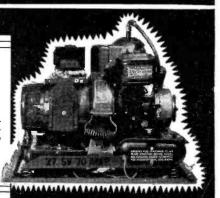
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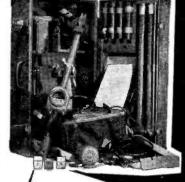
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Heavy duty generating equipment is necessary for a vehicle equipped for highway mobile radiotelephone service. A storage battery of greater capacity will also be required. The choice of proper generating equipment depends upon the number of hours the vehicle is driven per day, the average speed at which it is driven, the number and duration of telephone calls per day.

There are also problems associated with the choice of closely coupled antennas or with use of a common antenna for transmission and reception.

In the case of closely coupled antennas involving a land transmitter and a land receiver, three primary conditions should be met:

1. The output of the transmitter

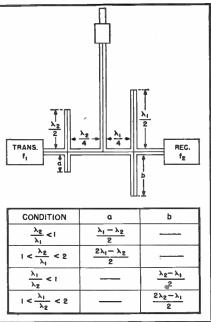
should not overload the r.f. stages of the receiver.

2. No spurious radiation from the transmitter should fall in the same channel as the fundamental response of the receiver.

3. The fundamental radiation from the transmitter should not occur at the same frequency as any spurious response of the receiver.

To meet condition 1, it must be remembered that the first r.f. stage is not very selective compared to the performance of the entire receiver. The tube may draw grid current when the input level is about 10 dbm., causing limiting in the stage with resulting noise and distortion. Since the output of a 250 watt transmitter is 54 dbm., a minimum loss of 54 - 10 = 44db. must be provided and to give considerable margin, this loss requirement is increased to 60 db. The loss may be provided by antenna separation, filters, or a combination of both. If L is the transmission loss introduced, $L = L_1 - L_2$, where L_1 is loss introduced at the interfering frequency and L_2 is the accompanying loss at the operating frequency. Wave traps built of %-inch coaxial transmission line and installed in the receiver lead would introduce approximate losses of $L_1 = 46$ db. and $L_2 =$.04 db. in the highway service, and L_1 = 52 db. L_2 = .02 db. in the urban service.

The diagram, Fig. 1, shows a method of installing wave traps in the trans-



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Fig. 1. Stub arrangement for reducing interference when one antenna is used for continuous operation of transmitter at frequency, f_1 and receiver at frequency f_2 .

mission lines connecting a transmitter and a receiver to the same antenna. The wave trap in the transmitter lead is required only at very quiet locations. It prevents any portion of the incoming signal from being diverted from the receiver to the transmitter.

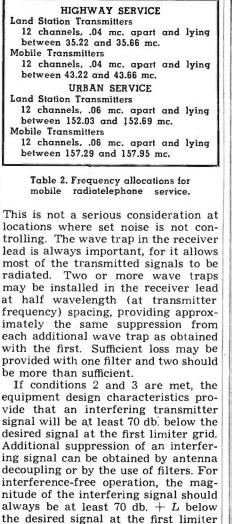




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approximately 100 db. A subsidiary problem is to choose transmitter and receiver frequencies so that no spurious radiation from the transmitter occurs at the same frequency as any spurious radiation of the receiver or in the channels immediately adjacent to the fundamental response of the receiver.

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For highway service, the receiving antenna will discriminate somewhat against the transmitter frequency since it will be adjusted in length to be more receptive at the receiver frequency. In the urban service, however, frequency separation relative to the operating frequency is so small for the two directions of transmission that the same antenna dimensions are used at the receiving site as at the transmitting site.

Another problem is to keep the radiation of spurious cross-modulation within tolerable limits during simultaneous operation of two transmitters operating into nearby antennas.

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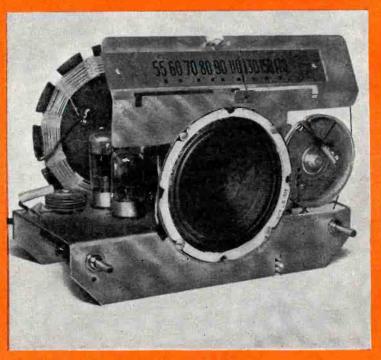
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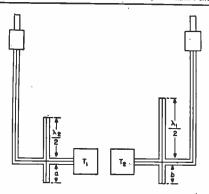
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Fig. 2. Stub arrangement for reducing interference between transmitting antennas operating in nearby and adjacent areas. Courtesy of Bell Telephone Labs.. Inc.



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Phase Modulation Exciter (Continued from page 69)

modulation is relatively small so that

it is necessary to multiply the fre-

quency in order to obtain sufficient deviation for satisfactory narrow band communication. By using an 80 meter crystal and multiplying the frequency eight times, a deviation of 2 to 3 kc. can be produced in the 10 meter band.

Construction

Most of the necessary construction details can be seen in the photographs.

The exciter unit is built on a standard $5\frac{1}{2}$ "x9"x3" chassis which can be obtained at any regular parts distributor.

The midget variable condensers are mounted directly to the chassis. There is no d.c. on the rotor which makes the mounting of these parts easy. In the r.f. section ceramic sockets and mica bypasses are employed.

In wiring, all grounds are made direct to the chassis and tie lugs are used freely for the mounting of resistors and condensers.

Operation

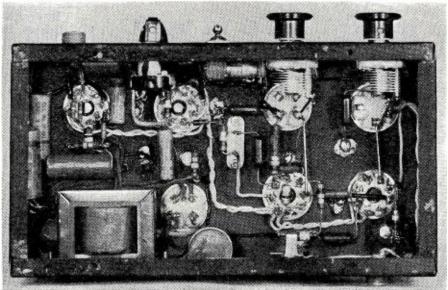
Tuning of the exciter is conventional and the procedure is as follows: With a 0-1 milliammeter plugged into jack, J_{1} , at the rear of the chassis, C_{\bullet} of the phase modulator tank circuit is tuned for maximum grid current reading. The meter should read from .1 ma. to .5 ma. depending on the activity of the crystal.

The tank circuit of the doubler stage is tuned to resonance with the help of a neon bulb. The output of the doubler stage is link-coupled through a microphone cable or twisted pair to a tuned circuit which plugs into the crystal stage of the transmitter that the exciter is feeding.

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Under chassis view of narrow-band phase modulation exciter unit.





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FM Tuner Conversion (Continued from page 53)

Now, remove the wire connection from the oscillator tuning capacitor, (see photo Fig. 6 inset). A 40 $\mu\mu$ fd. ceramicon is connected in series with. this capacitor and the wire just removed.

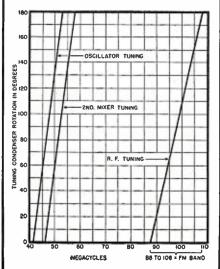
Wire in the oscillator coil connections as in the original set. (See Fig. 7) The grid (1st converter) coil is connected to the 1st 6AB7 grid as was the original coil. The bottom end is grounded. The antenna primary is connected through the twisted insulated leads to the antenna posts. There is no center tap on the antenna primary. A 25 $\mu\mu$ fd. capacitor is inserted in series with the first 6AB7 grid tuning capacitor (see photo Fig. 6 inset) as was done in the capacitor for the 7A4 oscillator tuning.

The next step is to remove turns from the existing second converter grid coil (L_2) until there are four turns left. With these turns spaced about 3/16'' apart leave enough slack on the end of the coil to provide for some trimming as described later.

To align the set, another receiver which has previously been calibrated was used by the author. All the necessary adjustments were made on a cut and try basis until the individual variable sections of the tuning capacitor followed the tracking requirements mentioned earlier. If a wavemeter of the absorption type is available, the oscillator tracking can be checked as described previously for the Meissner unit. If a v.t.v.m. and signal generator are available, alignment can proceed by feeding signals for the i.f. frequency 46.15-56.15 mc. into the antenna with the oscillator inoperative (remove 7A4 tube).

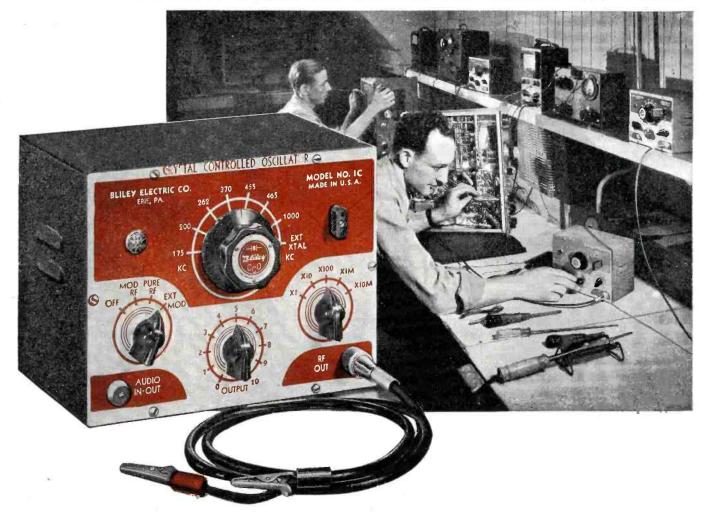
With the v.t.v.m. measure the voltage appearing across the plate of the second mixer (6AB7) tube as the tuning capacitor tunes in the generator

Fig. 8. The ideal tracking conditions for the three tuned circuits for the JFM-90.





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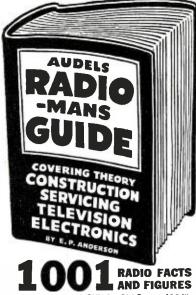
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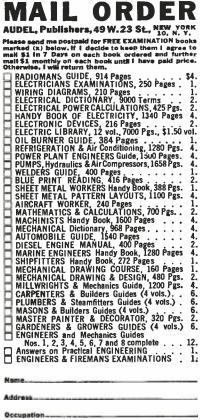
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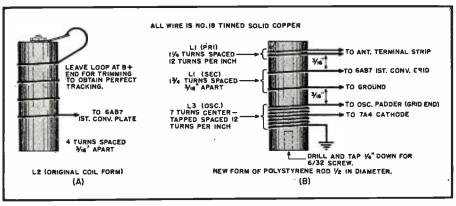
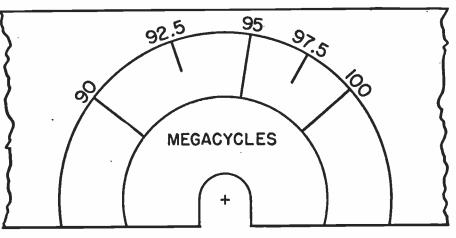


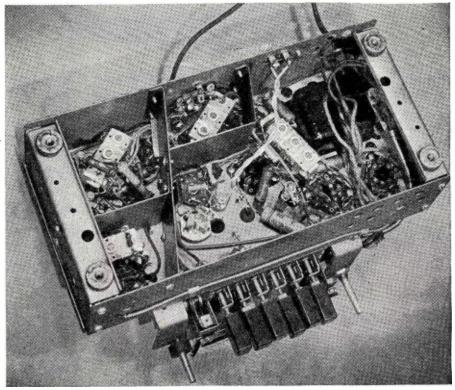
Fig. 9. Mechanical details of coil assembly for the General Electric JFM-90 tuner.



Full scale drawing of recalibrated dial scale for GE tuner.

at several points. Adjustment may be made by trimming the loop which had been left on coil L_2 . If the desired frequency is tuned in, the v.t.v.m. will peak. Next with the oscillator operating adjust the oscillator padder until 4.3 mc. is obtained at the three arbitrarily chosen points on the dial as tuning progresses through the range. (See tracking chart Fig. 8) The next

Under chassis view of the converted JFM-90 tuner.



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step is to feed the 88-108 mc. signals into the set and adjust the trimmer on the r.f. tuning section until the tracking follows successfully. It will be a case of adjust and try, using a little patience in changing the adjustments and trimmers and a little lead dressing back and forth. -50-

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but unusually strong interfering image-frequency signals. This was the image-interference prevention method resorted to in most of our early AM broadcast band receivers-especially those which employed low i.f.'s in the neighborhood of 175 kc., 264 kc., etc., since such low i.f's resulted in increased image interference troubles. Such tuned r.f. stages are comparatively costly and bulky, for each requires the use of a tuning coil, a variable capacitor section on the signal-tuning capacitor gang, an amplifier tube and socket, associated resistors and bypass capacitors, etc. Consequently, present-day preselectors for AM broadcast band receivers usually consist of a single tuned r.f. stage only.

Choosing I.F. for Prevention of Image Interference

When the receiver designer is unable, because of high signal frequencies to be received, cost, physical size of receiver, or other such limitations, to provide adequate image suppression circuits ahead of the frequency converter by the use of r.f. preselection, it is often possible for him to eliminate the possibility of image interference by properly choosing the i.f. to be employed in the receiverunless this dictates the use of an i.f. that is undesirable from other viewpoints such as inability to secure sufficient gain per i.f. stage within the allowable limits of cost, stability of the i.f. amplifier, physical size of the receiver, etc. Even if an r.f. preselector is employed in the receiver, proper choice of the i.f. used will help by decreasing the possibility of image ininterference.

Study of Fig. 2A and Table 1 will show that the i.f. value chosen for use in a receiver has a direct and important bearing on the frequency that a signal must have in order to qualify as an image-frequency signal and thus be able to cause interference, when a desired signal of a particular frequency is being received. Referring specifically to the image-frequency interference example illustrated in Fig. 2A it is evident that if the receiver considered there employed an i.f. value appreciably higher or lower than 455 kc., the 1480 kc. signal labeled as "interfering signal" would no longer qualify as an image-frequency signal for the 570 kc. desired signal. For example, suppose that instead of using an i.f. of 455 kc. in this



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receiver its i.f. amplifier was designed to employ an i.f. of 480 kc. The new conditions are illustrated in Fig. 4A. For a desired-signal having a frequency of 570 kc. the oscillator frequency is now 570 + 480 = 1050 kc. With the oscillator operating at 1050 kc., after passing through the frequency converter the 1480 kc. signal would appear as a signal having a carrier frequency of 1480-1050 = 430kc. Notice that this frequency is 50 kc. removed from the 480 kc. i.f. employed in the receiver, consequently the 1480 kc. incoming signal no longer qualifies as an image-frequency of the 570 kc. desired signal. Since the selective grid and plate circuits of the i.f. amplifier would now be fixed-tuned to the 480 kc. i.f., they would attenuate this 430 kc. signal (which is 480 - 430 = 50 kc. off resonance) sufficiently so that it would not reach the detector or demodulator tube. This action is illustrated pictorially in Fig. 4B. Observe that we are now depending solely upon the proper choice of i.f. and the selectivity of the tuned circuits in the i.f. amplifier to attenuate the undesired signal.

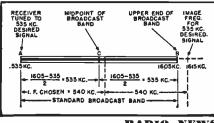
Radio servicemen often bring about this condition in order to eliminate image-frequency interference that is being caused in an existing receiver by a particular undesired signal. They readjust the i.f. and oscillator tuning circuits so that a slightly different i.f. is employed in the receiver. Consequently the undesired signal no longer qualifies as an image-frequency signal and therefore does not get through the i.f. amplifier. This shifting of the i.f. results in the action illustrated in Figs. 4A and 4B.

Shifting the Image Frequency Outside of Transmitting Band

A study of the foregoing discussion and of Fig. 5 will make clear the fact that if we choose an intermediate frequency value greater (even if only slightly) than half the width of the frequency band in which signals of interfering transmitters are likely to occur, image interference from signals of transmitters within that band is no longer possible. This is so because all possible image frequencies now fall outside of that signal-frequency band. This is a direct consequence of the "twice i.f." relationship between "desired" and corresponding "image-frequency" signals.

To illustrate, let us see how this ap-

Fig. 5. Diagram illustrates how the image frequency for any signal tuned in over tuning range of receiver may be thrown outside of the broadcast band by proper selection of the i.f. frequency.



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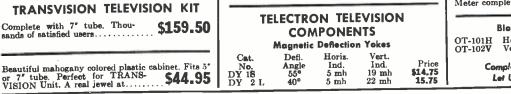
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plies to the case of a receiver designed for reception of signals over the AM broadcast band (535 to 1605 kc.). This band is illustrated between points A and B of Fig. 5. Let us assume that in a certain locality there is danger of image-frequency interference from other AM broadcast stations assigned to frequencies within this band. Half the width of this frequency band is equal to (1605-535)/2 = 535 kc. (point C in Fig. 5 indicates the center of the band). Consequently, if an i.f. higher than this (say 540 kc.) is employed in the receiver, the "image" frequency corresponding to a signal from the lowest-frequency (535 kc.) station in the band will be $535 + (2 \times 540) = 1615$ kc. Since this frequency lies outside of the AM broadcast band, there can be no AM broadcasting station operating on it-hence there is no possibility of image-frequency interference occurring from such a station. The same will be true for any other desired signal of higher frequency tuned in over the AM broadcast band, for its image frequency will lie farther and farther outside of this band. (Of course, this ignores the possibility of image-frequency interference occurring from other types of transmitters of suitable frequency lying outside this band, such as those in the 1700 kc. police band, 2000 kc. amateur band, etc.). Furthermore, the higher the intermediate frequency is made, the further outside the regular broadcasting band will the possible image frequencies be located.

RMA Recommended Standard I.F. for AM Broadcast Band Receivers

It would appear from the foregoing discussion that the problem of imagefrequency interference could be easily solved in any receiver design simply by chosing an i.f. high enough so that the frequencies of all possible receivable signals that could qualify as image-frequency signals and thereby cause such interference would lie outside the regular transmitting bands so there would be no transmitters operating on them. Unfortunately, the choice is not a wide-open one for other conflicting considerations in the receiver design may make it impracticable to choose just such an i.f. Some of the more important of these include:

1. The problem of adjacent-channel selectivity. We found that the higher the i.f. employed in the receiver (in order to reduce the possibility of image-frequency interference), the lower will be the adjacent-channel selectivity existing for separation of the wanted signal and any of the possible interfering adjacent-channel signals.

2. The possible danger that other spurious responses, such as harmonic of i.f. direct i.f. response, etc., may occur if too high an i.f. value is employed.

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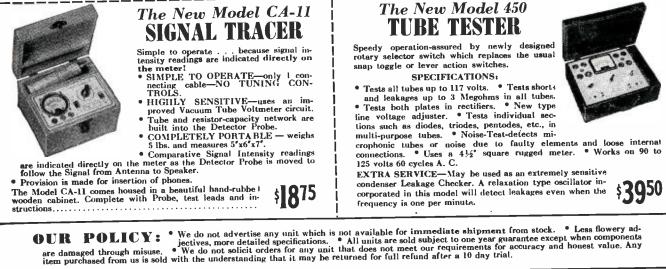
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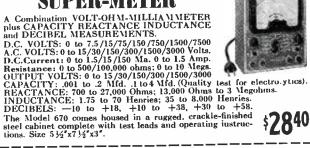
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Because the many conflicting factors mentioned above make the selection of the i.f. to be used in a receiver under design a more or less arbitrary matter dependent somewhat on the individual preferences of the designer himself, many different i.f. values have been employed in AM broadcast band receivers. Mainly because with the then-existing amplifier tubes and i.f. coupling transformers high-gain could be realized only in i.f. amplifiers employing comparatively low values of i.f., early superheterodynes designed for the AM broadcast band employed comparatively low values of intermediate frequencies, such as 30, 50, 110, 175 and 260 kc. Since there is ample possibility for image interference to occur when such low i.f.'s are used, rather elaborate preselector systems had to be employed to suppress strong and numerous interfering image signals before they could reach the frequency converter (see Fig. 3). Later, (especially with the introduction and popularization of all-wave receivers,) the trend shifted to higher i.f's in the neighborhood of 450 kc. and frequencies of 450, 455, 456, 465, 470, etc., became very popular, although 260 kc. still continued to be employed in many auto-radio receivers. It was found that it is possible to use a high intermediate frequency so as to avoid image interference and still retain sufficient adjacent-channel selectivity by employing highly efficient i. f. amplifiers and, at the same time highly effective tuning circuits in the r.f. system. Moreover, by using high-gain r.f. pentode tubes and i.f. coupling transformers of advanced design in the i. f. amplifier, sufficient gain can be obtained.

Finally the RMA made an extensive study of the subject in an attempt to standardize the i.f. value to employ in receivers designed for the AM standard broadcast band. As a result of this work a standard i.f. value of 455 kc. is recommended and has now been adopted by most manufacturers of these particular receivers.

Observe that when the 455 kc. standard i.f. is employed, the image frequencies (except for a few channels at the upper end of the band) fall above the 535-1605 kc. AM standard broadcast band—on frequencies to which few existing services are assigned for the FCC has pretty well cleared this part of the spectrum to prevent interference. However, in some localities there is still the possibility of image interference from a few stations that happen to be assigned to frequencies at the upper end of the AM broadcast band (see Table 1) if the r.f. signal-tuning circuits of the receiver do not provide a sufficiently high image-rejection ratio to attenuate these signals adequately. Also, the 455 kc. i.f. lies within the 415-510 kc. band used for coastal, marine relay and ship communications, so direct-i.f. interference from them is possible in some localities. However, the use of a suitable wave trap in the antenna circuit, tuned to the intermediate frequency, is effective in minimizing interference from these latter sources. The large majority of AM broadcast band receivers manufactured within the past few years employ the standard 455 kc. i.f. -or some value close to it.

RMA Recommended Standard I.F. for FM and other V.H.F. Receivers

FM broadcasting is now assigned to the very high frequency (v.h.f.) band extending from 88 to 108 mc. Since the image-suppression improvement resulting from the use of each r.f. preselector stage is much less at high frequencies above the standard 535-1605 kc. AM broadcast band (because the selectivity of tuned r.f. circuits decreases as the frequency is increased), a high degree of r.f. preselection at these frequencies becomes rather difficult and expensive to attain. Therefore, most receivers designed for use on the higher-frequency signal bands

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The following corrections should be made in the circuit diagram. R_{13} should be a 10 watt, wire-wound resistor instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ watt. There should be a .1 μ fd. condenser between R_3 and R_4 (6SJ7 grid and 884 plate). It is desirable to include a .1 μ fd. condenser between the horizontal input and R_3 . The line switch, S_4 , may be more conveniently incorporated as a part of either R_1 or R_3 and, finally, R_{11} should be 2 watts in place of a 1 watt resistor.

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Receivers for service above 20 mc. should employ higher intermediate frequencies than do those for use on the 535-1605 kc. AM broadcast band, not only for adequate image suppression but also for ease of tuning and alignment. Attempting to tune in signals of this order when a 455 kc. i.f. is employed becomes extremely difficult, even with high-ratio vernier dials and very stable oscillators. Under such conditions, the percentage difference between the signal and oscillator frequencies becomes very small, and even normally stable oscillators have a tendency to "lock in" and to be other-wise influenced by the signal circuit during the tuning process. Even small amounts of coupling between the oscillator and signal circuits (through space-charge coupling within the tube, or from other causes) will sometimes cause appreciable amounts of current at oscillator frequency to flow in the latter and introduce harmful effects. Use of a high i.f. will tend to prevent these difficulties.

With the increasing popularity of FM which results in more and more transmitters in close proximity laying down strong local fields, the use of high values of intermediate frequency in FM receivers has become mandatory in order to reduce the spurious responses even though these higher values of i.f. make the realization of satisfactory gain and stability more difficult and expensive to attain. Hence design engineers have been forced to compromise on values of i.f. which result in acceptable gain and stability with the minimum of spurious responses. This compromise has been aided considerably by the development of better components for the amplifiers.

A few years ago when the assigned standard FM broadcast band extended from only 42 mc. to 45 mc., an i.f. of 2.1 mc. was used in some of the early FM receivers. Later, an i.f. of 3.2 or 3.3 mc. was employed. The FM band was later extended to cover from 42 to 50 mc. To eliininate image response due to FM stations in this band an i.f. greater than 4 mc. had to be used. A value of 4.3 mc. was chosen and became standard. This was satisfactory because, since the oscillator frequency in these receivers was made lower⁵ than the signal frequency, and the i.f. had to be made more than one-half of the total band, using an i.f. of 4.3 mc. made the first image

⁶ This is contrary to the practice commonly employed in AM broadcast band receivers because it is desirable to reduce the frequencies at which the oscillator must operate.





response occur at 33.4 mc. $(4.3 \times 2 = 8.6 \text{ mc.} \text{ below the signal frequency})$ which was out of (below) the prescribed FM broadcast band of 42-50 mc.

The introduction of the 6SH7 high frequency pentode amplifier tube provided considerable improvement in over-all stability since its plate-togrid capacitance is very low and separate cathode prongs are provided for the grid and plate return circuits, thus reducing the coupling between these two circuits to a minimum. It aided in improving these 4.3 mc. i.f. amplifiers.

The postwar expansion of the standard FM band to 88-108 mc. has made necessary another upward revision in the i.f. employed in FM receivers. The RMA recommended i.f. value is now 10.7 mc. This frequency has been chosen so that no image-frequency interference from other FM broadcasting stations in the FM band occurs in these receivers. Here again, the same reasoning has been applied for the selection of the standard i.f. to be employed. One-half of the total FM band is (108-88)/2 = 10 mc. Therefore in order to throw the first image response outside of this prescribed band, the i.f. had to be made something more than this 10 mc. value. The RMA has settled on a value of 10.7 mc. as the best all-round compromise for the i.f. value to be used in postwar 88-108 mc. FM broadcast and other v.h.f. receivers. (The former prewar 4.3 mc. standard i.f. is now obsolete.)

RMA Recommended Standard I.F. for Television Broadcast Receivers

Three v.h.f. bands, 44-50 mc., 54-72 mc., and 76-88 mc., have been assigned for television broadcasting. Since the total band covers 88 - 44 = 44 mc., this requires an i.f. in excess of 44/2 = 22 mc. in order to eliminate the possibility of image-frequency interference from other television broadcasting stations. Television receivers employ two separate i.f. amplifier channels, one for the sound channel and one for the picture (video) channel. The following standard i.f. values have now been recommended by the RMA for use in these receivers:

1. The sound-channel i.f. shall be located in the region 21.25 to 21.9 mc. and oscillator frequency shall be *higher* than the incoming signal frequency.

2. The video channel i.f. shall be 26.4 mc. (pre-1941 television receivers generally used a sound channel i.f. of 8.25 mc. and video i.f. of 12.75 mc.).

The Final Choice of 1.F.

From what has been 'presented' in this discussion it is apparent that choice of the intermediate frequency to be employed in a superheterodyne will depend, in the final analysis, upon the signal frequency band over which the receiver is to operate and the class



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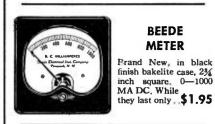
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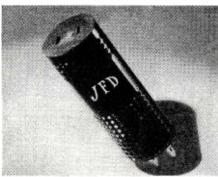
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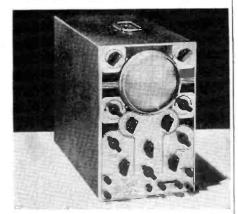
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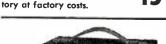
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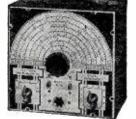
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SERVICE CONVENTIONS?

Federation of Radio Servicemen's Associations of Pennsylvania held in Harrisburg, the feasibility of holding a State Convention of Radio Servicemen was discussed. I do not believe such a gathering, sponsored by servicemen themselves, has ever been held. We are interested in getting the reaction of individuals and groups to such a suggestion.

"Accordingly, we would appreciate it if you would publish this letter, along with any comments you would care to make. We will welcome any suggestions or ideas from individual servicemen or groups. Please address correspondence to the writer."

A. R. Guild, Secretary Radio Servicemen's Association of Pa.

410 Campbell Street Williamsport 11, Pa.

This would be a good idea if it can be worked out. At least it would give you fellows a chance to thrash out your problems. * *

SERVICING AUTO RADIOS

COUR RADIO NEWS is one of my sources for radio information and I would be very pleased if you would give us an early article on auto radio servicing and installation.

"There is no doubt that the radio serviceman in the near future will have to specialize in a certain type of repair service.

"There is no branch of radio that is expanding like auto radio and there are very few technical articles on this subject.

'An article on how to build a vibrator tester using commercial parts that are readily obtainable would be very helpful."

> Preston L. Williams South Norfolk, Va.

A construction article on the vibrator tester has already been planned and will be run as soon as we can get the material completed. * *

SUGGESTIONS

VOU have a swell magazine. However, I believe you should have some articles on television, facsimile and pulse time modulation. A number of your readers are operators and someday they will have use for such information.

"Another item of interest would be a discussion of what makes a good radio trade school. This would be of great value to veterans who are planning to attend a radio school. I have come in contact with some good schools and some not so good.

"I wish to speak in support of a television operator's license, to be issued by the FCC. Television involves principles not encountered in radiotelephony, namely optics and anyone who has a radiotelephone first class license is not necessarily qualified to be a video or FM engineer. Instead of easing the license requirements they should be stiffened to keep pace with the advancement of the art."

Alban Hatzell, WØFIV/6

Hollywood, California RADIO NEWS is planning to run more and more articles on television, facsimile and pulse time modulation. Watch for them.

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LOOK WHAT MR. DARR STARTED question of standardizing methods and procedures on the design of new radio receivers. He has done this so well that I can add little or nothing to his list of suggestions. I think he has something there.

"I believe that it would be well for each receiver manufacturing company executive to read Darr's letter and be inspired."

Walter Demski

Walter's Auto and Radio Supply McKeesport, Pa.

CACK DARR'S revealing letter concerning the poor construction of commercial receivers encouraged me to write this letter. Every time I think about repairing radios, I dream a nightmare of rotten rubber hook-up wire, rat's nest wiring, slipping dial cables, and row after row of unmarked trimmers.

"Here are a few suggestions: don't use rubber hook-up wire of poor quality because a serviceman can't make anything on the time spent in rewiring sets in which the wiring has decomposed; avoid the use of rubber mountings on tuning condensers, dials, etc. The rubber dries out and then the tuning mechanism is a loose-jointed mess; mark or color-code the values of the resistors and condensers so that replacement will be simpler. It seems as if the only condensers that go bad are the unmarked ones; eliminate push-button tuning on sets as the contacts get dirty, the coils drift with age, and the temperature coefficient is such that it drifts away from the station as the set warms up.

"Mount electrolytic condensers as far away from the hot tubes as possible. They will last three or four times as long; don't use OZ4 tubes for rectifiers in auto radios, they seldom last any length of time; calibrate dials accurately enough so that one will know



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he has the correct station; incorporate two- or three-position selectivity control on the better sets; incorporate a t.r.f. stage on the better sets; if a set has an r.f. stage, provide sufficient trimmers and permeability tuned coils so that it may be tracked with the mixer and dial; and finally use a simple but good quality coaxial speaker system in larger radios.

"I could rave on and on-but I suppose what I haven't said will be just as effective in correcting conditions as what I have said."

William W. Schriever Norman, Oklahoma * * *

HREE cheers for Mr. Darr and his letter. If any of these socalled engineers had to disassemble their product, where the speaker, loop aerial, phono motor, pickup, extension controls and chassis were all wired together without the use of plugs, or other convenient methods of disconnecting the units, perhaps they'd make some drastic changes. And why not some more substantial method of putting on tube locations than paper charts which become torn, lost or obliterated. Equally as bad are inaccessible chassis screws in portable radios which have to be painstakingly removed with an offset screwdriver by half turns, since wooden battery dividers keep you from making a complete revolution."

C. H. Hartwell Armstrong Radio & Appliance Store Chicago, Illinois

AM a newcomer to the radio service field so I have held my peace regarding many things I thought were wrong with the design of radios but I do agree 100% with Mr. Jack Darr. My particular gripes concern the lack of accurate dial calibration marks at the limit of pointer travel and at the 1400 kc. and 600 kc. in many sets and the lack of trimmer and padder identification."

William F. Oliver Plymouth, Wisconsin

ET'S give three cheers for Jack Darr for expressing his opinion on the new sets coming out now. He voiced the opinion that many of us have been thinking.

"In comment, several of the prewar models had started using his suggesting practice of calibrating the rear of blind dials. I, for one, utter a long low curse when I have to replace a chassis in the cabinet to recheck the dial.

"Another headache is the tiny, ineffective Allen-head set screws in some of the new knobs. Have they run completely out of springs, what was wrong with the split shaft?

"Mr. Darr, without a doubt, is a conscientious worker and like him I never cease to wonder about this deal of the soldering on the new radios. What is the matter with present-day workers?



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"My radio experience has covered about the same number of years as Mr. Darr's and I have a shop that I am proud of and I am proud of my work. How about you manufacturers giving us a product to work on."

Charles C. Gohn **Radio Service Department Bogle Hardware** Shenandoah, Iowa * * *

RECTIFIER INSTALLATION

READ the article in the November issue of RADIO NEWS in regards to installing a selenium rectifier in a radio.

"Instead of going through all the work of pulling the set apart, I have a Zenith Portable, Model 7G605, I just took the base of an old tube and soldered the lugs to the plate and cathode terminals and plugged it in. It works perfectly. This was on a 117Z6GT.

"Why couldn't these rectifiers be put out this way?"

William P. Dowd Officers' Quarters State Farm, Mass.

Nothing is impossible . . . but this suggestion is not too practical as the manufacturers and parts jobbers would have to stock too many different items. It isn't too much trouble hooking up a socket to these rectifiers. -30-

International Short-Wave (Continued from page 70)

Smichov-the most distant quartertook a substantial part in the battle for Broadcasting House and the battle for the transmitter in Strasnice, a different part of Prague. . . . After the building had been hit by a heavy torpedo on Sunday night, which had exploded a few yards from the studio and buried many defenders of Broadcasting House, announcing was taken over by the technicians themselves directly under the transmitting masts in the suburb of Strasnice. In the meantime, workers of the Broadcasting Company, chiefly technical workers, had moved the necessary technical fittings into one of the churches of the Church of Czechoslovakia, with a park, which was about 1 km. from the main building and connected with it by a cable. Here they quickly improvised a new studio and the necessary offices. The announcements were made from the choir and until the revolution was over not a single outsider knew where the studio was. On Tuesday, during the bombardment and shelling of Prague (at the very same time when peace was being solemnly declared in London) the Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company was moving into the shelter of Hus House.

"On the first day after the liberation of Prague—May 9th—at 7 p. m. normal, though festive, transmissions were begun from the mother house in Prague XII, which although heavily damaged and half destroyed, had been May, 1947

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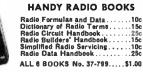


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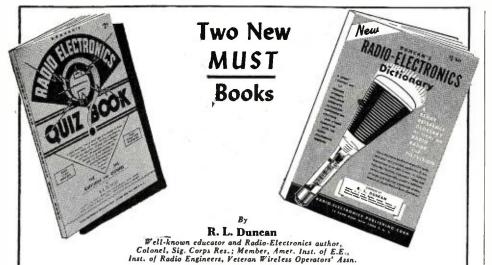
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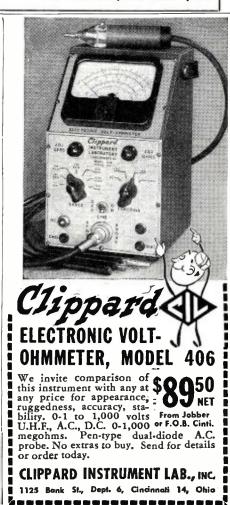
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defended until the arrival of the Red Army. The Commanding Officer of the Soviet Troops said that Prague was the only city which had not ceased to transmit throughout her revolution and which had managed to keep all her transmitting stations. This is in the first place due to the efforts of the devoted staff of the Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company, of their comrades from among the broadcasting staff of the Postal Service and hundreds of unknown fighters who came to help the Broadcasting Company. . . .

"Now the Czechoslovak Broadcasting Company is quickly reviving from the heavy wounds which were inflicted on it by the Nazi occupation, the Gestapo terror, and by this war which had in its last phases passed through Czechoslovak towns with transmitters and stations, and had ended in Prague, and from many other wounds which it bore bravely and returned with interest during the Slovak Rising and the Prague revolution.

"Among the questions which are put by friends and kind guests from Allied countries who are interested in the Prague revolution, there are always these: Was it the right moment? Or was the order given before? By which group? Who gave the order to the announcers to call? Was it the Czech National Council? ... And so on.

"We are sure that it was the entire Czech nation, who in the same moment in places distant from each other, organized and unorganized, simultaneously *felt* the fatal moment, and unasked, obedient to orders and without orders, armed and without arms, led and without leaders, threw itself against the Nazis, against the occupants! It was the most spontaneous rising of a people, historically related to the spirit of the Hussite revolution, because it originated from the very matter of the national spirit, from the roots of the ideals of liberty, of the national, state and political tradition of that period of humanity. in the midst of which beats the heart of Prague. After seven years once more uplifted heads, after seven years' humiliation, we can again fight for and defend our liberated homeland!"

Czech Schedules

The assertion that the Czech Radio is rapidly recovering is borne out by the expansion of its facilities, especially with regard to "foreign language" broadcasts.

Good to excellent signals are reported from various quarters of the United States during the daily North American beam (in *English*, Czech, and Slovak), 7-8* p.m., over OLR5A, 15.23; *English* news is read around 7:35 p.m. In addition, there are cultural reviews, economic talks, Trade Union Bulletins, on various days, and always beautiful music; while the major portion of the program usually originates in Prague, ofttimes relays

*Unless otherwise stated, all time herein is expressed in American Eastern Standard Time-EST-5 hours BEHIND GMT. are taken from Bratislava and elsewhere. Reception reports are desired and verifications are being sent out promptly. Address, The Czechoslovak Broadcasting Corporation, Prague (Praha), Czechoslovakia.

Additional English periods are scheduled daily at 1:45-2 p.m. from OLR3A, 9.55; at 3:45 and 5:45 p.m. from OLR2A, 6.010. (These are usually heard fair to good in the United States.)

The Czech Radio also broadcasts to Austria in German between 2:30-2:45 p.m.; in French, 3-3:15 p.m. and 5:15-5:30 p.m.; in Spanish, 3:30-3:45 and 5:30-5:45 p.m.; to Scandinavia (Swedish, Norwegian, Danish), 4:15-4:30 p.m.; and to Switzerland (French, German, Italian), 4:30-5 p.m.; all these transmissions are from OLR2A, 6.010.

Czechoslovakia lies in the very heart of Europe, and like Switzerland, Austria, and Hungary, is a landlocked country without direct access to the sea. It is bounded on the north by Germany and Poland; on the south by Austria, Hungary, and Rumania; on the west by Germany; and on the east by Poland and Rumania. It lies athwart Europe from west to east, its extreme length being 600 miles and its width varying from 50 to 100 miles. Prague (Praha) is its capital.

The subterranean caverns of Czechoslovakia are among the curiosities of Europe. In the Moravian Kras not far from Brno there stretches an extensive system of caverns, lakes and abysses, all underground. Among the famous sights of Central Europe are the magnificent ice caves in Dobsina in a district known as the "Slovak Paradise." Czechoslovak spas and mineral springs are among the foremost in Europe.

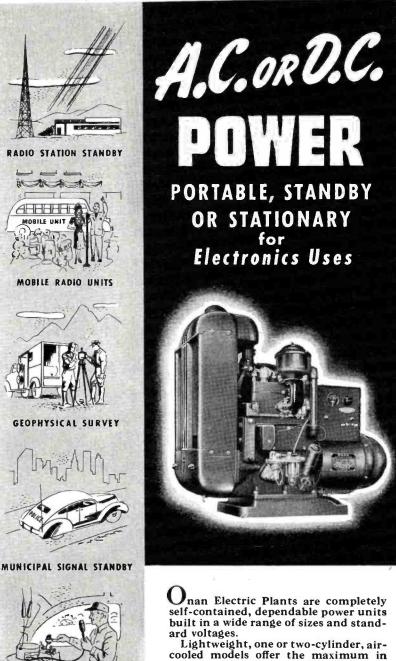
Prague has a wealth of medieval architecture equalled by few other cities on the Continent. It is believed that more than 3500 years back there was a settlement within the territory which is now occupied by present-day Prague, on the site of the castle of Vysehrad.

Czechoslovakia possesses one of the richest territories in Europe-both in natural resources and industrial development.

About 75 per-cent of the population is Roman Catholic, the rest Protestant. Institutions of higher learning are the Czech University in Prague (founded in 1348); the Universities of Brno and of Bratislava; and the German University in Prague.

The Czechoslovak Republic was recreated as the result of World War I. The reestablishment of independence marked the culmination of the struggle of the Czechs and Slovaks for freedom, a struggle the beginning of which went to the Middle Ages, when the ancient independent kingdom of Bohemia was absorbed within the Hapsburg Monarchy.

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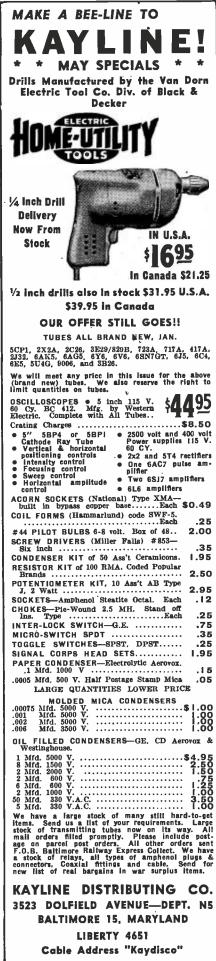
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of the plan, output is already rising. Czechoslovak young people willingly assist the peasants. All sections of the nation irrespective of party allegiance are joining in the work for a

better future of the Republic and her people. This concerted effort is a guarantee that the plan, whose material factors have been carefully weighed, will really be fulfilled.' *

and another election held.

Work," Jan Roubal explains:

Re Sunspots

"Don't worry too much about sunspots," is the advice of the wellknown New York DXer, Roger Legge.

"Actually, they are of benefit to DXing," Mr. Legge tells me. "It is during years of high sunspot activity -such as at present-that high-frequency reception is the best. During winter evenings several years ago, when there was very low sunspot activity (bottom of the sunspot cycle), all Europeans of 6 megacycles and above were sometimes inaudible, due to the very low maximum usable frequencies, and the BBC on 2.880 would then be the only European audible; now we are getting good evening reception from Europe on all bands up to 15 megacycles.

"During the few days each month when there is an ionospheric storm, reception is of course poor, but we DXers should be willing to put up with some bad days occasionally in return for improved reception the remainder of the time. (Also DXers



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should take a few days off once in a while!) Naturally, these ionospheric storms *are* serious to the communications companies, since they *do* disrupt their circuits."

* * * Beira Data

We are indebted to Mervyn P. Laubscher, South Africa, for this late information received by him direct from CR7IB, Beira:

"Our station, CR7IB, consists of a HT4 Hallicrafters transmitter, with about .3 kw. power, working on a frequency of 7.255 megacycles. (*Note:* This is definitely a mistake and *should* be 7:155 megacycles—M.P.L.) Station CR7IC consists of a Utah transmitter of UAT-1 type, the power of which is approximately .1 kw., operating on a frequency of 3.498 megacycles.

"These stations, which are the sole property of the Aero Clube da Beira, broadcast in conjunction the same program at the following hours— Daily, except Sunday, 4:45-5:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.; Sundays, 4-7 a.m. News in Portuguese is read at 5:05 a.m. and 1:05 p.m.

"Our programs consist mainly of recorded music. Owing to the war, we were able to obtain necessary materials for the construction of only studios, one of which is already in use, and the other is now being given the final touches. We hope to be able soon to improve our programs, with variety shows, radio sketches, etc.

"A small number of amateurs enthusiastically maintain the stations in good working condition, hoping to see them grow up more and more as conditions permit."

The letter was signed "For Presidente da Comissao Administrativa das Emissoras do Aero Clube da Beira." (Continued on page 154)

Bob Ham, manager of the music center at the Downtown Broadway store, Los Angeles, demonstrates the new General Electric television receiver to Mrs. Fay McCarthy, a Los Angeles housewife. Los Angeles recently celebrated Television Week during which time thousands of persons visited the exhibits of television receivers. Two-thirds of the receivers on display were table models while the balance were consoles. Public reaction to the special television programs broadcast during the show was reported to be good.



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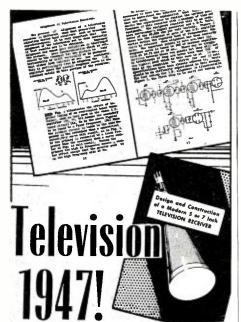
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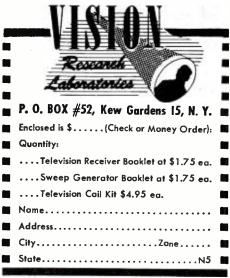
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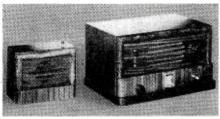
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NEW RECEIVERS for Summer Market

COMBINATION RADIO-INTERCOM

Electronic Laboratories, Inc. is introducing a new radio-intercom which has been designed for the modern executive who wants both radio and intercom service without the use of multiple units.

The model is housed in a dark mahogany veneer cabinet which holds both master and slave units. The



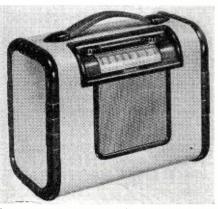
radio-master unit blends with office furnishings and is fully finished on all sides to permit its use without regard to location.

Known as the Radio-Utiliphone, this unit will cover the standard broadcast band from 540 to 1520 kc. and measures $12 \times 9 \times 7$ inches. The slave unit measures about $7 \ge 4 \ge 5$ inches. As many as four slave units may be used with the master instrument.

Intercom controls are located on the top half of the front panel with the talk and listen switch on the left and slave station selector on the right. The radio switch and volume control is at the bottom left and the radio station selector at the bottom right of the front panel.

Operational details on this unit will be furnished by Electronic Laboratories, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana.

SONORA PORTABLE The Model WDU-233, housed in a buff-colored luggage-type case with blending metal grille and contrasting brown plastic trim, has been added to



Sonora Radio & Television Corpora-

This three-way portable receiver tunes the full 535-1620 kc. broadcast band and features a built-in loop which eliminates the necessity for an aerial or ground wire.

The Model WDU-233 carries a tube complement consisting of a 1R5, 1U4, 1S5 and 3V4 plus a selenium rectifier. The unit is 12" wide, 9" high and 6" deep and weighs 7¼ pounds, less batteries.

Sonora Radio & Television Corporation, 325 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, will supply further details upon request.

PHILCO TABLE MODEL

A new addition to the Philco lowpriced table model receiver line has been introduced as the Model 204.

This postwar superheterodyne incorporates five tubes, including rectifier, a beam power pentode audio system, and an electrodynamic speaker for improved tonal quality on standard broadcasts.

The cabinet is all plastic and features a leather-grained pattern in



wood plastic with contrasting ivory plastic bezel, ivory knobs with bronze inserts, and a base finished in ivory.

Full details and price on the Model 204 will be furnished upon request by Philco Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa.

ECHOPHONE CONSOLE

A new feature has been incorporated in the recently introduced console model home receivers by Echophone. These consoles feature a.f.c. on FM. This new development makes feasible push-button tuning on FM stations with electronic correction of any error in mechanical setting of the push buttons.

The EC-403, one of the new units, is a fifteen tube console with separate push button and manual tuning on the broadcast and manual tuning on the short-wave bands. The frequency range is 540 kc. to 18 mc. on AM. A special feature of the receiver is two spread bands, one operating from 9 to

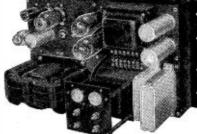
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12 mc. and the other from 15 to 18 mc. FM broadcast coverage from 88-110 mc. is provided. An automatic record changer and ample record storage space is also included.

This receiver is housed in a Gothic



Chippendale cabinet and contains a single 15" speaker with Alnico V permanent magnets.

The Hallicrafters Company, 4401 West Fifth Avenue, Chicago 24, Illinois, is manufacturing this console and will supply additional data upon request.

PERIOD CONSOLE

In keeping with the West Coast trend toward casual living, the Magnavox Company has brought out a new model console radio which is housed in a French Provincial cabinet.

Authentic styling, featuring panelled doors and antique brass exterior fittings, make this radio-phono-



graph suitable for early American or ranch-house decorative schemes.

Distribution has been confined to the West Coast, but *Magnavox Company*, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will supply additional data upon request.

THE "COMMUTER"

A new 6-tube portable receiver which will operate on a.c.-d.c. or batteries has been added to the *National Union Radio Corporation* line of home radios.

Housed in a simulated leather-covered case with the genuine leather carrying handle, the "Commuter" incorporates low drain *National Union* tubes for added battery life. Full broadcast band coverage is provided with tuning by means of a slide rule



BALTIMORE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE 1425 Eutaw Place-Dept. R, Baltimore 17, Maryland RADIO NEWS dial scale. All controls are recessed to minimize damage to the receiver. The "Commuter" Model G-613



weighs 8 pounds, 8 ounces without batteries.

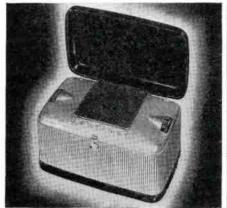
National Union Radio Corporation of Newark, New Jersey, will supply additional details on this receiver upon request.

A MIDGET MIDGET

Sentinel Radio Corporation has recently announced production on their "Treasure Chest" model, a tiny midget receiver measuring 4" high, 4" deep and 8" wide.

This model has five tubes and operates on either a.c., d.c., or batteries. It is available in two-tone plastic cabinets in a variety of colors.

The radio has been so designed that the listener may hear a program even when the cover is down by holding the



radio to his ear. This feature makes the set particularly suitable for travel, at ball games, office desks and at home.

Sentinel Radio Corporation of Evanston, Illinois, will supply additional information upon request.

FM-AM COMBINATION

Production has begun on two new FM-AM phonograph-radio combinations which will be known as the *Farnsworth* Models GK-102 and GK-141.

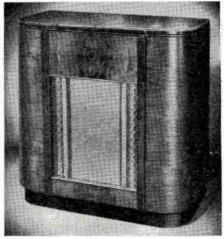
The Model GK-102 is housed in a modern cabinet which comes in either walnut or blonde "Golden Harvest" finish. The automatic phonograph which will handle twelve 10" or ten 12" records has an automatic play control which stops the mechanism after the last record in a stack has been played. The circuit uses nine tubes and a rectifier and has drift-May, 1947





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corrected, push-button electric tuning, a.v.c., a shielded rotatable built-in antenna for AM reception and a builtin dipole antenna for FM reception, bandspread tuning, push-pull ampli-



fication, and a 12 inch reverberationinsulated PM Alnico speaker.

The companion model to this receiver is the GK-141 which is housed in a mahogany cabinet of traditional Sheraton styling. This 13 tube, (plus rectifier) set has short-wave as well as FM and AM bands, eight pushbuttons to tune FM and AM stations, and travelite slide-rule dial.

Further information on either or both of these instruments can be obtained from *Farnsworth Television & Radio Corporation*, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

NEW PORTABLE

Garod Radio Corporation of Brooklyn has entered the low-priced luxury portable field with their new Silver Anniversary Model 5D3.

This radio has a built-in loop antenna hidden in the front-raising plastic cover. Designed especially to appeal to the younger set and the summer vacationer, the Model 5D3 is



available in bright pastels and twotone combinations.

The receiver weighs less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds with batteries and is designed to play anywhere on a.c., d.c., or batteries.

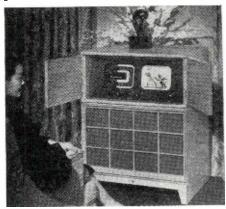
Additional information on this model portable will be furnished by Garod Radio Corporation, 70 Washington Street, Brooklyn 1, New York.

"VIDEORAMA" RECEIVERS

Stewart-Warner Corporation of Chicago has begun shipping the first of their new line of "Videorama" radio-television receivers to dealers.

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Available in custom-built cabinets of either modern bleached walnut or Georgian natural walnut, the set covers all 13 video bands and can be used anywhere in the United States within range of television broadcasting facilities. The set provides standard AM radio reception as well as television sound on FM. The set has a ten-inch, direct-view cathode tube, plus 21 other tubes and two rectifiers.



A 12" superdynamic speaker has been incorporated.

Illustrated is the Model T-711 "Videorama" in a bleached walnut cabinet. Stewart-Warner Corporation, 1828 W. Diversey, Chicago, Illinois, will furnish details on this television line upon request.

TABLE COMBINATION

Andrea Radio Corporation has a new table model automatic radiophonograph on the market which will cover both standard broadcast and the short-wave bands.

Known as the Model CO-UI15, this a.c. operated receiver is housed in a modern classic cabinet with walnut finish. The full vision illuminated dial



is set into the cabinet at an angle to permit easy tuning on both of the operating bands.

Phono jacks for television sound have been provided on the chassis to meet future requirements.

Andrea Radio Corporation, 27-01 Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City 1, New York, will provide more information on this deluxe table combination unit to those requesting it direct from the company.

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Amazing New STETHOSCOPE Finds ALL Radio Faults Double-Quick!

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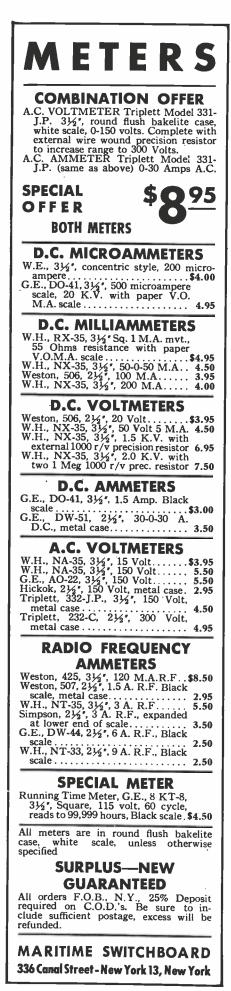
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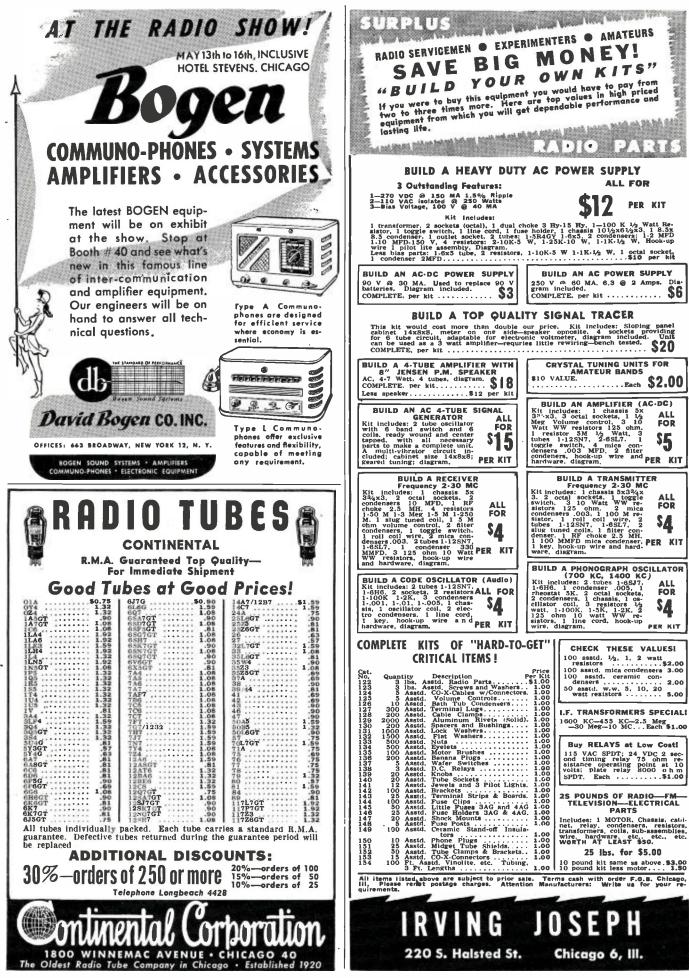


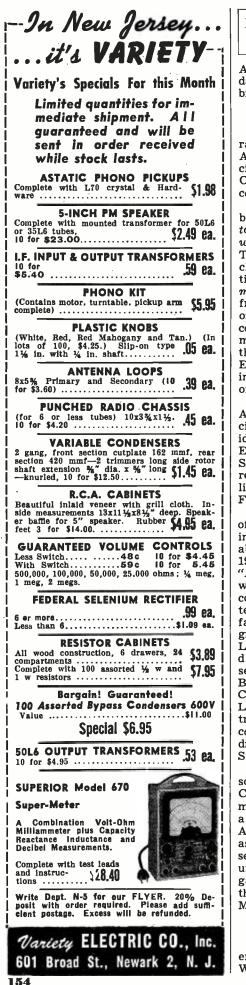


Test Your Sales Ability

One of a series of sales aptitude tests especially prepared for RADIO NEWS by Mr. George Speer, Director of Institute for Psychological Service, Illinois Institute of Technology.

- 1. Would you rather read about (a) slum clearance (b) prominent politicians (c) the way our language is changing
- 2. Do you haggle over prices with junkmen or tradesmen (a) often (b) sometimes (c) never
- 3. If a salesman calls on you at your home can you get rid of him without purchasing (a) easily (b) with some difficulty (c) considerable difficulty or not at all
- 4. Within the last five years have you been selected as a leader of a group (a) none (b) one but less than five (c) five or more
- 5. If you were seeking a new position would you (a) have a friend interview an employer for you (b) write a letter to an employer, applying for a job (c) interview an employer in person to apply for a job
- 6. Does it make you uncomfortable to have others regard you as different or unconventional? (a) yes (b) no (c) not sure
- 7. Do you suddenly change from pleasant to unpleasant moods (a) seldom (b) fairly often (c) frequently
- 8. If you were in a strange town and had some time to spend which would you be more likely to visit? (a) a factory making electric motors (b) a museum of science (c) an advertising agency
- If others around you are pessimistic or depressed, do you tend to be (a) pessimistic (b) optimistic (c) not affected
- 10. If income and all other conditions were equal, which would you prefer (a) to be in business with a partner (b) to be in business for yourself (c) to work for a superior whom you greatly respected
- If it were your job to explain a new invention to a large number of people, how would you prefer to do it? (a) write a description (b) talk to a group to explain it (c) give a demonstration of its operation
- 12. For your own personal use do you borrow (a) frequently (b) occasionally (c) practically never
- 13. Which do you prefer to read? (a) about business trends (b) social customs of foreign countries (c) reviews of recent plays
- 14. If you were dining out with a guest whom you were trying to impress, and the bill was more than you had expected it to be, would you verify the bill (a) surreptitiously (b) not at all (c) openly
- 15. In a disagreement with an older person whom you respect do you usually (a) maintain your views (b) seem to agree with him, but try to carry your point indirectly (c) agree with him verbally, and let it go at that
- 16. Would you like to be known as an authority on (a) contract bridge (b) agricultural problems (c) billboard advertising
- 17. At a social affair would you (a) prefer not to be a leader (b) accept leadership if the others wanted you to (c) enjoy being a leader
- 18. To ask and receive pay for debts means (a) remit (b) collect (c) exchange
- 19. Which do you like best (a) people who borrow things (b) thrifty people (c) emotional people
- 20. When people praise you, do you (a) feel that you are doing well enough (b) feel like doing even better (c) ignore it and remain unaffected (Answers on page 165)





International Short-Wave (Continued from page 145)

Address is, Emissoras do Aero Clube da Beira, P. O. Box 3, Beira, Mocambique (Portuguese East Africa).

Radio Club News

England—One of the most unique radio clubs in the world is the Anglo-American Radio and Television Society. In an airmail letter from Leslie Orton, founder of the organization, come these details:

"I founded this organization well before the war as my contribution towards promoting international goodwill, about which I feel strongly. There are no charges for joining the club. Members are under no obligation. Club news appears in Entertainment World which I personally send freely to all overseas members in order to keep them together. To become a member, one should write to me at my home address-15, Hawthorn Drive, Willowbank, Uxbridge, England. If members desire to be put in touch with members in other parts of the world, this will be done.

"I am founder and Hon. Secretary; Arthur Bird, of World Friendship Society of Radio Amateurs, is Vice-President; other officials include Miss Eileen Harris, in charge of Ladies' Section; C. F. Bachman, American representative; Rex C. Gillett, Australian representative; Leonard Wood, French representative; and so on.

Sweden-Hugo Nordqvist, secretary of the Radio Club of Sweden (SRK), informs me that the club now has about 400 members; club plans for 1947 include the printing of a bulletin, "DX-Radio," each month, contests with overseas radio clubs, a radio course to be given in Stockholm to teach members how to repair small faults and how to read wiring dia-grams. Present officers are Birger Lundstrom, president; Uno Forsten, deputy president; Hugo Nordqvist, secretary; Bo Svard, deputy secretary; Bertil Dahlstrom, cashier; Sven-Yngve Carlstedt, master-of-ceremonies; Sven Lindhe, Erik Fredriksson, Thore Bostrom, Sture Eriksson, members of the committee. The secretary may be addressed in care of Sveriges Radioklub, Stockholm 5, Sweden (Sverige).

United States—After an absence of some years, the World Wide Dial Club, Chicago, is again in operation, with meetings to be held once a month in a central location. Officers are Frank Anzalone, chairman; Joseph P. Michaski, vice-chairman; Gerard E. Jansen, secretary; and Joseph Seiler, treasurer. Anyone wishing information regarding the WWDC should contact the secretary, Mr. Jansen, at 2551 W. Monroe Street, Chicago.

This Month's Schedules

Alaska—The station reported several weeks ago on 8.860 as either WXFG or WXE is definitely WXFG,



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Adak, as per verie received by Paul Kary, Pennsylvania.

Albania—ZAA, Radio Tirana, 7.852, is heard in England with *English* news at 3:15 p.m.; usually fades out around 4 p.m. (Bowes-Taylor)

Algiers—Current schedules of "The Voice of the United States of America in North Africa," relaying U.S. international programs, are: Algiers I, 9.610, 1-5:45 p.m. to Western Europe; Algiers III, 6.040, 1-5:45 p.m. to Balkans.

Andorra—Radio Andorra, about 5.985, has a program of British music, 4-4:30 p.m.; asks that reports be sent direct to Andorra. (Pearce) Although sign-off is scheduled at 8 p.m., was heard recently in Maine signing off at 6:55 p.m. with slogan, "Vive Andorra!"

Angola—Radio Clube de Angola, CR6RC, 9.470, Louanda, heard in England to closedown at 3:45 p.m.; some QRM from TAP, 9.465, Ankara; no English. (Pearce)

Arabia—K. G. Frick, Sweden, reports ZNR, 6.765, Aden, heard at 10 a.m.

Argentina—Widely heard throughout the U.S. these days is LPS6, listed on 14.850 but operating on 14.851, Ushuaia, Territory of Tierra del Fuego, heard around 6:45 p.m.; program consists of march, news in Spanish, march sign-off. Appears to be on only weekdays. Also reported used for point-to-point contact work.

Australia—Radio Australia has announced that VLA8, 11.76, has replaced VLA4, 15.32, in the West Coast daily beam, 11:45 p.m.-12:45 a.m.

VLG6, 15.24 (announced, formerly was 15.23), Melbourne, has replaced VLG7, 15.16, to West Coast, 11:45 p.m.-12:45 a.m. The same applies for the beam to New Caledonia, 2:30-3:45 a.m. (Balbi)

ABC National Program is heard in England from 3 to close at 5 p.m. over VLG7, 15.16; at 3 p.m. announces that VLH4, 11.88, and VLR2, 6.15, are in parallel; Saturday sign-off is 5:15 p.m. (Pearce)

VLQ3, 9.66, Brisbane, is again being heard mornings, good signal in West. (Dilg) Weak to fair here in East; probably runs to 9 a.m. Frick, Sweden, reports good signal there at 3 p.m. with *English* news.

Austria—Radio Wien, 12.212, Vienna, logged with good signal but sporadic CWQRM, coming on at 11:45 p.m.; news in German at 12 midnight and 12:45 a.m.; English lesson at 12:35 a.m. (by woman). (Kary) The 7.180 frequency is heard in England with strong signal at 2:05 a.m.; no English. (Pearce) Heard in Sweden on 11.790 around 1:30 p.m. and with news in German at 2 p.m. (Frick)

Radio Vorarlberg, 6.005, is heard in New York around 1 a.m. (Legge) Also reported heard there 1-1:45 a.m. with good signal. (Ballard)

Azores—Ponta Delgada moved from 4.040 to 4.845; heard, 5-7 p.m. (URDXC) Has "wonderful" signal in District of Columbia. (Howe) Fine May, 1947





signal in England; no English. (Pearce) Bechuanaland—ZNB, 5.900, Mafeking, heard very weak in Pennsylvania at 6:35 a.m. with music and occasional announcements by man. (Kary)

Belgian Congo—Leopoldville's revised schedules for OTC2, 9.745 (announced), are to British Empire, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon; to Britain, 3:30-4:45 p.m.; and to North America, 9-11 p.m. In latter beam, English news is at 9 p.m., with headline news around 10:45 p.m. (Balbi) Widely heard with good signals throughout United States.

Belgium—Brussels is reported on 9.479, 3:05-4:30 p.m. (URDXC) Heard on 11.89 in Australia at 3:15 p.m. with news in Flemish and music. (Sanderson) Pearson, England, lists this one as ORY3, with schedule of 6-7 a.m., 11 a.m.-12 noon, and 12:25-6 p.m.

British Honduras—In verification just received, it was stated that ZIK-2, Belize, is the Government Radio Station, 10.600, 200 watts. (Kary) Schedule appears to be daily with English news program, 1:30 or 1:35 to 1:45 p.m. (Arthur, McLaughlin)

Brazil—PRA8, 6.016, Recife, identifies with four-note chime. (URDXC) PRL8, 11.72, Rio de Janeiro, was heard recently testing around 9:20 p.m., for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (English and Portuguese); good signal. Regular sign-off of PRL7, 9.720, is 9:30 p.m. (Howe) PSL, 7.930, Rio de Janeiro, heard in Pennsylvania recently signing off at 6 p.m. (Kary)

Bulgaria—Radio Sofia, 9.350 and 7.670, according to letter verie, is scheduled 11 p.m.-1 a.m., 5:30-7 a.m., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 2-3:40 p.m.; has English news at 3:30 p.m. (Pearce)

Canada—CKNC, 17.82, has replaced CKCS,15.32, to Latin America, 6:20-7:35 p.m. (Balbi) This beam runs to 9:05 p.m. Sundays; CKRA, 11:76, parallels.

Cape Verde Islands-K. G. Frick, Sweden, reports Praia on 6.400, 3:30-5 p.m. with 0.03 kw.

Ceylon—Latest official schedules list Radio SEAC, Colombo, on 15.12, 9.52, and 3.395, 7:30 p.m.-12 noon, for the "main program" in English; 6.075 parallels between 7:30-11 p.m., 11:30 p.m.-5 a.m., 7 a.m.-12 noon; 17.77 parallels irregularly, 11:30 p.m.-5 a.m. Indian Forces programs on 17.77 and 6.075 run 11-11:30 p.m., 5-7 a.m.

Sunday beam to Britain, 1:30-3:30 p.m., is carried on 15.12 and 7.185. (Adey) Widely heard with fine level. ZOH, 4.900, Colombo, is heard in

England with "Epilogue" at 11:45 a.m. just before closedown; has orchestral program of recordings, ending at 11 a.m., and from 11:45 a.m. relays BBC; this is for Sundays; other days has dance music from 11:15 a.m. to closedown around 12 noon; very bad CWQRM. (Pearce)

Chile—CE960, Santiago, moved to 9.585 from 9.600; signs off at 12 midnight. (URDXC) This is probably one of the stations that interferes with PCJ, 9.59, Hilversum, Holland. China—XGOA, Nanking, now uses 9.73, 4-11 a.m. sign-off. (Balbi) Is widely heard, some days with fine signal in East around 7-8:30 a.m.; relays XGOY's English news at 9 a.m. The widely reported "new" Chinese outlet on about 11.835 has been definitely identified also as XGOA, Nanking; usually parallels the 9.73 outlet; has fair to good signals in East. (Kary) Announces also several medium-wave calls, probably those of relay stations. Among calls heard are XGRX, XTRA. (Harts, Kary)

XTPA, 11.65, Canton, still carries XGOY *English* news at 9 a.m.; some days is very poor signal. (Kernan, Harts) Good signal in Michigan. (Flanagan)

XORA, 11.698, Shanghai, heard with good signal at 7:30 a.m. in Pennsylvania. (Kary) Heard in Ontario at 8:40 a.m. announcing "end of *English* period," good level. (Harts)

XGOUS, 7.55, Nanking, is now heard 9-9:50 a.m., some days later, with press news to U.S. (Balbi) Some days opens around 8:45 a.m. with music. (Dilg)

XMTA, 12.215, believed Shanghai, has been heard with weak signal in East early mornings; call announced often but location was not heard. (Kary) Heard in Australia at 7 a.m. with western type music and news in Chinese. (Sanderson) Heard in New Zealand as early as 5:30 a.m. (Gray)

A new Chinese station is reported as XRAY, 8.89, Peiping, relaying AFRS programs from around 5:30 a.m. While reports indicate location of Peiping, projected location was Pehtaiho. (Radio Australia) Heard at 5 a.m. in New Zealand, with severe CWQRM, announcing as "AFRS in Peiping." (Gray)

An unidentified Chinese is heard to around 8 a.m. on about 6.04. Heard 4:30 to about 8 a.m. (Baxter) May be XGSA, Nanking.

West Coast DXers report a new Chinese station on about 7.100, mornings; call appears to be XGAF; sometimes alternates western and oriental musical numbers. (Dilg) Probably opens at 5 a.m.; signs off at 9:30 a.m. (Baxter)

XLRA, Hankow, has recently been using about 11.490 to parallel its 6.055 outlet. (Dilg, Baxter)

A much-improved signal is noted from XPSA, 7.010, Kweiyang; lately appears to not take XGOY *English* news relay at 9 a.m. (Dilg)

Recently the *English* news at 7 a.m. from XGOY, 6.143, has been QRM'd badly in East by a Latin American transmitter, probably HJDE. (Beck)

XOPD, Hangchow, has moved up to about 9.775 from 9.555; heard signing off at 8 a.m. (Dilg)

XGOE, 9.820, Kweilin (?), was heard again recently on West Coast, early mornings, very weak. (Dilg) Sometimes heard in Australia at 6 a.m. with news in *English*. (Gillett)

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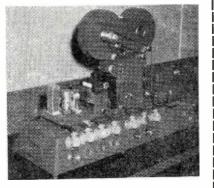


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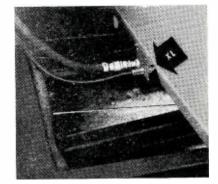


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tion in Nanking; uses frequency of 4.275 to 11 a.m. sign-off; a further frequency of 7.340 is used irregularly to 11 a.m.; some days seems to have separate program. (Dilg, Baxter)

Colombia—HJCAB, 9.690, Bogota, appears to be off the air. (Howe)

Egypt—The station reported on 20.135 some time ago is SUP, Cairo; reports to NBC and CBS around 8:15 a.m., from correspondents in Cairo and Jerusalem, presumably by landline from latter; excellent signals. (Kary)

El Salvador—YSR, San Salvador, moved from 6.277 to 6.270. (URDXC) In verifying for Paul Kary, Pennsylvania, YSO gave "old" frequency of 7.270, but is actually heard on 7.315.

England—Changes in North American Service include GRP, 18.13, 9:15-10:15 a.m., 1:30-4:15 p.m.; GSJ, 21.53, 10-11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; GSP, 15.31, 4:15-7 p.m.; GWH, 11.80, 4:15-9:45 p.m.; and GRH, 9.825, 7-11 p.m. (Balbi)

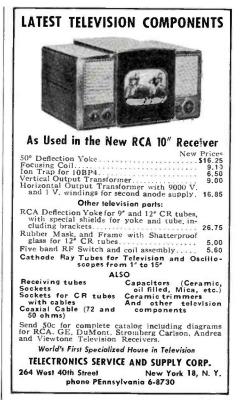
H.M.S. Vanguard was heard from Plymouth at commencement of the recent Royal Tour to South Africa, on a frequency of about 7.800, working BBS station on about 8.615, with BBC pick-ups; this is reported to be one of the most powerful transmitters ever installed aboard ship. (Harrison) Was heard in Ontario on a frequency of 13.990 at 5:30 p.m. on the day it crossed the Equator; had clear signal. (Bromley)

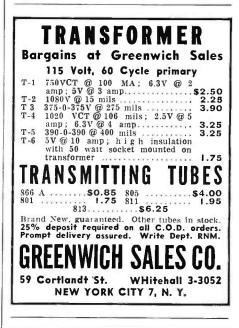
Ethiopia-In a letter just received from W. H. Erholm, Technical Director of Radio Services, Ministry of P.T.T., Addis Ababa, Empire of Ethiopia, it was stated: "Thank you very much for your report on the reception of our station, ETA (or Radio Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), frequency 15.074 in the 19-meter band. Your report was exact and complete. We are using a 7-kw. transmitter with a 'diamond' or rhombic antenna. The station at present is off the air on broadcast, but is on the air daily on c.w., working Mackay Radio in New York direct on the hours of 1 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. We expect to be on the air daily soon with a voice transmission in various languages, at which time we will advise you of complete details. Thank you again for the valuable information you gave us, and we hope you and your American friends will be a constant listener when we are on the air permanently." Verification was recently received by Kary, Pennsylvania.

France-Paris now uses 9.550 between 12:40-1 a.m. (URDXC)

Paris is heard on 7.240 afternoons in England, but with QRM from Moscow on same frequency. (Harrison) Is heard to 5:15 p.m. in Australia, clear of VLQ. (Gillett)

The Latin American Service from Paris is now heard on 7.280 (new) in parallel with 9.620; former very good, latter poor. The North American transmission continues on 9.550 and 11.845, 8:55-10:45 p.m. (Howe)





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Paris is heard daily on 9.560, 2:30-3:30 p.m., with programs in English, directed to England. (Laubscher, Pearce)

French Equatorial Africa-Radio Australia recently reported in a DX session that Brazzaville has been assigned a new frequency of 17.84 with 50 kw. power.

On West Coast, 17.53 is excellent some nights, as are 11.97 and 9.44 in parallel; English news at 12:30 a.m. (Balbi)

European sources list Brazzaville on 7.000, and Rex Gillett, Australia, airmails me that this frequency is heard in Australia at 3:45 p.m. with English news, paralleling other frequencies.

French Guiana-For those who are anxious to log this country, it is reported that Rochambeau Airways, Cayenne, operate irregularly on the 4.220 frequency; schedule is not known; has anyone heard this one?

French Indo-China-Radio Saigon has moved to 6.19 from 4.81; signs off at 10:15 a.m.; signal is much better than when on 4.81, but suffers QRM from AIR, Delhi, on occasion; 11.78 parallels. (Balbi, Dilg, Baxter) English news is scheduled for 5, 9 a.m. The 11.78 frequency is still heard fair in the East around 6:15-7 p.m., full schedule is 6-8 p.m., but suffers bad QRM from U.S. stations on 11.79 during most of the period; French news at 6:30, English news at 7:45 p.m.

Pnompenh, 12.36, heard in Australia at 7:30 a.m. with news in French and music. (Sanderson) May carry English news around 7:45 a.m.

Hanoi, 7.25, was heard recently in Australia at 6 a.m. with English news. (Sanderson)

French Morocco-According to verie received by Moss, Ontario, Radio Maroc, Rabat, operates on 9.082 from 1:55 a.m. to 4 a.m. and 12 noon-7:15 p.m.; and on 16.666, 7-10 a.m.; call is CNR3; it was stated that "the antenna-power is about 2½ kw."

Finland-OIX-4, 15.190, Peri, is heard quite well signing on around 7:15 to 7:25 p.m., usually with 10-note chime; English news comprises entire program; usually leaves the air around 7:33 p.m.; these times vary from day to day; announces OIX-2, 9.500, in parallel, but this outlet is inaudible. (Kary)

Formosa-XUPA, 9.695, Tai-Pei, has moved to about 7.220; relays XGOY's *English* news from Chungking at 9 a.m. (Dilg)

Germany-Official schedules received from Sudwestfunk, Baden-Baden, French Zone, list the station on 6.321, 12 midnight-6 p.m. (may have short breaks). Relays medium-wave stations located at Freiburg, Sigmaringen, Koblenz, Kaiserslautern, Saarbrucken. Although German is the principal language used, some French programs are relayed from Paris. (Kary)

Official schedules of Munich I, 7.290, are 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to Balkans; Munich II, 6.170, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to Balkans; 1-2 p.m. to U.S.S.R., 2-4:30

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p.m. to Balkans; Munich IV, 9.540, same as Munich II. These stations relay U.S. international programs.

"Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk," 9.73, Leipzig, has excellent signals in England, heard before 3:15 a.m. and 5 a.m.-6:30 p.m., no English. (Pearce)

Gold Coast—ZOY, 4.915, Accra, heard in England at 12:45 p.m. with local news; says "Goodnight" and plays few bars of "God Save the King" at 1 p.m. sign-off; heard weekdays; may be off Sundays; has bad CWQRM. (Pearce)

Guadeloupe—Radio Guadeloupe has moved back to 7.445 from 5.986, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., 6-7:30 p.m. (URDXC)

Guatemala—TGLB, 6.095, Mazatenago, is a *new* station reported by URDXC, announcing as "Voz de Mazatenago"; heard, 7-10 p.m., relays TGLA.

Hawaii—Relaying U.S. international programs, KRHO, Hololulu, is scheduled 2:45-3:45 a.m. to China (except Monday), 4-11 a.m. to Japan and China, on 9.65; 5-8:15 p.m. to Philippines and Netherlands East Indies, and 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. to Japan and China, on 17.80.

Holland—Berne list gives calls for Holland stations as PGD, 6.02; PCJ1, 9.59; PHI, 11.730; PCJ2, 15.220; and PHI, 17.776. (URDXC) Due to recent coal shortage, services were curtailed.

Hong Kong—Hong Kong has reverted to standard time—13 hours ahead of EST. (Radio Australia)

ZBW-3 has moved to 9.515, probably to escape QRM from Perth's VLW7, 9.52; heard to 10 a.m. sign-off. (Dilg) Relays BBC news at 6, 8 a.m. Appears to use Chinese to 8 a.m. An airmail report from Rex Gillett, Australia, confirms move to 9.515, "to get away from Perth"; *English* program heard before 6 a.m. BBC news and after it; also has *English* program after the 8 a.m. BBC news; medium-wave calls are ZBW, 845 kcs., and ZEK, 640 kcs.

India—VUD2, 3.495, scheduled 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; VUD11, 4.860, 12 noon-12:40 p.m. (Pearce) "You are listening to Bombay" identifies VUB-2, 3.365, at 12 noon during *English* program; scheduled closing time is 12:30 p.m. (Gillett)

Iceland—TFJ, 12.235, Reykjavik, scheduled 9-9:30 a.m. on Sunday only, has not been reported lately; may be off the air. Has been heard on c.w., however, with very strong signal in Pennsylvania at 3:25 p.m. (Kary)

Iran—Radio Teheran reported on 11.615 with English news at 6:30 a.m. (URDXC) EPB, 15.100, has good signal in Britain; English news at 6:30 a.m., followed at 6:45 a.m. with news in French. (Pearce)

Iraq—YI5KG, 7.085, Baghdad, is scheduled 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (ISWC) Heard with programs in Arabic to closedown at 2 p.m.; bad QRM. (Pearce) HNU, 6.13, reported heard in England, 8-10 a.m. (ISWC)

Italy—Reported by Per Friis, Denmark, is an AES station in Rome on 6.060, heard 4-4:30 p.m.

Radio Italiana, 11.81 and 9.63, has

an evening program from 6:10-7:20 p.m.; announces in *English* at 6:11 and 7 p.m., and carries *English* news at 7-7:15 p.m., with music to closedown. (Casey) Also scheduled with *English* news for 1.50 p.m.

Jamaica—VRR-4, 11.595 (announced), Stony Hill, is used for special relays; heard with extremely good signals some weeks ago with ZQI's coverage of soccer games at Savanah Parks; verifies. (Kary) Has been heard with good level in South Africa around 5:10 p.m.; asked for reception reports to Cable & Wireless, Ltd., Stony Hill, Jamaica, B.W.I. (Laubscher)

According to verie received, ZQI, Kingston, operates with 1200 watts, 4-5:30 p.m. on 4.70, and 7:30-10 p.m. on 2.33. (Arthur)

Japan—WLKS, "The Voice of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces" in Japan, operating on a short-wave frequency of 6.105, is scheduled 4:30-6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.-4 a.m. (Radio Australia) Is heard in Ohio between 3-4 a.m. (Sutton) Now runs to 5 a.m.. (Balbi) Takes relays from Australia and Singapore; on 2.465, appears to run to 8:30 a.m. except Saturdays when continues to 9 a.m. (Dilg) Probably begins at 3 a.m.

WVTR, 9.605, Tokyo, carries AFRS program at 4:50 p.m.; has *English* news at 5 p.m.; bad CWQRM in Pennsylvania. (Kary)

The AFRS station in Tokyo on 6.015 (listed as JLR) was recently heard in New Orleans to announce as JKD; gave the 4.860 outlet as JKE; JLW, 7.825, is also heard mornings in New Orleans. (Crandall)

Java—PMA, 19.350, Batavia, is reported heard in England at 8:30 a.m. with news in Dutch, and at 8:45 a.m. with recordings. (Short Wave News) Heard signing off at 8:58 a.m., some days as late as 9:05 a.m., after English dance recordings. (Pearce)

An Indonesian heard on 9.41 from around 5 to 10:30 a.m., except Monday, probably is PLV. (Balbi) Has been heard on West Coast signing off at late as 11 a.m. after playing Ted Lewis' "Good Night Song." (Dilg) *English* transmissions of "The Voice

English transmissions of "The Voice of Free Indonesia," 11.000, are officially scheduled for 4-4:30 a.m., 5:30-7:30 a.m., 9-9:30 a.m., and 11-11:30 a.m. (Bachman) Usually signs off with playing of "It's Time to Say Goodnight," and clock chimes for 12 midnight (Indonesian time). (Pearce)

Kenya—VQ7LO, 4.950, Nairobi, heard in England with English news at 1 p.m., followed by weather forecast and announcements; announces, "This is Nairobi calling"; signal varies daily from S-3 to S-9. (Harrison) Schedule is 5-6 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, Sundays has last transmission only; additional, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-3 p.m.; scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m., on 6.060. (Levi)

Korea—JODK, 2.510, Seoul, runs to 8:30 a.m. (Dilg)

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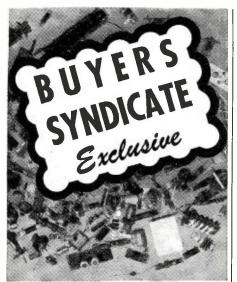
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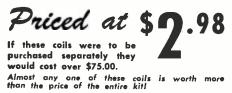
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Lebanon-FXE, Radio Levant, 8.036 (actually lower, around 8.020), gives schedule of 12 midnight-1:15 a.m., 5:15-8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Legge) Has been heard in England announcing as "Ici Beirut"; during daily English period, 10:45-11:45 a.m. the station carries English newscast at 11 a.m. (Pearce)

Macao-According to NNRC, CR9AA, 9.500, operates daily, 4:30-9:30 a.m., with 200 watts; only identification used is "Radio Clube Macao"; call letters are never given over the air; asks for reports and will verify with QSL card; address, Radio Clube Macao, G.P.O., Macao, Portuguese China, Asia; chief engineer is John J. Alvares (CE9AG), who advises that they intend to increase power to 1 kw. soon; Mr. Alvares also advises that these commercial transmitters are in operation in Macao: CRY7, 17.597, 2.5 kw.; CRY6, 14.500, 750 watts; CRY4, 12.250, 1.5 kw.; CRY8, 8.450, 2.5 kw.; and CRY3, 5.900, 300 watts.

CR8AA, 9.254, is reported with schedule of 6-9:20 a.m., mostly in Portuguese and/or Chinese; Portuguese news at 7:30 a.m. and English news around 7:50 a.m. (this is read by female announcer); reception is erratic in North America. Peaks on West Coast around 9 a.m.

Madagascar-Tananarive is particularly good on 9.690, fair on 6.065 with identification in French at 11 a.m. (Gillett)

Malaya-Singapore has replaced 4.780 with 4.820; schedule is 5:30-10:35 a.m. (URDXC) English news at 9 a.m., headlines around 10:30 a.m. (Dilg) Some days signs off at 10:35 a.m., others at 11 a.m.; signature is "God Save the King"; strong signal in England. (Pearce)

Monaco-Radio Monte Carlo, listed on 6.130 but lately reported as high as 6.150, uses 300 watts, but expects to increase power to 25 kw. in July when a new transmitter will come into operation; schedule, 1:30-3:30 a.m., 6-8 a.m., 1-5:15 p.m. (Short Wave News, London) URDXC reports has moved to 6.150. Is heard in Ireland with bad CWQRM. (Levi)

Mozambique-CR7BJ, 9.645 (or 9.650), is heard in England with English news at 2:55 p.m.; closes down at 3:30 p.m.; still announces and verifies as on 9.710. CR7BU (listed officially as CR7BF), 4.925, is heard on Sundays between 12 noon and 2 p.m. with sponsored programs; advertisers chiefly in South Africa. (Pearce)

New Caledonia—Radio Noumea is now on 6.160 from 6.208, 2-5:15 a.m.; signs off with "La Marseillaise." (Dilg) Heard during the last hour of schedule with weak signal in New York. (Legge)

Nicaragua-YNXW, Managua, previously on 6.275, is now heard on 8.190. (Legge) YNCNN, 6.700, Managua, is heard 6-8 p.m., very weak with heavy QRM. (Howe)

Norway-LLI, Fredrikstad, is correct call and location of the Norwegian station on 6.185, according to verie; relays Oslo Home Service to 5 p.m. (Legge) In verie gave power as 8 kw. (Bromley) LKQ, 11.735, has strong signal in England from 11 a.m.; is heard some days closing at 5:10 p.m.; LLI, 6.185, and LKJ, 9.54, parallel; no English. (Pearce)

Philippines-KZRH, 9.64, Manila, has English news at 7:30 a.m. (URDXC). I have heard English news from KZRH at 5:30 a.m., and it is heard at that time in England by Leslie Holmes. Signals are usually very weak in the East, with considerable QRM from KRHO, Honolulu, 9.650. Fair signal in New York, 6:15-7 a.m. (Ballard)

KZPI, 9.71, Manila, heard weakly in New York around 7 a.m. (Ballard) Usually is covered in East by San Francisco's 9.700 outlet. Good level in New Zealand at 5 a.m., but with CWQRM; announces as "Radio Philippines, 800 on your dial"; 800 kcs. is medium-wave outlet. (Gray)

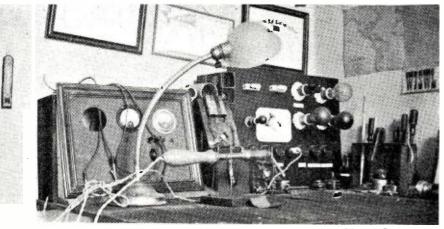
Poland-Warsaw, about 6.10, has good signals in Maine, 3:50-4:10 p.m., with English news period. (Beach)

Portugal-CSW7, 9.725, Lisbon, heard 7-8:30 p.m. sign-off. (URDXC) In verifying for Conley, Pennsylvania, listed frequency as 9.726, power of 10 kw., and schedule of 7-8 p.m.

Rumania-Bucharest, 9.252, was heard recently in Massachusetts, signing off at 8:17 p.m. (Harris)

Siam—In verifying, HS8PD, Bangkok, listed frequency of 6.040 (actually appears to be around 5.995) with .

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RADIO NEWS







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500 watts output; schedule is given as 5-6:30 a.m. *daily*; HS7PJ, 825.85 kcs., 2000 watts, is scheduled 7-9:15 a.m. (Kernan) I believe the short-wave outlet, HS8PD, may relay the medium-wave station in the 7-9:15 a.m. period, in addition to its own earlier broadcast.

South Africa—Actual operating frequency of Cape Town is 5.878; official frequency is 5.883. (Legge) Is widely heard on the transmission beginning at 11:45 p.m.

Spain—Radio Falange, Alicante, is again heard on 7.951 to 6 p.m. signoff; usually broadcasts recordings of operas or popular European swing music; has bad CWQRM, weak signal in Pennsylvania. (Kary)

Spanish Morocco—Frick, Sweden, lists Agui Radio Africana, Tangiers, operating on 7.084 with 1 kw., 7-9 a.m., 1:30-6 p.m. ISWC lists call of EA9AA, frequency as 7.09, as heard, 2:45-6:30 p.m.

Sweden—On January 19, Radiotjanst inaugurated a new feature for the benefit of Swedish DXers, under the title of "Halla DX-ers" which is heard periodically (probably every other Sunday) over SBT, 15.155, and SDB-2, 10.780, 11 a.m.-12 noon.

SDB-2, 11.780, and SBU, 9.535, sometimes run after 5 p.m., very good signals in New York. (Beck) The 8-9 p.m. period over these transmitters is heard widely now, especially over SDB-2; *English* news at 8:05 p.m. In the daily North American beam, 10-10:55 a.m., SBT, 15.155, is weak to inaudible in the East; SDB-2 is scheduled to parallel.

Turkey—According to Short Wave News, London, the projected 100-kw. transmitter to be put in operation at the end of the year in Turkey, will be located at Istanbul.

U.S.S.R.—The Soviet outlet on 9.545, heard in East around 6:15 a.m., may be Petroplovsk. (Ballard) Moscow now uses 6.130 between 4-5:30 p.m.; last half-hour in English. (URDXC) Batum, 6.493, Georgia, heard between 6-6:15 p.m. in New York, man testing and calling in Russian. (Ballard) Moscow, 6.050, on 3:30-9 a.m.; Petropavlosk, daily, on 6.070, 1:45-2:45 a.m.; Tiflis, 11.96, Home Service, 10 p.m.-12:45 a.m. (Balbi) Saratov, 6.220, is reported 12 noon-1 p.m. (URDXC) Stalingrad, 7.790, is heard in England between 8:45-11 a.m., 3-5 p.m. (in Russian). (Harrison)

Espana Independiente, 7.410, heard in England afternoons "with very heavy jamming." (Harrison) Moscow is using 11.876 in parallel with 11.63, good signal, 7-10 p.m.; after 9 p.m., 11.89 also parallels; all good on East Coast. (Howe) RV64, 8.820, Khabarovsk, heard in Canada around 8:10 a.m., in clear but with poor modulation. (Bromley)

The evening North American beam appears to run 6:20-9 p.m. on 6.02, 7.24, and 9.48; also is relayed between 6:20-7:30 p.m. by Komsomolsk on 15.23; may use other frequencies ir-

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regularly; the morning beam, 7-8:15 a.m., is carried on 11.63, 11.72, 15.18, 17.82. (Cooley)

Vatican—HVJ, 9.660 and 5.970, has English news daily at 10 a.m.; English talks are radiated daily at 1:15 p.m. on these frequencies. On Sundays, commentaries are heard in French, Spanish, English, German, and Polish, at 5:15 a.m., followed at 5:30 a.m. by Holy Mass. On Tuesdays, English news is radiated at 10.30 a.m. on 17.445. (Salmon)

Yugoslavia—Radio Belgrade, 9.42, is being heard again at 12 midnight in New York; very weak. (Beck)

Acknowledgement

Sincere thanks go to all contributors to this issue of ISW. $-\overline{30}$ -

Deluxe Transmitter

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cated in the accompanying curve (Fig. 6) falls off rapidly below 300 cycles, reaching minus 15 db. at 100 cycles. On the high frequency end the response falls off rapidly after 3000 cycles reaching minus 15 db. at approximately 8500 cycles and is minus 20 db. at 10,000 cycles. The complete schematic diagram of this amplifier is shown in Fig. 7. Because of this lack of linearity very flattering reports are continually being received regarding the speech quality of transmissions.

The apparent improvement in speech fidelity is brought about by a combination of transmitter and receiver characteristics.

A receiver must have a relatively narrow pass band to be very satisfactory for amateur communication purposes. The pass band in most amateur receivers is either limited to 3000 cycles, or is adjusted to approximately that value by the operator. Under these conditions, all frequencies above 3000 cycles represent wasted energy if actually emitted by the transmitter.

If the a.f. response of the transmitter is linear, the effect so far as the listener is concerned is an accentuation of the lower frequencies, since the receiver has eliminated the higher frequency components. It is then apparent that if the lower frequencies are attenuated at the transmitter, the middle range will be accentuated, and the over-all effect as noted at the receiving station will be that of a much higher quality of reproduction than would be possible with a linear audio frequency response at the transmitter.



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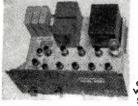


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Manufacturers' Literature

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SOLDER BULLETIN

Alpha Metals, Inc. is offering a new bulletin describing their recently developed "Tri-Core" solder.

The folder describes the product as a self-fluxing solder with three cores just beneath the outer surface of the wire.

Application data and full details of this solder are contained in this fourpage bulletin which may be secured without charge from Alpha Metals, Inc., 359 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn 1, New York.

TUBE BROCHURE

A new 156-page receiving-tube bro-chure entitled "Recommended Types" is currently available for distribution to equipment designers and radio set manufacturers, according to an announcement made by the Tube Division of General Electric Company's Electronics Department.

Covering the complete G.E. and Ken-Rad receiving tube line and associated circuits, the new publication lists tube types in numerical order by sections. Each section includes a typical circuit, complete ratings, curves, and companion technical data for each tube type.

Distribution of this brochure is limited to receiver manufacturers, designers, and engineers who may secure their copy of the book by writing to W. Hayes Clarke, sales manager of receiving tubes, General Electric Company's Electronics Department, Tube Division, Schenectady, New York.

NATIONAL BULLETIN

Information on their new Frequency Shift Diversity Receiving Equipment is contained in a four-page bulletin recently issued by National Company, Inc. of Malden, Massachusetts.

This equipment, which provides frequency shift reception in the 2 to 20 mc. range, is completely described with electrical data and design features on the frequency shift receiver, frequency shift limiter and frequency shift kever covered.

A copy of this bulletin will be sent to those who make their request to National Company, Inc., Malden, Massachusetts.

"O" INDICATOR

Descriptive material covering their new Low Frequency "Q" Indicator, Type No. 1030, has just been released for distribution by Freed Transformer Company, Inc.

Complete specifications on this unit are given in this four-page data sheet including range, oscillator frequency range, accuracy, variable impedance

amplifier data, waveform, output impedance and voltage, variable condensers, accuracy of adjustment, temperature coefficient, frequency characteristics, power factor, etc.

A copy of this data sheet will be forwarded to those who request it from Freed Transformer Company, Inc., 72 Spring Street, New York 12. N. Y.

PYRAMID DATA SHEET

Pyramid Electric Company is now offering a one page data sheet which lists electrical and mechanical characteristics for their line of "Twist-Mount" capacitors.

This listing carries part numbers, capacity data, working voltages, can sizes, and prices for almost forty different capacitors in the company's line.

A copy of this data sheet will be forwarded upon request to Pyramid Electric Company, Jersey City 6, New Jersev.

OLSON CATALOGUE

Of interest to radio servicemen is the new Olson Radio Warehouse, Inc., catalogue which has been specially designed to be carried by the serviceman in his pocket.

· Listing hundreds of everyday items needed by the serviceman, the new catalogue is reissued every thirty to sixty days in order that items appearing in the booklet are currently in stock.

Radio servicemen may secure their copies of the catalogue by writing direct to Olson Radio Warehouse, Inc., 73 East Mill Street, Akron 8, Ohio.

TEST INSTRUMENTS

Radio City Products Company, Inc., of New York has recently made available a comprehensive listing of their complete line of radio, electrical and electronic test instruments.

This listing, Catalogue 129, contains 24 pages of data covering tube testers, multitesters, v.t.v.m.'s, insulation testers, capacity meters, signal generators, combination tube testers, volt-milliammeters and various accessories for these instruments.

A copy of Catalogue 129 may be secured from the company's authorized jobbers or by writing direct to Radio City Products Company, Inc., 127 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

HAM FLYER

Sun Radio & Electronics Co., Inc., of New York is offering the first of a new series of ham flyers designed specifically for the amateur.

Listing all types of radio components, the flyer is unique in that it is **RADIO NEWS** the first catalogue intended for the use of hams only. All the parts catalogued are designed specifically for amateur construction and were selected by Walt Zuckerman, W2LBF.

Distribution will be made by Sun Radio & Electronics Co., Inc., 122-124 Duane Street, New York 7, New York. Only licensed amateurs will be eligible to receive this catalogue. Call letters must be included with your request.

RHEOSTAT CATALOGUE

Catalogue 3 describing the company's line of slide-contact and rotary drive rheostats has just been issued by Rex Rheostat Company of Baldwin, Long Island.

In addition to listing physical characteristics of almost fifty models, this catalogue gives electrical specifications and performance data on many of the units.

A copy of Catalogue 3 will be forwarded to those making their request direct to Rex Rheostat Company, 3 Foxhurst Road, Baldwin, L. I., New York.

JK DATA SHEETS

The James Knights Company of Sandwich, Illinois, is currently distributing a new data sheet covering their JK Stabilized 100 kc. Crystal.

Of interest to the radio amateur, the new data sheet provides operation details on this new crystal under different ham applications.

Also available for distribution is an application sheet covering the company's IBC-3 Impedacoupler. This unit provides a universal type antenna insulator-connector for making a weatherproof junction between Amphenol "RG" type flexible coaxial line and any current fed antenna or array.

Either or both of these data sheets will be furnished those who write The James Knights Company, Sandwich, Illinois.

BOOK CATALOGUE

Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., of Brooklyn, is currently offering copies of their new 1947 book catalogue to those who request it.

Covering the latest books on chemistry, technology, physics, general science, mathematics, engineering, technical dictionaries, etc., this catalogue meets the specific needs of technical and scientific workers as all items are listed by date of publication, price. number of pages, description and full table of contents.

Copies of this catalogue will be forwarded to those making their request to Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., 26 Court Street, Brooklyn 2, New York.

PHILIPS INDEX

A 20-page index listing all articles which have appeared in the "Philips Technical Review" during the period January, 1936 (the first issue), and June, 1942 (the last issue prior to suspension of publication during the German occupation of Holland), is currently available upon request to

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PARTS CATALOGUE

A new catalogue of interest to the serviceman and the amateur has just been issued by E. F. Johnson Company and is currently available either from the company direct or from its distributors.

Covering well over four hundred items, Catalogue 969 describes the company's line of variable transmitting capacitors, inductors, tube sock-"Q" antennas, insulators, plugs ets, and jacks, couplings, r.f. chokes, and tube cap connectors. In addition to these items, new products appearing for the first time in the company line included multi-wire connectors, tip plugs and jacks, and pilot dial and panel lights. The catalogue does not include the company's directional antenna equipment or large components for broadcast or industrial use.

A copy of Catalogue 969 may be secured from E. F. Johnson Company, Waseca, Minnesota, or any company distributor.

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Spot Radio News

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facturers as this goes to press. From Holland comes word that the Philips Lamp and Radio Works, Nazi-held but comparatively undamaged during the war, is exceeding prewar records in production of radio tubes. Manufacturers in England are well enough along the road back to prewar production levels to have exported 77,586 units last year, as compared with 47,-828 units imported. Elsewhere on the Continent, production was in miniature. Germany, for instance, averaged only 246 (two hundred and forty six) receivers per month during the last quarter of 1946, as compared with a monthly average of 12,000 in 1938. (These figures are for the U.S. zone only.)

ELSEWHERE ON THE FOREIGN

FRONT, look for significant developments beginning May 15, when the World Telecommunications Conference is scheduled to meet in Atlantic City. FCC and the U.S. delegation will be prepared at that time to submit a plan for worldwide allocation of frequencies for all radio services, but so will a number of other nationals. Some compromises, affecting radio activities in this country, seem inevitable. Final decisions on the whole complicated problem will, in the estimate of FCC chairman Charles R. Denny, take "at least three months." He adds: "We are confident that a basic work-



able plan can be achieved, but I am sure that what is ultimately adopted will not be the present United States proposal or indeed that of any single nation. It will be a composite plan embodying the best possible way of meeting the requirements of all the nations of the world." He believes that the agreement finally arrived at must provide "not only for the frequencies having long-range propagation characteristics but also for the very high frequencies, the ultra-high f equencies, and even the super-high frequencies where the bands are employed for use on ships or aircraft which travel around the globe." It's going to be a tough, gruelling conference any way you figure it.

DOMESTICALLY, Chairman Denny believes that the two biggest headaches now facing FCC and the industry are the high frequency spectrum and radio heating. The commissioner points to the spectrum between 4 and 25 megacycles as the worst trouble spot. He characterizes it as "a potential bottleneck to the expansion of worldwide communications, worldwide aviation and worldwide shipping." "There is a growing demand," he says, "for additional frequencies from each of these services, but our studies in preparation for the world conference have established that there is no way that any one of these services can be given additional frequencies without

robbing one of the other services." What to do? Mr. Denny offers two solutions, both admittedly temporary -more efficient use of the frequencies between 4 and 25 megacycles by application of all engineering techniques available, including highly directionalized antenna systems; and possible reassignment of the spectrum "so as to provide blocks of frequencies for a given country or region of the world, thus making possible an even better utilization of the available supply." But supply will continue to lag behind demand-only further scientific development, in FCC's opinion, can ultimately solve the problem. Mr. Denny recently put it up to U.S. radio engineers in the form of a challenge: 'If radio is not to impose a ceiling on the expanding communications and commerce of the world, we must have a means for using the microwaves for communicating between continents. I know that this suggestion that you stretch or bend the microwaves is a big assignment but I doubt if there is an informed radio engineer who would venture to say that it cannot be done. The answer may lie in planes circling in the stratosphere, in reflections from the moon, or in some other technique not yet dreamed of-but it is of the greatest importance that an answer be found."

HEADACHE NO. 2, radio heating, is a service which is growing so fast that

FCC believes it "soon may boast a larger investment than radio communications." Chairman Denny points out that it is now being used for such diverse purposes as welding metals, molding plastics, vulcanizing rubber, curing tobacco, fusing glass, drying penicillin, relieving aches and pains, inducing artificial fever and grilling hot dogs. "These radio heating machines," he adds, "must either operate on frequencies assigned to them or some method must be devised for shielding them so that they do not Best solution yet for the radiate. problem is FCC's effort to set up 'graveyards'' at strategic points in the radio spectrum where all radio heating devices can operate without bothering radio communications. Four graveyards-in the 13, 27, 40 and 2450 megacycle regions-have already been set up. But the radio heating enthusiasts—like everybody else in radio want more. Where they are going to get it-how they are going to expand in an orderly manner without stepping on the toes of radio communication expansion—is anybody's guess. It is also, to quote FCC's Denny, "going to be one of the biggest headaches of the next decade."

RECOGNITION OF THREE UN-SUNG RADIO leaders and their war contributions came recently with Certificate of Merit awards from the U.S. Navy. Two of the recipients were Chi-





cagoans-Leslie F. Muter of the Muter Company and Attorney Leonard J. Shapiro. Both got the awards for outstanding contributions to the war effort in expediting Navy electronic production in the industry. Mr. Muter served as president of Radar-Radio Industries during the war, and Mr. Shapiro was its executive secretary. Among other things, they recruited 35,000 new workers to meet the vital Navy production schedule. . . . Third man to receive a Certificate for outstanding radio work was Dr. Robert M. Page, superintendent of radio division three of the Naval Research Laboratory, with which Dr. Page has been associated since 1927. He was responsible for many years of fundamental research and development which led directly to the first practical shipboard radar as well as development of the first pulse radar equipment. Dr. Page was head of the special research section, radio division, of the Naval Research Laboratory from 1940 to 1942, and later headed the Laboratory's ship and shore radar research section and fire control section. His home is in Washington, D.C. -30-

A Sales Control System

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to another salesman with better results. Some salesmen are more adept than others at meeting certain objections or situations.

The Customer Card is an example of the evolution that has taken place in the sales control system since prewar days. A customer file is exploited as energetically as a prospect file. This prevents salesmen from forgetting old customers, as too many salesmen do. Old customers are first-line prospects for other products and an excellent source of user leads. This card may be filed alphabetically or by date, if the salesman can judge the customer with regard to the next probable purchase and date, in which event, the card is filed to come up for action at that time, similar to the procedure with the prospect card.

The Transcript of Sale is recorded for ready reference in case of misunderstanding regarding settlement, and to give the salesman, when following up the customer for plus business, an idea of the merchandise or service purchased previously and the price paid, also the size of the trade-in allowance. By referring to the Customer Card, the salesman can tell when going after repeat business or plus sales whether he will be able to satisfy the customer with a limited trade-in allowance or whether the customer will demand the limit, whether the customer pays on the dot or is slow pay, whether the financial arrangements were longterm or short-term, etc. The Customer Card also carries valuable information for the statistical build-up of the Sales Analysis Chart.

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monthly sales statistics to guide the dealer from every angle, including territorial sales analysis. If salesmen are making too few sales, presumably because they are rushing interviews or are weak closers, if selling or advertising expense is too high for sales volume, if window displays have dried up as a source of sales, if too few demonstrations are given in proportion to qualified prospects, the Sales Analysis Chart discloses these facts and others so that the necessary adjustments may be made.

The forms of a well-devised sales control system fit together like a jigsaw puzzle to produce a perfect picture of selling effort versus selling results versus selling possibilities. Forms may be printed, mimeographed, multigraphed or typewritten in carbon. Prospect Cards and Customer Cards are more adaptable in size 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 for filing in cabinets. The Prospect Register, Daily Report and Sales Analysis Chart are usually kept in looseleaf binders.

Whether you do your own selling or employ one or 21 outside salesmen, you cannot hope to do a topflight job of sales promotion unless you use a systematic method of sales control and this reasoning applies to little business as well as big business.

Salesmanship can only be effective if it is backed by competent business management. An adequate sales control system is essential to this objective. The system outlined here gives the fundamentals of operation and has been devised after analyzing many systems used by dealers in the past. No dealer need use it "as is." Make the necessary changes to conform to your particular business needs.

TALL CORN HAMFEST

PLANS are now nearing completion for the Tall Corn Hamfest to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25. at Hawkeye Downs, Iowa, the home of the Iowa State Fair.

The program has been planned to provide entertainment for the entire family. Technical sessions for the amateur will be paralleled by special shows for the wives and children of those attending the hamfest.

Saturday evening will be rounded off with a banquet which will be held at the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce Building. The dinner is set for 7 p.m. and will be followed by an address by George Bailey, president of the ARRL and Executive Secretary of the IRE. Dancing will begin at 9:30.

Activities for Sunday include tours of the Turner Microphone Company and Collins Radio Company plants and a trip to the Municipal Airport; a picnic type lunch at noon; and a hidden transmitter hunt in the afternoon.

All requests for tickets and complete program details should be made to D. D. Morgan, 430 35th Street, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The tariff is \$5.50 for those attending the meeting both days while those attending only the Sunday sessions will be relieved of \$4.50. Check or money order should accompany requests for reservations. -50-







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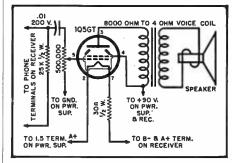


Although the recent survey conducted by Radio News indicated a predominance of servicemen and amateur readers, we found that many would like simple "how-to-do-it" articles. Accordingly we present this new department for the benefit of these readers.

AUDIO AMPLIFIER

The one tube receiver described in last month's experimenter's pages, will give greatly improved results and increased volume if an audio amplifier is added. In addition, the bother of wearing headphones is eliminated, and comfortable room volume reception of most stations is possible.

No changes will be required in the receiver to use this added unit. Essentially, the unit consists of a 1Q5GT audio amplifier, which drives a four inch PM speaker. Volume is con-

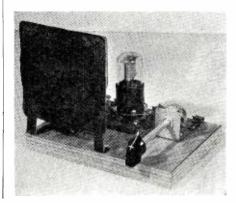


Wiring diagram of one-tube audio amplifier. This unit, when built, can be used in conjunction with the one-tube receiver covered in last month's issue, page 66.

trolled by means of a 500,000 ohm potentiometer in the grid circuit of the tube.

The 90 volts for the plate and screen of the tube as well as the filament voltage are obtained from the power supply described in last month's pages. The published characteristics for this tube call for a grid bias of -4.5 volts. By using the voltage drop across the filament of the tube in the receiver,

Over-all view of audio amplifier.



plus the added drop across a 30 ohm resistor, this bias voltage is obtained.

The speaker used is one of the replacement type sold for use in small receivers. An output transformer to match the 8000 ohm plate load of the 1Q5GT to the 4 ohm voice coil should be chosen. Inasmuch as the power handled is low, the transformer used can be the smallest obtainable.

Wiring is "point to point" for convenience. No particular precautions need be observed in wiring, other than to insure that the polarity of the filament is correct.

The proper connections for the amplifier are shown in the diagram. When these connections are made as shown, the filament voltage and grid bias are automatically obtained.

POWER SUPPLY FILTERS

The function of a power supply filter is to reduce the a.c. ripple present in the output of the rectifier to a point where it produces no adverse effects in the equipment fed by the filter. The degree of filtering required varies widely—a microphone preamplifier requires much more filtering than a power amplifier, since any ripple in the preamplifier will be amplified in the successive stages.

Filters may be divided into two general categories—choke input and condenser input. Each has its own good and bad points, and we can take advantage of the good points for certain specific applications. Resistance input filters are occasionally used where the current drain is low and limited filtering is required, but for the most effective filtering, combinations of chokes and condensers are used.

Condenser input filters are most widely used in low power applications. Their principal characteristics are high output voltage and poor regulation. The output voltage of a condenser input filter will closely approach the peak value of the rectified voltage, under no-load conditions, but drops off quite rapidly as the load is increased.

Voltage regulation of a condenser input filter may be improved by increasing the capacity of the input condenser. However, increasing this capacity increases the peak rectifier current, and care must be taken to see that this peak current does not exceed the rating of the rectifier tube. Usually the tube manual will indicate the maximum capacity which may safely be used with a condenser input filter. Values up to 40 µfd. are in common use.

The input condenser must have a working voltage rating at least equal to the peak value of the rectified a.c., and preferably a little higher for safety.

Choke input filters are characterized by low output voltage and good voltage regulation. If the input choke inductance is at least the critical value, the output voltage will not exceed .9 of the r.m.s. voltage input to the rectifier. The critical inductance in henries is obtained by dividing the load resistance (in ohms) across the filter output by 1000. The load resistance may be computed by dividing the output voltage from the filter network by the total current drain through the filter. If the input inductance is less than this critical value, the filter begins to take on the characteristics of a condenser input filter. Usually a choke input filter is designed so that the input choke has an inductance of approximately twice the critical value. This is called the optimum value.

Choke input filters are usually used in relatively high power applications where good voltage regulation is important or where the load is variable. With a constant load, condenser input filters are satisfactory, and in general are cheaper.

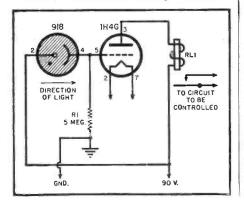
PHOTOCELL CONTROL UNIT

One of the most interesting pieces of equipment for the experimenter is a photoelectric unit. A device of this type may be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as controlling garage doors, burglar alarms, smoke detectors, and a myriad of similar applications.

There are many different types of photoelectric control circuits, each having its particular advantages and disadvantages. For most uses, though, a simple device consisting of a photocell connected to a single stage of amplification will be satisfactory.

With the unit pictured, the beam

Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of photocell control unit. All parts are readily available.



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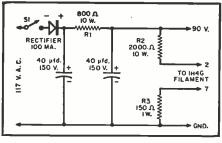


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of power supply to be used with photocell unit. The power supply covered in last month's issue, page 67, can be easily adapted for this purpose.

from an ordinary two cell focusing flashlight will cause the relay to trip from a distance of over twenty feet. For operation over greater distances, a stronger light may be used. One of the ordinary sealed beam units used for automobile headlights and foglights will permit operation over a distance of several hundred feet.

The entire unit is constructed on a piece of 5 by 7 inch plywood, although any piece of board will serve as well. The sockets for both the 918 photocell, and the 1H4G tube are mounted by means of wood screws and metal spacers, to enable the prongs to clear the base.

The power for the unit is furnished by the power supply described in the April issue of RADIO NEWS, with minor changes. For those who do not have this issue, the revised power supply is shown in Fig. 2.

The relay, RL_1 may be any sensitive relay that will close on a current of two ma. or less. The resistance is not important as several types ranging from 3500 to 9500 ohms give the same results. Many relays of this type are available at reasonable prices from surplus dealers.

Care should be taken in mounting the parts to orient the socket for the 918 tube so that the light will strike the inner curved surface of the plate. It is preferable to shield the phototube from extraneous light, and in this case a shield was made from a defunct electrolytic condenser can. The top of the tube was covered by black masking tape of the type used by photographers.

The unit may be made to operate

Over-all view of completed photocell unit.





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either when light strikes the phototube or when the light is cut off. If operation is desired when the beam is broken, it will be necessary to use a relay that is normally closed with no excitation.

When construction has been completed, the power supply should be connected, and turned on. Care must be taken to observe the correct polarity in the filament connections of the 1H4G tube, or the unit will not operate. A flashlight or some other source of light should be placed close to the photocell tube. The relay will close when the light is turned on if everything is operating satisfactorily. An interruption of the beam should cause the relay to open.

In a brilliantly lighted room it may be necessary to shield the photocell by means of a box to exclude unwanted light. In any case, the only light hitting the photocell should come from the light source.

An interesting application for a unit of this type is the remote flashing of photo-flash bulbs. The relay may be used to control a flash bulb to illuminate unlighted areas, this remote bulb being set off by the flash of the bulb controlled by the camera.

RADIO QUIZ

How's your radio theory? If you miss any of the 10 questions below, you probably need to brush up a bit! Try your hand at answering these questions, then turn to page 183 and see how many you answered correctly. There is only one logical answer to each question. All questions refer to the diagram of a conventional speech amplifier shown on page 72.

The condensers referred to in questions 1, 2, and 3 are (a) coupling, (b) r.f. bypass, (c) filter, (d) a.f. bypass condensers.

1. Condensers C_s and C_s are (a), (b), (c), (d).

2. Condensers C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁ and C₁₂ are (a), (b), (c), (d).

3. Condensers C_3 , C_4 , C_7 , and C_8 are (a), (b), (c), (d).

The resistors referred to in questions 4, 5, and 6 are (a) grid, (b) cathode, (c) load, (d) bleeder resistors.

4. Resistors R_1 and R_8 are (a), (b), (c), (d).

5. Resistors R₂, R₈ and R₉ are (a), (b), (c), (d).

6. Resistors R₄ and R₇ are (a), (b), (c), (d).

The transformers referred to in questions 7, 8, and 9 are (a) power, (b) interstage coupling, (c) r.f., (d) output transformers.

7. Transformer T_1 is (a), (b), (c), (d).

8. Transformer T_2 is (a), (b), (c), (d).

9. Transformer T_3 is (a), (b), (c), (d).

10. The type 80 rectifier is used to provide (a) plate, (b) heater, (c) bias, (d) a.v.c. voltage. -30-

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Within the Industry

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vertising, the sale of radio receiving tubes to equipment manufacturers and to the distributor trade will be under the direction of Ernest Kohler Jr., Sales Manager, while Curtis R. Hammond, newly appointed Distributor Sales Manager, is in charge of all Raytheon renewal tube sales activities pertaining to jobber distribution of receiving, transmitting, and special purpose tubes. Mr. Hammond will continue his activities in connection with receiving tube equipment sales and the company's sales engineering service. * *

RAY R. HUTMACHER has resigned as assistant general sales manager of *Maguire Industries*' Electronics Department to form his own firm of manufacturers' representatives.

The new organization, known as The Salecrafters, Inc., will have its headquarters at 510 North Dearborn Street, Chicago. The company will handle radios and electronic lines on a national or territorial basis.

Mr. Hutmacher has been connected with the radio industry for 21 years and is well known in the trade.

AMALGAMATED RADIO TELEVISION CORP. recently announced the removal of their plant and offices to a new location.

The company will be located in Mount Vernon, New York, at 152-4 MacQuesten Parkway South.

ARCH SAMUELSON is the new Sales Manager of the Operadio Manufactur-

ing Company's Commercial Sound Division. Mr. Samuelson was formerly the Mid-West District Manager. His experience in sales, distribution, and engineering will complement



Operadio's extensive sales program.

Appointment of two new district managers was also announced. J. F. McCraigh, formerly chief of the company's Engineering department, will take the post of West Coast District Manager, while the new Southeastern District Manager for *Operadio* will be Fred H. O'Kelley of Atlanta, Ga.

AUSTIN C. LESCARBOURA, one of radio's old-timers and a publicity and advertising consultant of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, has been awarded the coveted order of "Officier de l'Instruction Publique," according to word recently received from the French Embassy.

The award is made in recognition of the technical services rendered to France in the past.

Mr. Lescarboura is the former Edi-



tor of Popular Science Monthly, Scientific American and various trade and technicals journals. He is the author of several books and a frequent contributor to technical journals.

EUGENE B. LUCAS was recently appointed Sales Manager of Air King

Products Co., Inc. Mr. Lucas will head sales of Air King radios through the company's nationwide distributor set-up.



Prior to this advancement he was Advertising and

Sales Promotion Manager for Air King Products Co., Inc., which is a division of Hytron Radio and Electronics Corporation.

Before joining the company in April of 1946 Mr. Lucas was Sales Manager of the Cabinet Division of the Plymold Corporation of Lawrence, Mass. and has served with such manufacturers as General Electric, Colonial, and Bendix.

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MIDGET TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER

OF INTEREST to radio amateurs in the United States is a new Britishmade transmitter-receiver which is only a little larger than a cigarette package.

The inventor, Michael Kasia, is shown using the unit in the top photograph, while comparative size of this midget transmitter-receiver is shown in the lower picture.

Now being manufactured commer-cially under the tradename "Tele-Ra-dio" this unit utilizes the miniature tubes adapted from those used in radar-controlled shells during the war.

In use the transmitter-receiver can be carried in the breast pocket of a man's suit while the power pack may be slipped into the side pocket. The aerial is sewn inside the lining of the coat. The small microphone can be fastened underneath the lapel of the coat, if so desired. -30-



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sound or not. We want to burn this proper association right down into your subconscious so deeply that you can never forget or confuse it.

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After you have spent your hour and a quarter a day for three days looking first at the "dit-dah" combination and then at the letter, try three more days of reversing the process. Look first at the letter and see if the proper "dit-dah" combination does not come to you automatically. Check to see if you are right and then continue to say the combination while looking at the letter. By the end of six days you should be able to pick up any card at random, paying no attention to which side was up, and instantly call off what is written on the opposite side before turning it over.

When you reach this point, it is time to call in an assistant. It can be the wife, mother, son, daughter, or anyone else you can persuade to give you a little time. The first evening simply have them keep going through the cards, combination-side up, reading aloud the "dit-dahs." As each is read to you, call aloud the name of the letter, number, or symbol for which the combination stands. At the same time, write that letter down. Do not omit this: Write that letter down; and write down every single bit of copying you do from here on in. Never "copy in your head." Write each letter down just as quickly as you are able after hearing the combination.

Spend a half hour of the next evening copying down all the two, three, and four letter words you find in a newspaper column or similar piece of writing. Write the words on separate pieces of paper, and write the correct "dit-dah" combinations on the back of each piece. For example, on one side of one slip would appear the word "and." On the opposite side would appear the following:

Dit-Dah Dah-Dit Dah-Dit-Dit

For the remaining forty-five minutes of the period, have your assistant read over the combinations aloud. He should read each group in a single breath, with a slight pause after each combination that makes up a single letter. You should write down each letter as he says it, and then you should say aloud the complete word you have copied so that he can check you.

For the next evening add to this list several common letter groups that you have picked at random from English words. For instance, the word "carton" could be broken down with "car" on one piece of paper and "ton" on the other; or "caution" could be broken into "cau" and "tion." Mix these in with the complete words so that you will never be sure whether | 1523 41st Street



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what you are copying should spell out a complete word or not. Keep going over this list until your errors are few and far between, always urging your assistant to speak the combinations as rapidly as he can do so and still keep proper spacing. Do not forget to write everything down.

At the end of the second week you are ready to graduate to your receiver that can be used for code reception, one that produces an audio note with a c.w. signal, that is. Tune across one of the ham bands-probably forty meters would be best in the daytime, eighty at night-until you find a station calling "dah-dit-dah-dit dah-dahdit-dah." Listen closely, and you will find that he will repeat this several times and then will send "de" or "v" and will next sign his call. In all likelihood, this will consist of the letter "W," then a numeral from 1 through 0, and finally a two-or threeletter combination of letters. He will repeat his call three or more times and then will start calling "CQ" again. This whole process will likely be repeated from three to six times before he finally sends "AR" or "K" and starts listening across the band for an answer. If you like, you can listen with him. The station calling will keep repeating his call for about a half-minute or more and then will send "de" and sign his own call several times.

Try to get each call correctly the first time you hear it. Spend two or three evenings doing nothing but copying calls. They make good practice because they include both letters and numbers, because they are repeated, and because each letter must be copied for itself alone. There is no context to help you. Next, try to find a station sending slowly and clearly and try to copy him solid. Do not worry about it if you miss a letter now and then. Just leave it out and go right on with the next letter. Keep at it, making no attempt to read what you are writing down until you finish. When you do try to read it, do not forget that hams use many abbreviations. For instance, weather is "wx"; signals, "sigs"; crystal, "xtal," etc.

In addition, try to copy W1AW every night Monday through Friday at 10:00 p.m., EST, on 3555, 7145, 14.150, and 28.060 kilocycles. The first ten minutes of these transmissions are sent at fifteen words per minute, the next at twenty, etc. When you can copy fifteen words a minute solid copy, you are ready to take the examination. This allows you a two-word-per-minute leeway for the excitement, strange surroundings, etc., of the examination. Listen to W1AW whenever you can, and spend the remaining part of your hour and a quarter each evening copying on the ham bands, being sure to write everything down.

By this time you should find you are having trouble in forgetting the code. By that I mean that you will catch yourself unconsciously translating signs and newspaper headlines into

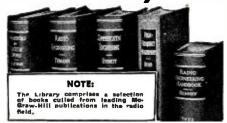


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"dit-dahs." That is good. It shows the old subconscious is beginning to work for you even when you are not sitting at your receiver.

The beginning of the fourth week, and not before, finds you ready to practice sending. You should now know how the code sounds when it is sent right; so you will not be forming a lot of poor sending habits that will have to be broken. Rig up a codepractice oscillator such as you have seen described countless times in issues of RADIO NEWS. Buy a good key, if you do not already have one, and adjust it so that you have a medium spring tension and a vertical movement of the knob of about one-six-teenth of an inch. Grasp it with the thumb on the left, the index finger partly on top and partly on the edge farthest from you, and with the second finger partly on top and partly on the right-hand side. Start sending with a smooth wrist-motion. The whole arm should not be pumped up and down.

At first, practice sending separate letters and numbers. Try to send each letter as a smooth unit, with very small spaces between the "dits" and "dahs." Make the dots as short as you can make them, and make the dashes enough longer that they will not be confused with dots, and no longer. I am deliberately avoiding telling you that a dash "is equal in length to three dots," etc., for I do not think this means anything except in tape transmissions. For your purpose, the length of dots, dashes, letter spaces, and word spaces should be long enough to be correctly recognized for what they are and no longer.

Devote fifteen minutes of each evening of the last few days to sending practice, but keep devoting a full hour to copying. If you want to spend more time sending, do not send for more than fifteen minutes at a stretch, or you will find your muscles tightening up on you making your sending erratic.

You have probably noticed that I said at the beginning that you were to devote an hour and a half each day to this project, but I have been accounting for only an hour and a quarter. The other quarter of an hour is to be devoted to learning the theory and laws necessary for passing the examination.

You should have provided yourself with a copy of "The Radio Amateur's License Manual." This can be obtained from The American Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn., for a quarter, postpaid. In it will be found every question that will be asked you on the examination, together with the proper answer.

Take a pair of scissors and cut the sixty-eight questions in the Class B portion from the manual together with their answers. Glue each question on one side of a piece of paper and the answer on the other. Study each question carefully and the answer even more carefully, underlining

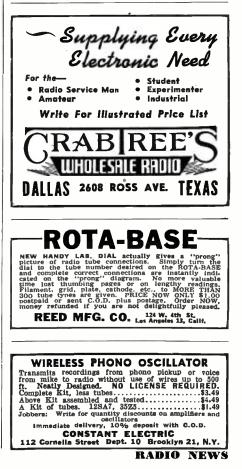
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Next, pick a question at random and try to write out the answer. Compare what you have written with the printed answer. If there is any material difference, rewrite your answer. Keep doing this right on through the list of questions; then start over and do it again. Keep right at it, no matter how well you think you know the answers, right up to the time you take the examination. It is very disheartening to pass the code examination and then to flunk out on the written portion.

Let me stress the importance of using the same language the manual uses. Do not try to convert the answerş into your own words. Learn them nearly word for word, as a parrot would. The people who grade the papers recognize the clear, straightforward wording of the manual; they may not recognize the same answer when it is cast in altogether different phrasing. You cannot go wrong in memorizing the wording of the manual.

Simple FM Converter

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results in the middle range so that generally the operation is good over the entire band. The design of the LCcircuits in this unit is such that an extremely wide band is passed. For some sets a very slight adjustment may be required to bring the signals in at maximum efficiency. One capacitor should be tuned to the h.f. band station the other for a station near the same point in the low band.

In most metropolitan areas no new antenna should be required. For the best reception in the range 88-108 mc. a dipole antenna is recommended with a length on either side of center at 30 inches. The new plastic covered parallel transmission line is best for leadin.

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The secondary of the discriminator transformers shown in Figs. 2 and 3, page 55, and Fig. 4, page 150, in the March issue should have been shown as a tuned circuit. A trimmer tuning condenser should have been shown across the outside terminals of the secondary winding.

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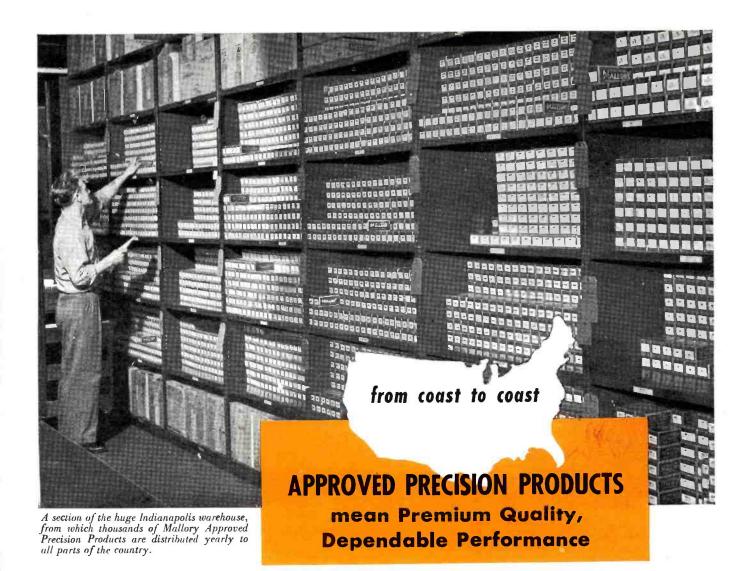
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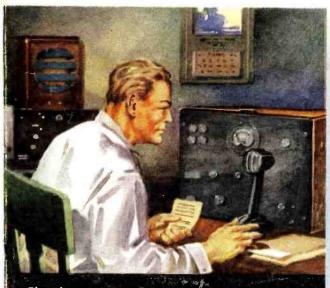
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