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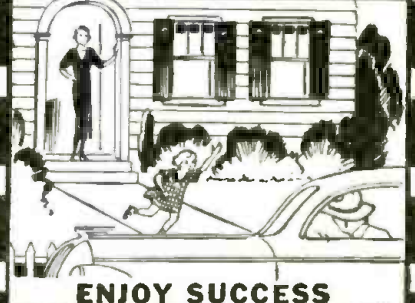
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● The cover illustration this month shows a short-wave transmitting and receiving set in operation in a canoe. Short-wave sets of this type will undoubtedly become much more widely used by lovers of the great outdoors. For details concerning this set, which may aid in locating one's position if lost, see page 72.

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# Short Waves Under 'Gag' Rule

An Editorial by Hugo Gernsback

● THE FOLLOWING unbelievable occurrence took place not in the dark ages, not during the inquisition, not in darkest Russia, but in our own enlightened U.S.A., to wit, Peoria, Illinois, in February of this year. A young man and his father, both readers of *Short Wave Craft*, constructed the transceiver described in the February, 1934, issue of *Short Wave Craft*. The set was constructed mostly of junk parts while the son was shut in and quarantined for scarlet fever. The young man was operating the set only as a receiver, *not as a transmitter*, and in trying to tune the set to five meters, of course, heard the Peoria Police Department Station, W9XBA, on 6 meters. As the set was in an oscillating condition, no doubt, the young man radiated energy sufficient to cause some interference for the Peoria Police Department. Then things began to happen rapidly. The police broke into the home of the short-wave experimenter and arrested the young man, aged 22, and his father, aged 46. A grim note of humor enters into the proceedings here, because Lieutenant Harry McCley, head of the Police Radio Division, admitted that he would have made the arrest sooner but the scarlet fever sign on the house kept him from entering for several days. Father and son were forthwith taken to jail and kept there for about twelve hours after the arrest.

A bond of one hundred dollars each was posted. A short time later the father was fined two hundred dollars and costs by Police Magistrate, William Winn, on a city charge of building and operating a radio set interfering with the police short-wave radio system. The fine, however, was withheld, after the builder of the radio set promised not to build or operate a similar set.

It seems that the good city of Peoria on Dec. 2, 1935, enacted a new city law that forbids any receiver or transmitter interfering with police radio broadcasting. It calls for a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

We, therefore, have here to do with a case which goes back to the invention of the vacuum tube, where receivers are apt to radiate, causing interference with other radio emissions. As Lieutenant McCley puts it, "Any short-wave set of the radiating type automatically becomes a transmitter, and it makes a mess of the police broadcasts. When we get the location of a set that is interfering, we don't know whether this is just an amateur radio man or someone who wants to check police movements. There are other sets interfering around

Peoria and East Peoria," asserted Lieutenant McCley. "We'll get them all."

It is admitted that a radiating receiver of the regenerative or super-regenerative type will cause interference. And it is also true that the Radio Act provides that no one shall transmit signals (even when sent from an oscillating receiver) whereby its effects can be received in another state, there to cause interference. (It is well to keep in mind that by adding a stage of radio frequency amplification ahead of the detector in regenerative or super-regenerative receivers, that radiation from such sets will be practically prevented.)

There is, however, nothing contained in the Radio Act that calls for any arrests of the type mentioned above, nor could there be any criminal proceedings unless it was clearly shown that there was actual intent of interfering with other radio stations.

We believe that a local police ordinance of the type adopted at Peoria is not only the height of foolishness, but legal advisers whom we have consulted are of the opinion that such an ordinance is wholly unconstitutional, for the following simple reasons:

In the first place, any radio station in this country, whether private, city, or otherwise must be licensed by The Federal Communications Commission. Thus the city of Peoria could not possibly operate its police station without a proper license from The Federal Communications Commission. Therefore, if there is any interference, willful or otherwise, it is up to The Federal Communications Commission to prosecute the offender, but by no stretch of the imagination can this be legally done by the city of Peoria through its police department.

It is one thing for a meddling and officious police department to give a fair warning to a supposed offender, and quite another thing to make wholesale arrests and throw unoffending people into jail.

Outside of all this, only an exceedingly stupid police department will make an arrest of this type. It deprives the police department of the very clues which they might get in order to track down criminals. Frightening criminals into not using radio sets, when they could otherwise be easily apprehended by the police, appears to be childish in the extreme.

A number of cities have adopted local laws similar to the one under discussion, and it would be exceedingly interesting if when an arrest is made again under similar conditions, that the constitutionality of such laws be tested.

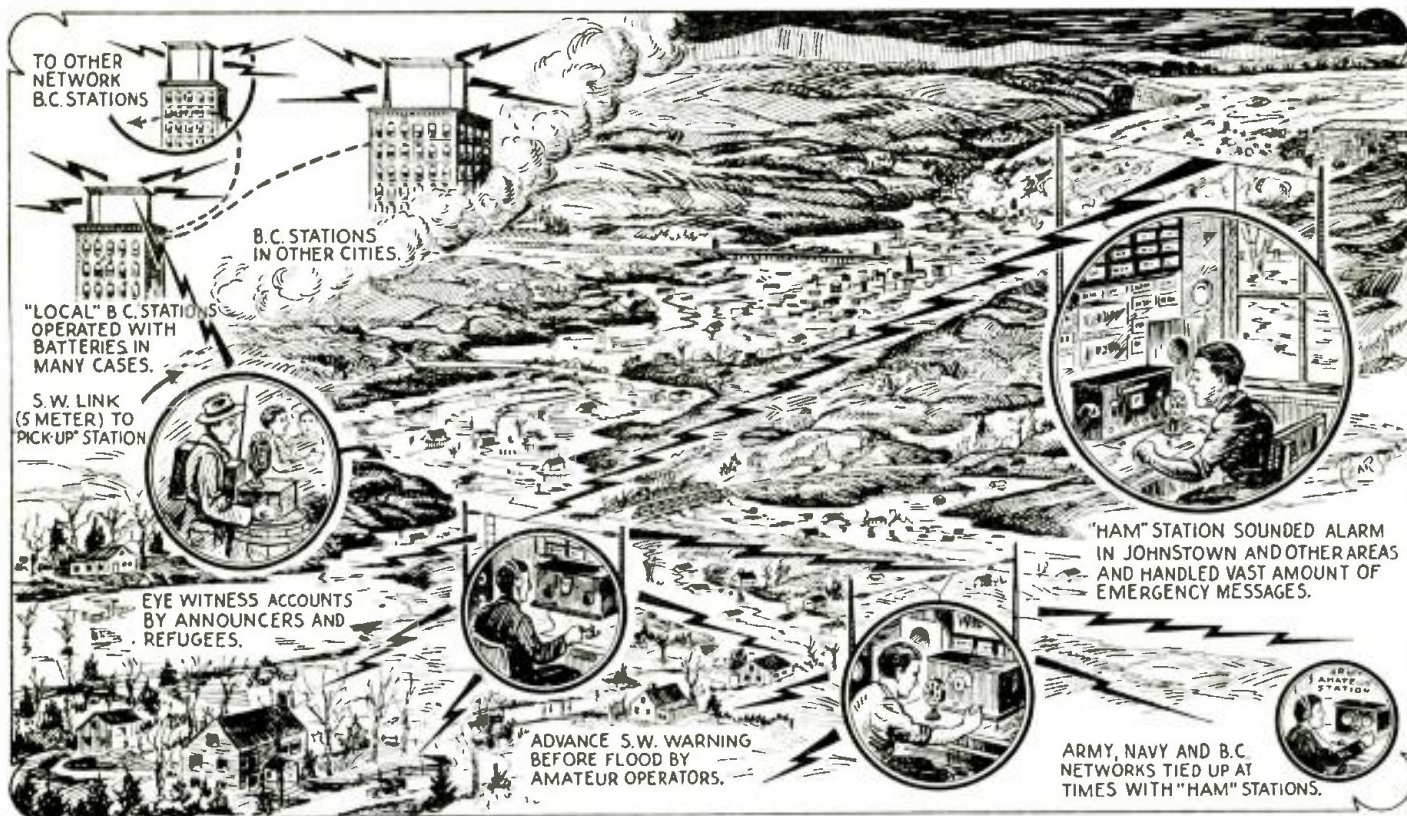
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# How HAMS Sent Flood Warnings And Assisted Heroically in Rescue Work in Many States



The illustration above shows some of the activities of the "Ham" short-wave stations in the "flood districts" and indicates how warnings, as well as other dispatches, were relayed from one amateur station to another. The use of short waves in picking up "on the spot" observations by broadcast network announcers is also portrayed.

● THE "Ham" or licensed amateur radio operators, with stations located in the flood areas, particularly through New England and in Pennsylvania, certainly deserve high credit for the commendable piece of work they accomplished. In many cases warnings of impending floods in new areas were radioed ahead by "Ham" stations located in districts along river valleys or basins, while many important traffic dispatches were handled between various "Ham" stations, when the regular commercial telephone and telegraph lines were either down or completely out of commission.

We haven't the space to mention the long list of names of outstanding "Hams" who operated their stations in many cases under dangerous conditions, due to the rising waters caused by the flood in Pennsylvania and other districts, but a few typical cases will be cited to show the sort of work accomplished by the "Ham" stations.

Gerald D. Coleman, operating amateur station W8FRC, provided at one time practically the only means of communication between Johnstown, Pa., and the outside world.

An operator in Scranton, Pa.,\* sent a short-wave S.O.S. to the effect that—"Water's in Johnny's kitchen and he can't get out unless he gets a boat."

Frequently the radio voice or code signals ceased abruptly—the rising waters probably reached the operating room and put the transmitter out of commission.

Carol B. Lingle, of Johnstonburg,

carried on with snappy reports; one of which follows: "Clearfield is wiped out . . . all people ordered out of Johnstown . . . fire and explosion add to the horror . . . Lock Haven is under 16 feet."

The "Ham" or amateur radio operators in all the flood districts, which included New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other states, performed heroically with their short-wave transmitting and receiving stations and, in many cases, provided the only means of communication over extensive areas. Many of the short-wave "Ham" stations were tied in on an official government network, one of these being that operated by the Navy. The stations cooperating in the sending of dispatches were reserve amateur stations, one chain of stations extending from Philadelphia to Johnstown.

One of the editors heard a very interesting and spirited conversation on short-wave phone during the flood condition between an A.R.R.L. member station in Harrisburg and a "Ham" station handling traffic in Johnstown, Pa. One of the surprising

\*See New York World-Telegram, March 19th, for reports of interesting weather "Ham" flashes. Editor.

and very interesting points under discussion was a contemplated edict by the Mayor of Johnstown, in which he proposed to issue an order to shut down all amateur radio or "Ham" stations in the Johnstown area. The spokesman at the Harrisburg station told the "Ham" operator at Johnstown that he had been consulting with numerous Army officials and others and that in any event such a move would seem to show very poor discretion, in view of the excellent service which had been done by the amateur operators in the flood districts.

America's well-known news commentator, Walter Winchell, mentioned this situation in one of his Sunday evening "news flashes," and his opinion of such an order intended to suppress all amateur station operators in the Johnstown area. In view of the heroic work performed by the radio amateurs during the flood conditions, it seemed outrageous to Mr. Winchell, who also stated (in his nation-wide broadcast) that whether he knew it or not, the Mayor did not have any right to shut down amateur stations, and that only one body had such a right—the Federal Communications Commission.

Apparently, the reason for the proposed order of the Mayor of Johnstown, Pa., was because of the fact that he or his advisers thought that the amateur stations were interfering with the dispatch of regular radio traffic by commercial stations, especially the short-wave emergency stations set up

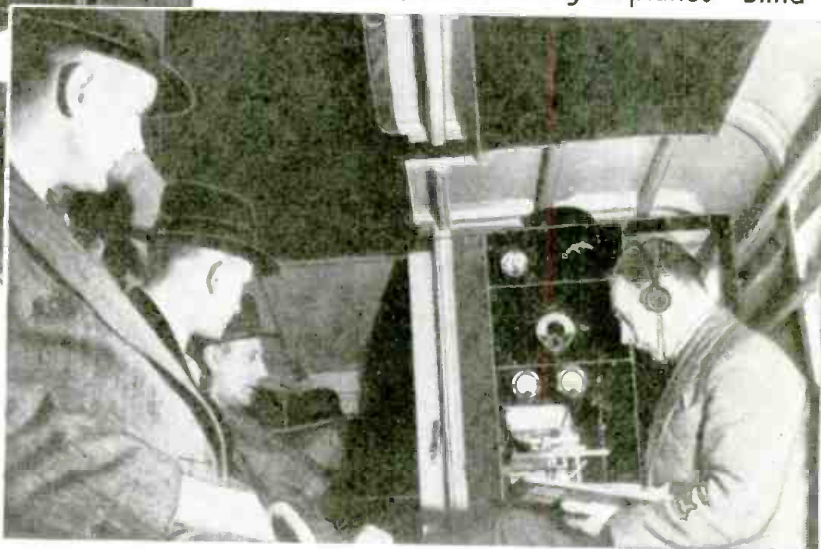
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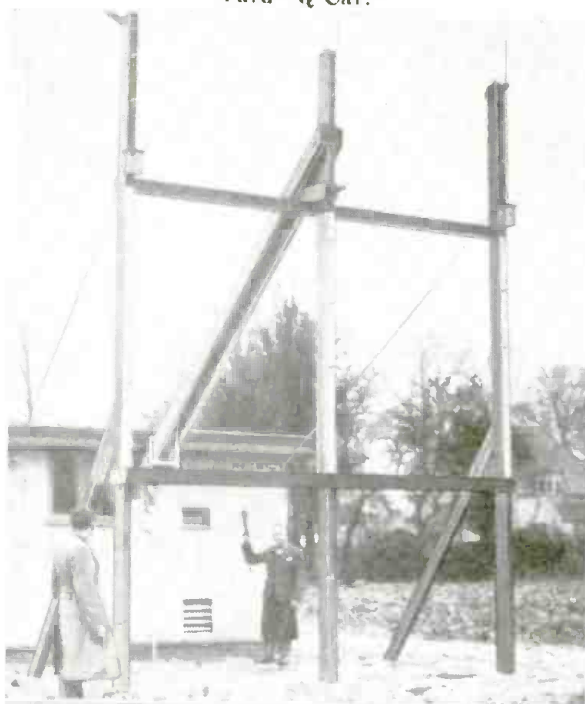
SHORT WAVES MARCH ON! We find them in use by "Scotland Yard," reporting "Flood" news, and landing airplanes "Blind"!



Above—Dorothy Hall of New York City, who operated her amateur radio station, W2IXY, through the long hours of the flood crisis. She kept in constant communication by short waves with other amateurs in the Johnstown, Pa., flood district.—Photo at right shows short-wave transmitter and receiver installed in famous Scotland Yard "Q-Car."



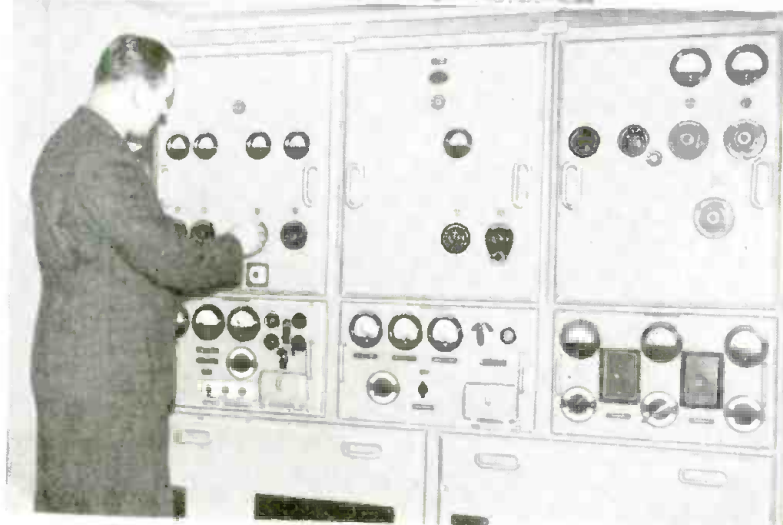
Below—Picture transmitted by short wave beam radio. The photo shows Lincoln Ellsworth, whose dramatic rescue thrilled the world after he and his radio operator, Mr. Hollick-Kenyon, had been missing for 2 months on their Antarctic flight.



Left—The first "blind" landing apparatus installed at a British airport. It operates on the Lorenz system. The system employs two radio beacons at either end of the 'drome; each sends out a constant radio signal which guides the pilot to a safe landing. Control panel shown below.



The photo below shows Chiyono Sugita, pretty 26-year old Japanese girl, who has contacted several hundred amateur radio stations. Reports sayeth that she has received forty proposals by radio! Hi! Hi!



# 3½ Inch Waves Transmitted 16 Miles!

By Dr. Irving Wolff and Dr. E. G. Linder

## A Study of Their Attenuation in the Atmosphere and the Effects of Weather Conditions on Their Transmission.

● A NUMBER of tests have been carried out in different laboratories on the generation and reception of waves 10 cm. in length and shorter. However, for their practical application it is not only necessary to know that they can be generated and received, but we must also have data regarding the extent to which they are attenuated in the atmosphere, and the effect of weather conditions such as rain, snow and fog on their transmission. A series of tests to determine the attenuation of normal atmosphere were undertaken during the summer of 1934 at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, in cooperation with the U. S. Signal Corps, at Fort Monmouth and during the Spring of 1935, a system was placed in continuous operation between the laboratory at Camden and one of the tall buildings in Philadelphia, for the purpose of determining the effect of rain on the transmission.

The apparatus which was used in both of these tests was similar to that described in an article published in the Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers in the January 1935 issue. A photograph of the transmitting apparatus is shown in Figure 1.

### Transmitter

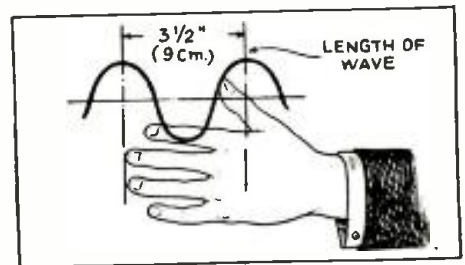
The transmitter consisted of a specially constructed magnetron connected to a half-wave

antenna in the focus of a 4 ft. parabolic reflector, with appropriate voltage regulation of the supply circuits so that the output of the transmitter would remain reasonably constant without adjustment. Only a brief description of the tube and accompanying circuits will be given here. For more details, reference can be made to the article which appeared in the Proceedings of the Institute and an additional article which will appear shortly. A diagram of the tube is shown in Figure 2. This tube has for its basis the split anode magnetron which is shown diagrammatical-



Fig. 1—Photo above shows transmitter with reflector for 3½ inch (9 cm.) waves.

ly in Figure 3. The split anode magnetron consists of two separated halves of a cylinder, whose axis is concentric with the filament, which are individually attached to the two halves of a two-wire balanced transmission line. The other end of the transmission line is terminated by a one-half wave antenna. This differs from the magnetron which is used at lower frequencies in having the anode in two parts, whereas, in the usual magnetron the anode is a continuous cylinder about the cathode and the oscillations are taken off between the cathode and the anode. The high frequency split anode magnetron differs also in its mode of operation from the ordinary magnetron in the adjustment of the magnetic field.



This illustration shows how short 9 cm. (3½ inch) waves really are.

### Action of Magnetron

When a magnetron is used at the lower frequencies the magnetic field should be just strong enough to prevent the electrons from reaching the anode to put the tube in an oscillating condition. As the potential applied to the anodes is increased a stronger magnetic field is required to do this. However, oscillations at a particular frequency can be obtained with a wide variety of electric and corresponding magnetic fields, the frequency being determined by the external circuit. As we attempt to continuously raise the frequency, we find that oscillations no longer take place for all adjustments of the plate potential and magnetic field in which the electrons just fail to reach the plate, even though an external circuit is provided which could oscillate at the correct frequency. A further study shows the reason for this. The time taken for the electrons to go from the filament to the plate becomes an appreciable part of the cycle so that the phase relations, between current and voltage, which are required to deliver energy to the oscillating circuit no longer hold. Under such conditions it is necessary to time the arrival of the electron at or close to the anode in such a way that the correct phase between current and voltage will continue to be provided. This requires that the speed of travel of the electron across the tube be taken into account, a factor which is almost negligible in a consideration of oscillation, even in the so-called ultra short wave band between 3 and 10 meters. It has been found that the tube will oscillate at high frequency if the time it takes the electrons (Continued on page 109)

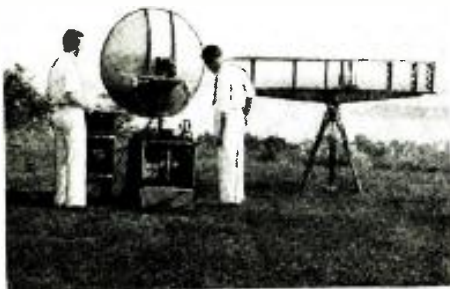


Fig. 5—The 3½ inch (9 cm.) wave transmitter set up for the tests here described.



Fig. 6—Shows receiving reflector mounted on the stern of a small ship.



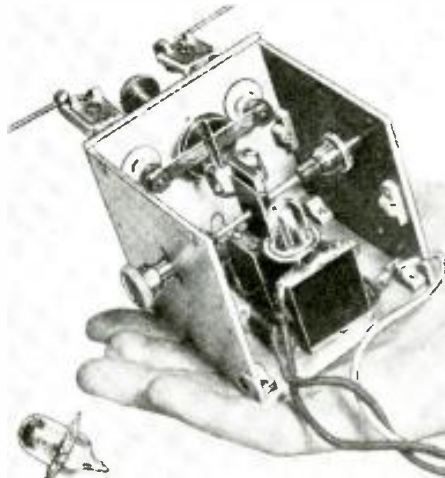
# One-Meter Transmitter and Receiver Used By NBC

A "Coat-Pocket" radio transmitter weighing less than one pound, has been developed by NBC engineers for use by "foot-loose" announcers.



Above—The one-meter Receiver using a special super-regenerative circuit with an Acorn tube. It has a separate quenching oscillator and one stage of audio frequency amplification. The signals picked up by this receiver are fed into the main transmitter of the broadcast station.

● DEVELOPMENT of the world's smallest micro-wave transmitter for use in broadcast circuits was announced by O. B. Hanson, chief engineer of the National Broadcasting Company. Distances up to four miles were attained by the midget "radio station,"



Close-up view of the 1-meter transmitter which oscillates at 309,000,000 cycles per second! It uses a 90 volt "plate" battery of a special small size. The transmitter weighs less than one pound, and the battery less than four.



The 1-meter transmitter in use by a "foot-loose" announcer, who can move around freely—a very desirable feature at outdoor athletic games, et cetera.

which can be held in the palm of the hand, in exhaustive tests recently of the first working model completed by NBC's research laboratory.

The new device is not intended for broadcasts (Continued on page 108)



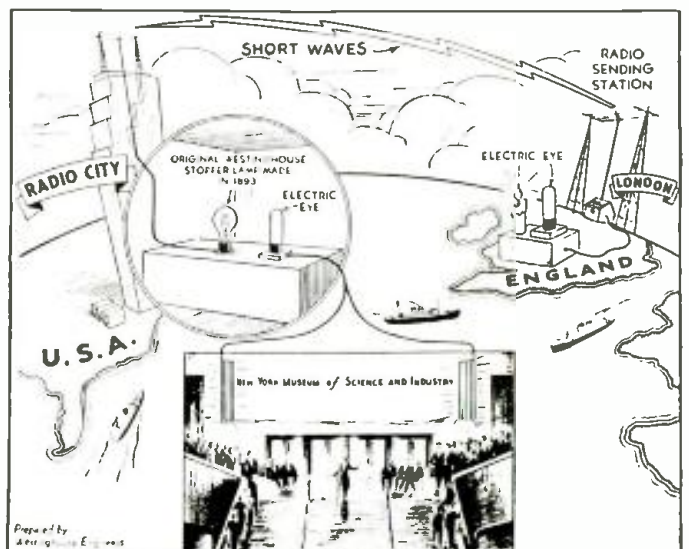
Dr. Frank B. Jewett, President, New York Museum of Science and Industry (right), explaining to Dr. Marston T. Bogert (left) and Nelson A. Rockefeller, Museum trustees, the manner in which an original 1893 Westinghouse Stopper lamp was turned on by the "sound" of a candle flame on the desk of Michael Faraday in London, England, to set off the dedication ceremonies of the Museum in Rockefeller Center recently. The light of the Stopper lamp was picked up by the "electric eye" on the table, turning on two banks of high intensity mercury vapor lamps, the latest developments in electrical illuminants, said to mark the beginning of a new era in artificial illumination.

## Candle Flame in England Lights Lamp In America By Short Waves

● MICHAEL FARADAY, whose experiments of a century ago in electro-magnetism established the fundamental laws upon which all subsequent engineering development in the generation and application of electricity were based, post humously participated in the dedication ceremonies of the Museum of Science and Industry in Radio City, Rockefeller Center recently. Modern electrical magic was employed to exemplify the present perfection of an industry to which this eminent genius contributed so greatly in the embryonic era of electricity.

Sitting at Faraday's desk in

Faraday's own chair in the laboratory of the Royal Institute of London, Sir William Bragg struck a match to light a candle. The sound of the candle flame was "heard" by a modern sound-recording (Continued on page 108)

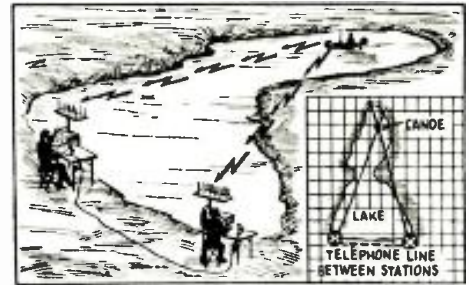


Animated diagram showing candle and short-wave broadcasting station in England, Atlantic Ocean, Radio City and receiving equipment with insert of auditorium at New York Museum of Science and Industry.

## Short Waves Direct You Home!



Perry Green, Maine guide, making a test of the ultra short wave transmitter and receiver which can be seen on his canoe. Guides of the State of Maine have approved the equipment for use in case of emergency where persons are lost in the woods or where accidents happen in the remote places where woodsmen travel. With this new ultra short wave equipment which can be carried on a packboard the guide can be in constant communication with the main camp or with other searching parties.



The drawing above shows how two or more shore stations can plot the position of a transmitter on a canoe, for example, and then radio this information back to the canoe operator.

and he can then, by means of his compass, shape his course accordingly so as to reach his destination. Position reports can be requested and given as often as desired, and in this way, especially in foggy weather or at night, successive location reports can be checked and the canoeist eventually directed safely home. The two "listening post" stations are connected by telephone or radio link, so that all "focal" readings on the canoe transmitter are taken simultaneously.

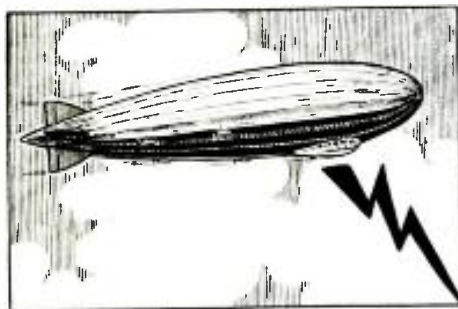
The accompanying photo shows a very efficient 5-meter short-wave transmitter and receiver in use on the canoe of Perry Green, a Maine guide, but the set here shown is, so far as known, only used to talk to or receive from a base station on shore. However there is no reason why one of the methods here suggested cannot be put into operation in connection with the canoe transmitter and receiver. According to one report, the state of Maine experts have approved ultra short wave equipment for use by guides in lakes or forests, so they can get in touch with their base stations in case of any emergency which may arise.

If no directional location system is to be used, and the person, for example, were lost on a large lake or on a mountain, and got in touch with a base station and told them he was lost, he would presumably be able to radio a rough description of his immediate location and rescue parties dispatched.

● **SUPPOSE** you were lost on a large lake! What would you do? Not much you could do, perhaps—but if you had a short-wave transmitter and receiver like that shown on our front-cover illustration, you could radio your predicament to the base station on shore. And if you could obtain your location from the shore station, you could set your course by a compass and "paddle your own canoe" back to camp.

Loop antennas do not work very well on short waves, at least with the ordinary circuit, but the use of a loop antenna on a receiving set would provide one of the easiest ways to arrange a direction indicating receiver. Under the usual operating conditions now prevalent on short waves, such as 5

meters, probably the simplest way in which the guide shown on the cover determines his location, if lost, would be to have two or more listening posts on shore tune in on his transmitter. Either code or voice signals could be picked up by two or more shore stations, and providing these listening posts on shore use directive antennas, such as the new rotating beam aeriels, then two or more listening post operators obtain a "focal line" on the canoe transmitter. Suppose the two focal lines are then plotted on a map; the point where these two lines or angles cross each other (intersect) marks the spot where the canoe transmitter is located. One of the shore operators can then tell the lost canoeist his exact location, according to the map,



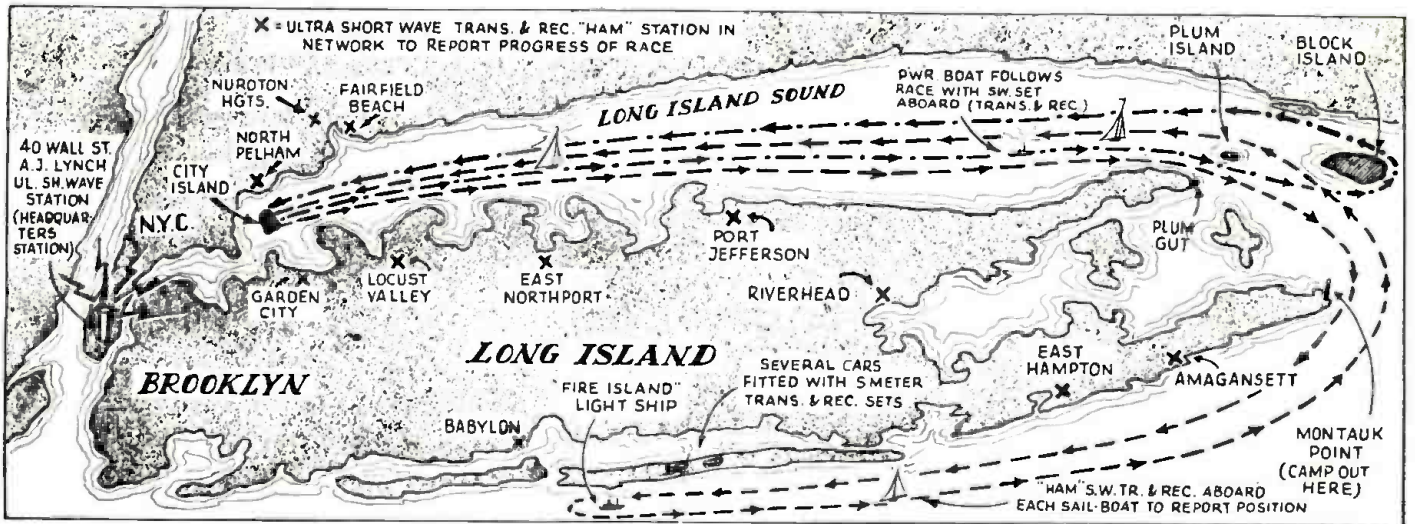
The new German airship LZ-129 "worked" the Radiomarine station at Chatham, Mass., on 24 meters, while she was flying over Europe.

● **BY THE** time this article is read, the new giant German Zeppelin, LZ-129, will have made a trip over the South Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro. A few weeks ago, during one of her trial flights over Lake Constance in Switzerland, the LZ-129 tested her various radio sets, transmitters and receivers being carried for operation on many different frequencies, both long and short waves. We have  
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## New German Zeppelin LZ-129 Contacts U. S. on Short Waves



Photo above shows RCA Marine Coastal station at Chatham, Mass., where the 24-meter signals were picked up from the new German Zeppelin while flying over Lake Constance. The call letters of the LZ-129 are DEKKA.



Map showing how Radio Amateur "network" will serve to report position of sailboats in races this summer on Long Island Sound. Motor cruisers on the Sound and special radio equipped cars on land, will supplement the 5-meter "flashes" from the "Ham" sets on the sailboats. A very ambitious and worthwhile effort by the 5-meter enthusiasts of the Garden City Radio Club and the yachtsmen of the Long Island Sailing Fleet. "Ham" stations on shore will pick up the reports from the yachts and relay them to headquarters.

# HAM "Net" to Report SAILBOAT RACES

● THROUGH the whole-hearted co-operation of Edwin Ruth, S. P. McMinn and Arthur Lynch of the Garden City Radio Club and Mr. W. E. Handy of the A. R. R. L., it has been possible to bring the Amateur Radio Operator and the Long Island Sailing Fleet together. I believe the result of this meeting is going to prove extremely interesting to both fields.

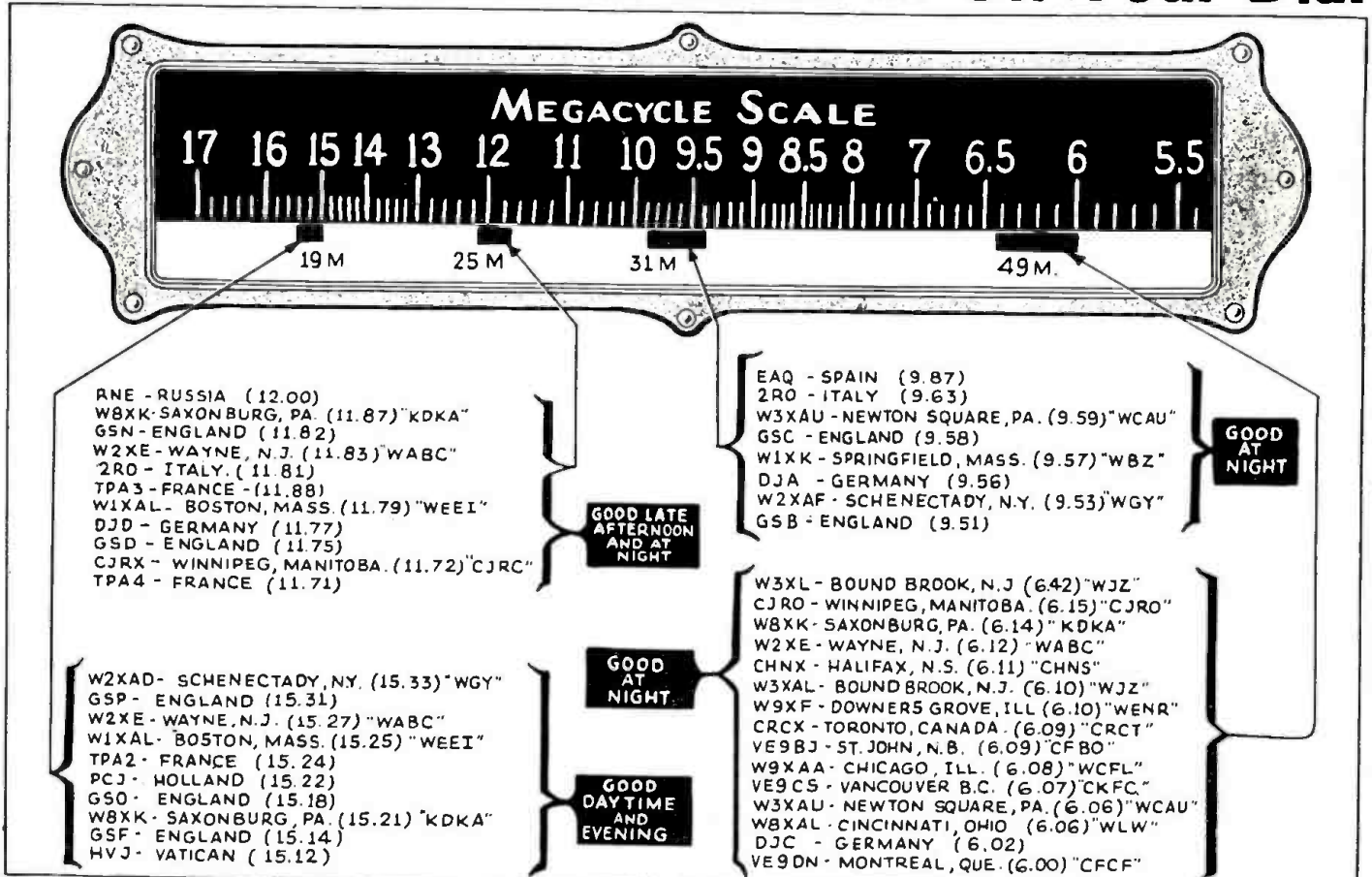
By Curtis Arnall

How possibly a hundred "Ham" operators and their sets will report position of sailboats in races on Long Island Sound this summer.

Every year, during the summer months, there are several important over-night sailing races held on Long Island Sound. These races take anywhere from twenty to fifty hours. By placing a radio transmitting set aboard each boat, it will be possible, at regular intervals, to broadcast back to the different Yacht Clubs, the positions of the

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## Where S-W Stations Come In On Your Dial



RECEPTION CONDITIONS DESIGNATED ARE BASED ON LOCATION OF LISTENER IN E.S.T. ZONE. MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR OTHER TIME ZONES

# SHORT WAVE CRAFT presents Silver Trophy to Gerald D. Coleman, W8FRC

## for His Outstanding Radio Work During the Johnstown Flood

Mr. Coleman's own story of the part his station, W8FRC, played in the Flood—Written for *Short Wave Craft*—is presented herewith.

● MANY articles have been written on the terrible destruction wrought by the greatest flood in modern history,



Gerald D. Coleman, W8FRC, and his station which performed heroic rescue work during the exciting days and nights of the Johnstown Flood.



The handsome Silver Trophy presented to Gerald D. Coleman, W8FRC, by SHORT WAVE CRAFT in commemoration of his outstanding Amateur radio work during the Johnstown flood, when he aided the Red Cross, National Guard, Telephone Companies, and the citizens of Johnstown, by keeping at his post day and night for over 60 hours.

but it will be the Amateur radio operators task to record, for all time, the complete story surrounding each "Ham" shack. This story is about W8FRC—the station ordered off the air by Mayor Shields of Johnstown, Pa.

It was noon Tuesday, March 17th, when flood conditions began to look serious. It had been raining for almost thirty-six hours and, as we found out later, it rained for thirty-six hours more. It was around 2 p.m. when the streets of downtown Johnstown, began filling with water and all people in that section were marooned for over twenty-hour hours. The water kept rising until it had reached a depth of fourteen feet in the city.

### "Amateur Radio" Only Link Left!

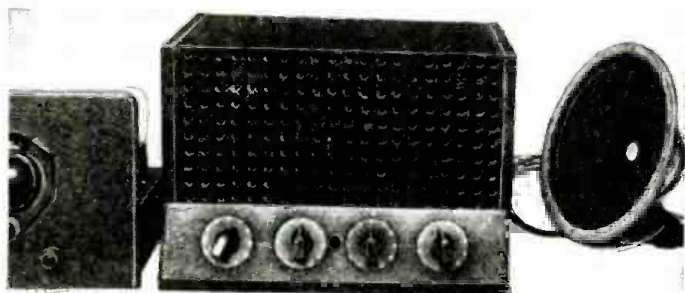
It was about 4 p.m. when telephone, Western Union and Postal telegraph companies and the local Broadcasting station were put out of commission. In other words the city of Johnstown was without any type of outside communication EXCEPT AMATEUR RADIO! Such a situation, as this, has always

been looked at as possible, but highly improbable. The second great catastrophe within forty-eight years was upon us and, as amateur operators, it was our duty to get in touch with the outside world and stay in touch with the outside until commercial communications were back to normal.

The first two "Ham" stations in Johnstown, to realize that a very important task was before them were W8DYY and W8FRC. Both of us are Naval Reserve men and normally operate CW on 3610 kcs. It was very important that 3610 kcs. be guarded and it was also important that the 75 meter phone band be used in order that a graphic "word-picture" of our plight be flashed to the Red Cross and Press Associations. Robert Dixon, W8DYY, and myself, W8FRC, are holders of class "A" amateur tickets, but living only a block apart we could not operate on the same frequency. As I had class "B" phone equipment I operated on 75 meter phone, and, thereby, avoided interference with each other.

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Gerald D. Coleman, W8FRC has been selected by the editors of *Short Wave Craft* as the radio amateur most deserving of recognition for his services rendered during the emergency produced by the Johnstown flood. In commemoration of his contribution to this worthy cause, we are presenting him with this Silver Trophy for his commendable service to his fellow men through the medium of short waves. Mr. Coleman unselfishly stuck to his post without a relief operator from 4:00 p.m., Tuesday to 10:00 a.m. Friday, and his station provided the only means of communication when the telephone and telegraph circuits were rendered inoperative by the rising waters. W8FRC handled hundreds of messages for the Red Cross, the National Guard, the Telephone Company and private citizens of Johnstown. Gerald Coleman's station belongs to the Naval Reserve Amateur Radio Network, and his excellent phone and CW amateur station operates under the licensed call letters—W8FRC. The Johnstown flood acquainted not only the United States, but the entire world with the true significance and versatility of short waves—and the short-wave amateur in particular.



Here's the de Luxe A.F. amplifier hooked up to a small "head-phone" receiver so as to boost the signals sufficiently to operate a loud-speaker.



# A De Luxe A.F. Amplifier With Triple Tone Control

By M. Harvey Gernsback

We have been looking for a good audio amplifier for our short wave "Fan" and "Ham" friends—one that would be worth while adding to that good "head-phone" set—and here it is. It employs the new "metal" tubes and has its own "power-supply."

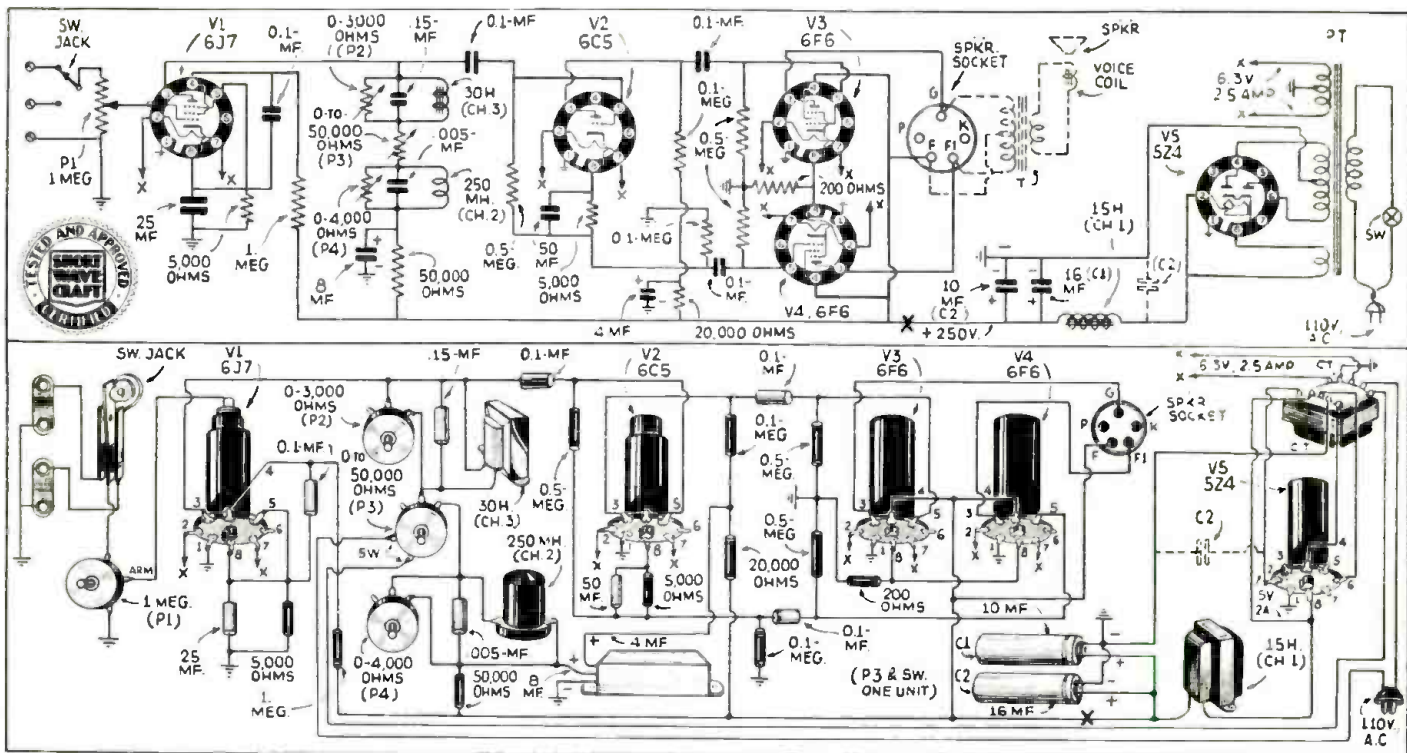
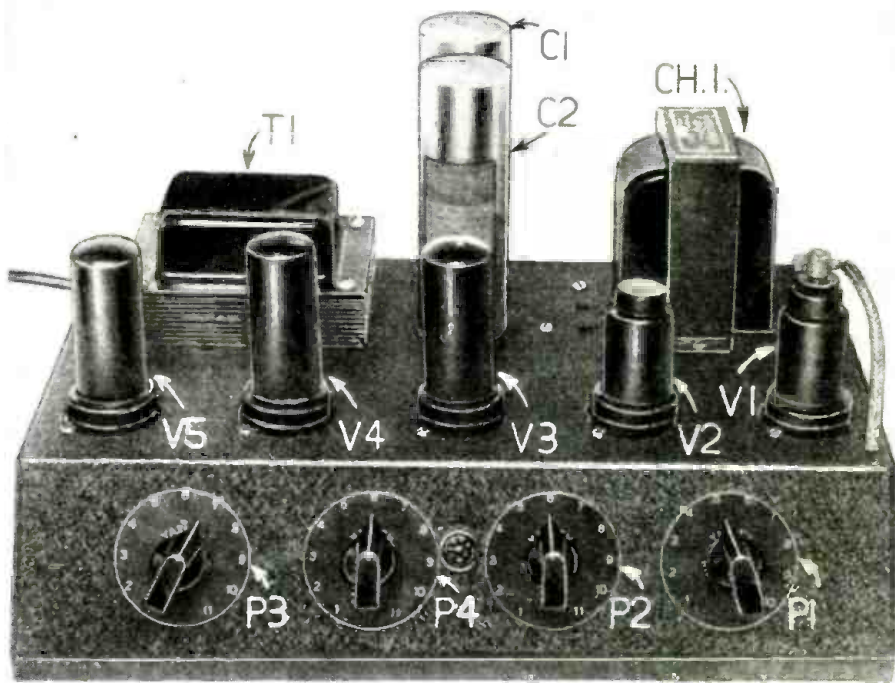
● "VARIETY is the spice of life," according to an old maxim. Taking this homely bit of advice to heart the author decided that perhaps a little variety in a piece of radio apparatus might add a little "spice" to it.

With this idea in mind this audio amplifier was designed. Its main claim to fame (?) lies in the fact that by adjustment of its controls it is possible to secure a variety of frequency response characteristics from it.

### 3-Tone Controls Provided

There are 3 separate tone controls. One of these raises or lowers the amplification of frequencies in the neighborhood of 80 cycles, that is, the bass notes. The second control raises or lowers the degree of amplification of the frequencies between approximately 250 and 3000 cycles. The third control controls the (Continued on page 115)

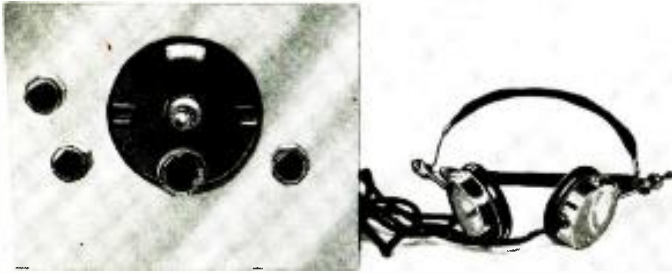
Right—close-up view of the de Luxe A.F. amplifier—a considerable amount of research work was carried on by Mr. Gernsback in developing this amplifier, and tests have shown that it will prove a very fine addition to any S-W "Fan's" equipment. P1-volume control; P2, low frequency compensator; P-3, medium freq. comp. and switch; P4, Hi-Freq. Comp.



Wiring diagrams, both schematic and physical, for the de Luxe A.F. amplifier are given above. Any one who is at all familiar with wiring electrical or radio apparatus can, with the aid of but few tools and a soldering iron, easily build this amplifier.

# A 2-Tube, Band-Switching

By George W. Shuart, W2AMN



Front view of the 2-tube "switch-coil" receiver.

● NEARLY every commercial receiver today uses some form of coil-switching arrangement, while the short-wave experimenter has been constantly using plug-in coils. With the improvements in switch design, it is now possible for even the most inexperienced "Fan" to construct a receiver employing *band-switching*, and still obtain just as good results as if he had used plug-in coils.

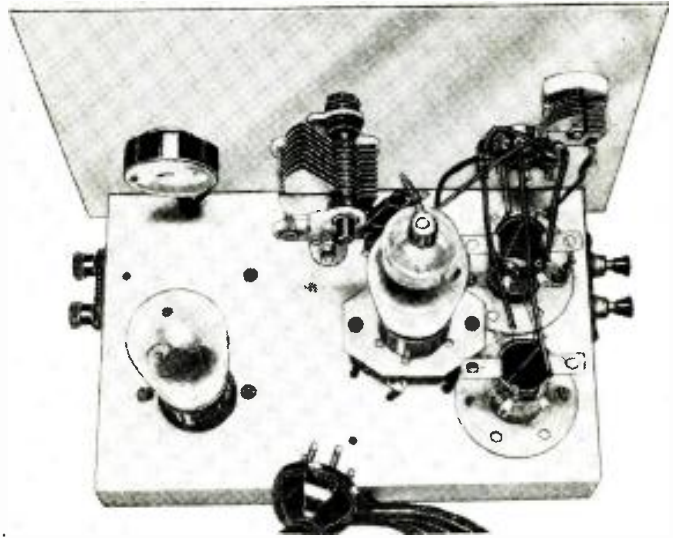
In this article we intend to point out a few very simple rules for band-switching, and illustrate a working model as an example. In this receiver a range of from 15 to over 50 meters is divided into two stages. The first runs up to around 30 meters, while the second stage includes the ranges up to around 60 meters. Only two coils are necessary and a single "shorting" type switch.

For convenience of illustration we have selected a single regenerative detector, using a screen-grid pentode tube, resistance-coupled to a triode amplifier. Of course if the reader desires to construct a more elaborate receiver, the simple rules given, and the switch connections shown will only have to be enlarged upon.

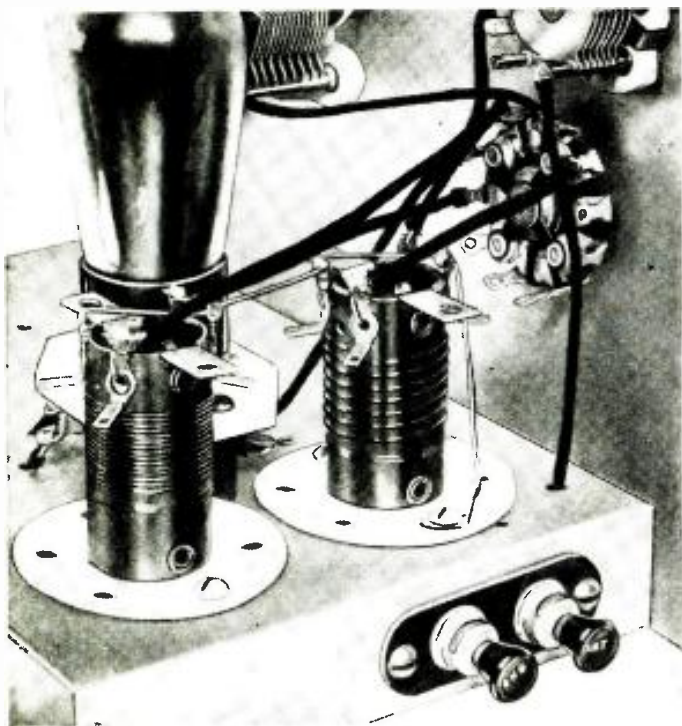
For instance, if a stage of tuned R.F. were added to the receiver, another set of two coils and one additional (ganged) switch would be required. The parts layout plan for the receiver employing an R.F. stage ahead of the detector would be identical to other T.R.F. receivers described in past issues of *Short Wave Craft*.

Shielding is most important in this case. The coils used in this receiver are manufactured by the Miller Coil Company and are designed to be used in conjunction with an "all-band"

Here's a compact, dual-range, short-wave receiver, covering from around 15 to 60 meters and using a very efficient switch-coil arrangement. Complete constructional details are given regarding the switching arrangement, so that the reader might construct a receiver having a tuned R.F. stage if desired. There are no *dead-spots* in the operation of this set, and the switch-coil arrangement has proven every bit as efficient and flexible as the usual plug-in coils. Stations from all over the world were heard with excellent earphone volume.



General rear view, showing how the various parts are placed on the chassis, permitting short leads.



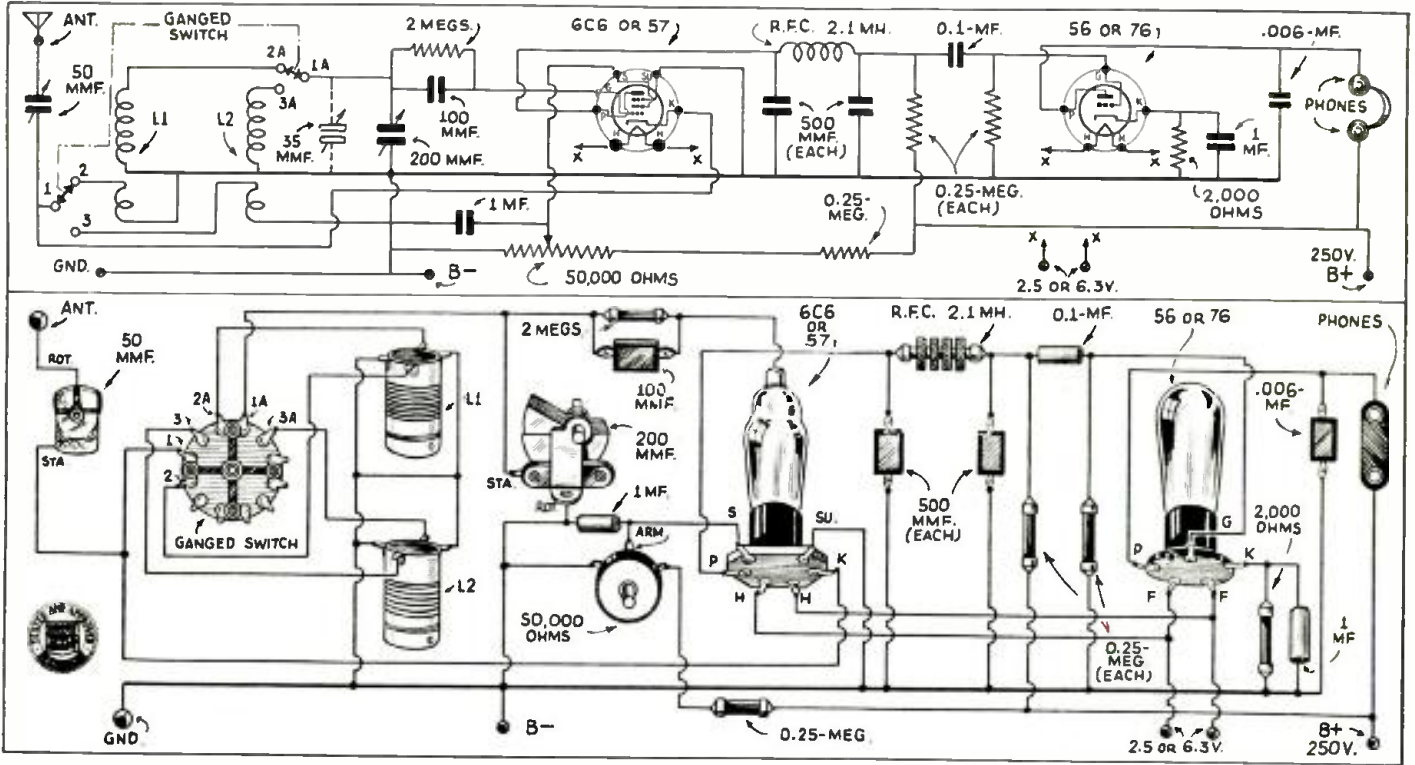
Close-up of the switching arrangement, showing the two coils and the rotary switch.

superhet. However, just two coils were selected for this receiver. Those having the proper ranges happen to be those having code numbers C-727-C-OSC and D-727-A. The smallest of these tunes from around 14 to 35 meters with the condenser shown. The larger coil as we stated before, tunes up to about 60 meters, taking in all the possible short-wave "broadcast" bands, as well as two amateur bands.

It is very important to use a good switch, one having the contacts well spaced and providing a minimum of distributed capacity in the switch itself. A switch having large blades might allow sufficient capacity coupling between the two coils, to bring about a "dead-spot" in the tuning range of the smallest coil, at the point which is a fundamental resonant frequency of the larger coil. A clear drawing is given of the type switch used, and if this type is selected no difficulty will be experienced due to "dead-spots." In a regenerative receiver of the type illustrated in the photo and diagrams, the *antenna coupling* is quite an important consideration. Here band-switching is incorporated in a receiver; one would naturally assume that the antenna had to be switched also. However, a separate contact is not needed for this, if the method shown in the diagram is employed.

In this case the cathode of the detector is connected with the feed-back coil in a so-called *electron-coupled* circuit. By connecting the antenna directly to the cathode through a small fixed condenser, you can readily see that when the cathode coils are switched, the effective antenna coupling is also switched. Naturally, the coil for the highest frequency has the fewest number of tickler turns, and the coil for the lowest frequency the greater number of tickler turns. By connecting the antenna to the cathode, this tickler coil is also employed as the antenna pick-up coil, so that we

# Receiver—for the S-W Fan



Schematic and picture wiring diagrams which even the most inexperienced may follow. This receiver is simple to build by following these diagrams. Complete satisfaction to the reader is assured.

actually change the antenna coupling when we switch from one coil to the other, thereby eliminating the necessity for changing the antenna coupling condenser. The rest of the circuit is perfectly straightforward, and needs but little explanation.

The plate circuit is well filtered, with a 2.1 mh. R.F. choke and two small fixed condensers. A single audio stage provides sufficient volume for earphone operation, and, should speaker operation be desired, an additional stage employing a pentode power tube may be added.

Of course, with 200 mmf. tuning condenser, we do not *band-spread*. However, this can be an added feature to your receiver, through the addition of a 35 mmf. condenser connected in paral-

lel with the main tuning condenser, or one of the new Crowe band-spread dials may be employed. The condenser method of *band-spread* is clearly indicated by dotted lines in the schematic drawing. Stations from all over the world were heard with this receiver and excellent volume was obtained.

Regeneration in the detector stage is controlled with a 50,000 ohm potentiometer. Between the potentiometer and the B plus there is connected a 1/4 meg. resistor. This system has been found to give exceptionally smooth control. If a power supply having a 20 to 30-volt tap is used with this receiver, the 1/4-meg. resistor may be eliminated, and the *plus* side of the potentiometer connected to the low-voltage terminal of the power supply.

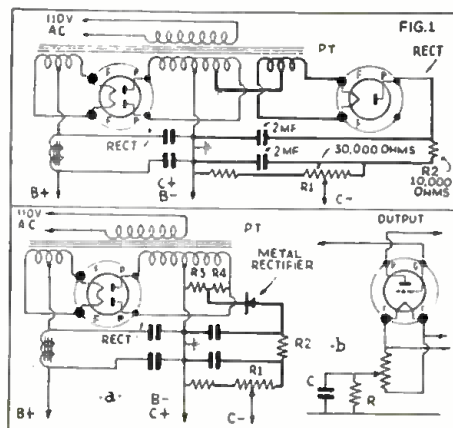
The receiver shown in the photograph is built on a 7x8 inch aluminum base, 1" high, under which there is sufficient space for the various by-pass condensers, R.F. choke and resistors. The panel measures 7" high and 9" wide, and looking at the front view, we find that the antenna trimmer, which is a Hammarlund APC50, is located in the upper left-hand corner. Below this we have the Yaxley four-pole double-throw switch. Of this switch only two poles are used of course. In the center we have the main tuning dial and on the right-hand side the regeneration control potentiometer. The back view clearly shows the general layout of parts. The two coils are mounted directly behind the wave  
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## A Stabilized Grid-Bias Circuit

● THE use of class "A" prime amplifier circuits in conjunction with short-wave receivers and transmitters has found wide acceptance due to the unusually high output that can be obtained with low voltage and limited current supply units.

One difficulty with these units up to now has been the need for a constant grid voltage. If the ordinary bias resistor is used, the "C" voltage depends on the plate current which varies with changing signal strength.

A novel way to obtain the constant bias voltage, without the need of a separate power transformer, rectifier and filter system was described in a recent issue of *Wireless World* (London). This consists of shunting a high resistance across half the high-voltage winding and tapping part of this voltage off through a metal rectifier and using this as the bias. A resistor-and-condenser filter smooths the voltage sufficiently for the bias.



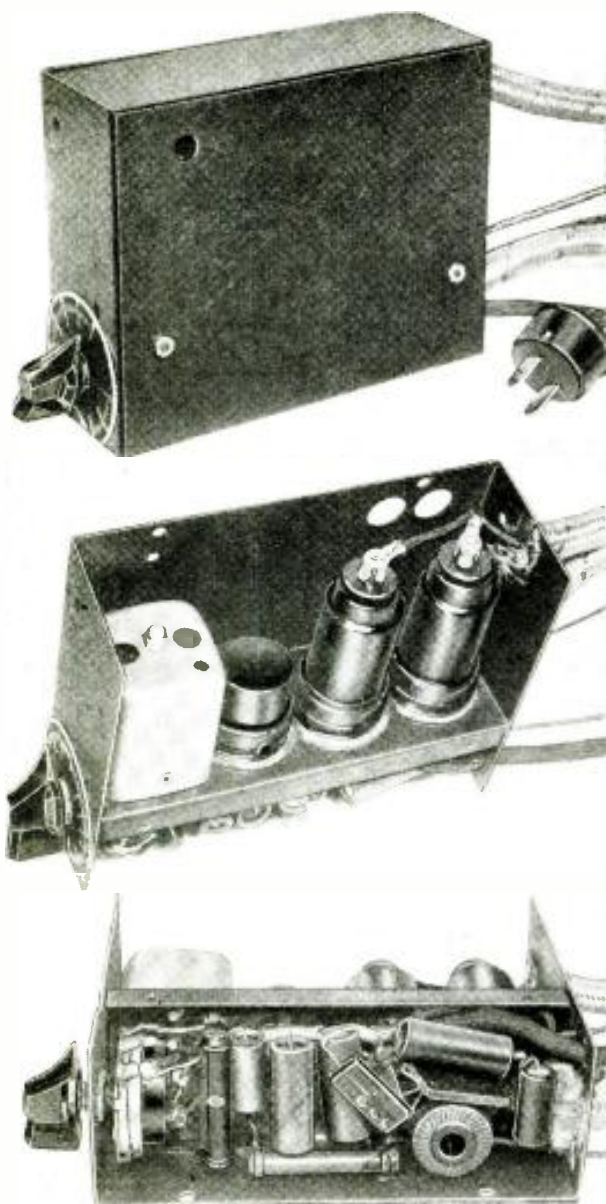
By properly polarizing the rectifier, the current for "C" bias is only drawn during the half of the A.C. cycle at which that side of the high-voltage winding of the power transformer is idle. In other words, in a full-wave rectifier circuit, only one side of the rectifier is passing current for each half cycle. And it is the idle half that is utilized in this clever scheme.

The metal rectifier can be replaced by a tube, if the power transformer has an extra filament winding which is not used. Otherwise, a filament transformer must be used to light the filament. Both the metal and tube circuits are given.

In the two diagrams to the left a novel method of obtaining bias voltage from the regular plate power-supply is indicated. This provides an extremely simple and efficient method for overcoming the grid bias problem. The polarity is such that grid bias is being supplied by one side of the high voltage secondary during the period in which it is not furnishing plate power. Thus, the plate transformer is not overtaxed in the least.

# How to Construct the New NOISE SILENCER

By W. Green



A new, clever, yet very simple device that really cuts out man-made static, ignition noises, dial telephone clicks, and interference from motors such as oil burners, vacuum cleaners and fans.

eliminators." By the use of a ground in place of the outdoor antenna, the collector of noise (the antenna) was eliminated. This, unfortunately, also eliminates the collection of signals! After this came a veritable army of filters—antenna filters and power-line filters. Each, while it assisted slightly in reducing the "noise level," nevertheless did not get at the real root of the trouble. There are so many different types of disturbances that can be picked up, that no one filter or combination could eliminate them. The only solution with filters of this sort would be to connect

effectively eliminate or reduce this noise is essential.

### The Lamb Noise Silencer Principle

Better than this, thanks to J. J. Lamb, Technical Editor of QST, the device to be described actually does the job. While it does not entirely cut out the interference, it does, nevertheless, cut it down to such an extent as to make hitherto unintelligible reception clear, clean and enjoyable. It does not have to completely cut out the interference in order to be effective, and here's why.

Ordinary electrical disturbances in modern radio reception are found to be one of two types. There is the steady "hash" type and the second, or more common variety, "machine gun" interference. The latter, generally caused by sparking, is most frequently originated by switches, ignition systems, dial telephones and similar devices.

The action of the *noise-silencer* is to cut off the receiver momentarily during the peaks, so that they never reach the detector tube. Thus, there are periods of silence lasting about one-thousandth of a second and recurring with the frequency of the noise. These silent periods are actually not heard by the ears.

The simple analogy of motion pictures will clarify this. Although "movies" consist of 16 different pictures flashed separately on the screen every second, we see one continuous moving picture. This is the persistence or lag of vision. Similarly, in the noise silencer, we do not notice these periods of silence but hear a continuous unbroken signal.

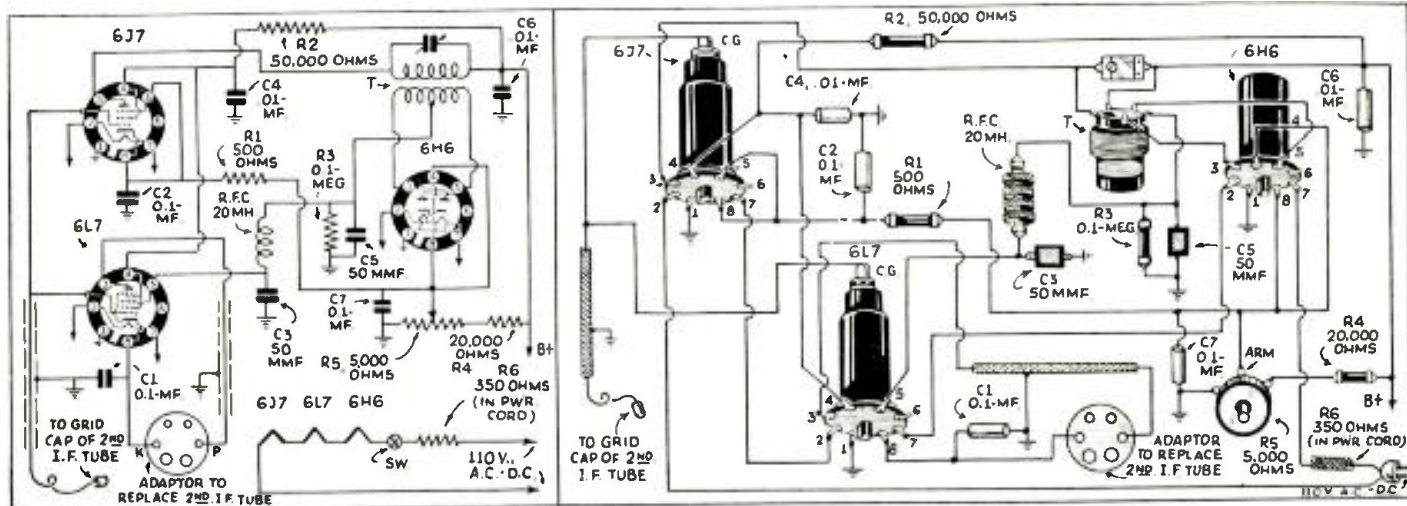
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● NOISE interference is the big problem that has kept the experts of radio research busy ever since the earliest days of communication. The passing years have witnessed "gadgets" for this purpose attacking the problem from every conceivable angle.

The earliest types were the "antenna

erator, fan, telephone, ignition system, etc. We can easily see the difficulty of this gigantic task. The author feels that some day in the future, every manufacturer of these interfering electrical devices will make appropriate radio filters an integral part of his equipment. Until such time, the need for a device to

Three views of the "easy-to-build" Noise Silencer as here described by Mr. Green.

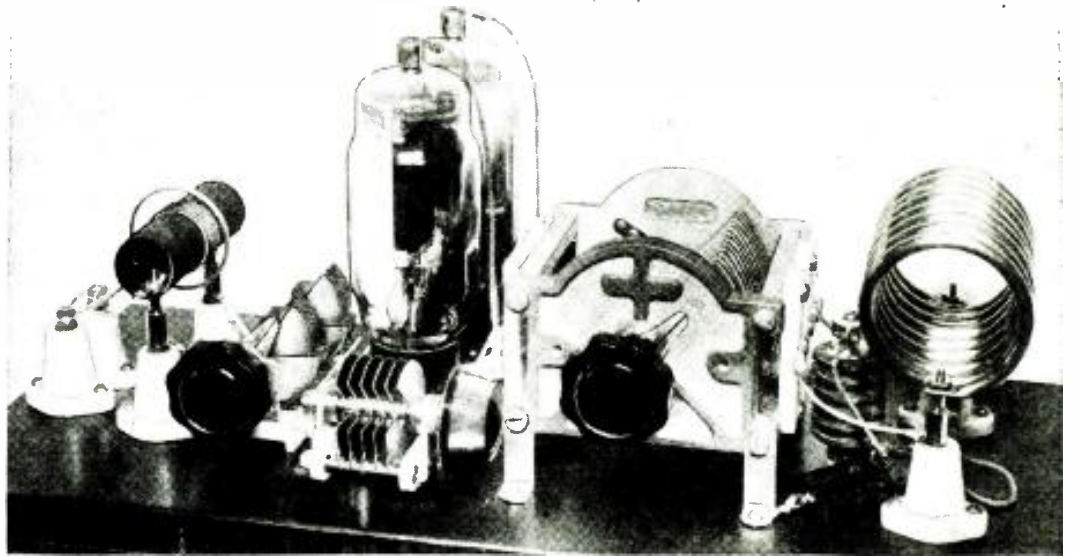


Picture and schematic diagrams of the new "Noise Silencer"; it can be added to most superhet receivers and will effectually eliminate "man-made" static—noises from electric motors, and other devices which radiate similar disturbances.



● For the benefit of those amateurs who would like to increase the output of their low-power transmitters, we take pleasure in presenting this article.

Here we have an amplifier capable of giving around 200 watts output, which is economical to build and operate. It can be added to your present transmitter, providing it has an output of around 20 watts. Two of the new type 830-B's are used in push-pull. Complete details are given.



Front view of the 830-B push-pull amplifier.

# 830-B PUSH-PULL AMPLIFIER

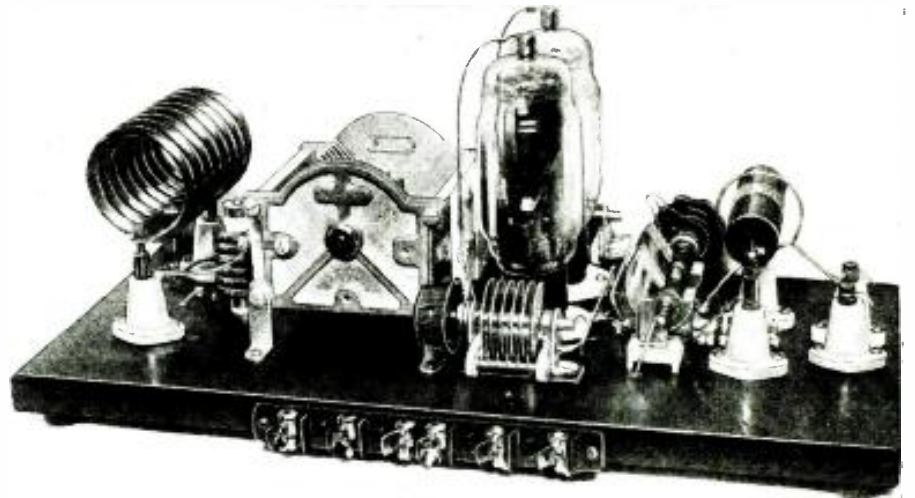


By George W. Shuart  
W2AMN.

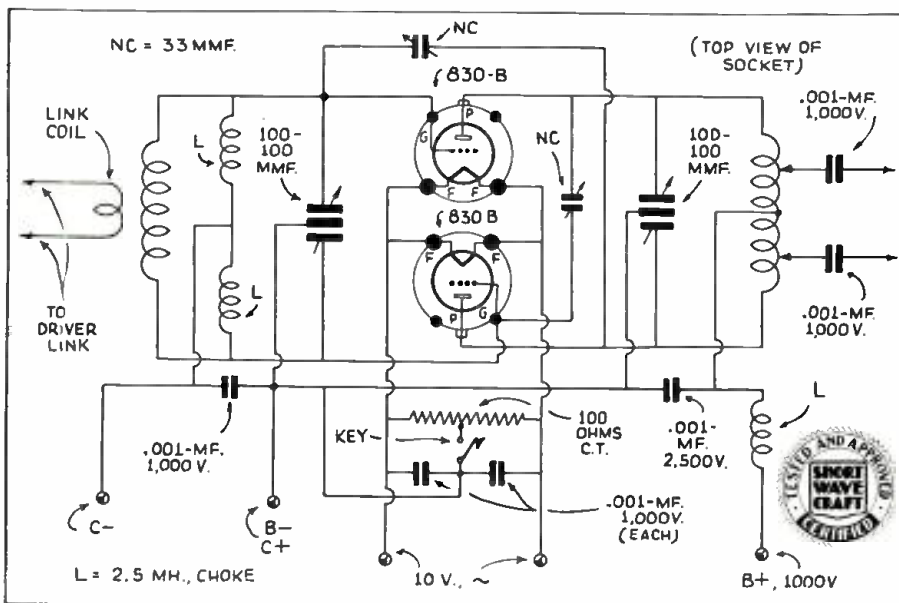
worked out in the form of the amplifier shown in the photos.

● THERE are many "Hams" who are operating transmitters with outputs ranging from 15 to 30 watts who would like to add an amplifier to their "rigs." The great problem has always been the type tubes to use. Mainly because of the larger investment required when increasing power, the ham has used low-power tubes and overloaded them in order to obtain greater output. This is not necessary today because, as we look through the transmitting tube data, we find a tube for every power output and one that fits the purse of nearly every amateur.

The average output required to compete with present-day conditions—an output which will permit one to work through under even the most adverse conditions, is 100 to 200 watts. This power is obtainable from the average low-power transmitter with the addition of some sort of amplifier. This problem was carefully considered and the most economical method was finally



Rear view of the amplifier, showing the general construction and layout.



### 2-830-Bs in Push-pull

The unit shown uses two of the new RCA 830-Bs in push-pull. These tubes were chosen because of their ability to provide high-power output and their relatively low cost. Of course a single 203A would do the job just as well, but that would necessitate the use of a single ended circuit, which is not as efficient as a push-pull circuit at the higher frequencies and, besides, where we have our investment in two tubes, we are a lot safer than if we were to put the en-

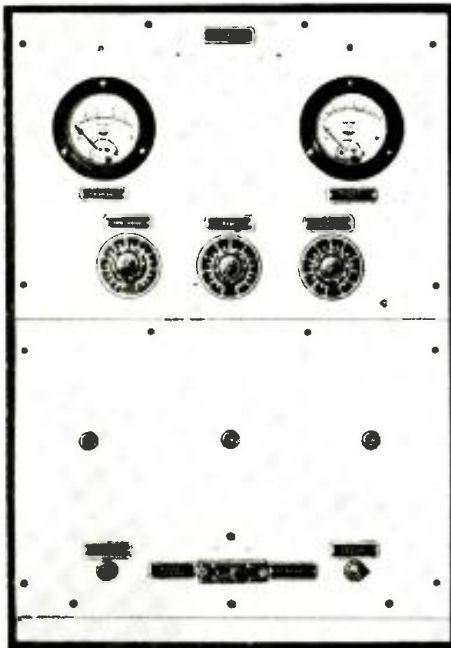
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Wiring diagram showing the proper connections and values of various parts.

# A Modulator for the Modern 5 - m. Xmitter

(Described in May number)

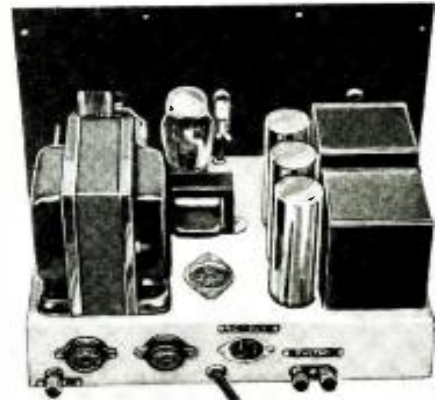
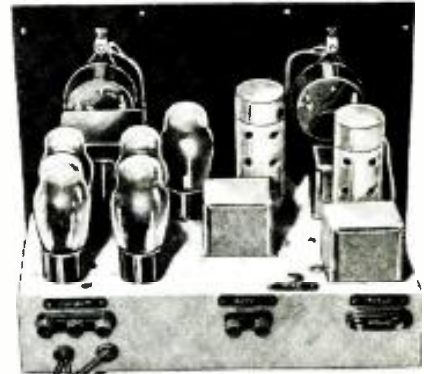
By Howard G. McEntee, W2FHP



Here we have a front view of the complete modulator.

In the May issue of SHORT WAVE CRAFT, Mr. McEntee described a very efficient 5-meter MOPA transmitter. In the accompanying article the author gives a complete description of the modulating equipment used with the R. F. unit described last month.

field current to a dynamic speaker. It had a single secondary winding giving about 125 V. To this was added a winding of bell-wire providing 5 V. for the bias rectifier filament. An ordinary (Continued on page 118)



Rear view showing the general constructional details.

● THIS amplifier or modulator, is designed to be used with the 5-meter MOPA transmitter described last month. It may be used, however, with any transmitter where an audio power of 30 to 35 watts is required, and it may also, by use of the proper output transformer, be used as a high quality P. A. Amplifier. The use of triode tubes throughout aids in obtaining high-quality and "trouble-proof" operation, and their use also is an economic measure, since the output tubes, which are type 45, are among the lowest priced tubes.

The input is arranged for use with a double-button mike, and a meter and rheostat are provided to control the button current. A 4½ V. "C" battery will last quite a few months, since the average current drain is only about 20 ma. The input tube, a 2A6 with the diodes grounded, is impedance and resistance-coupled to a 56. The volume control is in the grid circuit of the 2A6, to prevent overload. A 3 to 1 transformer is used between the 56 and 45 "driver." The bias for the 45 is tapped off from

the C bias bleeder, so the filament of this tube, as well as of the output 45's is connected directly to ground, through a center-tapped resistor.

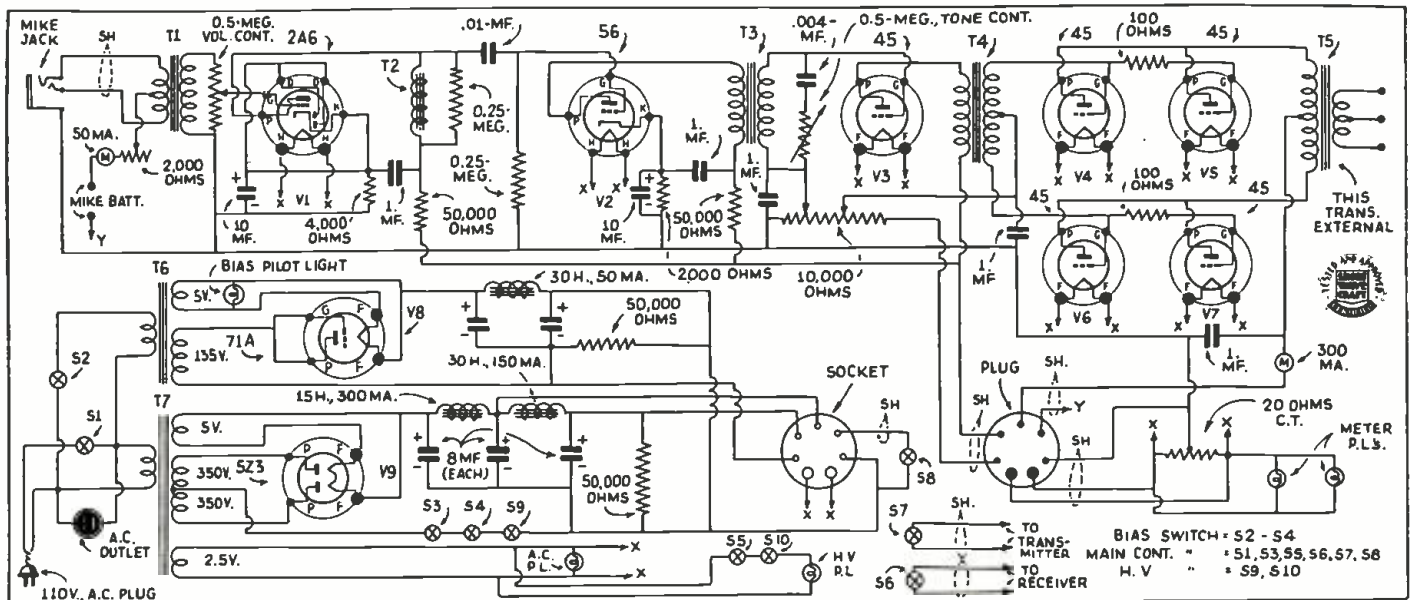
The Class AB input and output transformers must be of high quality, particularly the input transformer, or the rated power output will be much under that expected.

The output transformer has a secondary winding which is rated at 5,000 ohms and will carry the plate current of the R.F. Power Amplifier.

The power supply is on the lower chassis, and is connected by a seven-wire shielded cable with the amplifier circuit. The high voltage power transformer is designed to supply around 300 ma. on load, at about 300 volts. It has a husky 2.5 volt winding for the filaments.

The filter chokes are also rated to withstand the power requirements. The output stage is connected between the two chokes, so that a slightly higher voltage may be obtained with less drop on heavy modulation peaks.

The C bias power transformer was made from a unit designed to supply



Wiring diagrams of the modulator and power-supply for the 5-meter MOPA transmitter.

# SHORT WAVE . SCOUTS

## TWENTY-SEVENTH "TROPHY CUP"

Presented to  
SHORT WAVE SCOUT  
RALPH B. BALDWIN  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

For his contribution toward the  
advancement of the art of Radio

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Magazine

### 27th TROPHY WINNER

65 Stations—47 Foreign

● OUR heartiest congratulations to Ralph B. Baldwin of Ann Arbor, Mich., this month's winner of the handsome silver trophy, for his very fine "log" of short-wave stations heard and verified. Mr. Baldwin had a total of 65 veris, 47 of which were foreign.

How about sending us a photo of yourself, and also one of your Listening Post or station. Send the photos with the "log" of stations. If the pictures are clear, we will endeavor to find space for them when publishing the story and "log" of the prize-winner. The photos do not necessarily have to be taken by a professional photographer; the main point is that they must be clear!

In making out the list of stations to enter in this contest, be sure to put the total number of stations and also the number of foreign stations, either at the end of the list or in the letter accompanying the "log" of stations.

#### United States Stations

W1XAL—11790 kc.—Boston, Mass.  
W1XAL—6040 kc.—Boston, Mass.  
W1XK—9570 kc.—Boston, Mass.  
W2XAD—15330 kc.—Schenectady, N.Y.  
W2XAF—9530 kc.—Schenectady, N.Y.  
W2XE—15270 kc.—New York, N.Y.

### Honorable Mention Awards

T. E. Port, East Barnet, Herts, Eng.  
G. W. Dixon, Rydal, Pa.  
Elmer Phipps, Annapolis, Md.

W2XE—6120 kc.—New York, N.Y.  
W3XAL—17780 kc.—Bound Brook, N.J.  
W3XAL—6100 kc.—Bound Brook, N.J.  
W3XAU—9590 kc.—Newtown Square, Pa.  
W3XAU—6060 kc.—Newtown Square, Pa.  
W4XB—6040 kc.—Miami, Fla.  
W8XAL—6060 kc.—Cincinnati, Ohio.  
W8XK—21540 kc.—Pittsburgh, Pa.  
W8XK—15210 kc.—Pittsburgh, Pa.  
W8XK—11870 kc.—Pittsburgh, Pa.  
W8XK—6140 kc.—Pittsburgh, Pa.  
W9XAA—6080 kc.—Chicago, Ill.

#### Foreign Stations

CJRO—6150 kc.—Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
CJRX—11720 kc.—Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
CFCX—6090 kc.—Bowmanville, Ont.  
DIP—14410 kc.—Zeesen, Germany.  
DJA—9560 kc.—Zeesen, Germany.  
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● ON this page is illustrated the handsome trophy which was designed by one of New York's leading silversmiths. It is made of metal throughout, except the base, which is made of handsome black Bakelite. The metal itself is quadruple silver-plated, in the usual manner of all trophies today.

It is a most imposing piece of work, and stands from tip to base 22½". The diameter of the base is 7¾". The diameter of the globe is 5¾". The work throughout is first-class, and no money has been spared in its execution. It will enhance any home, and will be admired by everyone who sees it.

The trophy will be awarded every month, and the winner will be announced in the following issue of SHORT WAVE CRAFT. The winner's name will be hand engraved on the trophy.

The purpose of this contest is to advance the art of radio by "logging" as many short-wave phone stations, amateurs excluded, in a period not exceeding 30 days, as possible by any one contestant. The trophy will be awarded to that SHORT WAVE SCOUT who has logged the greatest number of short-wave stations during any 30-day period.

### Trophy Contest Entry Rules

● THE rules for entries in the SHORT WAVE SCOUT Trophy Contest have been amended and 50 per cent of your list of stations submitted must be "foreign." The trophy will be awarded to the SHORT WAVE SCOUT who has logged the greatest number of short-wave stations during any 30 day period; (he must have at least 50 per cent "foreign" stations). This period need not be for the immediate month preceding the closing date. The complete list of rules appeared in the September issue of this magazine.

In the event of a tie between two or more contestants, each logging the same number of stations (each accompanied by the required minimum of 50 per cent "foreigns") the judges will award a similar trophy to each contestant so tying. Each list of stations heard and submitted in the contest must be sworn to before a Notary Public and testify to the fact that the list of stations heard were "logged" over a given 30 day period, that reception was verified and that the contestant personally listened to the station announcements as given in the list.

Only commercial "phone" stations should be entered in your list, no "amateur transmitters" or "commercial code" stations. This contest will close every month on the 25th day of the

month, by which time all entries must be in the editors' hands in New York City. Entries received after this date will be held over for the next month's contest. The next contest will close in New York City May 25th; any entries received after that date will be held over till the next month.

The winner each month will be the person sending in the greatest number of verifications. Unverified stations should not be sent in, as they will not count in the selection of the winner. At least 50 percent of the verifications sent in by each listener must be for stations located outside of the country in which he resides! In other words, if the contestant lives in the United States at least 50 percent of his "veries" must be from stations outside of the United States. Letters or cards which do not specifically verify reception, such as those sent by the Daventry stations and, also by commercial telephone stations, will not be accepted as verifications. Only letters or cards which "specifically" verify reception of a "given station," on a given wave length and on a given day, will be accepted! In other words it is useless to send in cards from commercial telephone stations or the Daventry stations, which state that specific verifications will not be given. Therefore do not put such

stations on your list for entry in the trophy contest!

SHORT WAVE SCOUTS are allowed the use of any receiving set, from a one-tube up to one of sixteen tubes or upwards, if they so desire. When sending in entries, note the following few simple instructions: Type your list, or write in ink, pencilled matter is not allowed. Send verification cards, letters and the list all in one package, either by mail or by express prepaid; do not split up the package. Verification cards and letters will be returned, at the end of the contest, to their owners; the expense to be borne by SHORT WAVE CRAFT magazine.

In order to have uniformity of the entries, when writing or typing your list, observe the following routine: USE A SINGLE LINE FOR EACH STATION; type or write the entries IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: Station call letters; frequency station transmits at; schedule of transmission, if known (all time should be reduced to Eastern Standard which is five hours behind Greenwich Meridian Time); name of station, city, country; identification signal if any. Sign your name at the bottom of the list and furthermore state the type of set used by you to receive these stations. State total No. stations.

# SHORT WAVES and Our Readers Forum. LONG WAVES

Arthur Harris, Jr., WJGX, Active Ham—Prize Winner



Photo above shows station of Arthur S. Harris, Jr., WJGX, of 4 Hillside Ave., Winchester, Mass. The silver trophy is that won by Mr. Harris in the "Best Listening Post" photo contest conducted by the "Official Short Wave Listener" magazine.

## OUR SETS DO MORE THAN WE CLAIM!

Editor, SHORT WAVE CRAFT:

I have been reading SHORT WAVE CRAFT for a long time and will continue to do so until the "dough" runs out. I find your station lists and time charts very helpful in tuning in DX. I have built many of your receivers and have found that if wired right, they do just what you say, and more too! The receiver I have now was described in SHORT WAVE CRAFT some time ago, and although I use different tubes the circuit is the same. It uses a 44 T.R.F., 44 detector, 201A first audio, 112 output; with this set I have received a good many stations, among them being: W8XK, W3XL, W3XAL, DJA, DJB, GSB, EAQ, FYA, and many South Americans and Amateurs. I have also received many "foreigners" but no verifications were received from them.

FRED EASTON,  
Box 200, Route 4,  
Sacramento, Calif.

(We are pleased to know that you have found our short-wave station list and time schedules helpful in tuning in distant short-wave stations. We are also tickled to learn that you have had such fine success in building numerous receivers described in SHORT WAVE CRAFT. Incidentally we might mention at this time that possibly 50 percent of the troubles experienced with receivers described in this or other magazines, is due to the fact that the constructor either carelessly or unknowingly wires the set in a sloppy fashion, plus poorly soldered or nonsoldered joints. Moreover the individual apparatus may be incorrectly placed or too crowded. If a set does not act just right, it will always pay to move R.F. chokes around and see if the set works better with the chokes in the new position. Sometimes a lot of trouble with sets such as feed-back and poor tuning characteristics are due to the nonshielding of the tubes, and it will always pay to shield them anyway.—Editor)

## DANDY "LOG" ON 2-TUBE SET!

Editor, SHORT WAVE CRAFT:

I have been an interested reader of SHORT WAVE CRAFT for quite a period of time and think it is the best magazine published dealing with the Short-Wave field. I have been extremely interested in what other fellows are logging with their sets. In this way I compare my results with theirs.

you read this. Naturally U.S. stations are omitted.

Canadian stations: CJRO, CJRX, VE9GW, VE9HX.

Davenport stations: GSA, GSB, GSC, GSD, GSE, GSF. I receive many British phone stations that pound in here with terrific volume.

French stations: "Radio Colonial" on several different frequencies.

Holland—PHI.

Spain—EAQ.

Portugal—CT1AA.

German stations: DJA, DJB, DJC, DJD.

Switzerland: HBP, HBI.

U.S.S.R.: RNE (RKI A Russian phone).

Mexican stations: XEBT.

Costa Rica: TIEP.

South Americans (all taken together): EI Prado, YV3RC, YV5RMO, HJIABB, LSX, PRF5, PSK, HJ5ABD, and others unidentified.

Cuba: COC.

Australia: VK2ME, VK3ME.

Recently I had an amateur in Southern California (W6CAH) coming in R8. I hear so many phone stations that I do not know half of their calls.

What do you think of this list?

I am a member of the ISWC and the SWL (SHORT WAVE LEAGUE) of this magazine.

In conclusion let me, as an ardent short-wave "Bug," thank you for a swell magazine. Let's have more logs of the fellows with 2-tubers. People seem to get the idea that a 16-tube set is the only kind of DX set to use!

GEORGE ZEHNER,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

(Fine business, George, and you have certainly "spanned the globe" with your 2-tube set. We are glad to know that you have had such very fine results with a set made from one of our specifications, and we believe that you will be pleased indeed with some of the new 1-, 2-, and 3-tube jobs that we are now developing for the forthcoming numbers.—Editor)

## A SUPER-SENSITIVE SET

Editor, SHORT WAVE CRAFT:

I have watched with much enthusiasm the growth of SHORT WAVE CRAFT and I possess a great many copies of your excellent magazine. After reading your magazine for a period of four years I feel that you have every reason to be proud of your efforts. Most of the circuits de-

scribed are practical and quite easy to read. I, myself, have spent a period of over two years searching for the best short-wave receiver, and I believe that I now possess one of the best receivers it is possible to construct. The layout of my receiver is as follows: I have a single stage of preselection which feeds into the first R.F. stage of a National NC5 converter. I have changed the circuit of the converter and it now incorporates a crystal filter and automatic volume control. This converter feeds directly into a Scott All-Wave receiver which consists of twelve tubes, using the superheterodyne circuit. Most of my friends have been amazed at the sensitivity of the set. Until recently I had been using

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## One Year's Subscription to SHORT WAVE CRAFT FREE

### for the "Best" Station Photo

Closing date for each contest—75 days preceding date of issue: April 15 for July issue, etc. The editors will act as judges and their opinions will be final. In the event of a tie a subscription will be given to each contestant so tying.

## "HAM" NEWS FROM BRIGHTON, IOWA

Editor, SHORT WAVE CRAFT:

The transmitter in the rack will be used on 160 meters. Next to the rack and on the table is my "television" scanner, all home-made. Next is the frequency meter or monitor. Just in back of the vibroplex key is a 5-meter transceiver, using 1-19 in PP. The microphone is on the right; on the lower shelf is my amplifier. The set I am holding on my lap is a 5-meter transmitter. All the apparatus in this photo is home-made, most of it was taken from your "FB" magazine. I am a member of the Short Wave League, and have been in radio since the days of spark xmitters and



Myrl O. Lemley, of Brighton, Iowa, and his "Ham" outfit. He toted it out in the yard for photographing.

crystal receivers. I am a steady reader of Short Wave Craft. Mostly interested in 5 meter stuff, also Television, Arc-welding and Wind-Electric plants, one of which I hope to use.

MYRL O. LEMLEY,  
Brighton, Iowa.  
RFD. 1.

(Glad to hear from you Myrl, and when you have some design data ready on that 5-meter apparatus, shoot it along to the editors. Hi!—Editor.)

# WORLD-WIDE SHORT-WAVE REVIEW

-Edited By C. W. PALMER

## 5-Meter Directional Array

A SIMPLE and effective directional antenna described in F8PA—a French radio magazine—consists of 8



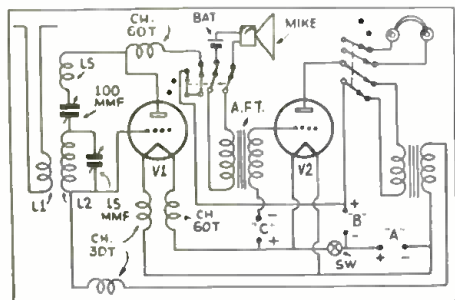
antenna composed of 8 copper rods arranged in a parabolic curve. The rods are secured to insulated skeleton frames at top and bottom (probably made of bakelite) which forms a rigid assembly. The entire aerial is supported on four legs so that it can be mounted directly over the transmitter, as shown in the picture here. The power is then fed to the antenna directly from the inductances of the 5-meter oscillator by means of a short transmission line.

The simplicity of this "beam" antenna array is striking—it should make an effective radiator for the "ham" who is working in the ultra-short wave spectrum.

## An Italian Transceiver

● THE combined transmitting and receiving units for portable use, in which the same tubes are used for sending and receiving, are becoming popular throughout the entire radio world.

In a recent issue of *La Radio per Tutti* (Milan) an Italian version of the well-



Interesting Italian Transceiver circuit, using same tubes for transmitting and receiving purposes.

● The Editors have endeavored to review the more important foreign magazines covering short-wave developments, for the benefit of the thousands of readers of this magazine who do not have the opportunity of seeing these magazines first-hand. The circuits shown are for the most part self-explanatory to the radio student, and wherever possible the constants or values of various condensers, coils, etc., are given. Please do not write to us asking for further data, picture-diagrams or lists of parts for these foreign circuits, as we do not have any further specific information other than that given. If the reader will remember that wherever a tuned circuit is shown, for instance, he may use any short-wave coil and the appropriate corresponding tuning condenser, data for which are given dozens of times in each issue of this magazine, he will have no difficulty in reconstructing these foreign circuits to try them out.

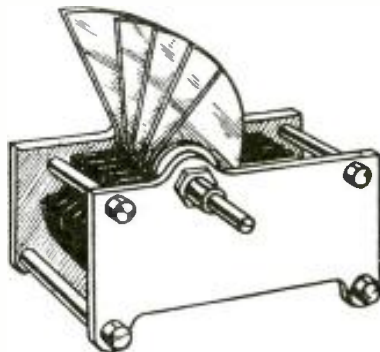
known *transceiver* principle was described. The circuit is self-explanatory. Tube V1 is the oscillator for transmitting and also the detector for receiving. Tube V2 is the modulator for voice transmission, while this tube doubles up and acts as an A.F. amplifier for receiving.

A simple 4-pole double-throw switch makes the change-over from transmitting to receiving instantaneous. One of the multi-leaf jack switches will be fine for this purpose.

It will be noticed that R.F. chokes are used to isolate both the grid lead from the oscillator to the modulator and the filament leads of the oscillator. This is necessary to prevent a loss of R.F. power through the modulator unit. The filament chokes must be wound with heavy wire to prevent dropping the oscillator filament voltage excessively.

The coils L1, L2 and L3 depend in size upon the frequency at which the unit is to be operated. The values of other parts are shown on the circuit.

## Graduating the Control



How plates of a feed-back condenser were cut to a "fan" shape, to provide more gradual increase in capacity.

● EVERYONE who has used a good regenerative receiver for short-wave reception will agree that with a limited number of tubes, really fine DX reception can be obtained.

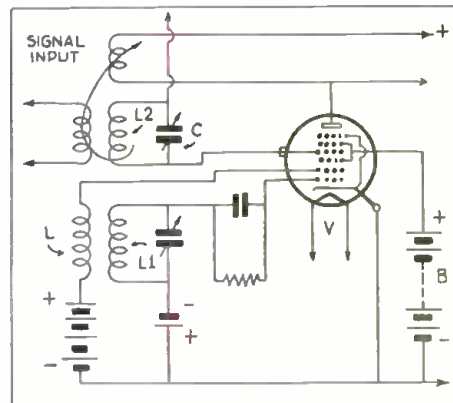
The secret lies in the use of correct values of components which supply a smooth control of regeneration, up to the point of oscillation—and in having some means of spreading the control space by vernier dial or other means. By this method, tremendous amplification is possible in the detector tube.

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## Super-Regenerative Circuit

● ACCORDING to a description of a new patent—No. 437160—issued to Baird Television, Ltd., in England which appeared in *Wireless World* (London) the pentagrid type of tube has been applied to the super-regenerative circuit.

The *octode*, as this type of tube is called in Europe, is applied as shown in the accompanying circuit. The ordinary control-grid is fed with the signal and the plate is



The very latest in Super-regenerative circuits, using a pentagrid tube.

used for feed-back, as in any pentode detector system.

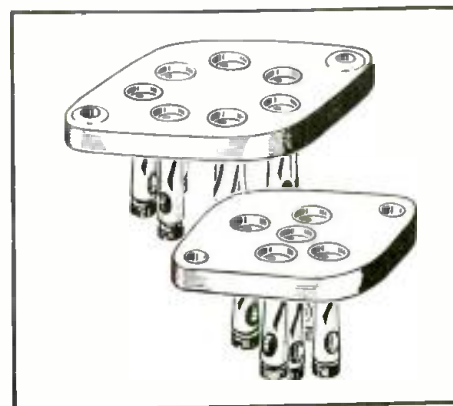
The first and second grids (ordinarily used for the oscillator in superhet sets) are used for the "quenching" or interruption oscillator. Thus, the cathode stream of the regenerative detector is modulated by the interruption oscillator.

This combines in one tube the actions of detector and oscillator, without the disadvantages of other single tube super-regenerative circuits.

## Short-Wave Tube Sockets

● SPECIAL parts to cover the requirements of ultra-short work are finding more and more need as the applications for these waves increase. A recent issue of *Practical Television and Short-Wave Review* (London) contained descriptions of several new parts designed particularly for high-frequency use. One of these was a low-loss tube socket of the wafer type and having a ceramic insulation.

A glance at the socket reproduced shows the make-up of the socket. The usual spiral grip contacts which provide a very positive contact (compared to some of the American sockets) are of special interest. Some American socket manufacturers could do worse than copy this type of contact, rather than the flimsy springs they use at present!

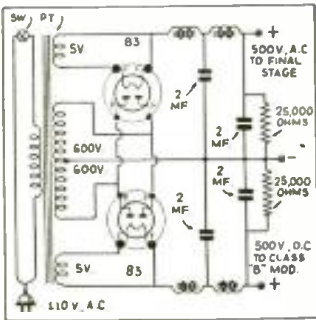


Sure-grip sockets for high-frequency tube.

**\$5.00 Prize**

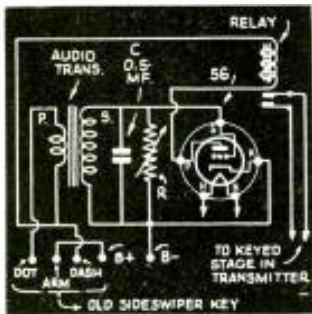
**DUPLEX POWER SUPPLY**

Here is a scheme whereby a single power transformer may be used to furnish two separate power supplies. In the drawing we find that two rectifier tubes are used together with two sets of filters. In this manner, we may obtain two distinct, separate, filtered, 500-volt outputs. If the transformer has a good regulation, this arrangement may be used for supplying class B modulators as well as to the modulated rf. amplifier, derived from the same transformer without overtaxing the filter arrangement. This permits better regulation than would be obtained if a single filter were used to supply both parts of the transmitter.—Stephen Casey.



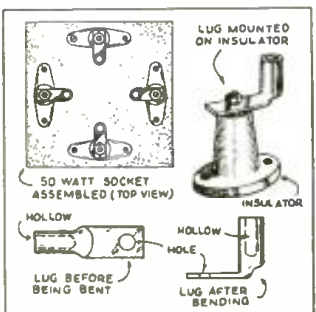
**AUTOMATIC KEY**

I have constructed a very novel method of obtaining "bug" operation with the ordinary side-swiper. In the drawing we find that we merely have a vacuum tube connected in a relay circuit. The side-swiper may be home-made with a single arm and contacts on both sides. The resistor R controls the speed of the dots, and it is only necessary to hold the side-swiper against dot contact and dots will be made indefinitely. The dashes of course are made by hand, the same as in an ordinary "bug." The relay in the plate circuit of the tube is necessary in order to control the circuit to be keyed.—Francis C. Fekel.



**HOME-MADE 50-WATT SOCKET**

Recently when experimenting with a 50-watt power amplifier, I found that I was short the necessary socket. By forming jacks from short lengths of copper tubing as shown in the drawing, and mounting them on stand-off insulators, a very efficient socket was evolved. In constructing it, attach the sockets to the insulators and then insert the tube into the four sockets before the insulators are screw-



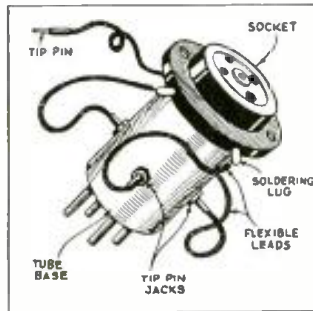
**\$5.00 FOR BEST SHORT-WAVE KINK**

The Editor will award a five dollar prize each month for the best short-wave kink submitted by our readers. All other kinks accepted and published will be awarded eight months' subscription to **SHORT WAVE CRAFT**. Look over these "kinks" and they will give you some idea of what the editors are looking for. Send a typewritten or ink description, with sketch, of your favorite short-wave kink to the "Kink" Editor, **SHORT WAVE CRAFT**.

ed to the base. This permits perfect alignment which is not easily obtained if the insulators were to be mounted merely by measuring.—Stanley Cutler.

**HANDY COIL ADAPTER**

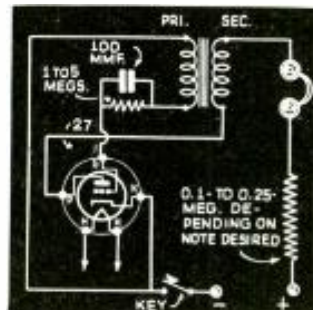
In my accumulation of radio parts I happen to have coils which were not all wired the same. During experiments this normally required a change in the wiring of the coil socket. To overcome this, I devised the adapter which is shown in the accompanying sketch. It consists of a tube base and a watt with four jacks and plugs. This arrangement allows the leads to be changed at will without altering the coils



or the coil sockets.—Alexander E. Waken-tin.

**IMPROVING CODE OSCILLATOR**

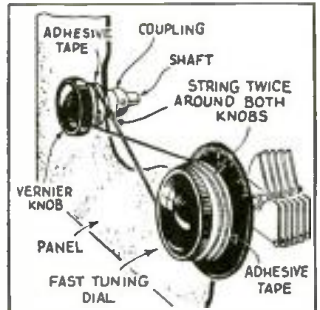
I have constructed a number of code practice oscillators and have found that considerable difficulty could be overcome by using a grid-leak and grid condenser. This seems to aid considerably in obtaining strong oscillators. The size of the grid-leak and the condenser also have a definite control over the tone heard in the



earphones. The diagram is shown herewith.—Harry Yust.

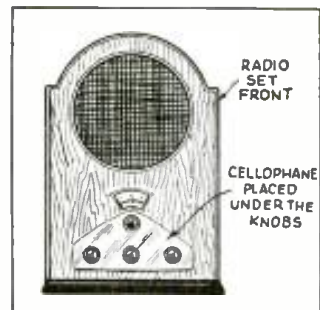
**SOLDERING IRON KINK**

Here is a suggestion which I think will benefit many experimenters. I had trouble in keeping my soldering iron properly tinned, so I took it to a jeweler and had him tin the point with silver solder. This has a higher melting point than lead solder and the point will stay tinned permanently. It is best to let a jeweler do the job, unless one is accustomed to using hard solder. The cost of this tinning is usually only about fifty cents. It is surprising how well this method works. The iron work should be perfectly clean and smooth before applying the new coating.—Henry W. Birno.



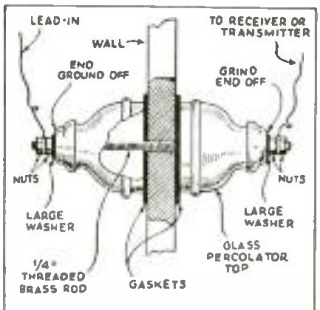
**VERNIER DIAL ATTACHMENT**

Lacking the funds to purchase one of the new vernier dials, I constructed the system shown in the drawing. First, adhesive tape was wrapped around the large dial knob and also the small dial knob to prevent the string from slipping. This makes an excellent vernier adjustment, as any one will quickly find when trying this "Kink".—A. V. Tuohy.



**PROTECTING PANELS**

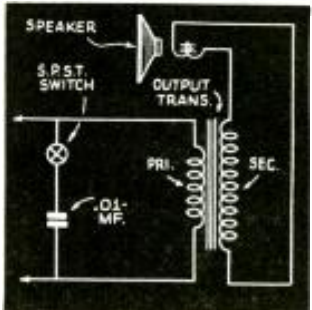
I have made use of the transparent quality of cellophane as a protection to the fine finish on my all-wave receiver. The sheet of cellophane is shaped according to the layout of the controls of your receiver. A small amount of cement placed in each corner of the cellophane will hold it firmly in place. An arrangement of this type prevents fingernail scratches around the knobs and does not detract from the appearance of the set.—Wilbur Slater.



**PERCOLATOR TUBES AS INSULATORS**

I obtain two glass percolator tops from the local "5 and 10" which provide a very

neat and efficient lead-in arrangement. First the tops of the glass percolator caps are ground off on an emery wheel, or rather ground down sufficiently to allow a small rod to be put through them. This rod is a 1/4 inch brass threaded affair having a length decreasing upon the thickness of the wall through which the lead-in is to be brought. One important point to remember is that the hole through the wall must be large enough to allow plenty of clearance around the brass rod. All other details are clearly given in the drawing.—Alfred Haberman.



**IMPROVING RECEIVER TONE**

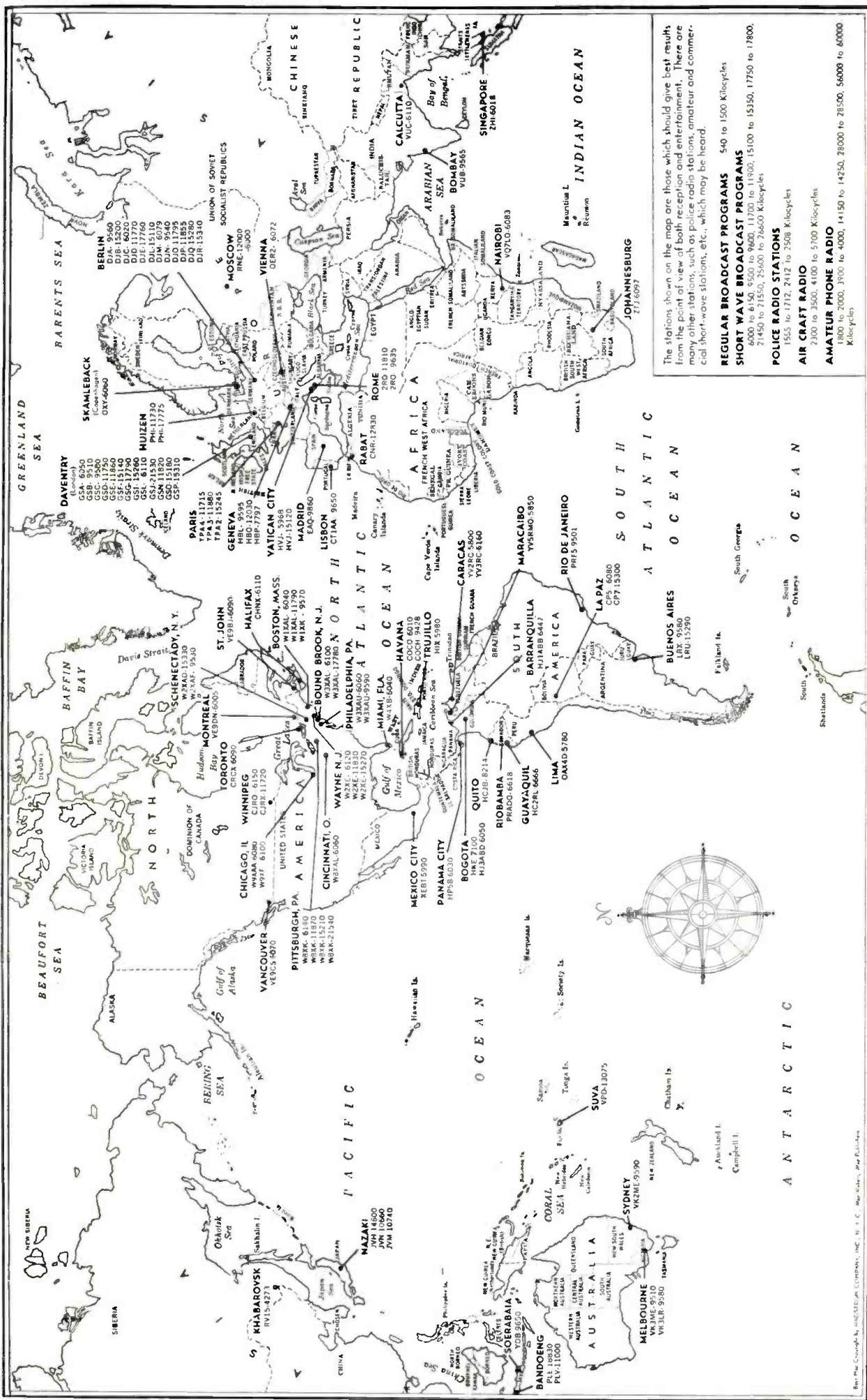
Many short-wave "Fans" and experimenters are experiencing the so-called "tin-can" effect from their loud-speakers. I overcome this trouble by connecting a .01 mf. condenser across the primary of the output transformer. In series with this condenser I also have a switch as shown in the diagram. This allows the condenser to be switched in and out of the circuit at will.—Robert Richard Roach.



**HOME-MADE DIAL**

The material used is any lead foil material such as a toothpaste or shaving cream tube. The wrinkles are easily rolled out with the round, back portion of a spoon. By applying even pressure and a rotary motion the material may be rolled to a brilliant finish.—W. Lewis Teter

# Short-Wave Station Map of the World



The stations shown on the map are those which should give best results from the point of view of both reception and entertainment. There are many other stations, such as police radio stations, amateur and commercial short-wave stations, etc., which may be heard.

**REGULAR BROADCAST PROGRAMS** 540 to 1500 Kilocycles

**SHORT WAVE BROADCAST PROGRAMS**  
 1500 to 6150, 6300 to 7600, 7700 to 11700, 15100 to 15350, 17750 to 17800,  
 21450 to 21550, 25400 to 26600 Kilocycles.

**POLICE RADIO STATIONS**  
 1555 to 1712, 2412 to 2508 Kilocycles

**AIR CRAFT RADIO**  
 2300 to 3500, 4100 to 5700 Kilocycles

**AMATEUR PHONE RADIO**  
 1800 to 2000, 3000 to 4000, 14150 to 14250, 28000 to 28150, 56000 to 60000  
 Kilocycles.

The map reproduced above, has been brought up-to-date and shows the location, call letters and frequencies of the leading short-wave transmitting stations of the world. Listeners residing in the United States, are particularly interested usually in the time difference existing between American cities and stations located in New York. The time is five hours later in London than it is in New York, and six hours later in Berlin than in New York. By adding the time difference between New York and western cities in the United States, the time difference between these western cities and European points can quickly be calculated.

# WHAT'S NEW In Short-Wave Apparatus

The short-wave apparatus here shown has been carefully selected for description by the editors after a rigid investigation of its merits

## New 4-Tube Receiver Tunes From 1 to 11 Meters

By James Millen and Dana Bacon

A Precision Super-regenerative receiver of high sensitivity—it has a super-bandsread dial



Front panel view of the new National "1-10" improved Super-regenerative receiver, fitted with super-bandsread dial. (No. 540).

● THE Type "1-10" receiver employs a 4-tube circuit, consisting of one stage of tuned R.F., a self-quenching superregenerative detector, transformer coupled to a first stage of audio which, in turn, is resistance coupled to a power output stage.

The tubes employed are as follows:

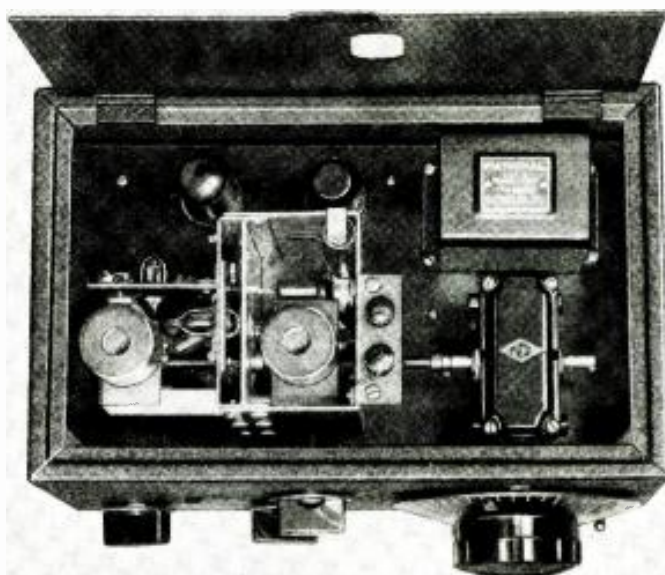
- 954—R.F.
- 955—Detector
- 6C5—First Audio
- 6F6—Second Audio

The receiver is designed for operation from the National Type No. 5886 AB power unit, all voltage dividers, etc., being built in so that but one B-voltage lead is necessary. This power supply furnishes six volts at 1.6 amperes to the heater circuit and 180 volts at 35 milliamperes to the plate and screen circuits. If desired, the heaters may be supplied from a 6-volt battery and the B-circuits from B-batteries. Voltages in excess of 180 are not recommended and receiver performance will be unsatisfactory on the "A" range at voltages below 167. If lower voltages must be used, as in por-

table operation, the 20,000 ohm resistor connected between the B+ lead and the regeneration control and the 35,000 ohm screen dropping resistor of the R.F. stage, may both be shorted out. This will allow the receiver to function normally with a maximum voltage of 90, but with reduced audio output. A 3-volt C-battery is used to supply bias

Right: Top View—Note the double-shielding between the R.F. and detector circuits, and the unique arrangement of parts.

Below: The Coils with Covers Removed—From left to right, the coils are designated as A, B, C, etc. Detector coils are in front.

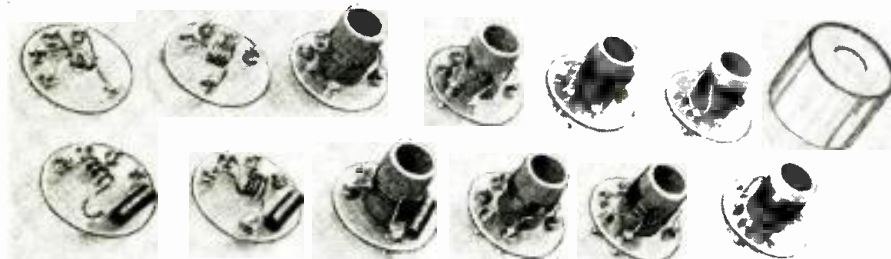


compartment, being held in place by a spring clip. Two Eveready Type 915 cells, or equivalent, are needed. They are mounted in a bakelite tube and the positive (center) terminal of the upper cell is grounded at the top by a retaining bracket.

### Antenna

The importance of an efficient antenna cannot be over emphasized. The antenna lead, or leads, should be brought directly to the antenna binding posts at the top of the receiver. They may be threaded through

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## Headphone and Jack for Use on Any Receiver

● AT some time or other every short-wave listener, particularly if he is the owner of one of the modern all-wave receivers, will want to use a pair of headphones. The average person is not sufficiently skilled to attempt the connection of a headphone jack to the modern complicated receiver.

The headphone and jack kit shown in the accompanying photo has been devised by one of the large radio manufacturers especially for use on their line of receivers, but it may also be used on the majority of all-wave receivers now on the market.

For those sets having a single tube output stage, an adapter is used in the output stage socket. In those sets having a driver tube ahead of the output stage, the adapter is plugged into the output tube socket. To connect the adapter is a very simple procedure—the output tube is re-



Headphone and jack which can be quickly put in operation on any all-wave receiver. When the phunes are in use the loudspeaker is cut out. (No. 538).

moved from its socket (or the driver tube in the second type of set); next, the adapter plug is inserted into the socket in place of the tube. The tube previously removed is now inserted into the holes in the top of the adapter plug. Finally, the headphone plug is inserted into the jack at the end of the adapter box. This headphone adapter can be left connected permanently and it does not affect the tone of the loudspeaker. The loudspeaker is automatically switched out of circuit, while the headphones are in use. Many persons who are hard of hearing may now enjoy headphone reception, even though they are quite unable to hear the radio programs when the loudspeaker is operated in the usual way.

Our Information Bureau will gladly supply manufacturers' names and addresses of any items mentioned in *Short Wave Craft*. Please enclose a stamped return envelope.

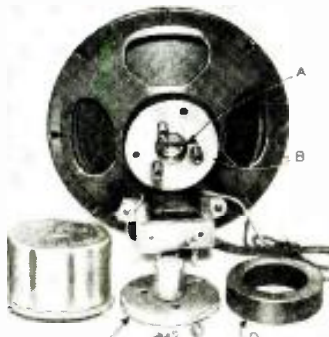
Names and addresses of manufacturers of apparatus described on this and following pages furnished upon receipt of 3-cent stamp; mention No. of article.



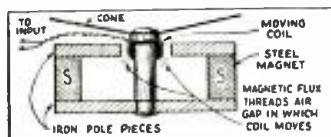
# NEW APPARATUS FOR THE "HAM"



New Electric "Eye", H-44.



Nokoil speaker, H-45.



The diagram above shows the flux path of this new speaker which operates without external field excitation.

## NEW ELECTRIC EYE, H-44

● THE uses for photo-electric cells have multiplied tremendously among amateurs and experimenters during the last few years. The unit shown in the photograph is really versatile in performance, inasmuch as it can be operated in the input circuit of a vacuum tube, or it may be connected directly to a sensitive meter for measuring relative intensities of light. In other words, it is sensitive in both the *generative* and *emissive* classes. It consists essentially of two metal electrodes, sealed in a bakelite case, between which the light-sensitive material is exposed to incident light rays behind a special glass or quartz window.

One of the advantages of this type of instrument is that continuous exposure to light does not effect its sensitivity in the least.

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## NOKOIL DYNAMIC SPEAKER, H-45

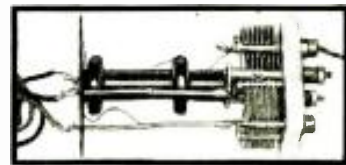
● THERE has been a long-felt need for a dynamic speaker which will operate with any receiver; one that provides efficient performance and requires no external excitation. This new Nokoil reproducer employs a new material, known as Alnico, as a permanent magnet.

This new material provides sufficient flux density to enable the speaker to perform as well as the finest electro-dynamic

speaker of the same size. In the photograph we have an exploded rear view of the speaker, showing its general construction. The particular model shown is equipped with a universal transformer, enabling the user to employ practically every type of output tube, be it pentode or triode.

Owners of battery-operated sets or receivers not equipped to supply field excitation for the speaker will welcome this new product.

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Aladdin I.F. transformer, H-46.

## IRON-CORE I.F., H-46

● A NEW *iron-core* I.F. transformer has been recently introduced in which the variable padding condensers are of the air dielectric type. It is contained in an aluminum can 1½ by 1¾ by 4 inches tall. They are supplied in numerous models intended for use either with the new metal or regular glass tubes, to be used as an intermediate coupling transformer, output of pentagrid converter or input to diode rectifiers. The *gain* of the Aladdin transformer is said to be sufficient to allow a sensitivity with one stage of R.F., comparable with that obtained with two stages of air-core transformers. The adjusting screws are conveniently located at the top of the container, in order that the chassis does not have to be turned down side up for adjusting purposes.

The "Ham" who is building a



Desk-type rack, H-47.



Enclosed relay rack, H-48.

## Universal A. C. Bridge

● HERE is an extremely useful instrument for the serviceman as well as the "Fan" for general testing purposes in the radio field—a universal A.C. bridge.

The Universal Bridge consists of a variable-ratio-arm Wheatstone Bridge, having three standards each for inductance, capacitance and resistance. A vacuum tube 1,000-cycle oscillator and two-stage amplifier, together with their power supply, are built-in components. The only additional equipment required is a *null indicator*, for



New Universal A.C. bridge which will measure capacity, resistance and inductance. (No. 541.)

which purpose a single headphone of the high impedance type will serve. The usual 110-120-volt A.C. power supply furnishes all power required for the bridge, a cord and plug being supplied for inserting in a convenient outlet.

Assuming the proper selection of standards, the variable ratio arm makes possible the use of a single dial, with linear markings from 1 to 10, for all ranges of each

## New Battery Type B. C. and S. W. Receiver

type of measurement. Simplified operation and readings are the result.

A nine-position, four-gang *selector switch* permits choice of the proper scale for the particular unknown being measured. Two additional resistor phasing controls are provided so that the resistance in capacitors and inductors may be balanced out in order to secure a definite null point. Also, a variable capacitor for obtaining a null point on resistors above 100,000 ohms is provided.

With this bridge you may make measurements of resistors, capacity and inductance. The bridge has the following ranges: Resistance, 1 ohm to 1 megohm. Inductance, 100 microhenries to 10 henries. Capacitance, 10 mmf. to 10 mf.

The bridge consumes but 40 watts when in operation and can be used on 110 to 120-volt circuits, having a frequency of 25 or 60 cycles A.C. For the serviceman, this bridge will prove sufficiently accurate for all of his requirements, the accuracy being

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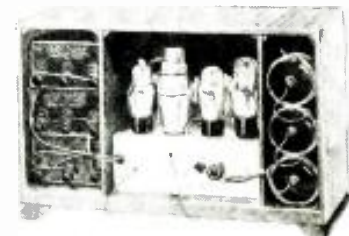
## B.C. and S.W. Receiver

● IT was almost a foregone conclusion that someone would eventually devise a simple and practical radio receiver to operate at a low cost from ordinary batteries such as can be bought at any store. Now word comes from Ann Arbor, Michigan, that such a radio has been developed after many months of research.

There are many interesting and surprising things about this revolutionary radio that will interest those who must operate their sets from batteries. To begin with, the original battery cost has been reduced one-half because no expensive "A" batteries are required. A further saving of at least twenty per cent is claimed, because of a device called the *International battery saver*. Added to this is the eighty per cent reduction of speaker battery drain, through use

of the new Perm-o-flux dynamic speaker, which utilizes a newly developed substance that will lift 140 times its own weight, as against nine times in the ordinary magnet.

The smooth-flowing response of the new Kadette receiver with this new type



A "high-efficiency" battery superheterodyne, using newest permanent magnet dynamic speaker; it will operate 300 hours on 3 dry cells as "A" battery. (No. 542.)

speaker, brings the living reality of the studio into the home. The full, floating

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# THE RADIO AMATEUR

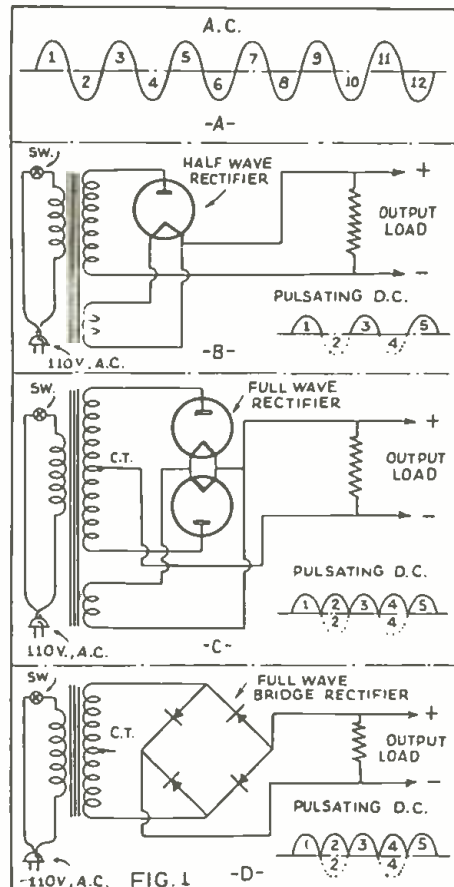
*Conducted by Geo. W. Stuart*

## Radio Amateur Course

● THE most important part of a transmitter, or any piece of radio apparatus, is the source of power or the *power supply unit*. In nearly all cases the power for operating radio transmitters and receivers is taken directly from the alternating current power mains. In Fig. 1, we have the various types of rectifier units for operation directly from alternating current. Principles of alternating current and the action taking place in rectifier circuits have been clearly defined in previous lessons of this course. In Fig. 1A, we find a representative drawing of alternating current with each half of the cycle numbered starting with 1.

### The Half-Wave Rectifier

In Fig. 1B, we have the well-known half-wave rectifier with its pulsating D.C. output also illustrated. We find that the first impulse is transmitted to the output of the rectifier system. The second impulse though, as shown by the



In Fig. 1. A, B, C, and D, we have various types of rectifying circuits, including the half-wave, full-wave with center-tapped transformer, and the full-wave "bridge" circuit.

### TENTH LESSON

A clear explanation of power supplies for all amateur needs, as well as hints on the selection of the various components.

dotted line is not transmitted, and then No. 3 which is in the same direction as No. 1 is also transmitted, and so on to No. 5. Here we find a considerable space in between each impulse which is received at the output terminals of the rectifier system. This is characteristic of all half-wave systems, and it will be seen that this is much harder to filter or *smooth out*, due to the great time space occurring between the direct impulses.

### Full-Wave Rectifier

However, we can utilize the other half of this A.C. input cycle, by what is known as the *full-wave* rectifier system, diagrammed in Fig. C. In this case we have no particular time space between the impulses as shown in the drawing accompanying Fig. C. This current, of course, is much easier to filter because of the relative *smoothness* compared with the output of the rectifier in Fig. B. In Fig. C, we utilize a center-tapped transformer, where the output voltage of the rectifier is approximately equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the entire secondary voltage, or approximately equal to the voltage existing on either side of the center tap.

### Voltage Either Side of Center Tap

This transformer, for instance, may deliver 500 volts at the output terminals of the rectifying system. This would require that each side of the center tap deliver 500 volts, making a total secondary voltage of 1,000. This same transformer can be made to deliver 1,000 volts at the output terminals of the rectifying system if the entire secondary is used in a *half-wave* system, as shown in Fig. B. On the other hand, this would be difficult to filter. With a suitable rectifying system, we can obtain full-wave rectification and have the entire secondary voltage appear at the output terminals of the rectifier.

### The Bridge Rectifier

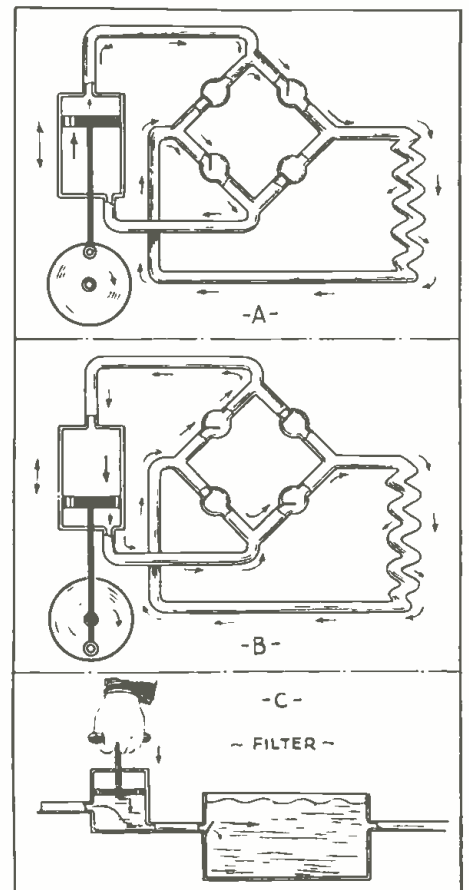
In Fig. D we have the bridge rectifier system which requires four  $\frac{1}{2}$ -wave rectifiers. Here the output is just as smooth as that shown in Fig. C, and the voltage is *twice as great!*

When selecting the power transformer, there are many things to consider besides the voltage rating. Of course, the primary of the transformer must be designed to operate at the voltage of the power mains. 110-volt mains require a transformer with a 110-volt

primary, and if the power mains deliver 220 volts, then of course a like primary would be needed. We also have to consider the frequency of the A.C. service. The average of course is 60 cycles. However, in different parts of the United States, and in various foreign countries, the frequency may be anywhere from 25 to 60 cycles. The average 60-cycle power transformer will operate satisfactory on either 50 or 60 cycles. However, where 25 or 30 cycle power is available, a transformer designed especially to operate at that frequency will be required.

### Power Rating of Transformer

The *power rating* of the secondary of the average transformer is given in volts and milliamperes. The voltage rating is determined entirely by the rating of the vacuum tube for which the transformer is intended to furnish power. For instance, the average 50-watt tube operates at around 1,000



Here we have analogies of the "bridge" rectifier circuit in hydraulic form, and also an hydraulic analogy of the "filter network."

volts, therefore, a transformer delivering from 1,000 to 1,250 volts will be required. Usually, the voltage rating of the transformer is slightly greater than the tube rating, in order to allow for a voltage drop in the filtering system. If the total load on the power supply, for instance, is to be 250 ma. (milliamperes), the current rating of the transformer will have to be 250 ma., plus the current drawn by the bleeder resistor. The bleeder will be covered later on in this lesson.

**Choice of Rectifier Tube**

The choice of the rectifier tubes is quite an important one. There are two types of rectifiers generally used among amateurs and experimenters. These are of the *high vacuum* type and the *mercury vapor* type. The high vacuum rectifier in former years was so designed that there was a considerable drop in voltage through the tube. Then to overcome this mercury was added to the tube, and the ionization thus coming about during operation, lowered the resistance to a negligible amount, and, therefore, the voltage drop was practically eliminated. The rated voltage drop of the average *mercury vapor tube* is 15 volts.

For power supplies up to 300 volts the type 80 tube is recommended. For power supplies delivering in the neighborhood of 500 volts, the type 5Z3 is suitable. For good regulation in the 500-volt category, either the mercury vapor tube may be used or the new high vacuum "83V". The "83V" provides excellent regulation and has an extremely low voltage drop, due to the very close spacing of the elements. For the average power supply delivering in the neighborhood of 1,000 volts, with

The next lesson of our *Radio Amateur Course* will deal entirely with the amateur type receivers of the more simple variety, such as regenerative sets with and without R.F. amplifiers. Pointers on the design and construction of sets of this type will be given. The various types of regeneration controls will also be discussed.

These amateur lessons are prepared for persons not having technical training and who desire to learn the fundamentals. We suggest that those who have not already done so, keep a file of these lessons.

a center-tapped transformer, the type "866" which is a one-half wave mercury vapor rectifier or the high vacuum type 836 are recommended. In fact, both of these tubes work well in power supplies delivering as high as 2,000 volts. The "866" may be used on voltages well above this figure.

**The Filter Circuit**

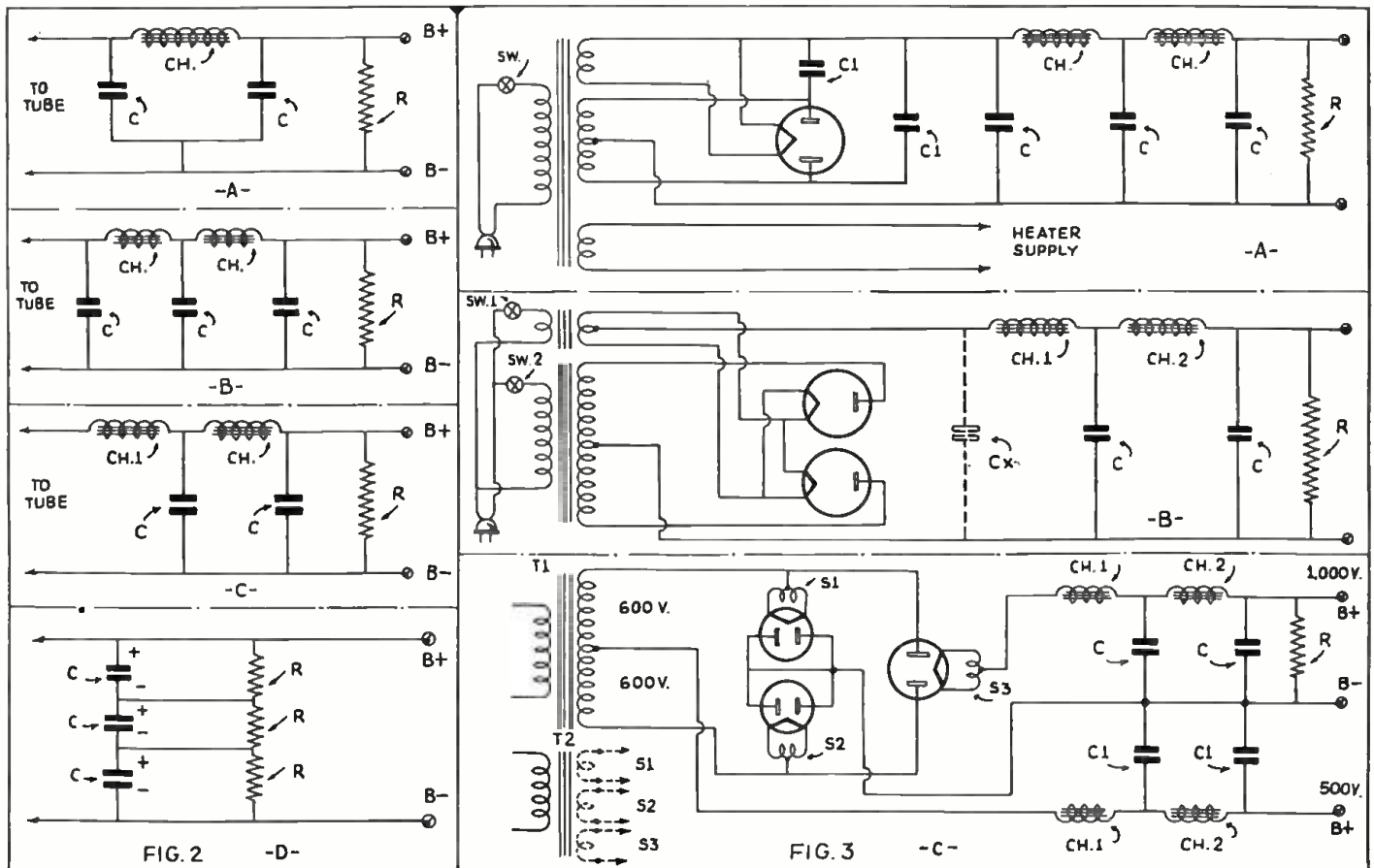
After the alternating current has been rectified, we have to use some sort of *smoothing* or *filtering* circuit in order to deliver pure D.C. to the transmitting vacuum tubes. In Fig. 2, we show various filter systems. In 2A, we have the so-called "brute force" filter, wherein a single choke and two condensers are used. The current carrying capacity of the choke should be identical to the transformer rating. The inductance of the choke for low-voltage filters should be around 30 henries, and is not at all critical. In Fig. 2B, we have the double-section filter using two chokes and three condensers. This provides greater smoothing than the one shown in Fig. A. Both of these are known as

the *condenser input* types. Either of these filter systems work very well with the average 500-volt transformer, when the capacities of the condensers are at least 2 mf. each and the inductance of the choke CH is 30 henries each. For voltages below 500, the electrolytic condenser may be used to an advantage because of its low cost. The usual capacity of the electrolytic condenser is 8 mf. There are two types of these condensers: one is the wet, where the electrolyte is in the form of a liquid, and the other is the so-called *dry*, where the electrolyte is in the form of a paste. The advantage of the wet condenser is in that it may be overloaded and not damaged because of the *self-healing* effect which normally comes about in this type of condenser. The dry type, when punctured, usually has to be replaced.

For voltages over 500, of course the paper type condenser is really the best, and this should be of the *oil-impregnated* type. The voltage ratings of the condensers are given in peak voltage and D.C. working voltage. The D.C. *working voltage* (W.V.) should be slightly higher than the average voltage output of the power supply. For instance, a 1,000-volt power supply would require condensers having a W.V. rating of from 1,200 to 1,500 volts. In Fig. 2, we have the conventional filter arrangement used in the power supplies that develop 1,000 volts or over. In this case, we have *choke input*; meaning that there is no condenser across the input to the filter.

**Filter Chokes**

The regulation of a power supply of this type, regulation pertaining to the (Continued on page 116)



In Figs. 2, A, B, C, and D, we have various types of filter networks, together with a method of connecting condensers in series. In Figs. 3, A, B and C, we have the three fundamental power supply systems. The receiving type, the low-powered transmitting type, and finally the dual power-supply, using the "bridge" rectifier system.

# SHORT WAVE LEAGUE

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## Here's Your Button

The illustration herewith shows the beautiful design of the "Official" Short Wave League button, which is available to everyone who becomes a member of the Short Wave League.



The requirements for joining the League are explained in a booklet, copies of which will be mailed upon request. The button measures 3/4 inch in diameter and is inlaid in enamel—3 colors—red, white, and blue.

Please note that you can order your button AT ONCE—SHORT WAVE LEAGUE supplies it at cost, the price, including the mailing, being 35 cents. A solid gold button is furnished for \$2.00 prepaid. Address all communications to SHORT WAVE LEAGUE, 99-101 Hudson St., New York.

# SHORT WAVE SCOUT NEWS

## "Hams" Deserve Great Credit, Reports A. Centanino, of Freeport, Pa.

● BY the time this report is read the flooded areas will be back to normal, people will have forgotten some of the hazards. But one thing that shows bright is the part radio played in this calamity. Special thanks should go to the amateurs who helped. Some of the boys went for days without food. The amateurs had to handle the telephone calls, made calls for supplies and other things too numerous to mention.

Special thanks should go to amateur station W8FRC at Johnstown, Pa., for his splendid work. This station warned the outside world of the oncoming flood and then kept on the air to handle the work of getting supplies to Johnstown.

Special thanks should also go to station KDKA—W8XK of Pittsburgh. This station had to make its own power "to keep on the air," but they kept on during the whole flood, sending out news of the flood to the whole world. They also handled messages to towns around Pittsburgh.

New stations heard are: LRU on 15.29 meg. 5:30 to 12:30 a.m. LSL on 10.25 meg. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. with music; this is a phone. HRY on 6.35 meg. 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. HIC on 6.28 meg. 9:10 p.m.

Notes of Interest: Until recently the British Broadcasting Corp. were broadcasting on 11 waves, namely: GSA, B, C, D, E, F, and G, H, I, J and L. Now they have added GSN 11.82 meg., GSO 15.18 meg., and GSP 16.74 meg. At present they are planning to step up transmitter power and are installing new aerials which will, when completed number 25 aerials in all. The striking of "Big Ben" and the Westminster Chimes are two of the important "radio-marks" identifying London. Big Ben was built in 1858 and is considered the most powerful striking clock in the world. These stations do not verify but answer all reports. The reason for not verifying being that their programs are printed in all parts of the world. "God Save the King" is played at the end of each transmission.

Let me know what you are hearing in your part of the country, and in that way we can more readily check up the S-W stations.

I answer all mail. ANGELO CENTANINO, Box 516, Freeport, Pa.

## Cleveland, Ohio, Report

● SOME time ago I reported on the Ethiopian stations, their addresses and correct frequencies, I am now happy to say

code interference; also received card. Address is British Guiana Broadcasting Co., Georgetown, B.G., S.A.

OER2-6.07 megs. on the air daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., card received 1.5 kw. power, crystal-controlled.

TG2X, 5.94 megs. heard 7 p.m. to midnight daily, with the Guatemala National Police Band supplying the evening's entertainment. Address is: Direccion General de la Policia Nacional, Guatemala, C.A. Card Received.

I have heard a station on about 6.01 megs. located in Tanarive, Madagascar; call as I made it out is FIU at 10 to 10:45 a.m. Announcements are in French.

Another new station heard is LZA in Sofia, Bulgaria, on about 14.96 or 14.97 megs. at 9 a.m. to about 10 a.m. on Sundays. Lady announcer.

I have sent in three reports to HRN and have not received a "veri" yet. I have heard all three of them read over the air on the "American appreciation hour" on Sundays, and also have about 20 other S-W friends of mine that sent in reports and have received no "veris" as yet. Have any of you boys received any, or are they (HRN) just stringing the S-W fans along.

Veris received this month—OER2 VK3LR, ORK, VK3ME, VIZ3, HH2S, VP3MR, TG2X.

WILLIAM C. PALMER,  
 R2 Ward Rd.  
 Brooklyn St.  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

## South Amboy, N.J., Report

● ALL of the foreign "locals" were heard the past month, as well as the U. S. stations. The following new stations were heard the past month.

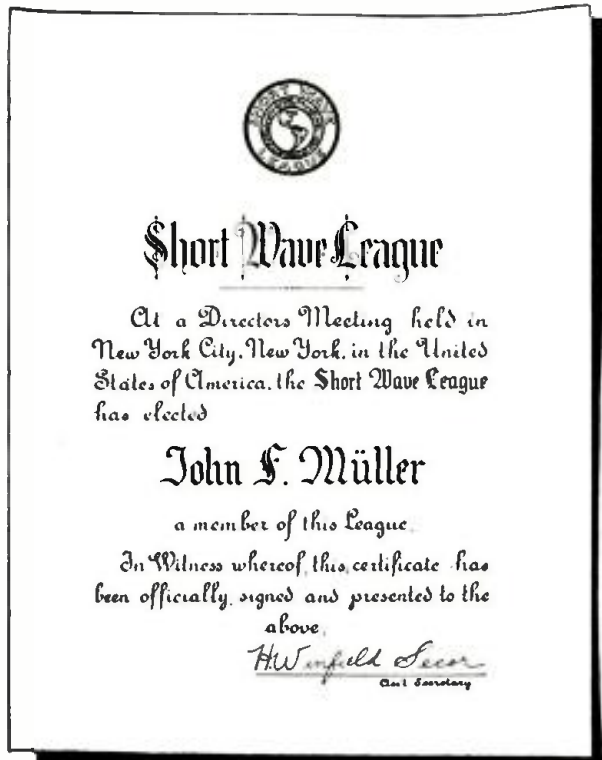
HIT-6630 kc. The Voice of RCA Victor, P.O. Box 1105, Ciudad Trujillo, D.R., is heard daily except Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m.

EST. HIT announces in Spanish and English. I first heard HIT last month.

HJ4ABC, 6450 kc. Ibaque, Colombia, was heard several times with fair to good strength.

KKL, around 15 mc., Bolinas, California, was heard relaying NBC programs to Hawaii. Good strength.

HRV, about 6200 kc., La Ceibe, Honduras  
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This is the handsome certificate that is presented FREE to all members of the SHORT WAVE LEAGUE. The full size is 7 1/4" x 9 1/2".

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that I hold three Ethiopian stations "verified" which are: ETA, ETB and ETD on phone, two cards and a letter!

HH2S 5.91 megs. heard here very evening with very good signal strength. Veri card received. Address is Societe de Haitienne de Radiodifusion Immeuble Magebeco, Port au Prince, Haiti, W.I.

VP3MR, 7.08 megs. R9 plus signal heard almost every evening, with considerable



# World S-W Station List

## Complete List of Broadcast, and Telephone Stations

All the stations in this list use telephone transmission of some kind. Note: Stations marked with a star ★ are the most active and easily heard stations and transmit at fairly regular times. Please write to us about any new sta-

tions or other important data that you learn through announcements over the air or correspondence with the stations. Stations are classified as follows: C—Commercial phone. B—Broadcast service. X—Experimental transmissions.

### Around-the-Clock Listening Guide

It is a good idea to follow a general schedule as far as wavelength in relation to the time of the day is concerned. The observance of these simple rules will save time. From daybreak till 7 p.m. and particularly

during bright daylight, listen between 13 and 19 meters (21540 to 15800 kc.) To the east of the listener, from about 4 p.m.-5 a.m., the 19-35 meter will be found very productive. To the west of the listener this same

band is generally found best from about 12 m. until 7 a.m. (After dark, results above 35 meters are usually much better than during daylight.) These general rules hold for any location in the Northern Hemisphere.

### Short-Wave Broadcasting, Experimental and Commercial Radiophone Stations

NOTE: To convert kc. to megacycles (mc.) shift decimal point 3 places to left: Thus, read 21540 kc. as 21.540 mc.

<b>31600 kc. W2XDU</b> -BX- 9.494 meters ATLANTIC BROADCASTING CO. 485 MADISON AVE., N.Y.C. Relays WABC daily 5-10 p.m., Sat., Sun. 12:30-5, 6-9 p.m.	<b>19820 kc. WKN</b> -C- 15.14 meters LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J. Calls England, daytime	<b>18340 kc. WLA</b> -C- 16.36 meters LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J. Calls England, daytime	<b>17741 kc. HSP</b> -C- 16.91 meters BANGKOK, SIAM Works Germany 4-7 a.m.	<b>15460 kc. KKR</b> -C- 19.4 meters RCA COMMUNICATIONS. BOLINAS, CAL. Tests irregularly
<b>31600 kc. W8XAI</b> -BX- 9.494 meters STROMBERG CARLSON CO. ROCHESTER, N.Y. Relays WHAM daily 6:30 a.m.-11:05 p.m.	<b>19680 kc. CEC</b> -C- 15.24 meters SANTIAGO, CHILE Works Buenos Aires and Colombia daytime	<b>18310 kc. GAS</b> -C- 16.38 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls N. Y., daytime	<b>17650 kc. XGM</b> -C- 17 meters SHANGHAI, CHINA Works London 7-9 a.m.	<b>15415 kc. KWO</b> -C- 19.48 meters DIXON, CAL. Phones Hawaii 2-7 p.m.
<b>21540 kc. W8XK</b> -B- 13.93 meters WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC PITTSBURGH, PA. 6-9 a.m.; relays KDKA	<b>19650 kc. LSN5</b> -C- 15.27 meters HURLINGHAM, ARGENTINA Calls Europe, daytime	<b>18299 kc. YVR</b> -C- 16.39 meters MARACAY, VENEZUELA Works Germany, mornings	<b>17520 kc. DFB</b> -C- 17.12 meters NAUEN, GERMANY Works S. America near 9:15 a.m.	<b>15370 kc. ★HAS3</b> -B- 19.52 meters BUDAPEST, HUNGARY Broadcasts Sundays, 9-10 a.m.
<b>21530 kc. GSJ</b> -B- 13.93 meters DAVENTRY B.B.C., BROADCASTING HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND 9-10:15 a.m.	<b>19600 kc. LSF</b> -C- 15.31 meters MONTE GRANDE, ARGENTINA Tests irregularly, daytime	<b>18270 kc. ETA</b> -C- 16.42 meters CHIEF ENGINEER P. O. Box 283, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA Irregularly	<b>17510 kc. VWY2</b> -C- 17.13 meters KIRKEE, INDIA Works Rugby 2-7 a.m.	<b>15360 kc. DJT</b> -X-C- 19.53 meters REICHSPOSTZENSTRALMT. ZEESEN, GERMANY Works with Africa and broadcasts 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
<b>21520 kc. W2XE</b> -B- 13.94 meters ATLANTIC BROADCASTING CORP. 485 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. Relays WABC 6:30-10 a.m.	<b>19480 kc. GAD</b> -C- 15.4 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Works with Kenya, Africa, early morning	<b>18250 kc. FTO</b> -C- 16.43 meters ST. ASSISE, FRANCE Calls S. America, daytime	<b>17310 kc. W3XL</b> -X- 17.33 meters NATIONAL BROAD. CO. BOUND BROOK, N. J. Tests irregularly	<b>15355 kc. KWU</b> -C- 19.53 meters DIXON, CAL. Phones Pacific Isles and Japan
<b>21470 kc. ★GSH</b> 13.97 meters DAVENTRY B.B.C., BROADCASTING HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND 6-8:45 a.m.	<b>19355 kc. FTM</b> -C- 15.50 meters ST. ASSISE, FRANCE Calls Argentine, mornings	<b>18200 kc. GAW</b> -C- 16.48 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls N. Y., daytime	<b>17120 kc. WOO</b> -C- 17.52 meters A. T. & T. CO., OCEAN GATE, N. J. Calls ships	<b>15340 kc. DJR</b> -B-X- 19.56 meters BROADCASTING HOUSE, BERLIN, GERMANY 1:30-3:30 a.m.
<b>21480 kc. PSA</b> -C- 14.23 meters RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL Works WKK Daytime	<b>19345 kc. PMA</b> -B-C- 15.51 meters BANDOENG, JAVA Calls Holland early a.m. Broadcasts Tues., Thur., Sat., 10:00-10:30 a.m. Irregular	<b>18135 kc. PMC</b> -C- 16.54 meters BANDOENG, JAVA Phones Holland, early a. m.	<b>17080 kc. GBC</b> -C- 17.58 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls Ships	<b>15330kc. ★W2XAD</b> -B- 19.56 meters GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Relays WGY 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>21420 kc. W2XE</b> -B- 13.94 meters ATLANTIC BROADCASTING CORP. 485 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. Relays WABC 6:30-10 a.m.	<b>19260 kc. PPU</b> -C- 15.58 meters RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL Works with France mornings	<b>18115 kc. LSY3</b> -C- 16.58 meters MONTE GRANDE, ARGENTINA Tests irregularly	<b>16270 kc. WLK</b> -C- 16.44 meters LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J. Phones Arg., Braz., Peru, daytime	<b>15310 kc. ★GSP</b> -B- 19.8 meters DAVENTRY B.B.C., BROADCASTING HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND 6-8, 9-11 p.m.
<b>21400 kc. WKA</b> -C- 14.25 meters LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J. Calls England noon	<b>19220 kc. WKF</b> -C- 15.60 meters LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J. Calls England, daytime	<b>18040 kc. GAB</b> -C- 16.63 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls Canada, morn. and early aftn.	<b>16270 kc. WOG</b> -C- 16.44 meters OCEAN GATE, N. J. Calls England, morning and early afternoon	<b>15290 kc. LRU</b> -B- 19.62 meters "EL MUNDO" BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, S. A. Testing 6-7:45 and 11-11:45 p.m. Soon on regular daily schedule.
<b>21200 kc. LSN6</b> -C- 14.27 meters HURLINGHAM, ARG. Calls N. Y. C. 8 a. m.-5 p. m.	<b>19200 kc. ORG</b> -C- 15.62 meters RUYSELEDES, BELGIUM Works with OPL mornings	<b>17810 kc. PCV</b> -C- 16.84 meters KOOTWIJK, HOLLAND Calls Java, 6-9 a. m.	<b>16240 kc. KTO</b> -C- 16.47 meters MANILA, P. I. Calls Cal., Tokio and ships 8-11:30 a.m.	<b>15280 kc. DJQ</b> -B- 19.63 meters BROADCASTING HOUSE BERLIN, GERMANY 12:30-3 a.m.
<b>20860 kc. EHY-EDM</b> -C- 14.38 meters MADRID, SPAIN Works S. America, mornings.	<b>19160 kc. GAP</b> -C- 15.68 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls Australia, early a.m.	<b>17790 kc. ★GSG</b> -B- 16.86 meters DAVENTRY, B.B.C., BROADCASTING HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND 6-8:45 a.m., 9 a.m.-12 n.	<b>15880 kc. FTK</b> -C- 16.90 meters ST. ASSISE, FRANCE Phones Saigon, morning	<b>15270 kc. ★W2XE</b> -B- 19.85 meters ATLANTIC BROADCASTING CORP. 485 Madison Av., N.Y.C. Relays WABC daily, 12 n.-5 p.m.
<b>20700 kc. LSY</b> -O- 14.49 meters MONTE GRANDE ARGENTINA Tests irregularly	<b>18970 kc. GAQ</b> -C- 15.81 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls S. Africa, morning	<b>17780 kc. ★W3XAL</b> -B- 16.87 meters NATIONAL BROAD. CO. BOUND BROOK, N. J. Relays WJZ, Daily exc. Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>15865 kc. CEC</b> -C- 16.91 meters SANTIAGO, CHILE Works other S.A. stations afternoons	<b>15260 kc. GSI</b> -B- 19.68 meters DAVENTRY, B.B.C., BROADCASTING HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND 12:15-3:25 p.m.
<b>20380 kc. GAA</b> -C- 14.72 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls Argentina, Brazil, mornings	<b>18890 kc. ZSS</b> -C- 15.88 meters KLIPHEUVEL, S. AFRICA Works Rugby 6:30 a.m.-12 n	<b>17775 kc. ★PHI</b> -B- 16.88 meters HUIZEN, HOLLAND 8-10 a.m. daily except Tue. and Wed.; 8-11 a.m. Sat. and Sun., 1-2 p.m. Sun.	<b>15810 kc. LSL</b> -C- 16.98 meters HURLINGHAM, ARGENTINA Calls Brazil and Europe, daytime	<b>15252 kc. RIM</b> -C- 19.67 meters TACHKENT, U.S.S.R. Phones RKI near 7 a.m.
<b>20040 kc. OPL</b> -C- 14.97 meters LEOPOLDVILLE, BELGIAN CONGO Works with ORG in morning	<b>18830 kc. PLE</b> -C- 15.93 meters BANDOENG, JAVA Calls Holland, early a. m.	<b>17760 kc. ★W2XE</b> -B- 16.89 meters ATLANTIC BROADCASTING CORP. 485 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. Relays KABC 10 a.m.-12 n.	<b>15760 kc. JYT</b> -X- 19.04 meters KEMIKWA-CHO, CHIBAKEN, JAPAN Irregular in late afternoon and early morning	<b>15250 kc. W1XAL</b> -B- 19.67 meters BOSTON, MASS. Irregular. In morning
<b>20020 kc. DHO</b> -C- 14.99 meters NAUEN, GERMANY Works S. America, mornings	<b>18680 kc. OCI</b> -C- 16.06 meters LIMA, PERU Works various S.A. stations daytime	<b>17760 kc. DJE</b> -B- 16.89 meters BROADCASTING HOUSE BERLIN, GERMANY 8:05-11 a.m.	<b>15660 kc. JVE</b> -C- 19.16 meters NAZAKI, JAPAN Phones Java 3-5 a.m.	<b>15245 kc. ★TPA2</b> -B- 19.68 meters "RADIO COLONIAL" PARIS, FRANCE Service de la Radiodiffusion 98, bis, Blvd. Haussmann 6:55-11 a.m.
<b>19900 kc. LSG</b> -C- 15.06 meters MONTE GRANDE, ARGENTINA Tests irregularly, daytime	<b>18620 kc. GAU</b> -C- 16.11 meters RUGBY, ENGLAND Calls N. Y., daytime	<b>17760 kc. IAC</b> -C- 16.89 meters PISA, ITALY Calls ships, 8:30-7:30 a. m.	<b>15620 kc. JVF</b> -C- 19.2 meters NAZAKI, JAPAN Phones U.S., 5 a.m. & 4 p.m.	

(All Schedules Eastern Standard Time)

**15220 kc. ★PCJ**  
-B- 19.71 meters  
N.V. PHILIPS RADIO  
EINDHOVEN, HOLLAND  
Tues. 3-6 a.m.  
Wed. 7-11 a.m.  
Sun. 7-8 a.m.

**15210 kc. ★W8XK**  
-B- 19.72 meters  
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC  
& MFG. CO.  
PITTSBURGH, PA.  
9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Relays KDKA

**15200 kc. DJB**  
-B- 19.74 meters  
BROADCASTING HOUSE  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
3:50-11 a.m.

**15180 kc. ★GSO**  
-B- 19.76 meters  
DAVENTRY  
B.B.C., BROADCASTING  
HOUSE,  
LONDON, ENGLAND  
3:40-5:45 p.m.

**15140 kc. ★GSF**  
-B- 19.82 meters  
DAVENTRY  
B.B.C., BROADCASTING  
HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND  
9 a.m.-12 n.

**15120 kc. ★HVJ**  
-B- 19.83 meters  
VATICAN CITY  
ROME, ITALY  
10:30 to 10:45 a.m., except  
Sunday  
Sat. 10-10:45 a.m.

**15110 kc. DJL**  
-B-X- 19.85 meters  
BROADCASTING HOUSE,  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
6:30-8 a.m.

**15090 kc. RKI**  
-C- 19.88 meters  
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.  
Phones Tashkent near 7 a.m.  
and relays RNE on Sunday  
10-11 a.m.

**15070 kc. PSD**  
-C- 19.91 meters  
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL  
Calls N.Y., Buenos Aires and  
Europe, daytime

**15055 kc. WNC**  
-C- 19.92 meters  
HIALEAH, FLORIDA  
Calls Central America, daytime

**14980 kc. KAY**  
-C- 20.03 meters  
MANILA, P. I.  
Phones Pacific Isles

**14970 kc. LZA**  
-B-C- 20.04 meters  
SOFIA, BULGARIA  
Tests irregularly till 11:30 a.m.  
on Sundays

**14960 kc. PSF**  
-C- 20.43 meters  
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL  
Works with Buenos Aires  
daytime

**14950 kc. HJB**  
-C- 20.07 meters  
BOGOTA, COL.  
Calls WNC, daytime

**14940 kc. HII**  
-C- 20.08 meters  
CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D.R.  
Phones WNC daytime

**14940 kc. HJA3**  
-C- 20.08 meters  
BARRANQUILLA, COL.  
Works WNC daytime

**14845 kc. OCJ2**  
-C- 20.21 meters  
LIMA, PERU  
Works other S.A. stations  
daytime

**14653 kc. GBL**  
-C- 20.47 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Works JVH 1-7 a.m.

**14640 kc. TYF**  
-C- 20.49 meters  
PARIS, FRANCE  
Works Saigon and Cairo 3-7  
a.m., 12 n.-2:30 p.m.

**14600 kc. JVH**  
-B-C- 20.55 meters  
NAZAKI, JAPAN  
Phones Europe 4-8 a.m.  
Irregularly 12 m.-1 a.m.  
Mon. and Thurs. 4-5 p.m.

**14590 kc. WMN**  
-C- 20.56 meters  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J.  
Phones England  
morning and afternoon

**14535 kc. HBJ**  
-B- 20.64 meters  
RADIO NATIONS,  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
Broadcasts irregularly

**14530 kc. LSN**  
-C- 20.65 meters  
HURLINGHAM, ARGENTINA  
Calls N.Y.C. afternoons

**14500 kc. LSM2**  
-C- 20.69 meters  
HURLINGHAM, ARGENTINA  
Calls Rio and Europe daytime

**14485 kc. TIR**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
CARTAGO, COSTA RICA  
Phones Cen. Amer. & U.S.A.  
Daytime

**14485 kc. HPF**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
PANAMA CITY, PAN.  
Phones WNC daytime

**14485 kc. TGF**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
GUATEMALA CITY, GUAT.  
Phones WNC daytime

**14485 kc. YNA**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA  
Phones WNC daytime

**14485 kc. HRL5**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
NACAOME, HONDURAS  
Works WNC daytime

**14485 kc. HRF**  
-C- 20.71 meters  
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS  
Works WNC daytime

**14470 kc. WMF**  
-C- 20.73 meters  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J.  
Phones England  
morning and afternoon

**14460 kc. DZH**  
-C-X- 20.75 meters  
REICHSPOSTZENSTRALAMT,  
ZEESEN, GERMANY  
Works on telephone and broad-  
casts 12 n.-2 p.m.

**14440 kc. GBW**  
-C- 20.78 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls U.S.A., afternoon

**13990 kc. GBA**  
-C- 21.44 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls  
Buenos Aires, late afternoon

**13820 kc. SUZ**  
-C- 21.71 meters  
ABOU ZABAL, EGYPT  
Works with Europe 11 a.m.-  
2 p.m.

**13690 kc. KKZ**  
-C- 21.91 meters  
RCA COMMUNICATIONS  
BOLINAS, CAL.  
Tests irregularly

**13635 kc. SPW**  
-B- 22 meters  
WARSAW, POLAND  
Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:30 a.m.-  
12:30 p.m.  
Irregular at other times

**13610 kc. JYK**  
-C- 22.04 meters  
KEMIKAWA-CHO, CHIBA-  
KEN, JAPAN  
Phones California till 11 p. m.

**13585 kc. GBB**  
-C- 22.08 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls  
Egypt & Canada, afternoons

**13415 kc. GCJ**  
-C- 22.36 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls Japan & China early  
morning

**13390 kc. WMA**  
-C- 22.40 meters  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J.  
Phones England  
morning and afternoon

**13380 kc. IDU**  
-C- 22.42 meters  
ASMARA, ERITREA, AFRICA  
Works with Rome daytime

**13345 kc. YVC**  
-C- 22.48 meters  
MARACAY, VENEZUELA  
Calls Hialeah daytime

**13285 kc. CGA3**  
-C- 22.58 meters  
DRUMMONDVILLE, QUE.,  
CAN.  
Works London and Ships  
afternoons

**13075 kc. VPD**  
-X- 22.94 meters  
SUVA, FIJI ISLANDS  
Daily exc. Sun. 12:30-1:30 a.m.

**12840 kc. WOO**  
-C- 23.36 meters  
OCEAN GATE, N. J.  
Calls ships

**12825 kc. CNR**  
-B-C- 23.39 meters  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
Telegraph and Telephone  
Stations, Rabat, Morocco  
Broadcasts, Sunday, 7:30-9 a. m.

**12800 kc. IAC**  
-C- 23.45 meters  
PISA, ITALY  
Calls Italian ships, mornings

**12780 kc. GBC**  
-C- 23.47 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls ships

**12396 kc. CT1G0**  
-B- 24.2 meters  
PAREDE, PORTUGAL  
Sun. 10-11:30 a.m., Tue.,  
Thur., Fri. 1:00-2:15 p.m.

**12325 kc. DAF**  
-C- 24.34 meters  
NORDDEICH, GERMANY  
Works German ships daytime

**12290 kc. GBU**  
-C- 24.41 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls N.Y.C., afternoon

**12250 kc. TYB**  
-C- 24.49 meters  
PARIS, FRANCE  
Irregular

**12235 kc. TFJ**  
-B-C- 24.52 meters  
REYKJAVIK, ICELAND  
Phones England mornings,  
Broadcasts Sun. 1:40-2 p.m.

**12215 kc. TYA**  
-C- 24.56 meters  
PARIS, FRANCE  
Works French Ships in morning  
and afternoon

**12150 kc. GBS**  
-C- 24.69 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls N.Y.C., afternoon

**12130 kc. DZE**  
-C-X- 24.73 meters  
REICHSPOSTZENSTRALAMT,  
ZEESEN, GERMANY  
Works phone and broadcasts  
7-9 p.m.

**12060 kc. PDV**  
-C- 24.88 meters  
KOOTWIJK, HOLLAND  
Tests irregular

**12000 kc. RNE**  
-B- 25 meters  
MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.  
Sun. 6-9, 10-11 a.m., 12:30-  
6 p.m., 9-10 p.m.  
Wed. 6-7 a.m.  
Daily 12:30-6 p.m.

**11991 kc. FZS2**  
-C- 25.02 meters  
SAIGON, INDO-CHINA  
Phones Paris, morning

**11955 kc. ETB**  
-C- 25.09 meters  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA  
See 18270 kc.

**11950 kc. KKQ**  
-X- 25.10 meters  
BOLINAS, CALIF.  
Tests, irregularly, evenings

**11940 kc. FTA**  
-C- 25.13 meters  
STE. ASSISE, FRANCE  
Phones CNR morning,  
Hurlingham, Arze., nights

**11880 kc. ★TPA3**  
-B- 25.23 meters  
"RADIO COLONIAL"  
PARIS, FRANCE  
2-3, 4-5 a.m., 11:15 a.m.-6:05  
p.m.

**11870 kc. ★W8XK**  
-B- 25.26 meters  
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC  
& MFG. CO.  
PITTSBURGH, PA.  
5-10:30 p.m.  
Fri. till 12 m.  
Relays KDKA

**11860 kc. GSE**  
-B- 25.29 meters  
DAVENTRY,  
B.B.C., BROADCASTING  
HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND

**11855 kc. DJP**  
-B-X- 25.31 meters  
BROADCASTING HOUSE,  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
12 n.-2 p.m.

**11830 kc. W9XAA**  
-B- 25.36 meters  
CHICAGO FEDERATION OF  
LABOR  
CHICAGO, ILL.  
Relays WCF during daylight  
hours

**11830 kc. W2XE**  
-B- 25.36 meters  
ATLANTIC BROADCASTING  
CORP.  
485 MADISON AVE., N. Y. C.  
Relays WABC 5-9 p.m.

**11820 kc. ★GSN**  
-B- 25.38 meters  
DAVENTRY  
B.B.C., BROADCASTING  
HOUSE,  
LONDON, ENGLAND  
11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

**11810 kc. ★HJ4BA**  
-B- 25.4 meters  
P. O. BOX 50,  
MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 6:30-10:30  
p.m.

**11810 kc. ★2RO**  
-B- 25.4 meters  
E. I. A. R.  
Via Montello 5  
RDME, ITALY  
8:15-9 a.m., 9:15-11 a.m., 11:30  
a.m.-12:15 p.m., 1:30-5 p.m.

**11800 kc. CO9WR**  
-X- 25.42 meters  
P. O. Box 85  
SANCTI SPIRITUS,  
CUBA  
4-6, 9-11 p.m.  
9 a.m.-12 n.

**11795 kc. DJO**  
-B-X- 25.43 meters  
BROADCASTING HOUSE,  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
3-4:55 p.m.

**11790 kc. W1XAL**  
-B- 25.45 meters  
BOSTON, MASS.  
Sun. 5-7 p.m.

**11770 kc. ★DJD**  
-B- 25.49 meters  
BROADCASTING HOUSE,  
BERLIN, GERMANY  
11:35 a.m.-4:35 p.m.; 4:55-  
10:45 p.m.

**11750 kc. ★GSD**  
-B- 25.53 meters  
DAVENTRY,  
B.B.C., BROADCASTING  
HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND  
12:15-5:45 p.m., 6-8, 9-11 p.m.

**11730 kc. PHI**  
-B- 25.57 meters  
HUIZEN, HOLLAND  
Irregular

**11720 kc. ★CJRX**  
-B- 25.6 meters  
WINNIPEG, CANADA  
Daily, 8 p. m.-12 m.

**11715 kc. ★TPA4**  
-B- 25.61 meters  
"RADIO COLONIAL"  
PARIS, FRANCE  
6:15-9 p.m.  
11 p.m.-1 a. m.

**11680 kc. KIO**  
-X- 25.68 meters  
KAHUKU, HAWAII  
Tests in the evening

**11595 kc. VRR4**  
-C- 25.87 meters  
STONY HILL, JAMAICA,  
B.W.I.  
Works WNC daytime.

**11560 kc. VIZ3**  
-X- 25.95 meters  
AMALGAMATED WIRELESS  
OF AUSTRALASIA  
FISKVILLE, AUSTRALIA  
Calls Canada evening and early  
a.m.

**11413 kc. CJA4**  
-C- 26.28 meters  
DRUMMONDVILLE,  
QUE., CAN.  
Tests with Australia irregularly  
in evenings

**11200 kc. XBJQ**  
-X- 26.79 meters  
BOX 2825,  
MEXICO CITY, MEX.  
Irregular

**11050 kc. ZLT4**  
-C- 27.15 meters  
WELLINGTON, N. ZEALAND  
Phones Australia and England  
early a.m. Also broadcasts ir-  
regularly on Sunday, 9-10 a.m.

**11000 kc. PLP**  
-B-C- 27.27 meters  
BANDONG, JAVA  
Broadcasts Sat. 7 p.m.-1:30  
a.m., Sun. 5:30-10 a.m.

**10970 kc. OCI**  
-C- 27.35 meters  
LIMA, PERU  
Works with Bogota, Col.,  
evenings

**10955 kc. HSHPJ**  
-B-X- 27.38 meters  
BANGKOK, SIAM  
Broadcasts 8-10:15 a.m.

**10840 kc. KWV**  
-C- 27.68 meters  
DIXON, CAL.  
Works with Hawaii evenings.

**10770 kc. GBP**  
-C- 27.85 meters  
RUGBY, ENGLAND  
Calls  
Sydney, Austral. early a. m.

**10740 kc. ★JVM**  
-B-C- 27.93 meters  
NAZAKI, JAPAN  
Tues. and Fri. 2-3 p.m.

**10675 kc. WNB**  
-C- 28.1 meters  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J.  
Calls Bermuda, daytime

**10670 kc. ★CEC**  
-C- 28.12 meters  
SANTIAGO, CHILE  
Broadcasts Thurs., Sun.  
8:30-9 p.m., Daily 7:7:15 p.m.

**10660 kc. ★JVN**  
-B-C- 28.14 meters  
NAZAKI, JAPAN  
Phones Europe 3-8 a.m.  
Mon. and Thurs. 4-5 p.m.  
Daily 4-8 a.m.

**10550 kc. WOK**  
-C- 28.44 meters  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N. J.  
Phones  
Argo., Braz., Peru, nights

**10520 kc. VLK**  
-C- 28.51 meters  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
Calls Rugby, early a.m.

**10430 kc. YBG**  
-C- 28.76 meters  
MEDAN, SUMATRA  
5:30-6:30 a. m., 7:30-8:30 p. m.

**10420 kc. XGW**  
-C- 28.79 meters  
SHANGHAI, CHINA  
Calls Manila and England, 6-9  
a. m. and California late evening

**10410 kc. PDK**  
-C- 28.80 meters  
KOOTWIJK, HOLLAND  
Calls Java 7:30-9:40 a. m.

**10410 kc. KES**  
-X- 28.80 meters  
BOLINAS, CALIF.  
Tests evenings

**10350 kc. LSX**  
-C- 28.88 meters  
MONTE GRANDE,  
ARGENTINA  
Tests Irregularly 8 p.m.-12 mid-  
night.

**10330 kc. ORK**  
-B-C- 29.04 meters  
RUYSELEDE, BELGIUM  
Broadcasts 1:30-3 p.m.

**10300 kc. LSL2**  
-C- 29.13 meters  
HURLINGHAM, ARGENTINA  
Calls Europe, evenings

**10290 kc. DZC**  
-X- 29.16 meters  
KONIGSWUSTERHAUSEN,  
GERMANY  
Broadcasts irregularly

**10260 kc. PMN**  
-B-C- 29.74 meters  
BANDONG, JAVA  
Calls Australia 5 a.m.  
Broadcasts Sat. 7 p.m.-1:30  
a.m., Sun. 5:30-10 a.m.

Table with multiple columns listing radio frequencies (e.g., 10250 kc., 9650 kc., 9525 kc., 8750 kc., 7550 kc.), call signs (e.g., LSK3, CT1AA, LKJ1, ZCK, T18WS), and station details including location, power, and broadcast times.

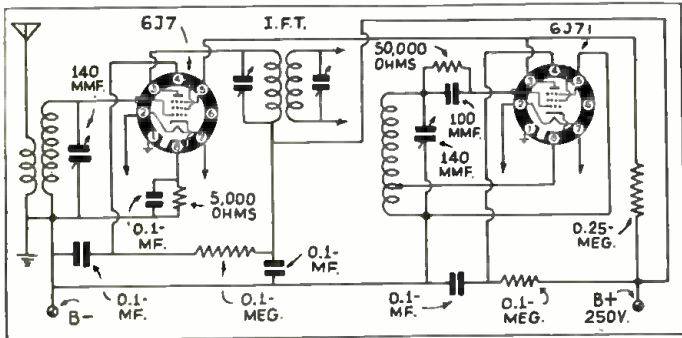
(All Schedules Eastern Standard Time)







# Short Wave



2-Tube converter using metal tubes.

## METAL TUBE CONVERTER

John Darjany, Utica, New York

(Q) I intend building a short-wave converter to use with my present receiver employing two 6J7's; one as a detector and the other as the local oscillator. Will you please print the diagram.

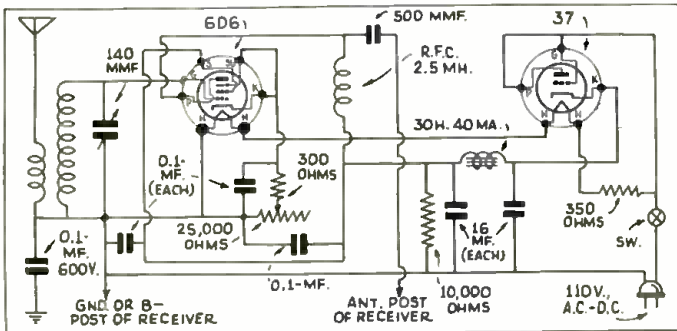
(A) We have shown the connections for a converter section of the superheterodyne using two 6J7 metal tubes. For any one who does not desire to use metal tubes, the type 57 or type 6C6's may be employed in their stead.

ector stage is controlled by a 140 mmf. variable condenser. 45 volts is used for the "B" supply, and 2 volts for the "A" supply. If the "A" supply consists of two dry cells, delivering 3 volts, then a 20-ohm rheostat should be connected in series with the batteries to limit the voltage applied to the tube filaments to 2 volts.

## ALL-ELECTRIC BOOSTER

J. Smith, New York, N.Y.

(Q) I would like to add a 1-stage pre-selector or booster to my present receiver. This should be a self-



Self-powered 1-tube "booster" or preselector.

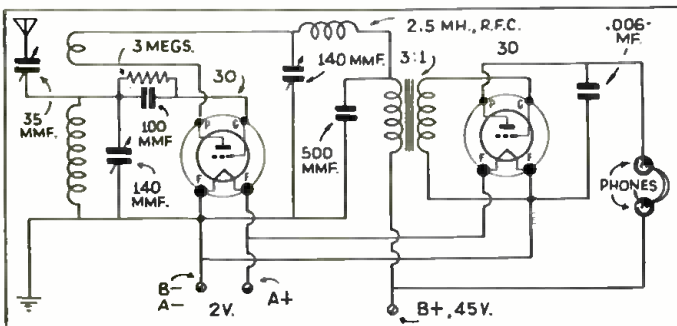
2-TUBE SET USING "30'S" Jessie Conder, Shelbyville, Tenn.

(Q) I intend building a short-wave battery-operated receiver and would like to have you print a diagram of one using two type 30 tubes, to be operated from a 45-volt "B" battery. I wish to use standard 4-prong, 2-winding coils and a 3:1 radio transformer.

(A) In the diagram shown we have a conventional regenerative detector and one stage of audio amplification. Regeneration in the de-

powered affair, using a 6C6 and a 37 and operate on either A.C. or D.C.

(A) In the diagram we have shown a 6D6 used as the amplifier and a 37 as the rectifier. Better results would be obtained with the 6D6. A ground should not be connected directly to the B negative side of the circuit because the house fuses are liable to be blown. The ground connection through a condenser as shown should be employed.



The old standby—two 2-30's.

## 2A5 P.P. AMPLIFIER

A. Cohen, Schenectady, N. Y.

(Q) Would you please print a diagram in your Question Box of an audio amplifier using two 2A5's in push-pull. This is to be used in conjunction with a dynamic speaker and a receiver having a triode output tube.

(A) We have shown the diagram using two 2A5's as a class "A" push-pull amplifier. The connection to the triode amplifier or output of your present receiver is also shown.

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Because the amount of work involved in the drawing of diagrams and the compilation of data, we are forced to charge 25c each for letters that are answered directly through the mail. This fee includes only hand-drawn schematic drawings. We cannot furnish "picture-layouts" or "full-sized" working drawings. Letters not accompanied by 25c will be answered in turn on this page. The 25c remit-

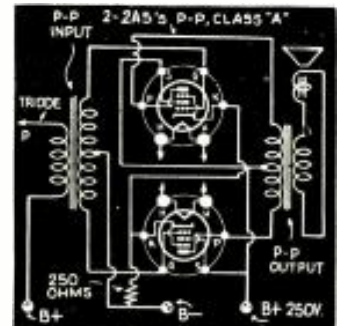
## POWER SUPPLY DIAGRAM

K. Mori, Sanger, Calif.

(Q) I would like to build a power supply delivering 135, 90, 67½, and 22½ volts. Would you be kind enough to print the diagram in the Question Box?

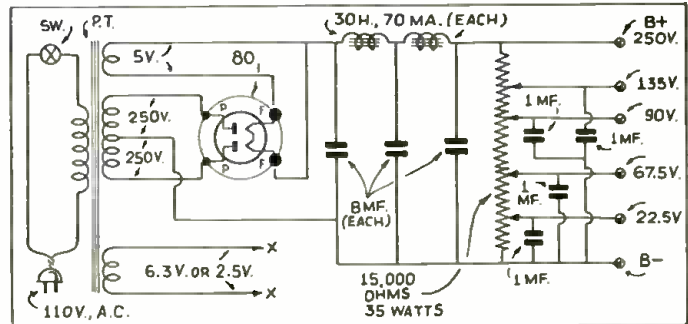
(A) You will find a diagram of a power supply using a 280 and a standard power transformer. In order to obtain the lower voltages you will need a voltage divider with 4 sliders. These should be adjusted to deliver the proper voltages. Each one of these should be by-passed with a 1 mf. condenser to improve regulation.

This should prove an excellent accessory to any radio shack.



Two 2A5's in push-pull as class "A" amplifier.

a one tube receiver, and have heard much about the one-tube Scout re-



A power supply delivering many different voltages.

## 5-METER LEAD-IN

James Nicholls, Paterson, N.J.

(Q) I recently constructed a 5-meter receiver using two 56's and a 2A5. I have a 9 foot aluminum pole which I contemplate mounting in the top of a poplar tree. Would you kindly advise me as to what type of lead-in would work satisfactory?

(A) In the first place, we recommend that you cut that 9 foot rod down to approximately 8 feet; that is if you intend listening on wave lengths closely associated with 5 meters. We suggest that your lead-in be an ordinary single wire connected at the top of the vertical load, not at the bottom. This top connection seems to provide greater pickup than with the antenna connected to the bottom or lower end of the antenna proper. The length of lead-in also seems to have relatively no effect on reception.

Surprising as it may seem, this antenna arrangement under tests has not exhibited pronounced directional effects. Usually the best angle to take the lead-in off has been found to be about 45 degrees.

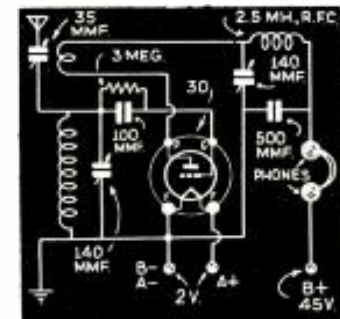
## ONE TUBE SCOUT

Ray Becker, Beaumont, Texas

(Q) I am interested in building

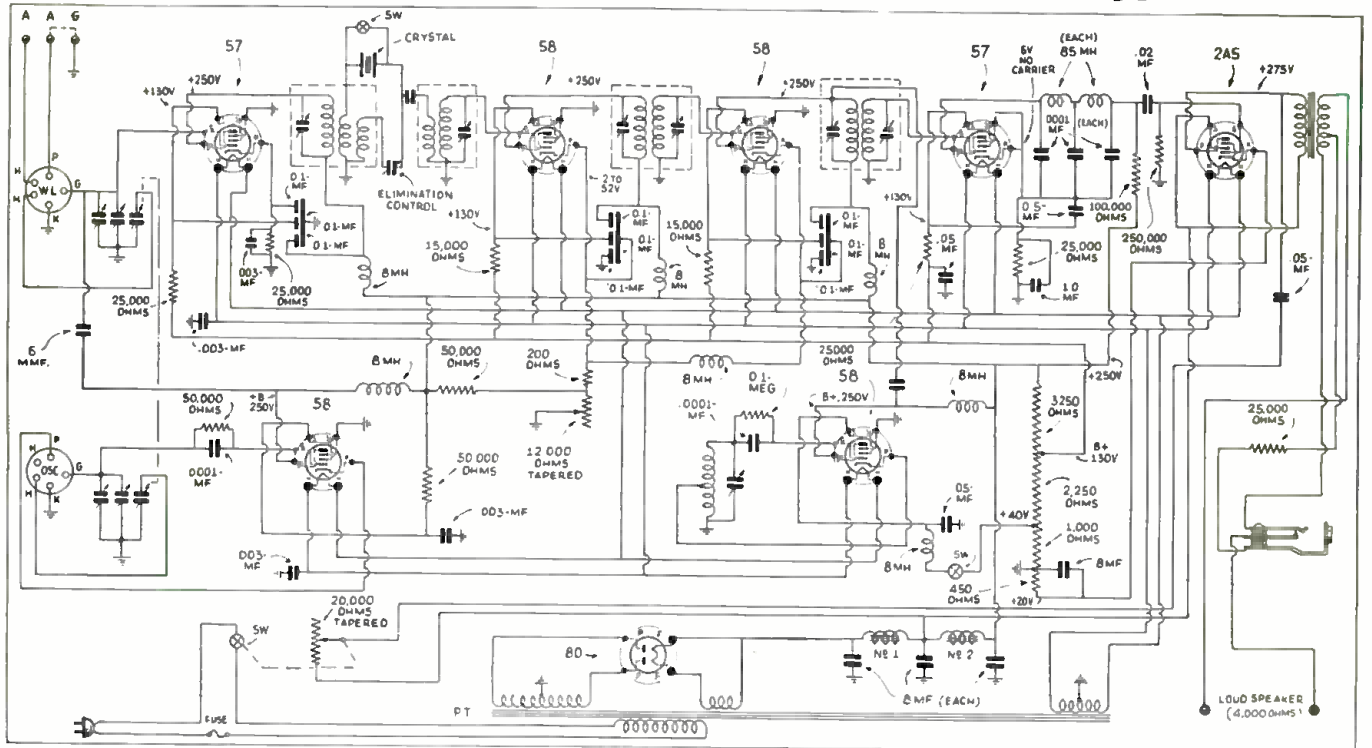
ceiver. Would you be kind enough to print the necessary diagram. I understand this set uses a 100 mmf. antenna condenser and a 140 mmf. tuning condenser, a type 30 tube and no rf. chokes. Would you kindly specify the recommended circuit values.

(A) We have reproduced the drawing of the one-tube Scout and have made a few changes which we feel will improve its operation considerably. The rf. choke and by-pass condenser in the plate lead will aid in keeping rf. out of the earphones.



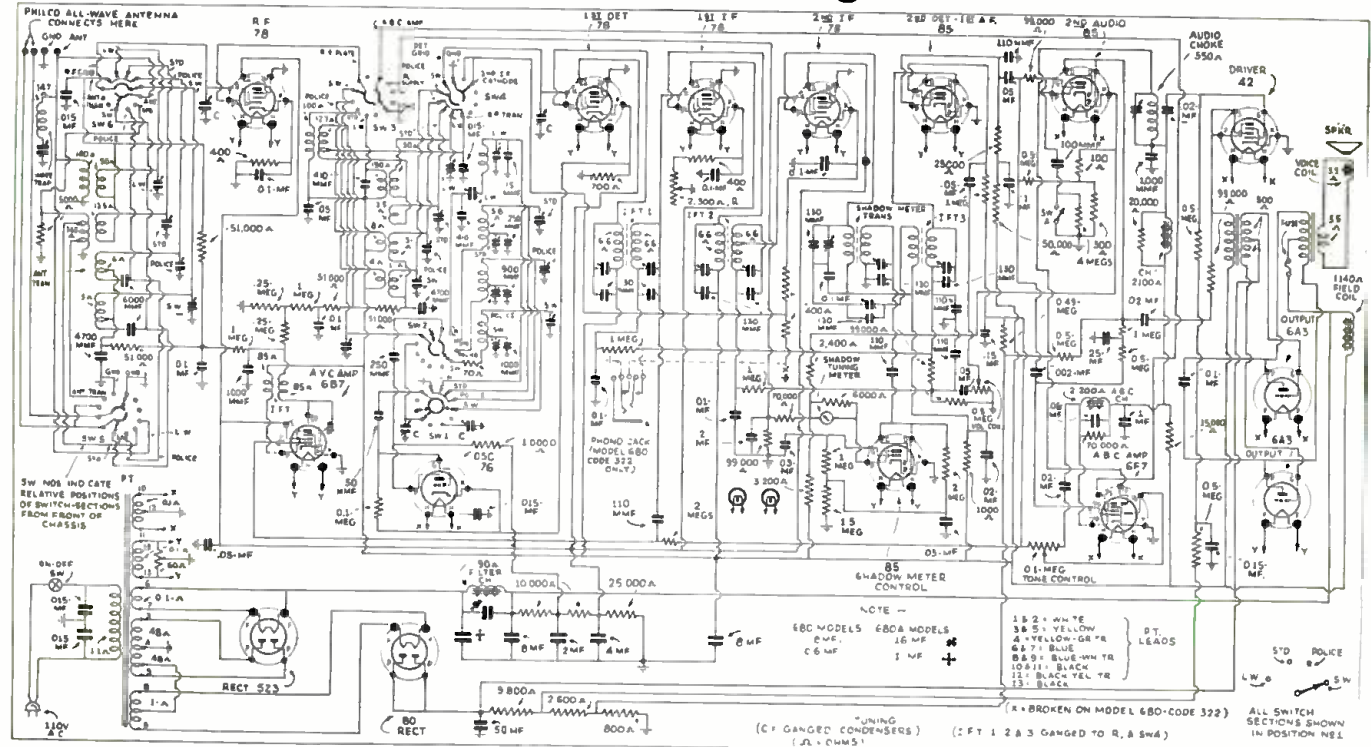
A 1-tube battery operated receiver.

# Diagrams of S-W Commercial Receivers Hammarlund "Comet-Pro" Crystal Model Super-Het Receiver—Communications Type



The Hammarlund "Comet-Pro" super-het receiver, using 8 tubes and a crystal filter, as shown above is particularly well suited to "Ham" or "communications" work. This receiver provides single signal selectivity; it also has special headphone jack circuit provided.

# Philco Model 15 Tube, All-Wave Super-Het Receiver, With "Antenna Tuning" Feature



The diagram above will prove of interest to all short wave "Fans," as it shows the highly selective "antenna-tuning" circuit used on the Philco all-wave receiver. The short-wave broadcast bands, especially the 49-meter hand, are so congested that such an "antenna tuning" circuit will prove doubly welcome. The bands covered are: 7.2 to 22 mc.; 2.3 to 7 mc.; 550 to 1700 kc.; 150 to 400 kc. Tuning meter is used; undistorted power output 20 watts. I.F. freq. 460 kc.





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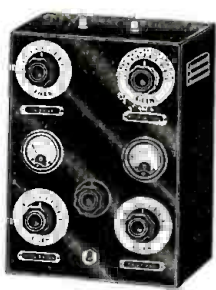
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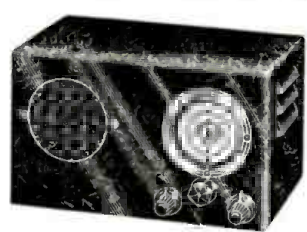
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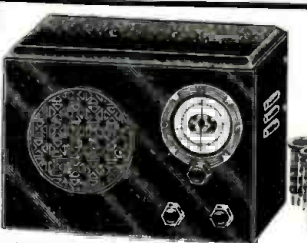


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● DURING the month of April many European countries went on daylight saving time or "summer time" as it is known abroad. The result of this is that many European stations have altered their schedules by one hour, starting one hour earlier and closing one hour earlier than heretofore. Among the stations affected are CT1AA, ORK, TPA (Paris), and PHL. Daventry and Berlin are unaffected. In this country daylight saving went into effect in many cities the last Sunday in April. As a result the schedules of many stations are affected. All stations in New York City, Massachusetts and New Jersey are affected. Listeners living in areas with daylight saving time will note no change in these stations but listeners who remain on standard time will hear them one hour earlier. Further, listeners on daylight time will find all other stations starting and closing one hour later than formerly. All schedules in this magazine will remain in Standard time. All readers using daylight saving time must add one hour to these schedules to convert them to their time.

**When to Listen In**  
**By M. Harvey Gernsback**

(All Schedules Eastern Standard Time)

**DAVENTRY**  
● FOR May the schedule is; Trans. 1, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. on GSN and GSR Trans. 2, 6-8:45 a.m. on GSH and GSG. Trans. 3, 9 a.m.-12 noon on GSG and GSF. GSJ may replace GSF for the first hour and a half late in May. Trans. 4, 12:15-5:45 p.m. on GSD and GSB, 12:15-3:25 p.m. on GSI and 3:40-5:45 p.m. on GSO. Trans. 5, 6-8 p.m. on GSC, GSD and GSP. Trans. 6 now runs for 2 hours daily from 9-11 p.m. GSD and GSC are used and it is probable that GSP will be added also.

**ACTIVITY ON SHORTER WAVES**  
● THE 31 meter band is becoming quite congested in the evening due to the

influx of many South and Central Americans. There are now COCH, HJU, HP5J, HJ1ABP, and HH3W. In addition LRX is heard irregularly. All these are in addition to the Europeans GSC, PCJ, DJA and DJN to mention a few. Added to this are 3 U.S. stations. The result is plenty of entertainment. The 19 meter band is now active at night also. Daventry is using GSO and GSP in the late afternoon and evening and they come in very well indeed. Germany can be heard with DJQ from 12:30 a.m. on at good strength and it is probable that DJB will be used in the evening program for N. America from the first of June.

**BULGARIA**  
● LZA at Sofia, Bulgaria, a commercial code station, is now being used to broadcast music and entertainment for listeners abroad. It is not on a regular schedule as yet, but can frequently be heard on Sunday mornings from 3:30-11:30 a.m. on 14970 kc.

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## SOLAR ACTIVITY

● MANY listeners have probably noticed that during the past winter the 49 meter band has not given as good reception of European stations as in other years and also that the 25 and 31 meter bands have been much better than in past winters (for night time reception). This is due to the solar cycle. Every 11 years solar activity reaches a peak. This peak is followed by a decrease in activity for 5 1/2 years to a minimum and then an increase for 5 1/2 years again to another peak. At peak time short wave radio reception is much better for long distance work on very short waves while at a minimum time the longer waves are more effective. The last minimum period occurred in 1932-33 when 70-80 meter waves were most effective for winter night transatlantic reception. The next peak occurs in about 1938 and already reception conditions have undergone marked change as evidenced by the increasing effectiveness of the very short waves. 10 meters is being used regularly for daytime transmission to Europe and Australia even now. Listeners should pay more attention to the shorter waves for the next several years as they are to be the most effective for DX.

## TO STUDY SOLAR ECLIPSE RADIO EFFECTS

● A group of Harvard scientists now en route to Siberia on the S.S. Washington to observe the solar eclipse on June 19th includes four radio specialists who will study the effect of the eclipse on radio signals, Ralph R. Beal, Research Supervisor of the Radio Corporation announced recently: "Augmenting their own study of the behavior of radio waves in space," Mr. Beal said "the RCA laboratories will assist the Siberian Expedition of Cruft Laboratory of Harvard University in making measurements on the reflection of radio waves from the ionosphere at Ak-Bulak, in northwestern Russian Turkestan. The RCA laboratories are intensely interested in solar phenomena of all kinds because the more accurately they can be measured and understood, the more efficiently wavelengths employed in long distance communication can be selected for various times of day and different seasons."

## A Super-Sensitive Set

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I would like to hear from anybody interested in short-wave reception who lives anywhere near Washington, D.C. Will be glad to swap photos or QSL cards. Wishing you every success with your fine magazine.

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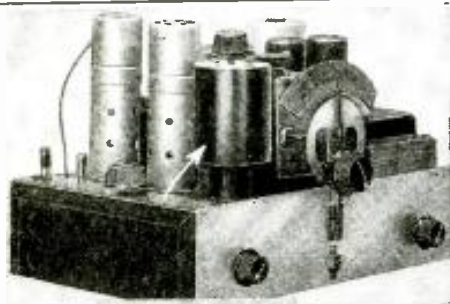
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The noise-silencer adaptor unit consists of three tubes, a 6L7 silencer 2nd I.F., 6J7 noise amplifier, and 6H6 noise rectifier. The silencer also has a tube-base adaptor. The 2nd I.F. tube in the receiver is removed and the adaptor put in its place. The 6L7 now functions as the new I.F. stage. The 6J7 amplifies the noise that is above the signal level and the 6H6 rectifies it. The rectified voltage is now used to automatically cut off the input into the following tube (the second detector).

An examination of the diagram will clarify the explanation. The signal enters the control grid of the 6L7 as usual, but in addition is also fed to the control grid of the 6J7. The screens of both these tubes are connected together to the B plus, through resistor R2. The output of the 6J7 is coupled to the two diode plates of the 6H6 rectifier through the transformer T. The transformer is peaked at the same frequency as the I.F. stages. This is usually 465 kc. Potentiometer R5 controls the cathode voltage of both the 6J7 and the 6H6. It provides variation of the negative bias on the control grid of the 6J7, as well as the diode plates of the 6H6. The full "B" voltage is not used

### How to Construct the New Noise Silencer

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here but is dropped through resistor R4, so as to provide good control.

Variation of this control determines the level at which the 6H6 starts to rectify. It is set so that rectifying starts at a point just above the signal-level. When this occurs, a voltage is developed across R3, the diode load resistor, dependent on the level of the noise. The developed voltage in turn applies a negative bias to the No. 3 grid of the 6L7.

The 6L7 tube was selected because it is so nicely suited for this purpose. The tube can be made to completely cut off by biasing the No. 3 grid sufficiently negative. In other words, here is what has happened. The desired signal and the noise signal have both been applied to the grid of the 6L7. The signal is amplified and passed on to the succeeding stages. At the same time, however, it has also been applied to the 6J7. It is amplified here and passed on to the 6H6 plates. If the noise is of sufficient intensity, it is

rectified and a corresponding negative bias applied back to the 6L7, cutting off this tube during the noise peaks. The amplifying and silencing action occurs simultaneously and instantaneously, so that the set cuts off on every undesirable noise properly.

The whole silencer unit is mounted on a chassis 5 1/2" by 2" by 1 1/2" high. In order to conserve space, clip-tite sockets (spring mounting) are used. The three tubes and the transformer (T) are mounted on top. The control (R5) is mounted at the end, together with a calibrated plate reading 0-10. This is used to facilitate re-settings. The only remaining parts, 4 resistors, 7 fixed condensers, and the R.F. choke are soldered in place on the underside of the chassis following the diagram in Fig. 5. R5 is a combination 5000 ohm potentiometer and switch. The 350 ohm line cord, switch, and the three tube heaters are connected in series.

### Connecting Silencer to Receiver

Five connections are brought from the silencer to the receiver. One is to the free grid cap which has been removed from the 2nd I.F. tube; another to the cathode connection in the same empty

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leads and the noise amplifier circuit, it will now be necessary to re-adjust two trimmers in the receiver to the intermediate frequency.

### Adjustment of Silencer is Simple

These two are the trimmers across the secondary of the I.F. input transformer and across the primary of its output transformer. A simple adjustment of these two on a steady signal will indicate the point of maximum resonance. The next step is the adjustment of the trimmer on transformer T. This is adjusted with R5 set at minimum, to the point where the output is completely blocked on a signal of moderate strength. By turning up R5, the signal will again come through. Now turn this control on full and proceed to tune in a signal in the usual manner. After the signal has been received, by turning back the control more and more, we find the noise is cut down, until the point of maximum silencing is passed, where the signal itself is suddenly cut off. Now bring back the control again so that the signal is let through. This is the point of maximum noise silencing.

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### List of Parts for the Noise Silencer

- 1 Harrison Chassis
- 1 Harrison Cover
- 3 Octal sockets
- 1 Diode I.F. Transf. peaked to I.F. freq. of receiver.
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socket, and a third to the plate. The last two connections are made by means of an adaptor. The 2nd I.F. tube is removed and a tube base is inserted in its place. The fourth wire connects the chassis of the silencer and the receiver together, and the fifth connection is a wire brought to the "B" plus in the receiver. The "B" plus voltage may be tapped off at any convenient point. It may be clipped to the speaker terminal or the plus side of the output transformer, or directly to the output of the power supply.

As will be noted in the diagrams, two of the external connections are made with shielded wire. The ordinary shielded wire cannot be used here, as the high capacity to ground would introduce excessive losses and detuning. A shielded cable with a one-half inch outside diameter is used. This cable has an insulated wire running through the center, evenly spaced. In this way good shielding and low loss is accomplished at once.

The silencer for best operation should be bolted against the rear or side of the receiver and several holes drilled to accommodate the connecting wires. The 2nd I.F. tube is removed and the adaptor plug inserted in its place. The grid lead is clipped to the SG cap of the I.F. stage. Connect the "B" plus lead as previously explained. Plug the line cord into a 110 volt AC or DC outlet. Turn on both the receiver and silencer. Since a parallel capacity has been added by the silencer

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## 830-B Push-Pull Amplifier

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tire amount in a single tube. With two tubes if one should "go west" we have only lost "half the battle"!

If driven to full rated input, these two tubes will deliver approximately 200 watts to the antenna! The driving power for the amplifier is around 15 watts minimum, although the unit used to drive the push-pull 830B's should be capable of providing from 20 to 25 watts for greatest stability and efficiency. In choosing this amplifier we considered that the average transmitter in use, in the low power class, ends up with either a single type 10 or a pair of 46's. Either would make an excellent driver for this amplifier, provided of course, that the 46's or the 10 was operated as a straight R.F. amplifier and was amply excited from another tube, preferably crystal-controlled. In other words we figured that the transmitter to which the amplifier was going to be connected started out with say a 47 crystal oscillator, followed by a 46 or similar tube as a multiplier or buffer and ended with the two 46's or a 10.

Such a "lineup" would allow multi-band operation and supply more than enough excitation to drive the 830B's to full output. The reason why we recommend that outputs from 20 to 25 watts are necessary in the driver or transmitter used to drive the amplifier, is to allow efficient operation on the higher frequency bands, such as the 20 and 10-meter bands. It is always advisable with any transmitter to have more than sufficient excitation avail-

able, in order to permit good regulation in the "driver" stage.

The amplifier shown in the photograph is built on a pine board 17" long and given a coat of black enamel to improve its appearance. However, it can be built up on a chassis and panel arrangement to fit in a rack, or along any other lines which the builder might desire. And then again, if this amplifier is to be placed above the driving unit, it may be necessary to reverse the layout. For instance, it may be advisable to place the plate coil on the opposite end of the circuit, and the grid coil on the other end, in order to permit short leads. The arrangement should be such that if the amplifier is placed above or below the driving assembly, the grid coil should come either over or beneath the output or plate tank circuit of the final amplifier in the driving unit, in order to keep the leads short.

Starting at the input end of the amplifier, we find the plug-in grid coil and the one turn "link coupling" coil. This grid coil has two jacks to simplify changing from one band to another. Three jacks might have been used thus eliminating one of the two R.F. chokes used to obtain the center feeding point or the C minus. However, if there were three jacks on the plug-in coil, one would come exactly in the center, thus complicating considerably the "link coupling" arrangement. Constructing the coil as we have in this transmitter, allows the "pickup" or link coil to be placed exactly in the center of the grid coil, without interference with any center

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tap connection. This grid circuit is tuned with a split-stator type condenser with a capacity of 100 mmf. per section. This is an ordinary receiving type Hammarlund condenser; high voltage insulation is not necessary in this circuit. The plate coil plugs into two heavy-duty jacks, the same as the grid coil, and for obtaining the center-tap connection we use a small battery clip. The heavy duty radio frequency choke used in the plate circuit is mounted directly between the plate coil and the tuning condenser. The plate tuning condenser also has a capacity of 100 mmf. per section, and is of the split-stator variety recommended for push-pull circuits. Widely spaced plates are required in this circuit because of the high plate-voltage and great amount of R.F. in the circuit.

Neutralizing is accomplished with two double-spaced condensers, having a capacity of 33 mmf. each. However, a smaller condenser having from 15 to 20 mmf. would be entirely satisfactory, inasmuch as for perfect neutralization, the condenser plates are only meshed about 25 percent. We have located these neutralizing condensers midway between the plate and grid coils. They are placed directly alongside of each of the type 830B tubes. Care should be taken in the placement of these condensers, because the leads must be symmetrical or of identical length, otherwise neutralization will be very difficult.

During experiments with this amplifier, an 802 pentode was used as a "driver." This supplied slightly over 15 watts under normal operating conditions and maximum plate efficiency in the 830-B amplifier came about with an input of 200 watts. This provided from 125 to 150 watts output which is, to say the least, quite a respectable amount. However with greater driving power the plate input to the 830-B's may be run as high as 280 watts for the two tubes, with an output of approximately 200 watts. However, the plate efficiency under these conditions is slightly less than the 200 watt input condition. With the 802 driver the grid current of the 830-B's was around 45 mills (ma.) with a grid biasing voltage of minus 90. With higher inputs and greater driving power, the grid current should be around 60 ma. for the two tubes, with a grid bias of about 110 to 120 volts.

Just before going to press, some experiments were conducted using the new R.C.A. 804 power pentode as a crystal-controlled triode driver. With around 700 volts on the plate of the 804, the input of the 830-B amplifier was driven to normal rating and over 200 watts output was obtained. This combination proved to be an ideal one for some one building an entirely new transmitter. A complete description of the 804 oscillator, which may be used to drive the 830-B's will be given in the next issue.

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- 5—.001 mf. mica condensers (1,000 volts), Cornell-Dubilier
- 1—.001 mf. mica condenser (2,500 volts), Cornell-Dubilier
- 2—33 mmf. neutralizing condensers, Hammarlund—MC-35-SX
- 2—2.1 mh. R.F. chokes, Hammarlund—CHX
- 1—2.5 mh. transmitting type R.F. choke, Hammarlund, CH-500
- 1—100 ohm center-tapped resistor, Electrad
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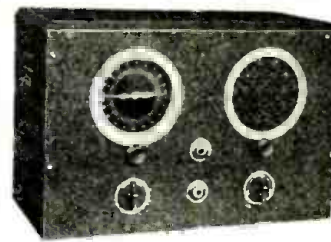


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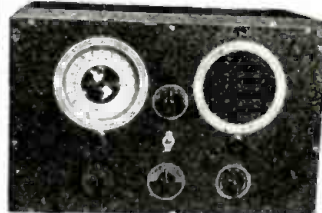


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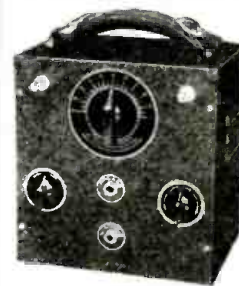


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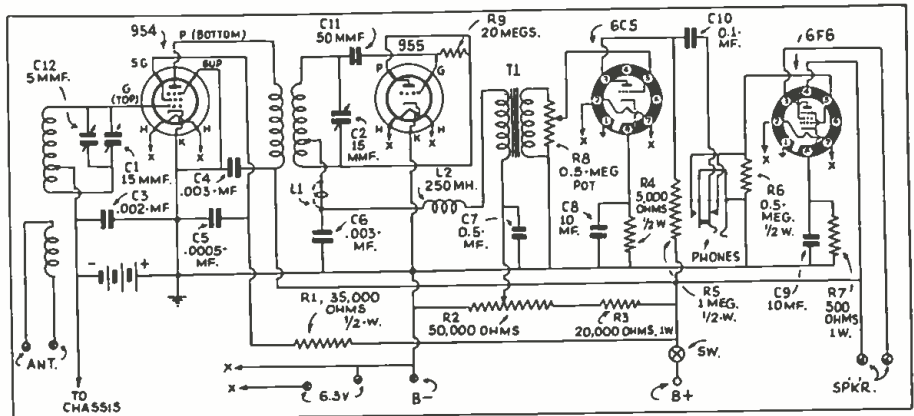
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# New 4-Tube Receiver Tunes From 1 to 11 Meters

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Wiring diagram of the 4-tube receiver which tunes from 1 to 11 meters.

the hole in the cover and arranged so that the cover may be opened for changing coils.

A small flexible lead will be found connected to the front antenna post. This supplies a ground connection where a single-wire antenna is used. It should be disconnected from the binding post when doublet feeders or two-wire lines are employed. An external ground connection is usually undesirable, but this point must be determined by experiment.

While the antenna primaries are of symmetrical construction, mechanical considerations prevent exact balance to ground, and there is some capacity coupling between the windings, especially at the higher frequencies.

Exact recommendations for antenna systems cannot be given, since the dimensions will depend upon the frequency at which best efficiency is desired, directional characteristics, etc. In general, however, the antenna proper should be tuned to the received signal. In many installations this condition may be satisfactorily realized by tuning the feeders with series or parallel condensers. The size of the tuning condensers will depend upon the frequency of the received signal and upon antenna dimensions. The transmission line must be efficient. As a rule, "twisted pair," or similar lines, are not satisfactory at frequencies much above 40 or 50 mc., especially where the length exceeds a full wavelength. The open wire or transposed line is much better.

Another general rule regarding antennae, is that any system which is found to be efficient in transmission will have good efficiency with the same directional characteristics, etc., in reception.

### Output Circuit and Speaker

The plate circuit of the output tube is brought to the output jack, located at the rear lefthand side. There is no output transformer in the receiver. The speaker requirements are not at all critical, any good magnetic or dynamic speaker being satisfactory provided the input impedance is approximately 7000 ohms, and provided the speaker windings are capable of carrying the plate current of the output tube (about 25 ma.). Some magnetic speakers will require a filter system, such as a 1 to 1 transformer or a 30 henry choke and 1. mfd. condenser combination. There is no provision for the field excitation of a dynamic speaker from the Type No. 5886 AB power unit. For this reason, the permanent magnet type of dynamic speaker is recommended, no field excitation being required.

The headphone jack is located on the front panel, just below and to the left of the main dial. This jack is wired into the output of the first audio stage in such a way that when the phones are plugged in,

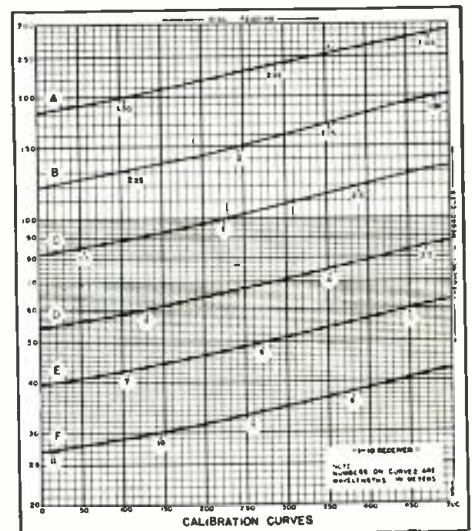
the signal input to the last tube is completely disconnected. It is important, however, that the plate circuit of the output tube be complete at all times. If the speaker is to be disconnected, a jumper must be inserted in the tip-jacks to connect them together. The receiver should not be operated from the above mentioned power supply with the output tube removed, as the voltage might rise above 180 volts. When operated from batteries, the removal of the 6F6 is permissible and will give better battery economy.

### Controls

The main dial is the tuning control; calibration curves for the various coils are shown below. The curves are accurate to about three percent. It will be noted that frequency increases with dial reading.

The switch at the lower righthand corner breaks the positive B-supply lead and is useful for temporarily rendering the receiver inoperative during periods of transmission or when changing coils. When using B-battery supply, the switch should be thrown to the "Off" position at all times when the receiver is not in use, in order to avoid parasitic drain. No switch is provided for opening the heater circuit.

There are three small dials in addition to the main tuning dial. These control detector regeneration, audio gain, and the



The various frequency bands covered by the new National receiver are clearly shown in the above graphic chart.

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alignment of the R.F. circuit, and are marked accordingly.

**Operating Characteristics**

The "1-10" receiver is designed primarily for the experimenter and to this end has been made to have maximum sensitivity and a wide frequency range. The use of a self-quenching super-regenerative detector with a stage of tuned R.F. provides excellent sensitivity and AVC action. Unfortunately, this type of detector introduces some distortion, since it does not have a linear characteristic. The distortion is small when signals are not modulated heavily, and increases with the percentage of modulation.

The various coils are stamped "A-1", "A-2", "B-1", "B-2", etc. They are used in pairs. The coil sockets of the R.F. and detector stages are marked "1", and "2", respectively, to correspond with the coil designations. The high frequency coils, (particularly the "A-1") must be pushed down in the socket as far as they will go. If they are not, the inductance of the primary and secondary circuits will be increased and the calibration of the circuit will be altered.

With any pair of coils in the receiver, the audio gain control should be advanced to 3 or 4 on the dial. Advancing the regeneration control will throw the detector circuits into superregeneration. This condition is indicated by a loud rushing or hissing noise. The hiss will drop down to a very low level or disappear entirely when a signal is tuned in, the reduction depending somewhat upon signal strength. The setting of the regeneration control at which the detector goes into superregeneration will vary with different sets of coils and with the condition of the 955 detector tube. On the "A" range it may be necessary to advance the control to the full on position as the detector tube begins to wear out. Sensitivity will depend upon the adjustment of the regeneration control, the maximum occurring just beyond the point where the hiss starts. The audio gain control must be used to control volume.

With the antenna disconnected and the detector just beyond the point at which superregeneration starts, rotation of the R.F. trimmer control will produce a definite decrease in the detector hiss at a certain setting, usually between 2 and 4. The R.F. circuit is aligned with the detector at the middle of this "dead spot." Advancing the regeneration control will start the hiss again. It is well for the operator to familiarize himself with the effect of these two controls as one is dependent upon the other.

The regeneration control has some tuning effect, increased plate voltage causing an increase in frequency. This necessitates re-tuning toward the lower dial numbers. The effect will vary with the coils employed and the dial setting. Similarly, the effect of the trimmer condenser will vary over the range of the receiver and also over the range of any one pair of coils. With any type of antenna connected, even a few inches of wire, the effect of the R.F. trimmer upon the detector circuit will be greatly reduced if not eliminated. It may still be found by operating the detector at the very edge of superregeneration. The trimmer setting is still critical with regard to the receiver sensitivity, however. The alignment of the trimmer will change with the dimensions of the antenna and also with the tuning of the receiver when using an antenna of fixed size. The setting which aligns the R.F. stage may move in either direction on the trimmer dial, depending upon antenna characteristics.

In determining the correct trimmer setting, when a signal is already tuned in, the operator should judge by the degree of his suppression, the maximum suppression indicating correct alignment.

It is important that the regeneration control be advanced sufficiently so that the detector is oscillating strongly. If it is not, any received signal will appear to have a series of carriers a few k.c. apart over several divisions of the tuning dial.

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may gain the impression that the receiver tunes very broadly. A superregenerative receiver is, of course, less selective than other types used on lower frequencies but selectivity cannot be judged by the dial space covered by a given signal unless the total equivalent scale length is remembered. Since the dial makes ten revolutions to cover any one coil range, the scale length is approximately 12 feet.

**Maintenance**

There are no circuit adjustments or trimmer settings to be made, other than those which are brought out to the front panel and which have been previously discussed.

The effect of decreasing battery voltages (both A and B) and ageing tubes will first be noticed when using the "A" coils, particularly at the extreme ends of the range. A 955 detector tube which will no longer operate on the "A" range will still give good performance at lower frequencies. Similarly, any poor connection at the tube

socket or coil socket will be especially noticeable at the highest frequencies. In fact, the detector may refuse to go into superregeneration unless the coil contacts, etc., are perfectly clean.

It will be noted that the variable condenser supports, coil sockets, and coil bases, etc. are made of Vietron, and while this material has exceptional electrical characteristics, it is similar to hard rubber in mechanical strength and its inability to withstand heat. The receiver should not, therefore, be subjected to high temperatures and the Vietron parts must be handled with reasonable care to prevent breakage.

The C-battery does not supply any current and will require replacement but about once a year.

Additional coils for extending the range in either direction are not available.

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**One-Meter Transmitter and Receiver Used By NBC**

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direct to listeners' radio sets, but for actual program service at any point of origin, to extend the scope of pick-up for present radio networks.

Announcement of the midget transmitter marks the first NBC disclosure of results of more than two years experiment in the micro-wave field, as part of the extended series of ultra-short wave propagation tests conducted in the field and from the tops of skyscrapers in New York.

The new micro-wave unit, Hanson reveals, is the result of a two-year search for a "coat-pocket transmitter" to enable foot-loose announcers, to carry a microphone to any desired point, or circulate at will among large assemblages, for purposes of broadcasting or to feed a public address system from the floor.

"Investigations in the micro-wave field," Hanson explained, "suggested that work in this band of 300,000,000 cycles and more would permit the midget antenna equipment necessary for the compactness we sought. Micro-waves also offered a phenomenal degree of penetration through intervening structures, so the tiny waves

were employed in developing the new portable transmitter."

Earlier units of portable type, more cumbersome in size and operating on "longer" waves of the order of 7 to 10 meters, were tested by NBC during the Horse Show at Madison Square Garden last fall, where they worked with marked success in relaying instantaneously to the gallery the decisions of the judges on the floor.

The new micro-wave transmitter proves the possibility of a practical "coat-pocket" size unit, and further laboratory work is now in progress to rush completion of the still smaller-size design.

In its present stage, the micro-wave set is a three-inch cube, with two ten-inch rods as antenna to release the tiny radio waves. It transmits at a power of two-tenths of a watt, employing the latest type of tiny "acorn" tube developed by RCA.

Current is fed to the midget set by an extremely small battery unit of 90 volts, also newly-developed in cooperation with NBC. The complete battery unit weighs less than 4 pounds, and the transmitter proper, less than a pound.

**Candle Flame in England Lights Lamp Here By Short Waves**

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apparatus which carried the signal to this country over *short-wave* radio which carried Sir Bragg's address to the gathering of notable scientists here.

On this side the sound of the candle flame was filtered out from the voice of Sir William Bragg and relayed to the Museum in Radio City, there to turn on an original Stopper lamp such as George Westinghouse used to illuminate the Columbian Exposition in 1893 in Chicago.

The light of this Stopper lamp was picked up by an "electric eye" which actuated electric switches that turned on two banks of High Intensity mercury vapor lamps bordering the entrance inside the museum. Thus, in a split second, a cavalcade of lighting was enacted as though to pay homage to Faraday and the tremendous electrical progress which his early experiments made possible, at the same time commemorating the golden jubilee of the company which George Westinghouse founded.

The candle flame represented a combustion source of illumination which preceded those of electrical character. Next, a Westinghouse Stopper lamp represented the work of mankind in developing the first practical electric illuminant, at the same time representing the first application of alternating current which was used for the first time on a large scale at the World's Fair of 1893 and which is regarded by many as the first big step in the beginning of the electric industry in this country.

Finally, the High Intensity mercury vapor lamp constitutes the latest important advancement in artificial illumination, rivaling that of the first incandescent lamp. It produces light by sending electricity through a metallic or gaseous vapor and, in so differing from the method of producing light by sending electricity through a filament wire, represents a development which future historians will record as revolutionary as the first incandescent lamp.

Dr. Arthur Compton, noted scientist of Chicago University and brother of Karl Compton, President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the distinguished guests at the dedication ceremonies, figured prominently in early research work, nearly twenty years ago, which has made the phenomenon of vapor illuminants possible today.

In 1917 Dr. Compton and Dr. Harvey C. Tentschler, present Director of Research of the Westinghouse Lamp Company, established a research department for that company in East Pittsburgh. Dr. Compton's first scientific investigation in that capacity was to delve into the possibilities of metallic and gaseous vapors as a possible source of artificial light. His early research work was later patented by Westinghouse and has ultimately resulted in the practical sodium vapor and High Intensity mercury vapor lamps of today. These are the lamps which, after some 57 years since the first incandescent lamp, mark an important milestone in artificial electric illumination.

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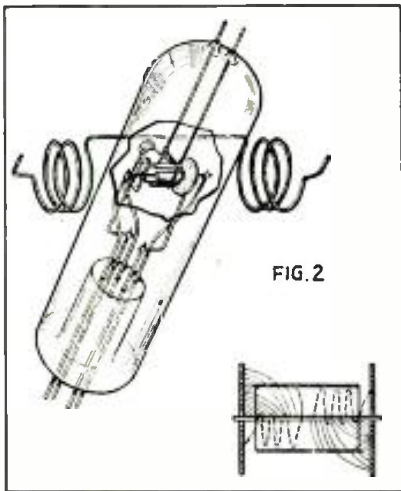


Fig. 2—Detail of the special magnetron tube which was used with a half-wave antenna placed in the focus of a 4 ft. parabolic reflector.

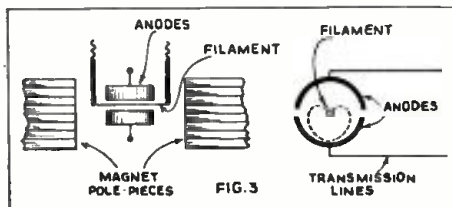


Fig. 3—Shows the split-anode magnetron used for producing the 9 cm. waves.

to make a complete circuit in the tube from cathode in the direction of the anode and back to cathode again, is equal to the period of the wave it is desired to produce. This adjustment is quite critical. The oscillations which depend on adjusting the electron speed to the period of the wave have been called "electronic oscillations." The time that it takes the electron to go from cathode to anode has been called the "transit time."

### Split Anode Magnetron Used

The tube which was used for the transmission tests was an improved type of split anode magnetron in which an electric field in the direction of the magnetic field was added in addition to the transverse electric field between cathode and anode. This electric field was obtained by placing two metallic discs at the open end of the cylindrical anodes and supporting them so that they are insulated from the cathode. They were both operated at a potential approximately three-quarters that of the anode potential. Their function was to draw electrons from the inside of the cylinder. A theoretical and experimental consideration had shown that a tilting of the tube without end plates was required to allow electrons to spiral out from the region inside the anodes, so as to obtain proper space charge conditions for maximum oscillation. In the case of the ordinary split anode magnetron, the relative adjustment of angle of tilt and plate voltage is very critical and if either one is changed the other must be changed to some new value, in order to continue oscillation. In a tube using the end plates, stability of operation is much better. This is due to the fact that the anode and end plate potentials may be taken from the same voltage supply and therefore will vary proportionately. It has been found that when the anode potential is varied the end plate potential, which is

required in order to maintain oscillation at the maximum value, is very nearly that which keeps this proportionality constant.

Since the output of the tube depends on the ratio between end plate and anode potential, modulation can be easily obtained by varying either one of these independently of the other. In order to modulate the transmitter, we therefore place the secondary of the modulation transformer in series with the anode supply, and adjust the anode potential so that oscillation amplitude for no modulation is approximately one-half the maximum. This allows the output of the tube to swing from close to zero to maximum for full modulation. A diagram showing the modulation system, the antenna, and the reflector used with the transmitter is shown in Figure 4. It will be noted on this diagram that the anode supply is brought in across a line which appears to be shorted directly across the transmission line. This bar has two purposes. In the first place, it acts as a short circuit for long wave parasitic oscillations which the tube would like to generate, if it were not prevented from doing so. In the second place, its position is adjusted so that the capacity between the halves of the anodes and the inductance of the small loop circuit is correct to tune to the frequency of oscillation.

### Receiver

The receiver consisted of an iron pyrites crystal attached to a small loop, which was

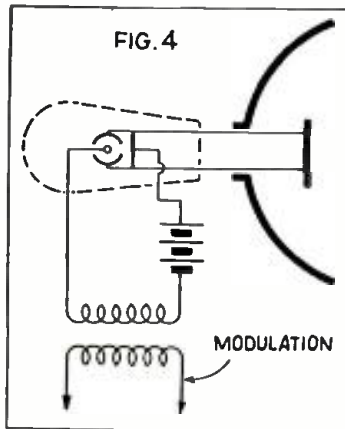


Fig. 4—Diagram showing the modulation system, the antenna and reflector for the 9 cm. transmitter.

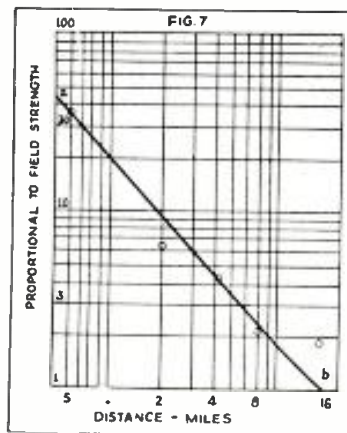


Fig. 7—Curve above shows relation between signal field strength and distance.

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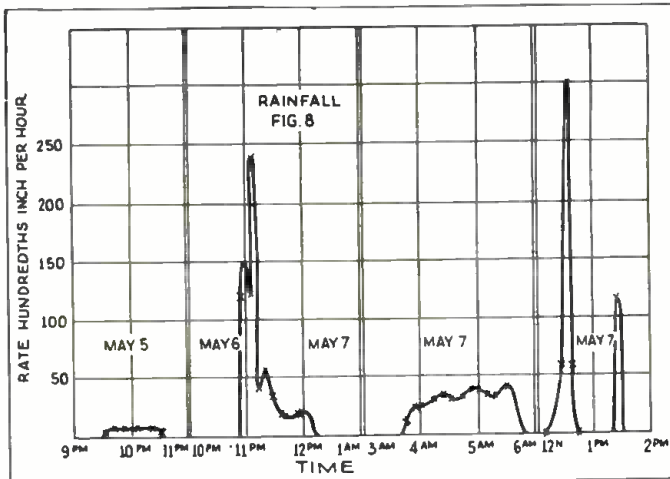
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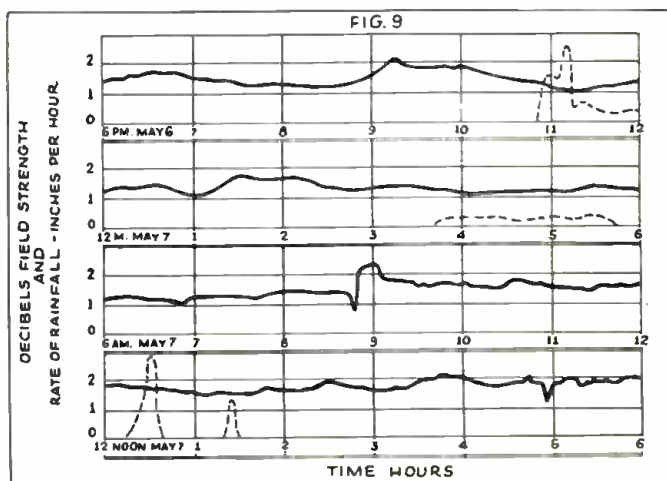
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that the output of the crystal detector was proportional to the square of the signal strength. This fact, along with the amplifier gain control setting, made it easy to calculate the relative field strength at each one of the points where the receiver was set up. In Fig. 7 the relative field strengths are plotted against the distance on log-log

Fig. 8—Shows variations in rainfall over the time during which the tests were conducted.

Fig. 9—Shows the signal field strength (full black line), while the dotted line shows the rainfall. Results of the test indicated that rain has had a slight effect on the 9 cm. waves; so that in a clear atmosphere the attenuation is negligible up to a distance as great as 16 miles.



placed in the focus of a 4-foot reflector and does not require further explanation. The output of the crystal was attached to an audio amplifier, which in turn was fed into a tube detector and microammeter for the first tests, and into an Esterline recording meter for the tests which were made to determine the transmission through rain.

In the tests that were made at Atlantic Highlands, the transmitter was placed close to Navesink Light House which is on a hill about 200 feet above sea level.

The transmitter as set up for the tests is shown in Fig. 5. The receiver, mounted on the stern of the test ship is shown in Fig. 6.

### 40 Mile Range Possible

These pictures are supplied through the courtesy of the Signal Corps Laboratories at Fort Monmouth. The line of sight range to the horizon from this point was approximately 17 1/2 miles. A number of readings were taken at different distances from the transmitter. The transmission distances were from one-half to five and one-quarter miles over land, and eight to sixteen miles over water. The signal which was received at the 16 mile distance was sufficiently strong so that it would have been possible to move the receiver out to 40 miles before the signal intensity became equal to the amplifier noise.

Some previous measurements had shown

coordinate system. If attenuation in the atmosphere is negligible, the signal strength should decrease inversely as the distance from the transmitter, since the radiation is in the form of a cone starting at a relatively short distance from the transmitter. The points should lie along a straight line of slope—1. The line a-b has been drawn through the half-mile point with this slope. There is no indication that there is any attenuation other than that due to the spreading of the energy. There was considerable uncertainty in the readings since the crystal had to be readjusted at each point, and the transmitter output may have shifted somewhat. Nevertheless, we can safely say, that attenuation in the clear atmosphere for 3,000 megacycle electromagnetic waves is negligible up to distances of 16 miles, and probably more.

### Rain Tests

The measurements which were made at Atlantic Highlands were all conducted when the weather was clear, although at the time of the 16-mile test there was sufficient haze so that the transmitting point could not be seen from the receiving point. In the next series of tests, an attempt was made to determine whether the water in the atmosphere during heavy rain or fog would be sufficient to attenuate the 3000 megacycle signal. Although the amount of water pres-

TABLE I. DROP SIZE AND SPACING FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF RAINFALL, MIST AND FOG.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	Precipitation mm hr.	Diam. of drop mm.	Mass of drop grams	Velocity of fall m per sec.	Water mg. per m <sup>2</sup> air	No. of drops per m <sup>3</sup>	Drop spacing (cm)	Frac. of water by vol. in air	Thickness of water layer in cm. in 2 mi. path
Fog	0.05	.01	5.2 · 10 <sup>-10</sup>	.003	6.	1.2 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	.43	6 · 10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.9 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Mist	.25	.1	5.2 · 10 <sup>-7</sup>	.25	55.5	1.1 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.1	5.5 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.8 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Drizzle	1.00	.2	4.2 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>	.75	92.6	2.2 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	3.6	9.3 · 10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.0 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Light Rain	4.00	.45	4.8 · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.00	138	2.9 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	7.0	1.4 · 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.4 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Moderate Rain	15.00	1.0	5.2 · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.00	277	5.3 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	12.3	2.8 · 10 <sup>-7</sup>	8.9 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>
Heavy Rain	40.00	1.5	1.8 · 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.00	833	4.6 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	13.0	8.3 · 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.7 · 10 <sup>-1</sup>
Excessive Rain	100.00	2.1	4.9 · 10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.00	1850	3.8 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	13.8	1.8 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>	5.9 · 10 <sup>-1</sup>
Cloudburst		3.0	1.4 · 10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.00	5400	3.9 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	13.7	5.4 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.7
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ent in a heavy rain storm over a distance of 20 miles, if concentrated into a single sheet, would definitely be sufficient to affect the transmission, we should expect a smaller effect to be caused by the rain because of the relatively small size of the rain drops compared to the wavelength.

In Table 1, various data on fog and rain are given. Columns 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were taken from Humphreys' "Physics of the Air." Columns 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been computed from Humphreys' data. The data on snow are our own estimates.

Since the effect of water in the atmosphere may be considered as an attenuation phenomenon, and therefore exponential with respect to distance, the measurements had to be made over as large a distance as possible, in order to obtain sufficient accuracy. In view of the fact, that any surfaces when wet might have reflected the waves differently than when dry, it was also desirable that not only the test location be *line-of-sight* from the transmitter, but that there be a minimum of buildings or other objects on the side of the beam, particularly near the line joining the receiver and transmitter. This meant approximately that there should be as few objects as possible in the circular cone of vertex angle 10 degrees, whose vertex was on the transmitter, and whose axis was the line joining the receiver and transmitter.

An inspection of the available locations in the neighborhood of Camden showed that these conditions could be most effectively and conveniently met by installing the transmitter on one of the upper floors of the engineering building, and the receiver in one of the tall buildings in Philadelphia, as far from the transmitter as possible. The location on the 34th floor of 12 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, was found suitable for the receiver. This was *two miles from the transmitter.*

The transmitter-receiver system was first maintained in operation during several clear days, so that an idea of the constancy of output to be expected could be measured. Having obtained these data, we hoped that several rainy periods would occur and permit a determination of the difference in transmission, after which an additional calibration could be made in clear weather to determine whether any change had taken place in the equipment.

On May 6 and 7, 1935, conditions were very favorable for determining the effect of rainfall on the transmission. Some very heavy short showers took place, followed by periods of no rainfall. The chart of rainfall for these days taken from the tipping bucket chart of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Philadelphia through the courtesy of Mr. Bliss is shown in Fig. 8. The place where the rainfall was recorded was very nearly on the straight line joining the transmitter and receiver points, and about one-half way between them. It was also fortunate that the transmitter and receiver had been in continuous operation for several days previous to these dates.

The meter record from 6 p.m., May 6 to 6 p.m., May 7, is shown on Fig. 9. The heavy line represents the field strength, the dotted line the rainfall. The maximum fluctuation in output was 1 db. This, however, was not connected with rainfall and also was recorded on clear days. The sharp rise at 8:15 a.m. was caused by a change which was made in the transmitter magnetic field. The first rainfall took place at about 11 p.m., reaching a maximum intensity of 2.4 inches an hour, which is what Humphreys calls an *excessive* rain. There were other showers from 3:15 to 5:30 a.m., and shortly after noon. The one at 12:30 reached almost *cloudburst* intensity. With the exception of the early morning shower the short duration of the rainfall makes it improbable that the whole region between the transmitter and receiver was filled with rainfall of maximum intensity at any one time. Comparison of the curves for field intensity and rainfall show that the maximum amplitude attenuation, if any, is less than .1 db. per mile.

On the basis of the data which were obtained, and Table I we are able to decide whether the lighter forms of rain and fog,

mist, or snow should affect the transmission. To do this we will consider the amount and distribution of water in the air separately. Table 1 shows that the mass of water per unit volume was greater for the rains which were tested than for any other form of precipitation and therefore on this basis alone should have caused the greatest effect. As the rain becomes lighter the mass of water decreases and the drop size becomes smaller, but the spacing decreases also. Conditions approach closer to that of water vapor. It is, therefore, interesting to compare the mass of water vapor per cubic meter in saturated air with the water in the air due to the rainfall. (It seems fair to assume that the air is near saturation during all forms of rainfall.) The Smithsonian tables give the water vapor as 22 gms. per cu. meter at 20 degrees C. and 760 mm. mercury pressure. It is rather surprising that this is four times the amount of water due to a heavy rain, and almost 4000 times that of the droplets in a fog. It therefore appears as if the effect of the water vapor should be greater than that of the free water when it is very finely divided and closely spaced and that, therefore, by making the measurement in a heavy rain, the most severe conditions have been encountered.

The comparatively large amount of water in a saturated atmosphere points to the possibility that more effect on transmission might be expected under conditions where the path traverses regions of variable vapor content, than during times of precipitation when humidity is relatively constant. A calculation of the relative index of refraction of moist and dry air, assuming that there is no anomalous change in the dielectric constant at 300 megacycles, compared to lower frequencies, indicates that it should be of the order of 1.0001. The figure of 1.0001 requires either many transitions, or interfaces at very glancing angles to cause noticeable variations in transmission.

In conclusion we may say that the tests, both at Sandy Hook and at Camden, have shown for 3000 megacycle electromagnetic waves: (1) that the attenuation in a clear atmosphere is negligible up to a distance as great as 16 miles, and (2) that the attenuation of the field caused by heavy rain, is less than .1 db. per mile; (3) that an investigation of the water content and drop size of fog, mist and light rain show that their effect on the transmission should be less than that of heavy rain.—*Courtesy of "Broadcast News."* (RCA Victor.)

## New German Zeppelin LZ-129 Contacts U. S. on Short Waves

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an interesting report from the Radio Marine Corp. of America, verifying reception of signals on the 24-meter wave from the LZ-129 and the RCA station located at Chatham, Mass., "worked" the Zeppelin on this wave length. Two way contact was established at 7:20 a.m., E.S.T., on March 5th. The report mentions that the signals from the Zeppelin were good and seemed reliable for commercial operation. The call letters of the LZ-129 are DEKKA.

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## How Hams Sent Flood Warnings

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in the field by commercial companies. If such was the case, it is important to note at this point that the amateur stations would not interfere in any case with any such emergency short-wave station set up by the commercial telegraph and telephone companies, as these stations would operate on special frequency assignments which are entirely out of the amateur frequency bands.

Of course there has always been, and probably always will be, a considerable amount of jealousy on the part of the commercial interest, and in view of the fact that the telegraph and telephone communication lines in the flood districts were practically all out of commission, at least for a time, and in view of the fact that these "Ham" stations could be called upon by any one to transmit a message, it is not improbable that there were more reasons why the Mayor found it desirable to attempt shutting down "Ham" station operations in Johnstown.

A layman might throw up his hands in horror if he were confronted with the whole picture, and think off-hand that it would be a good thing to issue an order shutting down "Ham" stations operating in such a flood district as the Johnstown or other areas, and—being unfamiliar with the technical facts in the case—he might very easily think that a "Ham" station could easily enough interfere with a commercial short-wave station.

Be it said, however, to the credit of the American "Ham" that he obeys the law which permits him to operate his licensed station, and practically all of the stations with any transmitting power worth speaking of, all have their frequencies or wavelengths controlled by a crystal and they are so sharply tuned that there is slight, if any, chance of the "Ham" stations wandering from its frequency or wavelength assignment.

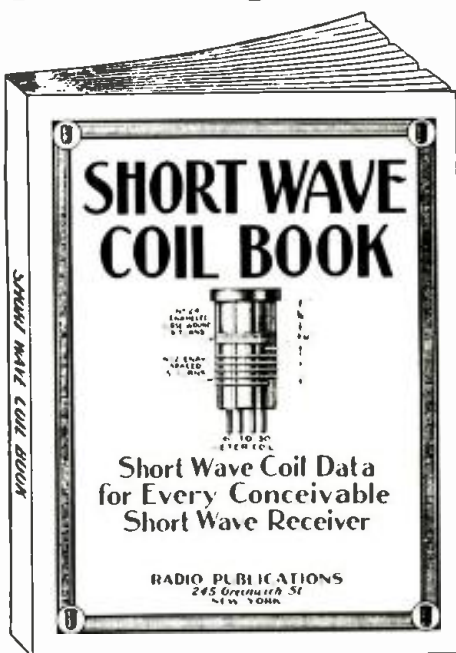
Another important factor bearing on this whole situation, is the fact that the "Ham" station operator is not allowed to accept any fee or transmit a message for pay, and when in an emergency, such as the Johnstown or other flood, he accepts a message from a flood victim, don't forget that if this message gets through, that the person originating the message has had it put through *without charge!* Under the stress of heavy traffic but few commercial telephone circuits were possibly available to carry traffic, and it is problematical what would happen to a flood victim who desired to put through a message either by phone or telegraph, especially if he did not have the money to pay for the telegram or use of the phone circuit.

If the "Ham" needs any further recognition of the excellent service performed by his fraternity, let the public learn that for a considerable time after the flood waters had receded, it was frequently impossible to put through a commercial telephone call to many parts of the flood districts.

Short waves, aside from the amateur angle, provided particularly useful service to the broadcast companies. Many of the exciting broadcast descriptions came from announcers at the actual scenes of the flood, and were picked up on a portable short-wave transmitter and were then relayed through a pickup station located half a mile or so away, and finally found their way on to the national broadcast networks. Some of the apparatus in the broadcast stations located in the flood districts were operated by storage batteries picked up at various stores and garages around town and brought into the station headquarters by row boats.

Communication, essential if relief work was to be carried on and news disseminated, was taxed to the breaking point, and the telephone and telegraph services of necessity had to refuse any but the most important messages. In many instances, the

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have wrought by the flood destroyed the regular lines, and it was then that the amateur stepped in. Working with hastily constructed emergency sets and handicapped by the necessity of operating from batteries because of power line failures, amateurs were quick to cooperate and organize smooth-running networks, working with clock-work precision on split-second schedules. News collected and sent out over the amateur airways provided the world with first-hand information of flood conditions and property damage.

The short-wave bands of the amateur provided a ringside seat at all of the emergency communications work. In Johnstown, Gerald D. Coleman, R. K. Dixon, and Clarke Olney, operators of W8FRC, W8DY, and W8LNZ respectively, kept their city in contact with the outside world at great risk to themselves. At one time Coleman had to interrupt his work to send out a plea for help because of the rising waters threatening him, and his call was answered by the Johnstown police, who moved him to higher ground. Telephone operators had to leave their posts because of the swirling waters, and for many hours these amateur stations provided the only link with the outside world.

Williamsport, Pa., completely isolated, was served well by the amateur station of Elmer Bond, W8MAH. At Allentown, Pa., Dr. H. A. D. Baer, operating W3EY, relayed many messages from the flooded areas. Dr. Joseph P. Vancheri, of Punxsutawney, Pa., well-known in amateur circles as the owner and operator of W8BWH, worked steadily for the first 56 hours of the flood, relaying relief messages and directions, for the authorities, from devastated Clearfield, 38 miles away.

In New England, at Concord, N.H.,

where all communication was cut off except through the amateur stations of Basil Cutting and C. B. Evans, W1APK and W1BFT, battery power was employed and the city kept in touch with relief agencies for a period of over forty hours until other communications channels were reopened. In Hartford, Conn., the power company, eager to serve their customers, asked the "amateurs" to try and contact their northern power plants! In less than an hour the amateurs had organized a phone net, operating on a wavelength of five meters and with John Reinartz, W1QP, of Manchester, Conn., acting as control station, that ran back and forth throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts, tying in the many substations and keeping officials informed of water levels and power load conditions. When the power finally failed, this net was invaluable in directing the emergency work that brought back power to the city. Al Bisbee, power company employee, operating W1FZA in his automobile, had to be rescued in a boat when the water came up to the seat level of his car.

A peculiar situation arose in Hartford when the telephone lines in Hartford and East Hartford were put out of order by the rising waters. Communication from outside into West Hartford by telephone was not interrupted, but there was no speedy way of relaying messages in to Hartford proper, until amateurs stepped in and supplied a five meter link, tying in the Hartford Red Cross and the East Hartford relief headquarters with the offices of the American Radio Relay League, national amateur organization, whose many amateur networks were furnishing valuable news and relief links.

## Some Little-Known Facts About Short and All-Wave Aerials

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rect derivation from the two quarter-wave antennas, shown in Figure 1. At the center, between D and E, a suitable insulator is provided and the two ends of the twisted pair are connected to the portions of the antennas C-D and E-F. As is the case with the twisted pair, employed in Figure 4, the length of the transmission line, illustrated in Figure 5, is relatively unimportant. An antenna of this nature will function very satisfactorily on all of the short-wave bands, if the two portions of the antenna are cut 20½ feet each or, in other words, have a total over-all length of approximately 41 feet.

Where this type of antenna is to be used for broadcast-band reception as well, it is desirable to provide a special type combination transformer and insulator, which is inserted between the points D and E.

It will be observed in Figure 5, that a rather unique type of coupling device is shown between the end of the transmission line and the Antenna and Ground posts of the receiver. This particular type of transformer has been found to be most effective in reducing noise for the reason that the two windings are made very close to each other and are actually wound in opposite directions. The center tap, running to the ground, provides a means of having any interference picked up by the transmission line introduced to the turns of the receiver transformer in opposite directions, resulting in its complete neutralization, without in any way affecting the strength of the signals picked up by the two portions of the antenna C-D and E-F.

Obviously, a transformer, arranged in this fashion, cannot be made to match the input impedance of all receivers. In order to provide such an impedance match, a variable resistor is introduced between the center tap on the transformer shown by X, and the regular ground connection. This brings about a condition where it is possible to combine the impedance of the winding in the transformer with a variable

impedance, so that together they can be made to form an absolute impedance match with the input winding of the receiver.

### Line Filters

In the past it has been thought that radio interference, commonly referred to as "line noise," was passed up through the electric light line and into the receiver, itself, through the power transformer of the various tube circuits. This premise is not entirely correct. What actually happens is that the interfering parasitic radiations from the electric light or telephone lines create a field around the wires which carry them and since the antenna or the lead-in may be in that particular field, the radiations are then picked up by the antenna or the lead-in and carried to the receiver at the same time as the desired signal. If these radiations are as strong or stronger than the signal, our reception is broken up in a most disagreeable fashion.

In order to prevent radiations of this character reaching the antenna, various types of quenching devices, generally called line-filters, have been developed. Some of them are very elaborate, bulky and expensive. More recently, a new type of line-filter, shown diagrammatically in Figure 6, has been introduced. This filter is designed along exactly the same principles as the noise-reducing antenna, itself. In other words, any disturbances existing on the electric light line passes through the coils and the condensers of this filter and the variable resistance to ground is so arranged that the actual electrical center of the circuit is provided. Since the interference in both sides of the line is identical, it is neutralized at the ground connection and, therefore, the line does not radiate. In a great many cases, it is desirable to try a filter of this nature before any attempt is made to install a noise-reducing antenna. The filter and an ordinary antenna will sometimes do the whole job.

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In addition to the 3 tone controls there is a master volume control (P1).

### 5 Metal Tubes Used

The amplifier consists of 5 metal tubes, in the following arrangement. A 6J7 pentode as first audio amplifier; 6C5 triode as phase inverter; 2-6F6 power pentodes in push-pull as the last audio stage; a 5Z4 as rectifier in the power supply unit. The power output (undistorted) is about 7 watts. As a form of resistance or impedance coupling is used, it is necessary to employ a phase reversing tube to feed the output of the single plate of the 6J7 to the push-pull grids of 6F6 tubes. This is done by the 6C5 tube. It should be noted that the 6C5 contributes no amplification when used as a *phase inverter*. In fact there is a slight loss of amplification through this tube, as its amplification factor under these circumstances is only about 0.7 which is of course less than unity. This loss is not serious as the gain of the 6J7 and the 6F6's is so high that more than enough amplification is available for all normal requirements.

### The Tone Controls—How They Work

The so-called tone controls are potentiometers. In the plate circuit of the first audio tube (the 6J7) there are two resonant circuits consisting of inductances shunted by fixed condensers. The values of the condenser and inductance in shunt determine the frequency at which the combination resonates. The high frequency circuit consists of a 250 mh. R.F. choke shunted by an .004 mf. condenser. This combination resonates at approximately 5000 cycles. This circuit is shunted by a 0-4000 potentiometer (P4). This potentiometer controls the gain of the 5000 cycle circuit. It also serves to "damp" the oscillatory circuit to prevent undesirable howling effects when the gain of this circuit is advanced.

The low frequency circuit consists of a 30 henry filter choke. (This choke is a 22 henry choke designed to pass 35 ma. but as only 1 ma. is passed the inductance

is close to 30 henries.) shunted by a .15 mf. condenser and a 0-3000 ohm potentiometer (P2). This resonant circuit *peaks* at about 70-80 cycles. The potentiometer serves the same purpose as the one in the high frequency circuit. The third tone control is merely a 0-50,000 ohm potentiometer (P3) in series with the *high* and *low* frequency circuits. It is non-resonant but due to its relatively low value as the plate load of a pentode, it does not permit amplification of the low and high frequencies as well as it does the middle range frequencies. The amplification obtained with this resistor alone in the plate circuit thus falls off at the point where the two resonant circuits *peak*.

### Phase Inverter

The phase inverter tube follows conventional practice. Note how the grids of the 2 push-pull output tubes are fed. One feeds from the plate of the 6C5 in conventional manner and the other is fed from the *cathode* circuit of the 6C5.

### Power Supply

The power transformer used is rated to supply 350 volts each side of center tap, with a current drain of 70 ma. As the drain is actually about 80 ma. the voltage delivered is slightly less.

In the schematic diagram it will be noted that the filter condenser in the power supply unit marked C2 appears in 2 places, once in solid and once in dotted lines. If the amplifier is used with a speaker having its own field supply, C2 should be connected as shown by the solid line. This arrangement gives *choke input* to the filter system and reduces the available plate voltage. This is done to keep the voltage applied to the tubes down to 250. If it is desired to excite the field of a loud speaker from the amplifier, then C2 should be connected as shown in the dotted lines. This arrangement will raise the available plate voltage and thus counteract the voltage drop in the field coil of the loud speaker. When C2 is 10 mf. and when the plate transformer and the 15 henry filter choke are nearly identical to the ones used in the original unit, the field coil resistance of the loud speaker should be about 1500 ohms to deliver 250 volts to the plates of the amplifier tubes.

The speaker field should also be able to safely pass a current of 85 ma. If an 800 ohm field is used, the value of C2 should be experimentally reduced to about 2 to 4 mf. in order to reduce the plate voltage to its proper value.

If a high resistance voltmeter is available it should be connected between the plate and *cathode* of one of the 6F6 tubes and different values of C2 tried, till the voltmeter gives a reading of approximately 250 volts. The field coil should be connected at point X in the diagram.

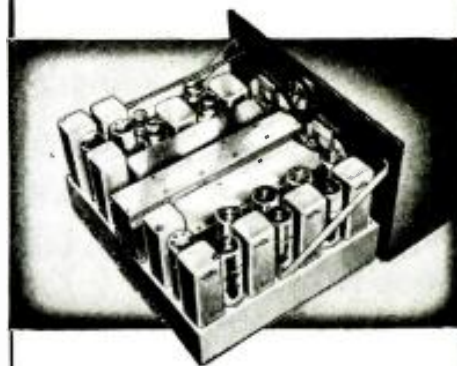
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 2—100000 ohm insulated (IRC)  
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 1—20000 ohm insulated (IRC)  
 1—1. meg. insulated (IRC)  
 1—200 ohm wire wound 10 watt resistor (IRC)  
 1—0-50000 ohm potentiometer with 110 v. power switch (Electrad type 205) P3  
 1—0-3000 ohm potentiometer (Electrad type 233W) P2  
 1—0-4000 ohm potentiometer (Electrad type 277W.) P4  
 1—0-1. megohm potentiometer (Electrad type 206) P1
- Condensers**  
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 1—16 mf. can type electrolytic cond. 450 volt working C1 (Cornell-Dubilier)  
 4—1 mf. 400 v. paper cond. (Cornell-Dubilier)  
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difference in output voltage during changes from minimum to maximum load, is better than the condenser input system. The input chokes CH1 should be of the swinging type. The second choke CH2 can be of the usual 30-henry type; or, in fact, anything from 15 to 30 henries seems to work well, where the input power is obtained from a 60-cycle source. When the power supply is to be operated from a 25-cycle source, the choke inductance and capacities of the condensers should be increased approximately 2.5 times to obtain the same amount of filtering at the output of each one of the filter systems shown.

### Bleeder Resistor

In Figs. 2 A, B, and C, we must employ a so-called *bleeder resistor* or what might be called a "buffer load." The amount of power consumed by the bleeder resistor bears a definite relation to the variation of the power taken from the filter. However, values which give satisfactory results under known conditions are as follows: for 300 volts a 15,000-ohm, 25 to 35-watt resistor; 500 volts 20,000 ohms, 50 watts; for 1,000 volts 25,000 ohms, 100 watts; 1,500 volts 35,000 ohms, 150 watts; 2,000 volts, 100,000 ohms, 200 watts. In some cases, the amateur may find that he has, for instance, two 1,000-volt condensers and desires to employ them in a filter circuit of 2,000-volt power supply.

In Fig. 2 D, we have shown a method of connecting condensers in series and in order to obtain equal voltage across each one of these condensers a voltage divider must be connected across the condensers, as shown in 2 Fig. D. This is also necessary if electrolytic condensers are used in series and the polarity has been indicated. The value of R is not critical, and may be anywhere from 250,000 to 500,000 ohms each. This parallel resistor reduces the effective filtering capacity of the condenser slightly, but can be ignored for all general purposes.

### 3 Power Supply Line-Ups

In Fig. 3, we have three complete power supplies. Fig. 3A, shows the receiving type power supply using the type 80 tube. This circuit is satisfactory for voltages up to around 400. The two condensers marked C1 are used solely to reduce *tunable hums*, and the capacity is not critical. Something in the order of .002 to .006 mf. seems to work satisfactory. The ratings of the chokes depend upon the amount of current taken from the power supply, and also the current drawn by the bleeder R. The inductance, however, should be 30 henries, and the capacity of the condensers C should be 8 mf., electrolytics being the most economical.

In Fig. 3B, we have a full-wave power supply, using separate half-wave rectifiers. If the type 81 vacuum type tubes are used, condensers CX may be employed; that is, *condenser input* may be used to the filter, 1 to 2 mf. being the proper capacity of this condenser. For the mercury vapor type tubes, condenser CX should be eliminated. CH1 should be a *swinging choke* having an inductance of approximately 20 to 100 henries. CH2 may be in the order of 15 to 30 henries. Separate transformers are used for the high-voltage and filament supplies. In all cases, the filaments of the tubes should be switched on several minutes before the switch SW2 is closed.

In Fig. 3C, we have the Bridge rectifier circuit used in a power supply capable of delivering two voltages; this is really two power supplies in one. Here we have uti-

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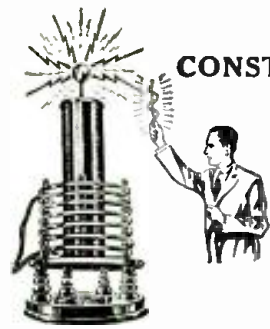


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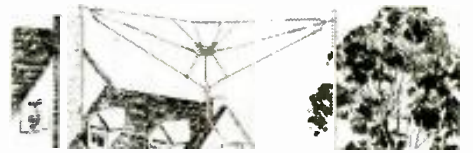
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A toggle switch on the panel opens the plate circuit, while another cuts off the bias supply. The latter also opens the plate circuit, since it would be disastrous to leave the high voltage on with no bias.

The construction is very similar to that of the R.F. unit already described, since an identical wooden rack made of 3/4" square pine is used, together with 1/4" thick pressed wood panels, and 12" x 8" steel chassis. It is, however, straightforward, and proceeds a lot faster than did the R.F. unit, since there are no coils, flexible connections, etc., to be fussed with. The output transformer is rather large, and if mounted on the modulator chassis, would

crowd the other components, so it is simply set on the table behind the rack.

Extensive use is made of lead-covered cable, both single and double. All filament and heater wires are run with it, as are most of the grid and plate leads. This latter probably cuts the overall high frequency response a little, but it is a great help when there is a lot of R.F. floating around, as is inevitable at the ultra high frequencies. The use of this cable incidentally, adds greatly to the neat appearance of the units.

If all work has been properly, and connections correctly made, the unit will work immediately. The "C" bias for the driver stage is set at about 50 volts, while that of the output 45's is varied until the plate current on no-signal conditions is around 90 ma. This current should then swing to about 250 ma. "peaks." The "C" bias voltage will probably be around 80 volts.

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It should be pointed out that 35 watts is a lot of audio power, and is quite capable of ruining equipment if not correctly used; never operate the amplifier without load. For testing, a 5,000 ohm, 100 watt resistor may be connected across the secondary of the output transformer.

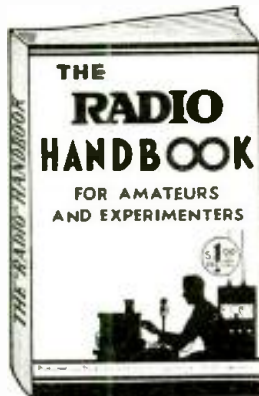
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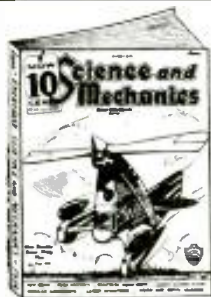
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One chapter is devoted to printing shop measurements, the sizes of type, number of characters per line, etc. A good-size chapter is presented on "Business Mathematics," explaining how to make out statements of assets and liabilities, etc. The book has a comprehensive and valuable index.

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## World-Wide Short-Wave Review

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## A 2-Tube, Band-Switching Receiver—for the S-W Fan

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change switch, and the detector tube is located as near these coils as possible. It is advisable to keep the wave-band switch, the two coils, and the detector tube in a group, so that the leads are very short. Either the 6C6 and 76 tube combination may be used for 6.3 volt operation, or the 57 and 56—for 2.5 volt operation.

Power-supply diagrams which may be used with this receiver, may be found in nearly every issue of *Short Wave Craft*, particularly the "Question Box."

### Coil Data

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- 1—panel and chassis (see text), I.C.A.
- 1—6C6 or 57 tube, R.C.A.
- 1—76 or 56 tube, R.C.A.

## Universal A.C. Bridge

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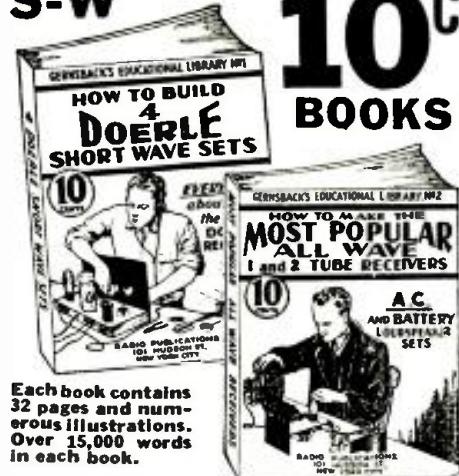
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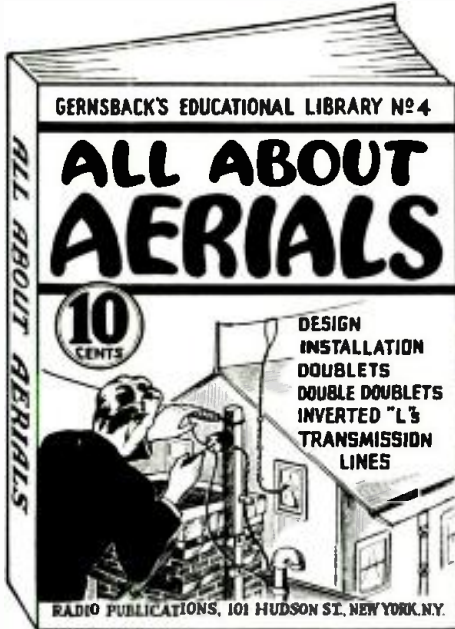
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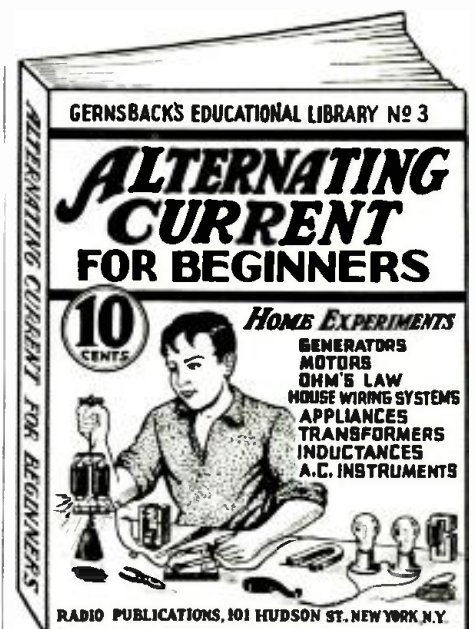
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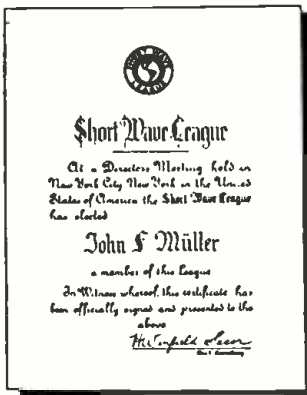
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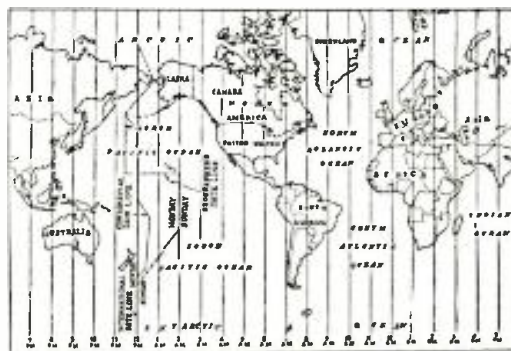
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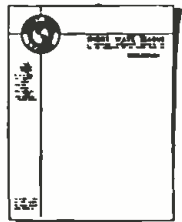
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From 4 p.m. Tuesday until 10 a.m. Friday morning, when Mayor Shields sent the police out for W8FRC, the station was operating continuous and without a relief operator. During this time W8FRC handled hundreds of messages for such services as Red Cross, Pennsylvania National Guard, Telephone companies and the citizens of Johnstown. To keep a transmitter on and stay at the controls for that length of time is no child's play; but as an amateur operator I was doing and giving all that was in me. More than that I was anxious to serve the people of this community and place before them the facilities of my amateur radio station.

**Washington Grants Permission for "Broadcast" Tie-in**

During Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th, W8FRC was, at certain times, "tied-in" with the National Broadcasting Company through KDKA at Pittsburgh. Permission to broadcast from this station to the networks was granted by Washington. During these broadcasts I would describe the condition of the flooded area and the extent to which the city was damaged. These descriptive reports were made, only, after your writer had made a personal visit to the stricken area.

On Wednesday afternoon, after the water had receded from most of the downtown streets, I made a trip in town to see what damage was done by the flood waters. While on my way home, from the downtown section, reports were circulated that the Quemahoning dam had let go. These reports were being carried by police and firemen as well as the civilians and naturally the town was in a panic.

**Telephone System Disorganized**

I returned home and was in touch with KDKA, at least, thirty minutes after such reports were spread all over the city. I merely passed on, to those "listening in," the facts that were being carried by police and everyone else. From my radio room I could see people running to the hills and the steady stream of cars going to high ground was enough to make me think that it was true. To top it off the local telephone exchange, four blocks away, called and told me that all the operators were leaving, because they were ordered out as the dam had broken! The telephone exchange mentioned was not completely out of order, but about 95 lines out of 1500 were still working and to help us with our flood traffic, they gave W8DYY and myself priority in making calls. It must be remembered that there was no telephone service to Johnstown, except one line of the Bell system, and that there was no electric current in the central part of the city.

After the call from the telephone exchange I told KDKA operators that things looked bad and that I was going to leave my station and seek higher ground, I was absent from the station, sitting on the hill, for nearly thirty minutes. Nothing happened and I was convinced that it was just a rumor. I walked home, passing many people still fleeing to the hills, and contacted KDKA and passing the information along that nothing had happened and I thought that it was just a rumor, although I had nothing "official" on the matter. At that time I did not know exactly how long it would take for the water to reach town.

**Police Take Him Before Mayor**

I continued the operation of my station till 10 a.m. Friday, when the police came after me and took me before Mayor Shields for my sentence—without a trial! He asked me one question. "Did you broadcast about the Quemahoning dam breaking?" I said, "Yes Sir." He, in a very angry voice, told me not to operate my station anymore—

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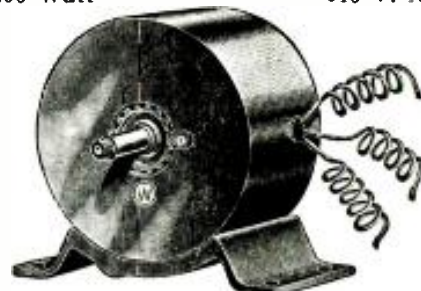
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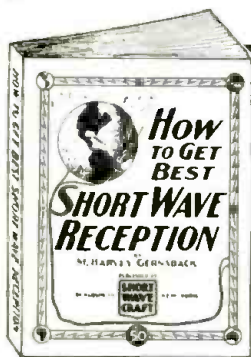
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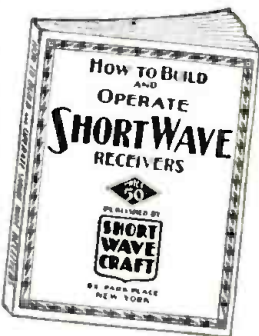
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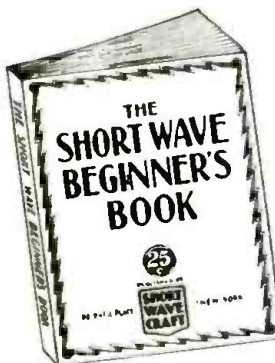
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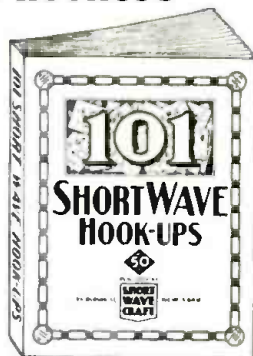


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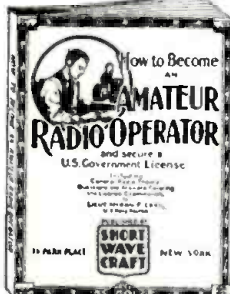
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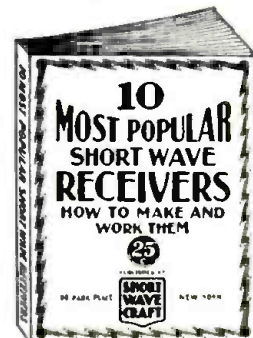
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that the town was under Martial Law (our town was never under Martial Law) and that he would throw me in jail without bail, should I disobey his orders. He would not let me explain and I was ordered out of the room.

At that time I did not know that we were not under martial law and I figured that I could do more out of jail than I could in—so I did not argue or talk back to the Mayor. Although I discontinued the use of radiophone, I did not leave the air. W8DYD was also called in and told to "get off the air" by Shields. A little bit later on, or in a few hours, W8DYD was taken over by the National Guard and with W8GYB as relief operator, they operated on 3665 kcs. This change in frequency allowed me to drop to 3610 kcs. to guard our Naval reserve circuit. I have been on that frequency ever since.

### Reaction Not What the Mayor Expected

This contemptible action, taken by the Mayor, reached the outside world and the "reaction" was not what the Mayor was looking for. He thought he had better get rid of me by accusing me of killing several old people—who died of fright during the Dam rumor. The case was placed in the hands of the District Attorney and they are preparing a charge of Involuntary Manslaughter against W8FRC.

I might mention that no praise or recognition has been given the amateurs of Johnstown by its two newspapers and it, so far, has been impossible to get the "local press" to print our story. The amateurs of this city and nation will fight this thing to a finish, and we hope that the Mayor is driven from this town in shame.

The following was printed in the *Johnstown Democrat* March 21st. It is false and a deplorable lie!

### MAYOR ORDERS AMATEUR OPERATORS OFF THE AIR AFTER RUNNING DOWN "QUE" REPORT

Mayor Daniel J. Shields ordered all amateur radio stations to close here yesterday after one operator allegedly had admitted he was responsible for the report that Quemahoning Dam had broken which caused a panic last Wednesday.

The Mayor said the order closing all Amateur stations had been issued to prevent possible spread of further alarming rumors through their broadcasts. He warned operators that they would be jailed and held without bail if they ignored the warning.

Gerald Coleman of 528 Highland Avenue was the operator who, Mayor Shields said, admitted responsibility for the false alarm last Wednesday. According to the Mayor, Coleman later apologized publicly for the warning, which was sent to Radio Station KDKA in Pittsburgh and rebroadcast. Coleman was not held however.

"He is the man who caused that unreasonable panic here," Mayor Shields said, scoring Coleman roundly.

I have tried to make this story as brief as possible, but with so much to tell it is rather difficult to limit it to any degree. Thanking everyone for their kind support in this matter—I sign off by saving 73.

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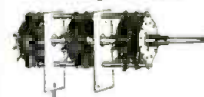
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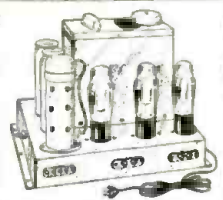
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as, has been heard with good strength between 9 and 11 p.m. Look for it on Saturdays.

HIG, about 6280 kc., Ciudad Trujillo, D.R., is heard with excellent strength between 8 and 10 p.m. HIG identifies itself with a sound like a cow bawling.

TGWA, 6 mc., Guatemala City, Guatemala, was heard several times around 12:30 a.m. on Sundays.

RK1, 15090 kc., Moscow, U.S.S.R., was heard testing several Sundays at 10 a.m. with excellent strength.

PCJ, 9590 kc., Eindhoven, Holland, heard with very good strength on Sundays between 7 and 8 p.m.

HH2S, 5910 kc., Port au Prince, Haiti, heard with good strength, but is generally bothered with code interference.

HJU, around 9500 kc., Buenaventura, Colombia, heard several times on this frequency with musical programs, good strength-broadcasts between 9 and 10 p.m. Announces in Spanish and English.

A station in Rome heard contacting Asmara around 10 a.m. on about 16000 kc, with excellent strength.

CO9WR, around 6270 kc., Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, heard until 11 p.m. with good strength and quality.

Cuba seems to now have several active commercial stations, CMA, CMA 2 (10890 kc.) and CMA3 contacts WTG and WKP (6950 kc.) New York, heard several times. CMA is used in the evenings, the other two for daylight.

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● RECEPTION for the past month has been excellent on all bands.

HH3W, Port au Prince, Haiti, on 9.57 mc. was heard on Sunday, Feb. 22, giving a musical program, and coming in with an R-7 signal. Announcements were made in French, English and Spanish, the daily schedule being given as 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. EST. Time heard was 2 p.m.

H1BC, Radiodifusora, "La Voz de la Romana, Dominican Republic was heard on 6.90 mc. on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. E.S.T., with an R9 signal, signing off with a march at 7:30 p.m.

The new Argentine station, LRU, Buenos Aires, on 15.29 mc. was heard with a musical program on Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. This station is the short-wave relay of LR1, Radio el Mundo. Signals QSA5, R 7-8.

HJU Buenaventura, Colombia, "La Voz del Pacifico," on approximately 9.50 mc. was heard testing with HJ4ABJ, Ibaque at 2:14 p.m. on Feb. 24. This station has since then been heard several nights with programs.

H11S, Puerta Plata, "La Voz de Hispaniola" was heard on an announced frequency of 6420 kilocycles at 6:25 p.m. on Feb. 29.

A station, HRV, Honduras calling itself "La Voz de Atlantilla" was heard testing at 10:15 p.m. on 6.25 mc. on Feb. 29.

TG2X, Guatemala City, was heard one night at 10:35 p.m. on a frequency of 5.94 mc. Signals were coming in QSA 5, R 6-7, but there was some interference from HJ4ABE, Medellin.

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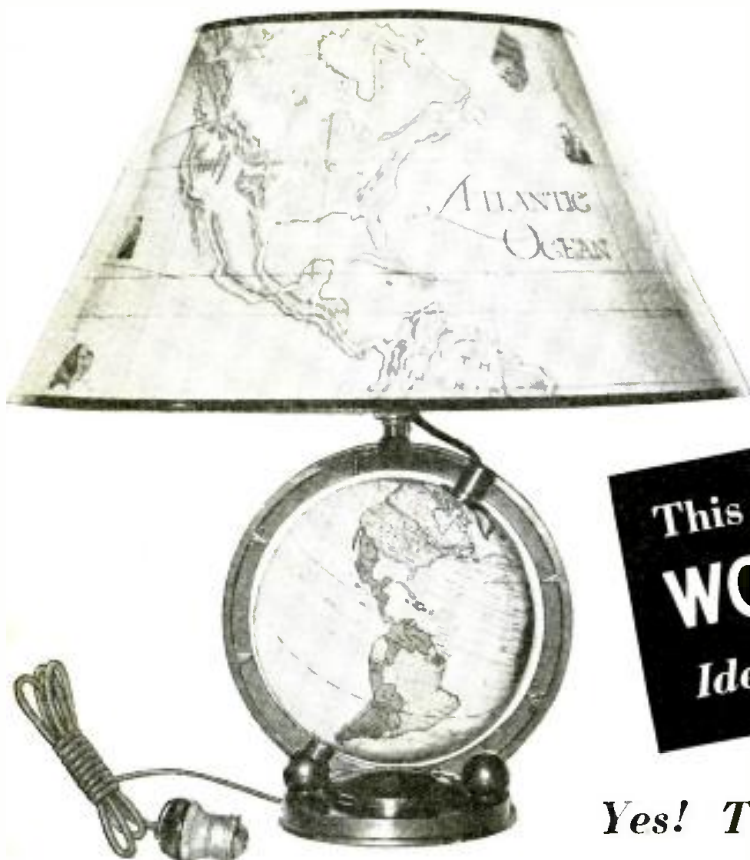
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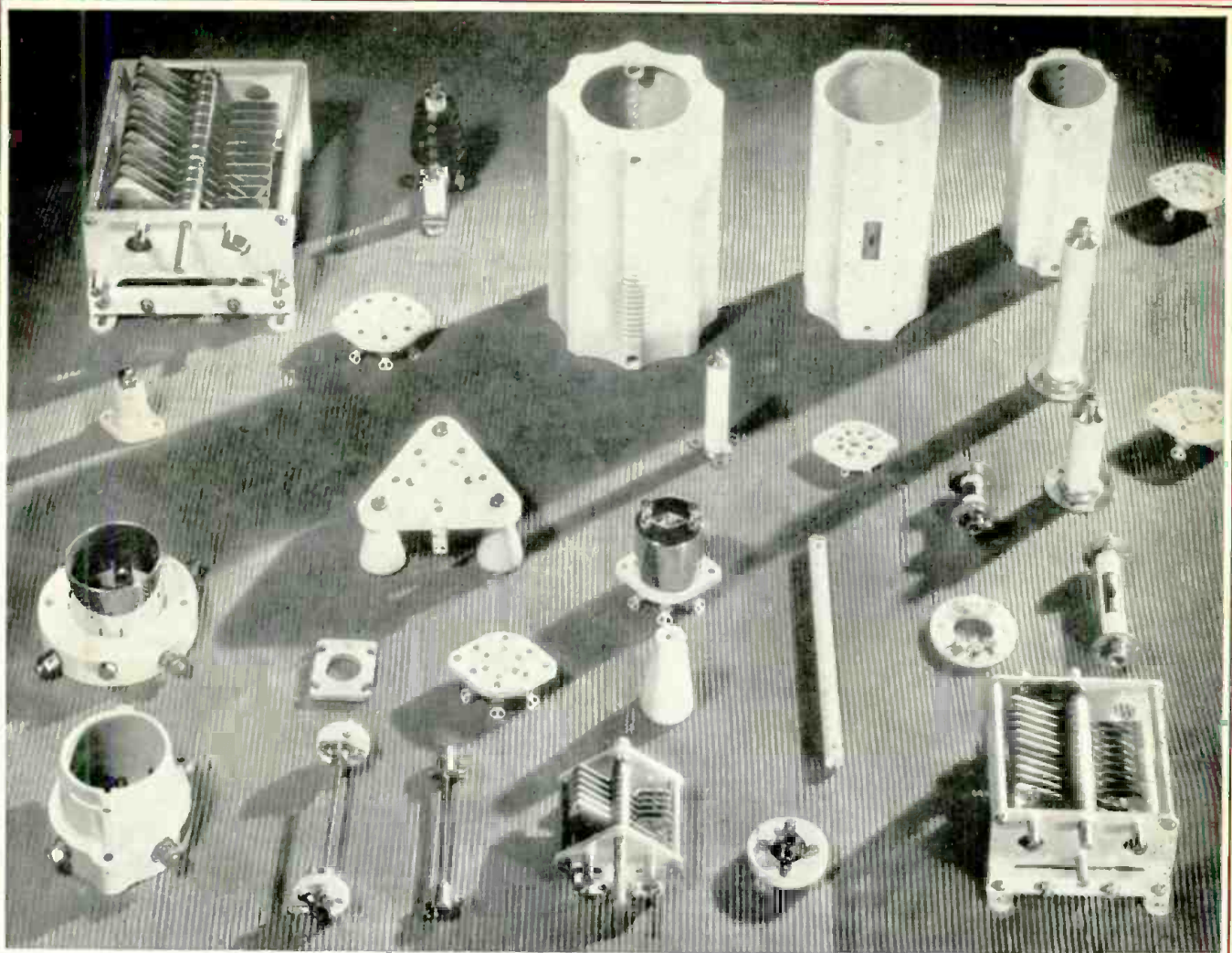
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