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EDITORIALS

IT is both a privilege and a duty to present in our columns this month an article explaining the "Volunteer Communication Naval Reserve — Class V-3," the naval radio reserve so largely made up of amateurs. We commend this subject most earnestly to the attention of our members. In time of mobilization the Navy has urgent need for a great number of radio operators and communications people in general. It looks largely to the ranks of the amateur to fill this need.

Both the Army and the Navy have as their chief reason for encouraging and protecting amateur radio the basic fact that amateur radio is a vast training school for the production of skilled radio operators. Let us look for a moment at this question of national defense. We all hope that it will be a long, long time until there is another war. Nevertheless such things do happen and it is silly to believe that there will never be another one. Modern science will make the next war terrible beyond description. The best known safeguard against these horrors, the most valuable undertaking to stave off such a fatal day, is adequate national defense. Americans do not acquire military training for the purpose of waging wars of aggression; they do it for the purpose of being so adequately prepared that other folks will think better of the idea of starting something. There's another angle, too; we amateurs know that if another national emergency comes, war or anything else, all of us will be in it, whether we like the idea or not. In such event it is infinitely preferable to have made our individual arrangements in advance for a line of work we know something about, where benefit can be had from such talents as we possess, and where our skill will give us opportunity for preference.

It seems to us, then, that such appeals from our Government should have the serious consideration of every able-bodied amateur. It is our patriotic duty to make our peculiar talents available to the Government; it is but common sense to be arranging leisurely for a good berth if ever we must see service again; and in the meantime there is much profitable and pleasurable experience to be gained from such an association in the instruction, the drills, and the cruises of the Naval Reserve.

The false impression is current in many quarters of the amateur world that the Army-Amateur Radio System and the Naval Communications Reserve are competing for the favor of the amateur. It is not true; there is no conflict. The Army-Amateur System is a great emergency peace-time organization designed for the prompt placing of relief information where it will be of value. It has no concern with war service and it does not involve enlistment. The Army hopes, no doubt, that participation in its work will make amateurs Army-minded and desirous of choosing the Army for service in event of mobilization; but the Army at this time has no enlisted communications reserve. The Navy's offer, on the other hand, is one of outright enlistment, rating and training in the reserve, with service purely voluntary until a national call is sounded and with a good berth then secure. Since the Army Signal Corps now has no enlisted reserve, there can be no objection at this time to an amateur serving in the peace-time Army-Amateur System and yet being enlisted in the Naval Reserve; and there are many amateurs who have both affiliations.

There is a place in these organizations for every amateur. As American citizens it is both a privilege and a duty for us to offer our skill and our assistance to them — via the Army-Amateur System to the people of our community in protecting their lives and property by prompt organized relief efforts, and via the Naval Reserve to our country as a whole by establishing places for ourselves in the organization for national defense.

E. B. W.
The Modulometer
A Simple Device for Measuring the Percentage of Modulation and Generally Checking the Performance of the Phone Transmitter

AMATEUR radiotelephony reached the toddling stage in the days following the close of the Great War and was given its real impetus in 1921 with the publication in the July and August issues of QST of the first comprehensive technical phone article, "Modulation in Radio Telephony," by none other than R. A. Heising. It is notable that this treatment of the subject is as authoritative in this year of grace, 1929, as it was in 1921. With the why and wherefore of methods of modulation thus made available to the amateur fraternity, amateur phone reached its majority and, apparently self-satisfied, rested on its laurels while amateur c.w. and commercial broadcasting rushed on to new fields of conquest.

It is odd to observe that, even when everything below 200 meters was open territory, no new bands were ever opened up on amateur phone. No first contacts with foreign countries have been made on phone. None new transmitting circuits have been first developed on phone. Crystal control, High-C and all the rest have first come as c.w. achievements and for the most part have not even at this time been whole-heartedly adopted for phone use. This is no idle indictment but is a bare statement of irrefutable facts as they are. What is the explanation? Is it because phone enthusiasts are reactionaries and will not leave the old order? We know this is not so. Is it because we have been lacking in ingenuity and initiative in technical development? This cause is not acceptable. The real reason? It is hard to put a finger on it but perhaps a little searching will throw some light on the subject.

In the development of any art, such as radio telephony, close scrutiny and ardent attention must be primarily given to basic requirements. The most fundamental requisite for successful phone transmission is radio-frequency stability approaching the absolute. This has for some time been available. The next is that the system of modulation used be capable of varying the amplitude of the carrier in faithful reproduction of the sounds occurring before the microphone. This has long been possible. The third is that the carrier be modulated as completely as possible without detracting from this essential fidelity or, in other words, without distortion. Recent modifications of the Heising sys-

The modulator is a further contribution of the QST Technical Staff to the development and improvement of amateur radio telephony. If often needed application it should prove as great a boon to phone as the modulator has to c.w. A succeeding issue of QST will describe an inexpensive and effective modern low-power phone transmitter which is now in the process of design and construction. — EDITOR.

By James J. Lamb, Technical Editor
tem permit this. To achieve these three ideals, the transmitter must, fundamentally, be properly designed and constructed. The fundamentals of this design could be no more comprehensively covered than they have been in the phone article in the April, 1929, issue of QST, and the more the article is studied (not simply read) the more the above statement will be appreciated.

Following proper design and construction, proper adjustment, intelligently planned and logically accomplished, is next in order. The adjustment should start at the speech amplifier and continue through to the antenna circuit. Nothing can be taken for granted. Distortion may occur in any portion of the most scientifically designed and well constructed transmitter. Adjustments are largely inter-dependent and in eliminating distortion any attempt to check only the performance of the transmitter as a whole is unsatisfactory to the point of discouragement. The proper procedure in adjustment is the checking of each unit independently and in ordered sequence: The microphone circuit; the speech amplifier; the modulator; and finally the radio-frequency portion of the transmitter.

In the c.w. transmitter a check on the radio-frequency portion only is necessary, and for this we make use of the monitor. This check is also necessary—in fact, more necessary—in the case of the phone transmitter; but it in itself is inadequate. The monitor can only check the frequency stability of the carrier and very approximately indicate the quality of transmission. For checking the degree or percentage of modulation it is almost useless; for, to the ear is delegated the actual measurement and, while the ear may be a fair judge of quality, it is a consummate liar in the measurement of quantity. It is at this point that we catch a glimpse of light, dawning to a full glow of realization and finally illuminating with startling clarity one great reason for the comparatively slight advance in amateur radiotelephone development. We have been feeling our way in the dark, estimating progress by means of approximate aural measurements, while the rest of the radio world has rushed ahead with the guidance of accurate, absolute, visible measurement of performance.

The eye is infinitely more sensitive to variations in quantity and quality than the ear. If, therefore, visible measurements indicate good “looking” performance, good “sounding” performance is assured. In the development of their radio-phone transmitting equipment, commercial interests have long had available the relatively expensive oscillograph for making such visible checks on performance and their success in transmitter

FIG. 1.—THE MODULOMETER CIRCUIT

The development has clearly indicated the value of this type of measurement. Up to the present time the untold advantage of such measurement has been denied the amateur. It is for this reason that the modulometer is presented.

Right here, with curiosity aroused and objections taking form, assurance is given that meas-

The recently developed method of realizing 100 percent undistorted modulation is described in detail in the article, “Modern Practice In High-Frequency Radiotelephony,” appearing in the April, 1929, issue of QST.

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ment or device more valuable, more widely applicable, more simple and cheap in construction — and less used by the radio amateur, than the vacuum-tube peak voltmeter. It requires no expensive standard or elaborate equipment for its calibration because it is self-calibrated. It requires no deep knowledge of vacuum tube characteristics or mathematics for its construction and operation. Anyone capable of reading a common direct-current voltmeter, twisting a potentiometer knob and having the most utterly fundamental conception of what he is trying to measure is fully capable of using it to complete advantage. Any amateur who may insist that so simple an instrument as the peak voltmeter is "too compli-

cated" or "too high-hat" has no right to a station or operator's license. In fact, he is not a true amateur in any sense of the word.

The principle of the vacuum-tube voltmeter is the simple principle of the vacuum tube itself. The negative bias is first adjusted until the plate current, as indicated by a milliammeter in the plate circuit, is at zero or at a predetermined point just above zero which point is known as the "false zero." An alternating voltage, the value of which is desired, is then applied to the grid circuit of the tube. The tube acts as a rectifier or detector and, the grid becoming less negative, the plate current increases. Additional negative grid bias is then applied until the plate current is reduced to the same value as that before the alternating input voltage was applied. This additional bias cancels out the effect of the alternating voltage in causing an increase in plate current and the value of the additional negative grid bias required to balance out the alternating voltage is the peak value of the alternating voltage which is being measured. That's all there is to it. What is actually measured is the additional grid bias required to "wash out" the a.c. voltage and it is measured with an ordinary d.c. voltmeter. The accuracy is dependent largely on the ability of the operator as a meter reader and upon the accuracy of the d.c. voltmeter. 1

The photograph graphically illustrates the utter simplicity of the modulator. Throwing the double-pole, double-throw switch to the left gives the proper connection for measuring percentage of modulation, checking neutralization of r.f. amplifiers or making other radio-frequency measurements the ingenuity of the experimenter may suggest. Throwing this same switch to the right permits the ready measurement of audio-frequency signal voltage on the grids of speech amplifier and modulator tubes, the detection of the undesired presence of radio-frequency current in audio circuits, the ferreting out of unwanted audio-frequency feedback from modulator to speech amplifier, the measurement of the actual voltage gain from the secondary of the modulation transformer to the modulator grid and, finally, the checking of the overall performance of the transmitter from the input of the speech amplifier to the antenna circuit. If it is desired, it is entirely possible to plot a curve from the data so secured showing graphically the proper or improper performance of the transmitter as a whole. In addition, a head-set may be connected in the plate circuit of the modulator by means of a jack provided for the purpose and the device be made serve as an excellent listening monitor for checking the quality of either the audio system output or the r.f. output of the transmitter. As a matter of fact, the head-set may be used in place of the plate meter as an indicator in making some approximate aural measurements, as will be explained later.

FIG. 2.—THE SIGNAL GENERATOR

T1 — Old audio-frequency transformer. Some "peak" better than others. The ones poorest as amplifying transformers are usually best as oscillators. Try reversing connections to wrongs.

C — Fixed capacitor, between 100 and 5000 µfd. Not always necessary. Try various sizes until oscillator delivers a signal of desired pitch.

R1 — 5.5-volt "C" battery or 3 dry cells in series. Filament tapped off 3 volts.

R2 — 30-ohm filament rheostat. Controls pitch to some extent.

R3 — Gain control of speech amplifier.

1 When the "false zero" system of measurement is used, a slight error in absolute measurement is introduced since the grid becomes slightly more negative on the negative portion of the alternating voltage cycle. This results in the measured voltage being slightly less than the actual voltage. The practical error will, however, be less than if the true zero were used since, due to the very gradual slope of the grid voltage-plate current characteristic as it approaches zero plate current, it is possible to bring the milliammeter pointer more exactly on a scale division slightly above zero than on true zero. If the false zero is chosen very near in value to true zero the accuracy is sufficiently high for practical purposes on all but very small input values. When the final results are in the form of ratios, as they usually are, the error is practically eliminated. A method of applying a correction when extreme accuracy is required will be found on page 369 of Van Der Bijl's "Thermionic Vacuum Tube."

The experimental model of the modulator is shown in its photograph and the circuit diagram in Fig. 1. The plate circuit milliammeter, direct-current voltmeter, triple-pole, single-throw battery

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MODULATOR

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switch and phone jack are shown in the circuit diagram but do not appear in the photograph. The milliammeter may be any good standard type requiring not more than 1.5 milliamperes for full-scale deflection. It would be preferable to have a meter requiring 200 or 500 microamperes for full-scale deflection, since the accuracy of the true zero or false zero setting will be in proportion to the sensitivity of the meter. It is not necessary that this meter should have a scale calibrated in units of current as only the true or false zero point is ever used. For this reason a galvanometer, such as the Weston Model 375 student type, requiring 22 microamperes per division (600 microamperes full scale for 30 scale divisions) will be entirely satisfactory. The voltmeter may be of the double range "B" substitute type, the low scale (0-7.5 volts) being used for peak-voltage measurements up to 6 or 7 volts and the 150-volt scale for higher readings. Any good d.c. meter available will fill the bill. However, provided it has a range not too great to allow accurate readings. As will be seen later, most of the readings will be in the range between zero and 5 volts.

The battery switch may be of any type handy, and should most certainly be incorporated. It is readily seen that it is not only essential to switch off the filament when the modulometer is not in use but also necessary to open the bias battery circuits on both sides. Otherwise the bias batteries will drain continuously through the potentiometers. If portability is desired, the whole thing might be built in a carrying case similar to those used for tube and receiver test sets. Potentiometers, tube, switches, etc. could be mounted on a panel with the batteries inside the case. Many modifications to meet the requirements of the service desired will readily suggest themselves. Details of the assembly are quite completely covered in the circuit and diagram with its accompanying list of parts, and no further explanation of the construction should be necessary.

**OPERATION — AUDIO FREQUENCY MEASUREMENTS**

In making measurements of both audio- and radio-frequency performance of the transmitter, it is essential that a signal source capable of delivering an alternating voltage output of practically constant intensity and pitch be provided. While it is possible to realize such a signal mechanically or acoustically by means of a buzzer, electric bell, musical instrument or even by vocally sounding a prolonged "ah-ah-ah" before the microphone, the use of electrical input, direct from a suitable signal generator to the speech amplifier, is far more satisfactory.

There are a number of such devices readily available and the simplest, cheapest and most generally satisfactory is the vacuum-tube audio-frequency oscillator. The parts required will be found in almost every station junk box and the assembly takes but a few minutes. The circuit diagram and a satisfactory method of connection to the speech amplifier are shown in Fig. 2. If desired, the arrangement shown in one of the photographs may be used, the headphones being connected in place of the microphone-transformer primary in the plate circuit of the audio oscillator. The latter arrangement permits the use of "sound" input to the microphone itself, and is valuable if it should be considered desirable to as nearly as possible simulate actual operating conditions.

If a single stage of speech amplification is used, the modulometer input terminals designated as "audio input" should be connected to the grid circuit of the speech-amplifier tube as shown in Fig. 2. If two stages of speech amplification are used, it will be advisable to connect to the grid circuit of the second stage. In any case, connection should be made to a grid circuit in the amplifier where signal voltages of as high as 5 volts may be obtained under normal operating conditions. This maximum value should be attainable on the grid of the speech amplifier tube immediately preceding the modulator when the latter is a UX-250 and the speech amplifier tube is a 201-A. Otherwise, it will not be possible to
realize the full permissible grid voltage swing required on the input to the modulator tube to attain full modulator power output. This is an important point and merits a little more detailed consideration.

A single stage of transformer-coupled audio-frequency amplification using a 201-A tube may be expected to give a voltage gain of 18 or 20. The UX-250 modulator requires a maximum grid swing of 90 volts for maximum output in its plate circuit when it is operated at a plate voltage of 500 and a grid bias of 90 volts. It will therefore be necessary to have available signal voltages as high as 4 or 5 volts on the grid of the speech amplifier tube, as this voltage multiplied by the gain of the amplifier (18 x 5) is the modulator input voltage. When using the standard single-button microphone, voltages of the above value may be realized with a single stage of amplification. When using a microphone of the double-button type, however, additional amplification is required. In the experiments conducted in conjunction with the modulator, an E. F. Johnson double-button microphone was used and two stages of 201-A transformer-coupled speech amplification, having a measured over-all gain of 800 (40 in the first stage, utilizing a Silver-Marshall type 255 “transformer”) were used and found entirely adequate. Microphones of lower sensitivity will, of course, require additional amplification. The signal voltage must be controllable and for this reason the gain control shown in Fig. 2 should most certainly be provided.

With the modulator completed and in working order, it is advisable to spend a little time in getting used to its operation before starting actual measurements on the transmitter. Since it has been found advisable to always work from a predetermined value of signal voltage at some point, such as the grid circuit of a tube in the speech amplifier, the procedure most satisfactory will be as follows: Connect the audio-frequency input terminals of the modulator to the grid circuit of the speech-amplifier stage immediately preceding the modulator. Connection should be made as shown in Fig. 2, and not directly between the grid and filament of the speech-amplifier tube. If the latter should be done, it is obvious that the “C” battery voltage of the speech amplifier would be applied between the grid and filament of the modulometer tube and cause inaccurate measurements. Throw the d.p.d.t. switch to the right. Turn the modulator and speech amplifier on but do not start the transmitter or modulator. With the gain control of the speech amplifier turned to the full “off” position and potentiometer, $R_2$, so set that the voltmeter, $V$, reads zero, adjust $R_1$ until the pointer of the plate milliammeter, MA, is brought to the scale division next above zero. This is the false zero setting and should be the same throughout a run. Now adjust $R_2$ until the voltmeter, $V$, indicates some desired value of signal voltage, say 1 volt. The plate milliammeter indicator will move from the false zero setting towards true zero. Turn the gain control of the speech amplifier up (with the audio oscillator running) until the signal applied to the grid circuit of the speech amplifier tube just brings the pointer of MA up to the false zero setting. A signal of 1 volt, peak value, is now being applied to the grid circuit of the speech amplifier tube.

In operation of the transmitter, signal input from the microphone only is desired. In addition to this, however, many amateur transmitters are afflicted with audio-frequency feed-back from the modulator circuit and sometimes radio-frequency feed-back from the transmitter itself to the modulator and speech amplifier. Either of these conditions is likely to cause distortion in the best of speech amplifier systems, and before going further a still hunt for audio- and radio-frequency feed-back will be found well worth while.

**Audio- and Radio-Frequency Feed-back**

In checking for audio-frequency feed-back, the procedure outlined above is followed with the modulator switched off. After obtaining the desired signal voltage on the speech amplifier grid, the modulator is turned on with the oscillator of the transmitter still off. If, when the modulator is switched on, it should be found necessary to further increase the voltage indicated by $V$ to bring MA back to the false zero setting, audio-frequency feed-back is clearly indicated and its elimination will be necessary before proceeding. Grounding of the modulator choke case as well as the cases of the audio transformers in the speech amplifier will be found helpful. One terminal of the primary of the microphone transformer should also be grounded; this should be the center terminal if a two-button microphone is employed. If these efforts fail to entirely eliminate the audio-frequency feed-back, it will be necessary to further isolate the speech amplifier from the modulator apparatus by moving the two apart.

After getting rid of audio-frequency feed-back, radio-frequency feed-back should next be attacked. With the modulator and speech amplifier running and a known value of signal voltage applied to the grid circuit of the speech amplifier
tube, start the oscillator. If the plate current as indicated by MA of the modulator should increase and an increase of negative bias as indicated by V be found necessary to return to the false zero setting, radio-frequency feed-back to the speech amplifier is undoubtedly present. Isolation of the speech amplifier from the r.f. portion of the transmitter will be found most effective, the whole audio system including the modulator being removed fifteen or twenty feet if necessary. If a common plate or filament supply is used for the whole transmitter, radio-frequency chokes in the leads to the speech amplifier and modulator may be necessary. In any case, feedback should be reduced to the point where little or no apparent increase in signal voltage is indicated when the oscillator is switched on.

The presence of radio frequency in the modulator grid circuit should also be checked, as it may be found there when there is no indication of it in the speech amplifier circuit. The same general procedure outlined above is followed, with the exception that additional bias (say 67.5 volts) should be connected at the point marked "additional bias" on the diagram in Fig. 1. The total signal voltage in this case will be this additional bias plus that indicated by the voltmeter, V, since the two are in series with respect to the grid of the modulator tube. R.f. feed-back to the modulator grid circuit can best be eliminated by connecting r.f. chokes in the plate supply leads to the modulator and, if necessary, in the modulator grid lead.

MEASURING THE GAIN OF THE SPEECH AMPLIFIER

The speech amplifier should be capable of delivering to the modulator grid a signal of sufficient voltage amplitude to give full modulator output without overloading the microphone or speech amplifier. In other words, it should be possible to secure full output from the modulator without having to shout into the microphone and without distortion in the speech amplifier. The single-button microphone is designed to give distortionless output only when spoken into at normal voice intensity. The diaphragm should not move over about .001 inch. Operating under these conditions, a signal voltage of about 3 or 4 volts may be realized across the secondary of the microphone transformer on the peaks, and a voltage of 60 to 80 may be expected at the grid of the modulator tube when using a single stage of transformer-coupled speech amplification.

When using a double-button microphone, a peak signal voltage of about 0.1 or 0.2 volt is realized at the grid of the first speech amplifier tube with normal speech input and 80 volts or more at the grid of the modulator tube. The speech amplifier should give a gain of about 800. In order to check the gain of the speech amplifier and to assure the realization of full grid swing at the modulator without distortion, measurement of the voltage gain from the secondary of the microphone transformer to the grid of the modulator tube should be made.

Assuming that a single-button microphone and one stage of amplification are being used, the modulator audio input terminals should be connected to the grid circuit of the modulator.

By means of the previously described method, adjustment should be made for a signal voltage of, say, 50 volts. The voltage should then be measured at the speech amplifier input. The ratio of these two voltages indicates the gain of the amplifier. If desired, various values of signal voltage may be measured and a curve such as that shown in Fig. 3 plotted. If the curve is not a straight line over all but its extreme lower portion, distortion in the amplifier is indicated and a check should be made on the plate, filament and grid voltages as well as on the tubes. Such a condition, due to improper grid bias for the plate voltage used, is indicated by the lower curve of Fig. 3. The upper curve indicates proper con-
measuring percentage of modulation

In the final analysis, the effectiveness of a phone transmitter of given carrier power output depends more upon the degree of undistorted modulation than on any other one of the three essentials which have been mentioned. The degree of modulation is more specifically important in the case of the low-powered amateur transmitter than in the case of a higher-powered transmitter. A transmitter having a 10-watt carrier modulated 80 per cent has the same effective range as one with a 40-watt carrier modulated 40 per cent. In addition to this, the 40-watt transmitter would have twice the interference range, since the carrier would be twice as strong. This will be more readily understood upon an analysis of the graphical representation of modulated antenna current as shown in Fig. 4. The degree of modulation is expressed in terms of antenna current amplitudes only. The percentage of modulation is defined as the ratio of one half the variation in antenna current amplitude to the unmodulated carrier amplitude, multiplied by 100. Since the modulated antenna current amplitude varies above and below the unmodulated carrier amplitude to an equal degree when modulated sinusoidally, the percentage of modulation may be expressed by

\[
\text{Percentage of modulation} = \frac{i_{\text{mod}} - i_{\text{car}}}{i_{\text{car}}} \times 100
\]

where \( i_{\text{mod}} \) = peak modulated antenna current.
\( i_{\text{car}} \) = peak unmodulated antenna or carrier current.

It is therefore only necessary to have some means of measuring the peak modulated antenna current value and the peak unmodulated carrier current value and substitute in the above equation. The modulometer provides the means of measuring these values.

Referring again to Fig. 1, a current flowing through the circuit \( L_2, L_b, C_1, R_1 \) will cause a voltage drop, directly proportional to the value of the current, across \( R_1 \). Ratios of voltage drops measured across \( R_1 \) will therefore be the same as the ratios of the currents causing these voltage drops. If the pick-up coil, \( L_3 \), is coupled loosely to the antenna circuit of the transmitter the current through this coil and its associated circuit will be directly proportional to the current in the antenna.

In making a measurement of the percentage of modulation, the d.p.d.t. switch of the modulometer is thrown to the left, thereby placing the resistor, \( R_2 \), across the grid circuit of the tube. The usual false zero setting is obtained and the oscillator of the transmitter switched on, no modulation being yet applied. The potentiometer, \( R_3 \), is adjusted so that the voltmeter, \( V \), indicates about 1 volt. The pickup coil \( L_3 \) is coupled to the antenna circuit and the coupling varied until the current through it and its associated circuit is such as to cause a voltage drop across \( R_1 \) just sufficient to bring the plate milliammeter reading to the false zero value. The drop across the resistor is now 1 volt and is proportional to the current through the resistor. This value, 1, can therefore be tabulated as \( i_{\text{car}} \). Modulation is now applied and the voltage drop across \( R_1 \) again measured. Suppose it is now found to be 1.5 volts. This value may be tabulated as \( i_{\text{mod}} \). Substituting in the equation, the percentage of modulation is found to be 50 per cent.

By taking various values of input signal voltage and making measurement of percentage of modulation for each, a curve such as that shown in Fig. 5 can be plotted. This curve should be a straight line over the upper portion. If it is not, and droops before reaching 100 per cent modulation, it clearly indicates that the transmitter as it is adjusted is not capable of this degree of modulation without distortion, and it should either be operated below the point where distortion is introduced or so modified as to make it capable of a higher percentage of distortionless modulation.

The lower curve of Fig. 5 indicates the percentage increase in antenna current as indicated

\[ i_{\text{mod}} = \frac{i_{\text{unmod}}}{i_{\text{car}}} \times 100 \]

1. R. E. Definition: "Percentage Modulation — The ratio of half the difference between the maximum and minimum amplitudes of a modulated wave to the average amplitude, expressed in percent." With sinusoidal modulation carrier and average amplitudes are identical.

2. The accuracy of measurement is approximately 5 percent. The formula holds good only as long as \( i_{\text{mod}} \) does not exceed \( 2i_{\text{car}} \). This is obvious from the definition of percentage of modulation. When \( i_{\text{mod}} \) exceeds \( 2i_{\text{car}} \), \( \frac{i_{\text{mod}}}{i_{\text{car}}} \) should be substituted for \( \frac{i_{\text{unmod}}}{i_{\text{car}}} \) in the equation.
by the antenna ammeter for various signal input voltages. It is notable that the increase due to modulation is about 37.5 per cent at 100 per cent modulation. This figure has been found to hold quite consistently in a number of runs which have been made on the transmitter described in the April, 1929, issue of QST, and on this transmitter, at least, this percentage increase in antenna ammeter indication is taken as an approximate indication of 100 per cent modulation.

Since the modulometer indicates upward modulation only, indications of modulation in excess of 100 per cent are obtainable. Upward modulation above 100 per cent is obtainable with the above mentioned transmitter with sufficiently high values of input signal voltage, but with such excessive modulation the distortion is terrific and the interference created is not to be tolerated.

While on the subject of interference, attention is called to the fact that when making a run to obtain sufficient data on a transmitter to permit plotting such curves as those shown in Fig. 5, considerable interference will be caused if the run is made with the transmitter connected to the regular antenna system. It is therefore recommended that a dummy antenna such as that shown in Fig. 6 be substituted. The value of the resistance should be such as to make the unmodulated antenna current as indicated by the antenna ammeter the same as that when the regular antenna is used. It is a good policy to make use of such a dummy antenna on any transmitter when making such tests as do not require actual transmission of the signals. By so doing, much needless interference in our crowded bands is eliminated.

After obtaining complete data on the transmitter with an "artificial" signal source, the next step is to secure the best adjustment with vocal input through the microphone circuit. The microphone is connected in place of the signal generator. The gain control is turned to the "off" position and the modulometer put into action. Remembering that the greater proportion of vocal energy is contained in the vowel sounds (a, e, i, o and u), it is best to set the gain control so that about 80 per cent modulation is obtained when making such a sound before the microphone at normal speaking intensity. Consulting the performance curve of the transmitter, Fig. 5 in this case, it is seen that at 80 per cent modulation the signal voltage on the grid of the speech amplifier tube is 4. Throw the modulometer switch to the right, obtain the false zero setting and then adjust \( R_2 \) so that the voltmeter, \( V \), indicates 4 volts. Now sound a prolonged "ohhhhh" before the microphone at normal and constant voice intensity. At the same time slowly turn the gain control up until the modulometer plate milliammeter indicates false zero. The percentage of modulation will now approximate 80 on the vowel sounds and leave a margin of 20 per cent for peaks of greater intensity which may occur. In connection with speaking before the microphone, it is recommended that "talking across" the microphone be practiced rather than speaking directly into it. This will eliminate much of the "hissy" effect caused by the breath striking the diaphragm and also tend to make the general response of the microphone to the sounds occurring before it more faithful.

With an assistant talking into the microphone an approximate check on the peak percentage of modulation occurring may be obtained in the following manner: With the modulometer switch to the left, adjust the milliammeter indication as nearly as possible to true zero. Measure the voltage due to the unmodulated carrier in the usual manner. With the headset plugged into the modulometer jack, listen to the signal while increasing the negative bias by means of adjusting the potentiometer, \( R_3 \), until the last "peaks" of undistorted or clear speech just disappear. After a little practice, the point at which this occurs can be detected with surprising accuracy; more accurately, in fact, than it is indicated by "kicks" of the milliammeter pointer. The voltmeter is now read for \( t_{\text{mod}} \) and substitution made in the equation.

**OTHER USES OF THE MODULOMETER**

The modulometer may be used to advantage in neutralizing r.f. amplifier stages in the transmitter. The pick-up coil is loosely coupled to the plate inductance of the stage being neutralized, the plate voltage of this stage being turned off but the filament lighted and excitation applied (Continued on page 84)

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1 "The energy in speech is carried almost completely by frequencies below 500 — " Page 573, "Principles of Radio Communication," (Second Revised Edition) by John H. Morecroft. The vowel sounds are for the most part within this range.
The President’s Corner

A WORD FROM

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM

PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE AND
OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION

Bucking

SOME of us always buck every change. We come by it honestly enough, for some of our forefathers bucked good and plenty over the steam engine and the railroad. I am old enough to remember the bucking that followed the advent of the telephone, the bicycle and the electric street car. Probably many A.R.R.L. members recall the bucking that accompanied the introduction of the automobile. Half a dozen buckers threatened to shoot me in 1895 because I ran a “horseless carriage” around the streets.

Unfortunately for the bucker, he cannot prevent changing conditions and restrictions attendant upon progress. I used to drive my “horseless carriage” without registration numbers or operator’s license. The streets and roads were as free as the air used to be for radio amateurs prior to 1912. But increased traffic changed all this. We had to get license number plates, we had to carry lights, we had to have mirrors and wind-shield wipers and operator’s licenses. Lately we have had to obey red and green traffic signals and accept highly restricted parking privileges.

Bucks and bowls galore always come over each of these added restrictions. Many of us were almost driven to do murder over the red and green traffic lights. A few of us still froth at the mouth over them. But they are necessary and justified and proper because they serve the public interest.

In radio the same old inexorable rule works in the same old inexorable way. In 1912, when traffic began to make trouble, amateurs had to get down off any old wave and limit themselves to 200 meters and below, a pure wave, a fair decrement, and limited power. We thought at the time we were done for, and how some of us did buck!

When congestion grew worse and hundreds of broadcasting stations and millions of the public added themselves to radio, amateurs had to be still further restricted. It was perfectly just and proper that they should be, since the public interest required it. But such bucking!

When the ultra-efficient high frequencies came into use, the problems of traffic control became international. A congress of delegates from most of the nations of the earth was called in 1927 to agree upon still further restrictions. The amateurs, together with the other interests, had to give ground again.

Of what avail is it to buck this sort of thing? Just about as much as it was for the red Indian to buck the white man when he came, or for those rebellious souls to buck the traffic lights.

So, fellow radio amateurs, don’t be misled by the hooey that is dished up to us every so often by the well-intentioned but misguided bucker. He cannot stop the progress of the world. He cannot change the traffic lights and he cannot change the radio regulations that seventy-three nations laid down in 1927 after a month of the hardest kind of hard work.
The Amateur and the Naval Reserve

By R. H. G. Mathews*

"One of the important duties of the Navy, in time of peace, is to encourage the organization and training of a Naval Reserve. During the World War, naval radiomen increased from 970 on 31 January 1917 to 6700 about the time of the armistice, with a proportionate increase in officers. This rapid expansion was made possible by the amateur but, even so, lack of training was a handicap that made expansion slower than otherwise would have been the case. The Naval Communication Reserve in today voluntarily training itself to remedy any similar deficiency in the future. The regular service is assisting in this training in every practicable way." — CAPTAIN S. C. Hooper, U. S. N., Director of Naval Communications.

In reading over his valued back files of QST recently, the writer came across the issues of about twelve years ago. The dissimilarity between amateur radio as it existed in 1917 and as it is today was never more evident than in the difference between the lack of preparation as to radio operators for the Navy and the present condition of a splendid organization of amateur radiomen, trained in naval operating and procedure, and capable of going on active duty at a moment’s notice in case of emergency.

During those early days of our entry into the Great War it developed on the writer and several other officials of the American Radio Relay League in this part of the country to attempt to interest and enlist capable amateur radio operators in the Naval Reserve for active duty during the war. The Navy suddenly took over many ship and shore stations which theretofore had been commercially operated. The limited forces of the regular Navy were, of course, inadequate to meet this new need. The Naval Reserve was only in its early stages of organization and no such thing as a Communication Reserve existed.

In a few short weeks it was necessary to do the work of years and the result was, as could have been expected, unsatisfactory at best.

Learning from this experience, the Navy Department has fostered the formation of a special class of the Naval Reserve, organized to consist entirely of, and officered entirely by, radiomen taken from amateur and commercial operators’ ranks. This organization has been made voluntary in every sense of the word, there being absolutely no obligation involved except that during war or other national emergency. Its purpose is to provide men with training which will fit them for actual naval operating duty without the necessity of continued attendance at a Naval Radio School.

This training is accomplished in several different ways. All men of Class Y-3 (as this group is called) are provided with all available literature to be studied at their leisure. This literature consists of news bulletins, technical bulletins, the regular Navy Radio Operators’ Training Course booklets, instruction in cryptanalysis, etc. The regular Department of Commerce amateur call book and supplements thereto are sent, without cost, to all men of the Reserve. This forms the “mail order” end of the training.

The Volunteer Communication Reserve is divided in the same manner as the regular Naval

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This is the U.S.S. “Farenholz,” a destroyer.
establishment into districts, these districts being as established and comprising states as shown:

1st District — Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts.
2nd District — Vermont, New York, Connecticut and northern part of New Jersey.
3rd District — Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern part of New Jersey.
4th District — West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina.
5th District — South Carolina, Georgia.
6th District — Florida.
7th District — Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas.
8th District — Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois.
9th District — North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana.
10th District — Arizona, New Mexico.
11th District — Nevada, California.
13th District — Hawaiian Islands and islands to westward, including Midway.

Each district is administered by a Volunteer Communication Reserve Commander and the necessary assistants to carry on the work of the Reserve, under the direction of the Commandant of the District. The districts are subdivided into sections, these sections comprising one or more states, according to population, and each section being administered by an officer designated as Section Commander, who also has a staff of assistants as necessary to carry on his work.

In each section there are an unlimited number of units, these units consisting of ten or more men of the Volunteer Communication Reserve residing close enough together to hold meetings.

Regular drill schedules are carried on nightly between the stations of the Volunteer Communication Reserve Commander of the district and his Section Commanders, and other schedules are maintained between the Section Commanders and the Commanders of the various units. The Unit Commanders in turn carry on radio sched-

ules with the men connected with their units. These drills consist of the handling of regular-Navy traffic, both in English and in code, following the regular Navy tactical procedure. This procedure is strikingly different from ordinary amateur and commercial practice and is in itself extremely interesting. Stations of the Communication Reserve are supplied with a code approximating that of the regular service and much of this work is carried on using this code, giving the operators practice in coding and decoding messages.

In addition to these two means of training, men fortunate enough to reside in localities where a unit may be formed have further advantages. Active units of the Communication Reserve have been supplied, as far as possible, with various forms of Navy radio apparatus for instruction purposes. Classes of instruction are held weekly, which may be attended voluntarily by the officers and men of the unit. The instructors are supplied with the various publications of the Naval Radio Laboratory and other branches of the Navy, so that they may keep their men advised of the latest technical and other developments of the Navy.

Since the organization is yet in a growing stage, many officers are needed throughout the country. These will be chosen largely from the better-qualified amateurs and opportunities therefore exist for those who are ambitious to secure commissions in this class of the Reserve. The advantages of having a rating as a radio operator of the naval establishment cannot be overemphasized, should our country be involved in another war, there is no doubt that practically 100% of the amateur fraternity would serve again as they did in the last war. Naturally, service as a radio operator is infinitely preferable to a radioman than service in any other capacity.

Many of the leading officials of the American Radio Relay League have interested themselves in the Volunteer Communication Reserve and are enlisted as officers or enlisted men. Our President, Mr. Hiram Percy Maxim, and our Treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hebert, as well as several of the Directors of the League, hold commissions and are active in its administration.

The Volunteer Communication Reserve represents the turning over of Navy hopes and plans as to radio operation in war time to the amateur. It is up to the amateur to make good and to justify the many efforts which the Navy has made in his behalf during some of the times the amateur's status was endangered by other interests.

The Volunteer Communication Reserve in no way interferes with participation in the Army-Amateur Radio System. The purposes and plans of the two organizations are not the same and they do not conflict in any way.

It is the patriotic duty of every radio amateur to interest himself in some branch of the Govern-
ment’s radio activity. The Volunteer Communication Naval Reserve presents an opportunity for patriotic service, combined with an opportunity on the part of the individual to learn something which will be of value to himself in a civilian capacity, and to do this without obligating himself to spend any given amount of time, except in case of a war or other national emergency.

Inquiries as to the details of the organization and information as to how you can participate can be secured from the Commandant of the Naval District in which you reside, as shown on the table in the first part of this article.1

The amateur has always expressed a desire to do something more than send CQ and “chew the rag.” The radio organization of the Communication Reserve presents an opportunity for you to use your station in an interesting way to handle important traffic along lines which cannot be found in ordinary amateur work. The Communication Reserve is growing by leaps and bounds. Its only limitation has been the fact that the majority of the amateur fraternity did not know of it or did not understand it.

It is sincerely hoped that this article may serve to further explain it.

The writer will be more than glad to hear personally from anyone who desires further information and prefers to get it from an amateur, rather than from an official source.

Standard Frequency Transmissions of WWV

The Bureau of Standards announces a new schedule of radio transmissions of standard frequencies for use by the public in calibrating frequency standards and transmitting and receiving apparatus. The signals are transmitted from the Bureau’s station WWV, Washington, D. C. They can be heard and utilized by stations equipped for continuous-wave reception at distances up to about 1000 miles from the transmitting station.

The transmissions are by continuous-wave telegraphy. A complete frequency transmission includes a “general call” and “standard frequency” signal, and “announcements.” The “general call” is given at the beginning of the 5-minute period and continues for about 2 minutes. This includes a statement of the frequency. The “standard frequency” signal is a series of very long dashes with the call WWV intervening. This signal continues for about 4 minutes. The “announcements” are on the same frequency as the “standard frequency” signal just transmitted and contain a statement of the frequency. An announcement of the next frequency to be transmitted is then given. There is then a 4-minute interval while the transmitting set is adjusted for the next frequency.

Information on how to receive and utilize the signals is given in Bureau of Standards Letter Circular No. 171 which may be obtained by applying to the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C. Even though only a few frequency points are received persons can obtain as complete a frequency meter calibration as desired by the method of generator harmonics, information on which is given in the circular letter. The schedule of standard frequency signals is as follows:

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1 Addresses of the Commandants, by districts: (1) U. S. Navy Yard, Boston; (2) South & Whitehall Sta., New York; (4) U. S. Navy Yard, Philadelphia; (5) Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va.; (6) U. S. Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C.; (7) U. S. Naval Station, Key West, Fla.; (8) U. S. Naval Station, New Orleans; (9) U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; (11) Naval Base, San Diego, Calif.; (12) 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; (13) Pier No. 1, Seattle; (14) Naval Operating Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Boron.
Bear-Cat, Model 3B
A Three-Band Tuner for the Busy Amateur

By A. W. McAuly*

When K. B. Warner described his test of the four-tube receiver at the heading of the article on receivers in the November, 1928, issue of QST, he called it a "bear-cat." The name stuck and to dozens of hams, in Pennsylvania at least, the name "bear-cat" is synonymous with the four-tube model employing the screen-grid antenna-coupling tube and the screen-grid, peaked audio-frequency amplifier. It is just about the best amateur receiver we have ever had and many of them are being built. The one to be described in this article could well be called "Bear-Cat, Model 3B" in view of the fact that it is a three-band affair.

It was designed to cover the three most popular bands, 3500, 7000 and 14,000 kc, without the necessity of changing coils or condensers while at the same time spreading each band over the tuning dial by the desired amount. In order to do this, the three tuning condensers are ganged and operated simultaneously from a single dial. Each of the three grid coils is connected permanently to its own condenser and detector socket, each socket being fitted with its own grid condenser and grid leak.

The plate connection for each socket goes to the tickler coil corresponding to the particular frequency band for which the socket is used and the opposite end of each tickler coil is connected to a common lead running to the primary of the single audio amplifying transformer and to the by-pass condenser, thus allowing a single variable resistor to provide regeneration control for the detector, regardless of which socket it occupies. The detector tube is placed in the socket corresponding to the band desired, and when this is done, the proper coils and condensers are connected in the circuit.

Coupling from the r.f. stage to the proper secondary circuit is made by means of a single-pole triple-throw switch, which throws the screen-grid coupling tube plate lead to the coupling coil of the desired circuit. The switch must not be located too near the tuning dial or hand capacity will be troublesome. It would be better to locate the switching arrangement behind the shield, possibly extending a bakelite rod through the panel.

Magnetic coupling is used making three windings for each band; namely, coupling or primary coil, grid coil and tickler. These three coils are wound on a piece of small tubing, three such pieces of tubing being used.

It was found that when the number of turns in the coupling coil approached that of its corresponding grid coil best results were obtained. This adjusts the impedance of the coupling-tube plate circuit to the best value and when this is done the transfer of energy seems to be just as good as when tuned impedance coupling is employed.

Adjustment of the coupling affects regeneration in much the same manner as coupling an antenna to the grid coil by magnetic coupling. When a coupling coil of the proper high impedance is used, close coupling will stop oscillation. Adding turns to the coupling coil will throw the dead spot in one direction on the dial, removing turns will throw it in the opposite direction. It may be run off the scale in either direction or placed in the center and the coupling loosened.

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enough to give smooth regeneration control. There is no detrimental effect of having the cold end of the coupling coils connected together and the receiver works every bit as well as though single coils and condensers were used.

The coils are wound on thin bakelite tubing in solenoid fashion. Coils of the proper size were glued to the baseboard and the bakelite tubing forced down upon them. The grid coils and their condensers were designed to cover each of the three bands with a little to spare so that a few marker stations could be reached for an occasional check on the scale setting.

It was found desirable to employ a larger diameter tube for the 3500-ke. coil than for the other two which are one and a quarter inches in diameter. The 3500-ke. coil form is one and five eighths inches in diameter. All coils are close wound and of a single layer. The spacing between the grid and primary or coupling coil is three eighths of an inch and one eighth of an inch is allowed between the grid and tickler coils. The number of turns in the coils, number of plates in the tuning condensers and the number of divisions of dial rotation to cover the particular band are given in the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Band</th>
<th>Number of Turns</th>
<th>Tuning</th>
<th>Dial Spread</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Primary Grid</td>
<td>Tickler</td>
<td>Condenser</td>
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<td></td>
<td>9 plates</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>21°</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.500</td>
<td>29</td>
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<td>37°</td>
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<td>7.000</td>
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<td>37°</td>
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All windings are of No. 27 s.e.c. wire. By reducing the number of plates in the tuning condenser and increasing the number of turns in the grid coil it is possible to obtain a larger dial spread for a given band if this is deemed advisable.

A Pilot illuminated dial was selected for the tuning control. This dial is of the disc type which allows the condensers to be arranged in a line at right angles to the panel. The first two condensers are Hammarlund midgets, chosen because their shafts extend straight through to take Hammarlund couplings of the flexible type. The shafts are a little over ¼ inch in diameter and since the couplings are bored to that size the shafts will have to be turned down on the rear end or the coupling reamed out to fit the shafts. The third condenser is a Pilot midget. The whole assembly operates without play or backlash and is perfectly satisfactory for tuning. The coils and condensers may be arranged to give full-dial or part-dial coverage according to the choice of the builder, and the calibration will remain fixed as long as the apparatus is not tampered with. However, different detector tubes sometimes make a big difference in the dial settings, especially on the high frequencies, and it is a good plan to try out a few tubes for detectors, selecting for spares those that do not change the calibration materially. Bayonet type sockets (UV) were used for the detector tube to allow changing from one socket to another readily.

The tickler coil on each band should have as few turns as possible and still cause oscillation. Too many turns result in weak signals, even though regeneration may be easily controlled. A good guide is the amount of resistance used in the plate circuit at the oscillation point. The tickler turns should be reduced until it is necessary to cut nearly all of the resistance out before the tube goes into oscillation.

The ground connections indicated in the diagram were run to copper strips ½ inch wide fastened to the top of the baseboard. A shield
extends upward behind the panel covering a space about ten inches long and six inches high, with the tuning dial shaft in the approximate center. Shields and strips are connected to the condenser rotors and to the negative leads of both batteries. Battery connections are made by means of a five-prong tube base and socket. Amperites are used in the filament circuits of the 201-A tubes and the usual 5- and 10-ohm resistors in those of the screen-grid tubes. A flashight bulb is inserted in the negative "B" battery lead as a protective device.

Several coils were tried in the tuned audio-frequency circuit and there is a wide difference in coils. The Ford coil secondaries are good, but it is possible that other coils may be at hand which would work even better. Peaks on several coils were measured with a calibrated a.f. oscillator and vacuum-tube voltmeter, which gave their amplification value at the same time the peak was determined. It was found that the higher the inductance employed, for a given peak frequency, the higher the amplification available. This means a larger coil and low values of capacity if high amplification is wanted. The predicted results of coils measured were found to check when tried in the receiver and after some practice peaks on coils tried in the receiver before measuring could be estimated very closely. The best coil among those available was one half of a secondary from a Western Electric ignition coil. This is a layer wound affair, with a sheet of very thin insulation between layers and is wound with about No. 10 enamelled wire on a paper tubing about one-half inch in diameter. The coil is two and one quarter inches long and about two inches outside diameter. The d.c. resistance is 2000 ohms, and it peaks to 1500 cycles with a 0.01-µfd. condenser across it. The peak is quite sharp which is no disadvantage at all. Introducing resistance into the tuned circuit does not broaden the amplification curve at its base. It only limits the value of amplification at the peak which flattens the curve by wiping out the sharp peak.

The volume on steady d.c. signals will be high and great selectivity may be had on such signals because the volume control may be lowered, thus shutting out signals that cannot be held on the peak and whose volume is proportionately low. Experiments with iron-core chokes in this circuit indicate that there may be possibilities in them. Much less wire could be used and the resistance would be much lower. Just how sharply such a circuit could be tuned has not been determined but it is suggested that all available coils be tried and the choice made according to results.

The coil selected may be dressed up by enclosing it in some sort of casing. The one used here was put into a bakesite tube and one half of an R.C.A. r.f. transformer case turned out to fit over the tube. A round wooden base was grooved in the same manner and the whole thing glued together and filled with paraffin. One binding post was removed from the R.C.A. case and the other two used for the coil connections. Enamelled black, it doesn't look so bad.

An old broadcast set was dismantled and the panel, baseboard and cabinet used for the receiver. It is somewhat larger than necessary but allows plenty of room to get at the parts. The signal volume available is much too great for comfortable headphone reception but is easily controllable by means of the variable resistor across the a.f. transformer secondary.

Coming—A Low-Power 'Phone Transmitter

The Technical Editors of QST have designed and built a transmitter which will be of interest to all amateurs, especially those who enjoy radiophone communication. This transmitter is designed to use receiving tubes throughout; it will be capable of 100% modulation (undistorted). This set will use new tubes recently announced by manufacturers and described in QST. Now the article, with complete constructional specifications, is being written for our next issue.

If the 14,000-kc. amateur band is opened to radiotelephony, as is expected, this 'phone will be one which you will want to have in your possession to use to work the Antipodes.

We are whooping up this article in advance because we are firmly of the opinion that it is just what has long been looked forward to; now for the first time is it possible to build a telephone transmitter of the calibre we desire and still remain within the realm of low power. Something to look forward to next month!

Don't miss September QST.
Resistance Control of Regeneration

By Beverly Dudley, Assistant Technical Editor

It has been well demonstrated that the auto-dyne receiver is, generally speaking, the best all around high-frequency receiver for continuous wave reception. Because the strength of incoming continuous wave signals varies with each signal, it is desirable, in order to obtain a beat note of the proper audibility, to be able to vary the strength of the locally generated oscillations at will. Regeneration control is of importance in high-frequency phone reception also, where it is usually desirable to push regeneration almost to its limit.

A considerable amount of thought has been given to the various methods of controlling regeneration. We have passed through the stage where a large moving tickler at the grid end of the coil was the last word; the smaller tickler at the filament end of the coil gave way to the capacitive reactance method of control, and this, in turn, was followed by a non-inductive resistance control. Each was an improvement over its predecessor but even now we have not yet arrived at a perfectly desirable form of regeneration control.

The perfect regeneration control should, first of all, have excellent control over regeneration and oscillation. It should reduce regeneration sufficiently to permit the reception of radio telephone or other modulated signals without distortion; it should permit the circuit to oscillate sufficiently to produce a beat note with the strongest incoming signal; it should give the same degree of regeneration for a given dial adjustment of the control, and should maintain that adjustment so that, if it were necessary and practical, the regeneration control could be calibrated to give a certain degree of regeneration. Any regeneration control should permit a perfectly silent transition from oscillation to regeneration (and vice versa) and should be noiseless. Finally, the regeneration control should cause no change in frequency. Although there is not a perfect agreement on this point, it is generally conceded that the regeneration control should not be a tuning device.

While none of the regeneration devices generally employed possess all of these desirable features at the high frequencies, resistance control seems to be the most satisfactory. Unfortunately, most resistors are noisy and objectionable from this standpoint. A number of tests were made with various circuits and resistors of different manufacture and construction in an effort to determine which circuit and which type of resistance control was generally the most satisfactory.

It was desired to build up a test set that would show up the faults of the regeneration systems and controls employed. It was also desired to approach actual operating conditions as nearly as possible in making the tests. With these two ideas in mind, the test set shown in Fig. 1 was built up, bread-board style. It consisted of two units, the receiver proper, and the unit containing the measuring equipment. The receiver consisted of a tickler-coil circuit operating approximately between 5000 and 7000 kc., a stage of transformer-coupled audio amplification, and two stages of resistance-coupled audio amplification. The output of the final amplifier was passed through an output filter and then to a headset through an audibility meter. The measuring unit contained an audibility meter, a voltmeter for measuring the plate voltage and a milliammeter for determining the plate current of the detector tube.

The resistors used in these tests were of three general types. The first type made use of carbon discs or grains, the resistance of which was varied by means of a screw device which compressed the carbon. With this type of control, several complete turns of the knob were required to pass from the maximum to the minimum resistance of the unit, in consequence of which the control was usually very smooth and fine. The following units were in this class:

No. 1, 0.25-10 ohms, Carbon grain.
(Clarostat)

No. 2, 0-500,000 ohms, Carbon grain.
(Clarostat)

No. 3, 10,000-100,000 ohms, Carbon disc.
(Allen-Bradley)

No. 4, 0.25-10 megohms, Carbon disc.
(Allen-Bradley)

The second type of resistor consisted of an insulated strip upon which was painted or otherwise deposited the high resistance element. In general this resistance element was apparently some graphite compound. A contact arm was provided to introduce the desired amount of resistance into the circuit. Those in this class were:

No. 5, 0-50,000 ohms (Centralab)
No. 6, 0-100,000 ohms (Centralab)
No. 8, 0-200,000 ohms (Frost)
No. 9, 0-50,000 ohms (Electrad)

The third type consisted of a high-resistance element somewhat similar to that employed in Type 2, upon which resistance wire was wound, the wires later being cut so that in effect the resistor element was surrounded by a number of
wire bands, none of which closed upon themselves or made contact with adjacent turns. These were:

No. 10. 0 — 500,000 ohms (Carter)
No. 11. 500 — 50,000 ohms (Electrad)

In addition a regular wire-wound rheostat of 6 ohms manufactured by Carter was tested and is indicated as No. 12.

The four-tube receiver, measuring unit, and high-frequency oscillator were rigged up in making the measurements. Five coils, with tickler windings of from three to seven turns were made to take care of all reasonable tickler requirements. A number of flexible leads, provided with soldering lugs were also provided so that

the constant impedance audibility meter was then adjusted until the noise caused by varying the regeneration control just disappeared, or until the limit of the meter was reached. The noise produced by the control with the detector tube regenerating (but not oscillating), with the tube on the verge of oscillation, and in an oscillating state was observed and is denoted by R (regenerating), S (spilling over) and O (oscillating). The plate voltage, plate current and size of tickler for best operations were all observed. The smoothness of the regeneration control was estimated by noting how gradually the circuit went in and out of oscillation and was rated as being excellent, good, fair or poor. Similarly, the

the circuit changes shown in Fig. 2 to 11 should be made with a minimum of trouble. The observations were then made by mounting the resistor to be tested on the bread-board test set, making the necessary changes to obtain any of the desired test circuits and choosing the tickler coil best suited to normal operation. The plate battery voltage was kept at 45 except in such cases as it was absolutely necessary to reduce or increase the plate voltage in order to obtain reasonably good operating characteristics. The receiver was tuned to a silent portion of the dial (even without an antenna it was possible to pick up amateur and commercial high-frequency signals) and the regeneration control was varied, with the usual result that the diaphragms in the phones clicked loud and lustily. The resistance of constancy of control (that is, the amount of regeneration at the zero end of the dial, compared with the amount of regeneration at the 100° end of the dial to make the circuit barely oscillate) was noted and estimated as being excellent, good, fair, or poor. Finally, the oscillator was turned on, and the circuit was tuned to zero beat with the driver when the detector circuit was just oscillating. The regeneration control was advanced so that the detector oscillated more persistently and the relative detuning caused by the change in the dial reading of the auxiliary tuning condenser required to bring the circuit back into zero beat with the driver. This same procedure was followed for each circuit and each resistor used in the tests.

The diagram of Fig. 2 made use of the resistor
in series with the plate supply lead of the detector tube. The resistor therefore carried the plate current of the tube and controlled regeneration by varying the voltage applied to the plate. The control was at ground potential as far as radio-frequency currents were concerned so that no body-capacity effects were present. With most of the controls used, five tickler turns were required. The circuit broke into oscillation with a plate voltage of about 22 or 24 volts. In general the 50,000-ohm units gave the best results as to noise produced although the 10,000 to 100,000-ohm Allen-Bradley was considerably less noisy than any other single unit. The representative noise audibilities produced by changing the regeneration control are: Regeneration, 500; spilling over, 800, and oscillating 1350. The average smoothness of control was good, although the two carbon-disc resistors gave better than average results (Allen-Bradley). The manner in which regeneration was kept constant as the frequency was varied may be designated as from fair to good. The detuning caused by the regeneration control varied from 1 to 8 degrees of the auxiliary condenser, 5 degrees being representative of the circuit. The two units employing wire wound on the resistance strip were found to be very noisy due to the fact that the resistance was not adjustable in sufficiently fine steps. The resistance of the unit, instead of being gradually variable, was varied in steps each time the contact arm slid over another wire, there being as many steps in the control as there were turns of wire wound on the resistor strip. In effect this type of control might be replaced with a multi-point switch connected to various separate resistors. This type of control was quite unsatisfactory.

Fig. 3 is a high-resistance potentiometer shunted across the "B" battery. The plate voltage of the detector is varied in much the same manner as that of Fig. 2, but because of the potentiometer arrangement, slightly better results were obtained. Unfortunately, the two Frost resistors were the only ones provided with three terminals and were the only two units which could be used in this circuit. A tickler coil of 5 turns was used, the circuit coming into oscillation with about 22 volts on the plate of the detector. For both units, the noise audibility was: Regenerating, 500; spilling over, 1000–1500; and oscillating, 500 to more than 2000, the better set of figures being for the unit of less resistance. The smoothness of control was good in both cases, while the constancy of control was from fair, with the lower resistance unit, to good. Detuning of 10 degrees was noted in both cases.

Filament control of regeneration was employed in the diagram of Fig. 4. A wire-wound filament control resistor was found to be very noisy, having noise audibilities of greater than 2000, whereas a carbon-grain unit of the screw-compression type was noiseless (audibility 1) for all degrees of regeneration and oscillation. The plate voltage on the detector was maintained at 42 during the run of the filament regeneration control. The Carter resistor permitted the circuit to make a rather smooth transition from regeneration to oscillation, but was noisy and critical in adjustment. It was found that a 16-ohm rheostat was not of sufficiently high resistance to control regeneration without some auxiliary control. The 10-ohm Clarostat gave fair results as to smoothness and constancy of the regeneration control, but, while perfectly noiseless, it was found that a lag or loop effect was present. That is, for a given angle of rotation of the regeneration control, oscillation would start at a certain point when decreasing the filament resistance, but on increasing the resistance to pull the circuit out of oscillation, an entirely new setting of the rheostat was required. The fact that oscillation occurred at different settings of the rheostat knob is no doubt attributable to the fact that after the carbon grains are tightly compressed, it takes considerably more space to loosen them and obtain the same resistance than it did to compress them. This objectionable feature was offset by the fact that no detuning effects were noted as the strength of oscillations was varied.

In Fig. 5 we have the regeneration control at relatively high audio and d.c. voltages and low r.f. voltages. The plate current for the detector passes through the control. The plate-battery voltage was 42 volts and a tickler of 5 turns was usually sufficient, although with the two Allen-Bradley units, the minimum resistance was too high to permit oscillation even with a tickler of 7 turns and a plate-battery voltage of 90. As might be expected, this control circuit was very noisy with all of the regeneration control units. In practically all cases the noise audibility for regeneration, oscillation, and spilling over, was greater than 2000, the best results being obtained with the 0-500,000-ohm Frost unit which gave audibilities of: R, 500; S, 650; and O, 1000. In general the smoothness of oscillation was from poor to fair although the circuit maintained its constancy of control to a sufficient degree to be averaged as good. The amount of detuning with the various controls varied from 3 to 50, and it may be said that this arrangement was generally unsatisfactory.

Fig. 6 has the regeneration control shunted across the tickler and because the direct current resistance of the tickler is so very much lower than that of the regeneration control practically no direct current flows through the control. A 5-turn tickler with 45 volts on the plate of the tube represented average conditions for all types of resistors. In general, all were quiet in operation when the circuit was regenerating but caused considerable noise when spilling over or when oscillating. The two Allen-Bradley carbon-disc resistors were the only ones tested that gave good
results and both of these units showed no noise, regardless of the amount of regeneration in the circuit. All in all the smoothness of control was poor, while the constancy of the control was fair. Body capacity effects and detuning were considerable, the amount of detuning varying from 10 to 60 degrees. This type of control was, on the whole, not very satisfactory.

The diagram of Fig. 7 was similar to that of Fig. 6, except that a 0.1 µfd. condenser was used in series with the resistor, which blocked out even the slightest trace of direct current which might be flowing through the control. As might be expected the results obtained with this control were the same as those obtained with the circuit of Fig. 6.

In Fig. 8, a shunt resistor was used between the plate and filament with a series condenser of 0.1-µfd. to prevent short circuiting the "B" battery. A tickler of 4 or 5 turns represented normal operating conditions when the plate voltage of 45 was applied to the tube. All of the controls were quiet with the detector tube regenerating, but at the verge of oscillation, noise in excess of 2000 audibility units was observed, and maintained, in the majority of cases, with the tube oscillating. The 3/4- to 10-megohm and the 50,000-ohm Electrad unit of their new construction (5-watt size in metal case) gave the best results and were practically noiseless. The smoothness of regeneration control varied from poor to fair while the constancy of control averaged about good. This circuit, too, had serious results were poor. The noise with the detector tube starting to oscillate was in excess of 2000, as was the noise with the tube in a state of oscillation. The smoothness and constancy of control was poor, body-capacity effects were present, and the circuit was not at all practical. Fig. 10 was not even made to oscillate. No doubt both of these circuits could have been made to oscillate with larger tickler coils, but this was not deemed advisable since there might be danger, if the tickler coils were increased in size, of the ticklers becoming resonant with the grid circuit and thus producing results not dependent upon the factors under consideration.

Fig. 11 made use of a variable high resistor between the filament and the ground side of the radio-frequency by-pass condenser. In cases where the circuit would oscillate a tickler coil of 5 turns with a plate voltage of 45 was found to give the best all-around results. The circuit was very noisy when regeneration was varied, gave poor results as to smoothness in going in and out of oscillation, and only fair results as far as maintaining the constancy of regeneration with tuning of the grid circuit. Except in one case when a value of 60 degrees was obtained, the amount of detuning as the regeneration control was varied was in the neighborhood of 2.5 to 5 degrees.

Table 1 gives a summary of the circuit conditions in a more compact form. A casual glance at the table seems to indicate that none of the circuits were very good. This is not exactly so.

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<th>Circuit</th>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Depends on control Type 1, noiseless Type 3, very noisy</td>
<td>Good to excellent Poor to good</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Type 1 had bad lag and overlap.</td>
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detuning (from 11 to 55 degrees) and body capacity effects.

Circuits No. 9 and 10 were found to be poor oscillators. By using a tickler coil up to seven turns and plate voltages up to 90, the circuit of Fig. 9 could only be made to oscillate with the 5-watt Electrad resistor, and in this case the table represents the average of all tests made and as there were considerably more rotten controls than excellent, or even good controls, the average is therefore stated in conservative terms. It is possible with a good resistor to get a quiet, smooth, constant circuit and to obtain very good operating conditions.
So much for the circuits.

Table 2 summarizes better than can six type-written sheets, the general operating features of the three types of control. Of course individual units in any one class varied from the general summarized condition; but taken all in all, Table 2 is pretty well representative of the results obtained in these tests.

As to a final summary of the results, it was found that the best controls were those operating at low radio-frequency voltages, and preferably

changing the plate voltage. Those controls operated at high radio-frequency voltages had had body-capacity effects, and those circuits which employed the resistor in a series arrangement were more noisy than those such as Fig. 6, which used the resistor in shunt with another portion of the circuit. Generally speaking, Figs. 2 and 4 were best, with Figs. 9 and 10 very unsatisfactory.

The resistors of the compressed-carbon type were much superior to any other type. The Allen-Bradley units were head and shoulders above any other control, and if a unit having a minimum resistance of a few hundred ohms and a maximum resistance of between 10,000 and 50,000 ohms of this make were available (particularly in a potentiometer type) it is almost certain that we would have a much better regeneration control than anything now in general use. The units employing the sliding contact arm on a high resistance element were fair and are now in general use. The third class of resistors was absolutely out — except for those rather rare cases where it is desired that the noise produced should be several times the signal strength. One might use such a resistor, fed through a 2- or 3-stage amplifier and a pair of phones or loud speaker, to rid the station of a particularly obnoxious visitor.

It should be clearly understood, though, that although most of these resistors are unsuited for regeneration control of high-frequency receivers, this must not be construed as meaning that they are not perfectly satisfactory for the many uses for which they were originally designed.

**TABLE 2**

**SUMMARY OF RESISTORS FOR REGENERATION CONTROL**

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Northwestern Division Convention

At Portland, Oregon, August 30th–31st

The Rose City Amateur Radio Club extends a cordial invitation to the radio enthusiasts of the Northwestern Division and surrounding divisions to come to Portland, Oregon, to attend the annual A.R.R.L. Convention. August 30th and 31st have been chosen as the dates on which it is hoped to give everybody the best of convention with plenty of visits, technical talks, and contests for which many trophies have been given.

A.R.R.L. Headquarters is sending A. A. Herbert, Treasurer and Fieldman, and there will be representatives from the Army and Navy. Remember the place — Hotel Heathman.

The convention secretary, R. H. Wright, 310 Ross St., Portland, Oregon, will be pleased to hear from any one who intends to be present.

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**Wobbly signals are not necessarily transmitted by the I. W. W.**

Ouch! Payne is the owner of W9CRY in St. Louis.
The Inductor Dynamic

By Harold P. Westman*

URING the past few years, the chief advances in loud speaker design have been along lines of refinement rather than the development of new types operating upon different principles. We thus have today, two distinct types of reproducers, the so-called magnetic type which usually employs a balanced-armature motor to drive a controlled-edge cone and the so-called dynamic type which usually consists of a free-edge or plunger-type diaphragm driven by a motor, the moving portion of which comprises the coil through which the voice currents flow.

Both of these types have their advantages and disadvantages. The magnetic type is not particularly responsive at the lower frequencies because its operation requires that the air-gap between the armature and the pole pieces be varied and in order to maintain suitable sensitivity and still prevent chattering, it is essential to use a small air-gap and a very stiff spring suspension of the armature. The dynamic has not these limitations, however, because the armature moves across the pole-piece faces and the air-gap remains constant regardless of its movement. It is, however, relatively inefficient and requires an exceedingly strong magnetic field to obtain suitable performance. It is not practical to obtain such a field from permanent magnets and recourse is had to an electro-magnet requiring several watts of direct current for its operation. The obtaining of this magnetizing current is the chief draw-back of the dynamic speaker and a suitable power supply for its generation increases the cost of the speaker considerably and in many cases causes a damming hum.

A type of speaker which does not require an electrical source of energy for the generation of a magnetic field and the armature of which moves parallel to the faces of the pole-pieces has recently been developed by C. L. Farrand. Its principle of operation is similar to that of the induction type a.e. motor and it has been called the inductor dynamic loud speaker.

Let us consider the arrangement shown in Fig. 1. We have the ends of a permanent magnet which will cause a steady magnetic field to be produced across the air gaps in the direction of the long arrows. If the two coils shown are connected in the proper way, a current flowing through them will set up another field which in its efforts to follow the path of least reluctance will travel along the path shown by the short arrows. From this we see that the second field will increase the number of lines of force crossing the right-hand and will reduce the number crossing the left-hand gap. If, now, the current through the coil is reversed, the direction of its magnetic field will also be reversed and the effect will be that of increasing the field across the left gap and decreasing it across the right one. Thus if we pass an alternating current through the coils, the field across any one gap will alternately increase and decrease in strength while that across the other will do the same but will be 180° out of phase. When one is increasing the other will be decreasing in strength.

To make use of this characteristic an armature which is composed of two light iron bars is

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employed. The bars are separated by suitable tie rods and are supported between the pole faces as shown in Fig. 2. To prevent the armature bars from moving in the direction of the lines of force but still be free to move across the field and parallel to the faces of the pole pieces, they are supported in position by means of exceedingly light strip springs which are in channel form

and are fitted with strips of soft rubber to prevent distortion due to vibration at their natural period. These springs do not supply any restorative force whatever.

As Fig. 2 indicates, the armature bars are not completely within the pole pieces and the lines of force in their endeavor to follow the shortest magnetic path travel from the ends of the pole pieces to the armature bars and thence to the opposite pole pieces. The tendency will be to suck the armature bar completely within the pole pieces in order to materially shorten the length of the air gap and reduce the reluctance of the magnetic circuit. However, the distance between the bars is fixed by the tie rods and the assembly will take a position in which the magnetic pull on both bars will be equal and opposite. This may be considered as the magnetic center. When the coils are energized, the magnetic flux across one gap will be increased and that of the other will be decreased, resulting in an unbalance and a movement of the armature until a position is reached in which the pull on each bar is equal and opposite. Changes in the amount of current passed through the coils will, therefore, result in motion of the armature which will be transmitted to the plunger-type diaphragm, resulting in an acoustic output. The pole pieces are cut to the shape indicated to reduce the leakage and concentrate the field in the most desirable position.

The entire armature assembly including the support springs is extremely light, weighing but 4.5 grams as compared with the weight of the moving coil assembly of a dynamic speaker of from 8 to 15 grams. The allowable motion of the armature is approximately one-eighth of an inch which is ample for high-volume reproduction of the lowest notes broadcast. This speaker, therefore, combines the advantageous characteristics of the moving-coil dynamic with the simplicity of operation of the magnetic type.

A regulation output device should be interposed between the speaker and the amplifier although this may be eliminated if a push-pull stage is employed. In this case a tap is taken from the lead connecting the loud speaker coils together, which then corresponds to the mid point of the usual output transformer or choke.

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**Midwest Division Convention**

**Kansas Section, Topeka, Kans.**

**September 13th-14th**

THE Kaw Valley Radio Club is again the host for this year’s convention and extends a cordial invitation to all radio amateurs. An interesting program is being prepared which will be satisfactory to every one, so be sure to reserve September 13th and 14th and visit Topeka.

All sessions proper will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, and the convention banquet, Saturday evening, will be at the Hotel Jayhawk. Please let the Secretary, Frank K. Tiffany, 1204 Tyler St., Topeka, Kans., know that you will be there.
W1WV, owned and operated by Mr. Miles W. Weeks, 40 Norfolk Road, Chestnut Hill, Mass., came into being largely as a result of code interference. In the earlier days of broadcasting many of the best programs were ruined by frequent bursts of code as some of us may remember and to find out what it was all about was primarily the reason that resulted in putting W1WV on the air in July, 1927.

Two 210's in parallel have marked the limit of transmitting tube equipment used as it was desired merely to have a reasonably efficient low powered station. As a result there is nothing complicated or unusual at W1WV; everything has been kept as simple as possible. Considerable time was given to planning the layout and great care has been used in all construction work to obtain satisfactory performance and the results would seem to justify it. The station obtained an O.R.S. certificate three months after it first went on the air and has always been active in matters of traffic. At the time of this writing over 2400 contacts in five continents have been made. Concerning the operator and owner, it is interesting to note that he was over 40 years of age when he obtained his operator's license, thus proving that you can sometimes teach an old dog new tricks.

Before any station equipment was installed it was of course necessary to obtain a suitable location for a shack. After considering various possible locations, one corner of the cellar was selected as combining practically all the desirable qualifications; warmth in winter, coolness in summer, quietness and privacy, and, what was most important, proximity to a good antenna location were all obtained. A room ten feet square was constructed by the owner in such a way that the sheathing was all inside to give a smooth background for future "wall-paper." A broad work-bench lines the wall on two sides of the room and ample shelving gives convenient storage space.

Electric wiring was run in for the necessary lights...
and wall outlets and an extension telephone installed and work was begun on a long wave receiver. While the code was being learned with the help of this receiver, work was progressing on a short-wave receiver, a transmitter and other station equipment. The placing of the apparatus

quality of note justified this lower input. Operation on the 14,000-kc. band was effected on this transmitter from time to time but it was found that each time the change was made from one band to the other considerable time was necessary for satisfactory adjustments to be made. To save time and in addition to allow adjustments once made to remain the same, a second transmitter was built in April, 1928, again using the Hartley circuit, for use solely on the 11,000-kc. band. Only one 210 tube was used in this. While considerable success was obtained in DX work, trouble was experienced in main-

![FIG. 1.-THE HI-C HARTLEY TRANSMITTER](image)

was decided upon by locating the keys centrally with the receivers on the left and the transmitter on the right just under the windows and convenient to the antenna outlets. A Telechron electric clock was also obtained to assure accuracy in keeping schedules.

**THE TRANSMITTERS**

The Hartley circuit was selected for its simplicity and has always been used for the 7000- and 3500-kc. bands. One 210 was used for the first six months of operation and two in parallel since that time. In August, 1928, the transmitter was rebuilt to obtain the high capacity feature and copper tubing inductances installed. Increased steadiness resulted. It was found that with a voltage of 800 and an input of approximately 135 watts this transmitter would run steadily and cool. Although a very sharp d.c. note was obtained at this input it was found that a very slight decrease in signal strength resulted when only 110 watts input was used and the improvement inattaining a steady frequency. As the tube warmed up the wave length would begin to creep up very slowly. During the summer and fall of 1928 this transmitter was used on the 3500-kc. band with two 210's but when it was desired to return to the 14,000-kc. band it was thought advisable to find some circuit which would obviate this annoying slow frequency creeping. Therefore in February, 1929, this transmitter was radically rebuilt to the push-pull t.p.t.g. circuit as detailed in December, 1928, QST, using two 210's. Some difficulty was experienced in getting this circuit to work properly but increasing the grid leak to 20,000 ohms and inserting grid chokes of 60 turns brought good results. Frequency creeping there is none. The note obtained has always been good d.c. and much better than any note obtained with the Hartley 14,000-kc. transmitter. Keying is accomplished in the negative lead.

![THE HIGH VOLTAGE PLATE SUPPLY AND FILTER SYSTEM](image)
As soon as a second transmitter was added some method had to be provided for quickly changing from one to the other. This is very simply accomplished by running the filament and plate power wires through two double pole double throw switches. The keying relay is common to both transmitters. These switches are located on the wall above the keys within easy reach of the operator.

To effect a change from one band to another on either of these transmitters, it is merely necessary to change the primary inductances and reset the variable capacities to the frequency desired. While this can be done in a few minutes if necessary, it has been found that better results are obtained by changing, in addition, certain fixed values such as plate and grid blocking condensers and grid leak and making more careful changes and adjustments of secondary inductances and capacities. This was one of the reasons why a second transmitter was added and has permitted a good note to be obtained on either of two bands at a moment's notice. It also has the advantage of allowing the station to be on the air continuously on at least one band at the same time that adjustments and changes are being made on the other transmitter. Nothing is ever considered as permanent or finished at this station for as soon as any new ideas come out that the owner desires to try, any piece of apparatus may be disassembled and rebuilt at a moment's notice. This is not to say, however, that any of the construction work is done in any but a most thorough way as there is no knowing how long it may be before the next change is made.

Comparatively few individual parts are homemade although considerable work is often done on commercially manufactured parts to adapt them for use in receivers or transmitters which so far have always been homemade. Performance is of primary importance although the time element has to be considered also. Articles that could be homemade are purchased when it would take too long to make them.

In examining the Hartley transmitter, it might be of interest to note certain peculiarities in arrangement of parts and the reasons therefor. The tube sockets were placed at the rear, with the primary inductance in the center, as in this way the plate and grid terminals were brought on the side towards the inductance and thus shortened the wiring leads. In the same way this brought the filament terminals to the rear where the connections to filament split-resistance and condensers could be made well away from the grid and plate connections. All the fixed condensers used in the transmitters are of the receiving type; not primarily intended for transmitting use but able, nevertheless, to stand voltages considerably in excess of any in use at this station. The variable condenser used to tune the primary circuit was of large enough capacity for the old type Hartley circuits but with the adoption of the High C type of circuit, this condenser, of 250 µfd., was too small. In order to still use this particular condenser, which is a relatively expensive one, additional capacity was obtained by adding in parallel a fixed air condenser of similar capacity, thus doubling the capacity and giving a sufficient amount.

**Power Supply**

The question of power supply was carefully gone into and a motor-generator was decided upon. Theoretically generators are not rated as high in the scale of power supply sources as some others, due to the alleged high cost and troubles in eliminating QRM. The motor-generator has been found quite satisfactory at W1WV, however. First-cost has been practically last-cost so far and there is the consideration in the saving made in
not having to use large and costly filters. Various methods were tried to eliminate QRM with slight success until the present type of receiver was built. Apparently getting rid of a ground connection in the receiver has a good deal to do with stopping the QRM while the generator is running. At the start an old type of generator was used which supplied about 500 volts. When it was found that two 210's could stand considerably in excess of this efficiently, an Esco motor-generator was acquired in September, 1928. Although rated at only 750 volts, it delivers nearer 1000. Both generators are shown on the concrete pedestal in the illustration, over which is the filter choke with its bank of condensers. The generators are located at the far end of the cellar about 75 feet away from the shack to reduce QRM. No shielding or grounding is now employed. The power line runs through two field rheostats, both located in the shack, and then through an adjustable overload relay on the control panel (shown just above the Hartley transmitter in the illustration) to the change over switches. The field rheostats are used to control the voltage and the overload relay breaks the transmitter plate circuit in case the current should suddenly exceed the maximum desired. The 110-volt, 60-cycle a.c. line to the motor is led through the control panel also and in addition there is a line running to a tumble switch at the keys for conveniently starting and stopping the generator. A 1000-volt meter located just under the control panel shows the plate voltage at all times.

Keying is accomplished through a Leach relay in the negative line to each transmitter, bridged by a key thump filter consisting of a 2500-ohm variable resistance and a 2-ohm condenser in series, with the addition of a 1½ henry choke in the line between the thump filter and the transmitter. The resistance is varied until the contact spark is at a minimum and has stopped key thumps in the neighborhood. Any of three keys can be used: the Vibroplex for fast work, the other two, straight keys, for DX or as desired.

**Monitor and Frequency Meters**

A monitor heterodyne oscillator, identical in appearance and arrangement to the one described in the fourth edition of the Handbook, equipped with tube-base plug-in coils, is in frequent use to check the quality of the transmitter notes. It is also used to locate the transmitter waves on the receivers as an additional check on being sure the transmitter waves are within the band limits. Conversely it is used to locate favorable spots in the various bands to which to set the transmitter waves, so as to be free of interference. To determine accurately any desired frequency on receivers or transmitters, two General Radio Amateur type wavemeters are in use. One of these wavemeters (Type No. 358) covers all wavelengths from 15 up to 235 meters while the other (Type No. 558) covers merely the amateur bands and is therefore of greater accuracy. The Type No. 358 is still very useful in locating frequencies when calibrating new coils which at first try may not come within amateur band limits and which would not come within the limits of the Type No. 558 meter.

For a quick shift in frequency within each band, each transmitter is calibrated so that it is known approximately what frequency it will transmit on at any particular dial setting. Due to the fact that climatic and other conditions cause some variations, this method of determining frequencies is not relied on for very accurate results. If, for example, it was desired to set either transmitter very near the limits of any band, an additional check would be made with a wavemeter to assure operation within band limits.

One of the most popular and efficient ways of testing used at W1WV is the "Station-to-Station Phone Method." This is accomplished by calling up by wire phone a neighboring station owner who lives about ten miles distant and having him listen to the transmitter note on his receiver. At this distance the note is usually strong enough to be retransmitted over the phone wires back to W1WV by simply holding the receiver earphones against the telephone mouthpiece. In this way adjustments can be quickly made and as quickly reported on or actually heard. It is a great time saver over the air method of testing and has been used continuously since W1WV first went on the air. It is of course needless to remark that in return similar tests are made for this obliging station owner whenever he so desires. There are many uses in having a telephone handy in the
shack. It has made it easy and practical when working a DX station, we will say, to quickly phone this neighboring station so he can also QSO. It has effected a number of DX contacts for both stations in turn. Likewise, messages can be delivered and answers returned with a minimum of delay while holding a station on the air.

ANTENNA SYSTEMS

Two antennas are used at W1WV. One is a half-wave 7000-kc. Zeppelin, with a 3/4-wave feeder and the other a 3/2-wave 14,000-kc. Zeppelin with a 3/4-wave feeder. Originally a bent form of Hertz was used with a very short counterpoise with moderate success. Considerable time has been spent adjusting the Zeppelins to the proper length to bring the voltage nodes in the exact center of the secondary inductance to obtain maximum efficiency and the minimum of losses and the results have been so satisfactory that no attempt has been made to try other forms.

The 7000-kc. antenna has a flat top length of 72 feet and the feeder is 32 feet long, measured to the center of the secondary inductance. The 14,000-kc. antenna is 32 feet long on the flat top and has a feeder 49 feet long. No. 12 gauge enameled copper wire is used and insulated with Pyrex glass insulators. Feeder spreaders are wooden dowels well soaked in paraffin, 3/8 inch in diameter and 7 1/4 inches in length spaced three feet apart. The ends nearest the house are guyed to the eaves and the further ends are attached to braided window cord and run through pulleys and kept taut by 20-lb. iron window weights. The 7000-kc. antenna runs to a large tree and the other to the stable eaves. While neither of these antennas was designed to be used for 3500 kc, it was found that either one of them seemed to work equally well on 3500 kc. At present the 14,000-kc. antenna is being used for that band and the 7000 kc. one for 3500 kc. Due to the crowding and preponderance of notes that are not of the 1929 type on 7000, no work has been done on that band since the middle of March. As the station has been reported heard in Europe on 3500 with this 7000-kc. antenna and can frequently handle traffic with it as far west as St. Louis and Chicago, no attempt has been made to erect a special 3500-kc. antenna, particularly as the space available does not permit. A separate 60-foot antenna is used for receiving.

THE RECEIVERS

Until December, 1929, the receiver used was the familiar type of regenerative detector and two stages of audio using a well known type of plug-in coils. While this form of circuit always gave plenty of volume, in comparison to the present receivers now in use here it was very noisy and inferior. When the new bands came into being on January 1, 1929, even though this receiver had been adapted to spread them over a great part of the dial, the same troubles persisted and it was finally entirely abandoned, disassembled and rebuilt to match the four tube screen grid receiver
described in November, 1928, QST." This was not done, however, until an entirely separate receiver had already been built following the four tube screen grid hookup and then rebuilt to the three tube hookup which was preferred as being quieter and just as efficient. The second receiver was then changed to the three-tube screen-grid type. Like many others, the owner first made the mistake of reversing the grid connections on the screen-grid tubes of the four-tube set and much grief was experienced before the error was discovered; in fact, he began to wonder how QST could have been so taken in by Mr. Ross Hull in recommending such a receiver. Suffice it to say, the owner has still to find any receiver as simple, efficient or as eminently satisfactory as this one has proved to be. The arrangement of parts in the four-tube set was preferred and followed for the three-tube set. As a matter of convenience, the audio transformers are all mounted on G. R. plug-in bases so as to be interchangeable. This feature was also applied to the peaking condenser across the Ford coil. The two sets are actually four tube sets with the screen grid tube removed from the r.f. stage and the wiring changed where necessary. Therefore this station is now equipped with two of these three tube screen grid Ross Hull receivers which still further simplifies the task of quickly changing from one band to another. One receiver is kept on 3500 kc. and the other on 14 mc. so calibration in dial settings is never disturbed. Separate sets of "B" batteries are used and while not necessary it is found convenient to make use of two "A" batteries (each with a self contained charger) which, through a simple switching arrangement, can either be used on either receiver and in addition can be switched into emergency use for the transmitter keying relay. One or both of them is also used for the eleven tube home built super-heterodyne broadcast receiver in the living room upstairs. Many of us have worked stations who would remark they were not getting us well because they had a dying "A" battery. It is not intended that this calamity shall ever happen at W1WV. While on the subject of batteries, arrangements have been made whereby dry "B" batteries could be substituted for the generator in case the electric current was cut off in time of emergency.

Complete records of everything are kept at W1WV. Full notes are made of each QSO and are entered in the log book in condensed form and similarly entered on a 3 x 5 card kept for each station worked, ready for instant reference when that station is worked again. Changes in receiver or transmitter adjustments are carefully noted and have proved very valuable as time goes on in increasing efficiency. In fact, everything possible is done to make W1WV a model station in matters of equipment and operating; a simple station in which any operator could be at home in a moment.

New England Division Convention
Maine Section, Bangor, Maine
September 6th-7th

THE convention committee of the Queen City Radio Club cordially invites all those interested in amateur radio to attend an annual convention, to be held in Bangor, Maine, on September 6th-7th, and especially asks that you bring your YL or OW.

The convention activities will take place at the Y. M. C. A., and the big banquet at the Penobscot Exchange. The committee desires to say that it hopes to so plan the affair that the convention expense will not exceed $2.50.

Let G. C. Brown, Secretary, 269 North Main St., Brewer, Maine, know if you will be present.

W1GZ makes a good suggestion for the "original" QSL card which should appeal to the chap with ingenuity and a little artistic ability: "Sketch and letter your ideas on a post-card size piece of white paper using black india ink and avoiding extreme detail. Send the copy to any commercial engraving company with the request that a zinc plate be made. Such a zinc plate of post-card size costs about $3.50, and the cost of printing from the plate is very small."

It Works While You Sleep
W6EHE has found a new way to increase his code speed. He tuned in a commercial station (one of the never-stop kind) and went to sleep with the ears on. After a week of this sub-conscious mind activity code speed had increased 3 words per. The total increment for a month's treatment was about eight words per minute. Psychologists, please note.
Introduction of Losses in Radio Circuits by Coupling

By Rinaldo De Cola*

THE subject of coupling and its effect upon the effective resistance and inductance of coils is very probably one of the most important problems encountered in the design of modern radio equipment. This is particularly true for such equipment as is designed for operation on the high frequencies. That this fact is not generally recognized is quite evident by the numerous difficulties usually encountered by amateurs in the design of coils.

The mutual effects of coupled circuits upon effective resistance and inductance in such circuits is a subject which is usually well analyzed in most serious books dealing with electrical theory. However the subject cannot be satisfactorily treated without the use of some mathematics, and the equations usually arrived at to show different conditions in such circuits are very cumbersome at best. This probably explains why the effects of coupling on the resistance and inductance of coils is regarded so mysteriously by many amateurs.

THEORY

Since the effect of coupling varies greatly with different arrangements of the secondary and primary circuits, only the system shown in Fig. 1A will be discussed. This system is shown in its equivalent form in Fig. 1B. Where in the primary circuit $R_1$ is the resistance; $L_1$, the total inductance, that is both the inductance of the antenna system and the primary coupling coil; and $C_1$ is the capacity of the aerial. In the secondary circuit $R_2$, $L_2$, $C_2$, stand for resistance, inductance, and capacity respectively.

Using the notation designated above, the effective resistance of the secondary due mainly to the presence of the primary circuit can be represented by the following equation. (See: Colbrook-Alternating Currents and Transients, McGraw-Hill.)

$$ R'_2 = R_2 + \left( \frac{\omega M}{Z_1} \right)^2 R_1 \tag{1} $$

Where $R'_2$ is the effective secondary resistance

$\omega$ is equal to $2\pi f$.

$M$ is the mutual inductance in henrys. $Z_1$ is the primary impedance. ($Z_1 = R_1 + jX_1$).

The effective reactance of the secondary, as influenced by the presence of the primary is expressible by the equation:

$$ X'_2 = X_2 - \left( \frac{\omega M}{Z_1} \right)^2 X_1 \tag{2} $$

Where $X'_2$ is the effective secondary reactance. $X_2$ is the secondary reactance usually equal to 0.

$$ \left( \frac{\omega L_2}{\omega C_2} \right) = 0. $$

$X_1$ is the primary reactance.

$$ \left( \frac{\omega L_1}{\omega C_1} \right) = \pm X_1. $$

By using $2\mu L = X$ we can reduce the various reactance terms in terms of inductance if necessary.

By the use of equations (1) and (2) we can readily predict the effects upon $R'_2$ and $X'_2$ for different frequencies impressed upon the system. The following three cases will be considered:

(1) Where $X_2$ is zero, and $X_1$ is positive or inductive. (2) Where $X_2$ is zero, and $X_1$ is negative or capacitive. (3) Where $X_2$ is zero and $X_1$ is also zero. $M$, $R_1$ and $R_2$ will be considered as constant in all the above cases.

Substituting the conditions assumed in Case (1) in Equation (2) we obtain a negative value for $X'_2$, which means that the inductance of the secondary circuit has been decreased by the presence of the primary. This decrease in secondary inductance can be best illustrated by considering a small series capacity introduced in the secondary circuit. Since, however, $X_2$ is zero, the secondary circuit is now actually the equivalent of a small capacity in series with the total resistance of the circuit, which includes that introduced into the circuit by the presence of the primary. This condition is shown in Fig. 2A. This shows that the circuit is not resonant for the frequency where $X_2$ is zero, but will be resonant at a fre-
frequency somewhere above this. The effect of the added resistance $R_e$ in this circuit will be to lessen the amplitude of any oscillations in this circuit.

Substituting conditions designed in case (2) we find that if the value of $X_1$ used in cases (1) and (2) are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign that the inductance of the secondary in case (2) has been decreased by exactly the same amount that it was increased in Case (1). The value for $R_e$ in this case is the same as in the first case considered. Since $X_2$ is also equal to zero in this case, the secondary circuit can now be represented by an inductance in series with the total resistance of the circuit, which is $R_e$. This is illustrated in Fig. 2B. This shows that the circuit is not resonant for the frequency which makes $X_1$ equal to zero, but is resonant at a frequency somewhere below this.

When the conditions in Case (3) are satisfied by Equation (2) we find that the inductance of the secondary has not been effected whatsoever by the presence of the primary. In this case the secondary circuit can be represented by a simple resistance $R_e$ shown in Fig. 2C. However, it is readily evident from Equation (1) that the effective resistance of the secondary circuit $R_e$ has assumed a much higher value than in the two previous cases. This is due to the fact that the value for $Z_2$ has been reduced to the value for $R_e$ which is usually very small. For this condition Equation (1) can be reduced to the form,

$$R_e = R_1 + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{R_1}$$

It can be seen from this that for small values of $R_1$ the value of $R_e$ will be enormous. Conditions of this nature frequently make themselves very annoying in many radio circuits. The three cases analyzed above are probably best illustrated by means of the graph in Fig. 3. It can be clearly seen here just how any variation in frequency effects the inductance and resistance of the secondary circuit. Fig. 3 also shows the effects of coupling on the circuit’s resistance and reactance. The greater the value of coupling the greater the effective resistance, and also the greater the variations in secondary inductance.

**How these losses show up in radio circuits**

Many radio men after painstakingly designing an inductance to cover a certain frequency range when used with a known value of capacity, check up their calculations by testing for resonant clicks in some calibrated oscillating circuit and then find that when this coil is inserted in a radio system and coupled to some other circuit that it will no longer tune over the frequency range it was designed to cover. Why this is true can be seen from a consideration of Cases (1) and (2) and an inspection of Fig. 3 for these two cases. The remedy for conditions of this nature is to either redesign the coil or to reduce the value of the coefficient of coupling. This difficulty is most frequently encountered in tuned r.f. systems, where the plate circuit of the preceding tube is coupled rather closely to the next tuned circuit.
with the result that the effective inductance of this tuned circuit is decreased. This is the condition considered in Case (1).

One of the most frequent examples of the condition discussed in Case (3) is to be found in almost every high-frequency receiver where for certain positions of the secondary condenser the circuit will stop oscillating. These positions are commonly called "dead spots" and are due to the primary circuit falling in resonance with the secondary. The reason for this has been shown to be due to the relatively large value of resistance introduced into the secondary circuit, which exceeds the critical maximum value of secondary resistance which will allow sustained oscillations. The width of "dead spots" is greatly dependent on this critical value of secondary resistance and becomes wider, the smaller the value of this critical resistance. An inspection of Equation (3) shows that in order to decrease the value of $R_2$ and therefore eliminate the dead spots, we have three possible solutions. Changing the resonant frequency of the primary by inserting either a small series capacity or inductance in the primary circuit, decrease the value of the coupling, or insert a resistance in series with the primary.

The first two methods are really not sure cures, since they only serve to change the resonant frequency of the system, and the "dead spots" will only show up at some other position of the secondary condenser. The third method eliminates this difficulty entirely, since it really gets to the base of the trouble, that is, it decreases the secondary effective resistance at the resonant frequency of the primary. The necessary value for this resistance was found to be about 5000 ohms, and should be inserted in series with the primary circuit. If your particular set happens to be directly coupled to the antenna circuit insert this resistance in series with the ground lead.

In Fig. 4 is shown a graph showing the variation of the secondary current with different values of mutual inductance. These values were plotted from a transmitter circuit where the secondary current $I_2$ is the current in the antenna system. It is quite evident that the maximum value of secondary current is not obtained when the coupling is made a maximum. This is quite in contrast to the general opinion among amateurs that the coupling should be a maximum for the maximum antenna current. The reason for this apparent irregularity is due to the excessive values of resistance introduced into the oscillator circuit when high values of coupling are utilized.

Although there was found to be some capacitive coupling in the arrangement discussed, it was generally found to be sufficiently small as to not seriously interfere with the validity of these results.

![Graph: The effect upon the current caused to flow in an antenna circuit of changes in the coefficient of coupling indicates that maximum current is not obtained with the greatest value of coupling.]

New "X" Regulations

New regulations governing experimental licenses have been issued by the F.R.C. Hereafter these licenses will be issued for a year instead of quarterly, but holders must file reports every three months stating the nature of the experiments conducted and the results attained. "Experimental stations may be used only for experimental purposes. They are not licensed to conduct message traffic of any kind."

The above provisions apply to the usual variety of experimental station and also to the special types engaging in experimental work on relay broadcasting, television and aircraft work. The latter type receive frequency assignments in the allocations made for their special fields. The general experimental stations receive licenses to operate only on the eight frequencies set aside by the F.R.C. for general experimental work: 1604, 2398, 3256, 4795, 6426, 8650, 12,850 and 17,300 ke. All the classes of experimental licenses receive "X" calls.

No experimental license authorizes operation on any amateur frequency. For the most part these licenses are held by commercial companies. Amateurs holding experimental licenses, of which there are a few cases, may not now use such calls on the amateur bands. If the experimenter is a bona-fide amateur he may also take out an amateur license if he desires to work on amateur frequencies.

—K. B. W.

Strays

W2AS calls attention to the fact that the use of larger-than-usual filament by-pass condensers in the transmitter is effective in reducing keyclicks. By using by-pass condensers having a capacity of .1 $\mu$fd. or larger in conjunction with the Xmas tree bulbs, an effective keying filter is obtained without additional apparatus.
Getting the Most Out of Your Meters

Ask the Man Who Ohm's One!

By Elmore B. Lyford*

There are two reasons for having a large assortment of meters of various kinds and types on the panel of an amateur transmitter. The first is to tell approximately what is going on behind that panel and the second is to impress visiting hams, OW's or what have you, with the high-and-mighty importance of the layout. It is certainly impressive to see a nice lot of meters reading assorted voltages and currents but if the main object is simply to tell what is going on all but one or two of these meters may be dispensed with—and that is the point of this article.

Lots of meters mean the investment of lots of money and since that is something with which the average amateur is not blessed, any scheme for saving some of the money should be interesting. This particular one takes a little time and figuring, but does save the money—and it is relatively simple.

The idea is one which is in quite general use with the larger radio, telegraph and telephone companies, but which is not, as far as the writer knows, generally made use of by the ham fraternity. It consists simply of using one or two meters with a variety of shunts and multipliers to cover each measurement being made—but with the shunts and multipliers at the point of measurement rather than all collected near the meter with some complicated switching system to select the one needed.

If it is necessary to make measurements of direct currents and voltages only, one meter is all that is necessary, but if a.c. measurements are desired, a second meter will be needed. Let us talk only about the d.c. measurements here—that will be sufficient to get the idea over and any amateur will be able to apply similar methods to his a.c. measurement problems.

The idea in a nutshell is the mounting of one low-range milliammeter with a suitably calibrated scale in some convenient place on the panel, and attaching to its terminals a cord and phone plug, the cord being long enough to reach any desired point of measurement. For each point in the circuit where it is desirable or necessary to make voltage or current measurements, a closed-circuit jack is mounted on the panel. Fig. 1A shows the connections of this jack when current is to be measured, and Fig. 1B shows the connections for a voltage reading.

It will probably be found most convenient in practice to use a ten-milliampere meter and have all the shunts and multipliers so arranged that the readings will be in easy multiples of ten of the meter scale. That is, for a ten-milliampere measurement there will be no shunt, for a hundred-milliampere reading there will be a shunt equal to one-ninth of the internal resistance of the meter and so forth.

When this meter is being used as a voltmeter the series resistance should be of such size as to pass ten milliamperes when the voltage is at maximum. In other words, to measure ten volts

![Diagram](image)

**FIG. 1.—AT A IS THE CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE METER TO MEASURE CURRENT VALUES, WHILE AT B IT IS EMPLOYED FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF VOLTAGE.**

The range of the meter under either of these conditions is dependent upon the value of the external resistor as compared with the internal resistance and range of the meter.

The series resistance should be one thousand ohms, to measure a hundred volts the series resistance should be ten thousand ohms, and so on. The meter resistance will be small enough to be disregarded when the meter is used as a voltmeter.

It will be noticed from Fig. 1B that the series resistor used when voltage readings are being made, is always in the circuit. This keeps the load at that particular part of the circuit always constant, regardless of whether the meter is in the circuit or not. This may be important in some cases where the additional drain caused by the insertion of the meter into the circuit might be sufficient to lower the voltage and give an incorrect picture of the operating conditions.

As an example of the application of this scheme Fig. 2 shows two jacks connected in the plate circuit of a tube, one for measurement of the current and the other for measurement of the voltage. The same meter plugged first into one jack and then the other makes both measurements and if desired may be left plugged into the voltage jack as a constant check upon the plate supply to the tube.

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If it is desired to make a.c. measurements as of the filament voltages, the input voltage to the power transformer, etc., the same scheme is applicable so that all the measurements may be made with one meter. In this case, however, the meter should be of the hot-wire or thermogonal-vanometer type, or a regular a.c. meter. Care should also be taken to use nothing but non-inductive series and shunt resistors. If either of the first two types of meters are used, they will be equally as good on d.c. as on a.c., and only one will be necessary to make every measurement desired, including those at radio frequencies.

This scheme is deserving of wider application in ham circles than it is receiving, particularly in those cases where time and ingenuity are much more plentiful than money.

Some Changes in Our Staff

We announce the appointment of Mr. G. Donald Meserve as Advertising Manager of QST, succeeding Mr. F. Chayney Beekley, who leaves QST to join the Maxim Silencer Company at Hartford. Meserve will have his office in New York City, from which better point of vantage he will pursue QST's advertisers for larger and oftener advertising. It will be recalled that Meserve, for long IFL of Hudson, Mass., and now W2JR of Woodside, L. I., has been with QST for something more than a year as Assistant Advertising Manager, for the past few months having been in charge of our newly instituted New York advertising office.

Miss Ursula M. Chamberlain, the w.k. "UMC" of the Advertising Department, becomes Assistant Advertising Manager and will carry on in Hartford. She remains Empress of the Hamad Department and will now conduct the other duties incidental to the publication of QST's advertising.

For the past six years Mr. Beekley, W1KP, has been a major factor in the life of the QST factory. Joining us in August, 1923, as Assistant Editor in charge of production, he became Managing Editor in 1925 and in early 1926 also took over the post of Advertising Manager, carrying the combined duties for the past three years. An active amateur whose experience goes back into those dim early days of the craft, his has been the month-to-month responsibility for guiding, assembling and producing QST, and in the other branch of his work he produced much of the revenue which keeps the A.R.R.L. wheels rolling. This sounds rather like an obituary. Let us say that the gentleman is very much alive and kicking, and advances now to a field of larger opportunity, to which he carries the fondest wishes of our gang.

Naturally one man couldn't run Beck's two departments unaided. For the past three years the Managing Editor's office has had the assisting services of Mr. Clark C. Rodimon, W1SZ and other calls, proud operator of a pair of UV-861's. Mr. Rodimon now becomes our Assistant Editor, in charge of QST production, in which capacity he inherits the major portion of Beck's editorial duties.

We have now to announce the advancement of Mr. James J. Lamb to the post of Technical Editor of QST, succeeding Mr. Harold P. Westman; and the similar advancement of Mr. Beverly Dudley to Assistant Technical Editor, succeeding Mr. Lamb. Detailed specifications on these two gents were published in our May issue and will not here be reviewed. Suffice it to say that they both know their stuff thoroughly, particularly from the good old solid ham angle (in spite of the fact that they are both graduates of engineering schools), and will make an excellent editorial team.

To our deep regret Mr. Westman has decided to sever his connection with QST to become the Assistant Secretary of the Institute of Radio Engineers at New York City, a location which will enable him to pursue some technical studies in which he is keenly interested to better advantage than could be done from Hartford. Joining the Headquarters crew in early 1926 to conduct our Technical Information Service, he became Assistant Technical Editor the first of 1927 and Technical Editor in April of 1928. His was the technical responsibility for QST during one of our most difficult years, the preparation for "1929 conditions." Our readers know how well he succeeded in those duties. On the I.R.E. staff he will again be associated with John M. Clayton, one-time pal on the QST crew, so again our loss is the I.R.E.'s gain.

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Helping the Beginner

By Alphy L. Blais*

TWO amateurs, representing the average in their class, were kept in mind while compiling these notes. The beginner, for one; the other, that fellow who has been in the game for some time but who lives far away from other amateurs. Consequently, these lines are not intended for the old timers, the full-fledged amateurs, the engineers and the like who would find here but little to interest them.

By beginner we mean the new arrival in our ranks who is just back from the Inspector's office where he passed his examination and has obtained his amateur ticket. Also, there is the beginner who has done very little active operating on his set; finally, the amateur who has little or no knowledge of the operation and maintenance of his transmitter and it strange behavior at times — when not continually.

Much has been done and said to help the beginner. Instructive and constructive articles have been published in QST, The Radio Amateur's Handbook has been printed, revised and filled to the limit with the most useful help one can find, amateur stations and broadcasting stations have put on the air special programs, clubs have been organized, tests held, contests made, prizes offered, much correspondence has been going and coming through the mails — in fact we wonder if the beginner has not had all the help he could wish for.

Yet we offer more help in a somewhat different setting. Let us say that the new amateur is, in some way, the baby of the family. A very pleasant addition to our ranks as he brings with him new vitality, ambitions and visions of wonderful work to be done; he is so full of "pep" that he becomes a stimulant for the other members of our fraternity. A young member, as counted in months and actual knowledge, he shall not long remain. In a short time he will have graduated from the hardships of the first month into a full-fledged amateur. But, until this time comes, when he can rely upon his experience, we must help him along, giving advice, communicating with him, slowing down our speed at the key and creating good will between him and ourselves. We must make things easy for him because he is the baby of the house and it is up to us to treat him as such, not as a spoiled child but as a future master of our art. His ABC of radio we must reach him with sugar-coated lessons, pictures, examples, comparisons, suggestions that will do more than theories and formulas.

In the following notes we have left aside the theories and formulas to adopt, what we might call, the service-manual method, wherein the symptoms of a set functioning poorly are described and remedies suggested, minus any technicalities other than those which we believe the beginner can easily understand.

This service-manual method appeals to us as having so many good points that we have chosen it with the firm belief that it will enlighten some of the new members and speed them along into becoming class amateurs.

It is important to mention some of the necessary equipment needed to assure the proper operation of the transmitter. The monitor is an essential unit; no amateur should be without it and expect to adjust his transmitter for maximum results. The frequency-meter is a close second, though one can do without it if he has a calibrated monitor. For full particulars on the construction and operation of such instruments see QST or The Radio Amateur's Handbook, chapter IX. The filament voltmeter and the plate milliammeter are two useful instruments to incorporate in the transmitter, the latter will help us considerably in detecting trouble and correcting it.

Due to the simplicity of construction and the low price of component parts the average amateur has either the Hartley transmitter or the tuned-plate tuned-grid arrangement. For this reason we will confine our remarks to these two sets, though other circuits are subject to almost the same troubles.

A few words on the UX-210 tube, used by the amateurs on a great scale. The constants which interest us most are those for the filament and plate.

The filament, for best results, is supposed to be heated from direct or alternating current, the voltage being from 6 to 7.5 volts, the latter being the customary voltage used. At no time should this voltage be higher than 7.5 if we expect our tube to have a long and useful life.

The plate voltage may be from 400 to 750 though this last value seems rather high. With 500 volts on the plate, the plate milliammeter should read between 50 to 70 milliamperes. If the reading is higher than 70 ma, this does not indicate that the tube is not functioning properly as different circumstances may bring the current as high as 100 ma.

And now for some trouble hunting. Let us

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suppose that the beginner has his set ready to work.

The filament is burning, the voltage adjusted to 7.5, and everything seems to be normal.

The key is pressed and we find that the plate current is high (100 mils or so) and the tube plate gets red. Even if there are no defective parts this is likely to happen because we cannot accurately guess the correct position of the filament tap on the tuning inductance of our Hartley circuit. High plate current usually indicates that there are too many turns between the filament tap and the grid tap. The filament tap should be slid along towards the grid and the key pressed again. Keep repeating this until the plate current again jumps to a high value. This indicates that the number of turns between the grid and filament are too few and the tube has stopped oscillating. The tap should be brought back a bit towards the plate end of the inductance. This, with very loose or no antenna coupling, will give a low reading of the plate meter (usually about 20 mils). The adjustment of the filament tap in this manner has very little effect upon the frequency of oscillation which is controlled by the condenser shunted across the coil and the number of turns across which it is connected. Now let us suppose that all does not work out so prettily and regardless of our juggling of the filament tap we have no reading on the plate milliammeter. Some possible causes may be as follows:

**NO READING ON PLATE METER**

(a) Defective meter.
(b) Reverse connections on meter.
(c) Defective or broken connection between power supply and transmitter.
(d) Defective tube.
(e) Defective or broken connection in plate circuit.
(f) Defective socket, poor contact at plate or grid prong.
(g) Open grid circuit.
(h) Defective grid leak.
(i) Plate choke coil defective, open-circuited.
(j) Defective plate or grid fixed (blocking) condenser.
(k) Defective or broken connection in keying circuit.
(l) Short-circuited filter condenser.

**LOW READING IN PLATE METER**

(a) Defective meter.
(b) Poor connection, loose high-resistance soldered joint.
(c) Defective tube.
(d) Poor connection in plate circuit, choke, socket.
(e) Poor or defective plate or grid condensers.
(f) Poor connection in keying circuit.
(g) Defective grid leak.

**HIGH READING IN PLATE METER 100 MA. OR MORE AND/OR PLATE GETS HOT**

(a) Plate voltage too high.
(b) Defective tube.
(c) Antenna coupling too close.
(d) Defective tuning condenser.
(e) Antenna circuit, too close to resonant point.
(f) Defective grid or plate condenser.

**METER GOES OFF SCALE OCCASIONALLY, SIGNALS BREAK AND/OR PLATE GETS HOT**

(a) Too high plate voltage.
(b) Filament tap too close to critical position.

(c) Antenna coupling too close.
(d) Antenna circuit tuned too close to resonance point.
(e) Defective grid leak.

**AUDIO NOISE HEARD IN TRANSmitter WHEN KEY IS CLOSED**

(a) Flashing between plates of tuning condenser.
(b) Defective grid leak.
(c) Short-circuit in plate condenser.

**WHEN ANTENNA CIRCUIT IS TUNED TO RESONANCE PLATE METER GOES OFF SCALE**

(a) Too close coupling.
(b) Antenna circuit tuned too closely to resonance point.

**NO ANTENNA CURRENT**

(a) Coupling too loose.
(b) Antenna meter too high range.
(c) Antenna not suitable for frequency of operation.
(d) Tuning condenser too small.
(e) Incorrect method of coupling (mainly encountered when operating antennas at a harmonic).

Most of the trouble indicated here will be quickly cured if the amateur will check up on all connections and replace the suspicious accessory. It is well to remember that working the transmitter with overloaded tubes and poor equipment is a cause of much trouble. Cut down the power, and follow directions given by the manufacturers on the operation of their equipment.

No remedies to the troubles described have been suggested as we believe that they are apparent without mentioning them. A careful reading and study of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* will give the new amateur much of the information he cannot find elsewhere.

We keep a notebook at hand when tuning a new set or when making adjustments, any abnormal thing that happens is written down and, after a few hours of experimenting, these notes are examined and 95% of the troubles cured by a careful study of them and the conclusions arrived at put into practice.

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**Some Changes in Our Staff**

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Our readers will again note that openings occur on the League's Headquarters staff. We desire, whenever possible, to fill these vacancies from the ranks of A.R.R.L. membership, so that we have people not only professionally proficient for their duties but possessed of amateur experience and A.R.R.L. background. It will be noted that there are many fields of duty at Headquarters. We shall be pleased to enter into correspondence with candidates interested in future Headquarters openings.

— K. B., W7.
An Effective Break-In System

By Rienzi B. Parker*

The desirability of break-in in commercial operation has been recognized, and its advantages in amateur communication have been stressed in QST. The difficulty which confronts the amateur who attempts to install a break-in system is mainly one of expense, for the recognized systems employ a double relay which is very difficult to make and expensive to buy. Another point which the amateur must keep in mind is the quietness of the system, as most of the stations worked out a pretty faint signal into the head- set and a break-in which produces any noticeable degree of clicking cannot be tolerated. The system about to be described is now in use at the writer's station. It appears to be infallible. It is silent, and is easily made out of standard parts.

Referring to Fig. 1, it will be seen that the keying circuit contains two relays. One of these, Relay No. 1, is used to key the set in the usual manner, while Relay No. 2 functions in the break-in system.

The output from the receiver is fed through an output transformer. This may be any type of audio transformer, and if there is an old one lying around it can be put to good use. The receiver output goes to the primary and the phones are connected across the secondary.

The terminals for the relay contacts are also connected across the secondary of the transformer. As a result, when the relay closes the secondary of the transformer and the phones are shorted and the phones are dead. When the relay opens, the connection is reestablished through the transformer to the receiver. The closing and opening of the contacts on the break-in relay, Relay No. 2, cause no click of any kind.

In order to make the system function effectively, the keying relay should be adjusted with a moderately wide gap and a moderately stiff spring, while the break-in relay is adjusted very close and with as slack a spring as possible. When the proper adjustment is secured, the keying relay, due to the wider spacing between contacts, closes one split second later than the break-in relay; and it opens, due to the stiffer spring, one split second faster than the break-in relay. The effect of this is not to start the transmitter until after shorting out the phones, and not to put the phones back in circuit until after the transmitter has stopped. As a result, key clicks from the transmitter are eliminated. This adjustment is very simple to make. It consists chiefly of regulating the spring of the break-in relay after setting the contacts as close as possible, and once made no further trouble will be experienced.

The only source of click in the headset is from the relay circuit proper. This cannot be eliminated as it is necessary to close the circuit before the relays act and open it before they cease functioning. The click can be minimized by using the lowest possible current in the relay circuit.

At the writer's station the relays are standard pony relays of 20 ohms each and are operated by one dry cell. It is possible, of course, to make the relays from old telegraph sounders, but if home made it is advised that the magnets used have enough resistance so that the relays will function with only a small current. The writer has experimented with home-made relays and has found the pony relay to be highly satisfactory and superior to anything which ever came from the home work-shop.

It is advisable to run the relay circuit from a separate dry cell. It does not run down quickly. If the relays are run off a cell of the receiver "A" battery, there is a tendency for the clicks of the relay circuit to be stronger in the receiver.

It is possible to use the break-in relay to short the secondary coil of the receiver instead of an output transformer, and this method will give

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† A 1-μfd, by-pass condenser in series with about 50 ohms should overcome this difficulty entirely by absorbing the energy in the spark that occurs at the key contacts.

—Editor
Experimenters' Section

PROBLEM T-26 — KEYING METHODS

A P P A R E N T L Y the problem of how best to key the transmitter will always be with us. It is not the sort of question that can be given a short answer with the expectancy of its being forever relegated to the "once upon a time stumped us" list. It seems that every factor that has anything whatever to do with making a tube oscillate is involved in the problem of starting and stopping these oscillations and with such a varied and complex assembly of important items it is little wonder the results of operating the key are not always what we most desire them to be.

During the past, many contributors to QST have supplied what they considered to be the final answer to this problem. It was — as far as their own transmitter was concerned — but when the same arrangement was applied to a different transmitter employing the same circuit and power the results were not so gratifying. Apparently it is necessary to treat each case as an individual problem and with this thought in mind we have presented in QST many articles concerning this subject.

The bibliography that follows lists articles concerning all manner of answers to the problem of keying. Not all are devoted to the elimination of clicks and thumps: some are devoted to break-in systems while others cover various types of keying relays and semi-automatic keys. Following the bibliography are three additional items on this subject:

QST

Arceless Keying (Keen), July, 1925, p. 71.
Key-Thump Filters (Kruse), Nov., 1925, p. 31.
A.C. Relays (Westman), Feb., 1926, p. 42.
Non-Chattering A.C. Relays (Hayes), April, 1926, p. 60.
Simplifying Operating (Clayton), May, 1926, p. 21.
Bugs—Hints on Operation (Handy), May, 1926, p. 61.
Break-In and Remote Control (Clayton), Sept., 1926, p. 9.

A Sensitive Vacuum Tube Relay (Hoffman and Schnell), Nov., 1926, p. 20.
Break-In (Mason), Nov., 1926, p. 52.
A Break-In Relay (Brainard), Dec., 1926, p. 34.
Break-In With Motor Generator Supply (Wallace), Dec., 1926, p. 63.

Concerning Break-In (Stinson), Dec., 1926, p. 65.
Keying Battery Operated Transmitters (Walker), Feb., 1927, p. 56.
Some Convenient Relays (Kruse), May, 1927, p. 27.
Keying the Amplifier (Shafer), July, 1927, p. 32.
Clickless Keying (Buening), Sept., 1927, p. 68.
More About Clickless Keying (Cross), Nov., 1927, p. 42.

Another Suggestion on Keying (Griffith), Nov., 1927, p. 52.
A Possible Method of Voice or Key Modulation (Kruse), Dec., 1927, p. 34.
Keying Master Oscillator Circuits (Dudley), April, 1928, p. 37.
Relays for the Amateur (Lampkin), July, 1928, p. 53.
Keying for Break-In (McCormick), Nov., 1928, p. 31.
Remote Control Relays (Fixman), Dec., 1928, p. 28.
The Requirements of Transmitter Keying (Hull), Feb., 1929, p. 9.
Keying the Oscillator-Amplifier (Loudon), May, 1929, p. 30.

RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK

How to Grip the Key, p. 13.
Keying Circuits, p. 125.
Key Clicks, p. 124.
Keying Filter, p. 121.
Keying the Transmitter, p. 124-125.

The pages specified in the above handbook references are for the fourth edition and although the same material appears in the older editions, the pages upon which it will be found will not be
the same. Refer to the index if you have not the fourth edition.

COMPENSATED CAPACITIVE KEYING

The use of a capacitive relay in the interstage feed line of an oscillator-amplifier transmitter is by no means a new method of keying. However, it has some drawbacks chief among which is the fact that a change in the capacitive coupling between the two circuits involved causes sufficient detuning when the capacity is smallest (the key open) to cause the preceding tube to run warm or even run hot depending upon the degree to which it is loaded when the key is down.

G. W. Hamilton of W6AWZ at Long Beach, Calif., encountered this difficulty and cured it by employing a compensating relay as shown in Fig. 1. The armature bar which is of insulating material is pivoted at the center, a small hinge being used. The condenser discs fastened to each end of the armature are of 1/16" aluminum, 1.5 inches in diameter. The surfaces of all the discs were ground flat on a piece of plate glass with the aid of a little emery powder. A sheet of mica was glued to the lower stationery plates to prevent short circuits and increase the maximum capacity. The spring holds the keying plate about an eighth of an inch from the lower plate and keeps the compensating plates in contact with the mica sheet. When the key is closed it energizes the magnet which was removed from a bell and attracts a small piece of iron which is fastened to the armature just above it. This causes the keying disc to be drawn toward its stationary plate thereby increasing the capacity of that unit. At the same time the compensating disc is moved away from its stationery plate and the compensating capacity is reduced.

The circuit arrangement is indicated in Fig. 2. The circuit is adjusted in the normal fashion with the key down. When the key is opened, the preceding stage should be brought into resonance again by means of the midget condenser in series with the compensating condenser. A flashlight bulb connected into a single turn of wire will do nicely for an indicator. The minimum capacity of the keying and compensating units are, apparently, low enough to prevent any damaging de-tuning by their addition into the circuit. When properly adjusted the input to the preceding stage does not vary with the keying and key clicks are conspicuous by their absence. A receiver tuned to the exact wave of the transmitter and located but ten feet away merely blocks quietly without any sign of click or thump.

MINIMIZING THE THUMP WITH GRID BLOCKING KEYING

Many amateurs employing oscillator-amplifier transmitters key in the grid bias to lead to one of the amplifier tubes. In a large number of cases this results in a bad click or thump which refuses to yield to readjustment of bias voltage, plate input and such factors. Louis F. Leuck, W9ANZ, of Lincoln, Neb., comments upon this as follows:

"Fig. 3A shows a method of keying that is rather common and while it does not always produce a key thump, it has considerable possibilities along that line. The method illustrated in Fig. 3B is, however, far superior and is my excuse for taking up this valuable space. With this method there is absolutely no thump when the key is opened and only a very slight thump when it is closed. This is when listening in on the same frequency as the transmitter.

"On looking at 3A we note that when the key is closed the bias applied to the grid is—90 volts. When the key is opened the grid immediately assumes a higher bias. This is due to the grid current charging the grid as one plate of a condenser, the other plate being the filament circuit and everything connected directly to it. This "blocks" the tube and due to the very small capacity between the grid and associated equipment this happens almost instantly. When the key is closed this small condenser is short circuited and the charge disappears in an exceedingly short period of time. The bias again becomes—90 volts due to the battery. This change of bias with keying is approximately illustrated in Fig. 4A.

\[ FIG. 3 \] MINIMIZING KEY THUMPS

\[ FIG. 4 \]
"Fig. 4B shows approximately the conditions that exist with the method illustrated in Fig. 3B. In this case when the key is opened the bias gradually assumes a high blocking value. When it is closed the change is again gradual. The dotted lines indicate the charge of a condenser from a fixed voltage and its discharge through a resistor. The charge and voltage across the condenser will be slightly modified in this case and is indicated by the heavy lines.

"When the key is closed the grid current for the tube will flow through the resistor causing a voltage drop across it which takes the place of the bias battery. Under these conditions the condenser, C, is maintained at this bias voltage because it is shunted across the resistor. However, its capacity is large and when the key is opened it tends to act as a momentary short circuit across the key and leak. The grid continues to accumulate electrons which charge the condenser until its voltage reaches a value that will block the tube. When the key is closed, the condenser cannot discharge instantly because it can only discharge through the resistor. This causes the charge to leak off at a slow rate and the bias drops gradually to the value maintained by the grid current flowing through the resistor.

"The resistor may be a variable one or its value may be computed from Ohm's Law provided the grid current and required bias are known. In my particular case the grid current was 0.01 amperes and the desired bias 90 volts.

\[ R = \frac{90}{0.01} = 9,000 \text{ ohms.} \]

The capacity of the condenser, C, determines the slope of the charge and discharge curves and the larger the capacity, the flatter will be the curves. A 1-μfd unit works well although it may be reduced to 0.5 μfd.

"Both of the methods shown in Fig. 3 fail to completely block the tube and a slight back-wave will be apparent. I have noticed that the only time this back wave is objectional is when the signal is strong enough to tend to block the detector at the receiving end. A remedy for this is to reduce the plate input to the last tube as by decreasing the plate voltage or increasing the bias of the exciting tube. This should be arranged for a quick change-over to be used at such times when the back-wave is bothersome. Decreasing the coupling seems to decrease the strength of the signal more than that of the back-wave.

"No key thump is discernible in the semi-a.c. broadcast receiver located less than five feet from the transmitter.

**THE RECEIVER**

The two plates of the midset condenser that are turned half way around to increase the minimum of the condenser and spread out the tuning band are apparent. The condenser is driven through a flexible coupling to reduce alignment trouble as the panel is not fastened to the base.

**SEMI-AUTOMATIC KEYS**

"There is a broad variation of opinion regarding the speed at which semi-automatic keys should be operated. Some operators are very skilled in their manipulation at a high rate of speed and appear to be handling a large number of messages per hour. However, at the end of a few hours it will usually be found that the more deliberate and steady sender has handled as much if not more business than the high speed operator. Among the many things responsible for this is the capacity of the receiving operator to handle the higher speed without the necessity of repeats besides transmission and receiving conditions.

"The general rule for the adjustment of the instrument for land line work is that approximately eleven dots per second shall be made. The stationary contact on the dot side should be so set as to pass one half the current that is passed when the dash lever is pressed. This adjustment is made with a milliammeter in the circuit.

"For radio work this dot adjustment has been found to be too light and there are two ways in which it can be overcome. One method is to slide the speed control weight to the extreme outer end of the vibrating reed and the other is to close up the stationary dot contact until the current is about two thirds that when the dash is made. When once adjusted to give the desired spring tension for the levers, no further change should be made as one adjustment is as good as another.
after the operator has become accustomed to the key.”

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A PORTABLE FOR THE AUTOMOBILE

We are showing herewith some photographs and the circuit arrangement of a portable transmitter and receiver constructed by Herman Radloff, W9AIR, of Sleepy Eye, Minn. The outfit was devised to be carried around in an automobile and accordingly does not have to he pruned down to the last ounce and thousandth of an inch.

The receiver portion of it comprises a pair of 199 tubes in a detector and one step combination. It, as well as the transmitting portion, is mounted upon a baseboard which fits into grooves in the cabinet wall. This allows either unit to be removed from the cabinet for any necessary work that must be performed, a factor that is particularly advantageous if something goes hay-wire “on location.”

The panel is not fastened to the baseboards and to prevent trouble in getting the tuning condensers properly aligned, a Hammarlund flexible coupling and extension shaft is employed. The power leads are lead to Fahnestock clips mounted on the center partition and to remove a unit calls for the loosening of three leads and the tuning dial set screw. When in place, the rear cover fits snugly against the units and allows no play when the set is being handled.

A 50-yard Pilot condenser of the midget variety is employed for tuning the receiver. In order to spread out the tuning band, two of the rotor plates have been turned half way around so as to give in effect two circular plates which increase the minimum capacity considerably at the same time robbing from the number of plates available for varying the capacity.

Tube base coils are employed and the antenna coupling coil is wound around the socket into which the coils plug. In portable sets used in the past, trouble was experienced in keeping all the coils together; they showed a keen desire to always get lost at about the time they were needed. To overcome this difficulty, two extra sockets are provided to hold the two coils that are not in use. This has proven to be quite effective and we hope to end the season with the same set of coils which were initially provided.

Inasmuch as extreme sensitivity is not essential, no control of regeneration has been provided. If desired, though, a resistor could be connected in the battery lead to the detector tube and mounted at any convenient position. The filament voltmeter is provided with a switch which allows it to be connected across either the receiving or transmitting circuit filaments.

The transmitter employs a 201-A in a Colpitts circuit. Plug-in inductances are used so as to allow shifting from one band to another. The inductances are made of Hammarlund 3-inch coil material and the two outer ends slip into a pair of XL binding posts. These posts are so constructed that the wire is released when the head of the post is depressed. This simplifies the change of coils and does away with any chance of the binding post tops being vibrated loose and getting lost. A short section of the wire at the center of the coil is bared and allows the power supply lead to be clipped to it.

A Cardwell dual section 250-μfd, condenser is used for tuning the oscillator circuit. The key is plugged into a pair of posts on the top of the cabinet which is of hard maple boiled in paraffine and fitted closely enough to be practically dust proof. The plate supply for the transmitter is obtained from a magneto out of a megger. This device was described on page 52 of the March, 1928, issue of QST.

For 7000-ke, operation, the antenna consists of a single piece of No. 14 rubber-covered wire strung to the nearest suitable support. An eight-foot counterpoise is employed and the set is operated from the rear seat of the car, the two wires passing through holes drilled in the rear window. A suitable strain rope to prevent the window from being pulled out of the car is pro-

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The term portable, when applied to radio, is one that can be investigated rather closely before one bursts forth with an exclamation of enthusiasm. There are two reasons why this is so. First, if a radio transmitter-receiver actually is portable, the service that is made in apparatus and power supply in order to decrease weight will usually render the set ineffective as a means of communication. Second, if a radio transmitter-receiver actually does perform well, it is often so bulky and heavy that, even though it is designed to be portable, it is actually nothing of the sort, unless one wishes to consider hiring several porters and a Mack truck for every trip that is to be made.

The best compromise between portability and practicability always seems to be an unhappy one. While it is possible to build a high-frequency receiver that can be carried about by one person, with antenna, batteries, and 'phones, the problem of making a combined transmitter-receiver is one that calls for a more adequate means of transportation than one man physically by himself can provide. Especially is this true if the transmitter end of the combination is to be one on which reliance may be placed.

The portable set described in this article is one which, the builder frankly admits, is not portable without the use of an automobile. Therefore at the start it is necessary to sound a warning "hands off!" to those who are looking for an outfit that can be carried all in a handbag. In our modern age of gasoline and motor cars, however, there are apparently few who will balk at this limitation. Height hat there's a few dollars burnt in oil? For most amateurs such a set as Mr. Mapes describes will prove to be a full answer to all expectations where portable radio is concerned. — Evaran.

AFTER the day's run, when the tent had been erected, camp set in order, supper eaten, and the beds made, it was no trouble to stake out the two antenna wires, look on the "A" and "B" supply, and sound brass from portable WIZZA. There was seldom a slip anywhere during the several long trips on which this portable accompanied me. Hundreds of contacts were made on the 14-me, and 7000-kc. bands. Reliability was so good that on several occasions, for periods of many days at a time, regular schedules were maintained at appointed hours—usually at make of camp in the evening, and sometimes just before breaking camp in the morning—with distantly located amateurs. Those who followed the progress of WIZZA on these trips always seemed to get a real thrill from hearing the new "TR" report at the end of the day. Aside from the schedules a good deal of general work was done. I never found it difficult to work within a radius of 300 miles, during day or night, on one of the two bands for which the outfit was equipped. Occasional fests of DX to the extent of a thousand miles or more were not at all uncommon, depending on the sort of a location at hand. Last winter, when I spent a month in touring Florida, a regular schedule was maintained with W1RP in Bridgeport, Connecticut, so that the folks at home were informed of the progress made, the interesting incidents of the day, etc. On a tour of the West last summer, consistent schedules were maintained with W6DYE of Salt Lake City, Utah, and with W9FUY of Craigmont, Colorado.1

The set itself, shown in Fig. 1, is contained within an ordinary 12" by 24" suitcase. The cloth straps shown in this photograph have since been removed to allow the use of hinges designed to permit removal of the cover when the

1 At this time it is understood that Mr. Mapes is again spending several months in the western states with Portable WIZZA.
o utfit is in use. The entire set can be lifted out of the suitcase and operated from a table or stool.

In the camp trailer that was hauled on all of the long trips I built four special compartments to accommodate the

radio set and its accoutrements. Sponge-rubber cushions were provided in one compartment into which the receiver could be placed, if so desired. The next compartment held the receiver "B" battery and five 114-volt booster cells (No. 6 dry cells connected in parallel by themselves but in series with the main "A" battery) which were necessary to bolster up the potential for the filament of the UX210 of the transmitter. The third compartment was fitted with a three-gang socket mounted on spiral steel springs. The three tubes of the set were carried in this compartment for protection against mechanical jarring and jolting when the car was on the road. The fourth compartment contained spare cells, phones, and the several antenna systems when coiled up. There was a fifth compartment in the form of a box built to house the Burgess "R" battery of 450 volts (two sections of 225 volts each). This box was bolted beneath the trailer.

In the Chrysler roadster was contained the extra six-volt filament battery, connected permanently in parallel with the auto's battery. At no time was I without adequate filament power, even when some particularly pleasant camp site called for a few days' extra stay, during which time the automobile was used but little, consequently with but little charging of the filament batteries.

The construction of the set was attempted after considerable deliberation on design. The suitcase was selected as the most conveniently adaptable container for the working portion (bolts and dials as distinguished from "A" and "R" supply) of the outfit. In order to make the set in this container, it was necessary to construct it as flat as possible. The combination of parts (finally adopted consisted of an arrangement partly panel style and partly breadboard style, with the tube sockets so arranged that whether the set was used flat on its back or sitting in an upright position, the axes of the tube elements would be vertical. All of the controls were mounted on the panel portion, whereas the tubes and coils are mounted in breadboard style at each end of the panel, on a lower level. The photograph (Fig. 1) will show this clearly. The dimensions of the panel-breadboard combination are shown in Fig. 3.

On the left side of the suitcase are the transmitting tube, plug-in inductances, etc., and on the right side are the receiving tubes, plug-in coils, etc.

The coils of both the transmitter and the receiver are of Hammond "22" pole material, mounted on plug-in base material. It is entirely possible, of course, and in many ways desirable, to use tube-base coils in the receiving circuit in place of the "R" coil material. Greater compactness could be had in this way. The two transmitter coil sets each have the antenna coupling coil mounted along with the primary coil. While this set was fitted only for the 14-mc. and the 7000-ke. bands, it should not be difficult to construct coils suitable for the 5500-ke. band, or even the 25-ke. band, if proper precautions and provisions be made.

In the 7000-ke. coil set for the transmitter, the primary consisted of three grid turns, six plate turns, and was spaced a distance of 3/4 inches from the antenna coil, which had five turns. The 14-mc. coil set for the transmitter had a primary consisting of one grid turn and two plate turns; the primary was spaced three inches from the antenna coil, which had three turns.

The circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 2. For clearer explanation of the positions of switches, jacks, biasing posts, etc., Fig. 5 is shown with these parts labeled corresponding to the diagram in Fig. 2. The photograph (Fig. 1) unfortunately is not clear enough to show these details, which are necessary to anyone wishing to construct a similar outfit. As will be seen readily, the three-pole double-throw switch,
Sw1, is used for changing from the transmitting position to the receiving position, and vice-versa. The filaments of the receiver are cut out of the battery circuit when the transmitter is in use, unless the switch S5, which was provided for the express purpose of allowing use of the receiver during transmission, is closed. The transmitter tube’s filament is cut out of the battery circuit when Sw1 is thrown to the receiving position.

The two-pole double-throw switch at the lower side of the panel is a Federal toggle switch used to permit the use of either high power or low power. For high power the two 225-volt sections of "B" battery are connected in series, and for low power they are connected in parallel, thus assuring longest battery life and conservation of power.

Switch S1 is used as a multiplier for the antenna ammeter, so that the current flowing in the circuit is twice the amount indicated by the meter. The first arrangement of S1 that was tried was similar to the connection of S2 on the plate milliammeter, but proved to be of poor multiplying quality. As a solution a knife switch was mounted directly on the terminals of the antenna ammeter. An extension handle through the panel permitted the operator to open and close this switch at will. The extension handle is indicated as S1 in Fig. 5.

A similar arrangement is made for the plate milliammeter although in its case the one-pole single-throw Muter switch on the panel, shunted across the milliammeter by wire connection, is sufficient to short out the meter entirely, so that no reading is obtained when operating the set. S3, connected with resistance as shown, carries one-half the plate current when closed, so that the milliammeter indicates, as in the case of the antenna ammeter described above, only one-half the current in its circuit.

S4 is the main power switch for both the transmitter and the receiver. It handles only filament current.

S6 permits the buzzer to be connected in shunt with the keying relay so as to permit the operator to hear his own sending. This has proven very helpful.

Two receiver jacks, J1 and J2, permit two persons to listen in at one time.

The first four binding posts at the top of the panel allow several combinations of connection between the antenna systems and the antenna coil and tuning condenser. Fig. 4 shows the different methods that were used. The remaining two binding posts at the top of the panel are for the antenna connections.

The usual method of stringing the current-fed antennas (A and B of Fig. 4) was to take the two far ends on each side of the eight-foot-high tent, bringing the leads down from the ridge. The 65-foot voltage-fed antenna, when used in camp, had a length of rope attached to its "mast" end, with a railroad nut for a heaving weight. A nearby tree’s limb was all that was necessary for the "mast." This antenna was most useful when putting up at a hotel. The wire could be lowered gently out the window (reservation always being made for a top-floor room). All of the foregoing antenna (A, B, and C of Fig. 4) were made of rubber-covered auto ignition cable. The fourth type of antenna, D in Fig. 4, could not be erected in all locations, but seemed to be more effective for DX when it could be used.

The writer has constructed a number of portables and, generally speaking, has had very good luck with them, but this one eclipsed all previous sets, and has proved in every way to be worth the money and time that has been spent on its construction.

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Traffic Briefs

W8BHF sends in some suggestions for the fellow with a flat pocketbook, who likes to build his own apparatus:

The nearest police station will sometimes supply free of charge enough copper beer coil from confiscated stills for a couple of good transmitting coils.

Stores often throw out whole armfuls of old file papers and bills, many of which can be cut into uniform sizes for use as scratch paper, message blanks, log sheets, and the like. (In addition to these uses, one can often find out what the neighbors’ grocery bills amount to each month, what they eat, etc. — hi.)

Wonderfully fast little keying relays can be made from old doorbell magnets and Ford coil contacts.

An old rubber storage battery case when cleaned out with soda (not the beverage variety) and water makes a dandy filter case or transformer case — and it has nice handles, too.

A Mason jar hall full of a fairly strong solution of blue vitriol or salt water in which a wire makes contact, with a movable brass collar on the outside of the jar as the other plate, makes a suitable plate blocking condenser that can be used for a couple of two-fifties.

The nearest commercial photographer will usually supply you with old glass plates that can be used as dielectric for grid and plate fixed condensers, using tin foil for the plates. The glass can be used with or without the enamel on one side. The photographer will tell you how to take it off.

The fellow with a small set using raw a.c. and not very high voltage can profitably make use of a couple of dead Tungar bulbs that no longer can be used for battery charging (provided the filament is still in one piece). These are hooked up in the same manner as any half-wave rectifier outfit. It seems that the dealer the bulbs are for battery charging, the better they are for higher-voltage rectification. Two of the 2-ampere size have been used for running a 201A directly off the 110-volt line, and another pair stood up to about 300 volts without flashover.

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Flatteringly reports in many cases fool no one but yourself. The fellow with a monitor who knows that his signal has a slight ripple to it will laugh at the fellow who tells him "pure d.c. stål, OM."
In March QST, page 62, the Communications Department invited contributions on every phase of amateur communication activity, offering prizes for the best article selected from those submitted during each month of 1929. A wide variety of subjects on which articles would be welcomed were suggested in the original announcement. In addition to these articles receiving a good position in QST, the authors whose articles appear to have the greatest value of those sent in for consideration each month have the choice of (1) a copy of the Radio Amateur's Handbook bound in Algerian, (2) six pads of A.R.R.L. message sheets, and (3) 200 A.R.R.L. log sheets.

The prize winning article by Mr. Atkins suggests that adjusting and “tuning up” work be carried out with increased care and thoughtfulness. It is most certainly wrong and inconsiderate to adjust and test for long periods during the hours when our different amateur bands are most congested. A foot operated device which is helpful when one is adjusting his transmitter and which has been aptly called the “pediplex” is quite fully described. Mr. Atkins states that it will be useful in improving testing, home tuning, encouraging regular use of the feet in the course of ordinary operation. There has been too great a tendency to “put a book on the key” at any and all times when testing in the past.

Modern amateur stations demand new and better testing methods and equipment. Also, it must not be forgotten that station owners and operators must meet their responsibilities in raising the standards of amateur construction and operation by installing first class transmitters, receivers, monitors, and the like. — Eidron.

A RADIO amateur is a person who is possessed of the desire to accumulate quantities of coils, condensers, and other equipment that can connect together. In quoting from the article in June QST written by John Escobar, I feel that I have made a fairly good start toward the process of “unloading an idea.”

In the same issue of QST appeared another article, useful for the purpose of reference: It is “Don’ts for DX” by Frank E. Dailey. In this nicely written article Mr. Dailey presents a few of the present day “evils,” namely, improper CQs, broad sloppy notes and holding one’s key down for minutes at a time. The cure for the first and second evil is known; just reach for the Handbook and there ‘tis. The third evil, that of holding the key down for lengthy periods, has been mentioned only as an evil and thoughtlessness practice, which it certainly is. We are warned against the use of same. The operator of the Carnegie (WSB) also appears to lean on the same side and on the same side to try to improve such inconsiderate, thoughtless and inefficient operating practices. All of which is very good as far as it goes.

I have visited stations in all U. S. districts and have formed the opinion that the process of tuning the transmitter, generally speaking, is to light the tube filament, place a heavy object on the key, and twiddle the dials, coils, etc., until the operator is completely satisfied with the result as shown by a plate milliammeter, antenna ammeter and by the tone of the monitor. Then the key is opened and depressed again . . . and perhaps it is discovered that due to too-close coupling, the set will not again resume the previous “steady” values that obtained while the key was held down. Or the monitor may disclose unsteadiness or a tendency to chirpiness or keying not entirely clean and clear. All of which means that the whole process will be repeated many times before a satisfactory adjustment is obtained.

The evil of holding the key down for lengthy periods is known. Not only do we run the danger of placing heavy overdloads on the tube and composite parts (which are often overloaded to begin with), but the resultant QRM to other stations is terrible. If a continuous wave, unbroken by key, be confined to a fixed frequency, conditions would not be so bad for others could stay clear of that frequency. As that same unbroken wave is spread back and forth across the band, it is impossible to stay clear, and the result is “Rotten QRM.” The Headquarters Staff then receives a steady flow of letters complaining of QRM and terrible operating conditions. One remedy will be increased thoughtfulness and care in tuning. . . . the avoidance of “tuning up” practices during the heavy operating hours. We must look for a new order in adjusting. We must use system, proceed methodically and arrange controls and gadgets so that the time spent tuning will be minimized and the process of finding the “best” adjustment facilitated.

At my station, an unusual piece of home-made control equipment is used which I feel is essential to make tuning of the transmitter an easy matter and to avoid putting on the air such an interfering signal as described in the above paragraph. It is a foot key and may be readily constructed in a number of ways from material in any amateur’s junk box. On the under side of a foot rest for a motor car accelerator, is mounted a contact point secured from a Ford spark coil. The foot rest is then mounted on a small wooden base, together with another contact point which is well insulated from both base and upper contact. A coil spring is arranged to keep the foot rest in the “up” position and a little pressure from the operator’s foot will close the contact and circuit. The key is fitted with a long, soft phone cord and a plug which fits the standard radio “phone jack. This jack, at my station, is mounted alongside the regular hand keys and is connected across them.

When transmitter adjustment is necessary the foot key is plugged into the keying circuit, and the key itself placed on the floor below the transmitter, with these conditions following:

1. Both hands are free to tune the transmitter.
2. Means of keying without removing the hands from the equipment being tuned, is secured.
3. No needless QRM for, after a little practise, it is easy to QRV and even sign call with the foot key.
4. If fireworks start it is much easier to lift foot and stop same than to rush madly for the weight on the key or to throw control switches.
5. A good adjustment that will key properly must be obtained. The possibility of keying and adjusting at the same time makes this far superior to the “book-on-key” method.
6. An unbroken wave being placed on the air as a source of QRM to others is eliminated, for the transmitter is being keyed while the set is tuned.
7. While any signal may give rise to a certain amount of QRM, this method will with a little practice, cut the time spent in tuning to one third or possibly one fourth, thus materially bettering operating conditions at stations making use of such a device.

† A Dictaphone foot control, a burned-out or discarded sewing machine motor foot-throttle speed control, two hinged wood strips with a spring holding two contacts apart, or an old telegraph key with a foot lever substituted for its knob are constructional ideas which will immediately come to mind. — F. E. H.
It might be well to add that both the foot and hand keys at my station are used with a keying relay, which makes possible the use of standard phone cord for all key connections since a small current is flowing when the keys are closed. So much for the foot key or Pediplex as it is more properly called. It is a good item to have around the 1929 station.

Our mothers used to warn us, when we were children, to stay out of the cookie box, which we would do, providing the jar of jam was placed in a more accessible position than it previously held. The same idea now applies to all of us, radio operators. If an evil is present, it is far better to describe a means, easily secured, which will feel are good and will help others. After all, we are working toward the same goal and it makes no difference which one of us or group of us reach it first. Let's help each other and we will get there together.

TRAFFIC BRIEFS

An incident in the history of W6GZ, which was somehow omitted from the recent article in QST was the calamitous burnout of the power transformer on the occasion of an attempted QSO while the set was hooked to the direct current mains of Hotel Davenport, in Spokane, Wash.

During this summer weather it sometimes gets up to unmytotoor degrees Fahrenheit in the attic, or wherever the smoke happens to be. Of course a fellow can take his shirt off, or drink iced tea, or wear a wet sponge under his chin, but an even better stunt is to go to bed at the proper time, forget the hot weather, and get up early in the morning, when the cool breezes are blowing—then you can pound brass without even sweating.

W6GZ gives the following extract from an actual QSO that he heard. It is ordered from an example of what a well-operated station ought not do:

"Thanks OB for dope OH ur sigs fr OH hr OB as OB do u know Bill Mueller . . . (etc.) well OB goes all hr OB QTCU ar k . . . ch OB Wayne fr all OB wi OB QHRU hr OB 72 hope ungen OB ar sk." Umph

W4WS, after having "shot" it a UX210, discovered that radio frequency leakage on the tube base could be avoided by drilling a 1/4" hole between the plate and grid prongs. A sharp drill must be used, and one must drill carefully until the drill is almost through.

W4WS has been doing some good DX on the 14-mc. band using a power input of only 45 watts. Most of the United States districts, as well as Chile, Mexico, and Canada, have been worked. The 14-mc. (20 meter) band ought to be FB for summer work.

Some noteworthy low power work has been done by W1BLV of Woosocket, R. I., in contacting successfully and handling traffic with W1BJD of Haverhill, Mass. A plate voltage of 5 was used on the plates of two UX210 tubes. At a later date, W1BLV tried lowering the plate input when working W6GZ in Red Hill, Pa. The voltage was dropped from 90 to 45, then from 45 to 22, and finally to 9 and then to 5. The signal strength decreased after the 45 mark, and finally dropped to about Q5A1.

Although the Beginners' Code Practice has been postponed during the summer months until the good radio weather comes back next fall, there are still a few enthusiastic beginners, and even one or two volunteers who are willing to put practice on the air for those who care to listen. We are pleased to announce that W6SEQ, owned by Mr. Charles C. Way, of 366 Oakes Blvd., San Leandro, Calif., will keep schedules at the following times:

Sunday—8:00 to 9:00 a.m., P.S.T. — 1950 kc. (151 m.)
Weekdays—5:30 to 6:15 p.m., P.S.T. — 1950 kc. (151 m.)

Interested beginners should get in touch with Mr. Way.

The value that amateur radio can prove itself to be in some circumstances was recently brought out again to us in a letter that we received from Mr. E. B. Elliott, K7ALQ, of Ketchikan, Alaska:

"When I had my amateur station out at Akutan, Alaska, I went through about as unfortunate and heart-breaking a tragedy as can befall anyone. My wife and three others were drowned on Christmas morning, leaving me the sole survivor at the whaling station there. If it had not been for my amateur station I could not have sent word out for fully a month, and in that length of time I am sure that I would have gone mad if I had not been able to communicate with the States and have two men sent up to remain with me until Spring. It is something like this that really brings home to one the great part Amateur Radio plays in this World of ours."

During the past season W6EAUF conducted regular transmissions of code practice with our Beginners' Code practice work. We received a letter from him the other day, telling us that his "class" of two has graduated. The first graduate, a service station man, is now W6GQY; and the second, a lawyer, is now W6QOF. Both obtained high marks in their examinations. W6EAUF opined that he is now fixed for gas, and if he needs protection of any sort . . . well, he has two friends, anyhow!!

W9AAW, one of Chicago's best-known old timers, recently "stepped off" into married sublimity. The lucky girl was formerly Miss Mary Louise Scheidhelm. Good luck, Bill!!!

The Poly Radio Club, of the Polytechnic High School in San Francisco, has during the past year been trying to start a communication network between various high schools. Its amateur station, W6QC, has kept one schedule a week with W6YG, the amateur station of the Santa Cruz High School. The arrangement has worked out very nicely, facilitating the exchange of up-to-the-minute news for the school papers, reports of athletic contests, reports of debates, etc. Other high schools with radio amateurs should take note of this worthy adaptation of amateur radio. FB!.

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Expeditions

Tn facilitate work between amateur stations and small craft, expeditions, and the like, we have started a concise directory of active expeditions, listing the call signal, the frequency used for amateur contacts, and where possible operating schedules. We request and invite advance information concerning the route and duration of proposed trips, so that we may print in this section of QST material that will be mutually helpful and advantageous to both expeditions and amateurs. Our tabulation will be reviscd from month to month in accordance with the most recent information received. Expeditions are also invited to send us reports, abstracts, and articles concerning the communication work and the different matters that arise in their travels that might be of general amateur interest.

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WFA

Little America, Antarctica, June 12. — The continuous night enveloping the Byrd Expedition winter base at Little America, Antarctica, has brought with it changed radio conditions. Summer static in the states has made our signals more difficult to copy there and the increased amount of darkness en route has resulted in lowering the optimum frequency for best communication. Of late the Aurora Australis has caused relatively dead periods of unreliable contacts.

Every one of the forty-two men expresses thanks to those amateurs who have heard our signals sufficiently well to allow them their ranging some words to our homes and to us. We are contacting them whenever time permits. Unfortunately, official expedition schedules with "WFA," S.S. Eileen Bolting, and "WHID," The New York Times, for the regular transmission of press, have precedence over all other communication work, leaving only a few hours a day for hams.

Our gas supply is limited, too, so we must confine our amateur contacts to those operators who can copy words single and who receive us well. Best contacts have generally followed "CQs." We are carrying as few schedules as possible. Conditions vary greatly, and a strong signal from one part of the country on one schedule many times has been passed over as unsatisfactory on the next schedule.

"WFA" usually calls CQ after finishing other regular schedules and at 0400 (0700 and 1000 GMT daily), employing either 6590 or 8810 kc. (45.34 or 30.25 meters), depending on conditions. For those who ask "CQ?" "Please CQ," WFA is at latitude 78° 54' south and longitude 163° 50' west, the southernmost radio station in the world. Put a trust there on your map if it goes down that far. We are 5000 miles from the nearest post office or other human habitation. The next boat will reach us in January, 1930, and we will be pleased to send cards then. Receiving conditions are generally good here. Expedition business, and press totalling over twenty-five thousand words a month is handled with "WHID." Hundreds of messages have been marked via amateurs. Stations worked to date include all U.S. districts, Hawaii, Canada, Greenland, Norway and LGS at Spitzbergen, which is almost at the antipodes from us. The special voice programs from Pittsburgh and Schenectady are eagerly listened to every Saturday and enjoyed when audio squealing is not too bad. Formerly KDKA on 25.4 meters was superior but, as the winter advanced, conditions have changed until now, WGZ's 20-meter voice is much the better. Hanson (MP) and Petersen (Pete) join me in best regards.

WFAEC, WSMM-W9UM, WSQF, and W2RRF were in touch with WFA several times during the month of June, handling and delivering several love messages from the Byrd Expedition on these occasions.

WSBS

Yacht Carnegie, WSBS, Sr. 1, June 25 (replied WSBSW8AK-W1MK). A.R.R.L., Hartford, Conn. -- We reached Panay Port, Samoan, April 1st, made an overnight sail to Apia, April 5th, proceeding to Guam in the Marinas, arriving May 20th and departing May 25th. The next port was Yokosuka, where we stayed from June 8th to June 26th. We are now bound for San Francisco, where we shall remain about a month. Hope to reach there July 25th on
schedule. Radio conditions have been uniformly good since my last report and schedules have worked well with W6CIS, W6AWK, W6HM, K1AF, K6DTG, OM1TB, J1CT and K1V. W6HM has now discontinued his schedule, and J1CT has not yet resumed since leaving Japan. The others are still going strong. Manila observatory weather reports, sent us through the kindness of K1AF, were very helpful in two little skirmishes with typhoons. Running into a storm center, the expedition met high seas and strong winds, and the experiences cropped up as a result of magnetic effects that affected those aboard the Carnegie to use the radio information in plotting a predicted course of the storm center, after which the course of the ship was changed, resulting in a rising barometer, moderating winds, and danger averted. OM1TB, in Guam, made plot arrangements for us before our arrival. He is a very enthusiastic amateur and interested in meteorology. We heard (by the individuals reporting) several different things and also reported to Headquarters from more than one source as proof of the consistency of the station and its regular use of a good signal. Each month Section Managers and Route Managers select the outstanding signals considered as representative of the best consistently operated stations in each band. Those having the steadiest and sharpest tuning signals are reported for QST mention. Of course stations with perfectly good signals must do a certain amount of operating to be generally heard and reported. Our lists thus credit both the outstandingly good signals and consistency or reliability. No stations with choppers or uncalled-for broadness can qualify, and the attention of observers has been called to this fact so that even the prettiest of signals will not be reported if guilty of being broad and inconsiderate of others. Since our reports come from all over the country they are equally fair to all station owners.

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Reported by one or more operators:

W6EPX, 7000 kc. daily, 12:30 p.m.; 7000 kc., daily, 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

W6TK, 7250 and 7020 kc., Daily except Sunday, 3:00-5:00 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m.; W9DXZ, 3500 kc., Mon. 6:30 and 10:45 p.m., Wed., Fri. 6:30 p.m. S6NZ (7015) Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:30 p.m.

High-Quality Signals

REALLY good signals with the requisite sharpness, steadiness, and clarity of tone, which meet our present-day standards of perfection are not too numerous to judge from all reports.

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Reported by four or more observers:

W1CGR, W1MK, W9DXX.

(7000 kc.) W1MK, W6CAU, W9CSS, W9CVN, W9DRJ.

Reported by three observers:

W2ZF, W8AKX, W8ZZ, W9CQY, W9DXZ.

(7000 kc.) W8ADS, W8WO, W9CWS, W9DRJ, (7000.4) W9EUG.

Reported by two observers:

W8KLU, W8CMF, W8DAQ, W5EB, W5RK, W8RD, W8XK, W8BEJ, W5BZ0, W9DSC, W9EUK, W9EQU, W9EUG.

(7000 kc.) W1EK, W4AM, W4PP, W5AMA, W5PA, W9DQJK, W9DRJ (7142), W5GZ, W5L3T, W5PL, W5RH, W5UK, W5RIT, W5RMB, W5CT, W9DXP (14,000 kc.) W5IB.


HARE YU CHAIR WARMERS!

Fellows of the sick bed and wheel chair, rejoice in these tidings that a club, newly organized by a coterie of disabled amateurs who have banded together for social intercourse, invites all of you to join. The name of the club is "The Chair Warmers." Its good will be both social and technical. It will enable you to meet your brother invalid over the air in greater numbers than hitherto has been possible. It will give you, through correspondence and through the monthly bulletin that is printed by W8DIEK, all of the available dope on how best to build your bedside transmitter and receiver. Monthly dues are ten cents. You are invited to join whether you are on the air or not. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Walter J. Colpus, W8BRS, 23 Henderson St., Pontiac, Michigan.
The several amateur stations appearing in the Brass Pounders' League are noted for their consistent schedule-keeping and dependable message-handling work in amateur radio. Special credit should be given to the following stations in the order listed responsible for our reported schedules in the current month:

**WIMK, WERTY, WOEEO, W9FLG, W1HR.**

Delivers count! A total of 200 or more bona fide messages handled and counted in accordance with A.R.R.L. practice, or at least 30 or more deliveries will put you in line for a place in the R.P.L. Why not make sure your stations are heard and take steps to handle the traffic that will qualify you for R.P.L. membership also!

**WIMK**
A.R.R.L. Headquarters Station WIMK operates on frequencies of 3575 kc. and 7150 kc. Robert B. Parmenter, KIP,* is the chief operator; his band is familiar to most of the amateur fraternity. Occasionally other members of the Headquarters’ staff operate at WIMK. Their personal signs may be found in the QRA Section of QST.

Throughout the following schedules Eastern Standard Time will be used.

**OFFICIAL AND SPECIAL BROADCASTS** are sent simultaneously on 3575 kc. and 7150 kc. at the following times:

- 8:00 p.m.: Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
- 10:00 p.m.: Mon. and Fri.
- 12:00 p.m. (midnight): Sun., Tues., and Thurs.

**GENERAL OPERATION** periods have been arranged to allow every one a chance to communicate with A.R.R.L. Headquarters. These general periods have been arranged so that they usually follow an official broadcast. They are listed under the time headings of 3575 kc. and 7150 kc.; to indicate whether the watch is devoted to listening on the 30-meter band or to the 40-meter band.

- *3500 kc.*
  - 8:10 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
  - 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. (No OBC sent before these periods.)
  - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (or later) on Sunday night (Monday morning).
- *7000 kc.*
  - 10:10 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sun., Mon., and Fri.
  - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the following nights (at any time on the morning of the day following): Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. (Only on Tues. and Thurs. does the OBC precede these periods.)

**SCHEDULES** are kept with the following listed stations, through any of which traffic will travel expeditiously to A.R.R.L. Headquarters. The frequency included within parenthesis indicates the band to which each individual station keeps the schedule with WIMK:

- W1ACH, Brookline, Mass. (3500); Sun. and Thurs.
- W1BIG, Augusta, Maine (3500); Mon., Thurs., and Fri.
- W1LY, Cambridge, Mass. (3500); Mon. and Fri.
- W1VB, Newton, Conn. (3500); Tues. and Fri.
- W2JE, Jersey City, N. J. (3500); Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
- W3BWT, Washington, D. C. (3500); Sun., Mon., Tues., and Fri.
- W3DZ, Danville, Va. (3500); Mon. and Fri.
- W3EQ, Fort Monroe, Va. (3500); Thurs.
- W3SQ, Fort Howard, Md. (3500); Tues. and Thurs.
- W3ZF, Azleb, Pa. (3500); Sun. and Thurs.
- W3ZS, St. David’s, Pa. (3500); Mon. and Thurs.
- W4AEF, Lake Elsinore, Fla. (7000); Sun., Tues., and Fri.
- W4AKW, Lancaster, Calif. (7000); Mon. and Thurs.
- W6CIS, Sacramento, Calif. (7000); Mon. and Fri.
- W9EOO, Williams, Calif. (7000); Sun. and Tues.
- W9AG, Oli City, Pa. (3500); Sun.
- W9ARX, Oneonta, N. Y. (3500); Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.
- W9BWN, Columbus, Ohio (3500); Mon., Tues., and Fri.
- NNIC Ninigara (7000); Mon.
- W2ZJZ, Detroit, Mich. (3500); Sun. and Thurs.
- W3GAL, Toronto, Ont. (3500); Tues. and Fri.
- W9PY, Berkeley, Ill. (3500); Tues.
- W9BFR, Rockford, Ill. (3500); Sun. and Fri.
- W900X, Louisville, Ky. (3500); Sun. and Thurs.
ATLANTIC DIVISION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA — Acting SCM, Don L. Lusk, W3ZB — Greetings, fellows, this is my first report as Acting SCM. Please notice the new ORA, Box 45, Philadelphia, Pa., and forward reports here so that we can get them to QST on time. W6CW0 is in Chicago enjoying himself and visiting hams there. W5IS is busy with exams and trying to make a sidewise. W6FON of Easton has been appointed route manager. Give him your support, fellow. I am busy in this section. W6CG requests renewal of his ORS now that school is over and he is back on the air. W6RM reports working W1MD5 and making his WAC on 14,000 kc. W8AWO has a temporary power supply to his new transmitter. W8MC reports several good QSOs on 14,000 kc, and wants an ORS. W8VD complains of QRN and YLs. W3CDS manages to handle some traffic but complains of vacations hurting his sked. W3ZF burned out four of the new UX86's and was off 3500 for a while. W8LJ wants WAC with a 210 in 14,000.


MARYLAND—DELAWARE—DIST. OF COLUMBIA — Acting SCM, Forrest Calhoun, W3CBS, and locality, W3CBS, Maryland.

Things are very slow in this section. We have a few new ones on the start, the, and things may take a change soon. W3WH has moved again, so is off temporarily. W3AJR, W3AMU and W5YM are very and new promising hams in Baltimore. W3BBW is still on every now and then but it seems that the old traffic routes are missing fire. Delaware. W3AJH is going to Bethany Beach with the Naval Reserves. W3ALQ is experimenting with television and trying to get a 28-Mc. receiver and transmitter going. District of Columbia: W8APX has left GSO with a Russian in Leesburg, MD. W8OM, W3WG is a new ham in Washington. W3ALF is ready to go again. Sorry to say had to make a few cancellations this past month but as you all know you MUST report regularly.


WESTERN NEW YORK — SCM, C. S. Taylor, W5PI — W5ABQ has taken advantage of the nice weather by experimenting with three types of antennas. W5ALE now has his crystal transmitter completed, reports traffic, W8APG now handles foreign traffic with 8SBMG. W5AYB is now using tone for the summer. W8BBP has about completed his new radio shack. W8BCM moved recently. W5UIO is doing very well on UX210. W8BBG says anyone expecting to come to the Auburn set-together in August should practice up on Q sigs as a prize is offered for best Q ops attending the hamfest. W8KXQ works P1AYW on an UX210. He will be going full fall to the opening of his other station. W8FC, W8UIO is experimenting with antennas. W8DLV has been building a new transmitter. W8BJM has fair traffic on 3500. W8LBP is off the air but will be with us again soon. W8MIF, a new station with a 201A, is now handling traffic. W8CSW is handling air traffic from Montour Falls, N. Y. W5CPC has just finished another crystal controlled set. W5DI1 will be off until Sept. W5DME has schedules with W5AHK and NSR on 76 meters. He also states W5CJ is in section in a cemetery and answers all calls from old timers. W5DRY has trouble with H77A. W5DUP has schedules with W5OA and W5ARX.


WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA — SCM, A. W. McAuley, W5SC — It appears that the optimism of last month regarding summer traffic was hardly justified, in view of the results of the month's reports. W5SC's work was all done on the 14,000-kc. band. W5CTG, a new ORS, is second in line this month. Six schedules at W5CCE are still clicking feebly. W5DJK, W5DQO and W5DVZ are building a large station out of town a mile or so. W5AGO has a new schedule but no positive reports yet. W5CQZ lost $90 worth of stuff in one week. That's hard luck, OM. W5DVZ wants a Phillips schedule. W5AVY went to the Convention.

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W8SCM went to Michigan right after the Convention and W8CTK will take the place of W8CM9 for the summer. W8DIQ needs only an aerial to complete his 40-meter crystal control set. W8AYH is remodeling his antenna system. W8OW is building a couple of fine transmitters. W8DHR, for ten years high school principal in Oakmont, is going into business for himself. The secretary of the Erie Radio Club sends in the following: W8CZL is a benevolent and now will make his home in Port Jefferson, L. I. W8CSS was a visitor in Erie and gave a talk to the members of the Club on Zepp and Mercury area. E8DRU has returned from college for the summer vacation and intends to set that call with a string helix. W8HSH attended the Convention, representing the Club. The Club holds its meeting every other Friday evening at the Y.M.C.A., fourth floor. All local members and others are invited.


CENTRAL DIVISION

KENTUCKY — SCM, J. B. Wathen, HI. W5BAZ — W5FS leads for the third time. W8GGB says low totals are due to lack of funds for new stimulator. W9Hamilton's first report came in with a bang. W8FBBX has settled down to duty and is beginning to make the elusive DX on 14 kc. W8GJG still tries his hand at extruding et al.


WISCONSIN — SCM, C. N. Crapo, W5VQD — W8BBW leads this section this month. W8CRT is keeping three schedules and handling a lot of traffic. W8DKT leads the ninth district for handling control traffic and for the summer attending Army and Navy training camps. W8DPW is also getting off the air and doesn't know when he will be with us again. W8FS is moving his outfit to the basement and will use remote control. W8DIJ has put up a W8DOE before tower. W8KBX is on every Monday for Army traffic at 8 p.m. and will handle traffic from Camp Grant this summer. W8CVI has new 4-tube screen grid Hull receiver working and reports very excellent results. W8DT is off the air because somebody borrowed his pen 101 take and other tubes. W8AAL says static cuts down DX on 3500. W8RIB wants Army Net schedules. W8IVD is going on 14,000, 7168, 3579 and 1798 kc. Regular schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 to 10 p.m. on 2959 kc.


MICHIGAN — SCM, Dulles W8A, W8CEF — W8DEC will operate W8NO at Platte Lake this summer on 7000 kc. W8DVE sends code practice on 2864 kc. every Sunday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. W8CAT has moved across the street. W8PP has a new SM2 and a pair of 960's, and expects to have the big noise ready soon. W8AX up at Muskegon is none other than W8DGT of Brooklyn. W8BRS is now rebuilding the Army Net stations. W8ASW has the call changed to W8GQG and will be off the air until fall. W8BBW blew the 210, but keeps going with a couple of 201A's. W8DIJ is rebuilding, W8ACB says the chemical rectifier is still doing...
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it stuff, WSCZJ manages to be on now and then. W9AXE has a new transmitter and wants to become an ORS. W8KD had his call changed to W8BRQ. W8AHEH has a fifty going soon. W8AUB took the commercial exam. W8AUT is working on both 2000 and 14,000 kc. now. W8CRA has the tube, but doesn’t know what to do with it. W9LX is at present working with the Eton Storage Battery Co. W8DAQ is putting out a fine signal and turns in a nice total for the month. W8DYN, W8HLM, W8JD, W8LNN and W8CEP are the Army Net stations in Detroit. W8DYN is the faster traffic man for the month. The SCM will give a good 160-400 kc. rating to the station handling the most "fill" messages for the month of Aug. 16th to Sept. 15th. Will print the crystal to any point in the band the winner desires. Just send me your report together with the messages. Let’s go.


OHIO — SCM, Howard C. Stock, W8BYX — WORN never misses a report. W8CGZ leads Ohio this time, which seems like old times, W8BYN and W8CRI come next. W8DWE, W8VU, W8YD, W8RTY TO gets his traffic scheduling with Brazil, W8DSF is off the present list, but he will take over a MOPA set. W8BRK may lose his traffic privileges with radio since getting hitched. W8DPE is also W8PKV now. W8BRZ says QRN is on high, W8ASC talks about his W8RDA. W8GKL is on a school assignment, W8CMIU works every other night, so is not on mutual. W8DDE is still plugging away. W8CRT is still playing baseball to the exclusion of radio. H. W8APB has charged to 14,000 kc. W8EJ is trying 14,000 for the summer. W8QP turns in a few, W8BXM turns in his first report. W8CSU heard his signals while away from home, and they sound just like they do in his monitor. W8SCU is in bed with pneumonia, and is making better. He says it is very sick boy. Here’s hoping you get over your illnesses soon. W8DWE is also W8DER and W8EJC is off for the air of most of the summer. W8BRQ is busy with his work and is moving his transmitter. W8ARP is working in Columbus and thinks it is permanent enough to warrant bringing his set down. W8AJO will be on the air again soon. W8PSL must be pretty busy with the Fords as with two outfits, he still has no traffic. W8BYX is almost silent now on account of too much work and too tired when he does lose time. W8ASL has bought himself a microphone and is looking for that far-famed radio crystal in Chicago. W8SQO is in New Orleans indefinitely. W8BNA should be back from school by now.


ILLINOIS — SCM, F. J. Hinda, W8APY — Traffic and stations seem to be going along fine in the Army-Amateur Net stations. W8DWA reports DX poor, due to QRN and dead air conditions. W8BEF is out for an ORS, W8CNY is still getting fine results on 160 meters. W8GJZ is one of the new Army Net stations. The 210 at W8ERV has gone West after a splendid record of 1400 messages and DX. W8BEF has a new MOPA on 14 meters. W8BOL is doing well with DX. W8XBR is District Army Net Control station. FB, OM, W8DHE has a new crystal. W8HDL has a DX — getting slow. W8CZJ is getting started again. W8CRR has a new "Home-Brew" transmitter using 20IA’s as rectifiers, and reports results better than with the old 20 M. G. W8BDQ, Austin Radio Club, has its TQGP going fine with a Herc. W8VQG had an operation, but is now OK and going along fine, W8DLK is doing traffic work with the help of schedules. W9KA has a new bug. W8PUI is installing a new MOPA and MOPA. Our ex-QAQA in KMIC in California, W8EA1 is back on the air, W8CVD is out for an ORS, W8BZT has a MOPA and is helping W8PU get things in shape for the summer. He has been busy doing several foreign stations. W8BVF reports a very nice traffic total, the result of getting several foreign stations. W8BYF reports a fine new code. W8DWA reports only three skeds. W8DWA reports no traffic this month. W8DVY is building a screen grid receiver. W8DVF 123.
NORTHERN MINNESOTA — SCM, Carl E. Jobs, W8BHV, W8ADZ has a new 852 and mercury and are working fine. W8EBO reports the DX still rolling in. W8C1Y keeps voices with W9DYN, W9LL and W9VX. W9DQG reports several new hams in the area. Duluth's 50-watt went on last, so he's using 210's now. W9GQQ is rebuilding his station for the coming season. W9UCF says he's preparing his set for his operating. W9WCT will use portable call W9PZQ while on his vacation trip this month. W9BWT is QRL and fishing. W9BXM reports that SCM Jobs in Ill. Hope it isn't anything serious, OM.


DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS — SCM, H. L. Velte, W5ABT — Our report is small this month due to the fact that only a few stations reported. W5AOK, our old monitor, states, says he is going to be on his job. W5AK has been having trouble with his rectifier. W5AAJ as net control of the Army-Amateur network is busy getting the fellows in his net lined up. W5CM leads the gang in traffic handling this month. W5BOD is back from the Radio Show full of new ideas. W5HN is planning a large tone test.


MISSISSIPPI — SCM, J. W. Gullett, W5AKP — Here's what happened during W5AKP's two months absence. The SCM is going to cancel his appointment, so you had better sit down and take notice of this. W5QQ has moved to Meridian, and is installing the equipment at W5QCO, where he is chief operator. W5FQ has his Western Electric 290 watt going down and he has turned this over to W5QG's manage-ment, they tell him CUL 73. W5QO has a new transmitter on and is working a roll of other stations over the country. W5BDE, who has his pile of junk up in his attic, says that is too hot to operate up there as he is not moving the key and receiver downwards where he will use remote control on his transmitter. W5AGS is going on a Naval Reserve cruise this summer. W5AQU is going also and will be an instructor in life saving at a Boy Scout camp this summer. W5AKP has had quite a bit of QRM from business this month.

LOUISIANA — SCM, M., M. Hill, W5EB — From the number of reports received this month, summer QRN and vacaton has cut down activity in this section. W5WF fell from the BPL index, but still has a nice total. W5SVX has gone to 14-m and band for the summer. W5BRO is being QRMed by the Y.S. but has time to put a tone on the air. The Y.L that W5PG delivered the messages to is really keeping him away from the key. W5BDJ has a 1928 Hartley all gone and it is too hot to operate. W5BVY is going to Texas, W5BAY and W5BE have located in Bastrop. LA., for the summer. Y51DN called on W5WF and brought him a parrot to send QO.


HUDSON DIVISION

NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND — Acting SCM, V. T. Kenney, W2BGO — Manhattan: W2BGO will be known as portable W2AXR and W8CVA, the eighth district station being located at Westport, N. Y. W2SC is putting in a new motor-generator. W2BDJ is looking for skeds. W2AOG will be in Allentown, N. J. until September, using the cell W2BBD. W2CQG is still working DX as well as handling a certain amount of QRM. W2IB handles his job as 00 very well and keeps the gang in the bands. Bronx: W2AET will be with us again as soon as he recuperates after an operation. W2AFT and W2ALI are giving their share of traffic work. W2ABS is rebuilding. W2BF has changed his QRA and will be heard in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa for keeping him in touch with his brother in Nebraska. Brooklyn: W2APB has gone to sea. W2BIV reports consistent QSO will all continents with an 852 and 700 mw. W2BVR, W2WCI and W2WCD are all going strong, and the only active volunteer Naval Communications Reserve station is W2BCZ. W2AFY has returned from college and is op'ing on W1CH. Long Island: W2AVP has left us for a short time aboard the S. S. Irons bound for Honduras. W2BZK is soon to be heard with a new set. W2TV is still keeping traffic moving.


EASTERN NEW YORK — SCM, F. M. Holbrook, W2CNS — W2QK makes the BPL with schedules with nu1NIC daily on 14,290 kc. W2LU handled good traffic through QRN. W2AAX likes 2800 kc, for traffic. W2ABV leaves his former Army schedule maps on account of hot weather. W2BKN worked 20 stations this month and reports W2AHH is after commercial license. W2AUQ requests cancellation of OHS as HR work and other business interferes, but he will still be on the air. W2AOR is leaving Boston for his home in Catskill, so listen for him in this district this summer. W2SZ has closed his station for the summer. W2FE is again rebuilding as hard as anyone can. W2AXX wrote a full page of short wave dope, boosting another amateur radio and A.R.R.L., in Sunday Sunvertiser. Press. He worked PY2AD on 28 me, so thanks sent is now OK. W2ALL reports new ham, W2AQT, in Poughkeepsie on 3500 kc. W2BLN has new QRA at 578 Park Ave., Yonkers.


NORTHERN NEW JERSEY — SCM, A. G. Wester, W2VR — Traffic this month finds the smallest traffic totals ever handled in our section and the fewest stations reporting. ORS who do not report will find new W5NX's of their calls or activities in this column. W2VR is getting plenty of cards from Europe. W2IF, our new ORS, handled the greatest amount of traffic through fine skeds with W1MK. W2AOS does all his work in the Army Amateur Net. W2CTQ sent in his report while vacationing at Lake George. N. Y. W2CIX has been very busy installing a HF set on a yacht. W2BY has been placed on the inactive list for the summer, but she promises a good comeback for the fall. Between the BCL station and W2S, W2IS has a hard job running time to operate. W2APB is sporting a new Ford roadster, with all extras, and burns up all roads at night.


MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA — SCM, H. W. Kerr, W9DZW — Honors to the new reporter, W9CWA, as top man with both he and W9BCA in the BPL on deliveries. FR W9CWA wants Nebraska and Kansas schedules. W9FEO is on all bands. W9BRH is on 28 and 14. W9BRH is busy working on another new reporter by radio. W9FDT finds time from gas pumping to work a few. W9E1W is QRL strawberries. W9ERN now located at Grand Rapids, Mich., and will rebuild there. Kruse, ex-W9NEK, is 142-3BB on the air here. W9GDR gets nice reports for his 201A from both coasts. Ames is to have two new stations. W9FGF has new rig MOPA, and W9CCY is active. W9BJ is now an at WLBW and works W8BED occasionally. W9DZW is on daily from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 12:45 noon.


KANSAS — SCM, J. H. Ams, W9CET — Traffic is building in this section even with the hot weather. W9FLG is setting the pace for the rest of the gang and says his new SG receiver is the best yet. W9E5L is trying hard to beat W9FRT for first honors and says he has the traffic bug now. W9L9H is also after the charts and set a 210 in the race. W9GCI, the new man in the section, started out with a bang. W9DEB using 2 112A's is giving a lot of the high-powered boys something to shout at. W9HTG has a new 210, W9FIO has completely rebuilt his transmitter and getting out fine DX now. W9WRT is still keeping traffic moving and has plans putting in a new 400-h. turbine. W9FGF finds 7000 kc. much better than 3500 kc. W9EFUS is too busy with the Y.S. to fool with radio. H.I. W9BHR won't be any good until he goes fishing. W9CET is getting ready to put the crystal on 1400 kc. for the summer. W9WCFN cut his sheepskin and now has to go out in the cold world and labor. W9CKV can't
get any traffic with a 210.W9FLG, W9ESL and W9GHI make the DPL FB, fellows. The SCM would like to have reports from Grand Island and W9HCF active.


New England Division

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS — SCM, E. L. Battey, W1UE — This will be my last report as your SCM, and I am filling the vacancy at Headquarters made by the resignation of Mr. R. B. Huber, who returns to Iowa. I have enjoyed my term with you and want to thank each of you for the fine support given me. Mr. E. R. Sharp, W1ACH has accepted appointment as Acting SCM until a new man can be elected. All reports should be sent to him at 9 Fairbanks St., Brookline, Mass. W1UQ is doing fine work on 3500 kc. and keeps skeds with W1AQW and W1TB. W1RL went on a U.S.N.R. cruise. W9DVL paid W1BWT a visit. W1LM reports everything quiet except the QRN. DX has been at W1AZE during the past month. He says the W9GCL is coming to M. I. T. this fall for an education. The two 210's at W1KH were two years old this month. Tennis takes quite a bit of W1ACH's time these days. High temperatures are holding up production at W1AS1. Hi, W1KY is letting up a bit. He is raisingLady skeds. W1AQW handled a batch of traffic from an exhibition at the Saugus High School. W1ACL, W9BGN, W9LQG and W11VE all paid him a visit during the past month. W9LQG is QRN and QRX and W11VE a bit of both. W1WV has been made ORS, and is probably a very good man. W1IW has been busy, and with skeds with W1LQG and W11VE both in DX and traffic work. He has submitted description of his station to Headquarters. The welding bells will soon be ringing merrily for W1IU to the tune of a never-ending QSO. Good luck, OM! W1ARS has dropped his skeds until fall. The least an ORS can do is report, and that takes but a couple of minutes. Won't you all fill out a card each month that shows you are still there? Remember to key up the next SCM with even more pep than you did W1UE, and I wish you all good luck. Very 73.

Traffic: W1LQ 104, W1U 100, W1AQ 90, W1AC 85, W1AL 55, WIY 23, W1UW 5, W1RE 31, W1RL 18, W1AN, W1AEZ 12.

CONNECTICUT — SCM, C. A. Weidenhamer, W1ZL — W1BWV is a new ham in New Haven. W1AMG has matriculated his outfit with a pair of 86's. W1IKM has been appointed W1NNNC. W1AFB worked W1FR, Byrd's base ship and handled some Antares, Y1ATG states that he will be inactive until September 15. W1AOI is active on 14 and 3.5 mc. W1BNS will enter Howdoin in the fall, and he feels that his radio days are over temporarily. W1CTT is still observing his sunrise schedules. W1BDI still keeps his W6AKW schedule on 7.06 mc.

W1TD has just completed a new transmitter and has started the construction of a monitor box. W1CKP is working W1GXL several times a week, as he has been doing for months. W1RP handled W1AKG and W1QH several times a week. W1HPD has joined the W1ISD, and W1QH, being the W1ISD, is almost lost to us.

W1LZL is making the band this month. W1IAO reports the crews of W1MDZ, Monal, Iraq. Traffic: W1MLW, W1MID, W1WID, W1ID, W1QH.

W1BNS is on 3600 I.C., and W1PN is still pressing judgment on the censors in Havana. W1LZL built a new receiver and a frequency meter. He is a WAC now, having worked Y1MDOZ, Monal, Iraq.


MAINE — SCM, G. C. Brown, W1AQJ — By the time that this report has reached the readers of QST, the advanced information on the Maine Convention will be in the hands of the Maine gang and some out-of-state hams. If there is anybody who has not received a copy and has any intentions of attending the convention, please notify the SCM at once. The Queen City Radio Club holding its meetings regularly twice each month, W1AUR seems to be doing the banding this month, W1ATO sends in a fine total again, even though being QRL with work and U.S.N.R. W1BQ is on 3500 G[.]F. when he feels like it. W1BQG is doing fine work on 3500, and W1QH QSWD reports bad weather conditions. W1AQD was not on the air much. W1COV states that W1CDX and himself have a regular schedule with EAR54. W1TB sends in his third report and says that schedules are FB for traffic. W1LQ is due for an ORS ticket. W1HYF almost left us this month, W1BFZ, one of our old traffic men, is back on the 4000-ke. band again and is ready for business.


RHODE ISLAND — SCM, C. N. Kraus, W1BCR — W1BCR is now being operated by the Radio Club of Rhode Island. A schedule on 21 meters submarine reports will be transmitted every Monday at 8:00 and 10:30 p.m. E.D.T. W1DVL is still working FB on low power. W1MO has his new transmitter peaking and has QSO'd many foreigners. W1N will probably be off the air during the summer. W1AWE is still using a 50 and works 'em all. W1AMU has been on 3500 with a low power fine which works FB, W1BLS is back on 3500 ke. He reports working W1BFZ in daytime with but 5 volts on the plate.

The Radio Club of R. I. after its first annual banquet and meeting June 1st at Brown University. Many nauticals were present and gave interesting talks, license examinations were conducted and a good time had by all.

Traffic: W1VR 22, W1BCR 9, W1MO 9, W1AWE 3.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS — SCM, Dr. J. D. Tesmer, W1UM — W1BYW says that when he is not at the key he is at the "Ole Swimmer's Hole." W1BSN is working Hawaii regularly. W1BSJ says that Rolls Royce came in and asked for a QSL when W1R was at the air for the summer starting June 15th. W1WBW will be on by the summer starting June 15th. W1WBW is also going to be on this summer. W1BLS is on 3500 ke, and has schedules at 7 and 8 p.m. W1BIV's QRN is 3000 ke. W1ADQ is on Naval Reserve drills Tuesday nights, and belongs to both the Naval Reserve as well as the Army Note. W1WLS has schedules every evening except Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30 with W1CQ, W2AIJ and W8DHT. W1BQJ, the Worcester
Radio Association, had an enjoyable social gathering June 7th.
Traffic: WIDGM 43, WIAMZ 1, WIBIX 25, WINS 18, WIFCO 22, WICTF 8.

Vermont — SCM, C. A. Paulette, W1T - There was a fine gathering of the boys in Vermont at the summer camp of W1T, and a FR time was had by W1CGX, our CRM, W1BCK, W1BF, W1AOC, W1BIX, and, once W1T. Let us all enjoy the summer months now, OEs, and when fall comes, let's get old Vermont on the map. What say?
Traffic: W1AOC 29, W1BDX 57, W1CGX 12, W1T 20, W1JR 22.

New Hampshire — SCM, V. W. Hodge, W1A1J - Although this Section is experiencing the usual summer slump, considerable traffic is being handled. W1MS is now using crystal-control on 14 mc. with good reports. W1MS is managing an orchestra and will be on tour with a new outfit. W1AEF says that the summer weather has kept him away from the key. W1AUY is doing considerable work with phone in the 3000-ke. band. W1APK reports being heard in New Zealand on 3000 ke. W1AUE has been handling with W1A in the Antartic. W1IP is doing a little DXing on 7000 ke. W1MB is rebuilding and expects to be on soon.

NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

Oregon — SCM, W. S. Claypool. W7UN - W7PF wants traffic south as all he goes north. He has a half kw input to a pair of UX8S2 in push-pull PTTG circuit with a mercury are using pushing westward. W7MV tries 28,000 ke. Again. The new SCM is considering a change of OHS if the present ones continue to go so indifferent about reporting. W7PF will be QST. W7JRC reports a new ham at Roseburg. W7AAB is out for traffic. W7AI X, W7AIG, W7ACG, W7EC and W7GQ all hit the ether once in a while. W7W and W7GQ are active and report FR. W7AME and, once OES, is attending classes with the National Guard. W7ALM lost his shed with AOX but says the mercury vapor tubes are sure FB. W7RHR moved to Portland. W7UN spent a week in Seattle having a good time in general. The KM requests that he not get more and better cooperation from OHS.

The Western Division Convention is being planned for August 30th and 31st. W7A JW on the BattleShood is ready to go now with TPTG UX8S2 with mercury are and screen grid receiver. W7FPF will resume the duties of reporter as for usual.

Traffic: W7PF 228, W7UN 102, W7W 60, W7MV 57, W7AMQ 38, W7ALM 28, W7QK 26, W7ACG 14, W7JC 9, W7GQ 8, W7ABE 7, W7EC 1.

Washington — SCM, Otto Johnson, W7F - W7R and W7KO are going on this month. FB, OMs. W7TX proves his consistent work as usual. handling the bulk of the Alaska traffic. W7AFO, W7MW, W7GA, W7ACV and many others have turned in some fine DX. some of them working W7EF. he was in the Indian Ocean. W7FPF reports being on the sick list but is OK again. W7BR and W7AI are on 7000. Many of the gang are planning to attend the big 7th district convention on August 30 and 31st at Portland. W7AC5 has been out of town most of the month.

W7LZ is the proud daddy (and how!) of a 6-pound Junior Op. Chris says his sizes are R11, DC and not too stedy. Congratulations, Ols. and more power to you all. W7FD is preparing his equipment for a move to his permanent location in the early fall. Reports traffic from some of the Alabama boys were received through W7TX as usual. K7ABE, K7H1L, K7MN and K7AER are the mains and handle lots of traffic.


Montana — SCM, O. W. Viera, W7AT - The SCM is sick in bed at this time, so the report is being made up at HQ. Hope you will be better soon, OM. W7AAW sends in his first report. W7FL is going home for an indefinite time so off the air temporarily. W7DD worked ZL, AC, TI and Chile. Nothing the matter with his ham. W7KT keeps a daily except Sunday. He is working with W7HP.

PACIFIC DIVISION

San Francisco — SCM, C. E. Bone, W6WB — The honors this month all go to two new boys. W6ERK and W6KIP. Both men make the BPL with W6ERK having a considerable edge. W6AC reports no traffic on account of night work. W6BEZ says he is installing new "50." W6WLM reports and says very busy. W6AVQ reports taking a message to A.R.R.L. from Japan. W6DZD says not much traffic but lots of rebuiding. W6ERK is running skeds twice daily except Wednesday. W6AYC-W6ZEF reports for the first time with a new total. Says W6AYC now has a portable call. W6CIS drops down this month on account of business. W6DZI is rebuilding his receiver. W6DIB is now president of the S.F.R.C., taking W6CIS's place. Lots of luck, Al. The Polytechnic High station, W6JC, is handling some traffic. W6EFH reports for the second time and says he is hot to make the BPL next month. W6DIF reports for the first time.

The S.F.R.C. held their quarterly dinner this month and everyone enjoyed himself immensely. Owning to his business taking him from town frequently. W6BW, our RM, finds it necessary to resign. Too bad. Art. A new RM will be appointed immediately. W6RFF reports and says the crystal is getting out in its old shape. Mr. Babcock gave us all the dope on the Director's meeting in Hartford at a recent meeting of the A.R.A. Many thanks, W6FLG reports and says going to put in a 50. W6FK working great DX on 14 mc. W6DHR and W6DQR with a UX8S2 FR, W6WCB handled two European messages direct to Belgium.


Los Angeles — SCM, D. C. Wallace, W6AM — W6AKW, W6CBW, W6DLY, W6EFA, W6AVJ and W6CHA make the BPL this month. W6CHA reports a 4000 word press message from WFA, handled without a fill and it took four hours solid to copy. W6AKW is keeping some good skeds. W6CBW says a lot of skeds have kept the traffic up in spite of final exams at school. Chain skeds are being arranged by the Pasadena Mount Wave Club for various parts of the country. W6C is ready for graduation from high school. Second op of his station is in the east visiting the fellows and is on with portable W6ZZZ. W6AVJ sends in a line total as usual. W6LFA is getting an 852 and is moving June 30th. W6AHF is taking a trip and in the air a little. The YL op at W6AHP is now W6OVA owning and operating her own station. W6BZJ is just rushing off to Boy's Camp. W6FJF is going to try to make the BPL on deliveries. W6EQF has no regular skeds but constant QSO's with Philippines and Hawaii account for his traffic total. W6DYZ, W6EJ, and W6DYL send in good reports. W6WLS has been on the air about two months. W6UJ has a fine new baby girl born Memorial Day. FB, OM. He is working in spare time with W6DLY on portable power supplies and with W6FLY on "Treasure Finders." W6FT was QSO WFA on June 5th and had a nice chat with the boys at the South Pole. W6ESA worked his first Canadian station. W6DHH is going to rebuild. W6EKC has portable call. W6CWS, W6CUH worked on E and G during the month on 14 mc. W6BZR wants to enter the A.R.R.L. cup contest. W6BPS sends in a little gossip — W6DHM had a visit from W6LTA — W6DOW blow his fifty watter. W6HRO has been on the air a week a week ago. W6DBS has a QRP line. W6EAM reports the tuned doubler receiving system working better than ordinary receiving antennas. W6AWP has been busy with school but still finds time to handle some traffic. W6DZEK reports that W6DLY worked W6EJ in Malbook, States, and W6DZEK is out of the blue skied. W6DZI had a visit from W6DSS who will be down to the convention. W6HT has been on 28 mc. working a lot of DX including France. W6AGR has had several

SANTA CLARA VALLEY — SCM, F. J. Quemest, W6NX—With 680 messages, 320 of them deliveries, and mostly all important traffic, W6HY maintains a daily aired with ACSRV and Pl which was noted for its reliability. He has now enlisted in the Signal Corp of the Army and will be stationed at Presidio, San Francisco, W6FZ took a decided slump this month, due to the lure of the trout streams in his vicinity. W6HMW reports the 7000-ke. band cluttered up with so many signals as to make any DX work impossible except during early mornings. W6JU made the last month all due to the sked with the YL W6FTA and K6CQF. H.


EAST BAY — SCM, J. W. Frates, W6CZR—The summer months are beginning to have their effect on the service traffic totals. Everybody is either on vacation or preparing for one. However, there is the usual group who take portable with them to the seashore, the woods, or the mountains, and these keep a steady stream of messages coming in for their folks at home. W6FP is high man this month for being a new man in the traffic work with a splash this month, W6EPS is doing very FB trans-Pacific work. W6EDO is doing his stuff in fine shape. W6CGM considers his month gone to waste if he can't garner a couple of skeds for traffic from P.I. W6HJ is washing up in Vallejo before moving back to his home in San Francisco. W6HPC is still tuning up, which has he been doing for the last six months. H. W6BIW expects to have a four tube screen grid receiver working soon. Houston of W6SR with W6DTH and others are operating W6SR and AV 3 at the Cal. Natl Guard Camp. W6LAX is still the traffic exeter of the section in spite of the Army's amateur work. W69J has had W6AJM from San Diego and W6QL from San Bernardino as guests during the month. W6OT, the station of the Oakland Radio Club, is back on the air again under the care of W6DUR. W6HMS has been on his vacation so hasn't been able to do much traffic work. W69JUX reports that he will be on the air with a UX-310 this summer. W6FJY says he is still too busy with his ball teams to do anything in the way of traffic. W6WDI is still pounding away on 28 mc. and other waves. W6EDK expects to be back on the air soon with 500 watts, MacChute, formerly of W6DUR, is on the air now with his own call and his OW is using the call of W6ALH. The Oakland Radio Club conducted a stunt night recently which was a great success. W6BDS now has the reputation of being the champion pie eater of the section. The club also took a trip to Stinson Beach and has other trips lined up for the near future.


SAN DIEGO—ACU SCM, H. A. W6COP—W6ACJ leads this section but will be closed down from July 7th to July 20 to go on Naval Reserve cruise. W6PF has a nice total and is keeping four skeds. W6EOS is now a new ORS and has six skeds. W6ER7 reports handling a traffic. W6DGL is keeping two good skeds. W6ZIZA portable has been traveling 11 years now keeping skeds. W6MA kept schedules with W6ZZA. W6DPY is trying out a Zepp antenna and it works FB. W6CZT, W6CRC report. W6BIS reports his new receiver is nearly built and will soon be on the air. W6JFJ is working on a copy of Peaco receiver. W6KAF graduated two from veteran radio school, from under his tuition. W6JAC hopes to have more traffic next time. W6DLK and W6DOW report as usual.

THE PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION will be at LOS ANGELES and the dates are—NOVEMBER 29TH AND 30TH.

and Friday: W1EFO (William, Calif.) 9:30 p.m. daily. 
Wavelength 42.8 meters. 
Traffic: KIHR 724. 

ROANOKE DIVISION

VIRGINIA — SCM, J. F. Wohlfried, W3CA — W3EC has applied for QRK and same will be issued at once. W3CM, W3MTF, W3EC and W6MO went into Norfolk shopping for scientific and visit some PPX, WPX and WPZ and went over and met W3NT and W3FP. W3PK is using TPTG circuit with two 210 tubes for 7000-ke. work. W3ARD is using 211 with 1200 volts on plates. W3AHW, an old spark ham, is back on with CW now. W3MTF uses bed springs for counterphase and his antenna is wound around the bale of hay from SCM. News and Norfolk are going to visit W3EC and see the new 250-watt W3AL working good DX on 28 mc. using a 201A with 135 volts. W3HY was off most of the month with antenna down and rebubbing receiver. W3IY has skeds with W1MK, W6CM and W6ZQ on 82 meters. W3BDZ has his MOPA circuit going on 3500.


W1NT VIRGINIA — SCM, F. D. Reynolds. W8YV — W8HDJ is still keeping Army sked with W8OK which backs a feature today. He still works the DX, but complains about traffic conditions throughout the state. W8OK is still keeping Army and Navy skeds, but is complaining about the weather. W8JM reports sked all ready to go, but lacks ambition. We have a couple of new hams in Elkina now, W8VI and W8T1. They are on 3500-ke. W8JZ has posted claim of DX and expects to be on when the 30's are asleep. W8DNX says he purchased a machinist's lathe and 250-tube sockets and has gone into business.

Traffic: W8KD 10, W8DP 41.

W8TF VIRGINIA — SCM, A. H. Pearson. W8JF — W8JF is visiting in Utah and going sight seeing.

Traffic: W8PO 34, W8TF 1, W8JF 1, W8JX 2.

W8TS VIRGINIA — SCM, H. L. Perlman. W8BY — W8BY is in Washington, D.C., for a couple of days and is waiting for a MAC. W8BT has to skeds going but promises a visit in the near future. W8BY has a 210 with 600 volts on the plate. W8BP is on for all summer on 7000 and 14000 kc. and school over.

Traffic: W8OH 7, W8BP 17, W8BT 10.

W8UD VIRGINIA — SCM, James H. Hill. W8BH — W8BH is planning a trip to the west coast and is enroute. He is on 14000 and 7000 kc. W8AE is installing another M.O.P.A. with a 210. W8AEF came to Tampa on his vacation and visited the SCM and W4AH, W4AC, W4JX and W4LIK. W4AEW has just received his ORS appointment and is on 7000 and 14000 kc. W4AEW has a new ham at Fernandina, FL and W8TF reports that he spent his vacation in Miami. W8AC has left Tampa and is playing in an orchestra for about three months. W8AM is now a commercial ticket. W8AJ is on 14000 and 7000 kc. W8AD has applied for a MAC. W8AM has been on for a few days with a new antenna. W8AD has not heard from W5KI and W3RH.


W8US VIRGINIA — SCM, S. L. Davenport. W8AB — W8AB is in Washington, D.C. for a couple of days and is on 14000 and 7000 kc. W8AE is another good station who is starting to report. W8AZT wants the gang to listen for his portable station (call not known yet) in his travels over the gulf. W8AM is keeping skeds going with W5KI and W3RH. W3JD is putting in his time with the official broadcast, chugging and speech handling. W3IF wants sked with anyone. W8JG is on Sunday p.m.'s mostly. W3SW is now second lieutenant in the Signal Corps Reserve and is on his way to Fort Sam Houston. W5ASQ is on F, W5AK is D. W4AEQ is off.


OKLAHOMA — SCM, W. J. Gentry. W5GF — Traffic has taken a jump this time, and W5FJ is the high man. W3FJ is fairly active, but W5ASQ has 50 or more skeds with the gang. W5ASQ wants all of the traffic all the time. With the new DX, W5WT has put in his time with the official broadcast, chugging and speech handling. W5IF wants schedules with anyone. W5GU is on Sunday p.m.'s mostly. W5ASQ has all oil and no traffic. W5ASQ has thrown away his QRM from that fishing pole. W8GJ is on now, but won't have that xtal going until fall. W5ASQ still has DX with the mark. W5ATZ has been late with his reports. Let's keep our traffic total going up, gang.
Traffic: W5FJ 37, W5NFE 14, W5SW 12, W5GF 12, W5ALP 8, W5AYF 7, W5AYO 3, W5H 19.

SOUTHERN TEXAS — SCM, R. E. Franklin, W5OX — The summer slump seems to have overtaken us this month, although the old reliables are still keeping some nice skeds and doing fine work. W5AHB is a new ORS in San Antonio and sends in a nice report. W5AHO is a new station in that city. W3BFY keeps a sked with W6BCA and is conducting some tests with W2XL prior to a sked with him. FB, OM. W5AHB keeps a sked with W5LP and W6CKV. W5TD kept a sked with W6CWW while W5OX was on the way to Seattle. He is attending the Los Angeles Shrine Convention, so that he could keep in touch with home. The SCM had the pleasure of a visit from W5AHO, the San Antonio Route Manager. He also had the good fortune to tour the west coast for three weeks and visit amateur stations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Denver, and must admit that the fellows out there are running the Good Old South a close second when it comes to hospitality.


CANADA

QUEBEC DIVISION

QUBEC — SCM, Alex Reid, VE2BE — We are now in the midst of the QRN season, but the ideal time for spotting and a number of the boys are taking advantage of this period to get up new antennas and other outside work. VE2AP has completely rebuilt VE2BB's station, both transmitter and receiver have been remodeled with the result that VE2BB worked six foreign stations in half an hour. VE2AP has moved to his new address and is using a Zepp and new 800 tubes, and reports good DX, checking Asia the second night on. VE2BE has erected a new pole, and expects good results when old man QRN gives him a chance. VE2BJ is preparing for his vacation, so radio is receiving little attention. VE2AL is doing some fine work on 1750 kc. VE2AC our old reliable at Thetford Mines, enters the BPL with a fine total. He will be going soon on three bands. Our RM sure sets the pace, and it is too bad that he does not receive better support in his traffic work from the rest of the gang.

Traffic: VE2AC 109, VE2BB 31, VE2BE 19, VE2AL 6, VE2BG 11, VE2CA 11.

ONTARIO DIVISION

ONTARIO SCM, E. C. Thompson, VE3PC — Central District SCM, VE3AL leads with Section in traffic handling this month. He is on the air daily on 3600 kc. keeping schedules. VE3VS has had such good luck on 14,000 kc. with a pair of 210's working everything in sight that now he says a 254A is on the way to help his signals in their wanderings. VE3AS is still keeping one schedule on 7000 and expects to leave for the North Very soon now on exploration work. VE3BO is hard at it again on 14,000, and also on 7000. In case any of you who read this really want traffic schedules with Toronto, get in touch with VE3BO, new QRA, 557 Willard Ave. VE3DW is a new station that we welcome this month, located at Beamsville.

Southern District: W. G. George, VE3GS — VE3AQ reports working a couple of Frenchmen. VE3CB advises the Junior Op, there has been assigned the call VE3DD. May we suggest that for many moons VE3SS has been delving into the mysteries of MOPA, but has not much time for radio. VE3DD is looking for VE skeds. He is on 3600 kc. nearly every night at 8:30 E.S.T. VE3HH did a little remodeling, and says he is getting much better reports. We welcome an old friend back in the game, Mr. Burr Graham, who has just been assigned VE3FD, and he promises some real work by the time this is read. The Southern District is putting on a hamfest under this summer, under the auspices of the Western Ontario Amateur Association, so watch for the announcement, gang, and back it for all you are worth.

Central District: VE3CL has worked all U. S. districts but the 30yd station on 14,000 kc., and is looking for new worlds to conquer. VE3RP is using 800 kc. in the early evenings, and he says that the fishing is good.

Traffic: VE3AL 30, VE3AQ 16, VE3BB 5, VE3VS 5, VE3BC 4, VE3CB 3, VE3FC 3, VE3CL 3.

LATE AND ADDITIONAL REPORTS

W7BB has been traveling through Japan. China and the Philippines. K1AP sent his report in by radio via W6EQP.

Traffic: K1AEF 230, K6DU 301, K6DWS 231, K6AVL 120, K6JTG 76, K6DCU 44, K6EST 30, K6ACW 16, KEITF 16, ACS 111.

VANALTA DIVISION

ALBERTA — SCM, E. J. Taylor, VE4HA — Nice weather has driven our gang to the woods, and there is very little to report this month. VE4GT is away most of the time, but expects to be on for a week soon. VE4BV has rebuilt, getting out FB with nice DC note. VE4EY is still gathering in DX. VE4HM works G6YQ. VE4EP is working phone at present.

Traffic: VE4HA 4, VE4EY 2.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — SCM, E. S. Brooks, VE4BJ — VE5DD, a new ORS appointee, has been QSO with ACS 90 (ex-VE5GO) and handled important traffic, returning answer in 20 minutes. VE5BC is a new station in the 7000-kc. band. Welcome to our midst, OM. The S.C.A.R.A.'s club house is coming on favorably. Let's have some more reports, gang.

Traffic: VE5DD 83.

PRAIRIE DIVISION

MANITOBA — Acting SCM, A. V. Chase, VE4HR — Our SCM, VE4FV, has left the district to continue his studies at the Boston Tech, and the best wishes of the gang go with him. It is his intention to pound brass whenever time will permit. VE4DQ has cleared up the QRN in his locality. He has completed a 100-watt push-pull TPTG with a very clean note and is getting splendid reports on 14me. On account of military duties taking VE4DQ to camp for the summer, he had to discontinue a sked with VE4A0Q. VE4JB had his antenna system wrecked by a wind storm. With the assistance of VE4HR, a new Zeppl system was erected and the transmitter is getting out better than ever. VE4DQ is taking a course of instruction in flying at Camp Borden. VE4DJ worked VE4AP and VE5KH on 14 mc.

Traffic: VE4AD 2, VE4GQ 4, VE4HR 4, VE4JB 2.

SASKATCHEWAN — SCM, W. J. Pickering, VE4FC — VE4FJ has been off the air for a time and has rebuilt his transmitter into a MOPA arrangement. VE4FC is gradually adding to his list of countries worked on 14 mc., and now reports Honolulu, New Zealand and Peru. VE4GR is still on every noon and ready for traffic. VE4FEF is also on every noon and evening. VE4EL has been wandering around the province and looking up the fellows.

THE Prague radio conference is over. It did little that affected the amateur. The conference seems to have been primarily devoted to broadcasting and allied matters, and the amateur was given scant attention.

This does not mean that the amateur societies of various European nations can sit back and forget about radio conferences. Although the Prague conference did not affect him, it did bring out the very pointed fact that The Hague conference, scheduled for this fall, is going to consider at length amateur regulations, privileges, frequency-meter requirements, message handling status, etc.

It therefore behooves every national amateur society in Europe to get busy and endeavor to have its particular delegation to The Hague conference well instructed on amateur matters. Preparedness, in international radio conferences in particular, has been demonstrated to be more than half the battle. Do not leave matters until a few weeks before the conference, or depend upon your official delegation to get its amateur viewpoint from other sources. Start in now to acquaint your officials with your wants. Begin now your campaign of argument.

The amateur has plenty of warning for this conference. The big international conference at Washington in 1927 showed both what can happen when national delegations are uninformed and hostile to amateur radio, and also demonstrated very conclusively what can be accomplished if only a few of the nations represented are acquainted with the amateur and are prepared to stand up for him.

Make sure that your country is on the favorable and informed side this time. Draw up your proposals, place them before the proper authorities and push matters to a conclusion well before the date of the conference.

If a majority of the national delegations are turned to a favorable viewpoint before the conference opens — there will be no battle. It will be far better to have it thus than to have to depend upon the efforts of one or two delegations at the conference to turn the tide from antagonism to friendliness.

MORE PREFIXES

The list grows all the time. Many of the prefixes are unofficially adopted by the amateurs of the countries concerned, but in the majority of cases official sanction has been given to the prefixes which have been listed. If you hear new ones on the air, find out what countries they are, confirm them if possible by conversation with the amateur concerned, and then help your fellow-amateurs by forwarding the dope on a postcard to League headquarters.

Several amateurs are heard from regularly with information of this sort. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- CN — Morocco
- CP — Bolivia
- CR — Portuguese Colonies
- CZ — Monaco
- EL — Liberia
- ES — Estonia
- ET — Ethiope (Abyssinia)
- HA — Hungary
- HB — Switzerland
- HH — Republic of Haiti
- HS — Siam
- LZ — Bulgaria
- OZ — Denmark
- PJ — Curagao
- PK — Dutch East Indies (not UI)
- PZ — Surinam
- RV — Persia
- RY — Lithuania
- TF — Iceland
- TI — Costa Rica
- VS — Straits Settlements
- ZS, ZT and ZU — Union of South Africa

It has come to the attention of Union headquarters that amateurs in some countries are using their QSL cards as a means of disseminating propaganda along class and political lines. The Union cannot view these tendencies with favor. Amateur radio is something too precious to jeopardize by such actions. This is not playing the game, OM’s. In amateur radio, the citizens
of every country in the world have something in common — a something that is fine and clean and untainted. Let us keep it that way by keeping out of it anything that may tend to stir up racial and class hatreds. Drop the propaganda!

The semi-annual Calendar to members of the Union has been sent out, and votes on the questions brought up should be coming in by the time this item gets into print. We expect soon to be able to announce, among other things, the admission of several new societies to membership in the I.A.R.U.

The next calendar goes out in December. If you have matters to be brought to the attention of the membership as a whole, or if your society wishes to become affiliated with the Union, start your negotiations now. Address all correspondence to the International Amateur Radio Union, 1711 Park St., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

SOUTH AFRICA

The accompanying photograph shows the delegates who attended the Fourth Annual Conference of the South African Radio Relay League, at Johannesburg.

Fifty-four OM’s were present, and from a detailed account of the conference appearing in the official publication of the S.A.R.R.L., QTC, it appears that some twenty YL’s and OW’s participated in the social doings. The actual business of the conference was confined to Saturday, but the delegates were entertained by the Johannesburg gang on Friday, Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday. A most enjoyable time was had by all, with a splendid annual dinner, a tea at the Zoo, and trips to "JB" and the City Deep gold mine.

President White, J. McCash, Hon. Headquarters Treasurer, and Raymond Coombs, Hon. Organizing Secretary, were all re-elected to their respective positions. At the conclusion of the proceedings, President White presented to OM Coombs, on behalf of Division 6, a very fine writing desk, suitably inscribed, as a mark of appreciation of his work; to Mr. McCash, a cutlery set, and to Mr. Todd a fountain pen.

This appears to be a good opportunity to comment upon the very excellent publication that the S.A.R.R.L. now issues to its membership. QTC is a real ham magazine, fully deserving of the success it enjoys. Congratulations, OM’s.

BRAZIL

The office of the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs has issued revised amateur regulations for Brazil. In the main, these appear to be highly favorable. They are in strict accord with the provisions of the 1927 conference on amateur regulations.

Brazilian amateurs are apparently allowed to transmit in all the bands specified by the 1927 conference, and are given the full width of each. No buffer bands are mentioned. This is excellent.

Licenses must be obtained, both for the operator and the station. Messages are limited to those of a personal or experimental nature. Power is limited to 100 watts. There appear to be no unusual restrictions, although amateurs are not allowed to operate in the 1715-2000-ke. band between 9 p.m. and 12, midnight.

DELEGATES AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF S.A.R.R.L.

DENMARK

By Helmer Peterson, Secretary, E.D.R.

Conditions have been bad and we have been troubled with atmospheres lately.

On the 3500-ke. band, W stations and some Europeans were heard during the first half of the month, but later on QRN was so terrible that even local QSO’s were difficult of attainment.

The 7000-ke. band is fine for local traffic during the day. During the night (1-3 b.s.t.) the W 1st, 2d, 3d and 8th districts are heard.

(Continued on page 74)
A Good Example of Back-Seat Driving

Carmel, Calif.,
May 8, 1929.

Editor, QST:

Well, you have been hollering for copy. Hi!

Please wire, my expense, if this will get in not later than July number, or not at all.

It's my say, and it's going to be said. If the Directors don't care to say it for me in QST, das macht nichts aus. Which is German, or Czecho-
slovakian, or something, for I don't give a damn.

If I have to buy a few papers in the country (I mean pages in papers) I'll say it that way.

This may sound like a threat. I'm in a hurry, and I neither know nor care what it sounds like. It is merely a statement of unalterable intention.

Can hear you say, "Thought he said he was going to keep his nose out of A.R.R.L. affairs." So I did. And if this is sticking it in again, so be it.

Any time I see anyone running around legging for the commercials, throwing a scare into these kids, making harder for me my fight for my own individual rights, I'm going to get my say into every quarter where I think it will do me the most good. If it helps the other fellers, too, so much the better.

73,
Clair Foster, W6HM

ROCKING THE BOAT

By Clair Foster, W6HM

President Maxim's article on page 10 of QST for May has attracted much attention in California. The San Jose Club being the occasion of it, and I being the club's most valuable critic of some of the policies of the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, I send you this response.

Mr. Maxim's words to the amateurs are always temperate and kindly. He never descends to personalities and always talks on the plane of high-minded consideration — the outstanding quality that elevates one man above his fellows. Nobody who knows Mr. Maxim personally could conceive of any reason for slamming him, much less actually subjecting him to the slamming process itself. And nobody who knows him doubts for one moment his integrity. In fact, it is almost a discourtesy even to mention the word.

Therefore we must accept his article, "Rocking the Boat," as the picture he sees in his mind and sets down on paper. An artist paints the picture his mind visualizes; a writer describes what his mind sets before him. And it is a sad blow to many of us to see the President visualizing amateur radio as the cargo of a very frail and unsteerable little boat that may be capsized by only a few of its passengers stepping to one side.

I, myself, cannot see amateur radio in any such predicament. If I regarded Mr. Maxim's metaphor as happily chosen I should see 17,000 admirable citizens of this country on a ship so huge and sturdy that the whole passenger list might choose their food served from one rail to the other without endangering the ship. If a boat were so frail and tippy that no one dared stand up to see whether it was drifting, then amateur radio — if it were in such a boat — might as well capsize and submerge forthwith. It might better at once die courageously, as it has lived, than to sit continually in a quaking fear and merely hoping for some eventuality less than death. A few brave words about "common sense coming to the rescue" do not efface the fearsome picture already painted.

If amateur radio has any justification for continued existence surely rocking the boat will not harm it. A boat (if we must adhere to this rocking-boat metaphor), if it cannot advance through the water, should rock. A boat that lies in still waters becomes so heavy with barnacles that it might as well be waterlogged. It is the motion of a ship that keeps it from becoming fouled. Perhaps those hardy mariners, the Directors, believe the little craft they see carrying all that is left of amateur radio is moving fast enough backwards to keep the barnacles off her.

This picture of Mr. Maxim's is a perfect example of what I have contended long and loud — to the folks at Hartford and to all and sundry — that for at least as long as I have been using my eyes and ears on the subject A.R.R.L. has been standing on the fundamentally unsound footing that the class of radio men known somewhat erroneously as "amateurs" never until this last conference of our national delegates had any right to exist — a radically wrong assumption in these here United States. The belief that this class of citizens had no rights that need be respected; that such rights as we had been permitted to exercise were "privileges" granted for only so long as we remained subservient to the interests of those who have no thought except the fattening of their own pocketbooks; and so long as we appeared to be properly grateful for these "privileges."

In other words, FEAR is the guiding motive of the Directors; not the abiding conviction that the amateurs as a class cannot in this country have their rights taken from them and turned over to some other class of citizens. And A.R.R.L., through its voices, its publications and its attitude continues to express its fear and to inculcate a like fear in the whole body of amateur radio. Fear can and does make men sick; fear can and does make amateur radio sicker 'n a dog. The very start of losing something — your health, your life, your rights — is fear that you are going to lose it. Gosh, I'd die and be done with it before I'd live a life like that!

Because the space formerly occupied by the space no longer coveted by those who saw big money to be made out of it, and because the amateurs had been taught to believe they hadn't the rights of other citizens, they lost at the International Conference two-thirds of what they had. To say that "radio is world-wide and that this country alone no longer says what shall go on" is just of a piece with the rest of this fear propaganda. There is another "International Conference" coming, another dog-fight of commercial delegates from this and foreign countries. And do the citizens of the large body of the citizens of the United States be jeopardized, as at the last "conference," by the stubborn representatives of three or four foreign countries, is unthinkable. Since when has this country learned to bow the knee to the wholly self-centered importunities of a few foreigners! Not if never has it got. Now let's see you laugh that one off. To listen to this talk you'd think that the determinations of a few commericals at the last conference were as ineradicable as fate, and that there was no way possible under Heaven for a wrong to be rectified! But if the Directors adhère to the same unsound reasoning, and continue to

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Shiver in their pants, they can lust as easily for amateur radio at the next conference what they almost lost at the last one. It is common belief among men interested in commercial radio that amateur radio, so called, is but a passing phase; and this belief is strengthened all the time by the attitude of the amateurs themselves. Oh, wake up, gang! When an official of A.R.R.L., or just a brother amateur, approaches you to you, make sure before you buy, if this is an indication of what it really is a caution that motivates his actions, not just goose-pimplers.

In nine cases out of ten you will find that it is a leaning towards the cause of the commericals or else just plain blue-funk.

As matters stand now, the men who want the channels at present held by the amateurs don't need to do a thing but sit back and let the amateur score one another to death. Those amateurs who so relate, officially or unofficially, are warning other amateurs to be careful not to claim any rights on their own, lest the very few (privileges) they now enjoy be taken away in order to be discussing monthly salaries from the commericals; for their actions are just as surely in the interests of the commericals as if they were indeed on the payroll.

What do you suppose is thought by the men who direct the commercial companies and other corporations or individuals who have been granted short-wave channels, when they see an organized body of 17,000 citizens scared stiff! The one body of men in radio that can most completely fulfill the requirement, "Public interest, convenience or necessity" and instead of making the most of our ability to use the requirement, the Directors petition the Radio Commission to relieve the amateurs of the necessity of stating in what manner their stations will aid the public! And then— having had their petition granted—move it up to us in QST as a concession, another "privilege," if you please, secured for amateur radio by the aumen of the Directors. They might just as well have broadcast to the world that the amateurs themselves were admitting their stations could not be operated for the public interest, convenience or necessity.

My friends in amateur radio (if I have any left!), just keep in mind a few fundamentals. President Hoover has made a pronouncement that, coming from him, has almost the weight of a proclamation: "The domain of the air is vested in the people of the United States. The ether is a public medium and its use must be for the public benefit. The use of a radio channel is justified only if there is public benefit." That is sound logic and it will be sound law. The radio laws will be changed. They may even be altered to permit the R. C. A. Communications and the International Telephone & Telegraph to combine into a more extensive commercial monopoly. The presidents of both of these corporations announced about April 1st that the purported and previously announced combination would not be consummated just then, but that an "accord" had been arranged pending changing the radio laws which at present forbid combinations of competing communication systems. Now, if Congress can be induced to change the law to suit the plans of the commercial companies it can likewise change it to rectify any injustice that may have been done to amateur interests. To cause this to be done all the amateurs should stop all the amateur to handle any kind of message, traffic is the next job for the Directors of A.R.R.L. But they won't accomplish a thing by sitting still in their little dinky boat and yelling their heads off for fear of somebody's rocking it.

But the same abuse, if it continues, of any more can be expected to remain in the laws, however much they may be altered otherwise. And if the amateurs can't prove that their stations are being used, as President Hoover has said, for the public benefit, then they will be used, and should be barred from the air. You will prove no such thing unless you do it by showing that in handling messages of any character whatever you are performing a public service. Fortunately the foreseen will have a personal interest in helping you to prove it, because the public is equally anxious for amateur radio a valuable service for nothing. But you aren't going to prove it by self-pedaling every reference to "business correspondence" —this hush, hush, the Bogie-man stuff.

Another fundamental to keep in the old bean: The U. S. Supreme Court, in its decision in the case of WGY against the Radio Commission, established two points that will stand as sound law. In the reallocation of broadcast frequencies in June, 1928, WGY was practically barred from the air at night. The General Electric went into court and had the Radio Commission enjoined from enforcing its order, charging two points: first, that the Commission had made an unreasonable regulation; second, that the
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General Electric by its continued use of its previously assigned frequency had established "property rights" in the WGY channel. By "property rights" it meant that if restricted in its use of this channel its property would have been confiscated—an unconstitutional act. The Supreme Court established the law of the land when it held that while the Radio Commission was empowered to make such regulations as were reasonable, the particular regulation was unreasonable; and that, therefore, the injunction against the Commission was proper permanent. And—far more far-reaching in its effects—that the General Electric was wrong in its second contention; and that there was no such thing as the establishment of property rights in a channel.

It doesn't take much of a head to see how either or both of these decisions may be invoked in the old of the amateurs and of the public benefit by their message traffic.

Keep in mind that in our country a large body of citizens, some 17,000, serving the public free of charge with its heavy message traffic, cannot lawfully be put out of business so that some other class of citizens may have a monopoly of this traffic for its own private gain. Do not keep in mind all that amateur radio has done for the art. Of course that is where you think it may not you something; but just remember that appreciation and gratitude are two qualities in the human race. If you do a wonderful job the folks in the old home town will name a street after you; and then proceed to the next order of business, in the satisfied consciousness that they have done handsomely by you. We are told pointedly in Mr. Maxim's article that the Directors of A.R.R.L. have full responsibility for A.R.R.L. policies; that nobody at Headquarters makes a move except by orders of the Directors. Now, when I think about boats the picture I have in my own mind is of a large body of amateurs on a big liner that has a solid keel of constitutional right, ribbed by outstanding achievements, and sheeted with service of inestimable value to the public. Then I see the Directors in their own little tippy boat, a picture of which Mr. Maxim has painted for us vividly. And I see that little boat bobs in need of a rocking. Not that I enjoy seeing anyone distressed, but I just have a hunch that if these old sealions, the Directors, grew quail enough in their tummies they'd be so busy being afraid they wouldn't die that they would forget for a while to be afraid they would.

The Right System

Moline, Ill.
Editor, QST:
I read Mr. S. Schuff's letter in the April issue of QST concerning beginner's difficulties. I just want to compliment Mr. Schuff for presenting his views where some of the older hams can read them. I am in practically the same position.

I am only 16 years old and have subscribed to QST since July, 1926. I have the fourth edition of the Handbook and use it constantly. I am now building the four-tube receiver of the November QST and have already learned that the control grid is at the top of the tube. Hi!

I knew very little about radio before I subscribed to QST last July. Now I read everything in it and try to understand it. Everything which I do not understand I took up in the Handbook or in the public library.

Bruce A. King, Jr.

Low Power Still the Berries

Editor, QST:
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wire to “80,” said haywire consisting of an X201-A in the Hartley circuit with approximately 120 volts of ancient Layerbiits (adv.) on the plate. The transmitter at that time was built on a soft pine panel free from paraffin or any other treatment. In a few days over one month I was able to work all districts except the Third, which has, for some reason, always been a difficult district for me to work, as I have only worked about a dozen stations there in all.

I believe that the greatest thrill I have experienced in amateur radio was on the second morning that I operated on “SO” when W6CCJ heard my call and we clicked for a short time. That even eclipsed the kick when I hooked my first Zedder. The gang on “SO” is more considerate of beginners, I believe, than on any other, because for every one who cuts you off with a snippy “CUL73” there are six who slow down and chat with the chap who is struggling along about 8 or 10 per.

The apparatus here has progressed since that time until, while the power is still low, the efficiency has improved considerably. For the past six months the transmitter in use here has consisted of either one 112-A or two 201-A’s in parallel with 150 volts of “B” on the plates in the Hoffman adaptation of the Colpitts circuit. Plug-in coils permit operation on any of the frequency bands open to U. S. amateurs with the exception of the two highest. The entire transmitter is built on plate glass or Pyrex insulation.

The DX that the lid here boasts of loud and long to any one who will listen is: all districts, all states but one (Nevada), all VE districts, all provinces but two, Peru, Australia and New Zealand.

I heard several fellows say, late in 1928, that after the first of the year the low power stations would be crowded out and wouldn’t be able to work, but I’m having the time of my life as long as the “B” holds up and the 112-A doesn’t go west. In closing, I wonder why some of the guys who are crowding 2000 raw a.c. on a 201-A don’t sell it for enough to buy a 210 and some filter and learn how to operate a real station?

— Carroll (Tick) Smith, W9EOQ

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On 14 mc. conditions were excellent for the first part of the month, but went from bad to worse later. Although DX stations are heard, it is difficult to establish QSO’s. During the evenings Australia and W 1, 2 and 3 are heard with fairly good strength; from 22 to 1 (b.s.t.) South America comes in QSA 4-5, and at 23 the K stations and Porto-Ricans have been heard. VK and ZL are heard in the morning.

On 28 mc. OZ7T and OZ7GL have been working hard, but so far without much success. OZ7GL has heard SP3KX, QSA2, and obtained QSO with G8NO, but lately nothing has been heard. Both stations would greatly appreciate reports on their transmissions.
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**FRANCE**

28 mc. work is coming along in great shape in France. Quite a few of the French hams are having notable success with this frequency. FSCT works the United States and Finland with ease, and has heard W6XQ, in California. F8AAP with a Messy circuit, and B3J7T, with a modified Colpitts, have had many contacts with European stations. Other stations most frequently heard are W1K, W1Y, HJO, W2JN, W2ALW, CH2NAG and FMSRT.

**GERMANY**

It is understood that the annual convention of German amateurs, held on May 15th-20th, in Frankfort an der Main was a huge success. We hope to receive a definite report on it for inclusion in these columns.

**BELGIUM**

*By Paul de Neck, President Reseau Belge*

After much hesitation on the part of our amateurs which took place at the beginning of this year owing to the lack of knowledge of just what our officials intended to do about radio regulations, we are glad to report that most of our best-known Belgian hams are now beginning to come back on the air. The indications are that they will be shortly followed by many newcomers.

On the 7000-kc. band, work is mostly confined to European contacts.

Most of our hams are coming down to the 14-me. band and very good DX contacts are the immediate result of this “downfall” — U. S. A., the Far East and South Africa have been easily reached these last weeks.

Testing phone DX on this band, ON4UU achieved a fine record, being fully understood by PK4AZ, in Sumatra, Dutch Indies.

Our training sailing vessel, *L'Avenir*, is back in Antwerp after a successful radio trip. During the 119 days that comprised the voyage, daily contacts were maintained with amateurs in Belgium, and only five days were recorded when contact failed. These occurred south of Cuba, when the ship was en route from Martinique to Tampa, Fla.

ON4FT made about 165 contacts with *L'Avenir*, which is certainly good work. The ship is now leaving for Charleston, S. C., U. S. A., but with an official operator and commercial short-wave set this time. Hi!

**ITALY**

From Mr. Franco Pugliese, the Secretary of the A.R.I., we learn that amateur work at Italy is virtually at a standstill, as the Italian government failed to renew their transmitting licenses.

We hope that this condition is soon changed, and that many of the old familiar Italian calls are again heard in the amateur bands.
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Our sympathies, OM's. As a matter of fact, the compiler of this department understood from pretty good authority that some of these stations, at least, were officially licensed. Apparently this is not so.

We might again caution amateurs who are sending QSL cards to Japanese stations to send them in a plain envelope. Don't send the card alone, or we will be getting the Japanese hams in trouble.

If you are in doubt, play safe and send the card to A.R.R.L. headquarters for forwarding. Include sufficient postage.

Don't forget to send us in your experiences on the best hours to work DX. We want this information from amateurs everywhere.

Experimenters' Section

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vided. For 3500-ke, work a seventy-foot counterpoise is added or the eight-foot lead is run to the ground. Either method will provide an antenna system of the proper fundamental frequency.

Hudson Division Convention

FOR the fourth time the Hudson Division has held its annual convention under the sponsorship of its director and committee appointed by him. The Pennsylvania Hotel, which has seen so many of our conventions, was again the meeting place for all "hams" who attended on May 24th-25th. Contrary to most A.R.R.L. convention, there is not very much to do in the afternoon, but "Barney" Fuld, Ensign, U.S.N.R. started things going with a good plea for the fellows to enroll in the Naval Reserve. Then followed James J. Lamb, Asst. Technical Editor, QST, with something entirely new — a Modulometer. It's a new "gadget" for the use of the 'phone crowd and the lecture proved most interesting. Jim says it will be published in a future issue of QST.

Mr. C. E. Hoffman, Chief Engineer, Jenkins Television Corporation, was the last speaker of the evening, and with chalk and black board gave a good history of the new science. Saturday afternoon was devoted mostly to contests and stunts under the able leadership of Sargeant, who was one of the busy men of the convention. A new "liar" has arisen on the horizon and W1AOZ...
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With delegations from Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Washington, New York City and several other cities, the fourth annual Atlantic Division Convention opened auspiciously in Philadelphia, Friday, June 21st, at the Hotel Walton, with one of the largest registrations ever noted on the first day; and for the first time a goodly number of "fone" hams were present.

Harry W. Stark, President of the Philadelphia Radio Association, who sponsored the convention, opened the proceedings in due form and after a cordial greeting to the delegates turned the meeting over to Director Woodruff, whose versatility is well known. As usual the Doctor proved most interesting with his lecture—it is not for this reporter to try describe it—one must attend. A. A. Hebert, A.R.R.L. representative, took charge of the Traffic Meeting, in the absence of Communications Manager Handy, and during the meeting discussions of interest to both the "fone" and C.W. men took place. Jim Lamb, Assistant Technical Editor, QST, had the whole evening to himself and gave a lecture on his new "pet"—the Modulometer; every fone man should have one of the gadgets in the shack.

Our YL Acting SCM, W3CDO, and her sister, with a number of OM's, started making the rounds of ham stations after the evening meeting and returned to the hotel as members of the "Boiled Owls." Notwithstanding all the "ham-festing" of the night before, every one was "on deck" at 9:30 Saturday morning for the trip to the Navy Yard to see NAI and other points of interest. The delegates were courteously received by Lieutenant-Commander Wynne, and under the leadership of Ensign Weinstock we all had an opportunity to see "Communications" and the radio laboratory; afterwards we were taken through the aviation section. The afternoon was spent competing for the very good prizes so generously contributed by our good friends the manufacturers. Those of you who fortunately won those prizes should make it a point to write the donors.

The banquet proved to be one of the big events, and Frigar, W3ALF, covered himself with glory, as chairman of that committee. Through him and the kindness of Dr. Levy, owner of WCAU, and Mr. Leitch, engineer of WCAU, the staff of fourteen (14) performers of that station entertained us during the dinner. Director Woodruff acted as toastmaster—another accomplishment to his credit—and with speeches from Commander Langworthy, representing the Navy; Jim Lamb, Radio Aide, 1st Corps Area, for the Army; Hebert, Treasurer of the League, on "Our A.R.R.L.," and Mr. Calvert, a friend of the "Fone Ham"; some food for thought was given all those present. Concluding with the distribution of prizes and a wholesome cheer to the committee, the 1929 convention came to a close.

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