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# EDITORIALS

A SIGNIFICANT feature at the recent meeting of our Board of Directors was the very lively advance interest which had been shown by members in the important topics which were to come up for discussion. Helped somewhat by the preparation of a list of topics some weeks in advance of the meeting, and by the usual call in QST urging members to communicate their views to their directors, the meeting had the advantage of an unusually complete expression of amateur opinion and desire. It is a sign of good health in an organization when its members actively interest themselves in its affairs and when, as this year, they so well unite in viewpoint and general sanity of comment.

This was very well shown in the study of out-of-band operating. There was little question that when the Board met the directors would feel that the Government ought to be asked to undertake better enforcement of allocations, but what would the members think of such a course? The answer was clear, because the members of every division had expressed themselves in advance, voluntarily to their directors, and in emphatic language. That, we say, is a good sign.

This lively interest was particularly evident in the 'phone question. Many points of view had been expressed. There were, of course, some requests to widen the 3500–3550 'phone band, many to keep it as it is, some to shift it to the other end of that band; suggestions to make the use of oscillator-amplifier transmitters compulsory; and many suggestions concerning the desirability of increasing the qualifications required of the 'phone operator. Experienced 'phone men in particular joined in sponsoring this last suggestion. The Board's job in deciding upon a course that represented ''the greatest good to the greatest number'' was a difficult one, but nothing like as difficult as it would have been without the very extensive expression of opinion which had been made by members everywhere.

The Board's eventual decision, as reported elsewhere in this issue, was to seek no change in the size or location of the 3500-kc. phone band, to frown upon any specifications of apparatus, but to sponsor a new grade of operator's license to be required for all phone operating, the basic requirements of which would be the possession of special technical qualifications and at least a year's C.W. experience. 'Phone transmission must be recognized as an advanced form of communication, the fundamental requirement for which is the possession of a very high-grade C.W. station. To operate it intelligently the amateur must first be a skilled and experienced C.W. operator. The 'phone bands are badly congested today, but not with good 'phones. The 'phone amateurs consist of a small number who are well-versed technically and seriously interested in doing a good job in a very difficult field, and a large number of "punks" who make the night hideous with unintelligent efforts directed at inadequate equipment. The League's present plan for 'phone thus proposes a big improvement for the legitimate 'phone operators by the eventual removal of the poor 'phones. The elimination of amateurs without the qualifications or the enterprise to learn the code, and of C.W. amateurs who are just "messing around" temporarily with 'phone, is the biggest favor that could be done the 'phone man. The good 'phone man deserves protection and the right to adequate operating facilities. The Board's action will clear the air for him, and the good 'phone man will be well pleased with the change.

#### DST

## Your Broadcast Receiver as a Short-Wave Superhet

#### A "Converter" Which Actually Converts

By George Grammer, Assistant Technical Editor

The development of a sotisfactory S/W converter was undertaken by the QST technical staff because of a real demand, as evidenced by letters received by the Technical Information Service, for a "short-wave converter" to be used in conjunction with the usual broadcast receiver, particularly the types which are a.c. operated. The converter is applicable to the smateur field, notably in amateur radio-telephony, as well as to high-frequency broadcast reception. - EDITOR.

HE possibility of adapting a broadcast receiver to short-wave reception has always been attractive but the evolution of a satisfactory converter has not been so easy. Most attempts at converter design have aimed at using only the audio amplifier of the broadcast receiver with an autodyne detector for the high-frequency end, although a few have made a stab at the superhet idea, using the r.f.

first detector circuits. The problem of using the broadcast receiver simply resolves itself into the design of a detector and oscillator for highfrequency work.

The advantages of a high intermediate frequency for short-wave reception have previously been pointed out in  $QST^{1}$  With the broadcast receiver it is possible to choose any frequency between 500 and 1500 kc, at will - a considerable advantage.

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amplifier as the intermediate amulifier for an oscillating first, detector. Either of these systems has a number of dis-The advantages. regenerative detector (working into the receiver's audio amplifier) is not sufficiently selective for 'phone reception and entirely ignores the excellent r.f. amplifier with which the modern broadcast receiver is equipped. The autodyne superhet



FRONT VIEW OF COMPLETE CONVERTER

uses the r.f. amplifier of the receiver but does not give it much opportunity to do its stuff, because the detector circuit must be tuned off the incoming frequency by the beat frequency (intermediate frequency) and both sensitivity and selectivity are sacrificed.

It is obvious, therefore, that the ideal converter should be one which utilizes to the utmost all the features of the broadcast receiver. This requirement indicates a superhet converter for the high-frequency end. For the realization of maximum selectivity and sensitivity, the converter must have separately tuned oscillator and

last quarter turn - the bugaboo of all short-wave receiver coil construction. Finally - and in some respects this is the most important advantage of all — it is possible to cover a 1000-kc, band at any portion of the high-frequency spectrum by doing all tuning on the broadcast receiver itself. A preliminary adjustment of the controls on the converter to the proper setting, which need only be determined once by experiment, is all that is necessary. This means that tuning at 20,000 kc. is as easy as at 600 kc. in the regular broadcast

" Improving Short Wave 'Phone Reception," QST. March, 1929,

band - and anyone who has tuned the usual type of short-wave regenerative receiver doesn't require further explanation! Essentially, the usual superhet procedure is reversed, and instead of using a variable oscillator frequency and a fixed i.f., the intermediate frequency is varied and the oscillator frequency is fixed.

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There are many ways in which such a converter (and this really is a converter, because it serves as a medium for converting a high frequency into a lower one) can be constructed. The fundamental requirements are a high-frequency detector, an oseillator which will produce a 500- to 1500-kc. beat with the incoming signal, and a means of mixing the two and feeding the result into the broadcast set. Although any of the many varieties of detector and oscillator circuits may be employed and their coupling may be effected by several different means, it is desirable to have an arrangement in which the tuning of the first detector and oscillator is independent (insofar as such a thing is possible) to avoid interlocking of controls and resultant tuning difficulties. In this respect some circuits are better than others; the one shown in the diagrams avoids such obstacles to a large extent.

#### SOME IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Before taking up the constructional details of the converter, it is well to consider how it is to be used. It can be combined with any broadcast receiver which has a good r.f. amplifier, even a regular super-heterodyne, but it cannot always be connected to obtain plate and filament voltages from the receiver itself. If the receiver has three or more stages of radio-frequency amplification with heater-type a.c. tubes, the first r.f. tube can be removed from its socket and the converter plug inserted in place of it, providing the remaining two stages have sufficient gain to make satisfactory reception possible. This of course depends entirely on the construction of the broadcast receiver itself, and a trial will probably be necessary to determine whether or not it will work out satisfactorily. A receiver which has only two r.f. stages, even though screen grid tubes are used in them, is not adaptable to such use of the converter, because only a single i.f. stage remains if the first tube is removed. Although some of the more powerful stations come through weakly, the results are not gratifying.

When separate plate and filament supplies are provided for the converter, however, these drawbacks are overcome, and its use is not restricted to sets using any particular type of tube or number of r.f. amplifier stages. This does not necessarily mean that the power supply in the broadcast receiver cannot be used; the objection is simply to taking the supply through a socket from which a tube must be removed. Many broadcast receivers, including d.c. sets which have been modernized with a.e. power supplies, have powerpacks which are readily accessible; in such a case it is only necessary to tap off the requisite voltages and connect to the proper posts on the converter. In the extreme case, however, where the set has been put together with rivets, or the owner does not care to "take chances" the only extra equipment necessary is a 90-volt battery or eliminator and a 21/2-volt transformer for filament supply, neither of which is very expensive.

In fact, it is recommended that wherever possible the plate and filament supplies for the



FIG. 1. - WIRING OF THE CONVERTER WHEN USED WITH SEPARATE PLATE AND FILAMENT SUPPLIES

 $C_1 - 500 \ \mu\mu fd$ .

 $C_2 = \delta 0$ -µµfd. midget condenser.

C3 - 100 µµfd,

C4 - 100 µµfd.

Cs - 30-µµld. midget condenser.

Co - 2000 µµfd.

R1 -- .75 megohm.

R2 - 50,000 ohms.

Ra - . 5 meaohm.

 $R_4 \rightarrow 50.000$ -ohm variable resistor.

RFC - Radio-frequency choke suitable for broadcast band. Unit Data:

	- Det	ector	Osc	illator
Approximate Range	Lt	L	L3	$L_{i}$
3000-7000 kc	18	16	20	.9
\$000-13,000 ke	7	8	9	4
13,000-19,000 kc	ñ	ñ	5	3
3500-kc. band	15	30	30	10
7000-kc, band,	7	12	13	6
All wound with No. 22 d.s.c. on	forms	1 % inc.	hes in di	ameter.

converter be obtained by means other than through a plug which replaces one of the r.f. tubes.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONVERTER

Referring now to Fig. 1, it will be seen that a Type '24 screen-grid tube is used as the first detector. This type of tube is a more sensitive detector than the regular three-electrode tube, and in addition the extra grid is advantageous in that it provides a good means of coupling between the detector and oscillator, when used as shown in Fig. 1, without causing annoying interlocking between the two tuning controls. A Type '27 is used as the oscillator.

 $L_2$  and  $C_2$  comprise the tuned grid circuit of the first detector, and this circuit is adjusted to the frequency of the incoming signal. The oscillator employs the very common tickler circuit,

the resistor  $R_4$  serving as a regeneration control. Coupling between the oscillator and first detector is provided by the resistor  $R_2$ , connected between the plate of the oscillator and the inner grid of the detector. Once again, lest there be any misunderstanding, the inner grid is connected to the cap which comes through the top of the tube. In this case the '24 is acting as a space-charge detector, the grid leak and condenser being con-



FIG.  $\mathcal{L}$  — WIRING DIAGRAM WHEN PLUG IS USED  $C_7$  — .006 µfd.

All other constants same as in Fig. 1.

neeted to the screen grid. In addition to serving as a coupling link between oscillator and detector,  $R_2$  also drops the plate voltage down to the proper value of inner-grid bias for space charge detection.

The connections in Fig. 1 are used when separate plate and filament supplies are available, or when the proper voltages can be taken from the regular receiver power-pack without recourse to a plug which necessitates the removal of one r.f. tube. This arrangement is much to be preferred to the plug method because, as mentioned above, the amplification is greater, and it is unnecessary to remove or replace a tube every time a change is made from the regular broadcast band to short waves and vice versa.

All connections to the converter except one may be permanent, and the single connection which must be changed is the antenna. The post marked "G" in Fig. 1 is connected permanently to the ground post on the receiver, and the post marked "A" is connected to the antenna post, the antenna itself being transferred to  $L_1$ . A switch can be installed to make this change, and the transfer from regular broadcasting to shortwave reception accomplished by throwing the switch. It is well also to include an "on-off" switch in the filament supply to the converter.

If, in spite of the recommendations above, the builder prefers to remove the first r.f. tube in the receiver and obtain the "A" and "B" supplies for the converter through a plug, the connections shown in Fig. 2 should be used. The constants are the same in either case, the difference being in the method of transferring the signal from the converter to the broadcast set.

With d.c. operated broadcast receivers, the connections in Fig. 3 may be used. In this case there is nothing to be gained and much to be sacrificed by using a plug, because it is an easy matter to get at the "A" and "B" batteries or eliminators, and consequently the full amplification of the set can be realized. The constants are again the same as those in Fig. 1, with the exception of the extra resistors listed. Care should be taken to see whether either side of the "A" battery is connected to ground in the broadcast receiver, and if so, the "G" post on the converter should be left unused.

Pilot coil forms were chosen as the winding forms. Any other type of form of the same diameter  $(1\frac{1}{2}'')$  can of course be used without change in the coil specifications. The Filot forms are easily identified in pairs, however, because it is possible to use differently colored rings for each set of coils. Moreover, the first detector and oscillator coils can be differentiated by removing the unused pins from the forms: the method of making connections allows this since only three pins are required for the detector coil and four for the oscillator.

The arrangement of the connections on the coil sockets used in the converter shown in the photograph is given in Fig. 4. While other combinations may be used just as readily, those depicted will result in no harm to the tubes or batteries if a coil is inadvertently put in the wrong socket. The coils should never be placed in the sockets intended for the tubes, however! The turns of both windings on each form should be wound in the same direction; this is particularly important with the oscillator coils because if the connections and direction of windings are not correct, no oscillations will be set up and no signals will be heard.

As is usual with any short-wave receiver, it is advisable to keep all wires carrying r.f. separated as much as possible from other wires, and avoid closely paralleling them.

#### OPERATION

On this particular model the large dial in the center is the control for the oscillator tuning condenser; the small knob on the left is the first detector tuning condenser, and the similar knob on the right is the oscillator regeneration control.

If one has had no experience in operating a superhet when the various controls were not ganged together, it may take a little time to get the 'feel'' of the set. When all adjustments are properly made the first detector will not oscillate. (some sets will when the volume control is turned too high); therefore the 'background,'' the hissing noise accompanying the operation of a heterodyne or autodyne receiver, will be comparatively low in volume. It may be necessary to provide a home-made background for preliminary tuning and an ordinary buzzer may be used for this purpose. It should be connected to a battery, and a single wire run from one of the buzzer terminals to the antenna post on the converter. Some locations, particularly in city districts, are very noisy, and there is often enough electrical racket from street cars, automobiles, machinery, fans, etc., to provide all the background one wants — oftentimes a great deal too much of it.

A pair of coils should now be placed in the proper sockets. Be sure the detector and oscillator coils are not interchanged. Set the dial on the broadcast receiver to about 650 kilocycles; this is a convenient setting and ordinarily not so many regular broadcasting stations will be picked up directly at the low frequency end of the band. Also, tuning is more spread out at this end of the scale on many broadcast receivers. If a local station is near this frequency it may be impossible to cut it out completely, even though the antenna is transferred to the converter and is not connected to the receiver itself. The object is to pick out a quiet section of the band where the possibilities of direct pick-up are minimum, and set the dial in about the middle of it.

Now set the dial on the converter (oscillator tuning) to about the center of the scale. The righthand knob (regeneration) should be set so that about half the resistance is in the circuit. Now turn the left-hand knob (detector) slowly from zero to full capacity and note whether the background noise comes up to a maximum at any point. In the event that there is no response with the background supplied, several things may be wrong; but to avoid interrupting the tuning story, possible sources of trouble will be considered later on.

For the present we will assume that a definite point of maximum background has been noted on the detector tuning.

The right-hand knob (regeneration control) should now be advanced until the volume is maximum. It probably will be necessary to make a slight readjustment on the oscillator dial as this control is varied; a little experimenting will readily indicate which setting gives the best results. It may be found that as the setting is advanced a point will be reached where there will be a loud roaring noise set up; this is the result of too much regeneration, and the knob should be set below this point.

The next step is to begin a search for signals. The oscillator dial should now be turned very slowly, the first detector knob being varied at the same time. The importance of doing this searching very slowly cannot be stressed too greatly, because it is easily possible to miss even a very loud station entirely by too rapid tuning. A dial with a high vernier ratio is useful on the oscillator condenser. The other two controls are not at all critical.

The oscillator tuning condenser covers a considerable range of frequency, and it may be possible to pick up the same station at two different points on the dial, depending upon the intermediate frequency to which the broadcast receiver is adjusted. In such a case the setting of the oscillator condenser which gives the best volume should be chosen. The first detector setting will be the same in either case.

Now turn the attention to the broadcast receiver. If, as most of them are, it is a single-dial affair, it will be very easy to cover a 1000-kc.



LOOKING DOWN ON THE CONVERTER

band by simply turning the dial as if tuning in ordinary broadcast stations. If a group of stations has been heard previously when searching as described above, that same group will appear on the receiver dial just the same as they did on the converter dial but they will not be nearly so crowded, and tuning them in will be much easier. Although it is possible to listen with perfect satisfaction without again touching the converter after preliminary adjustments have been made, it is sometimes advantageous to reset the firstdetector knob slightly in order to bring the volume up to the very maximum.

Once set up correctly and adjusted, the converter and broadcast receiver form a really sensitive short-wave super-herodyne, and the results are just as good as would be obtained from a short-wave super built especially for the job and using a comparable number of tubes. In spite of the fact that the time for trying out the device has been limited, the preliminary results convince us that, with proper handling and reasonably decent receiving conditions, it should be possible to pull in distant stations with ease.

The set used in the tests was an Atwater-Kent Model 55 chassis, with the A-K dynamic speaker. This particular model has two screen-grid r.f. amplifiers, and although it has plenty of gain, it is possible that a receiver with a well-designed three-stage r.f. end would be more sensitive. Separate plate and filament supplies were used on the converter, because only the stronger stations would come through when the first r.f. tube was removed from the receiver to allow a plug to be used. The converter has since been given a trial on other popular models of receivers with uniformly better success when the plug is not used. As expected, however, the plug works out fairly well with sets which have more than two stages of r.f. amplification.

#### AMATEUR WORK

The set had a real kick on short-wave amateur and commercial signals. Since beat-note reception was impossible without a separate heterodyne, all signals were received at first on their modulation only and how some of those raw a.c. and rough r.a.c. signals did show up! We got a big



FIG. 3. — THESE CONNECTIONS ARE USED WITH D.C. TUBES

 $R_b = 10$  ohms.  $R_b = 5$  ohms.  $R_7 = 20$ -ohm rheostat. All other constants same as in Fig. 1.

- B post not used in most cases as this connection has already been made in most B/C receivers.

kick out of watching the diaphragm of the speaker do tricks when some high-powered commercial station was tuned in "on the nose." Both domestic and foreign commercials had so much pep that the signal could actually be "felt" by holding the hand in front of the speaker, because the piston was moving almost a quarter inch and produced a considerable blast of air. It was impossible to be heard in the lab while speaking in an ordinary tone of voice when such a signal was on — we had to shout in each other's ears. (Some of the Directors, who were in Hartford for the annual meeting at the time, will attest to this.)

Although it is possible to get some extremely loud signals and the selectivity is all that could be desired, there are a few difficulties attendant upon the use of such a receiver as a telegraph outfit. In order to get beat note reception it is necessary to use a separate heterodyne, and to use the tuning system outlined above would mean the addition of another variable tuning control. Of course it is possible to do all tuning with the oscillator, and use a fixed intermediate frequency with a fixed heterodyne to set the beat note. In such a case the usual band-spreading tactics would have to be applied to the coil and condenser in the oscillator circuit. The beauty of the variable intermediate frequency is that the speed of tuning is exactly the same no matter what frequency the converter may be tuned to, and therefore all amateur bands can be spread on the dial in proportion to the actual number of kilocycles each band covers. A three-circuit broadcast tuner hooked up in a single-tube regenerative circuit with a wire run from the antenna post on the tuner to the ground post on the broadcast receiver will provide a satisfactory separate heterodyne. The pick-up will be sufficient to give a good beat note on c.w. signals.

The combination is a mighty good amateur 'phone receiver, possessing the selectivity required for operation in a crowded band, and providing a real audio amplifier for ham 'phone signals. With an outfit of this sort it is easy enough to find out whether a 'phone really "sounds like a broadcast station," because it is possible to compare the two directly. It is axiomatic that anything which can be heard on the 'phones with an ordinary short-wave receiver can be heard on the speaker with a super because of the greater amplification, and it really works out that way. Maybe if the neighbors can hear both sides of the conversation they won't think friend ham has gone daft and talks to himself constantly.

This, we think, is the most pertinent application of the converter to amateur radio, aside from the pleasure which many of us get from listening to short-wave broadcasts and DX hunting now and then. The operation of such a receiver is quite in contrast to the usual short-wave receiver, in respect to both selectivity and quality of reproduction.

#### SHORT-WAVE BROADCASTING

Naturally the converter is eminently suited for short-wave broadcast reception. If the same values of condensers have been used as specified in Fig. 1 and the coils are also exactly as per specifications, the tuning should be fairly close to the dial settings which have been logged on the set shown in the photographs.

With the pair of coils for the 6000-kc. band, a station should appear somewhere between 40 and 55 on the center dial if the broadcast receiver is set to 650 kc. The left-hand knob will be set at about half capacity. If such a station is heard, pass by it for the time being and see if there are any more near it. This particular band is 150 kilocycles wide, and it is usually possible to hear three or four stations working in it in the evening. If several stations are picked up, select the one nearest the center of the group, and then make a record of the oscillator dial setting for that station. This dial setting becomes the key setting for the band, and no further tuning is done on the converter itself except perhaps to make a small adjustment on the left-hand knob now and then as different stations are tuned in.

The other sets of coils are treated in just the same manner. The other broadcast bands are not always as well populated as the 6000-kc. band, but it is usually possible to hear some stations on 9500 and 11,800 kc. The 15,100- and 17,750-kc.

bands seem to be used mostly for daytime broadcasting, and at times it is impossible to find any signs of activity on them. The four bands last named are the ones on which foreign stations are most likely to be heard, the first for night reception, the second for afternoon and early evening, and the last two for daytime or late night transmission over great distances.

One of the great disadvantages of short-wave broadcast reception is rapid and drastic fading. The newer broadcast receivers with automatic volume control are therefore particularly suited to this work, because the intensity will be maintained at approximately the same level.

Receiving conditions at A.R.R.L. Headquarters are far from ideal, with two car-lines and an electrical manufacturing plant within a few hundred feet of the "lab," to say nothing of small machinery which is constantly running in various parts of the same building. The street on which the offices are located is likewise a welltravelled one, and at high frequencies the noise from ignition systems of trucks and automobiles is particularly bothersome. For this reason a good part of the time available for experimenting was taken up with simply waiting for some especially virulent machine to let up so something besides noise could be heard. In addition, the broadcast receiver with which the experiments were made was ours for only three days, being borrowed from one of the local radio stores. Therefore, it is not possible to say with any certainty just what can be expected in the way of distant reception.

However, in the moments when it was possible to listen with some degree of comfort, a number of broadcast stations within a thousand miles or so on the 6000-kc, band were picked up in the afternoon and early evening with volume which was considerably more than ample - in some cases it was impossible to turn the volume control fully on without overloading the audio system. On 9500 kc, PCJ was picked up in late afternoon with fairly good volume, increasing in intensity later in the evening, and except for fading was as loud as stations are ordinarily allowed to become in a home. The following morning a foreign station was heard on the 17,750-kc. band with fair intensity. One or two other stations were also heard on the higher-frequency bands, but lack of time or recurrence of noise prevented identification. Several of the transatlantic telephone stations, both English and American, were picked up on various frequencies at different times of the day. Reception was of course all on the loud-speaker. We would hesitate to put a pair of 'phones on the output of a modern broadcast receiver.

#### HUNTING TROUBLE

During the cut-and-try period of construction, a number of things happened which weren't quite as they should have been. Uncarthly shricks and howls, roars and grunts frequently rent the air, much to the disgust of persons nearby who were trying to keep their minds on their work Bursts of music and the machine-gun rattle of tape transmitters rewarded the efforts of the experimenters now and then, but added nothing to the enjoyment of the unwilling audience.



UNDERSIDE OF CONVERTER

However, a number of things were learned, and since others are quite likely to have the same troubles a few hints as to cures will be given. We are quite certain that the possibilities of the device as a noise-creator have not been fully probed, but a number of sources of trouble have been analyzed.

The commonest source of trouble is too much regeneration on the oscillator, which has been mentioned previously. As the regeneration control is advanced a point will often be found where a loud mushy roar starts, which is simply an audio frequency oscillation caused by too high plate voltage on the oscillator tube with that particular coil. The remedy is quite obvious, but there is a tendency for the howl to lag so far as settings on the knob are concerned. In other words, the roar stops when the regeneration control setting is considerably lower than the point at which it started. It may happen, particularly when the plates of the oscillator condenser are very nearly completely unmeshed, that it will be impossible to keep the howl from breaking out at inopportune moments. This indicates that the tickler winding, L<sub>4</sub>, on the oscillator coil, is too large, and removing one turn will probably help a great deal. It is well to be cautious in removing tickler turns, because the operation of the oscillator at the upper end of the condenser scale may be adversely affected.

If nothing can be heard at any setting of the converter dials and knobs, any one of a number of things may be wrong. The chances are ten to one that some mistake has been made in the wiring or some connection has been omitted. One or both of the tubes may be defective. All connections should be checked carefully, and then everything should be scrutinized very critically with the idea of showing up poor workmanship, joints in wiring which only apparently make connections, and poor judgment in laying out the r.f. parts of the circuit. The latter point is probably one of



FIG. 4. — ARRANGEMENT OF THE COILS AND COIL SOCKETS

Only the connections on the sockets marked with the solid black circles are used,

the most important. We have seen any number of attempts at set construction which were enough to disgust an experienced radio constructor, and yet the builders seemed to be sincerely laboring under the impression that it was "exactly like the one in QST." At least they said so. If you are inexperienced in such matters, follow the photographs carefully.

If, after checking as suggested above, there is still no sign of activity, and other tubes have failed to give results, it is probable that the oscillator is not functioning. In order to test for oscillation, a milliammeter should be connected in series with the negative "B" lead to the converter, and the oscillator grid leak touched with the finger. If the oscillator is working the plate current will increase when the grid is touched; if it is not, nothing will happen. If a milliammeter is not handy a pair of 'phones may be connected in series with the plus B lead and the same test applied, in which case a healthy click will be heard both when the grid leak is touched and when the finger is removed. Touching the side of the leak which is farthest from the grid of the tube will give the most positive results.

If the test shows the oscillator is not working, the coils should be looked over carefully to make sure that the connections have been made as in Fig. 4, and that all coils have been wound in the same direction. This latter point is probably the cause of non-oscillation. The coils must be wound in the same direction and the connections brought out as shown if the oscillator is to work. Other grid leaks and coupling resistors should be tried if all else fails. Finally, if nothing is found wrong with the coils or leaks, it may be that the oscillator tube or the layout is such as to require a few more turns on the tickler winding,  $L_4$ .

A series of chirps as either the oscillator dial or detector knob is turned indicates that the first detector is oscillating. This point can easily be settled by touching the grid leak on the first detector with the finger, and no further chirps will be heard as long as the finger is held on the leak. The detector seems most likely to break into oscillation when its tuning condenser is at about minimum capacity, and so long as it does not oscillate near where the desired stations are heard. there is no particular harm done. However, it may be aggravating at times, and can usually be stopped by either reducing the setting on the oscillator regeneration control or by decreasing the coupling between the two tubes, which requires a higher value of resistance at R<sub>2</sub>. Increasing the value of  $R_2$  may also decrease the signal strength on the higher-capacity settings of the oscillator and detector tuning condensers; all these factors should be taken into account in making a permanent adjustment.

With the receiver used in the tests, it was found that a particularly strong signal would cause a howl to build up if the volume control on the broadcast receiver were advanced too far. This howl did not seem to be assignable to the receiver or the converter separately, but was probably a result of interaction between them. Setting the volume control at a lower value or a slight readjustment of the detector tuning or both, will nearly always cure it.

Hum is likely to be non-existent or bad, depending upon individual tubes. Ordinarily no trouble of this kind is encountered with the first detector, because hum does not become bothersome until a tube is oscillating. Since the first detector is not allowed to oscillate it was not anticipated that any trouble would be had with hum from it, and such has proved to be the case. The oscillator, however, cannot be so lightly pushed out of the picture. Some tubes will work with perfect satisfaction, introducing no more hum than is already present in the broadcast receiver itself: others are not so considerate. Out of some eleven tubes tested, nearly all of different makes, three were perfectly humless, five had a noticeable hum only when the volume control on the receiver was near maximum, with two the hum was somewhat more noticeable than with the other five, and one out of the eleven had a really bad hum. Grounding the filament transformer, either through a resistor or condenser, seemed to have no effect whatever, so that the conclusion naturally presented itself

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## A Compact and Inexpensive Chemical Rectifier

#### Applying New Ideas to Electrolytic Rectifier Design

#### By George S. Parsons\*

HERE is a widespread belief among amateurs of to-day that the chemical or electrolytic rectifier, as applied to high-voltage rectification, is greatly inferior to other types. There is a number of reasons for this belief, among them the fact that the usual amateur set-up is very messy, occupies a considerable space, and requires a transformer of generous proportions for successful operation. It must be admitted that a set-up of twenty-four pint Mason jars, coated with a greasy scum, is not beautiful to look upon, especially when it is compared to the compact and neat-appearing tube rectifiers. It is the purpose of this article to describe a chemical rectifier which meets these objections; it is highly compact, neat in appearance, and reasonably efficient.

In the April, 1929, issue of QST there appeared the first part of an article on rectifiers by R. J. Kryter.<sup>1</sup> Lest it appear that I am attempting to parade the ideas of others as my own, I wish to state that it was this article which gave me the fundamentals with which to work. Mr. Kryter reviewed in detail both the theory and the design of rectifiers, and gave an excellent discussion of the needs of the chemical rectifier. A brief review of his findings is therefore in order.

Kryter states that if an electrolytic rectifier is to function properly, certain conditions must be fulfilled. These conditions deal with purity of electrode material, current density, shape and size of electrodes, and types of solutions.

It appears that one of the most important of these conditions (and one which is least often properly taken care of) is the matter of current density. For an active electrode of pure aluminum, Kryter states that the current density should be not less than fifty milliamperes per square inch of active aluminum surface. Thus if a sheet of aluminum having an area of one square inch on one side is totally immersed in the solution, the current density should be at least one hundred milliamperes. The total active area of the above plate is two square inches, and a load of one hundred milliamperes would give the required current density of fifty milliam-

<sup>1</sup> "Alternating Current Rectification as Applied to Radio," QST, April and May, 1929 (in two parts).

peres per square inch. With special cooling methods much higher current densities may be used, densities as high as 2500 milliamperes per square inch being permissible. At this point I should like to bring to attention this fact: Practically all the articles which have appeared in QST specify that the current density should be *kept below* forty milliamperes per square inch,



THE CELLS AND CONTAINER FROM ONE SIDE The small size of the complete rectifier can be judged by comparing it with the receiving tube.

and this figure is given in the *Handbook* as well. In view of the later work which has been done on the aluminum rectifier, however, the current density specification should be made at least fifty milliamperes per square inch of active surface.

Other conditions of considerable importance are as follows: The aluminum electrode should be constructed of the purest metal obtainable; it should have a polished and well rounded surface in order that the potential gradient be uniform over the entire electrode. The solution

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Let us now consider the theory of design of a small chemical rectifer. Assuming that the rectifier will be used to supply one or two Type '10 tubes, we may draw the following conclusions.

If one tube is used, the plate current will be sixty to eighty milliamperes, depending on the



FIG. 1. — ONE OF THE NEW TYPE RECTIFIER CELLS

The active electrode is No. 14 pure aluminum wire and the inert electrode is the carbon rod from an old "B" buttery cell. Twenty-four of these cells in a bridge will rectify 750 volts a.e. (r, m, s.) and deliver at least 100 ma, for a pair of Type '10 tubes.

adjustment of the circuit and the voltage applied to the tube. The transformer voltage will probably be anything from five hundred to eight hundred volts, depending on the transformer available. Aluminum, used as the active electrode, has a definite operating voltage which should not be exceeded. If an organic solution of the proper type is used, an operating voltage of 160 volts per cell is permissible. In the bridge type of connection, one-fourth of the cells must withstand the entire secondary voltage when in the closed valve position; thus a bridgeconnected rectifier consisting of twenty-four cells will operate without danger of overload at a voltage as high as 960 volts (r.m.s.).

It has been stated that the aluminum electrode should have a polished and rounded surface and that sharp corners should be avoided. Perhaps the easiest way to realize this is to use aluminum

wire as the active electrode. Aluminum wire of No. 14 gauge has a diameter of 0.064 inches. The area of the surface of the wire is given by the expression  $\pi DL$ , where D is the diameter of the wire and L the length.  $\pi D$  is 0.201 inch: The wire has a surface area of 0.201 square inch per linear inch. Since the current density must be not less than fifty milliamperes per square inch, not more than 1.8 square inches of aluminum should be exposed to the solution. If the rectifier is to be used on very light loads (60 milliamperes or less) the area should be even less, about one square inch being suitable. Assuming that a load of at least one hundred milliamperes will be drawn, the value of 1.8 square inch should be used, and may be obtained by immersing at least nine inches of the aluminum wire in the solution. Allowing three inches for connections, the wire should be cut in twelve-inch lengths.

Since organic solutions are to be used, carbon is probably the best suited for use as the inert electrode, and may be easily obtained from an old "B" battery. Carbon rods obtained from this source should be carefully cleaned in boiling water. This will remove the ammonium chloride and other impurities which may be present on the rods.

It is always desirable, in a cell of this sort, to reduce the resistance to a minimum. To do this the electrodes should be mounted as close to each other as is possible. Five millimeters (about 0.2 inch) is a convenient distance. It is not advisable to mount the electrodes closer than this, since with changing temperature some of the organic salts present in the solution may crystallize out around the electrodes and cause erratic performance.

In place of the usual pint Mason jars or drinking glasses, test tubes were used as containers. Test tubes are small, cheap, easy to obtain, and may be mounted in a small box, thus providing a very compact and neat arrangement. Following this design the rectifier described below was built.

The rectifier network consists of twenty-four cells. The containers are test tubes, six inches in length and seven-eighths inch in diameter. The tubes are mounted in two rows in a wooden box, twelve inches long, two inches wide, and sufficiently deep so that only the rims of the test tubes are above the top of the box. The tubes are held in place by pouring molten paraffin around them.

The electrodes were made as follows: Carbon rods of approximately four-inch length were obtained from an old "B" battery. These rods were thoroughly cleaned in boiling water and dried. Short pieces of rubber tubing of sufficient diameter to fit snugly to the carbon rod were pushed over each end. At the top, sufficient carbon was left exposed to make a connection. A piece of aluminum wire of No. 14 gauge was then led down the side of each rod; two and one half turns were made about the lower rubber sleeve, and the wire led back up along the opposite side of the rod.<sup>2</sup> The aluminum wire was then secured to the upper rubber sleeve by means of a few turns of a thin twine. Connections to the carbon rods were made by wrapping the ends of the rods with several turns of bare copper wire of No. 24 gauge, and soldering a short piece of No. 16 bare copper wire to the wrapping of No. 24 wire. The drawing, Fig. 1, illustrates the design.

The electrodes were placed in the tubes and connected in the usual bridge form. An organic solution<sup>3</sup> was poured into the cells and the rectifier was connected to the secondary of a transformer of five hundred watts input, the secondary voltage being 750 volts (r.m.s.). The time required for forming was approximately one minute and the leakage after this time but a few milliamperes.

As Kryter states, the performance of the usual chemical rectifier is limited by the heat developed in the solution. As the solution undergoes a rise in temperature, the working voltage decreases. More explicitly, the leakage effects increase with increasing temperature, finally reaching a point where the rectifier ceases to operate and acts as a dead short on the high-voltage supply line. Assuming that the rectifier will always be operated at or below the rated working voltage, the point at which the rectifier suffers complete break-down depends upon the ratio of heat developed to heat radiated. If the rectifier is capable of radiating heat as rapidly as heat is produced, regardless of current, exceedingly high currents could be drawn without overloading the rectifier. In actual practice any rectifier has a definite current rating which may not be exceeded without overheating. This limit is set by the coustruction of the rectifier. For example, the one described in this paper has the cells imbedded in paraffin, which is a rather poor radiator of heat. Thus the maximum permissible load is not large - probably not over 250 milliamperes for short periods.

In any electrolytic cell through which an electric current is flowing, energy is being dissipated in the form of heat and in electrolysis of the solution. The electrolysis may be accompanied by certain chemical reactions which may either liberate or absorb heat, depending on the exact nature of the reactions. In order to determine the relation between these two values, the following experiment was carried out.

A direct current was sent through a single cell consisting of one of the electrodes described above immersed in 600 ccs. of the solution in a large Dewar flask. Knowing the specific heat of the solution, the amount and duration of current

<sup>2</sup> If shorter rods are used, more turns of aluminum wire should be wound around the lower rubber sleeve. — *Editor.* <sup>2</sup> The formula for the electrolyte is given at the end of flow, and the resistance of the cell, the heat developed due to the resistance of the solution could be calculated from the expression,  $H = l^2$ R/4.187. Measuring the rise in temperature by means of a Beckman thermometer and calculating the total heat developed, it was found that for a given current flow the experimental value



FIG. 2. -- VOLTAGE REGULATION CURVE OF THE RECTIFIER

The transformer secondary voltage is 750 (r.m.s.) and the load is a pure resistance.

corresponded very closely to that calculated. This means, of course, that whatever heat may be absorbed or given out by the chemical reaction going on within the cell is small in comparison to the heat developed by the resistance of the cell to the current flow. If we calculate (on the basis of the above data) the heat developed in the rectifier network described above, with a load of 200 milliamperes, it will be found that a rise in temperature of 0.115 deg. C. might be expected. It will be shown that this value is very much too low.

Let us now consider the rectifier under actual operating conditions. Suppose the output to be 500 volts at a load of 100 milliamperes. Assuming an overall efficiency of 50%, the total input to the rectifier is 100 watts and the loss in the rectifier must be 50 watts. With about 20 cc. of a solution having a specific heat of 0.85, this would cause a rise in temperature of about two degrees C. per minute. However, since a great amount of this energy lost in the rectifier is spent in causing chemical action within the cells, the heat actually developed is much less than the value given above. It was found by experiment that the rise in temperature under the above conditions was not two degrees but was slightly less than one degree, the exact value depending somewhat on the room temperature. Inasmuch as the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The formula for the electrolyte is given at the end of this article. — Editor.

load on a chemical rectifier being used to supply a small high frequency transmitter is usually intermittent rather than steady, and since a certain amount of heat will be radiated from the cells, the rise in temperature will vary considerably for different set-ups. The reason for the error in the value for rise in temperature, calculated



FIG. 3. — OSCILLOGRAPH RECORDS OF THE RECTIFIER'S PERFORMANCE

"A" is without any filter in the output; "B" is with  $\hat{z} \ \mu fd$ , across the output; "C" is with 4  $\mu fd$ ; and "D" is with a filter of  $\hat{z} \ \mu fd$ , 56 H, and  $\hat{z} \ \mu fd$ .

from the d.c. values for a single cell and applied to the network, is probably that the formation and breaking of the film by the alternating current involves losses which are not encountered with a steady current flow. The particular network with which the above tests were made has been used to supply an intermittent load of 100 milliamperes at an input voltage of 750 volts, for several hours. No appreciable heating could be observed.

The efficiency of the rectifier was found to vary with the conditions of the test and the load drawn. It appears that temperature has a great deal to do with the efficiency, it being advisable to operate at a low rather than a high temperature. Although the cells will operate at temperatures above 35 degree C., it is much better to keep the temperature below 20 deg. C. A room temperature of 68 deg. F. corresponds to a temperature of 20 deg. C., hence room temperature is a convenient point for satisfactory operation. As a matter of fact, the rectifier will probably not show a rise in temperature of more than three to five degrees above the temperature of the room, assuming a normal load of 100 milliamperes and intermittent operation. The power efficiency usually will vary from 40% to 50% and at light loads the efficiency probably will not be more than 40% of the input. Although this may seem to be low efficiency, it should be kept in mind that the maximum over-all efficiency.



A.c. apat voltage, 175 ccus; a.c. butput voltage, 607 rous; d.c. output current 57 ma.

ciency for a perfect rectifier is 81.2%. This follows from a consideration of the geometrical properties of the sine curve.

In determining the output voltage and load, it should be remembered that the greater the load up to a certain point, the greater the voltage drop across the rectifier; with an input voltage of 750, a load of 50 milliamperes may give an output voltage of 600 volts or more; a load of 100 milliamperes will probably reduce the voltage (output) to about 550 or less. The exact value may be obtained from the curves given in Fig. 2.

The ease with which a rectifier of this type forms is remarkable. It may be connected directly to the high voltage supply without danger to the transformer windings. There will be a very large current drain lasting for a matter of seconds, after which the current falls very rapidly: the rectifier is formed completely in three minutes. This short time of formation is in sharp contrast to the time required for rectifiers having large aluminum plates and a borax solution, the time of formation for the latter often being a matter of hours rather than of minutes.

There are at least three reasons for the rapid formation of this rectifier: The aluminum used is very pure and has a polished surface; the area of the aluminum plate is very small; and the solution is of complex organic compounds rather than the simple inorganic salts such as sodium bicarbonate or borax. Of these reasons, the first two are probably more important than the last, and the matter of electrode area is probably the most important of all.

For example, Holler and Schrodt have found that an area of one square centimeter forms almost at once, whereas an area of three hundred square centimeters requires several hours for complete formation. In the first case, twenty-five volts were used for forming and in the second, 120 volts were used. This might be interpreted in one of two ways; either the cell forms less rapidly with the higher forming voltage or some minimum value of forming current per square centimeter of aluminum is required. I am inclined to believe that the latter is correct for this reason:

If two aluminum cells are set up — one having an active electrode area of one square inch and the other an active electrode area of fifty square inches and a direct current is applied to each cell, it will be found that the small cell forms in a few minutes while the large cell requires a much greater time.

In this case equal potentials are applied to each cell and the same current flows through each. This condition, while theoretically impossible, may be closely approximated by making the internal resistance of the two cells as nearly alike as practicable. This may be accomplished by spacing the plates of the small cell very closely and the plates of the large cell some distance apart. Since equal currents are flowing through each cell, it follows that the current density is much less in the large cell than in the small one, thus making it appear that a minimum forming current is required.

The solution employed in this rectifier is one given by Kryter and has the following formula and operating characteristics:

Formula:

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Ammonium citrate	425  gms.
Citric acid	368 gms.
Ammonium phosphate	150 gms.
Potassium citrate	8 gms.
Distilled water	1,000 gms. (cc.)
Operating characteristics:	
Working voltage, r.m.s	160 volts.
Breakdown voltage, r.m.s.	210 volts.
Critical temperature	120 deg. F.
Useful life of 100 cc. of solu-	
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tion..... 69 ampere hrs. In the rectifier described, each cell contains about twenty cc. of solution. With a d.c. load of 100 milliamperes this means an operating life of at least 175 hours.

It is possible to use other solutions in the rectifier than the one just given. The operating characteristics, however, will vary with the solution. Either borax or baking soda may be used, but in such cases the maximum working voltage will be less than 160 volts per cell. Furthermore, it must be remembered that the life of a simple, inorganic solution such as borax is much less



A TOP VIEW OF THE COMPLETED RECTIFIER

than that of an organic solution, thus necessitating more frequent change of the solution.

Since the first part of this article was written, the rectifier output has been checked with an oscillograph, the records being shown in Fig. 3. The output wave shows complete rectification, being totally above the zero axis. As might be expected, since the internal capacity of the cell used as a unit is low, any smoothing effect in the rectifier itself is very small. This may be seen in curve "A". With the output fed into a condenser, a distinct smoothing effect is evident. This becomes more pronounced as the capacity is increased. "B" shows the effect of connecting a  $2-\mu fd$ . condenser across the output side of the rectifier and "C" shows the effect of four microfarads. The addition of a choke of 36 henries gave (at least as nearly as the oscillograph could show) pure d.c., the trace being a straight line. The circuits used are shown in Fig. 4.

The results obtained with the oscillograph make it quite evident that there is no excuse for not obtaining pure d.c. with a reasonably small filter; certainly a filter consisting of a 36-henry choke shunted on each side with a  $2-\mu$ fd condenser is not an elaborate filter system.

A load of 54 milliamperes was on the d.c. output at all times, and the rectifier was permitted to operate constantly for a period of two and one-half hours. Slight heating was observed, the temperature rising to about 100 deg. F. This emphasizes that the rectifier is capable of handling intermittent loads well in excess of 54 milliamperes, 100 or more milliamperes being permissible under ordinary operating conditions.



After the recent broadcast from W1MK about the new regulations one chap wrote in and wanted to know about the new 30- and 60-*meter* bands! Of course "mc." and "mtr." do sound a bit alike.

## The Annual Meeting of the A.R.R.L. Board

By K. B. Warner, Secretary

**HE Board of Directors of the American** Radio Relay League held its annual meeting in Hartford, on May 2d and 3d, under the chairmanship of President Maxim. These annual meetings are the most important affairs in government of our League. for here the directors assemble from all over the country and for two days exhaustively examine the work of the A.R.R.L. and make new plans based on their nation-wide study of conditions and members' desires. All sixteen of the directors. whose names appear each month on page 6 of QST, were present except Mr. Babcock from the Pacific Division, who was ill but who sent as his alternate Mr. Foster G. Strong, W6MK, of Long Beach, California. The headquarters officers of course were also in attendance.

After the roll call and the approval of the minutes of its previous meeting the Board proceeded at once to the hearing of reports. Each of the officers presented a comprehensive report on his stewardship of certain branches of A.R.R.L. affairs, telling of the work of the past year and making recommendations for the future. The General Counsel of the League similarly reported. The Canadian General Manager and each of the division directors presented a report on the affairs under his jurisdiction, how the members feel about this and that, the troubles encountered, the new ideas suggested. All these reports the Board heard and accepted, and listed the topics brought up for careful consideration.

Mr. Maxim and Mr. Stewart were unanimously reëlected president and vice-president, respectively, for 1930 and 1931. There were no other names in nomination.

The Board examined and ratified the acts of the Executive Committee in the past year, appropriated funds for the expense of the annual meeting, sent a telegram of good cheer to Mr. Babcock, regretting his absence, and then tackled its first knotty problem.

#### OUT-OF-BAND OPERATING

This first problem was a study of ways and means to confine amateur operation to the authorized bands, a subject which every active amateur knows to be a vital one right now. Much thought was given to the establishment of marker signals on the limits of each band, to increased standard-frequency transmissions and to other practical aids of similar nature. Because any such program to be successful must be based on sound technical plans, this part of the subject was referred to the Executive Committee for further study. It developed that there was general sentiment amongst the members that there was no excuse for most off-wave operating, that for the most part it was inexcusable carelessness, and that there was widespread demand amongst the great law-abiding majority of amateurs that the Government do something about it. Somewhat to the surprise of each other, every director reported that the amateurs in his division were united in urging a drastic enforcement policy, with the suspension of licenses as the penalty for violation, provided, of course, that guilt is established. It was the nation-wide sentiment that it was time to do something, that the rights of the majority must not be jeopardized by the carelessness of a few, and that the job was up to the Department of Commerce as the radio-policing agency of the Government. Accordingly, the Board unanimously voted to advise the Department of Commerce. Radio Division, that it is the desire of the League that the Secretary of Commerce comply with Section 5(D) of the Radio Act of 1927, as amended, by immediately putting into effect the policy of suspending the operator's licenses of all persons consistently violating the regulations of the Commission by operating outside the frequency bands prescribed for amateur services. It also instructed that in all cases where the Communications Department of the League acquires evidence satisfactory to it of consistent off-wave operation, the Communications Manager shall forward such evidence to the Secretary of Commerce with a specific request for suspension of operator's license. With the new monitoring station of the Radio Division in Grand Island, Nebraska, and the new equipment at each district headquarters, disciplinary suspensions should now be expected by the persistent violators.

#### 'PHONE OPERATION

As at the two previous meetings, the question of 'phone operation came in for a good share of the Board's attention, and, like the previous meetings, not only was the problem acted upon the first day of the meeting but it was taken up for reexamination the second day and again carefully scrutinized. The Board had before it two petitions from 'phone men asking the League to sponsor a widening of the 3500-kc. 'phone privilege. It had counter requests from C.W. men that 'phone be moved to the high-frequency end of that band, to utilize the harmonic-family then made available for three-band crystal-controlled C.W. operation. 'Phone operators interested in this general sub-

ject are requested to see this month's editorial page, where it is more fully discussed. The overwhelming majority of amateur sentiment, as collected in each division by the directors, was against any widening of the band but in favor of a regulation which would require more ability of the 'phone operator, because 'phone is admittedly a much more complex art than C.W. Such a policy would confine 'phone operation to the men who know something about it and, by eliminating the unqualified operators, would increase the effective range of the facilities available for men who have the knowledge and the equipment to do real 'phone work. Thus the Board unanimously voted to seek no extension in the telephone range now, to leave it where it is, and to seek the creation of an amateur telephone operator's license, to be required for all amateur telephone operation. the same to be given only to operators having at least one year's experience in the amateur operator's class or higher, and having special technical qualifications: in other words, to require for any 'phone operation about the same qualifications as are now necessary for the 14-mc. band. This view, incidentally, was heartily recommended by numerous experienced 'phone men.

#### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Board unanimously voted that the League should undertake amateur representation at the next meeting of the C.C.I.R., at Copenhagen in 1931, and at the next conference for the revision of the international convention, at Madrid in 1932. Plans were made for a publicity campaign, international in character, to start a year before Madrid and having for its aim the production of a favorable background for amateur radio at that conference. Meanwhile it is hoped that the A.R.R.L. can assist the I.A.R.U. organization in solidifying its position in the international field, which should be of invaluable assistance at both of these conferences; and plans thereto were left with the Executive Committee.

The Board made an additional appropriation of funds to be drawn upon by the Executive Committee for furthering the membership development program which is now under way, based upon the beginner's booklet which has been mentioned in QST. The resumption of national conventions was again asked by the Central Division, but again turned down by the Board for the same reasons as in the past: that such affairs are never national in scope and that they cannot be "conventions" because, under our constitution, League business is handled by the Board and not at meetings of the membership; it reiterated the statement of policy adopted at the 1927 meeting and published in QST for April of that year. The editorial policy of QST was discussed, the salaries of officers reviewed, and a careful study made of the problem of better contact between directors and their members.

#### SOME AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Some changes were made in the by-laws affecting areas outside of continental United States and Canada. It was felt that such areas which are not governed by the domestic radio laws of the two nations in which the League is centered should not participate in the making of League decisions. So long as they are part of League divisions they do thus improperly participate, members there vote for director and are entitled to instruct the director, and in fact a member in such an area is eligible to stand for election as director even though he does not operate under United States or Canadian radio law. These areas were originally incorporated in A.R.R.L. divisions in the desire to extend the operating activities of the Communications Department to them, but in the process they became part of the whole administrative field of the League. A further problem arose from the fact that some of these areas are so distant that there has not been sufficient time for the casting of ballots in the election of directors.

In this consideration it was considered desirable to retain in the administrative area served by the League the Territory of Hawaii, the Territory of Alaska, and the Island of Porto Rico, because these are governed by our domestic radio law and are in fact parts of the inspection districts of the Department of Commerce. The Board so amended the by-laws, however, as to eliminate Newfoundland, Labrador, Cuba, the Isle of Pines and the Philippine Islands as parts of our A.R.R.L. divisions. It was desired, nevertheless, to retain these areas within the scope of the Communications Department, as has been requested by them, so a further amendment was made whereunder the operating territory of the Communications Department is defined as consisting of the A.R.R.L. divisions plus certain other territory attached to but not forming part of the divisions, as follows: Newfoundland and Labrador, attached to the Maritime Division: Republic of Cuba and the Isle of Pines, attached to the Southeastern Division; and the Philippines. attached to the Pacific Division. Thus there is no change in C. D. activities in these areas.

The date for the receipt of hallots in director elections was changed to December 20th instead of December 1st.

The one-year-old provision in the by-laws that a candidate for S.C.M. must be the holder of an O.R.S. appointment was repealed. Experience has shown that an existing S.C.M., by his control of the appointment of O.R.S.'s, has an unwarranted power over the selection of his successor, and in some cases it was being abused; so the provision was climinated.

#### THE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE

Many directors reported abuse, in their districts, of the temporary operator's certificate, (Continued on page 80)

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## New Two-Volt Tubes

THE R.C.A. Radiotron Company has recently announced the production of three new tubes, all designed to operate at the same filament potential, 2 volts. A general purpose tube, a power output tube, and a screen grid tube form the new series. The general-purpose tube, known as the UX-230, and the screen grid tube, the UX-232, correspond approximately (in characteristics other than filament voltage and current) to the Type '01-A and Type '22 respectively. The power output tube has no approximate counterpart in the present smaller sizes of audio output tubes, but to some extent averages the characteristics of the present Type '12-A and '71-A.

#### THE UX-230

The new general-purpose tube is similar to the Type '99 in external appearance, but the elements are those of the Type '01-A reduced to an appropriate size to fit the envelope. The small standard base and pin connections are used. The tentative ratings and average characteristics of this tube are listed below. The corresponding characteristics of the Type '01-A are also given for comparison.

	UX-230	UX-201-A
Filament voltage	2.0	5.0
Filament current. amperes	0.06	0.25
Plate voltage (maximum)	90	90 - 135
Grid voltage (C-bias)	-4.5	-4.5 to 9.0
Plate current, milliamperes	2.0	2.5
Plate resistance, ohms,		11000
Amplification factor .	8.8	8.0
Mutual conductance, micromhos	700	725

The approximate direct inter-electrode capacitances of the UX-230 are as follows:

Grid to plate	6 µµfd.
Grid to filament	
Plate to filament.	2 µµfd.

The tube is suited to all uses to which a Type '01-A may be put, either as a radio-frequency amplifier, detector, or intermediate audio amplifier.

#### THE UX-231

The UX-231 is designed "for use in the last audio stage only," and is capable of delivering a moderate amount of undistorted power output to the loud-speaker. In appearance it is exactly the same as the UX-230, the only noticeable difference in the construction being in the spacing of the grid wires. Tentative ratings and average characteristics of this tube are as follows:

Filament voltage Filament current Plate voltage, maximum and recom-	
mended.	135 volts
Grid voltage (C-bias),	-22.5 volts
Plate current	8 milliamperes
Plate resistance	4000 ohms

Amplification factor	3.5
Mutual conductance,	875 micromhos
Undistorted power output	170 milliwatta

The approximate direct inter-electrode capacitances are the same as those given above for the UX-230.

When operated at the recommended plate voltage the grid bias should never be lower than the values specified above, since a lower bias will



THE (JX-230

cause an increase in plate current which may adversely affect the performance of the tube. When used correctly the output may be fed directly into a loud-speaker of suitable impedance without the use of an output transformer, since the plate current is comparatively low.

#### THE UX-232

The new screen-grid tube has about the same external appearance as the Type '22, but the construction of the elements is somewhat different, the control grid and inner screen grid being oval instead of cylindrical, and the filament is in the form of an inverted "V." The arrangement of the elements is shown in an illustration.

The average characteristics of the tube are listed below, together with the corresponding figures for the Type '22.

	UX-232	UX-222
Filament voltage	2.0	3.3
Filament current, amperes	0,06	0.132
Plate voltage, maximum	135	135
Grid voltage (C-bias)	-3.0	-1.5
Screen voltage, maximum	67.5	67.5
Plate current, milliamperes	1.5	1.5
Screen current N	ot over ½ of	
Plate resistance, ohms	800,000	850,000
Amplification factor	440	300
Mutual conductance, micromhos	550	350

The effective grid-plate capacitance of the UX-232 is  $0.02 \ \mu\mu$ fd., maximum.

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## Official Frequency System Progress

#### Elgin Observatory to Succeed W9XL—W1AXV Schedules— New Marker Station System to be Inaugurated

INCE the publication of the Official Frequency System news in May QST there have been important developments towards improving and expanding the League's frequency calibration service to amateurs. In addition to a change in administration of the System which centers the supervision at Hartford headquarters, a new standard frequency station has been appointed to succeed W9XL; prospects of a Pacific Coast station (to make the third and complete station for the S.F. net) are in sight; complete coördination of the operation of the whole system is being realized; and the Official A.R.R.L. Frequency Standard is expected to be in operation at Hq by the time this issue of QST is out.

#### THE NEW S.F. STATION

The League has been fortunate indeed in securing the coöperation of the Elgin Observatory of the Elgin National Watch Co. at Elgin, Ill., and in having this competent research organization accept appointment for the transmission of Official A.R.R.L. Standard Frequencies. The standard frequency station at Elgin will be in charge of Mr. F. D. Urie, W9SI, Director of Research. He will have as his assistant Mr. R. S. Neidigh, W9BEP. Both these gentlemen are active, dyed-in-the-wool hams, experimenters of the first water, and more than ordinarily capable of handling such little things as standard frequency transmissions of ultimate accuracy. The time determination facilities available at the Observatory are to play an important part in the precision radio frequency work, as might be expected, and contributions to ham radio additional to the standard frequency transmission can be expected from the fellows at Elgin.

The Elgin Observatory now has the experimental call W9XAM assigned for the transmission of time signals on 4795 kc. (see June QST for skeds) and there is a possibility that this call will be used for the S.F. transmissions also. The S.F. transmitter will be a 500-watt rig, monitored by a piezo frequency standard having an accuracy of better than .01%. The standard will be checked against the National Standard at the Bureau of Standards, Washington, prior to its installation at Elgin.

The setting up of a station for the transmission of standard frequencies is not something to be completed in a Saturday afternoon — the job is a precise one and requires some time. It is hoped that sufficient progress will be made to allow publication of tentative schedules of W9XAM S.F. transmissions in the September issue of QST.

#### w1AXV ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULES

Standard frequency transmissions, QRG service (see May QST for details) and official observing activities at W1AXV are going full blast. Howard Chinn, Paul Hendricks and the rest of the gang at Round Hill are hitting the ball right along — but not getting deserved coöperation from the fellows for whom they are giving the service.

WIAXV wants more reports. Such reports are necessary to show what areas W1AXV is covering. with the various transmissions so that the propertimes of day for different frequencies can be determined more exactly and also to assist in studies of skip distances, zones of reception and so on for the amateur frequencies on which the schedules are sent. Every time you use the S.F. transmissions of W1AXV, send in a report. To make the reporting easier, we have plenty of S.F. Report Blanks here at Hq. Just drop a card asking for them. They will be sent "no charge" — and postpaid.

All reports should be addressed to the Standard Frequency System, QST, Hartford, Conn. A notation of the report is made for our files and the original is then sent to the proper S.F. station.

If you are not making use of the schedules for the love of Mike Henry use them! From now on the schedules will be published in every issue of QST. If you don't know how to calibrate your frequency meter, monitor, or what-have-you from S.F. transmissions, dig up K. V. R. Lansingh's dope in September, 1929, QST (page 36) and find out how. It may mean saving your license from cancellation because of off-frequency operation.

Here are the schedules for W1AXV Standard Frequency Transmissions during July and August. Keep them on your operating table.

#### DATES OF TRANSMISSION

Date	2																				Sc	hed <b>ule</b>
July 11, Fr	riday.												•				_					A
July 18, Fr	riday.	 •					 									,						BB
July 25, Fr	riday.	 			,		 						•				,					В
July 27, St	inday.														 .,			•	•		•	C
Aug. 8, F	riday.	 •											• .		 ,						•	A
Aug. 15, Fr	riday.				•													•				BB
Aug. 22, Fi	riday .	 				•				,				• •								В
Aug. 31, St	inday		•	 	,		•	•	 . ,		•	•	•		 			•	•	•	•	С

#### STANDARD FREQUENCY SCHEDULES

Time			Time						
(p,m)	Freque	ncy, kc.	(p.m.)	Frequency, kc.					
	A	в		BB	C				
8:00	3500	7000	4:00	7000	14,000				
8:08	3550	7100	4:08	7100	14,100				
8:16	3600	7200	4:16	7200	14,200				
8:24	3700	7300	4:24	7300	14,300				
8:32	3800	With Low Co. 977 54	4:32		14,400				
8:40	3900								
8:48	4000	Baaraa							

The time allotted to each transmission is now 8 minutes, divided as follows:

2 minutes - QST QST QST de W1AXV

3 minutes — Characteristic letter "G" broken by call letters.

1 minute — Statement of frequency in kc. to nearest integral figure and announcement of next frequency.

2 minutes — Time allowed to change to next frequency.

The frequencies announced by W1AXV are accurate to within 0.01%.

The time is E.S.T. 8:00 p.m. at W1AXV is 0100 G.C.T. and 4:00 p.m. is 2100 G.C.T.

European listeners are urged to use and report on Schedule BB which is transmitted particularly for them.

#### W1AXV QRG SERVICE

More fellows ought to take advantage of the "individual QRG service" being offered by W1AXV. Anyone who can raise W1AXV during the hour preceding each S.F. schedule can have his transmitter frequency checked to within 0.1% by simply asking for a check. Complete details of the service were given in May QST (page 47). Very few have taken advantage of this opportunity on the first transmissions and more users are wanted.

The frequency used by W1AXV during each QRG period will be approximately the middle frequency of the S.F. sked which follows. The exact frequency for each period will be:

Preceding schedule A, 3700 kc. Preceding schedule B, 7100 kc. Preceding schedule BB, 7100 kc.

Preceding schedule C, 14,200 kc.

#### "MARKER STATIONS" TO BE APPOINTED

A selected group of amateur stations which operate on precise frequencies near the limits of the amateur bands are going to be appointed "Marker Stations." To qualify for such appointment, the station must be one equipped with adequate precision frequency apparatus to guarantee that it can maintain its designated frequency to within 0.1%. The types of transmitters best for this service are crystal-controlled outfits with crystals operated at constant temperature and selfcontrolled sets which are continuously monitored by a constant-temperature crystal standard. The frequency of the station's standard must be accurately known and frequently checked against standard frequency transmissions. Calibration by the Bureau of Standards at Washington would be best of all.

Such marker stations will not be permitted to operate "flat on 7000" or on any band's limiting frequency. The frequency specified must be not closer than 0.1% of the limit.

If you have the equipment and ability to render service to amateur radio as the operator of a Marker Station, write HQ and give us the dope. The number of stations which can be appointed must be limited in number and they must be the best we can find. Their calls and operating frequencies will be published regularly in QST.

-J.J.L.

#### New DeForest Tubes

**HE** DeForest Company has recently brought out a d.c. screen-grid tube which, so far as we know, has no counterpart in the types made by other manufacturers. It is known as the 422-A, and is equivalent to the 422 except that the filament consumption is only 60 milliamperes, as compared with 132 m.a. for the usual '22. The filament voltage is 3.3. The drain on the "A" battery is, therefore, the same as with a Type '99, which makes the tube well suited for portable receivers. The 422 and 422-A differ from other Type '22 tubes in that their plate resistance is 250,000 ohms, with a mu of 150, and mutual conductance of 600 micromhos. With this low plate resistance a greater portion of the theoretical amplification of the tube can be realized in practical circuits.

The new 506, a mercury-vapor rectifier, is similar to the UX-866, although differing in several important respects. The maximum inverse peak voltage rating is 7500, and the peak current is 600 m.a. The construction of the filament is rather novel, because it is in the form of a horizontal "Z" instead of the usual inverted "V". This construction makes the plane of the anode and the plane of the filament parallel.

There is also a 572, with the same sort of envelope as the UX-872, but with internal construction like the 566. The inverse peak voltage rating on this tube is also 7500, with a peak current rating of 2.5 amperes.



The Constitution and By-Laws of the League have been reprinted in revised form showing all amendments up to May 15, 1930. A copy is available to any member of the League upon request.

#### QST

## Naval Reserve Holds Its First National Emergency Drill

#### By William Justice Lee\*

HE Volunteer Naval Communication Reserve held its first national emergency drill by radio on May 1, 1930. This was an event that had been looked forward to for many months, not only by various Naval Reservists in all parts of this country, but also by the personnel of the Office of Naval Communications, Navy Department, Washington.

At 4 p.m. E.S.T. on May 1st a despatch addressed to the Commandant of each Naval District in the continental United States was handed to the supervisor in Radio Central, Navy Department, Washington. This message was classified as urgent, taking precedence over what is known as priority traffic, and instructed each Commandant to arrange to have either the master or alternate reserve radio control station of his district manned at 10 p.m. E.S.T. This also included the Naval Districts on the Pacific Coast.

Some few days prior to this emergency drill, instructions had been forwarded by the Chief of Naval Operations to the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, instructing him to designate one of the two Twelfth Naval District Reserve control stations as the senior control station for the West Coast. Accordingly Reserve Control Station NDH, located in San Francisco, was so designated. In the meantime instructions had been forwarded to the Commandant, Ninth Naval District, Great Lakes, Illinois, to arrange so that when the national emergency drill was conducted, Master Control Station NDS, Chicago, could act as relay for any traffic between the east and west coasts. There was no advance notice given to the reserve personnel as to just what date would be decided on for this emergency drill as otherwise the emergency feature would not have amounted to much.

The senior control station for the United States was NKF, the transmitter of which is located at the Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevue, D. C., and which is keyed from Radio Central, Navy Department. This station and all others in the master control reserve net operate on 4045 ke.

The purpose of this drill was to determine speed of mobilization, completeness of representation of districts, control over the reserve stations by each district Commandant and the feasibility of relaying radio messages back and forth across the United States over the Naval Reserve Net. In the urgent message of instructions sent to Commandants on May 1st one requirement was that certain districts should originate short messages, some of which were to be addressed to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, and others addressed to districts on the opposite coast. The plan of the drill was worked out so that each district, both east and west coast, would either send or receive one message.

Promptly at 10 p.m. NKF, with the writer as operator, broadcast a short message of instructions and then proceeded to call each station in numerical order of districts, beginning with the first and ending with the ninth. Every naval district reported with a station manned and ready for traffic. On the west coast according to instructions, the Eleventh and Thirteenth Naval Districts reported to senior control station NDH at San Francisco in the Twelfth Naval District.

By 10:33 p.m. a Naval Reserve radio station in every Naval District in the United States had reported itself manned and ready for traffic. This constituted a 100% mobilization, based upon the orders from the Chief of Naval Operations. Most of the eastern Districts originated messages as instructed and sent to Chief of Naval Operations through NKF. There were one or two stations that failed to originate messages, but in the main compliance with orders was very complete.

The naval districts represented, the call letters of the stations on the air, and the locations were as follows:

- District of Columbia --- NKF, Bellevue, D. C. (Senior Control)
- First Naval District NDA, Medford, Mass. Third Naval District — NDF, South Manchester, Conn.
- Fourth Naval District NDC, Wilmington, Del.

Fifth Naval District - NDE, Baltimore, Md.

Sixth Naval District — NDJ, Atlanta, Ga. Seventh Naval District — NDL, Orlando, Fla.

- Eighth Naval District --- NDD, Orlando, Fla.
- Ninth Naval District NDS, Chicago, Ill.
- Eleventh Naval District NDV, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Twelfth Naval District NDH, San Francisco (Senior Control)

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Thirteenth Naval District — NDQ, Seattle, Wash.

NDH of the Twelfth Naval District relayed for 12th and 13th Naval Districts for purposes of transcontinental communication.

Arrangements had been made with the national headquarters of the American Red Cross, Washington, for a message to be sent by them to the American Red Cross representative in San Francisco. The plan provided for this message to be forwarded via NKF Washington, NDS Chicago, and NDH San Francisco, and to be delivered by NDH. A reply was to be obtained and returned over the same route. The message from Washington was given filing time of 10:10 p.m. This was sent to NDS at 10:52 p.m. and delivered by NDH to addressee in San Francisco at 11:20 p.m. The reply was filed by Red Cross. San Francisco, two minutes later at 11:22 p.m. and delivered to Red Cross, Washington, at 2:22 a.m. May 2nd. The total time elapsed was three hours and thirty minutes. This is comparatively slow, transcontinental relays having been accomplished before in less time, but they were always organized along beforehand and involved considerable preparation.

As far as the National Emergency Drill was concerned, the maximum advance preparation was six hours and many of the stations did not receive their notice to be on the air until just before the time set, as instructions had to be relayed from the Commandants, in some cases several hundred miles by telephone or telegraph. In addition to this there was a very severe electrical storm in the neighborhood of Chicago, heavy atmospherics seriously delaying the reception of traffic from the West Coast. The eastbound Red Cross message sent by NDH to NDS had to be repeated several times and some words in the message had to be repeated fifteen times before reception was finally completed and the message receipted for. The operator on duty at NDS was none other than Lieutenant Commander R. H. G. Mathews, C-V(S), (Matty of 9ZN), and although he reported his antenna had been twice struck by lightning during the drill, no serious harm was done and he stuck to his station until the traffic was cleared. The drill was concluded at 2:07 a.m. E.S.T. May 2nd by the following message:

#### NDH NDS V NKF BT WELL DONE $0207 \overline{va}$

There certainly was a thrill for everyone who took part in this drill. It was a wonderful thing to hear each district station answer smartly and in order when it was called.

Let us stop and think what this means. In 1925 when the Volunteer Communication Reserve was first worked out on paper there were no naval reserve stations and very few officers and men—certainly less than 150 in the whole United States. During the course of the next five years this small organization developed and expanded until it now has one or two reserve control radio stations in every naval district, assigned a naval call ("N" call). Many of these stations are privately owned, although the Navy is now planning to furnish government transmitters to certain districts during the coming year. The progress from nearly nothing in 1925, to the present time, is shown when every continental naval district can man a reserve station during an emergency drill with six hours or less notice. A special frequency for the Naval Reserve represents another great advance, for a few years ago there was no special frequency provided for naval reserve radio communication.

In the matter of personnel, great strides have also been made and the Volunteer Communication Reserve today represents over 2000 officers and men appointed and enlisted from among radio engineers, commercial operators, and the amateurs. We are probably safe in saying that the Communication Reserve today represents over 1000 of the best amateur stations in the United States.

There are many Navy and Naval Reserve activities in which our Communication Reservists take part. Recently the *Eagle* 52 has been making week-end cruises from the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the ship's radio is manned by a Volunteer Communication Reserve crew, consisting of one officer and three or four men. The Commanding Officer of the *Eagle* 52 has expressed himself as pleased with the services performed by these reservists and in fact it is understood that until these arrangements were made this vessel had not satisfactory communication with its district headquarters. The same system is being followed in the Fifth Naval District at Baltimore and in other naval districts.

There are few amateurs to-day who do not know something about the Communication Reserve. Almost anyone who is equipped to listen on the eighty-meter band (4000 kc.) can hear naval reserve stations operated every night in the week except Saturday and Sunday. The control stations will be found on 4045 kc., between NAA on 4015 kc. and WIR on 4050 kc. One of the most active nights in the week is Thursday, because on that night the national drill net is operated from NKF. At 9:30 p.m. E.S.T. each Thursday NKF sends a short message broadcast by radio telegraph to all districts except the West Coast. When this is concluded a short drill is held, and messages sent and received in tactical procedure.

The writer has been connected with amateur, experimental and naval reserve radio for years and has seen the Naval Communication Reserve grow from almost nothing to its present state of development. It seems now almost safe to predict that within a very few years more this branch of

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## Hamming With a Portable in Africa

#### By Clyde De Vinna\*

ENDING a troupe of thirty people into Central Africa to make a motion picture from the popular book "Trader Horn' was in itself somewhat of a problem, and as the problem got more and more nearly toward a solution, many smaller and erstwhile unthoughtof details began to crop up. At the outset it had been decided to establish our base at some central point, there to have our offices and laboratory for the processing of the film as we "shot" it. Immediately came the thought, "How to keep in touch with that base?" for we were certain to be moving about the country; more than likely to be completely out of touch with the telegraph system, and yet it was imperative that fast and constant contact be maintained with the laboratory, for our following move depended upon their okeh on the film sent in from that location. Moreover, we must keep in touch with our business manager who would be "out ahead" of the company making arrangements for forthcoming moves, and also to be reckoned with were arrangements for supplies (must have food!) --medical emergencies to be considered - and many such items.

It came somewhat naturally that a ham should be the solution; indeed, what problems and emergencies of like nature during recent years have not been solved by hams?

Perusal of the call book and a hurry up message to W1MK brought a list of the most active amateurs in British East Africa. A 'phone call to our old and reliable friend Ralph Heintz in San Francisco brought him down on the next train with one of his compact little portable outfits. Fred Roebuck, late of KUP, came along for moral support, but we gave him plenty of work to do when he arrived.

The demonstration of the set at the studio that afternoon was attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering. Incidentally, the sound department of the studio includes in its personnel a great many hams and ex-hams; as our "audience" increased, the population of the sound department decreased proportionately — so much so that the boss himself came out and asked us if we would please shut down so they could do a little recording in the sound department.

The set is a gem. Completely portable and independent, it can function in any location, and on very short notice. There are six units in the outfit, each with a heavy canvas cover, and the whole lot together weighs just over two hundred

\*W60J-W6ZZK, ex-FK6CR, Chief Cinematographer, 8029 Hemet Place, Hollywood, Calif. pounds. Power is derived from a gas-engine-driven magneto generator which supplies the primary of the plate transformer at 65 volts, 240 cycles, and filament current at 10 volts. The transmitter is H. & K's. modification of the standard t.p.t.g., using one "50-watter" and is simple, yet exceedingly flexible and efficient.

The receiver is standard detector and two-step, using tube-base coils and Western Electric "N"



Photographs by Bob Roberts, M.G.M. cameraman with "Trader Horn" African Expedition.

#### THE COMPLETE OUTFIT SET UP FOR TEST . IN HOLLYWOOD

The gasoline engine generator set is on the ground at the left with the spure-parts box opened brside it. The öt-catt transmitter and the receiver are on the tripody, near the base of the telescoping antenna, W. S. Vandyke, director of "Trader Horn," stands behind the transmitter while Kalph Heintz, designer of the outfil, holds down the antenna. Fred Roebuck, ex-KUP and W6XBB, is custodian of the power supply with Clyde De Vinna unsuccessfully attempting to hide behind the small bush.

tubes. Both the transmitter and receiver will operate on any frequency between 3700 and 19,000 kilocycles.

The radiating system consists of a telescopic brass mast (which can be extended to a maximum height of about thirty-five feet) as the antenna, and an adjustable counterpoise.

A 200 candle-power light is furnished which, when connected to the generator, supplies illumination for night setups. Incorporated in the receiver is a drawer which carries the headphones, spare tuning coils, and a wavemeter. Another felt-lined compartment carries the two transmitting tubes (one spare) and five receiving tubes. A compartment in the back holds three No. 6 dry cells comprising the "A" battery and two blocks of small 221/2-volt "B" battery. Both the transmitter and receiver are provided with detachable legs, and the lid of the receiver forms the operating desk when open. The accessory case is used as a seat. The outfit is truly an independent unit.

So much for description. As to performance, it's the berries. Something in the neighborhood of 700 messages were exchanged between our outfit



FIG. 1. — THE D. & K. 50-WATT T. G.T. P. TRANSMITTER CIRCUIT

The plate supply is a.c. and is now illegal for a mateur use in the U, S, A.

L1, L2 and L3 — Copper-tubing antenna, plate and grid coils equipped with pluy-in mountings. Any one of the eight coils may be plugged in the antenna, plate or grid circuit. This arrangement gives a frequency range between 19 mc. and 3700 kc. with a set of eight coils having 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, and 15 turns respectively. The diameter of each is approximately 3 inches.

 $C_1 - 450 - \mu\mu fd.$  transmitting variable condensers.

SW — Protective switch in tube base to disconnect shunt filament rheostat when the tube is removed.

RFC - Plug-in radio-frequency choke.

R1 — Shunt filament rheostat. The characteristics of the magneto type generator make this filament control most satisfactory.

C2 - Condenser to improve power factor of supply.

A1-0-2 amp. antenna ammeter.

A2 - 0-6 amp. a.c. supply ammeter.

V = 0-15 volt filament voltmeter.

in the field and the base station in Nairobi, working from 50 to 1500 miles and under nearly every conceivable condition — but I'm getting a little ahead of my yarn.

Our arrival in Nairobi and inquiry as to the license situation was met with the information that it would be difficult if not impossible to obtain the desired authority to use the set, the "powers that be" there not being entirely in sympathy with the amateur, and less than that where our semi-commercial proposition was concerned. Several interviews were had with the postoffice authorities and, fortunately, we were able to interest them in the short-wave phase of radio. A demonstration of the set one afternoon, working with their government station VPQ at Mombasa (a distance of about 500 miles) was very interesting to them and with the aid of the bunch at VPQ, as well as those at Nairobi, arrangements were finally made to operate the set. A special license was granted to Mr. Sydney Pegrume, FK5CR, at Nairobi, to handle the traffic at the headquarters end.

A finer lot of chaps than the personnel of VPQ would be mighty hard to locate; the chief, George F. K. Ball (VQ4MSB), Sam Hughes, and L. J. Hughes — all friendly and more than anxious to coöperate.

Immediately upon being authorized to operate our set under the call FK6CR, a test schedule with VPQ was arranged for each evening, and was carried out during the entire trip with very few misses. This was interesting to us, and I believe was of considerable value to the Government; a complete log was kept, and also made a very comprehensive record of transmitting and receiving conditions throughout the colony.

"Peggy" — then FK5CR and now VQ4CRE — was whole-hearted in his cooperation, and went to no end of trouble and extra work in rebuilding, etc., to take care of his end. That the deal was a success is due just as much to his efforts as to those of anyone. It's true that he had never handled traffic before (being a lawabiding Britisher), but a ham's a ham under any flag and there's not much that can stop him! A little kind assistance from "Mac" now and then, and everything went swimmingly.

A preliminary scouting trip served admirably to get the arrangement broken in, and by the time we swung into production some six weeks



SET UP FOR OPERATION IN THE BELGIAN CONGO

This QRA is some 2000 miles from the west coast of Africa. The set is in the tent with the portable Zepp antenna swing above it between the two trees. This antenna system gave very good results on both the 7- and 14-mc, bands.

after our arrival in the country, everything was running smoothly, or as nearly so as could be expected.

Most of our moves were made by automobile; a specially designed Hudson carrying the most vital parts of the camera outiits and the radio set. Thanks to very efficient co-workers, I never had to bother about details of camera organization, and was able to start putting up the set immediately upon reaching a location. Mr. Van Dyke, our director, gave me full leeway in this respect, and many a choice tent site was given up to the radio department because it was the most suitable spot for the set. It's odd how often this coincidence happened — the most pleasant spot in camp proving to be the most efficient location for the wireless set (MIM).

Since most of our work was in the wooded sections of the country, the telescopic mast was given up in favor of the old familiar "Zepp," thereby gaining not only speed of getting into operation but also in overall signal efficiency. The detachable feeders described in a recent issue of QST were a great help in getting the set up quickly.<sup>4</sup> The radiator was  $65\frac{1}{2}$  feet long, and the feeders about 38 feet. Series tuning was used

in the 7-mc. band and parallel tuning for 14 mc., the transmitter being provided with convenient facilities for this change. When conditions were such that 3500-kc. seemed advisable a separate counterpoise was put up, but the great bulk of the work with Nairobi was done in the 7-mc. band.

Operating conditions in Africa are in general pretty bad, at least in those parts of the country where we worked. We were at an average elevation of about 4000 feet, but usually more or less surrounded by mountains as high as 14,000 feet or so, and something in this combination of high, cool altitudes and the warm air currents from the subtropical sections of the country made for some mean weather conditions. Static abounds and almost every day we were visited by thunderstorms and often found it necessary to ground the antenna and let it rain.

Our work developed into a more or less regular routine; the VPQ sked at 6:30 p.m. local time, and FK5CR at 6:45. We usually cleared himbefore dinner (7:30), although frequently the schedule was resumed after dinner. When there were no other demands, we used to work one or more of the Philippine gang in the early evening, they having just finished with their W6 skeds; had many fine QSO's with them and gave them quite a bit of traffic for the folks back home. Some evenings afforded sufficient spare time for chats with some of the European stations (there are many splendid ones), or with some of the South Africans. Many enjoyable friendships and "unofficial" skeds were thus made.

The outstanding pleasant recollection of the <sup>1</sup>Nov. '29 QST, pp. 43. trip, however, is the way W1MK kept after us — "RP" and some of the rest of that outfit at Hartford pounding away "blind" night after night for months. W1MK was heard on every sked that I was able to listen to, and we tried our durndest to get through to him, but it wasn't in the cards; 7 mc. simply couldn't make the grade. We heard hundreds of W's in the 7000 band, in every district except the sixth and seventh, but couldn't raise a single one of them.

Incidentally, one gets a great idea of the situation generally, and of the rotten (apologies to T O M) notes and rottener operating practice, by getting off at sufficient distance to hear nearly all of the stations come together in a sort of a focus. To the credit of those who deserve it, and there are many, let it be said that there was a great improvement noticed during our stay down there; during 1929 there seemed to be a sort of general cleaning up and general betterment of signals. Up to the time of departure, however,



THE "TRADER HORN" COMPANY ON THE UPPER NILE IN UGANDA COLONY

The portable set followed everywhere, from dense jungle to rocky gorge, keeping contact with the outside world.

Utopia had not been reached! It was interesting to note some features of the more consistent signals. The best ones heard did not necessarily originate at the high powered stations; in fact, one of the two sixes heard was using a single 210 — our friend W6BWS in Phoenix, Arizona. The other six was W6EII, Oren Baker of Los Angeles, using a 50-watter. Checkups have indicated that signals from a well-adjusted, intelligently operated low-power layout will run circles around the socalled high-powered set operated carelessly. You fellows who sit back here in this land of QRM cannot imagine how I longed for a QSO with some of your good stations — and I nearly burned up that little generator trying to raise some of you, especially OM Roebuck, who I knew was pulling for me from KUP and W6XBB.

14-mc. signals finally came through, but the trouble with them was that they came in beginning about 11 p.m. local time, and even the most enthusiastic of us can't stay up half the night and then get up before daybreak the following morning. Some mighty fine QSO's were had with 1's and 2's on 14 mc., though. A fairly com-



SHOOTING SCENES IN THE CROCODILE POOL The armament wasn't donned for photographic effects sometimes a "crock" made shooting necessary with weapons as well as cumeras.

plete log was kept, and some of these days I hope to QSL each of them. Because of the pressure of work since our return I have had to neglect them somewhat, which wasn't my intention by a whole lot, but they can take this as an open letter of appreciation until I have a chance to write them a better one.

When I had time, I sent in lists of calls heard down there — not complete, by any means, but enough to give an idea of how the signals were coming through.

During the months of our stay many interesting experiences were had -- some funny, and some not so humorous. The radio set was a never ending wonder to the natives — they could never understand it, of course, but they associated it with the land telegraph system; in fact, the first few moves we made the gang whose duties were to take care of the tents stood by to help dig up the wires which they were sure we had buried some place! Assistance was never lacking, and the boys would help to whatever extent they could - putting up the lines for the antenna, or putting up my tents in record time - but they would not touch a wire or any part of the set proper. I found out later that Mr. Waller, our safari superintendent, knowing their liking for bright or glittering things, had very seriously cautioned them against meddling with the equipment, telling them that if they touched anything connected with the radio set, huge tongues of flame were sure to leap out and completely consume them. Needless to say, nothing was ever bothered. After their fashion of naming everyone in the party --- not always complimentary — the natives styled me "the master who talks with the winds" — descriptive, at least.

In Africa, four o'clock tea is an institution, and we quickly fell into the habit. In this connection are served what they term "biscuits" (we know 'em as cookies), and one particular variety became such a favorite with the gang that it became difficult to keep a sufficient supply on hand. The head boy of the commissary department used to keep a few tins of them hidden away for some of his favorites, or at least we so suspected. One afternoon the steamer had just arrived with a consignment of supplies previously ordered by radio, and I knew that in the shipment were several cases of these particular biscuits, so when my personal boy arrived with the tea minus the favorite wafers, the head boy was summoned. He protested at great length that there were none of the favorite biscuits in camp, nor had there been any for a great many days; whereupon I explained, through the interpreter, of course, that I had spoken to the wind gods in connection with this momentous matter, and that they had assured me that upon this very day would arrive several cases of that particular delicacy - in fact, that right at that very moment, down at the landing a mile or so below camp, they were being unloaded. He could scarcely believe his ears. After a visit to the landing proved that the wind gods were correct, never again was there a scarc-



SHOOTING A SOUND SEQUENCE IN A NATIVE VILLAGE, BRITISH EAST AFRICA

The condenser microphone is suspended above the author's head and connects to the portable amplifier equipment at the right. The actual recording takes place in the sound truck parked in the background.

ity of the good biscuits, or of anything else in the store!

It wasn't all a joke down there, however, by a great deal; seamier sides put in appearance frequently. Late one night a playful cloudburst filled our camp with a few feet of water; the wind blew, and several tents came down, among them the one housing the transmitter. Imagine a highfrequency transmitter soaking wet! Once we had the "Zepp" tied off to an old dead tree; the wind brought the tree down alongside my tent. And so on. Each new location had its thrill of a new and

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usually different setup — new problems to be worked out. Without the splendid cooperation of my fellow workers, cameramen, sound crew and electricians, the success of the effort would not have been nearly so marked; but they were with me 100%, and often put in a good many hours of extra work to help me out of one difficulty or another.

We finally evolved a scheme which saved us a good deal of effort as well as adding to the efficiency of the set. When we were in one of our semi-permanent camps where we would be likely to remain for a week or more, we put up the whole camp equipment, which included a Kohler lighting plant, Frigidaire, projecting machine, etc. in other words we lolled in the lap of luxury, at least temporarily. We obtained a half-kilowatt 500-cycle generator, vintage of about 1910, which we hooked to the Kohler, controlling it by means of a remote control magnetic switch (dope from QST) to cut off the a.e. at the machine, eliminating the hash. The scheme worked splendidly, putting an R5 to R6 signal into the East Coast U. S. A. stations, and giving FK5CR plenty of signal strength to help battle the static. A great deal of our traveling was done with a rather limited camp equipment. However, when we planned to be in a locality but a short time, only the necessities were taken, and those occasions brought on the use of the gas engine generator. Nearly as good results were had, however, and some of the stations expressed a preference for the 240-cvcle note

There were times when the set had to be carried by porters, sometimes to quite a distance, and at such times the equipment was quite likely to receive various and sundry bumps and jolts; but it showed no ill effects from such treatment. Once the generator fell into the Nile River, but seemed none the worse for it. Getting thoroughly soaked by the numerous rainstorms was more or less a regular occurrence, and while the cases show considerable wear and tear, the "works"

One move we made, across Lake Albert and down the Nile, called for a stay of three days on the S.S. Lugard, one of the river type of steamers which serve that territory. It was with a great deal of doubt that we put up the set, because the best installation we could get resulted in the aerial dangling out toward the stern not more than ten feet above the galvanized iron roof that covered the whole ship; visions of absorption, wobbulation and what-not came to mind, and you can imagine my embarrassment when VPQ reported the loudest sigs of the whole trip -FK5CR said he thought we had arrived in Nairobi, and the W's gave me R7! We had a lot of fun out of it, and Captain Cullum, the genial skipper, got a great kick out of sending TRs to his headquarters — the first ship equipped with wireless on Lake Albert! Another great scout,

Captain Cullum; true, the ice supply was a little shy, but everything else was FB!

Practical results had from the set were legion. Aside from our routine work, there were a great many instances where it saved us many times its cost and bother of maintenance. Once, for instance, we divided our outfit, taking a skeleton



IMAGINE A HIGH-FREQUENCY TRANSMITTER SOAKING WET

The author is cleaning the nulfit up after a cloudburst. No harm done, however, because the set is designed to work in the rain — the specifications call for operation of the set after a hose has been turned on it!

crew into the Belgian Congo for three or four weeks work and sending the remainder of the party to Kampala, agreeing to a rendezvous some weeks later. After a few days of the bad weather then prevalent in the Congo, however, Mr. Van Dyke decided to recall the rest of the company and resume work along the original lines. With the use of native runners and the land telegraph, this probably could have been accomplished in ten days or two weeks; thanks to the radio we were all back together and ready to resume work in four days. Figure this out at the rate of \$5,000 per day, which is the estimated cost of our operations throughout the entire trip.

Dr. Clarke, our jolly and well-liked safari surgeon, found that some of his pet serums had been lost during one of the moves; a message to Nairobi started a fresh supply to us that night. Measurements for a broken piece of camera equipment were sent in by radio, and a new part left Nairobi the next morning. Details for the construction of a specially built camera car to be used in photographing animals were sent in, and the car was waiting for us when we arrived in Nairobi a week later.

One of the troupe was so worried about the condition of relatives ill in Nairobi that he announced that he was leaving for there the following morning; this would have stopped production absolutely, as there was nothing we could do without him, he being in every scene, and the trip to Nairobi and return would have taken from a week to ten days. But "Peggy" cranked up his trusty Rugby (he is an automobile electrician by trade) and following a conference with the hospital officials as well as with the party in question, sent me a lengthy and detailed report of the situation, and we resumed production as usual the next morning.

Reception was uniformly difficult; QRN with

us almost constantly as well as other forms of diversion. One night I was QSO W2FP, at about five p.m. his time, and he complained that the **ORM** from the passing automobiles (14 mc.) made it very difficult to work. I replied that ORM from the hyenas yipping around my tent made it difficult to read his R5 sigs at times, so we were even. It was true, too; we were down in the game country, and the hyenas were thick around the camp after the bait we were putting out for other animals.

For the most part, the conventional single wire receiving antenna was used, length proportional to the QRN at

the time, some experiments were made with the tuned doublet as described in QST, but there wasn't sufficient time to give it a thorough trial.

Falls, Uganda, B. E. A.

Radio work in Africa is very seasonal. There are months when it is impossible to work any DX at all, and other times when signals come in well from nearly all over the globe. One night I clicked with a fellow in Cairo, Egypt, who told me that he had been listening for months, and mine was the first signal he had heard. Verily, the one main requisite of hamming in Africa is patience, and plenty of it.

They're a fine bunch of hams down there, aggressive and keen on their organization; they publish a snappy journal called "QTC" which they kindly mailed to me each month while we were there.

En route both ways a good deal of fun was had with the set. One time, from about the center of the Red Sea, we worked a station in Venczuela, as well as some not so far away. The trip was very interesting from a fraternizing standpoint. Obviously I cannot call the ships by name, but we were on British, German and Italian ships, and I found the operators uniformly courteous and friendly, and all very much interested in the little set, as well as the project in general. I even maintained sked with one of the ships for months, whenever he came within range. "Sat in" on the various ships, and had plenty of fun doing it. Incidentally, one ship had a difficult press sked to be kept, and the operators were amazed at the way the little Heintz and Kaufman receiver outperformed their rather elaborate screened-grid affair, which it did time after time.

FK6CR is history now, but there remain a lot

of mighty pleasant memories from the trip. The W6 gang was mighty loval and fine in the way they kept looking for us and trying to raise us, as were the hams pretty well all over the U.S. and I feel under great obligations to all of them. The set is being overhauled now, getting ready for another trip which may come up within the next few months, and perhaps then I may QSO some of the stations I missed on the African trip.

For the benefit of those who may be interested, the picture made in Africa on this trip is "Trader Horn," and will probably be released during 1930 by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. While

you are enjoying it you can figure that "ham radio" meant a lot to us down there, both from the standpoint of time saved and of having our hobby right along with us to pass away the spare time which otherwise would have been tedious in the extreme.

Strays 🐐

W9NJ found this one in a newspaper story of recent Marconi radiophone experiments:

"Senatore Marconi reported that his power, taken from a storage battery, was only about three-quarters of a kilowatt and that he was broadcasting on a frequency of 11,254 horsepower kilocycles."

Maybe he uses a prony brake as a frequency meter!

If it weren't for the newspapers we'd be short of "strays." A paper in Houghton, Mich., referring to the *Handbook* called it the *QST Hankbook!* 

## Correction

In Fig. 1 on page 10, May QST, the plate and grid of the UX-842 modulator tube were reversed in the drawing. The plate should be connected to the choke  $T_1$  and the grid to the secondary of the microphone transformer.



TIME FOR EVENING SKEDS

Sunset across the Upper Nile at the camp near Murchison

## VE2CA

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#### A Medium-Power Station of Modern Design

T often happens that people who have something to talk about are most inclined to say nothing. If Jim Lamb hadn't dropped in on VE2CA during his vacation last summer, we probably wouldn't have had an opportunity to present this station description in QST — and we feel sure the amateur fraternity will be ina Hartley circuit. While no exceptional work was done, many fine chats were had with the gang on this continent. In April, 1928, the 203-A died of old age and an 852 was installed, with greatly improved results. In the fall of 1928, spurred on by the League's Technical Development Program, the high-C Hartley was tried, and after



STATION LAYOUT AT VE2CA As the set is located in the living room, "haywire" apparatus is out of the question.

terested in it, because everything is home-made with the exception of those parts which are more economically bought than manufactured in the ordinary home workshop. Furthermore, it's a good job, as those who have heard or worked VE2CA will testify.

The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Earle H. Turner, of St. Lambert, P. Q. They both operate; in fact, the OW has been handling most of the QSO's during the past few months. Those of us who are married know what such coöperation means; and the others don't need a whole lot of imagination to appreciate it. Earle didn't say just how the Mrs. came to take up amateur radio — maybe it was in self-defense.

The station first went on the air in December, 1927, with a UV-203-A tube of ancient vintage in

considerable experimenting, during which much copper tubing was wound and junked, the present 7000-kc. transmitter emerged. In the meantime the owners became much enthused over the possibilities of the 14,000-kc. band, and a second transmitter for this band only was installed early this year.

A general view of the station is shown in the first photograph. The apparatus is located in the living room and space is limited; consequently the equipment is compact and designed to present a neat appearance. The large frame at the left holds the two transmitters and the power supply; the receivers, monitor, frequency meter and keys being on the operating table at the right and on the shelf above it. Most of the work is done on the 7000-kc. and 14,000-kc. bands, and the

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sets can be quickly shifted from one band to another.

#### THE TRANSMITTERS

Two identical transmitters are mounted on the frame, one permanently on 14,000 kc., the other



 $L_1 \rightarrow i$  (urns of 5/16" copper  $MA \rightarrow$  Plate millionine tubing, 4" diameter.  $V \rightarrow$  Filament voltmeter.  $L_2 \rightarrow 3$  turns of 5/16" copper tubing, 4" diameter.

with interchangeable coils for the other two most popular bands, although used mainly for 7000-kc. work. The frame itself is built in two sections: the lower, of heavy construction, containing the power supply equipment and the 14,000-kc. transmitter, extending up to the sign with the station call letters; the top section, of lighter construction, holding the meter panel, 7000-kc. transmitter, and antenna tuning apparatus. The top section may be dismounted by simply removing three wood screws which hold it in place, this arrangement making it casy to get at any portion of the transmitter without the aid of a step ladder. Binding post strips are mounted on the rear of both sections, connections between the two being made by jumper wires. The entire framework is 18 inches square and approximately 6 feet high. It is solidly built and all apparatus is rigidly mounted, with the result that no trouble has been experienced from vibration.

The top pauel contains the two series tuning condensers in the feeder system and one of the antenna animeters. The panel immediately below it contains the other antenna animeter, the tank condenser of the 7000-kc. transmitter, and the antenna parallel-tuning condenser. Part of the 7000-kc. transmitter can be seen through the opening between this panel and the one below it. The filament voltmeter, with a double-pole doublethrow switch for connecting it across either the filaments of the rectifier tubes or the oscillators, and the plate milliammeter are mounted on the latter panel.

Since both transmitters are the same electri-

cally and very nearly so mechanically, there is no need to consider them separately. The 14,000-kc. transmitter is just below the sign with the station call letters, with the parts mounted in breadboard fashion. Two switches (not visible in the photo) provide the means of transferring the plate and filament supply from one set to the other. One, a triple-pole double-throw switch, serves as a change-over for the filament leads and negative high voltage. A single-pole double-throw switch takes care of the positive high voltage.

A UX-852 is used in each transmitter. The photograph of the rear of the top section of the frame shows the arrangement of the parts of the 7000-kc. transmitter, that of the 14,000-kc, set being similar. The tark inductance is made of 5/16-inch copper tubing wound to an outside diameter of 4 inches, and is bolted directly on the tuning condenser. This coil and the antenna coupling coil are mounted on glass 'rods, and the coupling is varied by sliding the antenna coil along the rods. The grid and plate

blocking condensers are mounted on the leads bctween the tank inductance and the tuning con-



 $C_1 - z_{\mu} f d$ .

- Co 4-ufd., 1000-volt filter condenser.
- R Resistors to control filament voltages see text.
- RFC1 85 turns of No. 12 d.e.e. on 214" tube,
- RFC2 200 turns of No. 30 d.c.c. on 1" tube.
- L --- Filter choke.
- T1 Filament transformer for UX-866's.
- T<sub>2</sub> Plate transformer.
- To Filament transformer for oscillators.

The construction of the filter choke and the transformers is described in the text.

denser, a portion of each of the leads being flattened out and drilled to take bolts to which the blocking condensers are fastened. The flexible
leads furnished with the tube serve as connections between these condensers and the tube itself. The grid leak is mounted vertically and so placed that the leads are very short. The same is true of the r.f. choke in the plate circuit — the lead between this choke and the plate terminal of the tube is only one inch long.

The tank condensers in both transmitters are rebuilt receiving condensers. That in the 7000-kc. set is a Cardwell, the one in the 14,000-kc. set is an Admiral. Both were originally 43-plate condensers, and alternate plates in both stator and rotor were removed to make a double-spaced 23plate condenser with a maximum capacity of approximately 250 µµfd.1 The plate-spacing and insulation of these condensers is sufficient to withstand the r.f. voltages encountered in a transmitter using the high plate voltage taken by the 852. The capacity is somewhat less than that usually considered "high-C" in most amateur transmitters, but it should be pointed out that the characteristics of the 852 are such that a lower C/L ratio will give the same results — so far as frequency stability and freedom from "wobbulation" are concerned - as a much higher ratio with other types of tubes, such as the 210 and 203-A. However, high-C is only a means to an end — the proof of the puddin' is in the results --- and VE2CA's signals are invariably reported pure d.c. and often crystal-controlled. Part of it is undoubtedly in the care used in tuning the sets; the antenna coupling in particular is always very loose, 8 inches or more usually separating the coils.



BEHIND THE PANEL OF THE 4-TUBE RECEIVER

Since the rear view of the 7000-kc. transmitter was taken, a Marconi T250 tube (rated at 250 watts) has been mounted alongside the 852 and can be put in the circuit in place of the latter if desired. The power output with this tube is high, but the note is not so good as with the 852, with the result that the latter is used most of the time.

#### POWER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT

The power supply comprises the customary transformer, rectifier and filter, with UX-866 mercury-vapor rectifiers. The oscillator and rectifier filaments are supplied by separate transformers built for the purpose, the output voltages of which are regulated by separate rheostats in each primary.

The rectifier and filter occupy the compartment immediately below the 14,000-kc. transmitter. The transformers, resistors, and r.f.



A REAR VIEW OF THE 7000-KC. TRANSMITTER The mechanical arrangement of the 14,000 kc. set is similar.

chokes associated with the power equipment are in the lowest compartment. The three single-pole single-throw switches on the panel at the top of this compartment break the 110-volt line to each of the transformers. The lower section of the

> frame is constructed of heavy material, as it has quite a bit of weight to carry.

While the arrangement differs very little from standard practice for such equipment, it is of interest because the filter choke and the three transformers are entirely home-constructed. These units are therefore worthy of some description.

The plate transformer is wound on a core of square cross-section with a window  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches square. Each leg of the core is  $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$  inches. A winding

form to fit over one of the legs was made of 1/16-inch fiber, with circular end pieces of the same material. These end pieces are 6 inches in diameter, and are glued to the ends of the square form. Three layers of Empire cloth were wound over the form to provide good insulation; 6800 turns of No. 28 d.c.e. were then wound on the form, taps being brought out so that voltages of 750, 1050, 1350 and 1700 may be obtained each side of the center-tap. The finished winding was taped by passing through the center hole and over the top until the coil was completely covered, after which it was placed on the core leg and firmly fastened in place by means of small wooden wedges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Recent measurements made in the QST lab on two Cardwell condensers similarly rebuilt indicate that the maximum capacity is 205  $\mu\mu$ id.

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The primary winding is on the opposite leg, a layer of tape first being wound around the core, and small fiber end pieces installed to hold the coil in place. This coil has 220 turns of No. 12 d.c.c. Another layer of tape is wound on top of the finished winding. Angle iron braces hold the core



 $\begin{array}{cccc} C_6 & & - i \text{-}\mu jd, \ by \text{-}\mu ass. \\ L_3 - L_2 & & \mbox{Pluy in coils wound on } \\ & & tube bases. Wound by \\ & & ``cut-and-try'' method \\ & to cover amateur bands. \\ L_3 - & Ford coil secondary. \\ R_1 - & 10,000 \ ohms. \end{array}$ 

R7 — 50-0nm filament rheostat. R8 — 10-0hm filament rheostat. RFC — 100 turns of No. 26 d.s.c. on 1" form. T — 10-1 audio transformer.

S - Yaxley 8-spring jack switch.

J — Open-circuit jack.

tight, and a bakelite strip (on which binding posts are placed to serve as terminals) is mounted on the braces.

The filament transformers are similarly constructed. That for the 866's is wound on a  $1\frac{1}{4} \ge 1\frac{1}{4}$  inch core with a 2" x 3" window. The primary has 440 turns of No. 20 d.c.c., the secondary 16 turns of No. 12 d.c.c., the latter winding being center-tapped. This transformer gives 4 volts, which allows the operator to compensate for fluctuations in line voltage, which are frequent at VE2CA's location. The filament transformer for the 852's is wound on a shell-type core, the cross section of which is 1  $\ge$  3 inches, with 2" x 3" windows. The windings are placed on the center leg, the primary having 550 turns of No. 12 d.c.c., center-tapped.

The core of the filter choke is rectangular, 1 square inch in cross section with a  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ -inch window. One leg is removable, and the coil was wound on it after the usual layers of Empire cloth and tape had been put on. The end pieces are bakelite. The coil consists of 13,000 turns of No. 26 enameled wire, with a layer of paper between each layer of the winding. This leg of the core is not butted directly against the other section, but is held about  $\frac{1}{3}$  inch from it by bakelite spacers, in order to provide an air gap. The braces to hold the parts of the core in place in this case arc made of brass, as magnetic mate-

rial would defeat the purpose of the air gap. The choke and transformers were thoroughly coated with black Duco after finishing in order to present a neat and business-like appearance.

The rheostats in the primary of each filament transformer (marked "R" in Fig. 2) are wire-wound resistor units taken from an old commercial spark transmitter. Three of the units, which are wound on hard rubber strips, are used in series with each transformer, mounted one above the other, the top one having a slider and bar taken from an old twoslide tuner mounted on it for fine adjustment. Coarse adjustment isobtained by means of a clip on the bottom resistor.

> Three 4- $\mu$ fd., 1000-volt condensers in series are placed on each side of the choke to complete the filter. The total effective capacity is therefore  $2\frac{9}{3}$   $\mu$ fd., which has been found adequate for giving a pure d.c. signal in conjunction with careful adjustment of the transmitter.

> To prevent any r.f. which may feed back into the power equipment from getting into the 110-volt line, a radiofrequency choke is placed in each 110volt lead. A pair of 2- $\mu$ fd. condensers connected in series across the line, with the common connection grounded, are used as further protection from feed-

back. This arrangement is of value in reducing interference with broadcast receivers operating on the same line. R.f. chokes are also provided in each high voltage lead, in addition to those in the transmitter itself.

#### ANTENNA SYSTEM

VE2CA uses the popular Zeppelin antenna, designed for fundamental operation in the 7000ke, band, harmonic operation being used for the higher frequencies. The antenna proper is 67feet, 9 inches long, with 39-foot feeders. The feeder spreaders are hard-rubber rods 10 inches long, drilled near the ends to fit the wire, with a longitudinal hole at each end tapped to take a 6-32 machine screw. When the screws are tightened the spreader cannot slip along the wire. These rods make very good spreaders, as they are mechanically strong, are good insulators and their weight is negligible.

The antenna and feeders are both constructed of No. 12 enameled wire. The ends of the feeders are brought into the station through Electrose lead-in insulators inserted in a board which is placed in the window frame at the top. Connections between the lead-in bushings and the transmitter itself are made of copper tubing, as can be seen from the photograph of the station. Either series or parallel tuning of the feeders can be used. The antenna system produces entirely satisfactory results on both 7000- and 14,000-kc.

A separate antenna, 60 feet long and 40 feet high, is used for reception.

#### KEYING

Center-tap keying is used, and a filter is provided to eliminate clicks. The filter is the usual lag circuit, and the connections are as shown in Fig. 1. The choke is wound on an old audio-transformer core, following the same construction as outlined above for the filter choke, except that the air gap is only  $^{1}/_{16}$  inch. The coil was scramble-wound and as much wire was used as the space in the core window would allow. The wire is No. 28 d.e.e.

This filter is quite effective in eliminating BCL interference.

#### RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

Two receivers are installed at VE2CA; one, a four-tube receiver patterned after the set originally described in QST for November, 1928; the other, a conventional Hartley with a two-stage audio amplifier.

The four-tube receiver is the one on the shelf above the operating table in the station photograph. The "innards" of the set are shown in another photo. The panel is of bakelite, 7 x 18 inches, and is backed with a  $^{1}/_{16}$ -inch brass sheet of the same size. The inside of the cabinet is completely lined with copper foil. The apparatus is mounted on a subpanel, with all wiring underneath, which makes the inside of the set present a neat appearance.

The plug-in condensers for various bands used in the original model of this set were not looked upon with much favor, so a "sliding-rotor" condenser was substituted. This was made by rebuilding an old Silver-Marshall 140- $\mu\mu$ fd. condenser. With proper adjustment of the sliding plate, the various bands can be spread very nicely. A 7-plate midget condenser can be clipped across this condenser for tuning outside the amateur bands.

Either peaked or straight audio amplification may be used at will, change-over being effected by throwing the jack switch shown in Fig. 3. The switch is a Yaxley product, and has eight springs. When thrown to the position for straight audio amplification, the filament circuit of the UX-222 in the peaked stage is opened, thus saving filament current and also lengthening the life of the tube. The Ford coil secondary in the peaked stage is placed inside a bakelite tube of the proper diameter, with a bakelite disc at the top. It is between the two tubes on the left-hand side of the sub-panel in the photograph of the receiver.

Coils for this receiver are wound on old tube bases. As is always the case, the correct number of turns on each coil was arrived at by experiment, and no details are given here. The wiring diagram of the Hartley receiver is shown in Fig. 4. It is provided with jacks in the audio stages to permit using either one or two steps of amplification, the last jack also having filament control for the last tube. Regeneration control is capacitive.

The tuning condenser is a rebuilt Cardwell 11-



 $C_1 - Tuning$  condenser described in text.

C2 --- 150 μμ/d.

 $C_3 - 250$ -µµfd. condenser for regeneration control.

L1 - 5 turns of No. 28 d.c.c., 3" in diameter.

- L<sub>2</sub> 7000 kc., 16 turns of No. 22 d.c.c., 3" in diameter, with condenser across 8 turns.
  - 14,000 kc., 7 turns, with condenser across 3 turns.
- R1 10-megohm grid leak.
- R2 20-ohm filament rheostat.
- R<sub>3</sub> No. 1-A Amperite,
- $T \longrightarrow \beta 1$  audio transformer.  $J_1 \longrightarrow Double-circuit$  juck.
- $J_2$  Open-circuit jack with filament control.

plate tandem affair, in which there are two separate sets of stationary plates. One section is double-spaced and cut down to three plates, and is used for tuning on the 7000- and 14,000-kc. bands. The other section has three plates with normal spacing, and gives good spread on the 3500-kc. band. Both sections may be connected in parallel to cover frequencies outside the bands allotted to amateurs.

The coils are home-made "low-loss" type, space-wound. They are wound with No. 18 d.s.c. wire on a piece of thin celluloid which is wrapped around a 3-inch wooden form. The turns are spaced by winding No. 22 d.c.c. wire between them. After the coil is completed, it is dipped in acetone and allowed to dry, after which the wooden form is removed. This method of construction results in a mechanically strong coil with good electrical characteristics. The finished coil is clamped between two thin bakelite strips and mounted on an old tube base, connections going to the pins in the base. The same primary coil is used for all bands, and is clamped on a slotted bakelite strip which is mounted on a hardrubber pillar. Coupling is varied both by sliding the slotted strip on which the coil is mounted toward and away from the grid coil, and also by changing the angle between them.

This receiver is not as selective as the fourtube receiver, but is useful when static is strong and QRM not bad, because the antenna coupling can be reduced, and the signal-static ratio thus improved. As is the case with all really up-to-date amateur stations, a monitor is always used for checking the character of the signal and the position of the transmitter in the band being used. This one is built in a large tin biscuit box (on the shelf above the operating table in the photo), and uses a type 01-A tube in a simple tickler circuit. Three dry cells light the filament, and plate supply is provided by a large  $22\frac{1}{2}$ -volt B battery. A wavemeter (built before we started to think in kilocycles) is part of the left-over 1928 equipment, and is used for rough checking and as an aid in preliminary winding of colls for both transmitter and receiver.

#### OPERATION

As can readily be imagined, shifting from 7000to 14,000-kc. or vice-versa is a matter of only a few seconds. Either transmitter may be used by simply throwing two switches and placing the antenna clips on the proper coupling inductance. Only the antenna tuning controls need be touched, and these can be readily set at predetermined points. The system proved its value during the recent International DX contest, when on different occasions a foreign station was heard calling CQ on the other band and the change-over was made in time to effect a QSO.

VE2CA has worked 36 different countries, including WFA, Byrd's Antarctic base, and is the owner of a WAC certificate. An accurate log is kept of all stations worked, and any changes in the transmitter are noted on it. Experiments which prove to be worthwhile can thus be incorporated permanently in the sets. The operators' chief pleasures are DX and rag-chewing, although traffic is never turned down.

# New England Division Convention

THE best of spring weather ushered in the 1930 New England Division Convention on April 25th at the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, Massachusetts. The morning was spent in hamfesting and in getting acquainted, and the young ladies at the registration booth were kept busy signing up the delegates.

Mr. C. J. Green, W1ASU, Chairman of the Convention Committee, formally opened the convention at shortly after 2 p.m. The first speaker was Mr. E. L. Battey, Asst. to the Communications Manager, A.R.R.L., who led the convention in a traffic meeting. Off-frequency operation and the new regulations were the big matters under discussion. The roll call of SCMs and RMs was answered by SCMs Weeks, Tessmer and Kraus, who spoke on conditions in their respective sections. Following the traffic meeting, Chairman Green introduced Mr. K. B. Warner, Secretary, A.R.R.L. who gave a very interesting talk on amateur legislation. The delegates received much information from this talk to clarify their ideas regarding amateur radio at "national and international radio conferences."

The afternoon technical talks were excellent. Mr. R. S. Briggs, W1BVL, explained the principle of the pentode and its application to amateur use. Mr. O. P. Susmeyan described the use of the dynatron characteristic in a heterodyne frequency meter, emphasizing the stability of a dynatron oscillator. Both Mr. Briggs and Mr. Susmeyan were from the Champion Radio Works., Inc., Danvers, Mass. Prof. H. H. Newell of Worcester Tech. gave a talk on tubes as high frequency amplifiers, and clearly explained his various points by the use of an oscillograph.

The evening session was devoted to entertainment and contests under the direction of Mr. U. E. Duval and Mr. L. R. Peloquin, W1JV. The usual run of contests with a few new ones worked in were ably conducted by W1JV. Two vocal artists brought the gang several selections. The Woreester Radio Association presented an amusing farce on A.R.R.L. Headquarters entitled "Wanted, an Assistant Editor." The Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association's jazz orchestra livened up the evening under the direction of "Red" Cooley, W1AAO. By 11:30 every one was ready to "close shop" and the convention was called off until the following day, Saturday, the 26th.

Saturday morning found the gang visiting broadcast stations WORC and WTAG and the Engineering Building of the Worcester Polytechnical Institute. The boys at Tech gave the delegates quite a treat by showing what 300,000 volts can do! At about 10 a.m. the Army-Amateur and Naval Reserve meetings were held at the Bancroft. Captain Lowman and Lt.-Comdr. Frederick J. Bailey, U. S. N. R., gave those interested some valuable dope on the Naval Reserve and ten new men were signed up. When the various groups had returned from their visits and had assembled again, Chairman Green turned the floor over to Mr. Pratt of the R. C. A. Institutes, Inc., who gave a fine talk and answered many questions regarding the Radio Industry, Talking Pictures, etc. Mr. J. D. Crawford, General Radio Company, brought the convention a most interesting talk on Frequency Standardization, explaining the method of checking the frequency of a crystal-controlled oscillator against Mean Solar Time.

The usual luncheon recess was cheerfully welcomed and the delegates returned full of pcp for the long afternoon session. Mr. F. H. Schnell, Chief of Staff of the Radio & Television Institute, Chicago, in typical "Schnell" style, described his newly developed superhet. Mr. F. A. Cowan, A. T. & T. Co., made some of the fellows realize what they are doing when they QRM GBW and

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# **Experimenters'** Section

#### IMPEDANCE MEASUREMENT WITH THE PLIODYNATRON

#### By Paul D. Zottu\*

N the February issue of QST, Mr. Newbold spoke of the dynatron and listed some practical applications. In the same article he also mentioned the pliodynatron. It is concerning this device that 1 wish to add to his list another application — an application which I believe will be found very useful and at the same time replace instruments costing many times the price of the device. The pliodynatron can be used to measure the r.f. impedance of a tuned circuit. For this type of work it is probably



by far the best instrument at the disposal of the amateur. I have used the device for nearly a year and have found it a most indispensable instrument.

It is well known that a circuit made up of L, C, and R, with the elements disposed as shown in Fig. 1-A, will oscillate when it is connected in parallel with a negative resistance equal to the effective impedance Z of the tuned circuit. The impedance of the tuned circuit at resonance is equal to  $\frac{L}{RC}$ . It has been, shown<sup>1</sup> that the pliodynatron can furnish such a negative resistance. The negative resistance of a pliodynatron can be varied in a number of different ways, such as by varying the screen grid voltage, control grid voltage or filament emission. Observations have shown that it varies approximately as the inverse of the cathode current, or expressing the same thing mathematically,

$$r = \frac{K}{I_a} \tag{1}$$

where K is a constant depending upon the characteristics of the tube and the particular conditions under which it is operated, and r is the negative resistance of the device.

In order to determine K it is necessary to obtain a few curves showing the relation between  $I_p$  and  $E_p$  for different values of  $I_a$ . In taking these curves the control-grid and screen-grid voltages should be kept constant. The control grid bias should be of such a value that approximately the desired value of anode current is obtained when the filament is at three volts. The data from which the curves of Fig. 1-B were drawn was taken with no bias on the control grid, which resulted in a wide variation of K for Curve III. The screen grid voltage for a Type '22 tube may be as high as 75 volts positive. For a given value of  $I_a$  vary  $E_p$  and note  $I_p$ . If accuracy is desired,  $E_p$  should be varied in small



steps, such as two or three volts at a time. A sufficiently sensitive plate-current meter should be used in order to give readable plate current changes. The circuit used for this purpose is given by Fig. 1-A, with the exception that the tuned circuit is shorter. When this data is plotted, curves similar to those of Fig. 1-B will be obtained. With some tubes slight undulations may appear in the curves.

Choose on these curves a value of  $E_p$  about which the curves appear to be straight. Determine the slopes of the different curves for this particular value of  $E_p$ , substitute the value of the slope <sup>2</sup> and  $I_a$  in Eq. (1), and calculate K. K is calculated for all of the curves, and the mean value is taken as the value to be placed in the equation. The curves of Fig. 2 give values of  $K_1 = 81.1$ ,  $K_2 = 74.8$ ,  $K_3 = 50.8$ .

$$K = \frac{K1 + K2 + K3}{3} = 68.5.$$

<sup>2</sup> Value of slope is equal to r. - EDITOR.

<sup>\* 10</sup> Wesleyan Place, Middletown, Conn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Dynatron, A. W. Hull, Feb., 1918.

The equation for this particular tube now stands

$$r = \frac{68.5}{I_a} \tag{2}$$

To measure the impedance of a parallelresonant circuit connect the combination in series with the plate lead. Set  $E_p$  at the value for which K was calculated, 20 volts in the above example, and vary  $I_a$  by varying the filament current. When  $r = \frac{L}{RC}$ , oscillations will be set up in the circuit. These oscillations can be detected either by noting the sudden change in the plate current or by listening for a beat note in another local oscillator. The value of  $I_a$  at which oscillations just start is substituted in (2) and r is

 $\frac{L}{RC}$ , or the impedance of the parallel circuit.

determined. The value of r is also the value of

The impedance of choke coils at approxiinately their natural period can be determined in exactly the same manner. The plate to screen grid capacity of the tube is approximately 12  $\mu\mu$ fd, and this is effective across the coil. For coils with low capacity this becomes a factor which cannot be neglected.

#### AN UNUSUAL R.F. CHOKE

W. D. Smith, W6DOI, of San Diego, California, has spent a great deal of time experimenting with r.f. chokes, and has finally arrived at a design which seems to be "holeproof" over the entire frequency range from 200 kc. to 28,000 kc. But let him tell it in his own words:

"The subject of r.f. chokes, after having been discussed again and again, is, as far as I am able



All sections are wound in the same direction, with No. 28 enamelled wire. Turns in each slot are as follows:

Stot No	o. 1	318	turns	Slot	No.	<i>ő</i> —	331	turns
	· 2	181	**	••	1.1	6	151	••
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The winding in slot No. 1 is the hot end of the choke, No. 7 yoing to the supply line.

to determine, still as hazy, clusive, and unsolved as ever.

"Did you ever see a Hartley-circuit grid dip meter capable of constant frequency change from 30 megacycles to less than 100 kc., with constant output, and without holes? This undoubtedly brings to your mind the subject of r.f. chokes. Such a meter is more than a possibility as I am possessed of one, designed and built by myself.

"About three years ago I undertook a study of r.f. chokes and their action for my own edification, and after endless experimentation and measurements incident thereto, evolved a theory which to date seems to be watertight, and provides chokes for any frequency up to their overall fundamental frequency — which may be so low that it is of no practical consequence from a radio standpoint.

"This system consists of a series of pie-wound sections on a straight-line form, with determinations of component sections as follows: Section at load end -- resonant period approximately onethird of signal frequency; the inductance, expressed in m.h., to be a prime number; next section - same construction, except inductance value prime and resonant at one-seventh of signal frequency, spaced on the form in such a manner that the mutual inductance between the two sections is not greater than one-half the inductance of the load section; these are followed by five other sections of the same coupling, but each maintained in prime inductive relation to every other section in the choke. Wire size and dimensions of the form will necessarily be governed by the load requirements of the d.c. circuit to be fed.

"Applying this theory to ham use, unless you are possessed of more rapid methods of calculation than I, entails a vast area of paper and a number of good pencils, together with quite a lot of patience. However, I have found that a much more simple method of calculation, and one that works with entire satisfaction from the ham standpoint, may be used. This has been proved to my satisfaction by risking my thermo-galvanometer, tightly coupled to the outside end of my choke on a 34-kw. oscillator while it was continuously varied in frequency from 28,000 kc. (the highest frequency at which it would oscillate), to 200 kc., with a maximum deflection of less than 1.5 m.a. over the entire frequency range.

"The amateur version consists of coupling the sections on the form not closer than  $1\frac{1}{4}$  times the mean coil diameter, and maintaining the number of turns in each section in prime relation to each other. I have built and used hundreds of these chokes since the original design was evolved, and have found an invariable gain in efficiency when they have been used to replace other chokes of whatever type or design.

"A sketch of the usual choice used in any r.f. transmitting circuit intended for power outputs of less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  kw. and frequencies of 500 kc. or more is shown in Fig. 2."

#### A PANEL SAW

The chap who gave birth to this idea is too modest — or sensitive — to let us mention his name. In spite of this deprecatory attitude, however, the gadget is a handy one for taking care of a mean job, namely, sawing panels.

How many of us have wanted to saw through a foot or so of sheet bakelite and wished the hacksaw manufacturers had been a little more generous with the space between the brace and the blade? Well, why not make a special saw for the job? The only materials necessary are three pieces of wood, a hacksaw blade, a few feet of wire, and some nails. It's as simple as the accompanying photograph.

The wood pieces used should be heavy enough not to bend when the saw is in operation, and the distance between the saw blade and the cross piece must be sufficient for the job in hand. Tension on the blade is regulated by twisting the wire after the manner of a turnbuckle, a heavy screwdriver being the "twister." As a matter of fact, if a "high-hat" job is wanted a turnbuckle could be placed in the wire, and the whole thing



A PANEL SAW

could be dressed up a bit. One made out of odds and ends works just as well, however.

#### A HANDY WAY TO LAY OUT COILS

Since the coils for an amateur-band receiver always have to be made to order, it is quite an advantage to have a coil form which can be used for experimental coils only. Bob Chipman, VE4IC, of Winnipeg, Canada, took an old tube base and mounted four binding posts on it, each of the posts being connected to a prong in the base. Small machine screws and nuts will do just as well. A sketch of the idea is shown in Fig. 3.

This base is used only during the cut and try process, and after the proper number of turns for both tuning coil and tickler have been determined for any particular band a separate coil is made up in permanent form on another base. This does away with the bother of soldering and unsoldering wires in the pins, pushing the wire through holes in the base each time a turn is removed, and other time-wasting maneuvers which cannot be avoided unless a special base such as this is used.

The device has another advantage, because

other types of coils which will not fit in the pocket in a tube-base coil receiver may be tried out by



simply running wires from the coil terminals to the binding posts on the base.

#### ELIMINATING REY CLICKS

We should very much like to think that the key-click problem has been solved to everyone's satisfaction, but unfortunately it hasn't. Thumps very often refuse to yield to rational treatment, much to the disgust of both amateur and B.C.L., and then sometimes a simple stunt will be hit upon which restores peace in the neighborhood. While the methods described below may not fall in this class, they have been successful in each individual case, and will be worth a trial, whether or not other means have failed.

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Robert T. Foreman, W9ZZE, of Tucson, Arizona, had a lot of trouble with an a.c. broadcast receiver, and after trying all sorts of thump filters and wave traps, finally resorted to a filter in the supply line to the broadcast receiver. When this filter was installed, the clicks could no longer be heard.

The wiring of the filter is shown in Fig. 4. The inductances are old Ford spark coil primaries, and the condensers are .006  $\mu$ fd. each. The filter is placed as close to the receiver as possible — in this case it was mounted in the same cabinet. If





compactness is wanted, the primaries can be removed of course from the coils.

When the key is placed in the primary of the plate transformer there is usually not so much trouble from clicks caused by a steep r.f. wave R.f. chokes are placed on each side of the key, and a .5  $\mu$ fd. condenser is shunted around them. The condenser absorbs the spark, and the chokes "wash out" any high-frequency currents which may be set up. A diagram of the arrangement is shown in Fig. 5.



RFC — 150 turns of No. 24 d.c.c. on 1-inch form. Larger wire should be used if the transformer draws more than about 75 watts,  $C = .5 \ \mu fd$ .

The chokes must be wound with wire which is heavy enough to pass the primary current of the plate transformer without too much voltage drop. No. 24 is large enough for a set using a single Type '10 tube. Higher powers will take a proportionately larger wire size.

Milton Gilbert, W2BBP, also had some trouble with clicks, and eliminated them by using the circuit shown in Fig. 6. It is a somewhat unorthodox lag-circuit arrangement, but W2BPP says he has had no trouble with clicks since using it.

It is probable that a great deal of the success of an arrangement of this sort is dependent on the adjustment of the transmitter, as is the case with any of the usual lag circuit. With different transmitter adjustments, different values of both choke and condenser will prove most effective. A little experimenting is therefore needed in order to get the best possible results.

#### THE RESISTANCE BRIDGE IN THE APRIL "X"-SECTION

Mr. Normal Moll, Toledo, Ohio, has called our attention to the fact that the fundamental equations for the resistance bridge given on page 47 of the April issue were set up incorrectly.

These were given as

$$E_a = I_a R_s = I_b R_s$$
$$E_b = I_a R_a = I_b R_b$$

but should have been

$$E_a = I_a R_s = I_b R_a$$
$$E_b = I_a R_r = I_b R_b$$

This makes no difference in the final result, however, because the inequality disappears as soon as the IR drops are put in the form of a ratio. The statement that  $R_x = R_s$   $(R_b/R_a)$  is therefore correct.

Mr. Guy A. Simmons, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark., writes as follows regarding the bridge:

"It might be well to bring out that this type of bridge will be accurate only when non-inductive resistances are being measured. Other resistances are accurate at the frequency of the buzzer being used.

"A refinement which would make the tone obtained from the buzzer smoother and prevent the



L = 30-henry B-eliminator choke.  $C = .003 \ \mu/d$ .

bridge from affecting the tone of the buzzer would be to place a large fixed condenser in one of the leads from the buzzer to the arm of the bridge. This would also tend to prevent sparking at the contacts of the buzzer and prolong their life. This condenser should be fairly large, 1 mike or so, in order not to appreciably attenuate the current supplied to the bridge by the buzzer. The condenser used does not have to stand high voltages and could be any low-voltage receiving condenser.

"Many school laboratories use a modification of this type of bridge in which a meter stick with a section of resistance wire stretched its length is used. A fairly high resistance (per foot) wire must necessarily be used. The connections are the same as those in article by Mr. Whitacre, although a battery and galvanometer are usually used."

#### A NEAT "CLIP" FOR TRANSMITTER COILS

A new use for the National "Grid-grip" is suggested by W1CRC. It makes an excellent "clip" for a copper-tubing transmitter coil, fitting the 3/8-inch size snugly, and can be squeezed together a bit to fit 1/4-inch tubing. The idea is illustrated in Fig. 7.

The grid-grip should be slipped on the coil before the ends are flattened to make connecting lugs. A piece of flexible wire of the required length is soldered to it, and the other end of the wire is soldered in a phone tip. The tip is plugged into a tip-jack, which may be mounted permanently in the transmitter. In this manner it becomes possible to change coils in a Hartley transmitter, for instance, without readjusting the clip the next time that particular coil is used. The 'phone tip and jack are used simply for convenience — a binding post would serve equally well, although a little more time would be needed to make connections. The grid-grip makes a good connection — better than an ordinary clip — and in addition has no iron in it. Ordinary clips are usually made of iron or steel and then plated with copper or nickel, and get quite hot even with a low-power set. Unnecessary



heating means an unnecessary loss of energy which might better be expended in useful radiation.

#### A FLEXIBLE RECEIVER

#### By A. E. Harrison\*

THE receiver described is not radically new or very different from most ham receivers, but several ideas have been combined to make it flexible and yet not complicated or expensive. No photographs of the receiver are available, as it has been changed from time to time as different ideas were tested.

The tuning inductance is a variometer. It covers either the 3500-kc. or 7000-kc. band by changing the position of the rotor. The stator has 12 turns, a coil of 6 turns on each side of the shaft, on tubing 2 inches in diameter. The rotor is a short UX tube base with the prongs removed and also has 12 turns. The tickler has 6 turns on both rotor and stator. It is wound next to the shaft with No. 36 d.s.c. wire. This makes an efficient tickler winding but occupies one tenth as much space as larger wire. As shown in the photograph, the variometer was mounted on a '99 tube base in order to replace the tube-base coils formerly used, without changing the set.

This variometer is not completely satisfactory, as it does not include the 14,000-kc. band, and the oscillation control must be changed when changing bands. With an equal number of tickler turns on the rotor and stator, more detector voltage or feed-back capacity is required to cause oscillation as the frequency is increased.

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This might be remedied by putting more turns on the stator than the rotor or vice versa. A variometer covering three bands may be designed



FIG. S. - WIRING OF THE VARIOMETER

If all coils are wound in the same direction the connections should be made as shown. Further details are given in the text.

with the rotor and stator closer together, using a rotor turned on a lathe and form wound stator coils.

The tuning condenser is a rebuilt "Pilot" midget. The stator plates were removed and a



THE VARIOMETER

portion of one side filed out. This gives the receiver a tuning curve that is nearly straightline frequency. Three plates were assembled on the stator, then the two screws were cut with a hacksaw about  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch from the third plate. Threaded bakelite bushings  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick hold the three plates in place and allow two more plates to be assembled on the stator but insulated from the other three plates. The rotor was not changed.

For 3500-kc. operation five stator plates are used, spreading the band over 50 dial divisions. Only two plates are used for tuning 7000 and 14,000 kc. A switch should be arranged to add the other three plates to the circuit when tuning 3500 kc.

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In the diagram of the receiver, Fig. 9, a Type '99 is shown as a volume control. It is semiautomatic in action, reducing volume on loud signals but allowing weak signals to come in at practically full strength. Another advantage of this control is its action on key clicks from the



transmitter. The shock to the detector is reduced when the key is pressed, allowing better break-in operation. It would probably reduce the interference from a nearby station; however, this has not been checked as operation recently has only been in the 3500-kc. band and no other stations in this neighborhood seem to be using that band. Complete shielding of the receiver would make this control more effective.

# Strays 🖄

The Jewell Electrical Instrument Company, 1650 Walnut St., Chicago, is publishing a neat little time conversion chart which is a handy adjunct to the radio shack. It is similar to the one described in QST some months ago and in the *Handbook*, and it is possible to determine the hour in any part of the world corresponding to a given local time. Provision is also made for finding whether the time indicated is for the same date or not. The chart is being distributed free of charge, and can be obtained by simply addressing a card to the above address.

Amateurs experimenting with television and photo-electric cells will find much to interest them in "Photo Cells," by D. E. Replogle, published by the Jenkins Television Co., 346 Claremont Ave., Jersey City, N. J. The booklet explains the action of the various types of cells and gives considerable data on circuits and characteristics, together with information on photo cells marketed by the Jenkins organization. It is in loose-leaf form, and supplementary sheets will be issued from time to

time. The price is twenty-five cents.

Most amateurs are addicted to poring over catalogs, and one of the best we have seen recently is the "Catalog and Data Book," published by the Offenbach Electric Company, 1452 Market St., San Francisco. As the name indicates, there is much more in it than just prices on manufactured parts. The book has 370 pages, divided into eighteen sections, each dealing with a class of apparatus, such as condensers, resistors, meters, amateur transmitting and short wave equipment, panels, etc., and with each section there is a great deal of design data and generally useful information on that particular subject.

Nearly all standard brands of apparatus are listed in its pages. The book is well printed on good paper stock, and is well worth the dollar charged for it. It is a handy reference book to have around the station.

# If You Buy "QST" On the Newsstand—

Perhaps you haven't previously seen the Communications Department section with its operating news. This section of the magazine, with its news on the practical activities of amateurs all over the country, including your own locality, appears in newsstand copies only during a couple months in midsummer. Normally it is an extra section of 16 pages bound into only those copies which go direct to members of the A.R.R.L.

If you are interested in these informative operating articles and the chatter of local news everywhere, it is one additional reason why you should join the League and have the membership edition of "QST" delivered to your door every month. See the convenient application blank on page 94.





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### Conducted by Clinton B. De Soto

ITH this issue of QST the task of accumulating and compiling the material which appears regularly in this department falls into new hands. No peroration or lengthy announcement of this change is necessary or desirable, since we are all chiefly interested in the news itself as herein published -- not in the personalities behind that news.

We hope mainly to retain that fine degree of real, spirited interest in the information contained in the department which has been evinced by so very many amateurs from all parts of the world. We hope the high standards of fullness in detail, of promptness in preparation, of accuracy in statement which have governed the contributions to these pages in the past by many valued contributors will be maintained and appreciated by all concerned. — C. B. D.

Miss Barbara Dunn, G6YL, again contributes another change of address by a QSL Forwarding Bureau. The present address of the Hungarian QSL Bureau is as follows: M.R.A.E., I. Zirken Janka, Utca 14/B, Budapest.

This will correct and supplement the general list published in the November, 1929 issue of QST.

A brief Chinese report carries the information that the power input allowed Hongkong amateurs is 10 watts. They are licensed to work on the 7-, 14-, and 28-mc. bands.

The regular June Calendar of the I.A.R.U. will have been sent out to all the National Sec-

tions just about the time that this issue is published. Another society is being proposed for membership, the *Rede dos Emissores Portugueses*; it is hoped that it will not be long before this organization is welcomed into the Union.

Duly representative national amateur societies which may wish to affiliate with the I.A.R.U. are invited to communicate with the Secretary, at 1711 Park St., Hartford, Conn.

We have received here a good many DX Time Tables which are of value mainly in a very restricted area, and we haven't felt them generally useful enough for publication. If any one is interested in tables for special places and regions we will be glad to give whatever information we have on file. (For example we have a very fine report on Porto Rico and vicinity only. To the K group living there and others interested in working into

there it would prove invaluable.) We will be only too glad to answer any inquiries.

# AUSTRALIA

#### By Alan G. Brown, VK3CX

Much activity was shown here during the tests; mainly on 7-mc. band, since the 14-mc. band did not come up to expectations in regards to contact with the U. S. A. Most of the chaps engaged in the tests have the same growl, and that is that there weren't enough W stations participating, because about one in every two stations worked didn't have a test message. Some very fine totals were run up, but as yet we don't know who will be the winner.

The Victorian Division of the W.I.A. has their club rooms in fine shape now and a loan library of radio instruments and radio books which is a great help to members who want to make certain experiments and yet don't want to buy all the expensive parts necessary.

The Aero Club Division of the Institute is doing very fine work out at the Essendon Acrodrome and working consistently plane to ground with low-power plane sets. The ground station VK3WI is perhaps the most up-to-date station in the whole of Australia. The small plane transmitter working on the bottom edge of the 42-meter band under the call VK3WT has been heard at least 1000 miles away when the plane was in the air, with an input of only 3 watts.

All the interstate divisions of the W.I.A. have their own stations on the air regularly now. The calls are: VK2WI, VK3WI, VK4WI, VK5WI, VK6WI, VK7WI. Practically all are crystalcontrolled and they handle much of the Institute traffic, thus saving much correspondence and bringing divisions closer together.

On the 14-mc. band a few of the old-timers and some new hams are all out after DX and at present getting plenty of it. With inputs ranging from 3 to 30 watts they are working all continents regularly with little trouble.

## BELGIAN SECTION

#### By Paul de Neck, Pres., Reseau Belge

The DX period seems to have come back on the 14-mc. band, and every day, from 1700 to 2300 G.C.T. a fierce traffic is being carried. New Zealanders and Aussies come first, together with a few South African and Rhodesian stations. After this the great lot of U. S. hams from the 1, 2, 3, S, and 9th districts literally cover the scale. Later come the South Americans, mostly LU and PY, with a few CX and CE. We can again find our good friend CE7AA, who came through a few days ago.

Of the few records to be listed:

- ON4JJ had his 14-mc. 'phone received in Australasia.
- ON4BZ and ON4UU made their first Japanese QSO.
- ON4HP achieved his code WAC in one night.
- ON4OR made his first U. S. A. contact with only 3 watts input.

On the 7-mc. band the regular traffic was handled between European stations and a few Americans.

ON4JQ, with 40 watts input on 7 mc., was received on 'phone in Europe with a regular QRK R8.

We note with sadness the sudden death of one of our best friends in Europe, SUSAN, Mr. Nahmias of Cairo. He was certainly one of the best known amateurs in our country, and the first DX made by a lot of us in our first attempt to quit the continental area.

Many ON's had good chats with SP3YL and SP3KYL. We know now that these stations are owned by two young girls, movie stars of their own country. Splendid! Hi!

Our SP friends tell us that there are six YL's in the L.K.K. gang right now: SP3HR, SP3ER, SP3IA, SP3HB, SP3KYL, and SP3YL. Let us try to get them on the 'phone sets, OB's!

Now, could we say something about the new WAC Certificates? Why not register and classify



VSCAG, THE STATION OF J. J. ALVAREZ, & CAM-ERON ROAD, KOWLOON, HONGKONG, THIS STA-TION FIRST CAME ON THE AIR NOVEMBER 2, 1929, AND HAS SINCE WORKED ALL CONTINENTS AND 22 COUNTRIES, WITH A TOTAL OF 190 STATIONS

The transmitter uses one Type 210 in an Ultraudion hookup. The transmitting antenna is a voltage-fed Hertz, as described by Mr. Windom in QST for September, 1929. The receiver is an ordinary Schnell detector and one-stage audio using tube base coils.

these certificates at the date of receipt of the last QSL card bringing their proofs? It would be much more correct than the actual method of listing them by the time of their delivery.

For the old ones, our friend Mr. K. B. Warner could ask the national sections interested to send a paper giving again the said date, after which he sends back a small label with this date written on together with the I.A.R.U. seal and his signature, the label to be affixed on the WAC certificate by its owner.

The preparations for our July International Amateur Congress are going strong. We have the official authorization to install two 100-watt 'phone and code sets, one in Liege and one in Antwerp, working in the 40- and 85-meter bands during the period of the exhibitions.

In regard to the suggestions regarding the dating of WAC Certificates as advanced by Mr. (Continued on page 66)

#### JULY, 1930



## Your Log By Eugene A. Hubbell\*

"OA4J, why that's funny, I don't remember calling him. Let's see, he says 'Sorry you didn't hear me come back to your call. Your signals very nice, QSA3, here.' I wonder what the log-book shows for that night."

The log-book showed nothing in the way of operation for that night. So our "ham" friend went in doubt the rest of his days as to whether that card really belonged to him, or to another station. The up-to-the-minute station owner could tell in a minute whether he had called OA4J that night, and would be absolutely certain as to whether the card was rightfully his.

A log-book is usually found in every amateur station, but in how many logs can an entry be found of a call not answered, a CQ without replies? Few keep a record of these transmissions, yet it should be done, IF THE LOG IS TO BE COMPLETE! A complete log is the careful record of all transmissions from the station to which it belongs, with associated data. The Federal Radio Commission has adopted new amateur regulations which make it imperative that every station keep such a record.

A log-book furnishes a record of stations worked, first of all, with date and time. Then it should give the frequency or and "no," consequently their use fixes their meaning more firmly in our minds, and shortens the work considerably.

The second item records a CQ which went unanswered, but which might possibly have been heard and answered, although the sending station did not know it. If a card comes in from Himalaya, Timbuktu, or Java, one can immediately verify the transmission. The third entry records the transmission made while tuning the antenna circuit after a QSY to 7 mc. Too many times a station tunes up the antenna circuit and sends test for minutes at a time without signing. When through testing, SIGN YOUR CALL signal.

The fourth item records a call which went unanswered again. However, it furnishes valuable information. Perhaps some Official Observer sends you a card saying you were heard off-frequency on the 7-mc. band June first, at 7:00 p.m. CST, calling CQ. Your log at once furnishes the information you were transmitting at that time, but that you were NOT calling CQ. Information of this kind may prove to be very valuable in saving your license, for the time is near at hand when off-frequency transmission will meet prompt punishment.

It is up to each amateur to dope out his own system. This gives an idea of the writer's conception of a complete and accurate log, that may be kept with a minimum of work, recording every transmission. Whether you use this form or

					Sim	nais			
Date	Time	Called	QSO	QSL	My	His	Remarks	Input <sup>†</sup>	Freq.†
6-1 6-1 6-1	0010 0030 0040	HC1FG CQ Test	C N	6-1	DC4	RAC4	rainy † QSY to 7 mc.	45w 45w 60w	14 me. 14 me. 7 me.
6-1	0100	W8BHZ	N			XDC4	1 110.	60 <b>w</b>	7 1110.

frequency band, on which the station was worked, and as required by the F.R.C., the input power to the final stage of the transmitter. It should also contain a record of tests sent, when tuning the transmitter, providing the antenna was coupled, also all unanswered calls and CQs. Optional items are records of signal strengths, weather, whether QSL was sent or received, traffic handled, etc. It should be comparatively simple to keep and entries should be easily made. A sample form for such a log is indicated herewith.

The first entry records the working of HC1FG on June 1, at 0010 GMT, the C under QSO indicating contact was made and a QSL was sent the same day. Under signals the station calling received a report of DC, QSA4, while HC1FG's sig-nals are given as RAC, QSA4. The weather was rainy, input to the transmitter was 45 watts and the frequency was the 14-mc, band. A letter can be used to indicate the band, A for 1750 kc., B for 3500 kc., etc. The signal reports may be cut to a few indicating letters and figures, thus: AC, RAC, NDC, DC for corresponding modulation, or lack of modulation, on the signal, while simply 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 indicate the degree of reliability or signal strength (QSA) and the audibility (R1, etc.) if asked. Under the QSO column,<sup>1</sup> C and N are international abbreviations for "yes"

\* W9ERU, 227 N. 4th St., Rockford, Ill.

another, keep a complete log, and mark yourself down as operator of a truly modern station operated systematically and legally in every respect. You will find the record valuable on many occasions.

#### WDDE

Paul K. Davis of Chicago (W9ADU) will operate WDDE this year, and he plans to contact amateurs on 5555, 8330 and 11,110 kc. The expedition and MacMillan's schooner Bowdoin set forth in mid-June. The party will visit Lab-rador. Greenland, and Iceland. Jenkins and Adair, Inc., of Chicago have built the new high-frequency equipment for WDDE.

About the time this notice appears in print we expect to be able to include later and more specific information in telegraphic broadcasts from Headquarters concerning the

† A suggestion to eliminate the necessity for columns for the frequency and input power is to write a statement including both these items across the whole page, opposite the time entry, each time the change is made to a different transmitter or different operating frequency. — F. E. H. <sup>1</sup>C, W, and H are often used to denote "called," "worked"

or "heard" respectively. - F. E. H.



frequencies and operating hours of WDDE. Davis asks your cooperation in handling this traffic through general amateur contacts and schedules with the stations that prove



most consistent. We must look for WDDE outside the regular anateur channels (where all *bona file* expeditions are now licensed) and do the usual good communication job. Plan to contact WDDE and help all you can!

# **Traffic Briefs**

In two months on 14 mc. W1AMQ contacted 40 states, all U. S. districts, Canadian fourth district, four continents and eleven countries. FB!

A route known as the "Oriental" extends from Paris, France, to Shanghai, China, and is lined up as follows: KA1DJ-W6AD-W9COS-W8YA-W3BF, W2ZC is trausatlantic station for the route and completes it to England, France and Berlin. Traffic for the Orient is cleared through the Philippines. This route functions daily and at this writing is one of our most reliable chains.

WSAJC says, "A sked East beats a CQ East by about three days."

Mrs. N. M. Adams of Klamath Falls, Oregon, was very pleased to receive a Mother's Day greeting by amateur radio from her son, who is stationed at Tientsin, China. W6BSQ, who delivered the message, says that the letter of appreciation and thanks he received from Mrs. Adams surely makes one realize that *deliveries count!* 

When the ships of the combined Battle Fleet and Scouting Fleet, U. S. N., terminated maneuvers for a recreation period in various ports of the West Indies, amateurs in the Porto Rico-Virgin Island section saw an opportunity to obtain traffic - and lots of it. K4KD at St. Thomas, V. I., manned by operators of NBB. got most of it as the majority of the vessels were in that port. K4AKV at Ponce had three battleships in his port. K4KD, not being at a port of visit, sent a message to the commander of the Scouting Fleet offering the facilities of his station for message service to the United States. The commander forwarded the invitation to all the other ships, and some 100 messages were received at K4KD as a result. K4KD handled most of his traffic on regular schedules with W1MK and W2FN. W4DK gave K4KD his traffic on schedule. At one time W1MK took 23 messages in a string from K4KD, and on another occasion took 52 in a row. On different occasions W2FN took 31, 55, 84 and 108 in a string. All traffic was handled on the 7-mc. band.

K4KD tells us that a very fine time conversion chart for the DX man is obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. This is known as "Standard Time Conversion Chart," miscellaneous publication No. S4, and may be procured at 10 cents per copy, cash only, no stamps accepted.

W9CSR received the first Amateur Extra First ticket issued in Colorado.

W9CKQ and VK5HG have a total of 365 QSOs to date, their schedule having extended over a period of a year and a half! They are at present engaged in handling traffic to Washington, D. C., for the Magnetic Observatory of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institute at Watheroo, West Australia. The route is VK6MO-VK5HG-W9CKQ-mail.

We wish to report the following brief sketches of amateur coöperation with the Connecticut National Guard 118th Observation Squadron flight from Hartford, Conn. to Miami, Fla., and return. At Hartford W1MK was on the job. W4MF at Jacksonville handled a number of messages and reports for the fliers and entertained them during their stay in that city. The Miami Amateur Radio Club sent messages filed with them by Western Union to W4AGR at Tampa for relay, as all of their stations were tied up in connection with their cooperation at the All-American Air Races. W8DBK, W8DSN and W8QU were on the job at Dayton to take care of messages that the Squadron wished to send from that city. At Cleveland W8ACR and W8BF coöperated.

## **Traffic Summaries**

#### (APRIL-MAY)

Pacific led by Los Angeles
Atlantic led by Western Pennsylvania
New England led by Eastern Massachusetts 2316
Hudson led by Eastern New York 1982
Central led by Illinois
Southeastern led by Florida
Midwest led by Missouri
Dakota led by Southern Minnesota
West Gulf led by Northern Texas 1115
Northwestern led by Oregon
Delta led by Mississippi
Roanoke led by Virginia
Rocky Mountain led by Utah-Wyoming
Quebec
Vanalta led by British Columbia. 103
Ontario
Prairie led by Saskatchewan
586 stations originated 7019; delivered \$190; relevel

586 stations originated 7042; delivered 6190; relayed 15,554; total 28,786, (88.5) del.)



Los Angeles retains its hold on the Banner with a total of 31861 This can't go on forever! I The Traffic Banner goes each month to the section with the largest total of real messages. A traffic summary showing the standing of the various divisions for the past month is printed above. What place does yours take? What Section will carry the Banner next month and help its Division head the list?

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Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total
KAIDJ	480 2	213	174	867
WAITD .	378	122	174 360	860
WSYA	154	114	590	858
W6HM	121 3	598	4	723
W9COS	154     121     109     1	259	300	858 723 668
W8YA W6HM W9COS W6BZY W3BWT	124 113 59	213 122 114 598 259 255 138 79 276 100		$545 \\ 540 \\ 493 \\ 453$
W3BWT	113 1	138 -	289	540
WIMK	59	79	355	493
W6WA	130 2	276	$47 \\ 285$	453
W5WW	53 1	100	285	438
W6AWF	31	56	344	438 431 404
WZQU	164 2 279	:36	4	404
WDELB	279	22	_80	401 393
WDALX	164	25	204	393
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WEDGN	10	28	220	323 311 307 301 279
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WEOP	24	16	157	674
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WEALU	2	ú	948	559
W6AKD	<b>4</b>	ž	218	220
W3ZF	43	8ò -	16¥	227
AC8WB	135	78	7	$\bar{2}\bar{2}\dot{0}$
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W6ERK	6	66	98	170
W9DRG	88 31 52	64	14	166
WIWV	31	51 56	81	163
W9DRG W1WV W7AMF W6AOA	52	56	54	162
W6AOA	10	52	47	154
W4QL	38 40	52	52	142
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W3MC	40	51 59	10	103
W5AOD	12	69 61	10	89 86
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The several amateur stations responsible for the best traffic work — the ones that are "setting the pace" in worthwhile traffic handling — are listed right up near the top of our B.P.L., the figures giving the exact standing of each station accurately.

All these stations appearing in the Brass Pounders' Lengue 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 one num darded deliveries in the message month: W6HM, W6WA, W6COS, W2QU, KA1DJ, W3BWT, KA1HR. W8YA, W6WW.

Deliveries counti A total of 200 or more bona fide messages handled and counted in accordance with A.R.R.L. practice, or just 50 or more deliveries will put you in line for a place in the B.P.L. Why not make more schedules with the reliable stations you hear and take steps to handle the traffic that will qualify gou for B.P.L. membership also?

# **Traffic Briefs**

Two of our most excellent outlets for Nicaraguan traffic are W2QU and W9BCA. W2QU handles an average of 400 to 500 messages per month on regular schedule with NN1NIC. He mails a copy of each message received to its destination whether relay is made by radio or not. W9BCA has an equally reliable hook-up four nights a week. He can be found on approximately 7200 kc.

# W1MK

A.R.R.L. Headquarters' Station W1MK operates on frequencies of 3575 kc. and 7150 kc. Robert B. Parmenter, "RP," is the chief operator; his fist is familiar to most of the amateur fraternity. Occasionally other members of the Headquarters' staff operate at W1MK. 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 two headings of 3500 kc. and 7000 kc. to indicate whether the watch is devoted to listening on the 80-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 (actually 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 stations through any of which traffic will travel expediently to A.R.R.L. Headquarters, on 3500 kc.: W1ACH, W1BXB, W1CTI, W1ZA, W2JF, W3BWT, W3CBT, W3ZF, W4PM, W8CEO, W9OX, VE9AL; on 7000-kc.: W4SK, W6CIS, W6DEP and W6OJ.

#### ELECTION NOTICES

**ELECTION NOTICES** To all A.R.R.L. Members residing in the Sections listed below: (The list gives the Sections, closing date for receipt of nominat-ing petitions for Section Manager, the name of the present in-cumbent and the date of expiration of his term of office.) This notice supersedes previous notices. In cases where no valid nominating petitions have been re-served from A.R.R. L. members residing in the different Sections in response to our previous notices, the closing dates for receipt of nominating petitions are set ahead to the dates given here-with. In the absence of nominating petitions from Members of a Section, the present incumbent continues to hold his official position and carry on the work of the Section subject, of course, to the filing of proper nominating petitions and the holding of an election by ballot or as may be hereessary. Petitions must be in Hartlord on or before noon of the dates specified, all of which are 1930. 1930

Section	Closing	Date	Present SCM	of Office Ends
Virginia				Dec. 2, 1928
Alaska				Mar. 28, 1930
N. Y. C. & L. I.				June 28, 1930
Utah-Wyoming	July 19,	1930	(resigned)	·····
Vermont	July 15,	1930	Clayton Paulette	July 28, 1930
Iowa	July 15,	1930	H, W. Kerr	July 28, 1930
Onio	July 15,	1930	H. C. Storek	July 28, 1930
Mississippi	July 15,	1930	J. W. Gullett	July 28, 1930
Southern Texas	July 15,	1930	R. E. Franklin	July 28, 1930
Kansas	July 15,	1930	J. H. Amis	July 28, 1930
Arkansas	Aug. 15,	1930	H. E. Velte	Aug. 28, 1930
Kentucky			J. B. Wathen	Sept. 8, 1930
Maritime *	Aug. 15,			
Indiana	July 15,	1930	D. J. Angus (resigned)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
North Carolina	July 15.	1930	Hal Justice	· · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			(resigned)	
Michigan	July 15,	1930	Dallas Wise (resigned)	•••••

Michigan July 15, 1930 Dahlas Wise (resigned)
 Due to the resignations in the Utah-Wyoming, Indiana, North Carolina, and Michigan Sections, nominating petitions are hereby solicited for the office of Section Communications Manager in these Sections and the closing date for receipt of nominations at A.R. R. L. Headquarters is nerewith specified as noon, July 15, 1930. Reports from ORS in these sections should be sent to the Acting SCM listed on page 5 of QST.
 \* In Canadian Sections nominating petitions for Section Manager must be addressed to Canadian General Manager, Alex Heid, 169 Logan Ave., St. Lambert, Quebec. To be valid such petitions must be filed with him on or before the closing dates named.
 To all A.R.R.L. Members residing in the Sections Isset:
 You are hereby notified that an election for an A.R.R.L. Section Communications Manager, for the next two-year term of office is about to be held in each of these Sections. The Baberd and the guide from Heedman and the positions of A.R.R.L. members will list the name of all elliphic and the domarters will list the next of all elliphic and dates nominated for the positions on A.R.R.L. Members solutions of A.R.R.L. Methods and the place in the different Sections in Baberd and the place in the different Sections in Section and Sections and the sections and the sections in the Sections in the Sections in the Section have the privilege of nominating any member of the League who holds an O.R.S. appointment in their Section as candidate is suggested;

(Place and date)

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Valid petitions nominating a single candidate as Section Matuser were filed in a number of Sections on or before the closing dates that had been announced for receipt of such peti-

Quebec	Alphy Blais, VE2AC	Jan,	21, 1930
Alberta	Fred Barron, VE4EC	Jan.	21, 1930
Saskatchewan	W. J. Pickering, VE4FC	May	15, 1930
Nevada	Keston L. Ramsey, W6EAD	May	15, 1930
Southern N. J.	Bayard Allen, W3ATJ	May	15, 1930

Southern N. J. Bayard Allen, W3ATJ May 15, 1930 In the Northern Texas Section of the West Gulf Division, Roy Lee Taylor, W5RJ, J. H. Robinson, Jr., W5BG, and John Adams, W5BH, were nominated. Mr. Taylor received 24 votes. Mr. Robinson 21 votes, and Mr. Adams 8 votes. Mr. Taylor's term of office began April 25, 1930. In the North Dakota Section of the Dakota Division, Guy L. Ottinger, W3BVF, and Wellesley Beeran, W3DFG, were nominated. The first balloting resulting in a tie vote, a second set of habota were distributed. Mr. Ottinger received 21 votes, and 5, 1980 were distributed. Mr. Ottinger sterm of office began April 25, Western New York Section of the Atlantic Division.

Mr. Beeman 14 votes, Mr. Ottinger s term of once beam view 25, 1930. In the Western New York Section of the Atlantic Division, John R. Blum, WeSCEC, and Don Farrell, W8DSP, were nominated. Mr. Blum received 89 votes, and Mr. Farrell 58 votes. Mr. Blum toko office May 15, 1930. In the Wisconsin Section of the Central Division, C. N. Crapo, W9VD, and A. D. Sanial, W9AZN, were nominated, Mr. Crapo received 45 votes, and Mr. Sanial 28 votes. Mr. Crapo's term of office begins July 1, 1930.

## DIVISIONAL REPORTS

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

**OUTHERN NEW JERSEY - SCM**, Bayard Allen, W3ATJ - W3DH will QRT in June until the University reopens in September. W3ATJ handled a few from Porto Rico. W3UT is ready for the tests on 28 mc. W3ACX will have a portable under shadow of WSC's mast this summer, W3HS, an old-timer, is back using 7 mc. ex-clusively. W3ARP and W3WW, both ops at WPG, have QRM from the BC studio. W3KJ has installed push-pull. W3ASG has become a 'phone addict. W3BUF hooked his first Hawaiian. W3BVG has gone to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. W3ADL is kicking out FB with a new 852 on 7 me. W3ATV is a new op in Ocean City. W3AWJ is on 14 and 7 mc. W3AS is on at a new QRA. W3AIU has been on a three-weeks' visit to N. Y. C. W3BAN, with no current available in his home, has rigged up a 110-volt magneto to a sewing machine, and is stepping on it, W3BWJ is heard occasionally on 14 me, W3AWL has applied for ORS appointment,

Traffic: W3DH 132, W3ATJ 54, W3UT 21, W3AWL 6, W3ASG 39

MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DISTRICT OF COLUM-BIA-SCM, Forrest Calhoun, W3BBW-If any of you want your ORS put in storage for the summer, say so and then you will be safe from cancellation. Maryland: W3CGC leads this state in traffic: W3AIL, a new one in Cumberland, sent in a nice total. W3LA is experimenting with Airplane Xmitters, W3AFF says QRN is messing up everything, W3AOO got a new 210, and blew it, so is back with a 112. W3BBW is experimenting with voltage feed hertz. W3GF is trying for a commercial ticket. W3BCX and W3DG are going to experiment with television this summer, W3NY will gsp anywhere in South America. W3VJ has a code class and club going fb. W3BBF is a new Baltimore ham using a 860 on 14,000 kc. Delaware: W3ALQ leads this state with a very low total. W3AJH says he can't hear anything but QRM on 7 mc. W3HC reports several new ones in Delaware, District of Columbia: W3BWT still sends in his usual load. W3BF says the leaves on the trees absorb lots of his radiation, W3PM has an A.C. receiver perking, W3CDQ said the Washington Radio Club banquet was a "wow" Vice President Stewart of A.R.R.L. and Paul M. Segal, Rocky Mountain Division Director, attended, W3GT is trying to get on 28 mc. W3OZ nearly missed this report.

Traffic: W3BWT 540, W3BF 103, W3CGC 42. W3PM 25, W3AIL 16, W3LA 15, W3AFF 11, W3CDQ 8, W3ALQ 4, W3BBW 3, W3A00 3, W3AJH 2, W3HC 1, W3OZ 38.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA --- SCM, Don Lusk, W3ZF - During the past month the SCM has been extremely busy because of a new arrival (a YL opr). WSVD's doctor forbid him to follow radio as a hobby, but you will find him on most every Monday Eve. If some one could find

a solution for W3AKB's MOPA, she will be his sked any ole day. The SCM takes pride in W3MC's fine showing in both traffic and 00 reports. W3A UR evidently is in earnest about his ORS and is now eligible. Ditto to W3UH, who reported by telephone. A word of warning is issued to those who fail to report next month and thereafter: Cancellations are in order and the following will be crossed off unless satisfactory explanations are forthcoming: W3LC, W3NF, W3TB, W8DHT, W8AWO, WSCWO, W3UX, and several prospective non-ORS will have to start all over again unless action is taken immediately. W3AQN is moving to Canada and promises all 'phone men a report. His address will be care MacLarens Dam, Via Buckingham P. O., Quebec, Canada. W8EU rebuilt his haywire into a glass cabinet. W3ZF is coming back to Xtl after cussing a self-excited rig that went bluey

Traffic: W3ZF 227, W3UH 85, W3MC 89, W8EU 34, W3AUR 28, W3AKB 6, W8VD 6, W3DZ 5.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - SCM, A. W. Mc-Auly, W8CEO - W8YA, in spite of poor radio weather, maintains 16 schedules and the Section Leadership. WSDLG is still going strong. WSCEO has schedules with two Direc-tors and W1MK, WSCNZ is on 7000 kc. after midnight. WSCMP is building a new transmitter, WSDUT is on Sundays, WSAGO wants a Friday schedule, WSBQR, of State College, will be at his home station, W3AHZ, during the summer vacation, W8ARC works the Division Director on A.-A. sked. WSAVY is on consistently. WSDKS and W8AWR are active in Uniontown. W8BRM is moving. W8APQ is troubled with QSX. Reports are still coming iu from WSCFR in Rio de Janeiro. WSGU and WSKD will keep a schedule with W8CMP until after the convention. A Naval-Amateur Reserve unit is in the process of formation in Erie. WSCLQ has been released, and Heck is going after a two-letter call, W8ASE says he can check frequency to about 3 kc, J. M. Gates, an invalid in South Fork, Pa., is studying the Code and is planning to build a transmitter. W8OB has moved. The SCM would like to have his new address. WSCGY wants to try for an ORS. All hams should watch for the Standard Frequency schedules announced in QST, and copy the signals.

Traffic: W8YA 858, W8DLG 154, W8CEO 62, W8CNZ 23, W8CMP 17, W8DUT 11, W8DKS 9, W8AGO 3, W8RQR 37, W8APQ 19, W8AVY 18, W8AWR 11, WESTERN NEW YORK — Acting SCM, J. R. Blum,

WSCKC - WSCPC has skeds with Porto Rico, WSAFM should send a description of his station to headquarters. WSDDL is moving for the summer. WSCUT is having wonderful success with A.C. receivers. W8CYG is experimenting with antennae. WSBOX is back on the air. WSDME uses XTAL on all bands. W8IH is getting out fine with his high-powered fone. WSDXE is home from the Navy for a few days. W8DSP has two XTALS on 3.5 mc, with a push-

pull amplifier. WSBJO has a complete new xmitter, WSBLP is active again for the summer, W8DEJ is a Y.L. op. W8DSA has application in for O.R.S. W8ABO receives some very FB letters from hams, WSBGV is on 14 and 3.5 me. W8BAV reports the activities of the Jamestown gang. The Jamestown Amateur Radio Association is now affiliated with the A.R.R.L. WSAVM is rebuilding. WSAWM is blowing apparatus. Hi. WSBIF is awaiting receipt of new station license. WSBUT and WSCLB are on more or less. WSCMN is in a sanatorium at Dansville, W8NW is active, W8BAV is off forever - at its present location. W8BYD has fairly good results with his 112 on 4 and 7.3 mc. W8NW, W8AVM, W8BIF and W8BUT received their first-class operator's licenses at Buffalo, Annual Meeting — R.A.W.N.Y. The Buffalo Club or R.A.W.N.Y. held its annual meeting at the Hotel Sagamore in Rochester on April 26. T. W. Connette, W8AFM, acted as chairman and introduced the speakers as follows: Dr. Grinnell, U. S. Radio Inspector, who spoke on Standards of Frequency, W8CKC gave a campaign speech.

John Long of WHAM told of his work on 56 me. Mr. Robert S. Burnap of the R.C.A. told of the efficiency of the 224 as a detector for the higher frequencies. Mr. R. B. Dome of G. E. told about the short wave antennae at Schenectady. Ralph Rieman led a discussion on the aforementioned sky wires. The R.A.W.N.Y. wishes to go on record as having sponsored and held the largest unofficial meeting or convention in the East. There were 102 present including several members of the Snarks — an affiliated club in Western N. Y. Credit of this meeting should be given to T. W. Connette and Johnnie Miller of W8AFM.

Traffic: W8AFM 1, W8BJO 61, W8CPC 24, W8CSW 0, W8BLP 0, W8DSP 26, W8CRC 25, W8DSA 36,

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

I NDIANA — SCM, D. J. Angus, W9CYQ — The Fort Wayne Radio Club is going to have a big picnic, June 21st and 22nd, at Lake George. The Navy gang at Fort Wayne are going to put in a new radio station for drill work. W0AEL, W9FHZ and W9FVY are new stations at Fort Wayne. W9GFJ moved and had his station going before the furniture had all been moved. Hi. W9ETH, W9DWL, and W9BHM have changed to Xtal in the last month. W9BWI is on the air after a month of rebuilding. W9CVX is increasing power, W9COI is in New Mexico for hus health. W9RW is building new receivers. W9AOO is going well with a 50 on 7000 kc. W9FXM is back from the hespital and wants a Michigan schedule. W9EPH sends in a report for the Richmond gang.

Traffic: W9A1P 23, W9GGJ 22, W9GCO 7, W9AKJ 22, W9BKJ 10, W9GJS 20, W9AOO 6, W9CWS 26, W9CMQ 2.

ILLINOIS-SCM, F. J. Hinds, W9APY-W9FBT has installed another 250 on his fone set. W9CSP is now on 7000 kc. Fireworks were displayed at W9EHQ when they forgot to cut in a primary resistance in the 1000-volt transformer on a 210, Hi. W9ACH is exploring the 14,000-kc. band. W9ANX blew his filter and is staying off until things are fixed. W9DLV uses 2 201A's with fine success. W9BNL and W9FIE have made application for ORS. W9BNL has been handling traffic from Hawaii and Guam via relay on west coast. The Centralia hams had a portable fone on a hamfest picnic 15 miles from town, and kept in touch with the home base all the time. W9ASY and W9APY each have new screen-grid sets going nicely. Illinois Bell Telephone Radio Club has a code class of 17 new prospective hams. W9BDW was QSO WFAT and took traffic. W9TJ is back in Chicago and will start up an outfit under W9PK. W9ERU has been spending his time on 7- and 14-mc. bands. W9DSS has quit blowing blocking condensers and has taken to blowing transformers. Hi, W9FFQ worked Africa with his 210. W9BXB is building a new transmitter. W9BAI has a remote control outfit. W9PA has a new typewriter, so things may go faster there when he gets up speed. W9BEF has heard plenty of DX on 14 mc., but has been unable to work any. W9CPY, W9BIH, W9BOY, W9FFR, W9AGT, and W9BEF had a two and a half hour fone QSO together one Sunday morning, W9KA is moving again. W9CKZ is building a new AC receiver. W9GJJ graduates from school this month. W9GIV says, "My Kingdom for a Crystal." W9BNI has a crystal, but won't take a kingdom for it. W9DGK is in the experimenting mood. W9ALZ was married this month. W9AKA and W9TQ will soon step off into the unknown realms of married life. W9DOX has been trying to find why his set is QSK. W9EGY received a QSL from Budapest, Hungary, reporting his 3500-kc. signals. W9BZO threatens to drag his crystal down to 28 mc. W9ACU is still working 7- and 14-mc, bands with his 171-A and 180 volts of B batts. W9FCW is remodeling the outfit into a nice cabinet. W9AAE is erecting a new mast for the business end of his new MOPA. W0FPN and W9LL are busy with exams. W9FPN desires schedules with 28-mc. stations. W9AFF is on 14 mc. and finds things slow. W9DCK has been on 3500 fone lately. W9CZU reports traffic and DX fine on the 7-mc. band. W9AFN is R9 with the BCL's. W9BIR is starting in business. Reception is poor at W9BYP. W9CNY is overhauling. W9FDJ using the W9BYC circuit in May QST and says. "How it does work."

Traffic: W9DZM 146. W9BVP 65. W9CKZ 50. W9CZL 31. W9AMO 25. W9ASY 24. W9DGK 23. W9BZO 20, W9BNL 19. W9FCW 16. W9LL 13. W9FDJ 10. W9PA 10, W9DCK 9. W9AFN 8. W9ACU 7. W9APY 7. W9BIR 7. W9CUH 7. W9GIV 7. W9KA 4. W9AKA 3. W9BDW 3. W9ERU 3. W9BMQ 2. W9CNY 1. W9FPN 1. OHIO - SCM, H. C. Storck, W8BYN - All of us are

looking forward to the coming convention at Dayton, WSCNO still leads the section. W8BAC comes second, and says he has been mostly on 14 mc. WSNP voices the common complaint, radio conditions rotten and schedules nonexistent. W8BKM says the same. W8AQ is having 'phone QRM. W8CSS has been trying his hand at 'phone, W8CFT wonders how many of these 'phone men ever saw a telegraph key. WSBBH has his crystal rig going. WSADS says he has been sick. W8TK says that if QRN does not soon stop there is going to be another ham set listed in the ham ads. W8EJ advises that he is getting things together for crystal control. W8DMX cannot understand why stations make schedules and then fail to keep them. W8APC has about given up the ship until QRN lets down. W8BBR is still on the sick list. W8CX has a good formulae concerning YLs and DX, best yet. Hi. W8BRB is a newcomer. W8BDU reports the Naval Reserve unit coming fine up his way. W8BEA is still going strong. WSPL says air has been dead. WSHH has nothing to say for himself. W8DBK will be on the air from Georgia, 1st of August, with portable call W8ZZC. We have a new ham with us in the person of J. W. Hardesty, WSDAI, an old Morse man. WSJC recently moved to Dayton, but he keeps the set on the air. WSCFL says his main trouble is with "A" batteries. W8BZL is quite active in tests, and adds his vote in favor of a public list of off-wave offenders. We lose WSRN again. He is on KFNA. He reminds me of the old song about "On again, off again, gone again, Finnegan." Hi. W8IF has been off the air on account battery trouble. WSBYN has also been off the air as he has been away from home.

Traffic: WSCNO 86, WSBAC 48, W8NP 41, WSBKM 34, WSAQ 26, WSCSS 23, WSCFT 22, WSBBH 22, W8ADS 16, WSTK 16, WSEJ 10, WSDMX 7, W8APC 7, WSBBR 6, WSCX 6, WSBRB 4, WSBDU 4, WSBEA 4, WSPL 3, WSHH 2.

KENTUCKY - SCM, J. B. Wathen III, W9BAZ -What goes on here? Few reports and low totals. We can't all be winners, but our place is to show 'em that Kentuckians are Thoroughbreds! Lean on those keys. W9OX staggered over the line to win his second lap. Tied with W9AZY at two all. W9BAN took a flyer, but fell a trifle short. W9FZV bas plenty of traffic but no takers. W9BAZ is off for two weeks, as the house is being remodeled. W9GGB has pinned his reputation to a single 210. Bad conditions broke up skeds for W9DDQ. W9ELL is getting out very well with 14-me. fone. W9EYW has built another xmtr which is the last word in performance. W9AZY has a new receiver for DX. The BCL's are trying to hook their sky-wires to W9BWJ's new tower. W9AUH reports schedule with W2VO. W9AXU breaks loose with news on his remote control. W9ZZE is on the move again. W9DAI is unsuccessfully attempting to raise Cuba. W9AIN has been seen frequently with "the yl." W9AJY is a source of wonder to guests of the Kentucky Hotel. A prize will be given to the ORS handling highest total for the summer months (July, August and September), so better get your skeds oiled up now.

Traffic: W9OX 51, W9BAN 45, W9FZV 37, W9BAZ 18, W9GGB 13, W9DDQ 11, W9AUH 6, W9EYW 9, W9ELL 11, W9AZY 7, W9BWJ 6, W9AXU 3, MICHIGAN - SCM, Dallas Wise, W8CEP -- W8CPB

has a fifty on 7000 and a 250 on 14,000 kcs. WSGJ thinks he will die of old age before he gets a crystal to perk. W8DDO is pounding along in the same old way. WSTJ is back again, but reports poor WX for radio. Army activities hampered the gang at WYE. W8DYH has been busy sending code practice for beginners. If interested, listen on 3600 kcs. Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7 p.m., E.S.T. W9AXE reports good DX signals on 14 mc. W8BRO wants to go to camp with the National Guard in July. Any other Hams interested get in touch with W8DMS at Detroit. W8CKZ is getting ready for summer, but not with the old transmitter. WSPP is teaching a couple of beginners the code. The baseball season is QRMing the traffic down at W8DED's. W9GJX came down to Ypsi for the Hamfest .W9CE reports poor conditions on both 7 and 14 mc. W8AJC is busy with the Army Net. W9EQV is studying for a commercial ticket. W9EGF says all the schedules have gone "Hay Wire." WSZF hopes to get into the traffic column next month. W8JD has booked up with the National Guard, W8DFS has been troubled by the heavy QRN. W8CEG is a newcomer from Detroit. WSCU can't get the insects out of his MOPA. W8ACB is playing around with a screen-grid detector circuit. W8BRS reports things dull. The Michigan Hamfest at Ypsilanti National Guard Armory was the best attended of any held to date, there being about 118 Hams present. W9GJX and W8BRS were two of the notables present. W8DMS, W8CAT, W8VT, W8COW and W8DYH put the job over, and we'll say "Well done." Having served as your SCM for the past three years, I feel that I can no longer attend to the duties. This will be my last report. I wish to thank you, gang, for your splendid cooperation. Until after the regular SCM election to be held later, please send reports to Kenneth Conroy, W8DYH, 7553 Robinwood, E. Detroit, Mich. Cul, gang, and hope to QSO from W8CEP. 73.

Traffie: W8ACB 11, W8CEG 3, W8JD 129, W8ASO 6, W9EGF 13, W9EQV 2, W8AJC 61, W9CE 5, W9GJX 5, W8DED 3, W8PP 32, W8CKZ 4, W8BRO 26, W9AXE 16, W8DYH 36, WYE 68, W8TJ 12, W8DDO 19, W8CPB 12, W8CEP 8, W8COW 19.

WISCONSIN — SCM, C. N. Crapo, W9VD — W9DTK has his new AC receiver completed. W9FSS has no Army Net to worry about during the summer. W9FAW has a new DeForest 510. W9VD now has a new screen grid DC receiver, frequency meter, and Hi C transmitter all in good working order.

Traffic: W9DTK 66, W9FSS 3, W9FAW 1, W9VD 4.

#### DAKOTA DIVISION

ORTH DAKOTA - SCM, Guy L. Ottinger, W9BVF - I sure do appreciate being made SCM, fellows, and will try to fill the office in the most efficient manner. W9IK, W9CUU, W9EEK, W9FLF, W9FMC, and W9DYA enlisted in the Naval Reserve. W9FCA says he is going to Coyne next fall. W9DM handled some traffic W9DGS is QRL work. W9DFG states that the radio wx is very poor. W9BVF handled a rush message via NNINIC and WU from a U. S. Marine Aviator, who cracked up in Nicaragua. W9DYA may not get in the Naval Reserve because of his eyes.

Traffic: W9BVF 48, W9DGS 16, W9DM 5.

SOUTH DAKOTA — SCM, D. M. Pasek, W9DGR — The Sioux Falls gang report a fine picnic at lowa State Park, the Luverne, Minn., gang being there en masse. W9DNS is very busy at KSOO. x9BQV stopped at W9CIR for a nice visit. W9DB is working on a 3.5 mc. xtal outfit. W9CKT has a portable (W9DUS) outfit. The following A-A stations are active on schedule: W9DB, W9DNS, W9CIR, and W9DGR.

Traffic: W9DNS 92, W9DB 11, W9DGR 2.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA - SCM, C. L. Jabs, W9BVH - W9AV is planning on a mercury arc. W9DOQ reports W9CYZ, a new station at Virginia. W9EHO has a rotary converter but is too busy with farm work to use it. W9EGU had a fine trip to Hartford to attend the A.R.R.L.

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Board of Directors meeting. W9GGQ asks to have his O.R.S. put on the inactive list for the summer months. W9FAQ sends in a fine letter reporting on activity at his station. W9BVH expects to be on again after making a few minor changes.

Traffic: W9AV 27, W9DOQ 4, W9BVH 7.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - SCM. J. C. Pehoushek. W9EFK-W9COS could only handle 668 msgs, this month. Hi! Leach at W9BN has been rebuilding. W9DRG rates a WAC certificate. W9BKX is going into his usual summer experimentation and improvement period. W9AIR attended two banquets. W9BXE was on the rifle range most of last month. W9ABK is on at W9BXE some. W9AQH has moved to Lake Minnetonka, where he has a beautiful 860 crystal-controlled set in his shack. Ex-W9IL is now W6IL at Los Angeles, W9GHO is putting in crystal control, W9BHZ is planning on lots of fishing. W9DGE is operating on the river. W9EFK is on spasmodically. W9EYL expects to be on regularly through the summer, W9BSH is QRL at WRHM. W9FLE was sorry not to make the Ames convention. W9GGA, W9DHP, W9CIX, W9DGW and W9DOP are all on the inactive list. W9EOH is with KSTP, W9BQF has three transmitters on three bands. W9YC staff has been rebuilding WLB. Cotton, W9DPX, will be the R. I. at Portland, Oregon, after graduation, W9DBC has been quite sick but is improving rapidly. W9FFE has been assigned to ex-W9DZA. W9BIY is at KSTP.

Traffic: W9COS 668, W9BN 323, W9DRG 166, W9BKX 42, W9BXE 12, W9GHO 7, W9AIR 7, W9BHZ 4, W9DGE 1, W9EFK 1.

#### DELTA DIVISION

TENNESSEE - SCM. James B. Witt, W4SP -- It looks like summer weather has started taking its toll. W4FR will be off the air most of the summer as he is going to the country. W4LU will handle some of his traffic. W4VK will also be away most all summer. W4AHB, who was formerly at W9ALY and W9AGD, has applied for an ORS certificate. Philip Stout of old 5XK will be on soon with call letters W4AAD at Kingsport. W4AFS has skeds with nine different stations. Whether you are an ORS or not, send your reports in, fellows.

Traffic: W4AFS 63, W4FR 32, W4VK 23, W4AJQ 8, W4KH 4, W4CW 2, W4SP 4,

MISSISSIPPI — SCM, J. W. Gullett, W5AKP — The following stations are members of the Army-Amateur Radio System: W5AKP, W5FQ, W5AAP, W5AAZ, W5BBX, W5BHL, W5AZV, W5BQL, W5BHI, W5GG, W5AWP, W5BEV, W5ZZO, W5A UB, and W5BHC. W5AAP says traffic has fallen off greatly. W5AWP and W5BHI have new transmitters going in the 700-kc, band. W5AHP is a new station in Corinth. W5BHL has made application for ORS appointment. W5AZV reports that Jackson Amateur Radio Association has been formed with himself as president; W5BHL vice-president and W5BNW treasurer. W5BOT is a new station in Jackson. W5AED is back with us after several months' illness. W5GQ is talking of rebuilding his transmitter, W5BMA has moved from Ellisville to Laurel. W5AKP has two new Western Electric 211E tubes and is debating as to just what he wants to do with them. Traffic: W5AKP 88, W5AED 83, W5AAP 20, W5AWP

18, W5AZV 13.

LOUISIANA — SCM, Frank Watts, Jr., W5WF — The first item on the clip this month is to mention the LOUISI-ANA Convention, to be held in Shreveport sometime during the latter part of the summer. We also will welcome any op from out of the state, W5BHV reports that the OW has taken up ham radio and will apply for license, W5EB, who is the Director from Delta Division, visited WSCMP on his return trip from Hartford. W5YW says they are always looking for traffic. W5ANA is now working on a xtal rig. W5ZW is the call assigned for the use of the Pelican Wireless Club of Munroe, W5BDJ is on the inactive list. W5ACY is now in the Army-Amateur Net. W5NO is operated by a group of operators of a seismograph party. W5MI reports that 7 mc. is the only band he can work, W5WF was disrupted for a few days on account of storm blowing antenna down.

Traffic: W5ANA 50, W5WF 49, W5YW 28, W5EB 23, W5BHV 19, W5ACY 1, W5PG 12, W5BKL 13.

#### HUDSON DIVISION

ASTERN NEW YORK - SCM. H. J. Rosenthal. 4 W2QU - W2ALI is moving to Newburgh, W2AVS is back on the air after a six months' vacation. W2BAI is working on 28 me. W2BKN says DX is good on 7 me. W2ACB entertained several of the A.R.R.L. Directors and showed them through the G. E. Laboratories. W2UO had bad luck with traffic this month, W2ANV says that 7 me, is entirely dead during the day. W2BRS is also known as WIARL when at his home in Danbury, Conn. W2SZ is off the air while experiments are being conducted. W2RD was the only Bronxville ham reporting, W2ACY is marking time on 7 mc, before going back to 35 mc. W2LU reports the Schenectady Amateur Radio Assn. now has 84 members. W2BJA is going to put in pure DC. W2BWV again reports that he is moving to the Eighth District. W2QU has arranged with the Pilot Good Will South American Flight to handle its traffic via station NN1NIC.

Traffic: W2QU 404, W2LU 135, W2ANV 96, W2BAI 53. W2BWV 38, W2RD 29, W2AVS 15, W2ALI 11, W2BRS 6,

W2ACY 5, W2AD 25, W2AV5 15, W2AV1 11, W2BAS 0, W2ACY 5, W2ACB 3, W2BJA 3, W2BKN 2, NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND — Acting SCM, V. T. Kenney, W2BGO — Manhattan — A non-ORS, W2AJP, comes through with a total that beats all ORS in his boro except W2AFO, and while using 201A tubes is getting reports from ZL and VK on his signals. W2AFO leads his boro besides doing lots of OO work. W2BXW, a new ORS, wants skeds with Florida and Vermont, W2BDJ had an early vacation, W2BNL says he met old 2DN on the air; after being off the air for seven years DN comes back on 3.5 mc. W2AOY says the only QSO lately was by flashlight and key with a gob on one of the battleships laying in the harbor. W2BZN requests QSOs with the local gang, Bronx-W2AII leads the Bronx, W2CYX is visiting at various conventions around the country, W2AET keeps them going. W2AQG is having his troubles with BCLs cutting down the sky wire. W2VG has QRT most skeds until the cooler weather. W2APV can now be heard on the 14 mc, fone band with a fine signal. Brooklyn-W2ATZ is getting D3 reports without any filter in the transmitter. W2ARQ's new YL is causing plenty of QRM for him. W2APK sends in a good total, W2PF, Army Radio Aide, helped man the Hudson Division convention. W2CCD is just about ready to hit the sea again for the summer, W2BIV, OO, has a 14 mc, fone going. W2BEV, a new ORS, promises to make the BPL next month. W2BJF sends his first report. W2AQQ tells us he'll be on 14,000 kc. for the summer. W2BRB is working on direction finders and aircraft radio. Long Island - W2AVP, the old reliable, has a new ham operating at his shack; he is W2CGA, W2AYM, the Boy Scout station, goes on the inactive list,

Traffic: Manhattan — W2AJP 48, W2AFO 44, W2BXW 17, W2BDJ 8, W2BNL 2, Bronz — W2AH 17, W2BGO 47, W2CYX 45, W2AET 19, W2AQG 12, W2VG 2, Brooklyn - W2ATZ 84, W2ARQ 58, W2APK 52, W2PF 28, W2CCD 27, W2BIV 17, W2BEV 8, W2BJF 5, W2AQQ 3, Long Island - W2AVP 52, W2AYM 1.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY --SCM, A. G. Wester. Jr., W2WR - W2CXL turns in the usual excellent total. W2JF complains of bad wx and cancellation of skeds. W2DX has a YL who keeps him off the air. W2AOS says that QRN has dropped his traffic figures. W2WR has been to Atlantic City on business, W2APU and W2QVQ complains about the 7 mc. band, W2CWK has too much business pressure to pound brass. W2AGX is rebuilding and installing an 852, W2AVO has been busy in a BC station. W2BPY intends to install xtal, W2PC has installed a xtal and is on 7060 ke, with a pair of fifty watters in push pull in the final amplifier. W2CJX is another who complains about poor conditions. W2BTT and WBMF paid a visit to our YL station, W2BY. W2BZB is out for DX on the 14-mc. band.

Traffic: W2JF 86, W2ACS 21, W2APU 2, W2CWK 4, W2JC 14, W2AGX 3, W2AVO 22, W2BPY 12, W2PC 15, W2CJX 16, W2BZB 3, W2CXL 338.

#### MIDWEST DIVISION

EBRASKA - SCM, C. B. Diehl, W9BYG -W9ANZ has been very ill. Mrs. W9ANZ reports for him this month. W9QY and W9BOQ are busy with farm work. W9EEW runs away to Chgo this month.

W9DTH can't scrape up much this time. W9DVR reports. W9EBF says QRN heavy. W9FAM is rebuilding for higher efficiency. W9EHW is "Cat-Hauling" power supply for DC tone. W9BHN, a new ORS on 7100 kcs., has nice total, W9DI is rebuilding for 14 mc. 9GFQ, a new CC station, is on the air at Lincoln, W9BQR is building a Zepp Ant. Traffic: W9QY 12, W9DTH 3, W9EBF 1, W9BHN 10,

W9DL2

IOWA-SCM, H. W. Kerr, W9DZW-Davenport leads the gang this month with W9ACL in the lead, followed closely by W9FUD. W9BCA has a KFR6 sked. W9FZO notes the TSARC plan a new club house and permanent station, W9DXP notes prospects for club at Des Moines: W9BSZ is active. W9APM is rebuilding. W9HD is xtalcontrolled. W9FFD has been 14,000 kc. since convention. W9DUN, another newspaper and golf bug, reports a few. W9GKL reports for Ames. W9FWG has visions of a new amtr. W9EOP finishes college. W9EJQ has his Amateur Extra First, W9BTL will be on again with brother Glen at the key. W9AIR and gang called on W9DIU, W9EJQ and W9DGW on trip to convention, also on W9EXQ and W9DXO. The Ames convention was a WOW, and no one went to sleep on a solid day of technical stuff. Our thanks to all who helped make such a fine meeting.

Traffic: W9ACL 68. W9FUD 47, W9BCA 44, W9DZW 41, W9FZO 22, W9DXP 18, W9FFD 9, W9DUN 7, W9GKL 2, W9FWG 2, W9EOP 2, W9EJQ 2, KANSAS - SCM, J. H. Amis, W9CET -

-The usual summer slump is with us. Your SCM doesn't like to cancel ORS appointments, but it will be in order if you don't report each month. W9DFY takes traffic honors. We are glad to see W9FKD putting out large traffic totals again. W9CET is all set for the 28-mc. tests. W9FLG has been winding some new power transformers. W9GFO is leaving the section to enter radio school in New Orleans. We're sorry to lose you, OB. W9CFN finds it impossible to keep skeds on account of bad wk. W9BTG gets R-5 from WFBT in N. Z. with 20 watts imput on 14 mc. W9HL reports little activity in western Kansas. W9ESL lost his two lattice masts in the big tornado. Say, gang, let's all get on 14 mc, for the summer and keep our traffic up. The Topeka W.S.N.R. unit drills each Wednesday nite at their Armory on the State Fair grounds. The dates for the Midwest Division Convention will be September 5th-6th at Topeka, The K.V.R.C is busy making plans. At the first meeting in May the K.V.R.C elected the following officers for the coming year: W9CET, President, W9FLG, Vice-President, W9DEB, Secretary and Treasurer.

Traffic: W9DFY 80, W9FKD 55, W9CET 52, W9FLG 23. W9GFO 24, W9CFN 14, W9BTG 10, W9HL 5.

MISSOURI - SCM, L. B. Laizure, W9RR - St. Louis reports W9DXY led in traffic. W9FTA was second. W9AMR was off doing considerable rebuilding, W9DYJ is down on 14 mc. W9ECI sends in a first report. He has applied for ORS and OBS appointment. W9DQN led Missouri this month with the assistance of W9ECS and W9ALC, who have been operating much of the time. W9CFL handled considerable U.S.N.R. traffic. W9DPA sends in a "Calls heard" DX list. W9GGI is still getting started. W9AKZ rebuilt the works. W9BMA is running 6 skeds. W9ASU was in Kansas City for an operation, but is back home, now. W9FUN has been trying out Electrolytic filter condensers. W9AOU and W9API are two new stations in Webster Groves, W9EDK had considerable trouble lately, moving and changing jobs. W9EYG is now on in Monett. W9GAR reports a new ham organization started in his section known as the South Missouri Association of Radio Amateurs which W9CLU and W9GAR are taking the lead in promoting. W9EP is still open for east and west skeds. W9BJA has been having trouble with filter condensers. W9CDU says he will be on 7 and 14 mc. until fall. W9ENF was on more this month. W9DHN had school QRM most of the month. W9DNO was only on two days when home week-ends. W9BGN represented the St. Joseph gang this month, W9DCD sent in a long report, W9GAW was killed in a motorcycle accident. W9AWE is busy running a summer resort camp.

Traffic: W9DXY 104, W9FTA 50, W9AMR 6, W9DYJ 5, W9ECI 11, W9DPA 3, W9AKZ 62, W9BMA 90, W9CFL 75, W9DQN 307, W9EPX 3, W9BJA 17, W9CDU 30, W9ENF 10, W9DHN 12, W9DNO 8, W9BGN 52, W9GAR 52,

MASSACHUSETTS - SCM. ASTERN Miles Weeks, W1WV --- W1CMZ, W1WV and W1BR head 4 the list this month and make BPL. W1CMZ has a new monitor and is contemplating crystal. WIASI has entirely rebuilt everything. W1RV is now op on S.S. Santa Rita, New York, to Valparaiso, Chile, and has resigned his ORS. W1QZ blew his 210. W1BBT reports a fine time on the U.S.N.R. cruise, W1WU is winding a new 1 KW, transformer. W1LQ is building separate outfits for 3500 and 14,000 kc. WIBLD expects to be on regularly now that school is over. W1BXB was very QRL at WPC this month. W1AAT has been sick. W1BZQ still reports difficulty in getting skeds on 7000 kc. after midnight. WIWV has been keeping occasional skeds with W10-XS, one of the Boston to New York Transport planes. A new MOPA is now perking at WIACH. The ORS appointment of WIRL has been cancelled for inactivity. W1AZE handled some foreign traffic. W1CHR and W1CQN again report some traffic. The Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association and this section were well represented at the Worcester Convention. The Association is planning a club house of its own and looks forward to a larger membership than ever next fall.

Traffic: W1CMZ 311, W1WV 163, W1BKR 103, W1ACH 102, W1AZE 79, W1BZQ 54, W1BXB 46, W1WU 4, W1CQN 4, W1ANK 2.

MAINE — SCM, G. C. Brown, W1AQL — Manley Haskell, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, says that the convention at Portland will be better, bigger and merrier than ever. Don't forget the dates: August 22d and 23d. W1ALZ has been confined to the house for some time with a severe attack of pleurisy. W1AQD reports handling traffic from New Zealand and Chile. W1AUR is second high in traffic. W1AHY asys that traffic is picking up over his way. W1BFZ has been struggling through a bad power leak. W1CDX's new QRA is: 174 Eastern Prom., Portland, Maine. W1QH has been testing on 28 mc. The Queen City Club recently enjoyed its first outing of the season at W1BFZ's camp at Hermon Pond. W1ARV says that Jack Pierce, formerly of W1EB, is the proud father of an eightpound daughter. Comgratulations, OM.

Traffic: W1AQD 89, W1AUR 24, W1CDX 12, W1AHY 6, W1BFZ 3, W1KQ 3, W1AQL 2.

RHODE ISLAND - SCM, C. N. Kraus, WHBCR --WHBML, WHGU and WHCPH are new prospects for ORS. WHAMV is back from a trip down south, where he has been operating on airplanes for the Pan-American Airways. WHAWE is hot on the trail of a good note. WHBCR's transmitter is undergoing changes. WHMO is active on 7 mc. WHCPH recently received his commercial ticket. WHGV reports Cranston activities direct to HQS. He, WHOU, WHAFO and WHAJP are using 'phone. ExWHABP expects to be back on 'phone shortly. WHGV is a newcomer to our ranks. The Radio Club of R. I. received the fone signals from KHHJQ, the airplane (New Arabelta), while they were flying over New England. Club meetings are held every Monday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all annateurs to attend. Address is 67 Pearl Ave., East Providence.

Traffic: W1BCR 11, W1MO 14, W1GV 6, W1OU 1.

CONNECTICUT - SCM, Fred A. Ells, Jr., W1CTI -WIATW has rebuilt his receiver. WIHQ says very little doing in Milford, WIAMQ received his ORS appointment. WIAGZ has been appointed official observer. WIMK says summer is breaking up a lot of skeds. W1CKP reports things quiet there. WIAFB still keeps a sure-fire sked with WIJN. WIBQH has school QRM. WIATG tells of WIAPN, old 1WZ, now in Bridgeport with a 210, WIAKI sends in his initial report and asks for an ORS. W1BOD was on the delivery end of a fast message from Chile. W1AJB reports. W1ABL is pushing out a lot of traffic on 7100 kc. W1JN is signing off for exams and vacation. W1AOX reports working KHIJQ, the plane, New Arabella, on its flight from Hartford to Pawtucket. W1BJK gets on 3.5 mc. once a week for Army traffic. WIUE will soon be on at new QRA in Elmwood. W1TD has been working hard fixing up new rooms for the club. WIAZG is experimenting with different types of antennae. W1CTI sticks to the 3500-kc. band. WIAMG got his report in just in time to make the write-up. W1RP is buying a new bug.

Traffie: W1MK 493, W1AMQ 46, W1HQ 3, W1ATW 32, W1AFB 79, W1AKI 2, W1BOD 17, W1AJB 3, W1ABL 76, W1JN 55.

VERMONT --- SCM, Clayton Paulette, W1IT ---W1CGX is again high man with a total of 73. W1BD comes next with 29. W1AOO reports. Most of the stations in the state have cancelled their skeds for the summer.

Traffic: WICGX 73, WIBD 29, WIAOO 10, WIIT 6, WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS - SCM, Dr. J. A. Tessmer, WIUM - WINS had a race with WIBZJ for first one working all districts on 3.5 mc. WINS won with his 210, WICTF is bothered with much QRM from local YL's. WICOS is attending Sam Curtis' Radio School in Boston. WIARP has a baby YL. WIAMF has the most beautiful transmitter, WIARP has been in N. E. or N. J. WIBLV and WICRL visited WIMS. WIBKQ had a hum-dinger Spring Ham Fest and Pitch Party. WIAJK is in Brookline and comes to Worcester week-ends. WIAQM is on 3500 and 14,000 kc. wid a 7 %-watter. WIBVR is still on the 3500kc. band, WIBNL is building a new traffic tuner. WIAPL will be on regularly soon. WIBG is experimenting with 'abone.

Traffic: W1BVR 29, W1AQM 10, W1APL 3, W1ZA 69. NEW HAMPSHIRE — SCM, V. W. Hodge, W1ATJ — W1APK sends in an interesting report of two-way airplane work with KHLIQ, the plane *New Arabella*. W1AEF doesn't have time to pound the old key much. W1COW will be on at W7ANZ on 14 mc. in a month. W1AUY reports things very quiet in Meredith. W1IP is going to rebuild the whole works. W1BAC, a new station in Claremont, is reaching out with a 201-A. W1UN is building some portable sets for use in the White Mountains. The SCM reports a new Jr. Op., born May 2d.

Traffic: WIAPK 17, WICOW 9.

#### NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

MATANA – SCM, O. W. Viers, W7AAT-7QT – W7AAW and W7HP are the only reporting stations the past two or three months had better come to life, or there will be some ORS tickets cancelled!! W7AAT is still on 7040, 7020 and 3790 kc.

Traffic: W7AAT 91, W7AAW 89, W7HP 2.

OREGON — SCM, Wilbur S. Claypool, W7UN — Coos Bay scores again. W7AMF makes BPL on deliveries. W7UD hands in his first total, W7PE is using Electrolytic Condensers in his filter. W7ALM is going great on K7 traffic now. W7MY reports traffic. W7TO is heading for Alaska this summer. W7WR asks to be placed on inactive list for the summer. W7WR asks to be placed on inactive W7IF reports via radio. W7AHJ and W7AJX report he wrote it in red ink. He is using fone on 3500 kcs., as does W7WH. W7IF reports via radio. W7AHJ and W7AJX report in fine shape. The OW always leads TOM in TFC. W7AIG reports rotten radio WX in his town. W7QK hopes to hang up a WAC with the new Hi-pwr, he uses. W7AMQ has an 852 perking now. W7SU has his XTAL going. The SCM is using MOPA, with good success on 3500 kc, W7AJJ is also using it. W7AJW has put in DC. W7QY is in line for ORS. Traffic: W7AJF 162, W7PE 58, W7UD 102, W7ALM

Traffie: W7AMF 162, W7PE 58, W7UD 102, W7ALM 40, W7MV 17, W7MY 23, W7WR 18, W7TO 20, W7AHJ 9, W7AJX 6, W7AMQ 24, W7IF 10, W7AIG 2, W7UN 27.

WASHINGTON — SCM, Gene Plety, WTACS — The first place in traffic is taken by WTQF on his first report. He is vice-president of the Spokane Radio Ops Club and asys. Mason is back from the Byrd expedition, and the gaug gave him a coming home party, in the Bergonian Hotel in Seattle. Thirty-four amateurs attended, and a good hamfest was held. WTACY has been working a little dx. WTFJ complains about school exams. WTAG is trying out 3.5-mc fone. W7AFD blames low traffic on poor conditions. W7TX is not having much luck with his Alaskan skeds. WTANP reports tonsilitis. WTBB reports from Caual Zone. WTAJS reports between school tests. KTAIF (WTAF) sends in reports and asks gang to look for him. Don't forget the convention on August 20th and 30th.

Traffic: W7QF 33, W7TX 18, W7AG 10, W7ACY 6, W7TK 4, W7AJS 3, W7NR 3, W7AFD 1, W7FJ 1, K7ALF 8.

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

CANTA CLARA VALLEY - SCM, F. J. Quement, W6NX — With 723 messages to his credit — 598 de-livered — all transpacific, Colonel Foster, W6HM, finished a most successful season of message handling. For the next several months W6HM will be silent while the Colonel vacations in British Columbia, W6YG continued to handle many msgs on sked. W6ALW is putting in xtal control on 7200 kc, W6DQH has moved out in the country where QRM is negligible. W6BMW has been experimenting with portable radiophone. W6BAX reports lots of DX on 28 and 14 mc. W6EEC is using 14 mc, with good results. W6AME answered the lure of the trout streams this month. W6CTE is op on the U. S. S. Admiral Peoples. W6AZS is another 14 mc. man. W6CHC, W6AYT and W6BBG are new Modesto hams. W6BBG is a YL and second op at W6DQH, W6DCI received portable call W6AHT, W6BRV was QSO SA and Asia on 14 and 7 mc. W6FV will soon be on the air. W6CLP and W6KU are on 7 mc. W6EUJ and W6BZZ are active fone stations. W6QA is on 7 and 3.5 me, with stal control.

Traffic: W6HM 723, W6YG 99, W6ALW 72, W6DQH 61, W6BMW 30, W6EEC 3, W6AME 2, W6NX 10, EAST BAY — SCM, J. Walter Frates, W6CZR — With

the northwest trades pushing white fleecy clouds across the perfect indigo of a May sky, the meadow larks trilling in the green foothills, and that faint sparkle about the YL's eyes our traffic handlers have elimbed into their tin chariots and have scampered away after that elusive CQ of the spring. All of which means that the fellows are not reporting as well as they might. W6AWF has just gotten his commercial ticket. W6EIB at Vallejo ran him a close second through his work installing a booth during the pow wow of the Red Men in his home city. The station was built up with the help of W6ABJ. The outfit was operated under W6EIB's portable call. W6EIB expects to be off the air for a month or so while he changes himself and family into a new hogan. W6ALX declares that 7025 kc, signals are the bunk these days, W6BPC reports receiving a letter from a ZL in which the Zedder says that he has heard all U.S. districts on 3500 ke, and about 20 U.S. A. fones on this band, W6BZU out at Concord isn't letting the call of spring and the droning of the bumblebees bother him as far as traffic is concerned. W6ARI, new station reporting, was rounded up by our rotund CRM, W6AQ. W6ASH reports that he is working in a bona fide radio shop now, WöCGM is a fireman on the Western Pacific and the other day his locomotive with the OM in the cab got tuned in on the same wave with a Key System street car, ruined the street car, and gave 11 passeagers spots before the eyes. He told W6AN, section secretary and an official of the street car company, at the official investigation of the crash that it wasn't personal. Anyway W6CGM says that 00 work and busting up W6AN's rolling stock keeps him too busy for traffic. W6BIW announces that he has been monkeying with 28 mc. W6RJ is busy doing 00 work. W6AIN says he is going on a vacation. W6BI reports that he is busy getting six USNR fone and CW sets on the air for code practice and drill on 1875 kcs. W6AQO is one of the new fellows brought in by W6AQ. W6ATT is still doing his old BC and ham stint. W6ALV is still busy with that YL. W6ZA has announced his engagement, and W6CQG, Vollmer, got married a few weeks ago. W6IP spent a short visit home before returning to the Orient on KDUY. W6DDA is also back from a voyage.

Traffic: W6AWF 431, W6EIB 401, W6ALX 393, W6BPC 136, W6BZU 72, W6ARI 72, W6ASH 43, W6CGM 37, W6BIW 37, W6RJ 22, W6AIN 18, W6BI 17, W6AQO 4 W6ATT 3.

LOS ANGELES — Acting SCM, C. A. Nichols, W6ASM — Well, gang, this is my last report as acting SCM, so I will take this opportunity to thank you one and all for your splendid coöperation. Mr. Sandham is back on the job again. Let's all continue to give him our best efforts. The following make the BPL this month: W6B2F-W60AF W6DEP-W6AKW-W6QP-W6AKD and W6AOA. The Short Wave Club of Pasadena has been holding some interesting meetings of late. Through the courtesy of the Automobile Club of So, Calif, and W6FE, the Long Beach gang

had the opportunity to see the outfit and car that the SCM used on his trip. The ARRC continue to have some peppy meetings. The Bakersfield gang once more take the traffic banner among the clubs, their total being 919. W6WA is responsible for the reports each month. W6MA now has a frame for her operators license, W6ZZA is rebuilding his portable into xtal control. W6BVZ has a new 210. W6EQD now has his xtal outfit on 7154.8 kc. W6AM says that 14.000 kc. is sure ib for dx now. W6BRO is not on much since the IPH expedition returned. W6ABK says work takes up his time. W6ERL has new QRA. W6CZT is changing both xmitters to MOPA. W6CXW wants a sked with a nine near Chicago. W6BCK is another unfortunate one that has to work for a living. W6TE is rebuilding his xmitter so as to make a more substantial bid for the ARRC Cup. W6DVA has been up to San Francisco. W6EAF reports a visit by W6AM. W6AWY wants the Heaviside layer to behave. W6UJ complains of bum conditions in the 7000-kc. band. W6AKD reports being heard in Africa on 28,000 kc. while using a 5-watt xmitter, W6QP wants traffic. W6AKW continues to handle Philippine traffic. W6DEP handles plenty of traffic. W6BZY leads the section in traffic. W6BFI is waiting for a 250-watt jug. W6ID is building new receiver like the one Schnell had at the convention. W6DZI reports a few blowouts. W6ACL is rebuilding receiver. W6ESA now has xtal control. W6FJ says that his 210 xmitter works better than his 50-watt outfit. W6ASM won the crogetted water bucket in the traffic contest between the "Pico Twins." W6BXR annexed an OW in April. W6BVV is going to college and dreaming of football and YLs.

Traffie: W6BZY 545, W6WA 453, W6DEP 291, W6AKW 279, W6QP 274, W6AKD 229, W6A0A 154, W6A0B 137, W6DLI 129, W6UJ 89, W6ETJ 95, W6DQV 73, W6AWY 63, W6ETN 51, W6EAF 51, W6ENH 37, W6DVA 29, W6TE 29, W6BCK 27, W6CGY 23, W6AGR 14, W6ENQ 14, W6CXW 12, W6BGF 11, W6CZT 11, W6ERL 10, W6ESA 10, W6ASM 5, W6CQT 5, W6ABK 4, W6FJ 4, W6BR0 4, W6AM 3, W6EQD 3, W6CIX 2, W6BVZ 1, W6ZZA 1, W6MA 1, W6AZL 1.

SAN FRANCISCO - SCM. C. Bane, W6WB -The report this month might well be headed "Rebuilding." This new ruling about DC has set all the boys to tearing up the old heap and installing something different, W6ERK leads the parade in traffic. W6EKC comes along with a very close second. Incidentally, both W6ERK and W6EKC make the BPL. W6DFR is to be complimented on the way he handles the A-A schedules each Monday night. Another new man to report this time is W6DCD, who breaks in with a very good total, Beginning June 15th - July 15th all ORS in this section will be required to have a total of at least 20 messages each reporting month. Failing to comply with this rule for two consecutive months will result in cancellation. W6PW reports as usual. OM Phalen sends in his report for the first time in quite some little while. W6AC is still haunting the 14-mc, band. W6AMP has finally succeeded in getting DC after months of lost sleep! W6DTZ is concerned about 14 mc. dx work. W6EPT is with us again. W6ATI has drawn up elaborate plans for his new xtai set. W6KJ and W6BTO are complaining about absence of sigs on 28 me. W6ETR is seouting around for a rock which he plans on nutting in very shortly. Once there was a station called W6BIP, who used to lead the section. He is now on the very bottom of this report - why?

Traffic: W6ERK 170, W6EKC 111, W6DFR 88, W6DCD 53, W6PW 57, W6HJ 16, W6AC 13, W6AMP 13, W6DTZ 7, W6WB 6, W6EPT 5, W6ATI 2, W6KJ 2, W6BTO 1, W6ETR 2, W6BIP 1.

ARIZONA — SCM, H. R. Shortman, Jr., W6BWS-W6VV — W6ALU makes the BPL with a fine score. He wants a couple of good skeds east. W6BJF and W6EFC report good traffic work. W6DGN has rebuilt his station. W6DRX, a new man in Phoenix, is doing nice work. W6DCQ is still monkeying with a 3500-kc. phone. W6DXC, another new man, is getting all set for some big traffic work. W8AYO is now living in Phoenix, having an operators job at KOY. W6DRE reports installing a pair of UX 852's. W6AAM, an old time, is back on the air with a UX 210 in TPTG. W6BHC spent two days in Phoenix. W6EFA air using a UX-210 on 14 mc. W6EOF changed his transmitter from Hartley to TPTG with gratifying results. W6EH, W6EOF, and W6BWS-W6VV, the "Three Musketeers" held a big reunion when W6EH spent a week in Phoenix on business. W6CDU is operating at W6ALU. W6BWS-W6VV reports that he now has a junior operator at KGSI, in the person of W6EEB-W6ECW from Los Angeles. W6BJF has a new "all electric" receiver. The SCM has heard from W6DAU. W6ANO is still pounding commercial brass at KGSL. W6EL installed a 14 mc. phone transmitter in an aeronca monoplane to operate a public address station on the ground in a demonstration at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. W6AWD reports moving. W6DWP, who was formerly 3API of the old spark days, reports that he is back with the gang. Traffic: W6ALU 259, W6BJF 106, W6EFC 66, W6AWD

10, W6DWP 7, W6EAA 2, W6EOF 1. SAN DIEGO-SCM, H. A. Ambler, W6EOP-W6AXV leads the section and makes the BPL. He is taking out an ORS soon. FB. W6BKX, a new ORS, is re-building for all bands. W6ACJ found time to handle a few, W6EPZ worked LU3FA and got R8. W6ADC got his 50 watter going. W6CTP worked Hungary with 112A and 200 volts of B batts. W6EPF is troubled with power noises at his new QRA. W6BGL is on fone now. W6EOS is still rebuilding. W6BAM is going to be in on the 28 mc, tests. W6AEP reports tfc slow. W6ECP expects to be going strong soon. W6EOP and W6DAI are on fone. W6HY is heard on 14, 7, and 3.5 mc. quite often. W6DNL is away with the fleet. W6QY is on 14 mc. at his new QRA. W6DNS and W6DGW is very QRL with YLs. W6EOL is on with a 210. W6DNW is still putting out ice cream between ham hours. W6CTR is on fone and is going to build a 50-watt set soon. W6AJM expects to be in on the 28 mc. tests. W6BFB has a 250 watter.

Traffic: W6AXV 238, W6BKX 96, W6ACJ 63, W6EPZ 40, W6ADC 25, W6CTP 19, W6EPF 13, W6BGL 9, W6EOP 9, W6EOS 6, W6BAM 4, W6AEP 4.

NEVADA - SCM, Keston L. Ramsey, W6EAD - The Nevada Amateur Radio Association is getting a fine start and promises to be a thriving Club. W6UO is busy with Army-Amateur work. W6EGA, a new amateur at Yerrington, is on the air with an 852. W6BTJ is getting ready for the 28 mc. tests. W6ZO has given up radio for the summer in favor of aviation. W6AJP is on 7 me. W6CRF is almost ready for some work with 3500 kc. fone. W6BRV is building a receiver. W6CHG is pretty quiet now, W6CDZ promises a report for next month. All active amateurs get in touch with your SCM. We need a R.M. and some ORS. Let's turn in some real reports for Nevada this summer. Fellows wanting skedules with Reno, Nevada, get in touch with W6EAD.

Traffic: W6UO 11.

HAWAII - SCM, L. A. Walworth, K6CJB - K6EWB has taken the ORS exam and has been appointed Route Mgr. also. He is sending out ARRL broadcasts for the Hawaiian Section at 5:30 p.m. h.s.t. on Wed., Fri., and Sun. on 14 and 7 mc. simultaneously. The SCM visited Maui the week before Easter and was entertained by K6DYC, K6DQQ and K6ERO. K6DYC, K6DQQ, K6ERO, K6CEU, K6EWB and K6CIB form the net of Official Observers to check up on Amateur operation. K6AXX, James Matsueda, of Kahului, Maui, walked in on the SCM and announced he has moved to Honolulu. K6AXK is rejoicing over a commercial ticket. K6ACR, K6ALM and K6CIB visited several Schofield stations on Easter Sunday. K6BOE reports his portable call is K6DQF. K6CEU is also using a portable, K6EGD. K6CIB just rec'd some fine fotos of W9GV's ether wrecker. K6DYC is completely rebuilding his set and erecting a 75-foot mast for joint use of himself and K6YAJ. K6EWB and K6BXW report little activity on 56 and 28 mc. K6ALM reports on 28 mc. QSO with W6BXV. K6ALM is building an AC short wave receiver. K6EVW is heart broken because he lacked two deliveries of making BPL. K6DXD has just started and belongs to a new ham, Ralph Wolfe of Hq. Co. 35th Inf., Schofield Bks, T. H. K6DUD, Tex Stafford, Officers Quarters, Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, T. H., is another new K6BXW and K6EWB now. K6BXW, K6EWB and K6DXD have totals large enough to make the BPL, but they cannot be listed therein as we haven't complete figures on number of messages originated, delivered and relayed. Let us have the dope next time, OMs.

Traffic: K6BXW 871, K6EWB 848, K6DXD 202, K6DQQ 116, K6EVW 99, K6AVL 66, K6DV 50, K6CIB 29, K6BOE 20, K6BJJ 12, K6ERH 11, K6ACR 10, K6ACW 8, K6ERO 9, K6DYC 6, K6ALM 5, K6DPG 0, K6DUD 27.

PHILIPPINES - SCM, S. M. Mathes, KAICY -This report received by radio via W6HM. It is impossible in this report to express in mere words how the PI gang has missed KAICY. It seems that everybody is blue. At the suggestion of KA1HC the PI gang has moved to the upper part of the 7-mc. band in order to give the W's the lower part and thus avoid interference with traffic. KA1ZA is going to discard his 500-cycle note and put pure DC on the air soon, KA1HR is again climbing to the top. KA1EL went to Baguio with a portable set but nobody has heard of him since. KASAA is keeping regular schedule with KA1XA. KA1XA is building an MOPA. KA1PW was the last station to work KA1CY in the Philippines and also the first one to greet him at W6HM on his arrival in the U.S. KA1AC is on vacation in Japan. KA1DL has a schedule with W6HM twice a week. KA1DJ still leads the way in traffic, which is the outcome of many well kept skeds on 7143 and 14,290 kc.

Traffic: KA1DJ 867, KA1JR 80, KA1PW 217, KA1HR 260

CHINA - This report sent in by radio via KA1JR and W6HM. AC8WB makes the BPL. AC9HB put in new 210 with 400 volts on plate,

Traffic: AC8WB 220, AC8RV 220, AC8AG 35, AC8TJ 26, AC9GH 28,

#### ROANOKE DIVISION

YORTH CAROLINA - SCM, Hal S. Justice. W4TS-W4JR is all set for some good A-A net work, W4AHH handled an important message through WFAT. Prof. W4DW operates consistently at State College. W4TS is on when time permits. W4ZB was sick part of the month. It is with regret that I find it necessary to resign as SCM. I thoroughly appreciate the way you fellows have stuck by me. An acting SCM will be appointed to handle the affairs of the Section until a permanent SCM is elected. Very 73.

Traffic: W4ZB 53, W4TS 15, W4DW 13, W4AHH 10, W4JR 6.

VIRGINIA - SCM, J. F. Wohlford, W3CA - W3BZ attended the Directors meeting in Hartford, W3ARU is still the high traffic man of the State. W3CA is building rig for CW and fone with xtal control. W3BDZ is still tinkering with his phone outfit, W3WO is on inactive list, W3CKL has finished VPI and will leave shortly for NYC. W3ZA is getting out fine with his fone since adding xtal and buffer stage. W3BGS threatens to bust some fones now that he has power at his place. W3HY will be at NKF part of summer. W3AAJ is active again. W3ALS visited W3CKL during Easter, W3AQK qualifies for an ORS. W3NO is President of Richmond Amateur Club, W3A MB is operating a portable from the Scout Camp. W3ABC is now an ORS. W3ASA is operating a beautiful new 50-watt outfit. W3AKV has a crystal controlled 50 watter. W3TJ and W3FE are heard on occasionally. Miss W3IB couldn't make the banquet because she had to buy a present for the boy friend. W3AEL and W3AEW are new hams in Richmond. The Richmond Short Wave Club is taking a State-wide census of ham activities in preparation for a Virginia Convention in October.

Traffic: W3ARU 93, W3HY 17, W3ALS 16, W3AAJ 1, W3AMB 2, W3ABC 3, W3AQK 6, W3FJ 10, W3ASA 2.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

TAH-WYOMING - Acting SCM Lewis D. Stearns, W6BTX — W6RV and W6CNX are on 14,000 kc. for the summer, W6EKF has a commercial ticket. W6DPJ leads the section in traffic, W7AAH is Net Control of Wyoming. W6BTX, present Acting SCM, regrets that he cannot continue in this capacity, due to his going to University of California for the summer for graduate work. Hereafter, all reports in this section should be mailed to Cutler R. Miller -- W6DPJ -- 124 East 2nd North St., Provo, Utah. W6DPJ will act as SCM until election.

Traffie: W6RV 11, W6BTX 2, W6DPJ 48, W6CNX 14, W6EKF 12, W7AAH 29.

COLORADO — SCM, C. R. Stedman, W9CAA — W9CLJ walks off with the high score. W9EAM says he will be off for a while on account of the fishing season. W9YL, a new station operated by an old-timer, Mr. Cassell, is located at the University at Boulder. W9CRS has a new wave meter. W9EFP, a 'phone man at Haxtun, sends his first report. W9CAA moved to a new location. W9AAB is still on 7000 ke. W9CAB is getting the power supply straightened out. W9RQO is threatening to get on again, if he can get the necessary cash.

Traffic: W9CUJ 14, W9EAM 4, W9CSR 1.

#### SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA — SCM, Robert Troy, Jr., W4AHP — W4LM leads the state in traffic. W4TI sets a fine example in reporting by special delivery. W4AHP has installed 566 rectifiers. W4AAQ wants A-A traffic to pick up. W4AHR is busy with school work. W4JQ has joined the A-A net. W4HB has moved to Birmingham. We are very sorry to lose W4ADN, who has gone to Atlanta. W4HI at Maxwell Field has a time fone outfit on 1750 kc. W4AZZ is having hard luck with his fone set. W4AKB is busy with his job. W4AJR is having receiver trouble. W4AKM will be back in the A-A net soon. The SCM would like some reports from south Alabama, and a few more from Birmingham.

Traffie: W4LM 147, W4AKM 17, W4TI 23, W4AHR 13, W4AAQ 13, W4AHP 11, W4JQ 10.

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA-CUBA-ISLE OF PINES — SCM, M. S. Alexander, W4RZ — W4JL was in an accident a short while ago and lost the little finger of his left hand, so guess he will be off the air for some time. W4SS and W4DV have their transmitters going on the 28mc. band. W4AFQ has been very active in the Army-Amateur net. W4PM has bandled 397 messages during the last three months. Say, fellows, let's not let the summer vacations affect us so much that our traffic total will fall far below the standard. Let's try to keep the activities going during the summer.

Traffic: W4JD 48, W4AAY 34, W4AFQ 24, W4SI 32, W4KV 38,

PORTO RICO-VIRGIN ISLANDS — SCM, E. W. Mayer, K4KD — We led the division in traffic for April, which speaks well for our small section. K4AKV reports 14 me, giving poor results, K4KD has rebuilt to MOPA with a much improved signal. K4DK is going to try 28 mc. Some interest is being shown in San Juan vicinity, and 1 hope to visit the gaug on my varation and help those on the air who express their wishes. Delinquent ORS this month are K4AAN and K4ACF.

Traffic: K4KD 262, K4DK 144, K4AKV 1.

FLORIDA - SCM, Harvey Chafin, W4AII-W4PAWI - W4QL leads the section and makes the BPL, FB, W4SK reports a new amateur at Melbourne Beach, W4PU. W4SK is testing with a 3500-kc, fone, W4AKH reports for W4UJ. Both of these stations are applying for an ORS appointment. W4ALH is keeping two skeds daily. W4AFT sends in a very fine total for a non-ORS. W4JO is section control station of unit 5 for the U.S.N.R. W4QV is on the 3500-kc. band now with a 100-watt fone set. W4GD is building a high-power all-band transmitter with the MOPA ckt. W4AGN, the Naval Reserve station, has moved. After W1MM read the new requirements of the Federal Radio Commission he installed two recto-bulbs, and worked his first DX station, OA. He also reports for a new amateur in Clear Water, W4RK, who is getting out of the state with a 112 high-power transmitting tube, Hi. W4AKA and W4JM are the only stations reporting from St. Pete. W4TG is burning up the ether with a 100-watt set. W4WW is going to Detroit, and will be there until the U. of F. opens next September, W4MS was in Gainesville operating W4QA until June 1st. but is back in Pensacola at a new QRA. W2XE's

QST of the Australian-New Zealand test broadcast was handled as the most important traffic at W4ADP this month. W4ABF has moved from the U. of F. City to Orlando, and his QRA is Box 836. W4OZ takes part in the U.S.N.R. drill on Thursday nites, and is also keeping a eschedule with the U.S.N.R. station, W4QC, at Key West, W41M has quit all of his DX for a while until he finishes his MOPA set. W4AGY promises to have a larger total next month, W4FV says that he only lacks one Euroepan QSO to qualify for a WAC certificate. W4ACM, the U.S.N.R. station, handled quite a bit of tfc. this month. Mr. Jim Joyner has just received his commission for the Tampa U.S.N.R., and W4AII will be the Chief Operator very shortly, W4AKJ, W4BN and the SCM are using 3590-kc. fone sets. Don Hawley and George Wells at Plant City have a station ready to go, and are applying for a license.

Traffic: W4QL 142, W4SK 108, W4AKH 63, W1ALH 61, W4AII 59, W4AFT 52, W4JO 34, W4GD 45, W4QV 27, W4MM 19, W4ACM 46, W4AKA 20, W4TG 19, W4WW 10, W4MS 9, W4ADP 8, W4ABF 7, W40Z 7, W4JM 5, W4AGY 7,

#### WEST GULF DIVISION

O KLAHOMA - SCM, Wm. J. Gentry, W5GF-W5VQ is high man and not an ORS either. W5AUV wants to know what has happened to traffic. W5AYF reports a hot hook-up with W5ASQ. W5OJ made his first report. W5GF is operating at all times he can get away from business. The SCM would like to have more reports from the gang.

Traffic: W5VQ 111, W5AUV 14, W5OJ 7, W5GF 3, W5AYF 2.

NEW MEXICO — SCM, Leavenworth Wheeler, Jr., W5AHI — W5AOD has a new AC screen-grid receiver. W5TV, with a prospect, spent part of one Sunday at W5AHI. W5BH reports a new station W5AUW on 7 mc.; also W5ZZG, ex-W6DMQ, on 14 mc. W9COI is in Albuquerque, and is having his outfit shipped out. W5AHI slipped despite five regular skeds.

Traffic: W5AHI 112, W5AOD 86, W5TV 21, W5BH 1.

SOUTHERN TEXAS -- SCM, Robert E. Franklin, W50X -- A number of the fellows are rebuilding to conform to the new FKC regulations. It is with deep regret we mourn the passing of our good friend, Mr. Fred Kush, W5HS, of San Antonio. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his family. W5AB-W5BBY is the possessor of a nice new ORS certificate. W5VY-ZG reports handling much traffic. W5TD now boasts a completely AC-operated station. W5BKW turned in a nice report. W5E1 has been doing some nice rolay work with an ORS certificate in view. W5BHO is still having trouble with his speed. W5JR has been experimenting with screen-grid detectors. W5BOC is a new station in Houston. W5AEA has been letting golf take up most of his spare time.

Traffic: W5BKW 51, W5EI 34, W5BHO 14, W5TD 8.

NORTHERN TEXAS - SCM, Roy Lee Taylor, W5RJ - I sincerely thank all of you for your votes and the confidence you have shown in me by electing me SCM. If I can come near our past SCM, Mr. Robinson, W5BG, in his reports, I will have done well. W5WW leads the section with a whale of a total. W5HY did storm relief work in the recent Frost, Texas, disaster, advising W5TM in Hugo, Okla., as to friends at Frost. FB! W5BAM is doing F.B. O.O. work. W5BAD said the recent tornado took his shack for a ride. W5BG is keeping a sked with KFR6. W5AAE is working both coasts with a 201A on 7000 kc. W5BNN is a very promising newcomer. W5BBF reports. W5GZ expects to make up for lost time when the school closes its doors. W5RJ is rebuilding to crystal control. W5LY wants wall paper badly from some of the boys he has worked. W5BND is building A.S.G. received. W5AZP is having a hard time raising stations.

Traffie: W5HY 113, W5BAM 27, W5BAD 18, W5BQ 12, W5BNN 3, W5AAE 6, W5GZ 2, W5LY 1, W5RJ 20, W5WW 438, W5BBF 1.

The Director of Radio, Department of Marine at Ottawa, has authorized the use of telephony in the 14-mc. band. Before using this band for fone work it will be necessary to have a visit from your local Radio Inspector, who will, on being satisfied after inspection that the station complies with the requirements, endorse the license,

Due to the midsummer season, I notice a big decrease in traffic totals. Your CGM would like to impress upon all members the importance of being on at least once a week during this period. More stations are coming on each week for our weekly get-together, so if you operate only one evening of the week make it Wednesday night for contact with Canadian stations.

> CANADIAN GENERAL MANAGER ALEX REID, VE2BE

#### OUEBEC DIVISION

UEBEC - SCM, Alphy Blais, VE2AC - Our CGM, VE2BE, went to Hartford on May 2nd and 3rd to attend the meeting of the A.R.R.L. Board of Directors, VE2CA is our most active station. The XYL VE2CA handled her first message. Look in this QST and see the beautiful arrangement of VE2CA's station. Our old faithful VE2BB is going strong as ever. VE2BZ has a pure DC note on 7 and 3.5 mo. VE2AC was busy getting married and honeymooning, but he'll be on the air regularly now, coaching a future XYL operator, VE2AP has been busy with his exams. VE2AA is still chasing these elusive DX stations. I would like to hear from anybody desiring to become an amateur. Possibly we can give the newcomers a hand and speed them through their first steps.

Traffic: VE2AC 54, VE2BE 26, VE2BB 15, VE2CA 12, VE2BZ 5, VE2BG 11.

#### ONTARIO DIVISION

NTARIO -- SCM, E. C. Thompson, VE3FC --Central District: VE9AL leads the way in traffic again this month. VE3GT worked VK using 4 201-A tubes as oscillators in the TNT circuit with but 180 volts on the plate. VE3DW is still hammering away with his single 201-A. VE3AD will be up in Muskoka with a portable station during July and August. VE3VS is getting ready to leave for the North, where he will operate a station at Orient Bay for the Forestry Branch Fire Ranger Service. VE3GM is preparing to use 'phone on the 14-mc. band. VE3CB reports that VE3DD has vamoosed for the Forestry Service in the North. VE3DA is busy with the militia. Northern District: G. V. Lawrence, VE3ET, ASCM — Our new man, VE3HD, is having a grand time on 7 me. VE3BD is putting in DC. VE3DM is rebuilding to TNT. VE3HU will soon be going better than ever on 7 mc. VE3ET paid a short visit to VE3DM and VE3HD, and was treated royally. VE3BH's sked with VE3AR is not working very well. VE3GC is ditching the B batts in favor of a transformer and rectobulbs. VE3ET has moved and, for the summer, re-

ports should be addressed to him at Norembegs, Ontario. Traffic: VE9AL 32, VE3GT 30, VE3VS 10, VE3CB 8, VE3GM 3, VE3DA 7, VE3HD 4.

#### PRAIRIE DIVISION

ANITOBA - SCM, A. V. Chase, VE4HR - VE4BQ has moved from Winnipeg. His new QRA **IVI** is Calgary, Alta. A welcome reappearance on the air has been made by VE4DY. VE4RR has been assigned the official call VE4AE. VE4HV would like QSO with the Winnipeg gang on 7 mc. VE4GL has now got his TPTG working in fine shape. VE4DK has gone to Camp Borden for a three months' course in flying. VE4JB has been getting prepared for the forthcoming 28-mc, tests, VE4DY promises to be on the air next month.

Traffic: VE4DJ 12, VE4HR 9, VE4BU 3, VE4DY 1, VE4AE 1.

SASKATCHEWAN -- SCM, W. J. Pickering, VE4FC - VE4BB is now an ORS, VE4BX turns in the best message total, VE4BL follows close behind, VE4EF has left for Winnipeg. VE4GR reports a hamfest between the Saskatoon and Biggar gang at Biggar. Spring work and rotten weather have kept VE4H out of the traffic. VE4GO is building a new power supply. VE4FC is on when time permits. VE4HO and VE4HY have amalgamated.

Tratfie: VE4BX 17, VE4BL 16, VE4GR 1.

#### VANALTA DIVISION

RITISH COLUMBIA - SCM, J. K. Cavalsky. VE5AL - VE9AJ is continuing to broadcast weekly bulletins of local doings in the Ham game. VE5CF is burning the midnight oil over the week-ends. We regret that Bert King, the famous Java King of VE9AJ, is leaving for the South, and wish him the best of luck. VE5BE is on again after plenty of remodelling. VE5BC has junked his screen-grid receiver. VE5CR still keeps his set perking. VE5EF has been heard on fone, VE5AL worked a balloon and a ship, and is now looking for a submarine. Hi. From Prince Rupert we learn that VE5GT is making his Xtal perk with nice results. He was visited recently by VE5FI. VE5CM has gone to sea. VE5DX is doing nice work. Victoria - We offer our congratulations to VE5CO, who is being married shortly. VE5DU is hitting out fine with his TPTG. VE5EC says his old 202 has lost its punch, so is putting in a 210. New stations in the city are VE5AD, VE5HR, VE5DY, VE5HP and VE5CB. VE5HR is using a 201A. VE5AD is on 3.5 and 7 me. using a 210, VE5CB is going strong with a 201A.

Traffic: VE5AL 24, VE5CF 9, VE5CR 3, VE5GT 12, VE5HR 5

ALBERTA-SCM, Fred Barron, VE4EC-DX is with us again, gang, in spite of the poor weather conditions. VE4EA worked two ZL's and a K6, VE5GD hooked up with OA4Q on 14 mc, VE4BQ, formerly of Winnipeg, is now active in the South. Ex-VE3AI is awaiting a VE4 call. VE4CE and VE4IO are looking for DX, or what have you. Mrs. VE4EI again tops the list for traffic. VE4GK sends in a nice traffic total. VE4BV has been receiving some very pretty poetry. Hi Hi VE4BJ is a new local. VE4GY is also a new ham at Fort Saskatchewan, using M. G. VE4DZ is QRT, due to lack of time. VE4AF is still working with Xtal control. VE4HM is active when possible. VE4HC says things dead around his shack. VE4EO has not been doing much, but always expects to. Hi. Traffic: VE4EI 29, VE4GK 21.

#### MARITIME DIVISION

EWFOUNDLAND - Acting SCM, E. V. Jerrett, VO8Z - We take pleasure in congratulating VO8MC, our first W. A. C. VO8WG is coming South, and hopes to visit most of the local boys. VO8AW gets excellent reports with his new rig on 14,000 kc. VO8MC has begun experimenting on 28,000 kc. VO8Z put up a new voltage-fed Hertz and worked Argentina on 14,000 kc.

# Strays \*

Boyd Phelps, known since 1921, as BP, appropriately has the call W2BP, and spends his summers in Minnesota where he operates W9BP. He says the formula for getting the same call as your initials is to wait until the chap with the desired call dies, then get him to sign over his old license (We want more information on this point, BP.), hold it until it has expired one day less than six months, have no other station license, file a new application with the expired license, and pray.

In disclosing this we hope mortality will not be increased among us because we hold a much coveted call.

### DST

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## ON R470, M. de Waepenaert, 22 Rue des Soeurs-Noires, Termonde, Belgium

14,000-kc. band

wlaao wlabg wlaeb wlaf wlafd wlagi wlakg wlamq wlagt wlasf wlay wlaze wlbft wlbhm wlbin wlbke wlbux wibwa wicaw wicek wicow widp wiez wijy wilg wimp wlov wiry winj wivs wiwe wiwy w2aaw w2acd w2adp w2aeb w2aey w2afr w2afu w2ag w2ahz w2ait w2ajb w2ajj w2amm w2amr w2aoo w2aow w2aoy w2aqi w2arb w2ari w2ary w2auu w2aww w2ayj w2bbp w2bda w2bey w2bia w2bih w2bka w2bla w2bok w2bon w2bru w2buy w2bwc w2cuq w2el w2fp w2ku w2mb w2oa w2ov w2qn w2rs w2sn w2zg w3adh w3adz w3afu w3ake w3aog w3aqi w3ati w3auo w3bhy w3dh w3jr w3ln w3bm w4aei w4akh w4akt w4gq w4gw w1pz w4ql w8adm w8bbp w8bct w8bcz w8baz wSbf wSbjv wSbkp wSbh wSbk wSoww wSee wSeed wSeug wSdld wSdpo wSdxo wSea wSem wShx wSkr w9an w9asl w9aze w9bba w9bvf w9cix w9mt en8rux au1bz em8uf fm8er fm8fs fm8rit fm8tui lu9dt nj2pa py1ed py2ay py2bg velas velbr velco veldr ve2bb ve2bd ve2ca ve4bd ve4ic ve5ao vk2av vk2lx vk2ns vk2rx vk2wu vk2xw vk3go vk3pa vk4rb vq4ere vo8me vu2zx su8rs zl2bg zl3as zl3bb zs5d zs5n zs5w zt5r

H. T. Petersen, "Fribe," Ostergade, Norresundby, Denmark 7000-kc. band

Heard in Sumatra

wôjn wôdca wôeqf wôelm wôac wöawp wpm klxa klze klee klpw klhr kley klei kldj klem klhe ac2ff ac9gh ac5go eslab j3ck om1tb pk3pr vk2ow vk2hm vk5hg vk5wr vk5mj vs3ab vs6ab vs7ap

Heard in Singapore, F. M. S.

ac8ls fo3sr

Heard in Indian Ocean

kalhr kalce vk2lv vk6wi vk3dx

Heard in Suez Canal d4va ear98 f8rsb i1fg oh2kz on4uu paouv

W8HX, C. G. Mellor, 274 W. Calthrop Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

#### 7000- and 14,000-kc. bands

ce2ab ce3dg ce3dj ce5aa cm2sh cm2jm cm2jt cm2yb cm5by em5ex em5fl em8uf em8qb emb3 et1aa et1bd et1bx et1by etlep et2aa et2am et3ab ex1af ex2ak ex7 d4abg d4xn ear1 ear110 ear113 ear21 ear152 f8ag f8bha f8btr f8cs f8ct f8da f8dhf f8dmc f8dot f8ef f8er f8ex f8fr f8gdb f8hr f8jg f8lgb f8lx f8oa f8olu f8pam f8prw f8rex f8rhj f8sun f8swa f8xd fm8er fm8gke g2ao g2bm g2dz g2gf g2gm g2ip g5by g5is g5mi g5ms g5yg g6ia g6lb g6lk g6pa g6rb g6vp g6wt g6xb g6xq haf8b he1fg he1jl he1le he2jm i1ll k4aan k4akv k4dk k4kd k6boe k6ewb k6eqm k6alm k6bhl ka1sr ka1te kfr5 kfr6 lu1ba lu1jf lu2aa lu2ad lu2bj lu2ca lu2dj lu3de lu3dh lu3fa lu3fk lu3oe lu3pa lu4da lu4dq lu5bz lu5ch lu5dj lu8djq lu8dy lu8en lu9ce lu9dt nninic nnisc nn7c nj2pa oa4j oa4l oa4p oa4q oa4t ob7nb on4fp on4ft on4gn on4he on4jj on4jk on4jx on4ka on4ro on4uu oz1k oz7v pa0aw pa0qf pa0zf px1 py1aa py1ah py1aw py1cl py1cm pylde pylii py2ad py2ay py2ba py2bf py2bg py2bk py2cm py2ig py2ih py2ik py2qb py3ah qq1a rx1aa sn1aa

splae su6w ti2es ti2fg tg1jc velal velam velap velar velbr velce velco ve2aa ve2ak ve2ap ve2ak ve2ar ve2bb ve2be ve2bn ve2cg ve3bc ve3bq ve3cm ve3dr ve3eo ve3ft ve3ta ve9sj vk2ay vk2hk vk2kj vk2no vk2rf vk3ac vk3es vk3go vk3jk vk3kl vk3pp vk3rg vk4bh vk4cg vk4dh vk5hg vo8ae vo8an vo8aw vo8me vq2bh x1g x2r x9a zl1aa zl1ak zl1ft zl2ab zl2ac zl2dg zl2gi zl2gq zl3ao zl3am zl3bb zl3bt 2p7ab zs1p zs2n zs3r zs4a zs4m zs4n zs5u zt1j zt1r zt3am ztör zuld zuön

#### W9BFW, Chester Rector, R. F. D. No. 1, Tipton, Ind.

#### 3500-kc. 'Phone band

wlaby wlamq w2baj w2boz w2bqy w3aex w3aid w3ain w3ani w3dsz w3ev w4ce w4eoh w4hn w4id w4pd w4qz włyk w5awj w5er w5kx w6das w6kp w7acj w7ce w8adx w8ahz w8ajh w8akf w8aof w8aou w8arh w8awl w8azo wSbae w8bf w8bie w8bik w8bir w8biz w8buw w8byr w8bzo w8eid w8ek w8elx w8emd w8esa w8evr w8dbg w8diz w8doc w8dnd w8dsl w8dsn w8dwx w8fn w8ha w8ia w8jh w8rd wSwf w8wm w9aid w9auv w9bbz w9bei w9bjw w9byp w9dag w9dtu w9dwi w9efw w9eia w9eng w9etd w9fke w9flc w9frr w9get w9ghx w9mke w9mm w9qy ve3rf

### W2BER, David Paxton, 15 Thompson St., Troy. N. Y.

#### 14,000-kc. band

wfac wfacl wfakf wfamp wfan wface wfaqq wfazl weban webkw weblx webox webto weety weetp weetb wödbt wödgn wödgq wödmk wödpa wödte wöegh wöepb w6epi w6eug w6eup w6hv w6id w6ip w6kb w6kt w6kv w7aew w7ait w7amo w7anx w7ek w7if w7ic w7mu w7gy w7sg w7ty ye5ao ye5aw ce3ag ce5aa cm8uf f8ef f8ex f8fem f8fr f8cs f8hr f8lgb f8prw f8rex f8sm g2gm he2jm k4kd k6ctf oa4j on4fp on4jj on4us x9a

#### W9AZY, Carl Newman, 402 Tenney Ave., Louisville, Ky.

#### 3500-kc. 'phone

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#### NIDN, Delbert Miller, aboard U.S.S. Tennessee, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

#### 7000-ke. band

ab6 g5by helfg kalce kalhr kalpw kaldj k4qv k4acf k4kd kfr6 nnlnic nnlsc sslaz ve4gd vk2jk vk2ow vk5fr vk7ox vk2ev vk3pp ve3dd kaldo w1cow w1cte wimk wirv wlags wlbbz wlbil wird w2aof w2exl w2amr w2bo w2bau w2are w3anh w3aws w3adx w3bm w3ant w3mv w3asw w4nn w4gk w4dr w4aik w4qv w4et w4akg w4lj w4is w4ahq w4aeq w5ain w5ann w5bij w5bah w5es w5fo w5rx w5se w5sy w5say w5bhq w5bki w5wu w5aea w5aap w5bkg w5aqx w5lva w5aao w5pa w5cbx w5bld w6adt weait wealx weami weamw weaca weata weaw weawe (Continued on page 74)

Sorento, III.

# Correspondence

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# The New Regs

Kennedy, Ala.

Editor, *QST*:

I am very much elated over the new regulations, and believe they are a decided step forward. I have kept a log of every transmission I have made since I went on the air, and don't see how any ham can operate with any satisfaction without keeping one.

One thing about the new rules — I am one of the chaps with no filter but a rectifier, so must add the filter. Hi! Good-bye r.a.c. for me, and here's hoping the others with r.a.c. and a.c. do the same thing, for I know we will have more operating enjoyment if the bands are not crowded out with a.c.

-M. H. Grarlee, W4AG

## W1AXV's Transmissions

Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Editor. QST:

I wish to state that I took advantage of W1AXV's offer to measure any amateur frequencies. I read of it in the May issue of QST and worked him on the May 2nd, Friday evening schedule.

This is a very valuable service and I, for one, greatly appreciate it.

I have a high "C" frequency meter as described in November QST and I use all the standard frequency transmissions to check up on its calibration every week.

Many thanks to the staff at WIAXV.

-J. T. Dowdell, WSDSA

### An Invitation

2 Chepstow Road, Croydon, England Editor, QST:

We should like, through the medium of QST, to invite and welcome to Croydon, all transmitters who intend visiting England during the coming summer.

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- Geo. G. E. Bennett, G5BZ, A. L. O'Hefferman, G5BY, for "The Croydon Gang"

### From an O. O.

Editor, QST:

As an Official Observer, I have sent out more than 200 cards to off-wave stations during the past six months, and while engaged in this work it has dawned upon me that a little comment on the subject of answers to these cards is in order. Many amateurs write and advise that they were accidently out of the band and will be found where they belong in the future. Fine; that's what we want to hear.

Now here is where the rub comes in. A great many of them will write, and in doing so will request answers to their letters and in many cases some information; now if these hams want answers they should be courteous enough to put in a stamped, addressed envelope for the convenience of the O. O., and be sure that they really need answers before writing. Although we all like to correspond with our friends of the key and mike it will be appreciated that 50 or 60 letters in a month take stationery and time, to say nothing of postage. All this comes out of the O. O.'s pocket.

For the benefit of those who are profiting by our work, I wish to list the following points:

1. When we say your call was heard, that call was the one. There is no guess work; we check and re-check and (as Andy tells Amos) "doublecheck," so if you were not on, someone was *with your call.* We appreciate that no one likes to be accused of off-wave operation who isn't guilty, so naturally we listen until certain of the call.

2. If your call was heard and you were not operating, write the O. O. and tell him, but don't ask him to hunt the pirate. Notify your supervisor. He has men to check up on unlicensed operation. The O. O. is glad to get the letter and know you were not guilty, but hasn't time to play detective.

3. If you have some technical questions or want some information, enclose a stamped, addressed envelope; the O. O. will appreciate it, and I'm sure he will be a good sport and answer it if possible. Of course, if you want to know about adjusting a transmitter or anything of that sort write to the A. R. R. L. Technical Information Service or to some other information bureau, or better still ask some nearby ham to help you, but be sure he knows the construction and



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5. The observer isn't trying "to get something on you." He is trying to preserve your operating privileges and the privileges of all other amateurs, and you should consider that you are lucky that the R. I. didn't happen to be listening in instead.

I have any number of very friendly letters from the many hams I have notified, and appreciate them very much. I have answered a number of letters requesting information and am glad to help a brother ham whenever possible. Considerable time is spent here in checking, and this comes off the time I might be working myself; thus you can appreciate why I must be brief in handling notifications.

One point I must add here: a great deal of offwave work is the result of using one of the condenser and coil frequency meters and having enough error in the check to spell the difference between the right and wrong side of the fence. A heterodyne frequency meter is the best bet, and no ham who uses one is found off-wave, providing it is properly calibrated.

We must get inside our bands and stay there. The O. O.'s are doing their bit; give them your coöperation.

- T. R. Pugsley, W9BNR

# A Lucky Chance

Editor, QST:

A couple of months ago, we happened to be in Cook's Strait, New Zealand, en route from Auckland to Wellington. While in Auckland I had visited ZLIFW and some of the others and believe me, they treated me fine and came down to look over the arc on WQBV.

The other night after leaving I was listening in on the old short waver and heard my friend Earl Wiseman of W6BBR working IFW. Eric told him that W6CHT had visited him the night before and after signing off, Earl called W6BVS, another member of the Hollywood gang, and told him I was in New Zealand.

"Well, that's fine," said Bivis, "maybe George is listening to me now. Hello OM." and he sent a nice long message with all the latest dirt.

Maybe that didn't make me feel FB! It was just like a letter from home and had not been prearranged. BVS just had enough faith in his old fifty to try a "blind" message, and it got through.

- George Derry, W6CHT, WQBV

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If I am not mistaken there was once upon a time printed in QST a letter upon the subject of "CQ". Judging from the noises in our 20- and 40-meter bands I think it's about time for another one.

A "CQ" is all right in its place, and there are times when rather long calls are justified. However, there's a limit. My particular pet peeve is the lad who persists in blatting out a string of "CQs" from fifteen to forty in length. His usual procedure is to slur the signature a couple of times, and then start another series.

But this pest is not the worst. The operator who really deserves the guillotine is the one who breaks the monotony of his endless "CQ" with drawn-out inserts of "dah did dit, dah dit dit daahhh — ." He usually pulls this stunt during those limited periods of the day in which DX is good, and consequently time is rather precious.

For goodness sake, gang, let's see if we can't get rid of these nuisances. And in the meantime, let us limit our *own* "CQs" to not more than five without a signature, and let's be especially careful never to "CQ DX" without immediately signing our call and hence indicating what is DX in relation to our QRA.

-J. Lee Smith, W6AWP

# QSP

1216 Utah St., Toledo, Ohio

Editor, QST:

There is a little matter which I have had on my mind for quite some time. I am an old ham, having been in the game way back when ... and therefore ought to know what I am talking about. The matter I wish to speak about concerns the old custom of handling messages.

It seems that some hans have absolutely no scruples about messages at all. They will cheerfully take one and then as cheerfully forget about it. They don't care whether it gets to its destination or not. What shall we do with this kind of a ham? The answer is, nothing, because it is a matter of honor and nothing else. We give a message in the faith that it will be relayed in the near future; but whether it is or not we do not know.

Just the other day I was talking to a ham about this matter and he said to me, "I'll tell you what I do with most of messages." He said, "I throw them in the wastebasket."

Now, I ask you, is there a spark of manliness in this kind of an operator? I think he is a disgrace to the fraternity. The least a ham could do would be to say that he does not want to QSP and let it go at that.

With me it is a point of honor to get the message away, no matter if I must send it by mail. Recently I had a message for California and could not get rid of it so I sent by mail, since it had to be there by New Year's. One thing I always tell my brother hams is that if they ever give me a message, they can depend on its getting through. — Spot Neubrecht, WSBTM

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### I.A.R.U. News

(Continued from page 48)

de Neck, we will be glad to receive opinions from the other sections.

BRITISH NOTES

By J. Clarricoats, G6CL, Honorary Secretary, R.S.G.B.

British amateurs join with those of the world in expressing their sympathies with their German colleagues in the untimely death of Dr. Wilhelm Titius, the illustrious Editor of their official organ "CQ."

Such losses are inevitable, but the gap left is always difficult to fill; we sincerely trust that one as keen and loyal to the Amateur Cause will shortly be found to take his place.

The results of the British 28-mc. tests are almost complete, but the difficulty of making a thorough investigation of each claim has retarded the progress somewhat.

We can, however, announce that Mr. J. W. Mathews (G6LL), the best known of all British ten-meter amateurs, has won the Powditch trophy.

Mr. Mathews' success and the success of the tests generally was only brought about by the whole-hearted coöperation of the amateurs of the world, and through the medium of these notes we thank all who have assisted us in this organized attempt to probe more deeply into the mysteries surrounding the 28-mc. band of frequencies.

To our President, Mr. Gerald Marcuse, we owe a debt of gratitude. Through his efforts we have been granted permission to operate our stations between the hours of 1500 G.C.T. on Saturdays to 2400 G.C.T. Sundays, in the wavebands around 75 to 85 meters.

This permission is granted to all holders of Trans-Oceanic licenses and will be extended to such others of our members who apply through the Society. We hope the opening up again of this band will result in the removal of much local work from the overcrowded lower bands.

Conditions on the 7- and 14-mc. bands were in general worse than previous years. No important work has been recorded.

We have the pleasure of stating that the B.E.R.U. continues to extend at a rapid rate. Iraq is now a firmly established link in our chain of Empire groups.

We shall be glad to forward particulars of membership to anyone interested. Our Headquarters are at 53 Victoria St., London, S.W. 1.

We had the pleasure of a visit at Headquarters from Mr. J. L. Leistra, PC2, of the Hague, Holland, during the writing of these notes. It was a most enjoyable occasion for us.

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A few years from now QST copies of to-day no doubt will be just as scarce. Every reader of QST appreciates its reference value. We are daily reminded of this fact by the many requests we get for back copies, many of which we cannot supply.

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By W. Rach, D4ADF, Sec'y, D.A.S.D.

## Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Titius

It is our unhappy duty to record the sudden death of Dr. Wilhelm Titius, editor of the German organ "CQ," and council member of the German I.A.R.U. Section, the D.A.S.D.

Dr. and Mrs. Titius met their death in a disastrous motor accident on April 11, 1930.

Dr. Titius was one of the oldest amateurs in the country. Through his death German amateurs lose a good friend and a valuable co-worker, whose real amateur spirit was known everywhere, and it will be very difficult to fill the gap caused by his sudden death.

In the passing of an esteemed contemporary, may we point to the monumental work he has achieved, and convey our sincere personal desolation and regrets to the bercaved, and our mourning German friends.

On June 7–9, 1930, the fifth annual German amateur convention will take place at Halle a/S. Here is the program:

Saturday, June 7th. 8:00 p.m. Official opening at the Hotel Rotes Ross.

Sunday, June 8th. 11:00 a.m. Business meeting and lunch.

Monday, June 9th. Lectures on various subjects.

Tuesday, June 10th. Visit to the Institute of Technology, of the high frequencies at Koethen.

It is hoped that many amateurs from all parts of Germany and Austria take part in the convention, and, of course, all friends from abroad are heartily invited. We should appreciate a short note from any of our foreign friends who are likely to attend the convention.

Activity on 3.5 mc. has increased somewhat during the period covered by this report, D4ABV, D4GT, and D4GL having been heard by the Silesian stations on this band, while D4ADF of Berlin and D4UAB of Bamberg are carrying out regular tests on "80."

14 mc. has been most unsuitable for DX the last few weeks, only a very few South Americans having been heard here on that frequency. Nevertheless D4BY succeeded in establishing about thirty contacts with the Aussies and Zedders.

#### DUTCH NOTES

By H. Pomes, Ass't Traffic Mgr. N.V.I.R.

The 'phone business still remains the same, big activity on 40 meters and only a few men on eighty. Several Dutch hams organized 'phone tests in this latter band, and one after another

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On 28-mc, SU8RS and PA0VN are heard.

There are several Dutch hams who are equipped with crystal-controlled stations. The number of licensed amateurs still increases, and many others are preparing for the exams. If matters go on in this way all will have gotten their official certificate by the end of the year.

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J. Clarricoats, Hon, Sec. of the R.S.G.B. and B.E.R.U. has communicated to us a suggestion made by Dr. Curt Lamm, D4AFA, of the D.A.S.D., to the effect that wherever possible, contracted forms should be used when giving QRAs to DX stations. These abbreviations are intended to take their place in the already extensive ham vocabulary of abbreviations as a group for international use primarily. We are printing the two lists enclosed with the suggestion, one each for Great Britain and Germany. At the same time we request all I.A.R.U. member societies who may be impressed with the usefulness of the idea to make up and forward us a list of their important cities, and a contracted form for each. The following lists will serve as a basis upon which to work, if the scheme is deemed worthy of universal consideration.

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#### William Hanson, 61 Bishop St., New Haven, Conn. 3500-kilocycle phones

w2bee w2gj w8pk w8bap w8amq w8cmu w4amq w8ajh w8rl w2ahl w8rd w3za w2aba w9bwi w1bdq w9bt w9fbl w8aud w3nj w1aii w3ev w8dpd.

1750-kilocycle phones

w8wf w9ff w8rd w2gj w1ky w3aly,

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wöchi wöcjw cm5fl ct1by ear62 ear69 ear116 ecifm eb4bd eb4bn eb4de eb4di eb4dj eb4ew eb4hp eb4ix ef8cp ef8he ef8ip ef8axq ef8gab ogra

W2EB, E. Seiler, 1614 Peoples Ave., Troy, N. Y. 3500-kilocycle phones

wlafd wlaoi wlaqh wlnh w2ahl w2amb w2aoi w2ga w2gi w2kr w2st w3blp w3eah w3cc w3cz w3nip w3oo w3rb w4aaq w4to w8adf w8adm w8afq w8aof w8ayl w8bxy w8ejb w8coj w8csa w8cwu w8ddl w8ku w8pk w8rd w9bwy w9dzt w9fld w9ft

#### VE3ET, G. V. Lawrence, Box 186, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada

#### 14,000-kilocycle band

em2jt d4dba f8kf f8wb g2ao g4ml g5by k4aky nj2pa nkf pylid velap velar ve4dk ve4fv ve4hh ve4mo ve5bl vo8ae vo8rg w4aew w4afe w4ahl w4ahs w4ea w4lp w4ne w4nl w4pk w4up w4vj w4we w5abi w5abf w5bem w5bl w5rg w6ac w6aov w6bws w6dzo w6dwp w6dyb w6eeb w6eof w6dwp w7akp w7fh w7ga w7nr w7pv w7si

#### 7000-kilocycle band

aa2ok cm5fl d4dba d4uj f8eo f8gq fq8hpo g5by g5bz g6rb g6yq kdv5 kfr5 ye4as ye1br yk2bk yk2jh yk2rb yk5hg w4ac w4acc s4adn w4aef w4aej w4ahl w4ahq w4aiv w4aki Those at the forefront of American radio had the foresight tostandardize on the foremost resistances.

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#### 3500-kilocycle band

velbi velbn w4agz w4hk w4ky w4ll w4rm w5aae w5bad w5bag w5lr w5ma w5oe w5om w5pp w5qa w5rg w6don w6dyh w6dnz w6rj w7ab w7hv w7vn

#### 3500-kilocycle phones

veldq veldp veldey wlaby wlbgq wlcz wlagy wlait wlaow wlbee wlbsc wlst wlabn wlaeq wlbfz wlbij w3cgd w3ckj w3cv w3mb w5kx w6ean w8abi w8ayp w8aei wSafq wSakp wSaux wSbhf wSeez wSejx wSemw wSesu wSevh wSdpd wSdvw wSgl wSux w9axz w9bcm w9bfb w9cby w9dds w9dzt w9fzl

#### X3A, G. W. Lord, Tolteca, Hgo. Mexico 14.000-kc, band

w1bw w1bux w1rk w1ae w1aze w1nx w1bs w2vd w2mb w2va w2tt w3in w4im w4kd w4de w4ly w4jr w4aks w4uj w5gr w5dv w5ql w5bcc w5aqe w5ov w7ai w8dq w8da w8dno w8auz w8dep w8id w8rd w8dgp w8dpo w8bct w8dae w8caq w8ccw w8auu w8ai w8djv w8cod w8apz w9djf w9df w9du w9ef w9be w9ji w9eag w9bp w9ged w9els w9ads w9bb w9cps w9frq w9hmu w9lm w9fr w9akt oa42 oa4j ce2ab vk2rx hc2jm zl1ap zl1ao

3500-kc, band ('phone)

w5kx w6ep w6abf

#### OKPR19, Alois Weirauch, Mestec Kralove, Czechoslovakia

#### 14.000-kc. band

ve2be vk2ns w1ae w1bil w1bux w1caw w1ph w2aey w2auu w2cuq w2ho w2rr w2qn w2vd w3ajh w3jn w3mz w4er wSafm wSapb wSbf wSbti wSbjv wSeaq wSdld wSdjp wähx

#### 7000-ke. band

wlair wlajm wlajq wlbet wlbjo wlgw wlvp w2ali w2amh w2awu w2bia w2bjo w2boz w2btz w2uc w3aho w3ree w3ld włask włacą włake włal wijb wipz wiux wighw

#### W9BWK, W. D. Marshall, 806 Galena Blvd., Aurora, Ill.

#### 7000- and 14,000-kc. bands

w6aae w6aaz w6abp w6ac w6acl w6acp w6adq w6adw w6afc w6afi w6ags w6agy w6ahp w6aj w6ajp w6ajt w6ak w6akc w6akd w6akf w6akw w6alw w6am w6ame w6amw wbanj wbaoe wcapd wbaqj wbasl wbass wbati w6atm w6ato w6atr w6atu w6auk w6aum w6aut w6awd woawin wolawp wolawq woawz woaxi wolawg wolayg wolay woazi wolayg wolawq wolawz wolayf wolayg wolayg wolazi wolayg wolaam wobax wolaba wibbo stored wolack w6bet w6bfb w6bfe w6bfp w6bgf, w6bhr, w6bhy, w6bis. w6bjf w6blx w6bly w6bne w6bpg w6bpm w6bq) w6bqk w6bqp w6bry w6bsj w6bsn w6bfl w6bto w6btx w6bub w6bux w6byx w6bxr w6bxv w6by w6byb w6byo w6bzd wöhzg wöhzr wöhzy wöcad wöcar wöcaz wöcrz wöcsj wöcsq whete whete whete wheue wheuh wheum wheus wheww w6exw w6cyb w6cye w6cyi w6czc w6czu w6czz w6dak w6dbt w6dcg w6dcj w6dcu w6dcy w6de w6dep w6dfs wedgn wedga wedga wedil wediz wediw wedky wedln wódmk wódns wódog wódog wódoz wódpj wódpa wódqj wödqy wödrb wödre wödss wödte wödtu wödtz wödui wödwh wödyb wödyk wödym wödyn wödyy wödyz wödzi w6dzm w6dzq w6dzx w6eab w6eac w6eak w6eap w6eau w6eav w6ebg w6ebx w6edd w6eca w6ecn w6edo w6eem w6eep w6efc w6egh w6egk w6egv w6egx w6ehi w6ebp wheke w6ehu w6ehw w6eib w6eif w6eip w6ejr w6ejh w6ekw w6ele w6ely w6emd w6eob w6eop w6eoz w6epd w6epi w6epx w6epz w6eqf w6eqj w6eqn w6equ w6eri w6esa w6etg whet whet whet whet whet when whet w6eup w6evs w6ew w6ewf w6fe w6ft w6gt w6id w6io wôjn wôkg wômx wônx wôpj wôqy wôse wôsj wôsu wôue wôue wôyz wôwb wôxbb wôyl wôyg wôyx wôzzi w7aar w7aat w7aax w7aay w7aaz w7abq w7ac w7acd w7acy w7adb w7aeq w7aew w7aff w7afx w7agb w7ago w7agq w7aho w7ahw w7ahx w7ait w7ajh w7akm w7akz w7alv w7alw w7amo w7amx w7anj w7anz w7ao w7aob w7aoq





w7atl w7bd w7be w7dp w7el w7ek w7fa w7fh w7fi w7fl w7fx w7gi w7hx w7if w7ig w7ie w7it w7ka w7ko w7li w71z w7000 w7na w7nh w7nm w7nr w7ny w7ny w7ny w7pr w7pu w7qb w7qd w7qr w7qy w7ri w7rp w7sg w7su w7td w7tx w7tv w7ti w7un w7vk w7vv w7wg w7wl w7wr w7zzb ce2ab ce3ac ce3bf ce3dg ce5aa ce7aa cm2ac cm2im cm2sh cm2wa em2xa em2vb cm3dg em5ex em5fe em5ry cm8le cm8uf cm8vb ct1aa ct1bx ct1cw cx1af cx1fb freari g5by g5ml g5ms helfg hellg he2je he2jm kfr6 kfzt k4aan kłaky kłdk kłkd kóalm kóboe ködd kóetí kóewb kówz lu1ba lu2di lu2ca lu2do lu2fi lu3de lu3dh lu3fa lu3fk lu3hc lu4bi lu4dq lu5ac lu9be lu9dt lu6fe nj2pa uncab nn1cab nnise nninie nn7e oaij oaio oaig oair pylaa pylah pylaw pylca pylcl pylem pylia py2ab py2ad py2ak py2ay py2az py2ba py2bf py2bg py2ig py2ik py2in py2qb py2qh ti2ea ti2rs ti2wd velas velbr velce velco veldq veldr ve2aa ve2ac ve2ai ve2ay ve2bd ve2bh ve2ea ve4af vetai vetaj vetat vetbe vetbe vetbl vetbm vetbg vetbu veibx veick veicp veidi veiec veifd veifk veifx veigd velgt velgu velgw vetha vethm vethr vethu vetic vetig velis velki velvw vežac vežal vežao vežaw vežep vk2hu vk2je vk2nb vk2ns vk2ow vk3es vk3hk vk3hl vk3jk vk3jy vk3ml vk3pp vk3pr vk3tm vk3wo vk4hg vk5hg vk5it vk5os vk5wr vk6wi vk7ch vk7dx vo8ae vo8an vo8aw voôme x1ng x2x x9a x9d zl1bb zl2be zl2ac zs4m zt1r xoz7aw xoz7xu xw1m oola hi2 dn3 wfa xda

#### Your Broadcast Receiver as a Short-Wave Superhet

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that the fault was with the individual tubes. If the above figures are typical, probably four out of five Type '27 tubes will be satisfactory, although if a number of tubes are available, it is well to select the best of the lot and use it in the converter, because a tube which is hummy on short-waves will usually be suitable for use in the broadcast receiver itself.

In conclusion, we may say that we believe most difficulties can be overcome by the application of a little common sense in hunting for their cause. Once the rough spots, if any are encountered, are ironed out, the results should be more than satisfactory.

#### The Annual Meeting of the A.R.R.L. Board

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that arrangement whereunder the Secretary of Commerce authorizes the operation of an amateur station by the holder until he can be personally examined but for not to exceed one year. It seems that many extraordinary "dodges" are invented by the holders to escape appearing for examination, because they know they are not qualified. With due consideration for crippled operators unable to travel and others who may have excellent excuse for not appearing, the Board voted to request the Department of Commerce to enforce the regulations on the temporary certificate, to end the abuse now existing.

The thanks of the League were voted to stations W1AXV and W9XL for their very valuable services as standard-frequency stations in the transmissions sponsored by the League. The board ordered spread upon its records a state-



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ment adopted in the consideration of questions of policy brought forward by letters to some of the directors from some of their constituents. The members of the Board agreed to undertake the operation of a radio net of their own on the air, the Directors' Chain, and they elected Professor Woodruff as chairman thereof.

The foregoing account is at best an outline of the definite actions taken by the Board. It cannot begin to record the discussions which took place on the many angles not only of these questions but of about every other problem that could be thought of. In addition to their formal meeting the directors inspected the properties of the League, the offices and the headquarters station W1MK, and found time to better their acquaintance with the headquarters personnel and its work.

Somebody recently wished out loud that when Warner wrote up these Board proceedings for QST he would cut out the moralizing, give a bald recountal of the facts, and refrain from "interpreting." We've done our best, but we can't refrain from concluding that it was a good meeting and that it shows that we have a strong and workable system of self-government in our League.

#### New Two-Volt Tubes

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It will be noted that the mutual conductance of the new tube is about 50% greater than that of its predecessor, with a slight decrease in plate resistance. Greater amplification can therefore be expected from the UX-232 when substituted for the Type '22 without any changes in circuit constants other than those necessitated by the lower filament voltage and a slight increase in the grid bias. When used in present receivers operating from a 6-volt battery, both these changes can be made simultaneously by the insertion of a 50-ohm resistor in the negative leg of the filament, the grid return being made to the battery side of the resistor.

Screen-grid voltage should be obtained from a tap on the "B" battery rather than from a dropping resistor connected between the plate and screen grid. Variations in screen current of individual tubes make this necessary. As with all screen-grid tubes, the screen-grid should be bypassed to ground by a comparatively large condenser.

The new tubes have been designed to be nonmicrophonic, and therefore should find wide application in automobile receivers and other portable sets. The low filament current and voltage make dry-cell operation entirely practical, although care should be taken to maintain the actual voltage on the filaments at not more than two volts. It is therefore recommended that a filament voltmeter be employed, particularly when dry cells are used.



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# THE A.R.R.L. LOG SHEET

#### New Regulations Require Station Log

The new amateur station regulations of the Federal Radio Commission, announced in May QST, oblige every amateur station to maintain a log of operating activity. Every station ought to keep a log. A.R.R.L. has been preaching it for years. Now it becomes compulsory under the regulations.

A well-kept log gives proof of station transmissions. It is invaluable in checking up the records of your work. Its presence identifies your station as a systematic one. The Government now requires it as a record of transmitting activity.

Being purchased now in large quantities, the price of the Log Sheet has been substantially reduced. The new low prices:

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THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. A few sample tubes have been tested and found to work very satisfactorily on high frequencies. Thumping the table or even the receiver itself



AN EXPLODED VIEW OF UX-232

failed to set up the usual annoying ringing noises common to most d.c. tubes, particularly those of the '99 Type.

-G, G.

#### Naval Reserve Holds Its First National Emergency Drill

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the Naval Reserve will be one of the largest. Aviation and radio are going forward hand in hand and the time has come already when aviation cannot get along without radio. In the future the operations of our surface, air and undersca fleets will become more and more dependent upon radio communication. Those of us who follow the military side of radio are qualifying ourselves for future service in time of need.

#### New England Division Convention

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GBS. A good description of Aircraft Radio Equipment and the use of Beacons was given by Mr. A. P. Bock of Westinghouse. Mr. A. D. MacLeod, Champion Tube Works, Inc., brought the fellows some useful suggestions on "Telephony in the Amateur Bands."

The call to the Banquet Hall came at about 6:30 p.m. Close to 225 were in attendance. Entertainment was furnished by an orchestra, and several YL singers and dancers (ask Doc Tessmer, W1UM, about the YL). Director Best officiated as toastmaster and very ably carried out his part of the program. The speakers were President

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1000	50,000 ohms	2-Cat. 507-65 in series
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#### Correction

The following amendments should be made to The ABC of Filter Design," April QST.

In Fig. 9,  $R_o$  should be 100,000 ohms instead of

Page 37, left-hand column:

$$R = \frac{r_p \times R_o}{r_p + R_o} = \frac{2 \times 10^5}{12} = 16666 \text{ ohms.}$$

Therefore  $Z_t$  or  $Z_{\pi} = 16666$  ohms.

$$L_{h} = \frac{.0797 \times 16666}{20000} = .066h.$$
  
$$T_{\mu fd} = \frac{.079700}{20000 \times 16666} = .000239 \mu fd.$$

Page 38, left-hand column:

$$C_{1(\mu/d.}) = \frac{(100000 + 110000) \ 10^6}{4 \times 3.14 \times 100000 \times 110000 \times 8350}$$
  
= .000182 \mufd.

$$C_2(\mu_{fd.}) = \frac{100000 \times 10^6}{3.14 \times 110000 \times 10000 \times 8350}$$
  
= .00346 \mu/d.

The equations on page 37 can be changed to give the results directly in microfarads and millihenrys if put in the following form:

$$C_1(\mu_{fd}) = \frac{(f_1 + f_2) \, 10^6}{4\pi \, f_1 \, f_2 \, 2} \tag{5}$$

$$C_2(\mu_{fd.}) = \frac{f_1 \times 10^6}{\pi f_2(f_2 - f_1) Z} \tag{6}$$

$$L_2(_{mb.}) = \frac{(f_2 - f_1) Z \times 10^3}{4\pi f_1 f_2}$$
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W2AUY recently built a Zepp antenna, and his YL wanted to know what the "ladder" was for!

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The tin cans that the old DeForest tubes were packed in make excellent tube shields, according to W9ACC. The screw top serves as a mounting base, and the can can be cut off at the other end to the required length. W9ACC also suggests that the large-size salt shakers (1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints capacity) obtainable at 5- and 10-cent stores can be used in the same way to form coil shields.

We have received some complaints from QST advertisers to the effect that they often receive orders from hams who neglect to sign their names or give addresses. Incidentally, this also goes for a lot of fellows who write in to Headquarters. Naturally the recipient of the letters can't be expected to have clairvoyant powers or some sort of divining rod to make the missing dope disclose itself. So be sure to give your name and *complete* address when writing if you have any hope of receiving an answer. Call-letters are not enough; they change so fast the call-book people have a hard job keeping up with them.

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—W9FGQ

W6BGC suggests that aluminum meat loaf pans, obtainable almost anywhere for about twenty-five cents, are fine for stage shields. The pan is mounted upside-down on an aluminum sheet of the same size.

#### Charles S. Taylor, 1883-1930

I T is with deep regret that we must chronicle the passing of C. S. Taylor, WSPJ, at Buffalo on March 4th. He was nearly 47 years old. Known as the friend of every amateur in the region, he had been active in amateur radio affairs in the Western New York Section for a number of years. He was Section Communications Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Radio Association of Western New York.

He was born in Buffalo, New York, May 18, 1883, his first interest in wireless communication being aroused by attendance at meetings of the Buffalo Wireless Club about 1912. Experimenting with the crude apparatus of the time his "spark" was first heard on the air about 1915. He continued an ardent student of radio until the coming of the war temporarily silenced the amateur.

When the ban was lifted after the war W8PJ again returned to the air, Taylor was prominent in the early development of amateur radiophone in Western New York, coming on the air with 'phone late in 1920. He introduced to the Buffalo Police Department the possibilities of this type of communication. News items were broadcast. All early Buffalo radio fans heard his voice and listened to his entertainments. During 1921 the transmitter was moved to the Elmwood Music Hall in Buffalo, A concert by Geraldine Farrar was broadcast, the first high class broadcast for the vicinity. These early incidents held his interest.

Continuous activity identified Taylor with all developments of amateur radio. In 1926 his activity in the A.R.R.L. field organization resulted in his election as Section Communications Manager of Western New York, a position held and the duties of the office faithfully and carefully executed until his death. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Radio Association of Western New York for two years and also an active member of the Volunteer Naval Communication Reserve. His key is silent but he will be remembered by all as a real friend.

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