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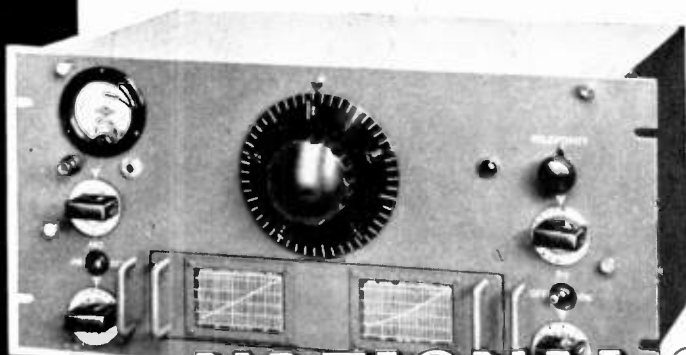


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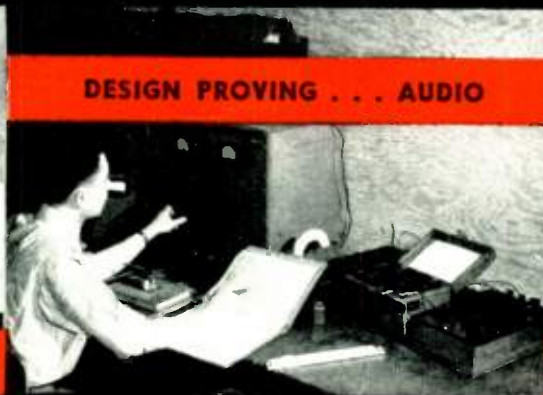
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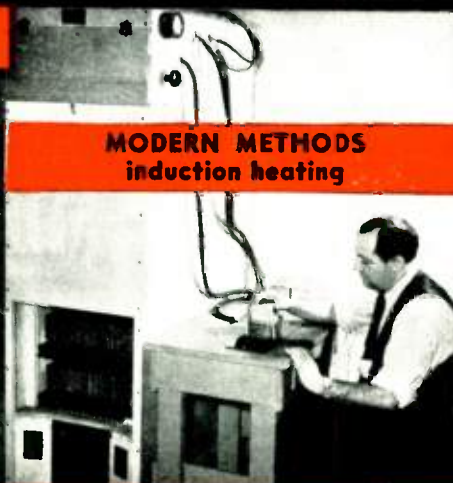
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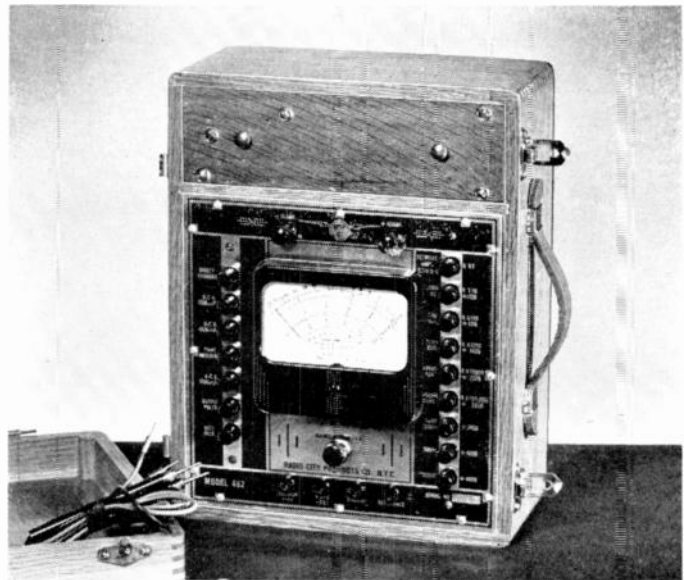
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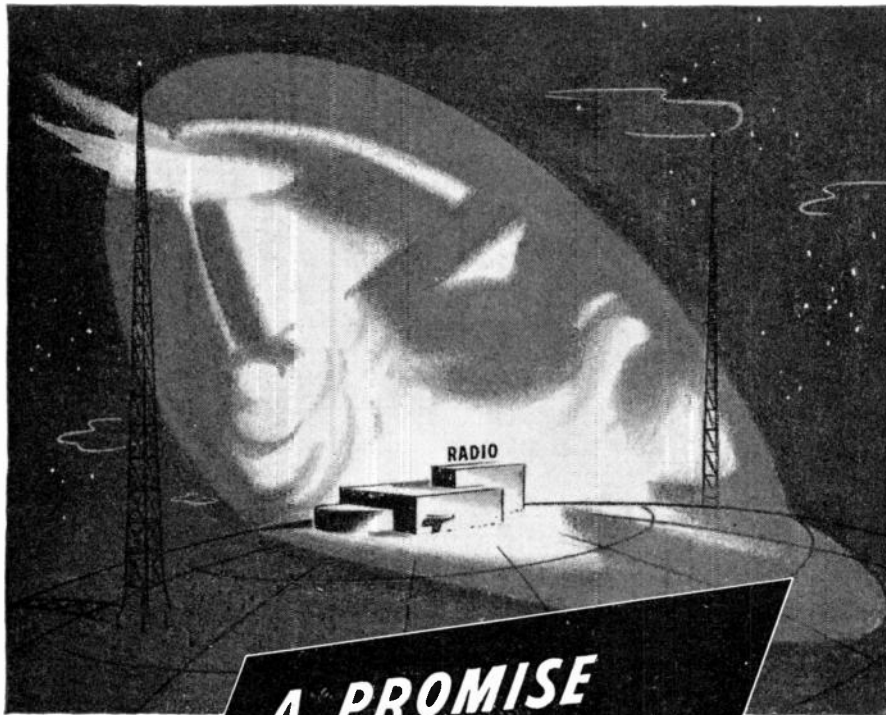
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BEFORE the second part of W. S. Hastead's article was set in type, newspapers were publishing the list of men, women, and children killed or injured in one of the greatest catastrophes in railroad history, a wreck which, according to subsequent testimony, could have been avoided by a mere telephone call, had the facilities described by Mr. Hastead been available.

Evidence of a hot-box on one of the cars of the Congressional Limited was seen by the engineer of another locomotive. However, the slow and ponderous methods of communication provided by the railroad were outstripped by the speed at which the train rushed its passengers to their death. The warning was too late.

For all its modern electrification of the New York to Washington route, the Pennsylvania Railroad still relied on methods which, judged by radio engineers, are as awkward, inadequate, and antique as the old gas lamps which trainmen used to turn on and light by a key and a wax taper mounted on a wooden stick.

It is surprising that no one from our industry was lost on this wreck, for it is a favorite train with radio engineers and executives in these times.

THE data presented this month by Burt Zimet on the design of aircraft racks indicates further progress in the standardization of aircraft radio equipment.

The adoption of these standards will contribute in two ways. First, such standardization is necessary in order to allow enough space for radio equipment, without waste, when planes are designed. Second, if improved equipment is made available, it will be interchangeable with the model which preceded it, and no alteration in the construction of aircraft will be necessary. It should be noted that certain sizes of racks have been adopted by the Joint Radio Board.

To supplement the data given this month on chassis and dust covers, photographs and drawings of the mounting racks will be presented next month.

THE roster of chief engineers of broadcasting stations, published this month for the first time, will be a semi-annual feature hereafter. At many stations, the chief engineer is on leave with the Armed Forces. In such cases, because of space limitations, only the name of the acting chief engineer is listed.

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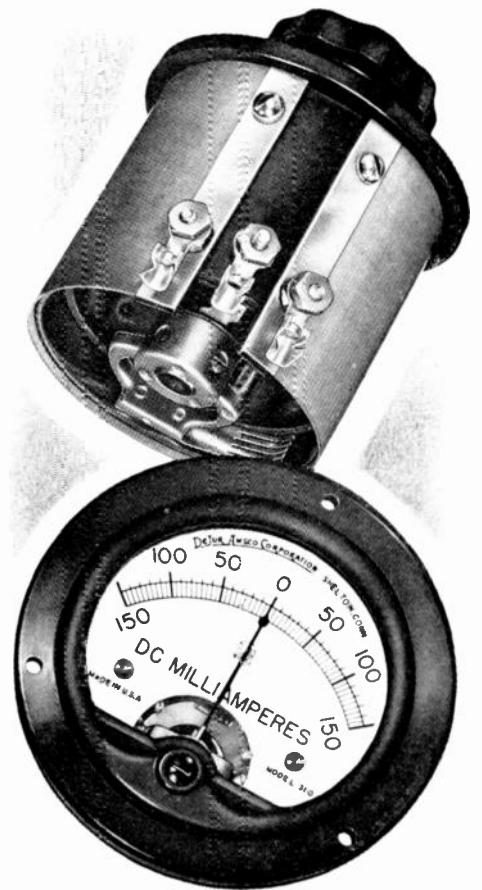


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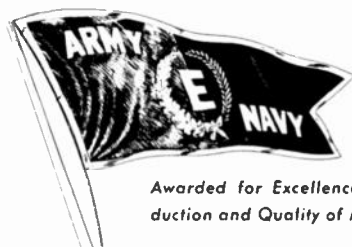


THEY LISTEN...

Around the clock, from Monday to Monday, America's "monitors of the air" sit at their posts—and listen. Serving in a thousand different ways, they check foreign news and propaganda, send and receive weather reports, keep air channels clear, ferret out renegade radio stations. Of prime importance in the apparatus used by monitors are meters and rheostats which assure absolute control and give accurate indications of volume, power, modulation and recording. In many instances the components chosen for dependability are products of DeJur laboratories. Built of the finest materials to exacting precision standards, DeJur instruments are backed by a tradition of twenty-five years of outstanding electrical accomplishment.



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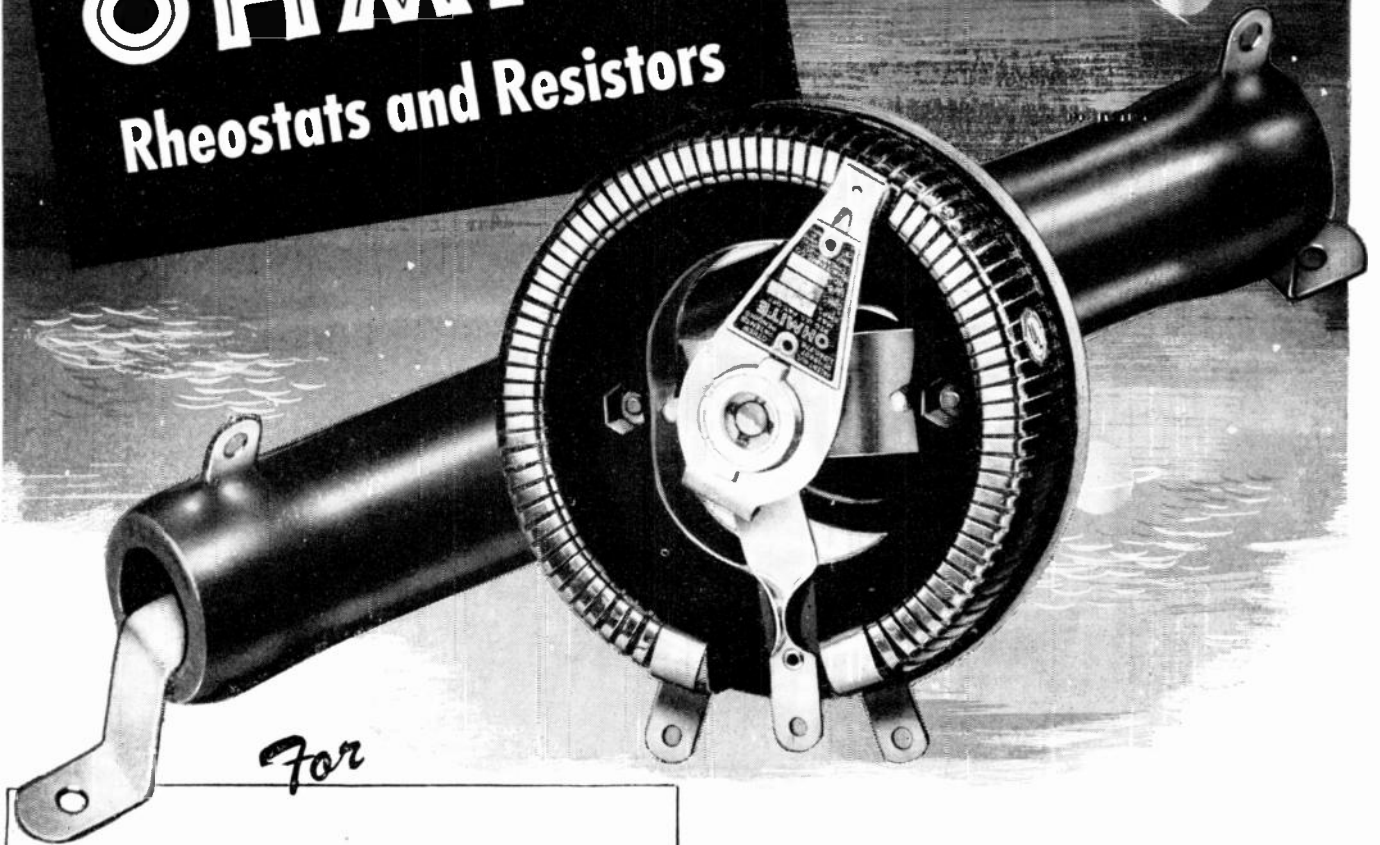
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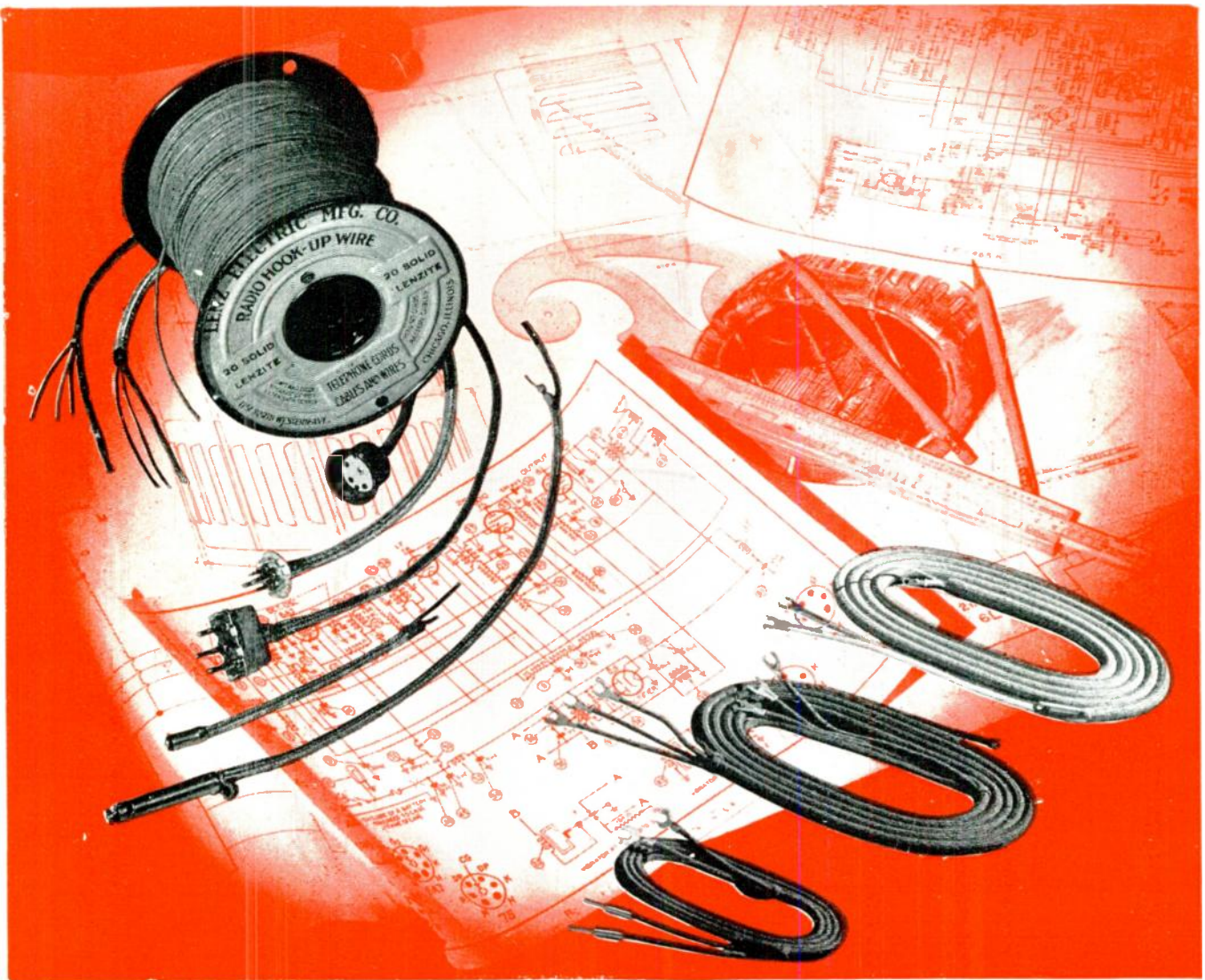
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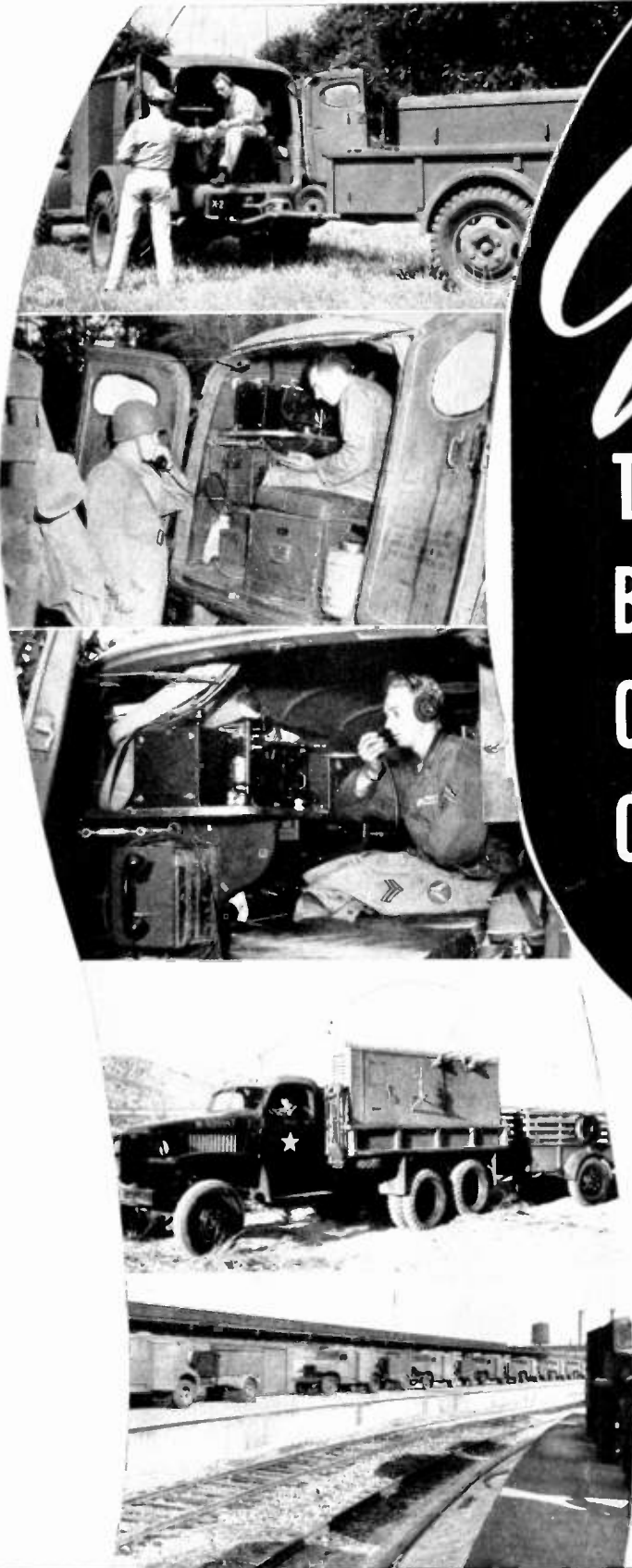


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NEEDED—BETTER RECEIVING ANTENNAS

A Discussion Which Takes Issue with the No-Antenna School of Salesmanship

BY M. B. SLEEPER

UP TO the time when the production of home radio sets was stopped, receiver manufacturers had come to treat antenna systems as a not-particularly-necessary evil—a sort of vermiform appendix to a receiving set about which the less said the better unless, in the atrophied form to which it had degenerated, its failure to perform usefully gave rise to complaint.

Why should that have been so? Every radio engineer knows that reception becomes progressively poorer as the ratio of signal input to the pick-up of local interference is reduced, and that increased sensitivity cannot improve the condition, but only makes it worse.

Undoubtedly the will of the sales departments prevailed over the judgment of the engineers in promoting the no-antenna, works-whenever-you-put-it claims for convenience and ease of installation.

Of course, that is a feature that lends itself to advertising and fast-talking salesmanship. However, engineers and servicemen know that the "no-antenna" promotion is responsible for more poor reception than any other design feature, and has consistently offset the improvements and progress of broadcast station equipment.

It is surprising, therefore, that G.E.'s Dr. Baker would be so inconsistent as to say, at the Milwaukee conference of the FMBI: "It is of paramount importance that the FM receiving sets produced after the war be of a high-performance type," and then, in the next breath, he told the FM broadcasters: "To satisfy the public, they must be able to bring in programs loud and consistently, without the use of special antennas. The set owner of today has become used to a radio with a built-in antenna, and the best salesman in the world is not going to be able to make him climb up on the roof and string a lot of wire around. Good sets, of eight tubes or more, and a strong station signal must be provided."

Again switching to the opposite position, he concluded: "That means the engineers must be permitted to produce the best transmitting equipment and receiving sets. Unless FM lives up to its highest standards, its great promise will be blighted."

No one can take issue with what Dr. Baker said about the importance of providing listeners with the best quality of transmission and reception, but why improve transmitters and receivers and then limit the effectiveness of both by the handicap of poor signal pick-up? Why im-

prove automobile gasoline and engines and then connect them with a length of under-size feed pipe?

Even Major Armstrong has, on various occasions, discounted the importance of the antenna of FM reception, stating that practically any kind of a wire is adequate. On the other hand, he has urged the use of a stage of tuned RF to assure a signal adequate to operate the limiter.

Dr. Baker and Major Armstrong may be too far away from the practical problems of giving radio listeners satisfactory reception to know the headaches that "no-antenna" sets have given listeners and dealers alike. The fact is that while some listeners in favorable urban and rural districts are fortunate enough to have good reception from built-in antennas, they are the exception, and not the rule.

This statement is based on the personal experience of calling on dealers and talking to servicemen in all parts of the country. This may not agree with the reports of salesmen in different territories, but that is because salesmen's reports on any subject can be relied upon only for their consistent inaccuracy.

The theory is that the performance of sets operating on loop antennas in urban districts is good because they are within the primary service areas of powerful local stations, and in urban districts, even though they are in secondary service areas, there is less interference.

Perhaps that should be so, but it isn't. Thunder storms visit cities, and man-made static from motors, circuit-breakers, defective neon signs, power installations, and electrical appliances in adjacent apartments provide interference sources of high level compared to broadcast signals when loop antennas are employed. This is as true of large sets as small ones, for the bigger the loop, the greater the noise pickup. The public has been allowed to believe that loops distinguish, in some mysterious way, between noise and signals, which is entirely false.

That built-in antennas are not adequate even in metropolitan areas is shown by the rapidly growing number of apartment-house antenna installations, using the Amy, Aceves & King system, which were being put in up to the time of Pearl Harbor.

Out in the suburbs and rural districts, where signal strength is greatly reduced, there are such adversities to be met as low line voltage, poor daytime reception, and leaky power lines and transformers.

One of the poorest spots for radio re-

ception in the East is Saratoga, New York, not far from Dr. Baker's Schenectady. From that section north into Vermont and Maine, down through New Hampshire and Massachusetts and in parts of Connecticut, loop-operated sets have never been satisfactory.

Another section where loop sets have proved equally unsatisfactory runs from Western Pennsylvania through West Virginia, and spreads out over the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama.

Salesmen have explained glibly: "If it doesn't work just right on the loop, hook on an antenna." That's no answer. Loop sets do not have antenna circuits suitable for antenna operation. Adding an antenna to such sets does little to increase the daytime AM receiving range, and at night the interference from distant stations is increased because the antenna broadens the tuning.

As for FM reception, results depend directly on the signal fed to the set by the antenna. If the signals are adequate to saturate the limiter, results are perfect. If they aren't, interference rides in. An outside antenna can be improved by increasing the height or changing the construction, but a loop must remain just as the manufacturer made it.

If listeners don't want to put up outside antennas it is (1) because the manufacturers have told them in advertising that it is not necessary, or (2), because servicemen have been honest enough to tell them that loop-operated sets aren't designed to work with outside antennas.

As for the actual erection of outside antennas—this is a job for servicemen, and one which was a source of considerable extra income until the public was told that loops could do the same job better.

Radio set manufacturers can contribute much to the enjoyment and satisfaction of the listeners if they will take a more realistic attitude toward the importance of receiving antennas, and face squarely the competition, if it arises, from those who continue to capitalize on the immediate point-of-sale advantage of "no-antenna" designs.

For those who are interested in making a study of this subject, here is a suggestion: Discuss the subject with the chief engineers of some of the broadcasting stations. You will probably find that they feel very keenly on this matter because built-in antennas are the chief cause of complaints from listeners about weak reception, and interference from static, and dissatisfaction with program quality.

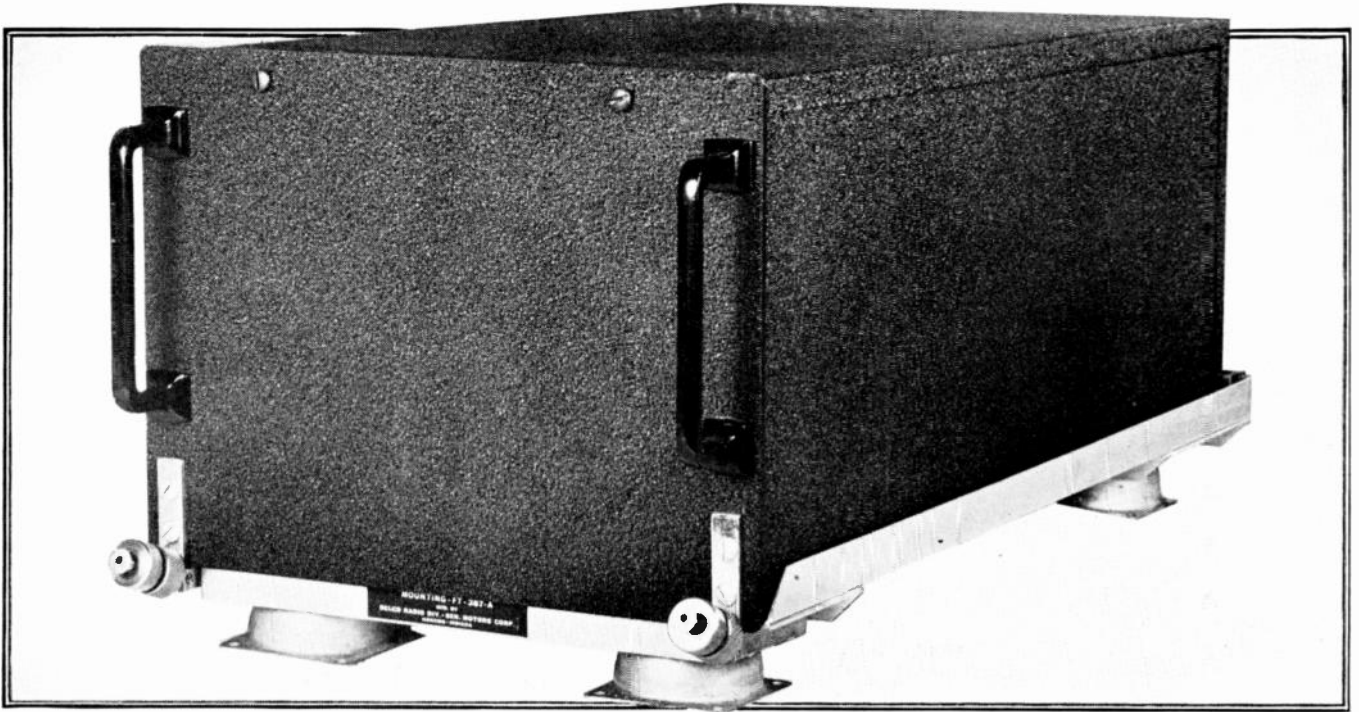


FIG. 1. NEW STANDARDIZED CONSTRUCTION FOR A-N AIRCRAFT RADIO. THIS PARTICULAR ASSEMBLY WAS FABRICATED BY DELCO

DESIGN PLANNING FOR AIRCRAFT RADIO

Part 3 — Standard A-N Type of Chassis and Dust Covers, with Notes on the Details of Materials and Construction

BY BURT L. ZIMET *

AIRCRAFT manufacturers and those in charge of aircraft radio installation work have suffered many a headache because of the variety of types, sizes, and shapes of radio sets, and the methods of mounting them.

Space is at a premium on aircraft, large or small. Supports for mounting equipment must be secured to structural parts capable not only of carrying the load of apparatus in the air, but of withstanding the shocks of rough landings. Extra construction and brazing must be kept at a minimum because they add weight but do not perform any useful work.

Because space is so limited, it is often difficult or impossible to make special provisions for units different from what were originally contemplated at the time a plane was designed.

In some cases, improved equipment cannot be used because the designer, expressing his own ideas rather than carrying out a standard of practice, employed an odd shape, arrangement of connections, or mounting and release mechanism.

Thus it came about recently that standard Army-Navy designs and dimensions

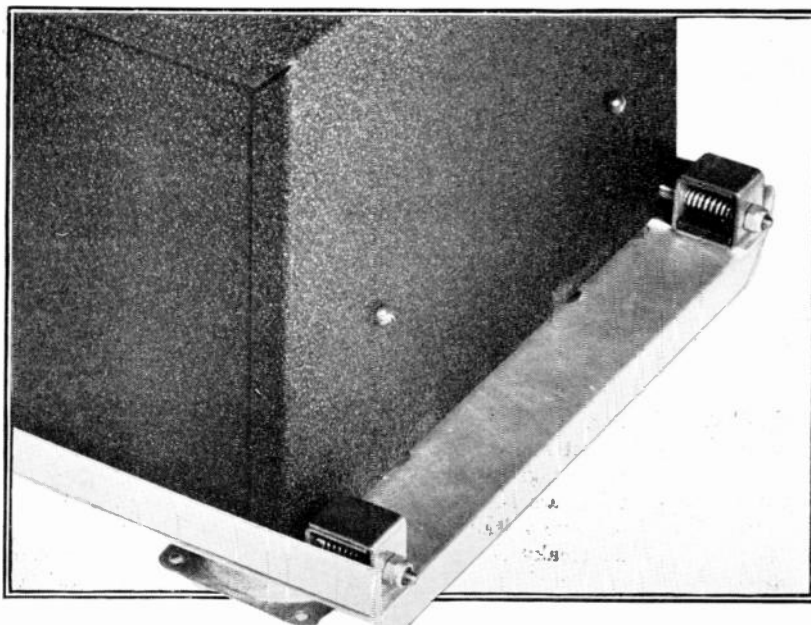
were established for radio equipment chassis, dust covers, and shock-mounted racks. Of these, certain units have been approved by the Joint Radio Board and are, therefore, considered preferred sizes, Figs. 1, 2, and 3 illustrate a typical dust cover and chassis. Tables of dimensions are given in Figs. 3 and 4, with the corresponding A-N numbers.

Those marked with an asterisk are the preferred sizes designated by JRB.

Values of "X", for the length of the chassis and dust covers, are given in Figs. 3 and 4 at the right of the tables of dimensions. Thus ample latitude is provided as to the length.

These standards do not freeze the design details. Actually, they give designers ample freedom to accommodate construction to the particular load it must carry. However, the standards do fix the overall dimensions of the units, the locations

FIG. 2. METHOD OF FASTENING THE CHASSIS TO THE RACK AT THE REAR



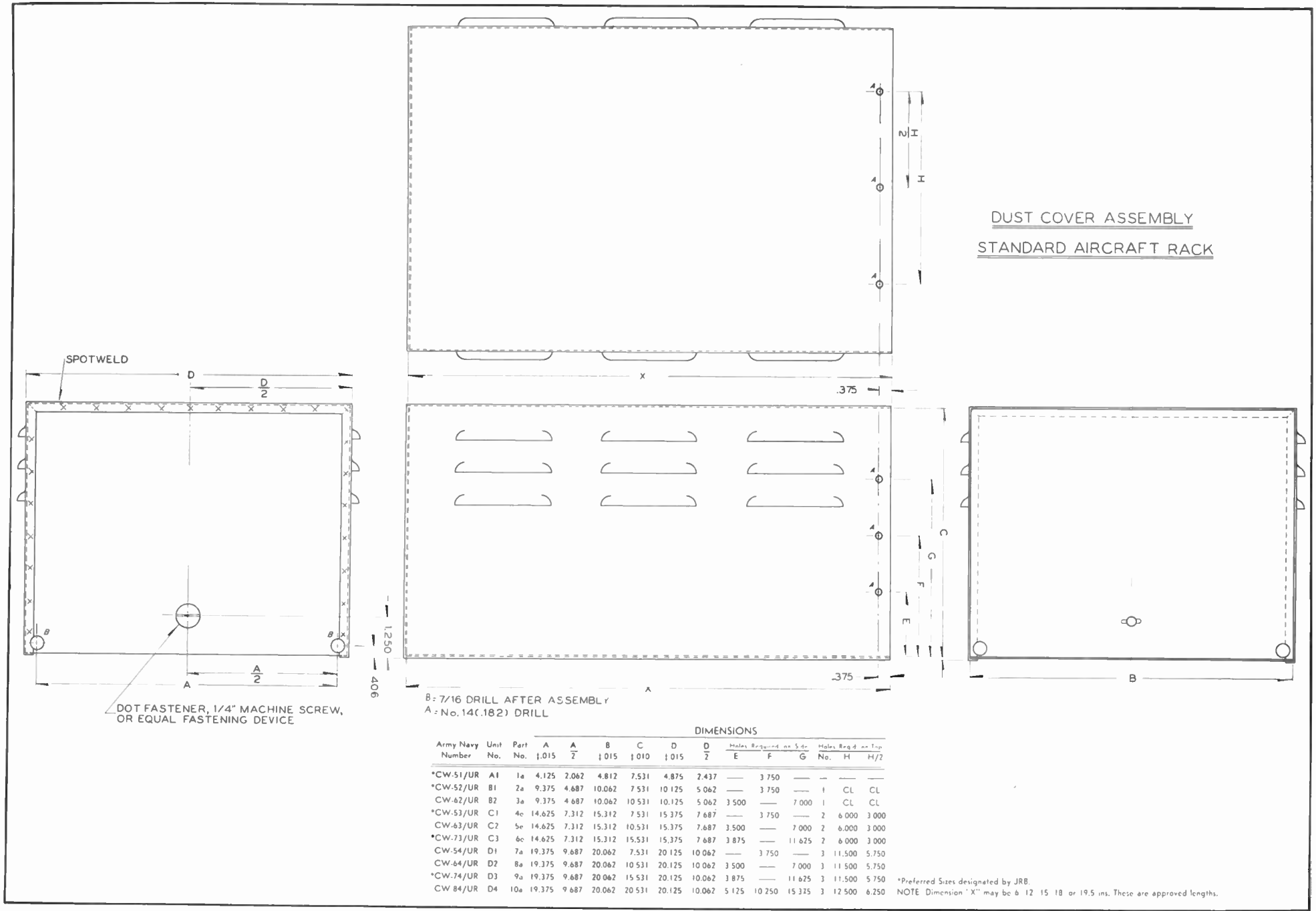


FIG. 3. ONE-FOURTH SIZE DRAWING OF THE STANDARD DUST COVER ASSEMBLY. MATERIAL IS STEEL OR ALUMINUM, USE AND DESIGN OF LOUVRES IS OPTIONAL

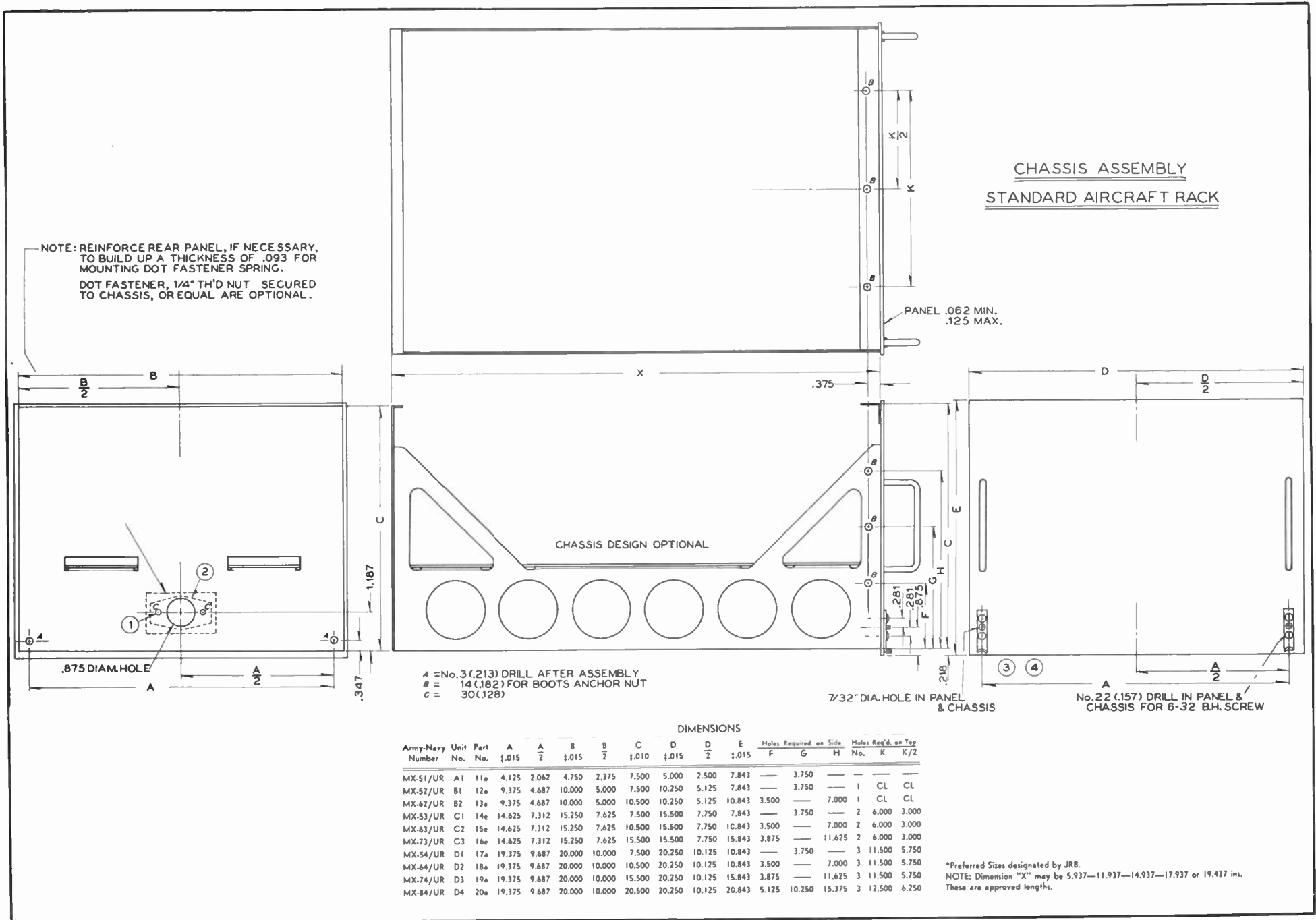


FIG. 3. ONE-FOURTH SCALE DRAWING OF THE STANDARD CHASSIS ASSEMBLY. EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIED DIMENSIONS, THE CHASSIS CAN BE MODIFIED AS REQUIRED

of mounting holes, and the method of securing the chassis to the rack.

As the drawings show, the standard length dimension X of the chassis is 19.437 ins. \pm .031. For the dust cover it is 19.500 ins. \pm .031. However, other lengths can be used, as pointed out in the preceding paragraph, so that weight can be kept to a minimum.

A study of the tables of dimensions will reveal that there are 10 basic sizes of front panels, varying in height and width to a degree sufficient to suit all types of equipment. These sizes are:

Unit No.	Height, ins.	Width, ins.
A1	7.843	5.000

B1	7.843	10.250
B2	10.843	10.250
C1	7.843	15.500
C2	10.843	15.500
C3	15.843	15.500
D1	7.843	20.250
D2	10.843	20.250
D3	15.843	20.250
D4	20.843	20.250

These, with nominal lengths of 19.5, 18, 15, 12, and 6 ins. offer ample choice in size to permit economy of weight. A thickness of .062 is specified for all sheet metal, except that the front panel may be .062 to .125 in. The original drawings call for cold rolled steel for all sheet metal parts, al-

though substitutes may be used with permission of the contracting officer.

Figs. 1 and 2 show the extreme simplicity of the assembly and mounting. The chassis is first slipped into the dust cover. Screws at the front and a screw or a Dot fastener at the rear hold the cover to the chassis.

The chassis, in turn, is held to the rack at the rear by two cone-pointed, spring-mounted pins, and at the front by counter-bored thumb nuts which ride over hooks secured to the front panel. Details of these parts are shown in Figs. 2 and 1 respectively.

NOTE: Dimensions of the rack will appear next month.

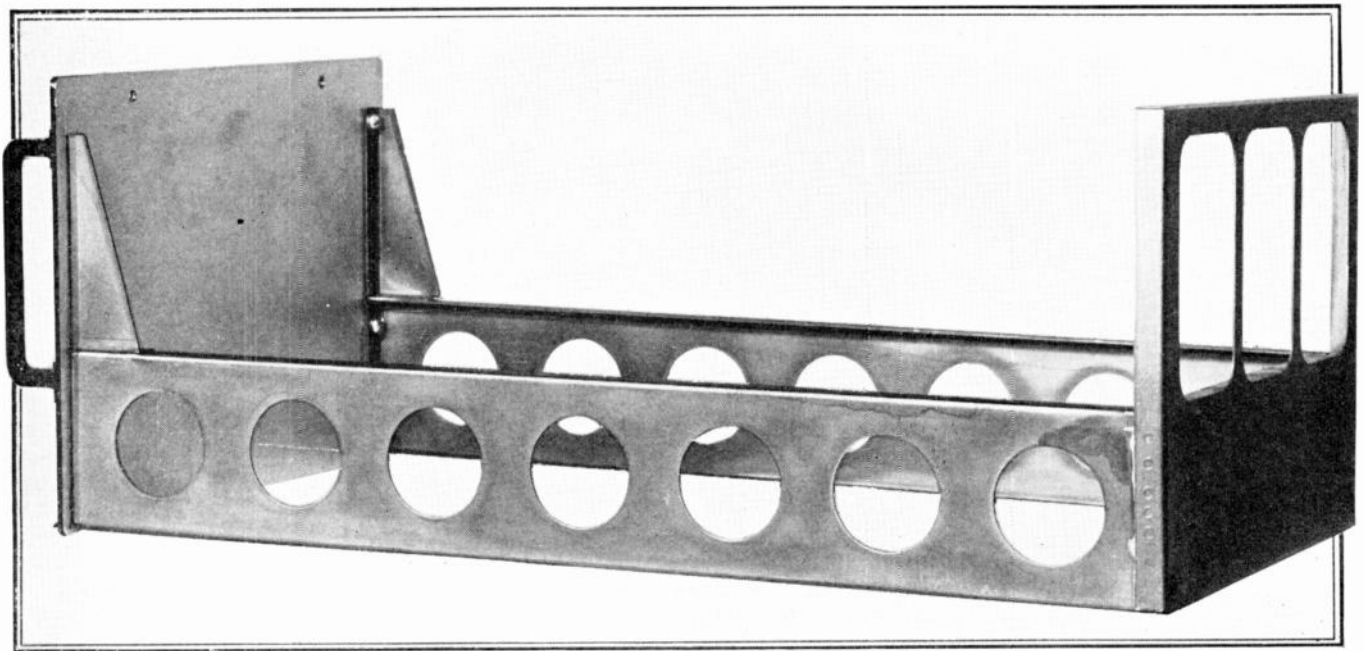


FIG. 5. THIS IS A DELCO CHASSIS, AVAILABLE FROM TOOLS ALREADY IN USE. 17 CONFORMS WITH THE NEW STANDARD DESIGN

W. D. TERRELL RETIRES FROM FCC

ON August 31st, W. D. Terrell, Chief of the Field Division of the FCC retired after 40 years of Government service, at the age of 72.

At a dinner attended by sixty-eight of his co-workers, associates, and friends, Mr. Terrell was presented with a letter from the President of the United States, expressing gratitude and thanks for his work in the field of governmental radio services, concluding with the words, "You can well be proud of the record you have made."

In a letter from the Commission, Chairman James Lawrence Fly said, in part:

"On the occasion of your voluntary retirement from government service August 31, 1943, may I convey to you on behalf of the Commission and its staff, as well as personally, our sincere best wishes and our hope that you will continue to enjoy for many years to come health, happi-

ness, and the satisfaction of important work well done.

"In 1911, when you became the first United States Radio Inspector, you had already had twenty-two years of pioneer communications experience including eight years of government service. Thereafter, as Chief of the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce, you contributed more than any other government official toward the early growth of broadcasting and of high-frequency communication.

"We especially wish to thank you for your last two years on active duty, undertaken at our request and with the approval of the President after you had passed seventy, the statutory age of retirement for Federal employees, thus giving us the benefit of your expert advice and assistance during the most difficult period of adjustment to war conditions when your help was urgently needed.

"You have represented this Government with distinction at many national and international meetings, including the International Radiotelegraph Conference,

London, 1912; National Broadcast Conferences called by the Secretary of Commerce, 1922, 1923, 1924, and 1925; International Telegraph Conference, Paris, 1925; International Radio Conference, Washington, 1927; Safety of Life at Sea Conference, London, and European Broadcasting Conference, Prague, 1929. In all these lines of duty, you have brought credit to yourself and the government."

Mr. Terrell's home is at 4764 24th Road North, Arlington, Va.

CORRECTION

IN W. H. Hammond's article on Solder-seal ceramic bushings, page 35 of the June issue, the statement was made that the heat of the soldering iron must be controlled in the neighborhood of 650° C.

The reference should have been made to Fahrenheit rather than Centigrade. Using 58-42 solder, for example, the temperature should be 585° to 600° F.

SPOT NEWS NOTES

Items and comments, personal and otherwise, about manufacturing, broadcasting, communications, and television activities

New FM Calls: Effective November 1st, all FM broadcast stations will replace their present frequency-indicating call letters with standard 4-letter calls. This decision, announced by the FCC on August 24th, is in response to a formal petition from FMBI, submitted by Walter J. Damm, president of the association, through the offices of Philip G. Loucks, Washington Counsel. About 45 stations will be affected. In the case of an FM station operated by an AM licensee, when both transmitters are in the same city, the call letters of the AM station, followed by "FM," may be requested for the FM station.

Call to Arms: Heard at Schenectady: "Up, electrons, and atom!"

New FMBI Members: Total membership is now 61, including the latest additions: Federated Publications, Inc., Battle Creek, Mich.; The Houston Printing Corp., Houston, Texas; Cherry & Webb Broadcasting Company, Providence, R. I.; and the Outlet Company, Providence, R. I.

Chicago: An additional plant of 100,000 sq. ft. has been taken over by Hallicrafters. It will be used for the final assembly of heavy military equipment.

Dr. A. H. Rosenthal: Appointed director of research and development for Scophony Corporation of America, 527 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This Company is associated with Television Productions, Inc., which is a Paramount subsidiary, and General Precision Equipment Corporation.

Resistance Charts: Direct-reading EIRW and parallel-resistance charts for wall mounting have just been published for the use of engineers, designers, and training schools. The former shows the voltage, current, resistance, or wattage when any two of these factors are known. The latter shows the effective resistance of two resistors in parallel, or the value required for two resistors in parallel to produce a required effective resistance. The charts measure 26 by 36 ins. They are available from Ohmite Manufacturing Company, 4835 Flournoy Street, Chicago 44.

President's First Radio: To Joseph Donnelly, now test engineer at the Hicksville, N. Y. plant of Press Wireless, Inc., belongs the honor of having sold President Roosevelt

his first radio receiver. It was installed at his Hyde Park home even before the time he was elected Governor of New York.

W6XYZ: FCC has granted a license to cover construction permit for an experimental television station to be operated by Television Productions, Inc., Los Angeles.



David Grimes: Killed in action when a plane in which he was flying with Commodore James Logan over Northern Ireland crashed against a mountainside.

Although not in uniform, he was engaged in carrying out an assignment from the U. S. Navy. David Grimes was born in Minneapolis on May 28, 1896. After graduation from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, and was sent to England to carry on radio research work. After the war he entered the Bell Telephone Laboratories, leaving in 1923 to become chief engineer of Sleeper Radio Corporation, where his Inverse Duplex circuit was first used for home radio receivers.

When the RCA License Laboratory was organized in 1930, he joined that group and continued there until 1934, when he went to Philco as engineer in charge of home radio research and engineering. In 1939 he was named chief engineer, and in 1942, vice president in charge of engineering. A tireless worker and a tremendous enthusiast, many of us will remember him as a fine friend and an admirable associate.

New Address: General offices of Solar Manufacturing Corporation and Solar Capacitor Sales Corporation have been moved from Bayonne, N. J. to 285 Madison Avenue, New York City 17. Departments occupying the new quarters are accounts, credits, sales, and export.

Endurance: A Carter Magmotor, of the type used for mobile radio equipment to supply B voltage from a 6-volt car battery, was put on a continuous-duty life test, with 50% overload on both input and output, on August 12, 1942. When last reported, it was still going strong after 5,000 hours of operation, interrupted only once for replacement of brushes.

Walter A. Coogan: Director of Sylvania's international division has been reappointed chairman of the RMA Export Committee. Discussing postwar radio exports, Mr. Coogan said: "In Latin America, the potential market will far exceed the most enthusiastic prospects now current." Present difficulty is not in obtaining orders or shipping space, but in getting licenses from OEW and priority ratings from WPB.

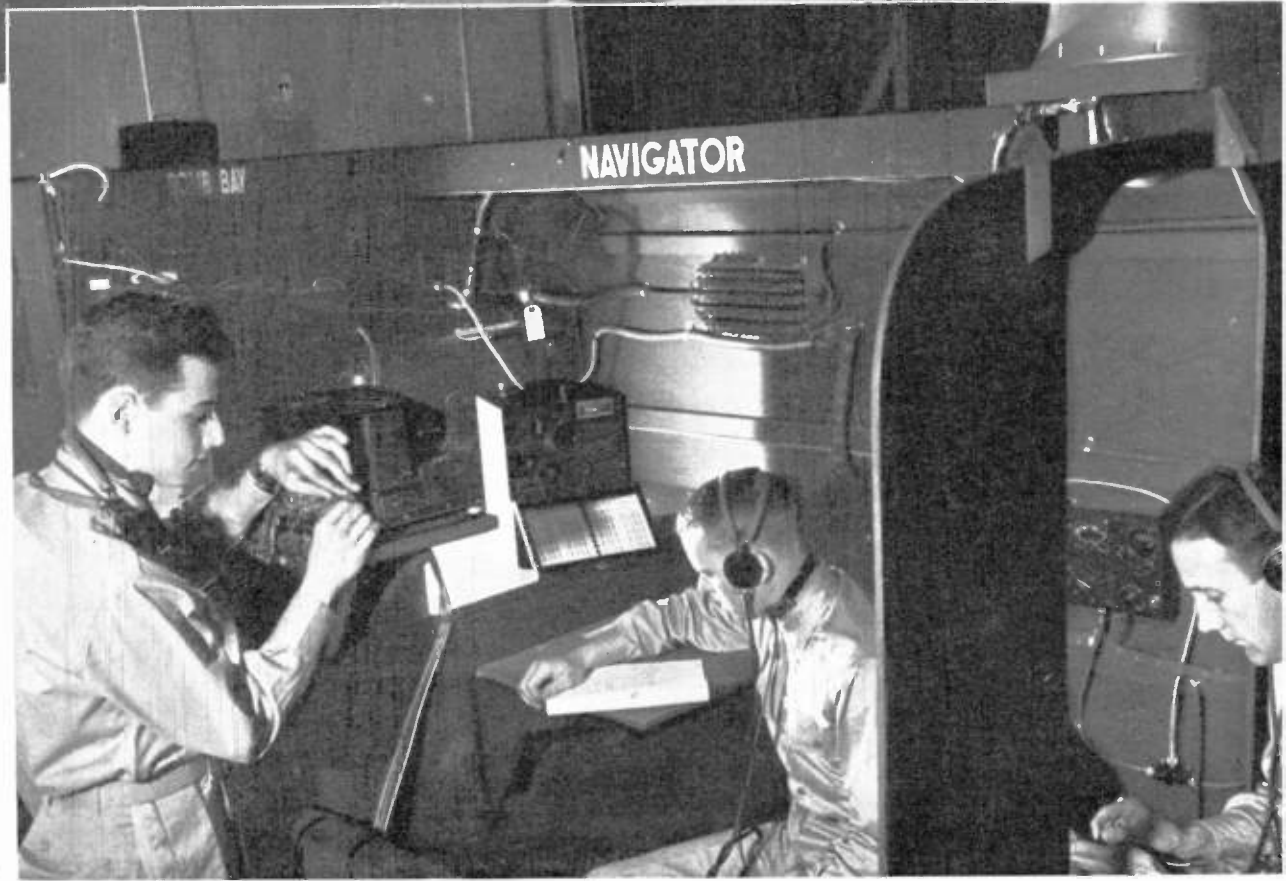
Direct-Reading Frequency Meter: Now available from North American Philips Company, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. Its rated accuracy is 2% over the entire range of 0 to 50,000 cycles. Frequency is indicated by a meter or by a separate recorder. A range switch is used to cover 0-100, 0-500, 0-1,000, 0-5,000, 0-10,000, or 0-50,000 cycles. Input impedance is 100,000 ohms or more. Accuracy is unaffected by input signal variation from .5 to 200 volts, or power supply variation between 105 and 125 volts. Furnished for relay rack or cabinet mounting.

Ray Zender: Chief engineer and sales manager of Lenz Electric Mfg. Company, Chicago, has been appointed Wire Consultant to WPB's Radio and Radar section.

Plug Research: Station W45CM, Columbus, is planning to try out new ideas for commercial announcements, in preparation for postwar expansion of FM broadcasting. Members of the staff have ideas, and Lester Nafzger says they will give time to advertisers free, in order to try them out.

Walter J. Damm: President of FMBI and general manager of W55M and WTMJ, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 46)

FM Radio-Electronics Engineering



NEWS PICTURE

OUR Army and Navy is building up a tremendous future market for amateur communications equipment by training thousands upon thousands of highly

skilled radio operators and service experts. Every conceivable means is being put to use in developing the ability of these men before they are sent on to the battle fronts. These pictures show how actual operating conditions on the big bombers are simulated at Scott Field, Ill., the parent radio school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

The particular "semi-mockup" shown

reproduces the exact arrangement of a Mitchell B-25-D medium bomber, fitted with the complete radio and interphone equipment used in flight.

With this installation, instruction is given in all the problems encountered in the air, and the students acquire the "feel" of handling communications under battle conditions in preparation for their real work which follows.

FM AIDS BATTLE OF TRANSPORTATION

Use of Frequency Modulation in War Emergency Promises to Revolutionize Railway Traffic Control and Communications Technique—Part 2

BY W. S. HALSTEAD *

AS OUTLINED in Part 1 of this paper, the FM railway radiotelephone equipment employed in the Halstead RTC-10-UF system incorporates 1) central-station equipment, including transmitter and re-

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ceiver, coaxial antenna, remote-control and automatic pulsing unit, handset, and accessories, 2) the locomotive equipment, comprising the transmitter and receiver, receiver power supply, remote-control unit and handset, check-light, loud-speaker, and whip antenna and 3)

secondary-station equipment, including transmitter and receiver, coaxial antenna, handset, and accessories.

Central-Station Equipment ★ The central-station radiotelephone transmitter is designed for operation with a primary

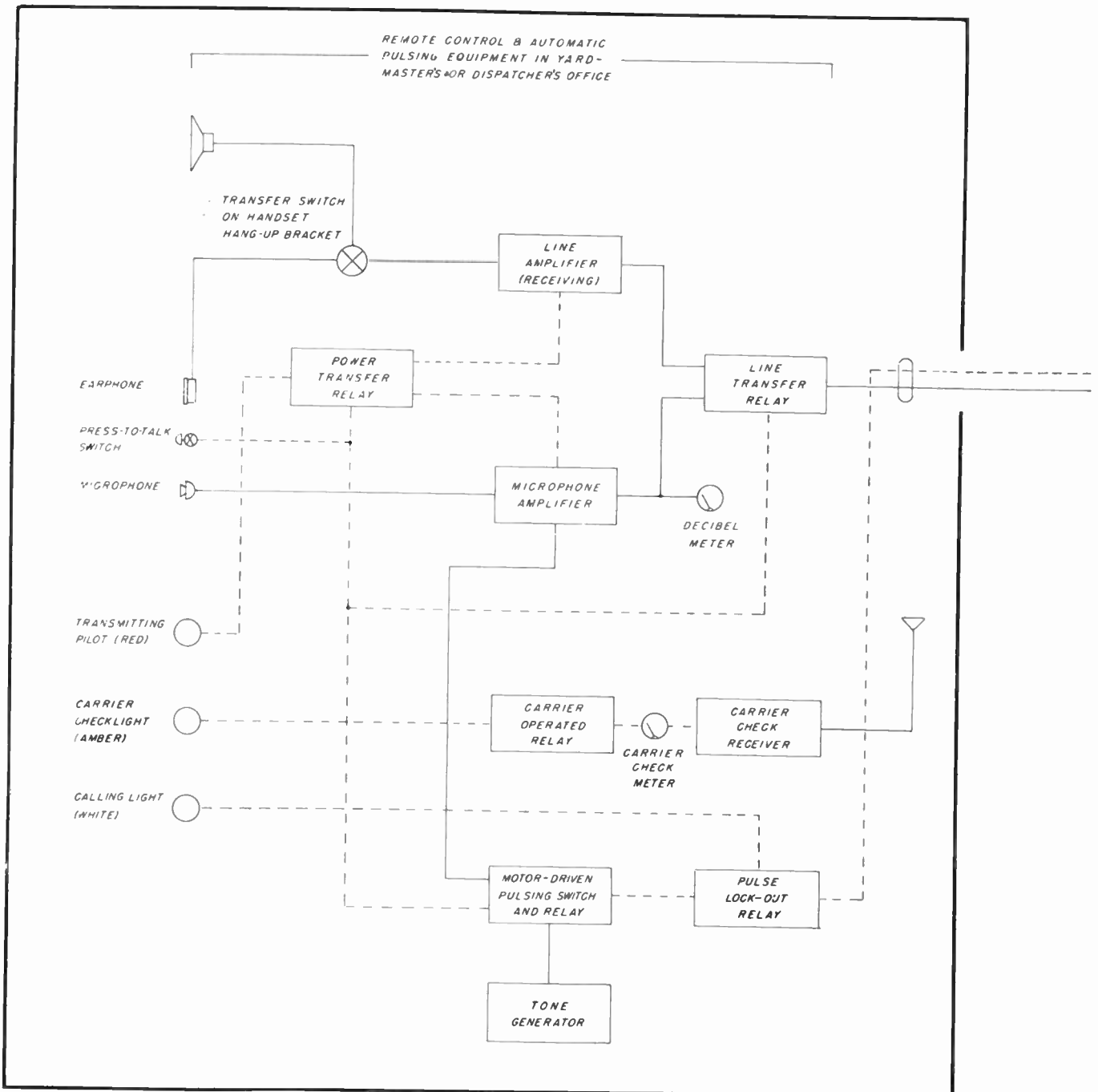


FIG. 13. THIS EQUIPMENT IS INSTALLED AT THE YARDMASTER'S OFFICE. IT IS USED TO CONTROL THE CENTRAL STATION

power source of 115 volts, 60 cycles. The equipment is intended for operation in the 156- to 162-mc. band, with nominal power output of 10 watts. Its operation is coordinated with automatic pulsing circuits which operate check lights and speakers in the locomotive cabs, and indicating lights at the yardmaster's or dispatcher's control point. This is shown in Figs. 13 and 14. By these means, the proper functioning of the system is made evident.

Phase modulation of a radio-frequency signal generated by a crystal oscillator is employed. A frequency swing of plus or minus 50 kc. with respect to the mean carrier frequency is obtained at voice frequencies between 300 and 3,000 cycles when the transmitter is modulated.

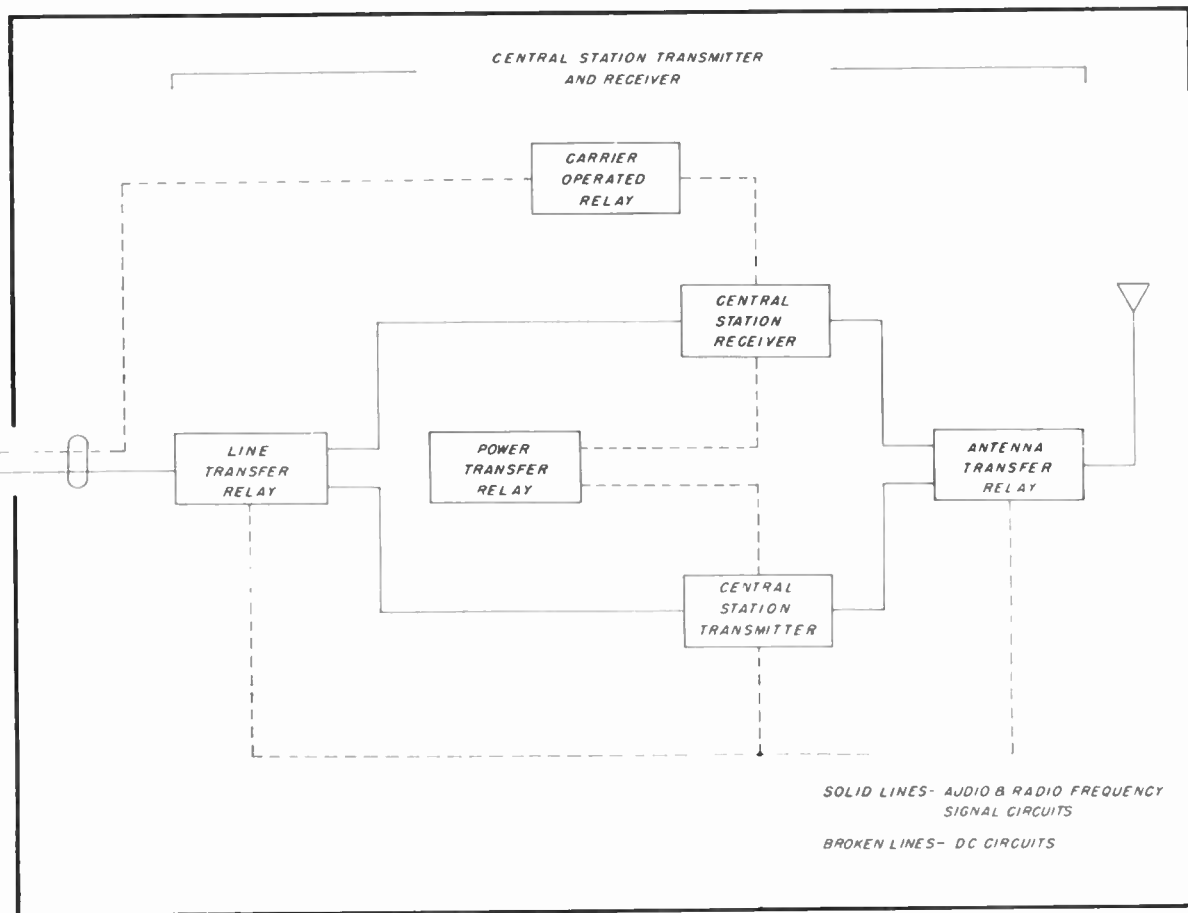
is mounted on the side of the cabinet to facilitate routine tests, or for use in emergencies.

The central-station receiver designed for operation with the transmitter incorporates two crystal control circuits to provide maximum stability of operation at the assigned frequency in the 156-162 megacycle band. It operates on 115 volts, 60 cycles. A squelch circuit in the output section of the receiver, similar to that employed in mobile FM units, limits the effective operation of the audio output circuit to periods during which a carrier signal is being received from one of the transmitters in the communications network.

In order to suspend operation of the automatic pulsing circuit employed in the

and secondary-station equipment may be operated on a common carrier frequency without mutual interference, while the recurrent pulse signal, at five-second intervals, serves as a check on all co-operating receiving equipment without affecting normal two-way operation.

The same carrier-operated relay may also be utilized in wayside repeater installations of the system. In this function, the contacts are in series with the line relay of the transmitter, thereby putting the transmitter in operation when a carrier signal from a cooperating station is being received. It should be pointed out, in this connection, that operation of the carrier-controlled relay by the squelch circuit is limited to periods during which a relatively strong carrier is present. The selec-



THE TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, OPERATED OVER WIRES FROM THE YARDMASTER'S OFFICE, ARE INSTALLED AT THE CENTRAL STATION. THIS POINT IS SELECTED WHERE IT WILL COVER THE ENTIRE AREA OF OPERATIONS DEPENDABLY

Pre-emphasis of the higher speech frequencies is incorporated in the transmitter, while a filter circuit is employed to attenuate the frequencies above this range in order that excessive frequency deviation will not be obtained. The normal signal level required during modulation on the 500-ohm audio input circuit is 0 db at 500 cycles.

The remotely-controlled transmitter, with associated control relays and central-station receiver, is rack-mounted in a steel cabinet approximately 30 ins. high, 21 ins. wide, and 12 ins. deep. This is shown in Figs. 3 and 4, Part 1. A handset

central-station transmitter during reception of signals from a locomotive or the secondary-station transmitter, a carrier-operated relay is connected in the squelch circuit of the receiver in such manner that the relay contacts are closed whenever a carrier is being received. This operation controls a secondary, or pulse lock-out relay at the remote-control point which opens the pulsing circuit and concurrently energizes a "calling" light from the remote-control unit, as shown in Fig. 13.

In this manner, pulse and voice signaling circuits of central-station, mobile,

and secondary-station equipment may be operated on a common carrier frequency without mutual interference, while the recurrent pulse signal, at five-second intervals, serves as a check on all co-operating receiving equipment without affecting normal two-way operation.

The arrangement of remote-control and automatic pulsing equipment employed in the RTC-10-UF system are illustrated in the block diagram of Fig. 13. Signals from the central-station receiver are impressed on the telephone line joining the control at the yardmaster's office and the remote transmitter-receiver installation.

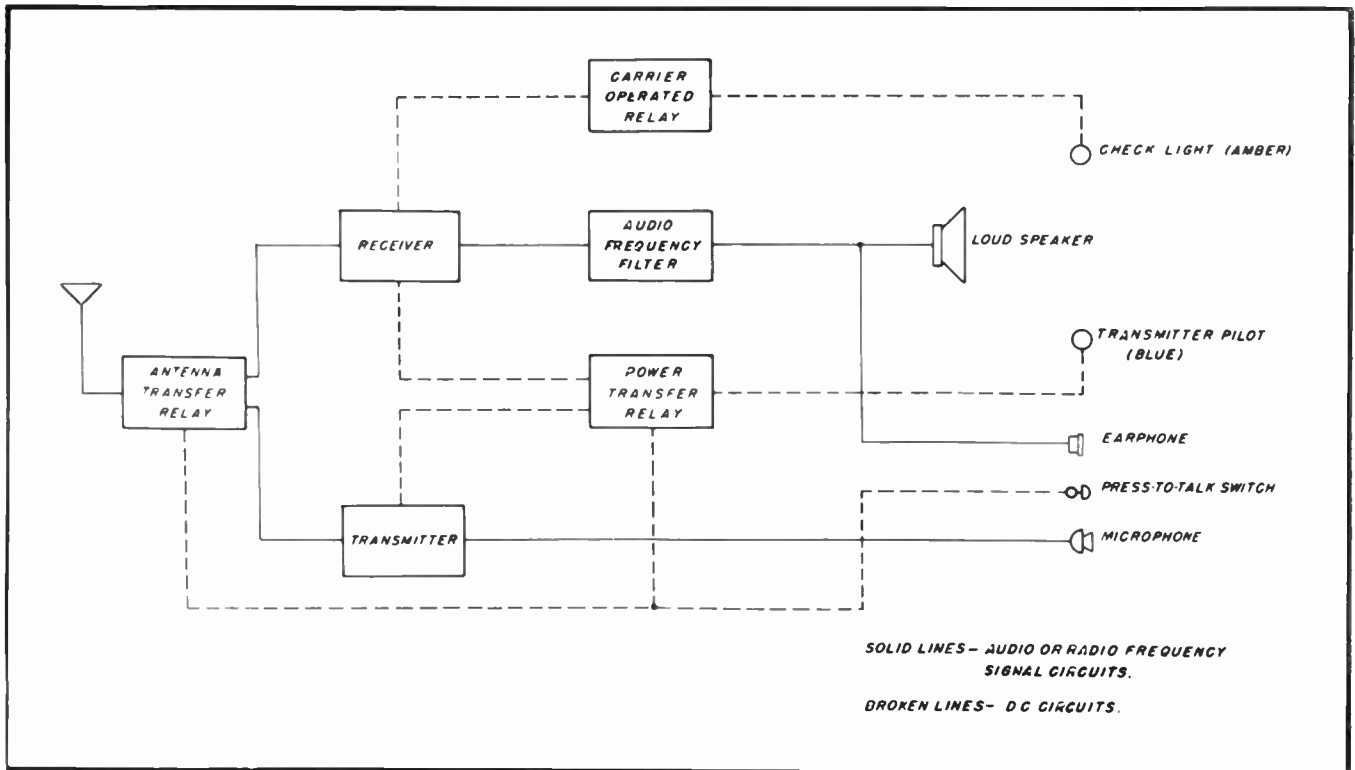


FIG. 14. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE RADIO APPARATUS, SIGNAL LIGHTS, SPEAKER, AND MICROPHONE ON THE LOCOMOTIVE

At the yardmaster's office, these signals are supplied to a line amplifier in the remote-control unit, Fig. 5, and loud-speaker. When the dispatcher picks up the handset, a switch in the hang-up box is operated and transfers the incoming signals from the loud-speaker to the ear-phone of the handset during two-way operating periods.

DC voltage, impressed by phantom connection on the telephone circuit when the carrier-operated relay of the central-station receiver is energized, is applied to the winding of the pulse lock-out relay in the control unit. The contacts of this relay, opened when the carrier-wave energy is being received, open a circuit between a motor-driven pulsing switch and a pulsing relay, thereby suspending the automatic pulse keying as long as a carrier signal is being received by the central-station equipment.

The lock-out relay, when closed, also opens a circuit connection between the microphone amplifier input and the output circuit of an audio-frequency signal generator which provides an audible checking signal during pulse transmission.

In transmitting voice signals from the remote-control point, a press-to-talk switch on the handset, or a foot-switch, is actuated by the yardmaster or dispatcher. This connects the power supply and telephone line circuits to the microphone amplifier, and applies DC voltage to the telephone line to actuate control relays in the central-station transmitter, thereby connecting the transmitter to the antenna and applying plate voltage to all transmitting tubes.

A receiver of limited sensitivity is included in the remote-control unit, Fig. 5, to check on emission of signals by the transmitter. Two visual indicators, actuated by received signal energy, are utilized to check on the emitted radio signal. A meter is employed as a qualitative check, while an amber pilot light provides a general check on over-all operation. The flashing light signal is particularly useful as a monitor during pulse transmission, when the operator may be engaged in other work and cannot observe meter indications conveniently. The intermittent check-light, however, can be seen at a glance from any part of the dispatcher's office.

In terminal communications, where tracks may be spread in many directions over a large area, a vertical coaxial antenna is employed to provide a substantially uniform radiation pattern in all directions, as indicated in Fig. 2. This antenna is connected to the central-station receiver and transmitter by means of a coaxial cable. In yards where trackage is concentrated in a single direction, or in main-line installations, directional antenna systems can be utilized advantageously. In these instances, the directional array is installed in such manner that the major propagation extends through the center of the yard area or along the railroad right-of-way.

Locomotive Equipment ★ Locomotive radio-telephone equipment employed in this system, shown by the block diagram in Fig. 14, incorporates a 10-watt FM transmitter having electrical characteristics

similar to those of the central-station equipment, with the exception that the primary power supply is derived from a 12-volt storage battery, or the 32-volt lighting circuit of the locomotive. In diesel-electric equipment, the voltage supplied by the locomotive battery in many instances is 64 volts or more. In this event, a 12-volt storage battery is employed to operate the radio equipment. On steam locomotives, a turbo-generator commonly supplies 32 volts DC. Radio equipment for 32-volt operation is supplied in this case.

Plate voltage for transmitting tubes employed in locomotive equipment is derived from a dynamotor, operated only during transmitting periods. The dynamotor is mounted on the chassis of the transmitter.

The receiver is similar to that employed in the central-station unit, except for difference in primary power supply. A carrier-operated relay, Fig. 14, is connected in the squelch circuit of the receiver to operate a check-light located in the engineer's field of vision. This light, illustrated in Fig. 9, is energized momentarily at five-second intervals by the impulses sent out from the central-station transmitter. The light is also energized steadily during periods in which the dispatcher is talking from the control point. In event of failure of the central-station transmitter or locomotive receiver, the check-light will fail to operate, thus informing the engineer that he should not rely on his radio equipment for subsequent direction of movement until he has observed regulation precautionary measures.

Locomotive transmitting and receiving units are normally installed in a steel case, mounted on the wall of a diesel-electric locomotive cab. The arrangement of the vertical whip antenna, on the roof of the cab, is shown in Figs. 10 and 11.

On steam locomotives, extraordinary precautions must be taken to provide suitable location and mounting of the radio transmitter, receiver, and antenna. Double shock-mounting, to guard against severe horizontal as well as vertical shock and vibration, must be incorporated. The equipment must also be protected against damage from water, coal dust, and oxidizing gases generated by coal-burning locomotives.

To meet these conditions, the transmitter and receiver are shock mounted on rubber and spring steel in a manner similar to that used for tank radio equipment. This assembly is then installed in a heavy steel case, also equipped with shock mountings to absorb coupling shock and running vibration of large amplitude. The equipment case is then mounted in a weathertight housing, fabricated of heavy steel, which is securely bolted to the body of the locomotive tender, usually on a steel deck extending over the water tank, as in Fig. 12. The antenna, of spring-base type, is mounted on a steel bracket at the side of the equipment housing. In this manner, the antenna is located at an optimum electrical location with maximum spacing between electrical equipment and the elevated metal surfaces of the locomotive, and with minimum spac-

ing between the antenna and radio unit.

The remote-control unit for use in locomotive cabs consists of a steel case on which are mounted the off-on power supply switch, squelch control switch, loud-speaker volume control, and pilot lights. The handset, for use by the locomotive engineer or conductor, is of conventional type, and is equipped with press-to-talk switch.

Cab loud-speakers are of the double re-entrant type, illustrated in Fig. 8, to provide maximum protection against damage from water or mechanical shock. Speakers of this type are also favored for the reason that they are capable of projecting a crisp, highly intelligible voice signal to all parts of the cab with sufficient volume to over-ride the high noise levels common to diesel-electric and steam locomotive operation.

Supplementary remote-control units and loud-speakers are desirable, in some instances, at the front and rear of locomotives, as indicated in Figs. 11 and 12. In terminal areas, conductors or other personnel often ride on platforms at the front or rear of locomotives during certain yard operations. In other cases, the engineer and conductor may be on the ground in the vicinity of the locomotive, particularly during summer months where steam locomotives are employed. With the supplementary speakers, these men can be reached at distances of several hundred feet from the locomotive, or the conductor who may be riding on the front or rear platform can be given instructions in spite

of the extremely high noise levels caused by adjacent locomotives or rolling cars.

By means of the remote-control units, these men are able to talk back to the yardmaster or dispatcher, or to the engineman of locomotives on the same or adjoining tracks without leaving their posts. Inasmuch as safety and efficiency in yard operation requires maximum collaboration between trainmen and other personnel, it has been determined that the communicating system should be extended to these men where they are working, rather than for them to move into the cab when two-way communications are to be established.

Secondary-Station Equipment ★ Secondary-station equipment employed in the RTC-10-UF system consists of a 10-watt FM transmitter and receiver of a type similar to that employed at the central station. This equipment, operating from 115 volts, 60 cycles, is set up at selected wayside points. The antenna is a simple coaxial type. Usually, these secondary stations are located at yard intersections where local traffic control problems exist, or at the entrances and exits of terminal areas. Local control facilities are provided in a weatherproof control box, mounted conveniently near the tracks. Operation of the secondary-station transmitters and receivers is on a common yard frequency as an integrated part of the communications network.

Repeater Installations ★ At frequencies above

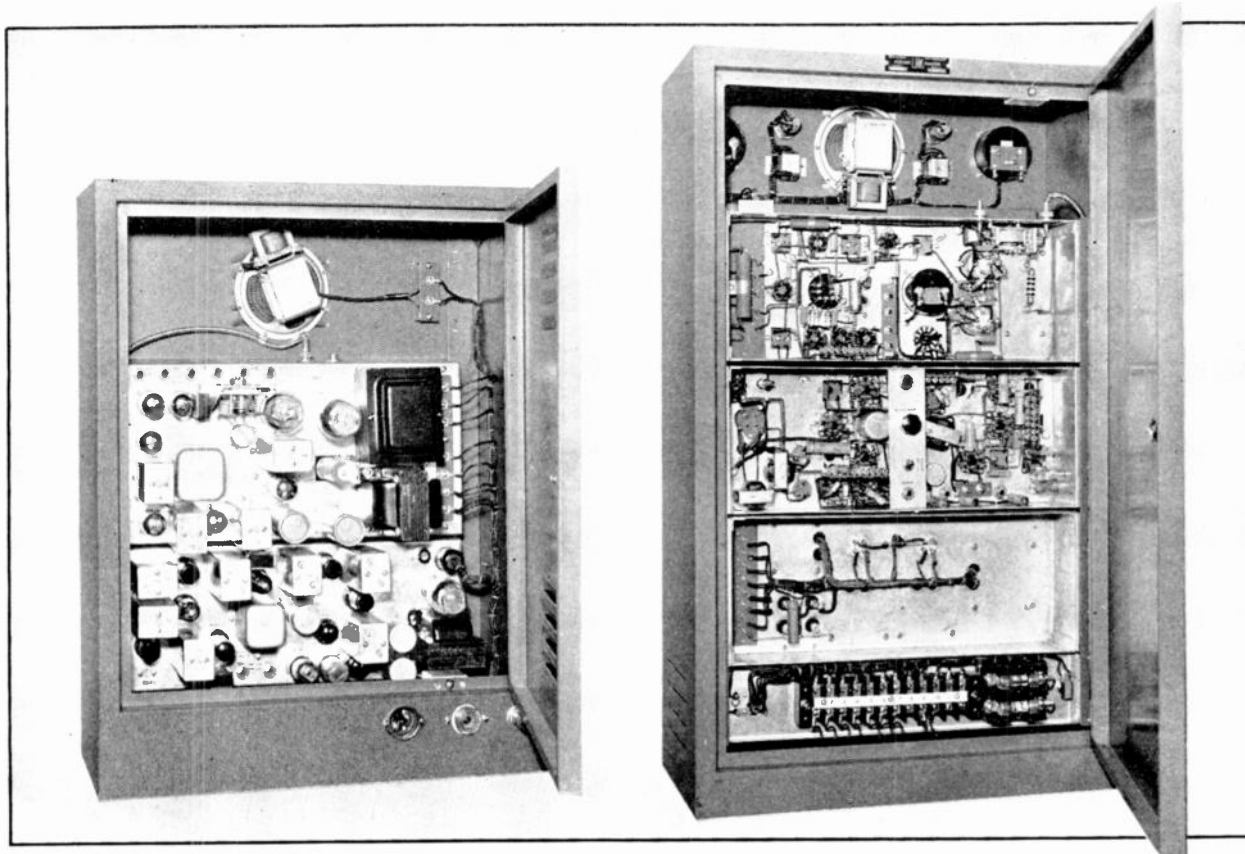


FIG. 15. LINK 25-WATT AND 50-WATT FM TRANSMITTERS FOR USE AT CENTRAL STATIONS AND FOR VARIOUS SECONDARY SERVICES

100 mc., radio wave propagation characteristics are of quasi-optical nature, and the small physical size of directional antenna systems for such frequencies provides a convenient and practical means for concentrating radiation in a desired direction. These two factors, in addition to the discriminatory effect of FM with regard to complete rejection of weak, unwanted signals in favor of stronger operating signals, and the elimination of heterodyne squeals, offer new railway communicating techniques which will permit duplication of railway radio facilities

in quality at the repeat point is negligible.

Radio Traffic Signals ★ These techniques are also suitable for radio traffic control by selectively-actuated visual and audible cab signals. With locomotive equipment as employed in this system, an audio amplifier and signal selector unit can be connected to the output circuit of the receiver. A unit of this type, developed by the Halstead Corporation is illustrated in Fig. 16.

Two audio-frequency amplifiers, filter sections, and relays are utilized in this

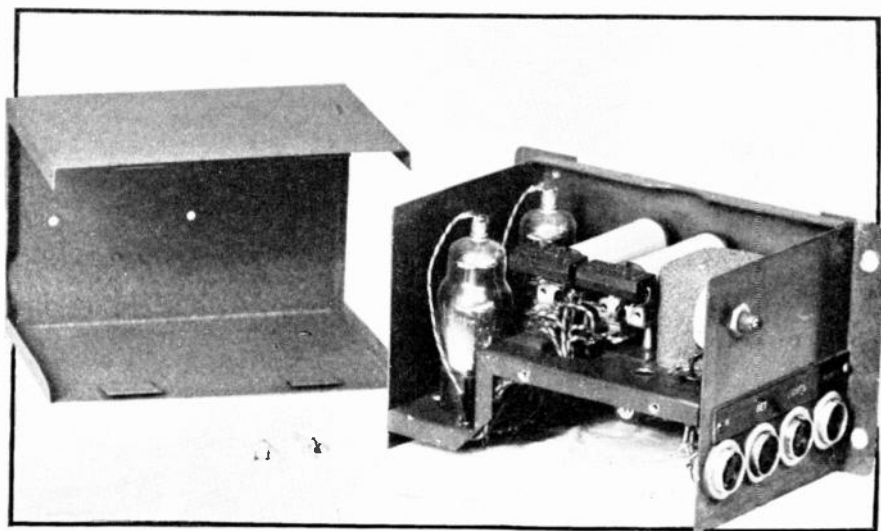


FIG. 16. SIGNAL SELECTOR UNIT WHICH CONTROLS TONE-OPERATED SIGNAL LIGHTS

in different localities with a minimum number of frequencies.

However, the limited, quasi-optical operating range of equipment of this type, and the shielding effect of elevations in terrain, presents a technical problem in instances where trackage may wind for many miles through industrial areas, pass around hills, or extend through tunnels. Fortunately, technical means have been developed for solving this problem in a comparatively simple and practical manner. This consists in the application of automatic repeater stations at points where radio-signals need reinforcement and re-direction.

Directional antennas, having high front-to-back ratios, such as the Kraus or Yagi types, are utilized at the repeater points, with transmitters and receivers of the type employed at secondary stations. The same equipment can be used with cable wave-guides at tunnel entrances and exits to provide uninterrupted radio communication. In each instance, the repeater transmitter is in operation only when a carrier-wave signal from a cooperating transmitter is being received, but the associated receiver is in operation continuously. Actuation of the squeech relay by an incoming signal energizes the transmitter. Then the voice and checking signals are relayed by the transmitter to the next wayside point. This operation is automatic and unattended, and the loss

equipment to control red, green, and amber cab signals, as determined by the transmission of tone signals of pre-determined audio frequency. By using control impulses of different frequencies, cab signals can be actuated concurrently with reception of voice signals without any interference. Inasmuch as the actual control signal can be reproduced by the cab loud-speaker, the engineman has an audible as well as visual indication of a type which cannot cause misoperation. Equipment of this type may prove to be of particular value on smaller railroads in providing supplementary traffic control signals on trackage not served by conventional cab signaling systems, particularly where visual wayside signals may be obscured by fog or other weather conditions.

Whether or not FM railway radio traffic control and communications techniques will be developed and expanded into wide usefulness depends, in large measure, on the vision, foresight, and common-sense of engineers and administrators in the railroad industry. From the radio communications viewpoint, it can be said that the door has been opened, for the technique has been tested and has proved itself of value under the stress of war emergency conditions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another article on this subject by W. S. Halstead is scheduled for an early issue.

POSTWAR PARTS DUMPING

THE Sales Managers Club is already giving thought to the problems which will be created by the dumping of components and materials immediately following "C" day, the day when the first cancellations of military contracts are sent out by the Army and Navy.

According to Charles Golenpaul, chairman of the Eastern Group and sales manager of the jobber division at Aerovox, conditions are such that the dumping of surplus goods will not disturb the manufacturers who will be swinging over into the production of components for civilian equipment and for servicing home radios.

To begin with, although parts are now being turned out in fantastic quantities, the surplus created by cancellations may be much smaller than many expect because our Armed Forces will require a much larger reserve of equipment than was the case after the last war.

Very little completed military equipment is suited for civilian use, and the surplus in this category will very likely be taken up by the purchases of foreign governments.

However, it is inevitable that manufacturers of military equipment will have substantial quantities of components on their hands as a result of war contract cancellations. What is become of them?

In the first place, set manufacturers disposed of their normal reserves of small parts soon after Pearl Harbor. They were purchased by parts jobbers who, by this time, have turned them over for civilian set service and replacements. Such surplus parts as are on hand when "C" day comes will be divided into two classes: 1) those that are suitable for use in home radios, and 2) those of special design suitable only for military equipment.

The former may be no more than the manufacturers need for normal stock reserves.

What remainder exists will not be packaged. Furthermore, many of these parts are unbranded or carry the purchaser's name and not the manufacturer's.

Parts sold in bulk to manufacturers are covered by a blanket guarantee to the initial buyer only. The protection is not extended to a subsequent purchaser into whose hands they may finally pass.

Those who will benefit most when surplus stocks are dumped will be the experimenters, amateurs, and new, small companies which will spring up after the War. Much of that business will come into being as a result of the surplus market, and will have little effect upon the normal market.

Meanwhile, thousands of dealers and servicemen, released from the Armed Forces, will be clamoring for standard parts with which to stock their shelves.

Adding up these various factors, it appears that surplus parts will be absorbed and that new orders will cushion the shock of "C" day conversion.

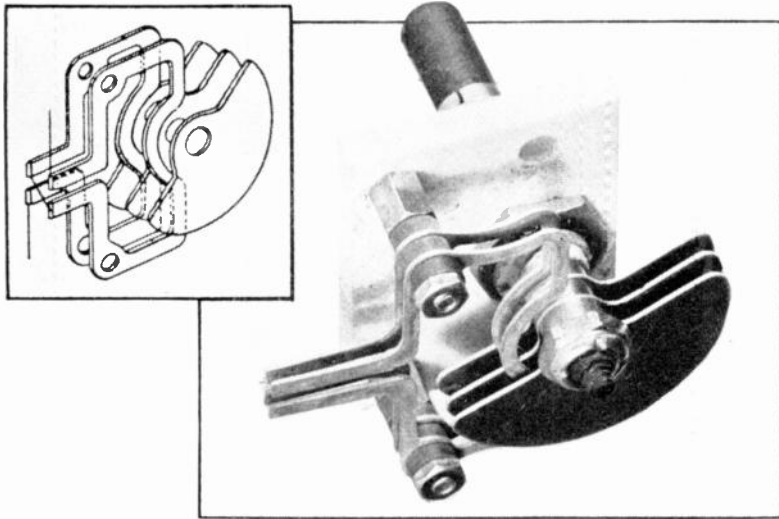


FIG. 1. THE VARIABLE INDUCTANCE USED IN THE G.E. FM MONITOR CONVERTER

DESIGNERS' ITEMS

Notes on Products and Methods of Importance to Design Engineers

UHF Variable Inductance: Because of the interest shown in the variable inductances used by General Electric in their 260- to 350-mc. monitor converter, described in our June issue, we asked for a photograph of this device.

It appears above, in Fig. 1. This variable inductance was actually made from a variable condenser. The rotor plates were not altered, but the stator plates were removed and replaced with what, in effect, are two single loops, cross-connected as shown in the diagram.

It is interesting to examine the reason for the use of these unusual components, as they are useful in other, related applications. The problem was to mix incoming RF signals in the 260- to 350-mc. band with a crystal oscillator differing in frequency by 5.4 mc., and to couple them to a detector. Added to the low input resistance of a 955 detector tube was the difficulty of tuning the combined capacitances of the tubes involved in the mixing

process, i.e., the output capacitances of the multiplier and RF tubes and input capacitance of the detector tube.

The sum of these capacitances, with some additional allowance for the wiring was approximately 9 mmf. This shows a reactance of only 50 ohms at 350 mc. The shunt inductance required to tune this capacitance is .023 microhenry. Since a single turn of No. 18 wire, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter has this much inductance, the difficulty of obtaining resonance is obvious.

No such single-turn coil could tune all three tube elements since the tubes are separated sufficiently that inductive loop impedances would be created of the same order of magnitude as that of the single-turn coil itself.

However, in spite of these limitations, it appeared that it would be much easier to accomplish the mixing by simply connecting the tube elements together than by employing a tuned mixing transformer or a tuned line.

Analysis and experiment indicated that this could be accomplished only by tuning each tube capacitance separately with a variable shunt inductance capable of covering the required tuning range.

The type of variable inductance illustrated was worked out for this purpose, connected from each tube element involved, and thence through a tiny blocking condenser to the metal chassis.

This method proved highly successful, due to the extremely low minimum inductance and the simplicity of design. Each of the cut-away stator plates forms a one-turn coil. The inductance can be progressively reduced by turning the rotor plates to increase the coupling, thereby introducing, in effect, a short-circuited secondary turn on each side of the stator

inductance turn. Several stator turns can be connected in parallel to reduce the inductance, or in series to increase it.

A considerable number of applications for this very novel device will undoubtedly occur to those who are engaged in the design of circuits operated at similar frequency ranges.

Lignum-Vitae: The hardest, heaviest, and closest-grained wood known, lignum-vitae is coming into use for a variety of purposes in mechanical construction and for model work.

It is admirable for self-lubricating bearings, and can be used on experimental models for parts which will be subsequently die-cast or molded. It can be machined accurately.

The specific gravity of lignum-vitae is 1.3, its modulus of rupture is 11,200 lbs., and its maximum crushing strength 10,480.

Samples of this material and further details of its characteristics can be obtained from Lignum-Vitae Products Corporation, 96 Boyd Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Ultra High-Speed Movies: Trained photographers, operating cameras taking up to 3,000 frames per second, are now available for making motion studies of impact and vibration, failures at high speeds, relay operation, and spring oscillations. This service is available from McLarty Business Films, Buffalo, N. Y. Many subjects can be photographed in Kodachrome. Film exposed in $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds takes $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to run off at normal speed.

Slide-Wire Resistor: A new standard type of slide-wire rheostat-potentiometer, suitable for numerous equipment and instrument applications, is shown in Fig. 2. It is a product of Ohmite Manufacturing Company, Chicago.

The single wire is stretched tightly around a core which is bonded to a ceramic base. This wire is anchored to the two outer terminals, while the phosphor bronze contact arm is connected to the center terminal. Since the contact arm travels over the full length of the wire, the variation of resistance is stepless.

These units are made to order, and are

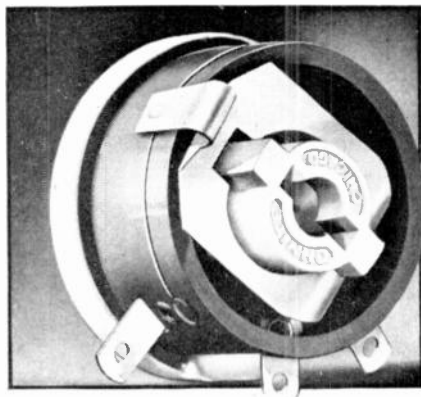


FIG. 2. SLIDE-WIRE RHEOSTAT OR POTENTIOMETER OF .1 TO 1 OHMS

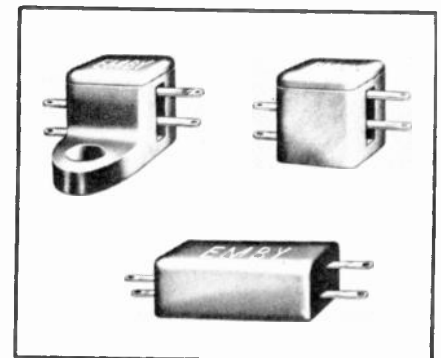


FIG. 3. THESE MINIATURE SELENIUM CELLS ARE SHOWN HERE IN ACTUAL SIZE

supplied with any required resistance value between .1 and 1. ohm. They are equipped with shafts to be rotated by knobs, or slotted for screwdriver adjustment.

Waterproof Coating: A method of forming a water-repellent coating on cloth, paper, ceramics, and other materials has been perfected by Dr. Winton I. Patnode, working at the G.E. research laboratories at Schenectady, N. Y.

Called Dri-Film, one of its most important applications is for treating ceramic insulators. For this purpose, it is nine times more effective than wax now used as a water repellent, and its results are permanent.

Dri-Film is a clear liquid composed of chemicals which vaporize at a temperature below 100° C. Articles to be treated are placed in a closed cabinet and exposed to the vapors for a few minutes. Then, if necessary, they are exposed to ammonia vapor to neutralize corrosive acids which may collect during the treatment.

Dr. Patnode is not able to explain exactly what happens in this process, but the result is the formation of an extremely thin film on the material. This coating is so thin that its structure cannot be determined by chemical analysis. In fact, it cannot be seen under a high-power microscope. However, it does prevent water from spreading to form a continuous coating. If moisture does collect, it is in the form of small, isolated drops.

This discovery is of great significance to radio design engineers, particularly in connection with ceramic forms, insulators, and bushings used for low-loss, high-frequency circuits. Such components lose their normal resistance characteristics when they are subjected to service conditions under which moisture condenses on the surfaces. Once a film of moisture has formed, excessive leakage may render the equipment in which they are used entirely inoperative.

For that reason, A-N specifications generally call for the wax impregnation of ceramic parts, particularly on air-borne equipment.

Comparative tests between similar parts treated with wax and with Dri-Film are reported by the G.E. laboratories. The tests were made under controlled conditions of temperature and humidity simulating those which are encountered by our Armed Forces in the tropics. Surface resistivity was measured on ceramic parts which had been subjected to 100% relative humidity at 25° C., with the parts pre-cooled below the dew point.

A value of 100 was arbitrarily assigned to the surface resistivity of unglazed ceramic parts that had been treated with wax. Similar parts, treated with Dri-Film, were found to have a surface resistivity of 870 on the same basis of evaluation.

Further investigation, according to Dr.

Patnode, showed that the Dri-Film treatment is not affected by heat up to 300° C. for short intervals. It is not susceptible to abrasion as a result of handling during assembly operations or field maintenance. Fingerprints or dirt smudges can be removed from ceramics treated with Dri-Film by the application of a cloth or brush moistened with solvent.

Another interesting application of this process is to glass measuring cylinders and hydrometers. Usually the surface of water in such glassware is curved, low in the center and high on the sides, because the liquid wets the walls and tries to climb up them. The curved surface, or meniscus, is prevented if the inside of the glass is waterproofed with Dri-Film. Then the surface of the water is flat and its height can be read more accurately.

Instrument Rectifiers: Miniature instrument type selenium rectifiers are finding many new applications for operating DC meters, indicators, relays, and the magnets of electro-mechanical devices from AC current sources. Fig. 3 illustrates a series of such rectifiers, manufactured by the Selenium Corporation of America, Los Angeles.

These units are shown approximately full size. There are four types available, containing one rectifier cell, two in parallel, two in series, or four in a full-wave bridge circuit.

Various models are designed for 5 or 10 volts input, rated as follows:

Continuous service, 8 up to 35 mils

Intermittent service, 15 up to 70 mils

Instantaneous overload, 30 up to 120 mils

Satisfactory operation is obtained at frequencies up to 100 kc. These rectifiers are rated as having unlimited life, and permanent characteristics. Rectification is instantaneous, requiring no time for warming up. Operation is unaffected by temperatures as high as 70° C. Mounting lugs are provided on some types although, since the weight is less than 1/4 oz., they can be supported by short connecting leads.

Silver Plating for UHF: Those who have not had a reason for digging into the subject of electro-plating generally considered it to be a simple matter. In this connection, the experience of one engineering group is interesting.

A piece of equipment designed to operate at 156 mc. failed to function satisfactorily, showing unreasonably high losses in a very simple circuit. Insulating bushings, condenser end-plates, mica condensers, and Bakelite sockets were checked with the greatest thoroughness, but the fault could not be located.

Adding to the puzzle was the fact that every unit out of more than twenty-five which had been assembled showed the same low output. Since every other part had been brought under scrutiny, someone suggested that the silver plating on the brass plates of the variable condensers

must be at fault. Just how silver plating could be defective in any way that would introduce RF losses was not clear. The only apparent defect in the plating was that it did not cover the solder where the fixed plates were soldered to the spacers, but the connections at these points were no less perfect. Also, the plating was not of uniform color, being somewhat brownish in parts.

Inquiry disclosed the fact that the best practice followed by manufacturers of variable condensers using soldered brass plates is to give the rotor and stator assemblies a copper flash first, followed by nickel flash, and then to apply the silver plating to a thickness of .0003 in.

The brass plates used in the UHF equipment that was giving so much trouble, however, had been silver plated without any initial preparation.

When new condensers were made up with plates that had been given the copper-nickel-silver finish, and substituted for those having the silver deposited directly on the brass, the excessive RF losses disappeared, and all the units showed the required output consistently.

No explanation of these results has been made, but these are the facts of the case. Incidentally, the discoloration originally experienced with the silver plating was overcome, and the new method produced a uniform, flat color of very attractive appearance, covering the soldered joints as well as the brass parts.

NUMERICAL CHECK LIST

THE series of numbers, from 1 to 1000, on the page opposite is of the greatest usefulness in making records and checks of serial numbers, drawing numbers, parts lists, and other items which have numerical identifications.

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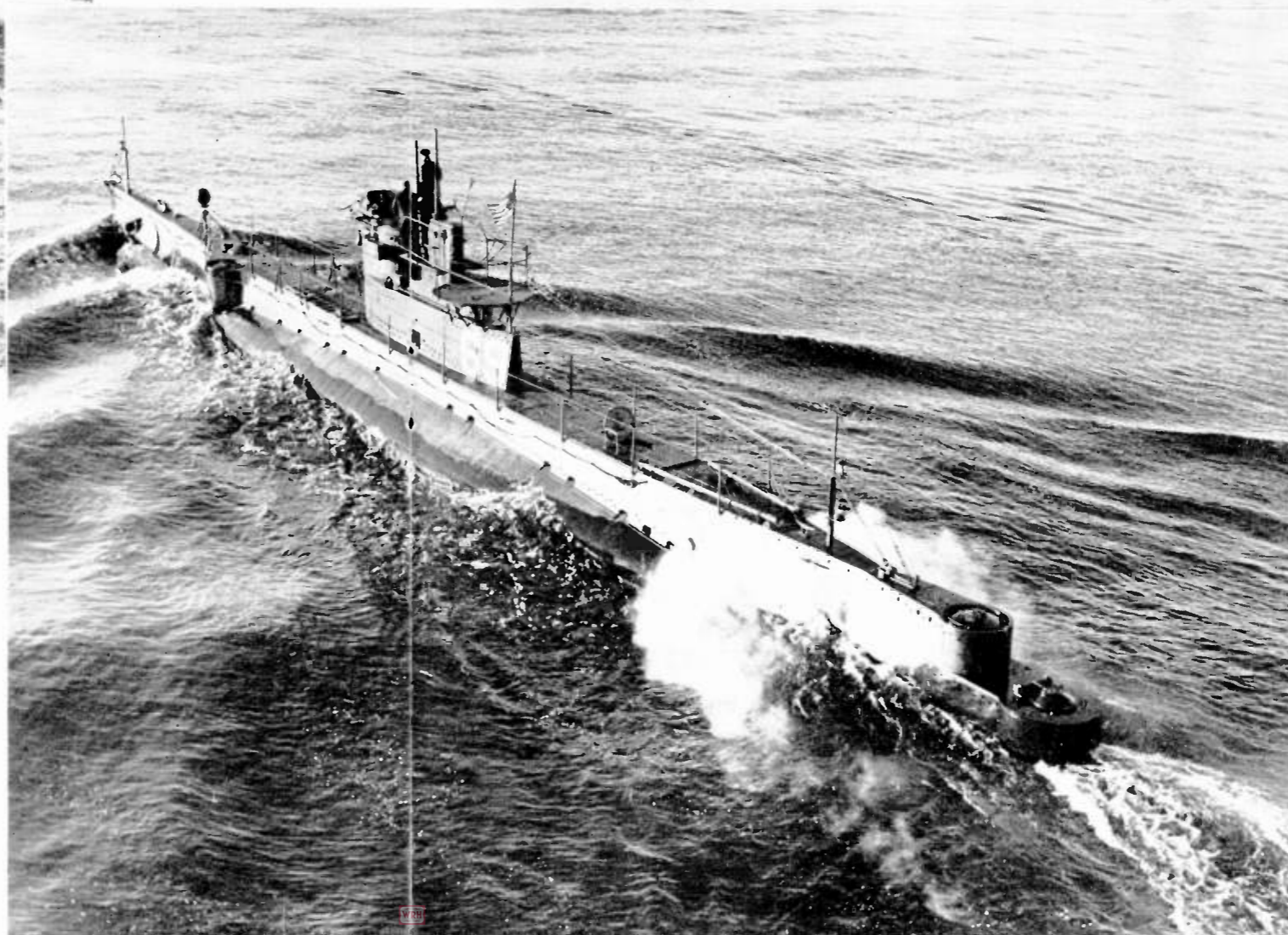
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The mechanical dimensions of the list are such as to be accommodated on a standard 8 1/2- by 11-in. sheet.

Navy Specs Have to Be Tough!

Dependability The ever-present danger of attack from submarines and planes at sea requires split-second action from every man and every piece of gear at any moment, night or day! To attain this speed, crews are drilled until commands bring automatic response. This is particularly true on the destroyers, for they are called upon to execute manoeuvres at the speed of racing craft. At such times, a radio failure might mean not only the loss of the ship and its crew, but the exposure of other vessels to destruction by the enemy.



Vibration It is difficult for those who have never been to sea to realize the devastating effects which slight but continuous vibration have upon any equipment that is not specifically designed to withstand it.

We are inclined to think that the greater amplitude of vibration to which mobile equipment is subjected is more severe than service at sea, but experience shows that that is not the case. The reason may be that the former is intermittent, while the latter goes on day after day.

The real test of marine radio equipment comes during the storms at sea, particularly on the smaller craft when to the pounding from the waves is added the shivering that rattles everything aboard each time the propellers come out of the water.

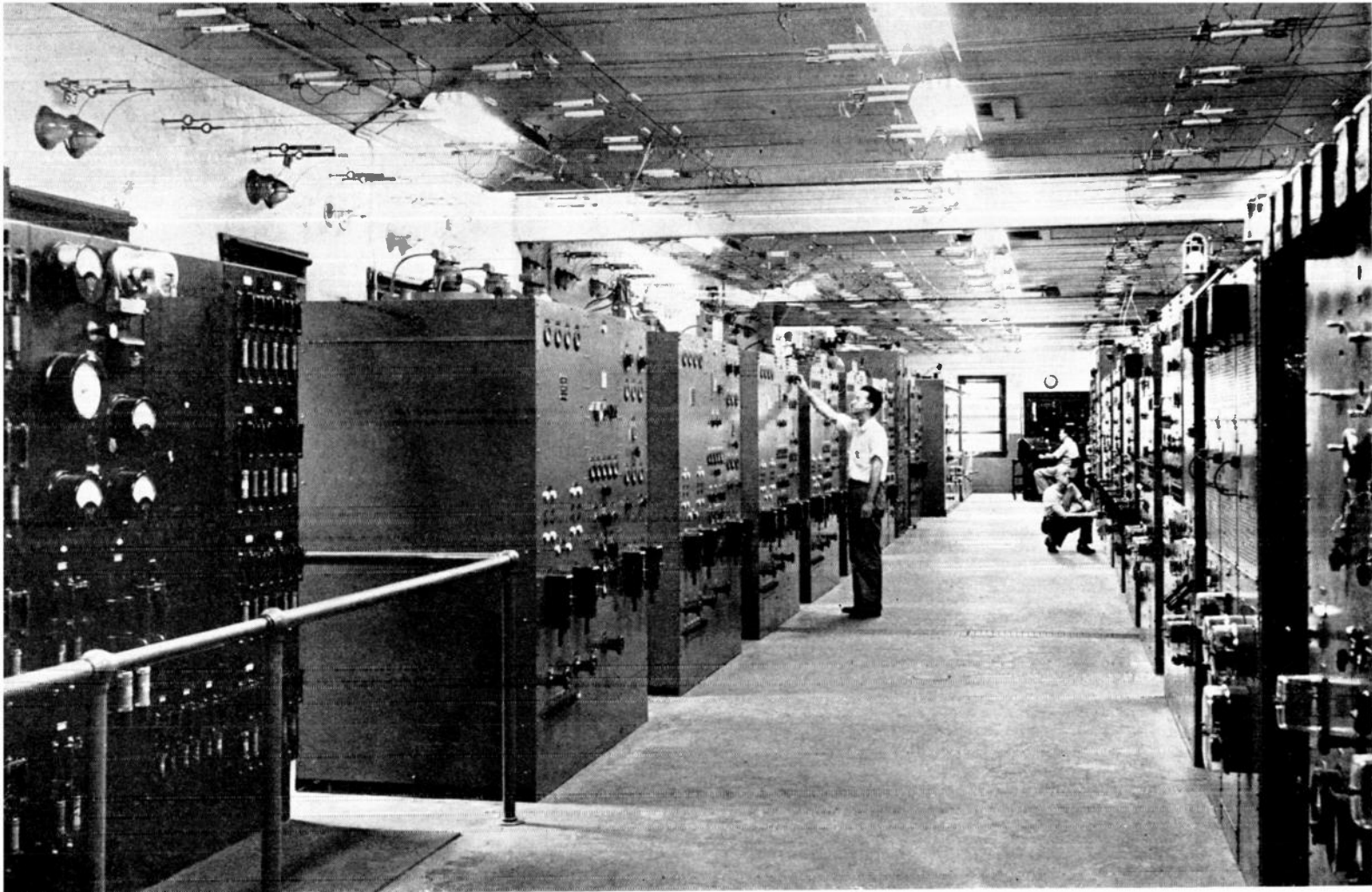
If the vibration tests to which Navy Inspectors subject apparatus for marine use seem unreasonably rigorous, the truth of the matter is that it is a mere token of the punishment it will have to withstand under conditions of actual use. Many of the special methods of construction specified for Navy equipment are dictated by years of experience in overcoming the tendency of radio apparatus to literally fall apart from vibration.

Serviceability If repairs are not effected quickly, disaster may result from minor damage.

For this reason, radio equipment must be so designed that it can be serviced quickly. That is why Navy radio engineers are insistent upon construction which puts every part within easy access for replacement. Trick designs that introduce service delays and difficulties have no place in Navy radio equipment.

An extreme example is apparatus for submarines. Lack of space, limited facilities, and long periods at sea call for equipment requiring the minimum of service, and the maximum of facility if the need for servicing should arise.

Note: Three more official Navy photographs, illustrating other special requirements, will be published in an early issue.



HIGH-POWER TRANSMITTERS INSTALLED AT HICKSVILLE, LONG ISLAND, CARRY INTERNATIONAL PRESS RADIO TRAFFIC

WORLD-WIDE NEWS TRANSMISSION

An Account of the Establishment and International Expansion of Press Wireless, Inc.

BY PAUL DARROW PADDOCK*

IN ORDER to understand Press Wireless it is necessary to understand the relation of the press to the wireless field. The restless headhunting editors of more than thirty years ago first dabbled in the art of radio communications. It was largely a plaything. The press depended on the cables through the World War I, but by the end of that war the great importing editors were feeling most grim about it. Twenty to forty hours' delay between Paris and New York. Moreover, the cables were presenting bills for thousands of dollars in tolls for stories which were not delivered, the cables said, because they were held up by the censor, but since the messages were filed, tolls were demanded anyway.

There was so much of a stir about these abuses that it reached the Department of State in Washington. A Committee was formed in 1920 of the newspapers and

press associations which import news. This later was sponsored by the American Newspaper Publishers Association. It was known as the American Publishers Committee on Cable and Radio Communications. The object of this Committee was to improve existing facilities. No thought was given at the start to the establishment of new means of communication, least of all to their operation by the press.

Improvements Sought ★ The Committee sent a representative to Europe to see if improvements could be made in overseas communications by reforms at that end. Several improvements were suggested, but the cable companies would use them only for a short time, slipping back into their old methods. Meanwhile individual newspapers were dabbling in radio communications with stations owned by the French government wireless administration. The Committee representatives in Europe found England with an excess of

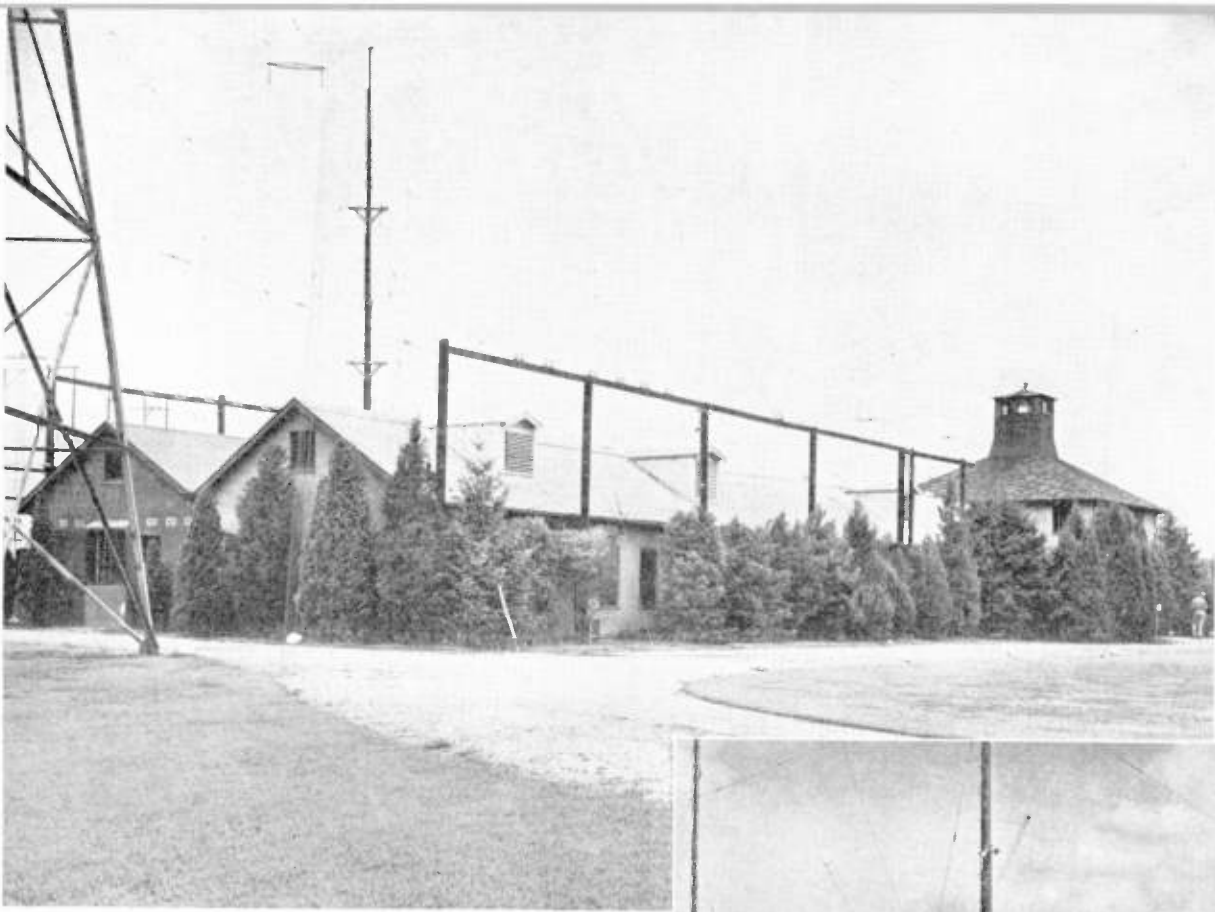
radio stations set up for military reasons during the war, but then standing idle. These were under the administration of the British Postoffice and under the direct supervision of F. J. Brown, chief of post-office electrical communications. Mr. Brown proved agreeable to the proposal of using the postoffice transmitting stations for the purpose of sending news to the American press. A rate was agreed on. The receiving station was to be set up at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The First Station ★ When this project was discussed in America not all members of the Committee were in favor of it. However, three newspapers agreed to finance it, *The Philadelphia Public Ledger*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The New York Times*.

Mr. Frederick E. Meinholz of *The New York Times* supplied the equipment for the establishment of the Halifax station, and also sent along Mr. Reginald

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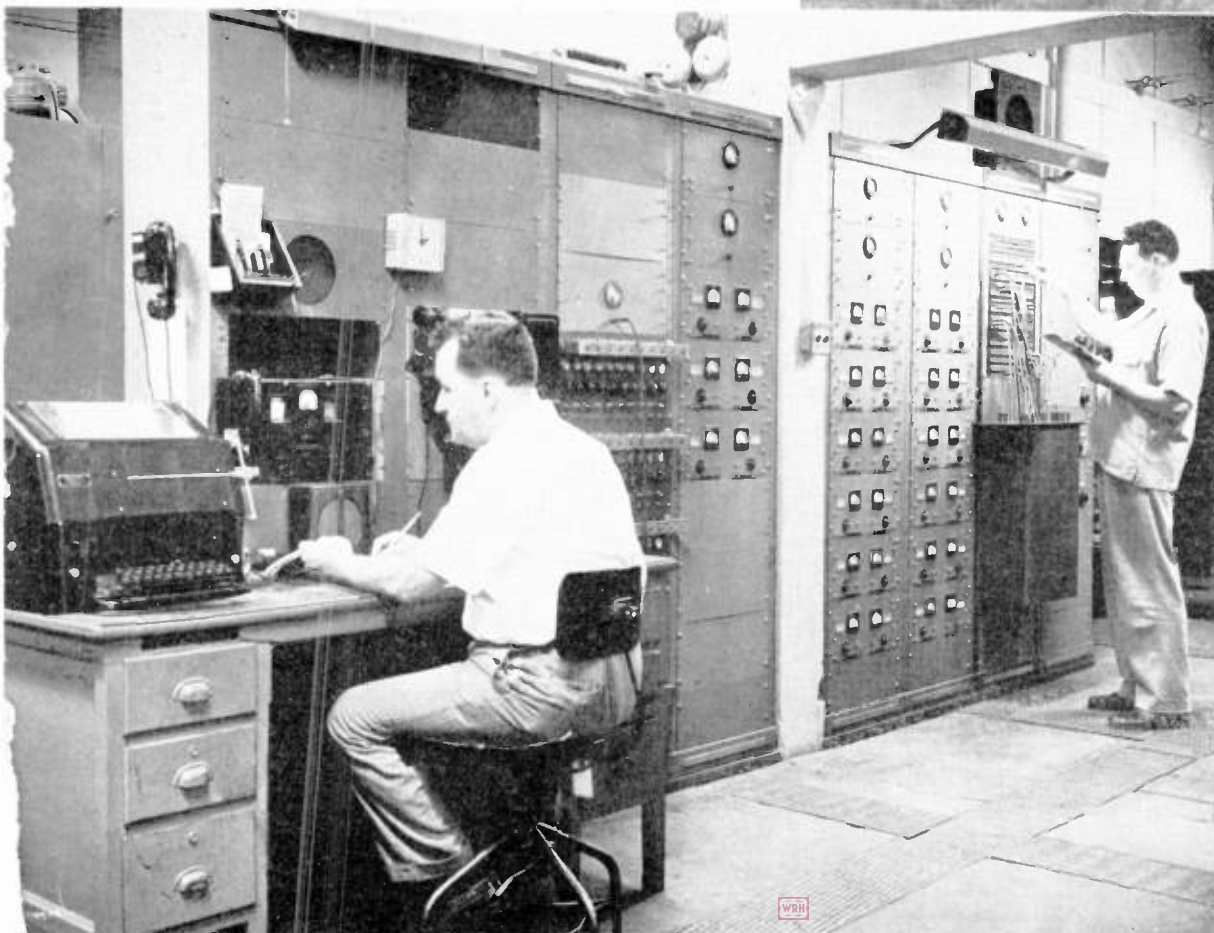
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ABOVE: THE HICKSVILLE STATION IS SURROUNDED BY A FOREST OF TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING ANTENNAS. PRESS WIRELESS, INC. HANDLES THE BULK OF WORLD-WIDE RADIO PRESS TRAFFIC



RIGHT: IN THE REAR OF THIS BUILDING AT LITTLE NECK, LONG ISLAND, PRESS WIRELESS, INC. WAS ESTABLISHED SOME 14 YEARS AGO. THIS STATION IS NOW USED CHIEFLY FOR RESEARCH



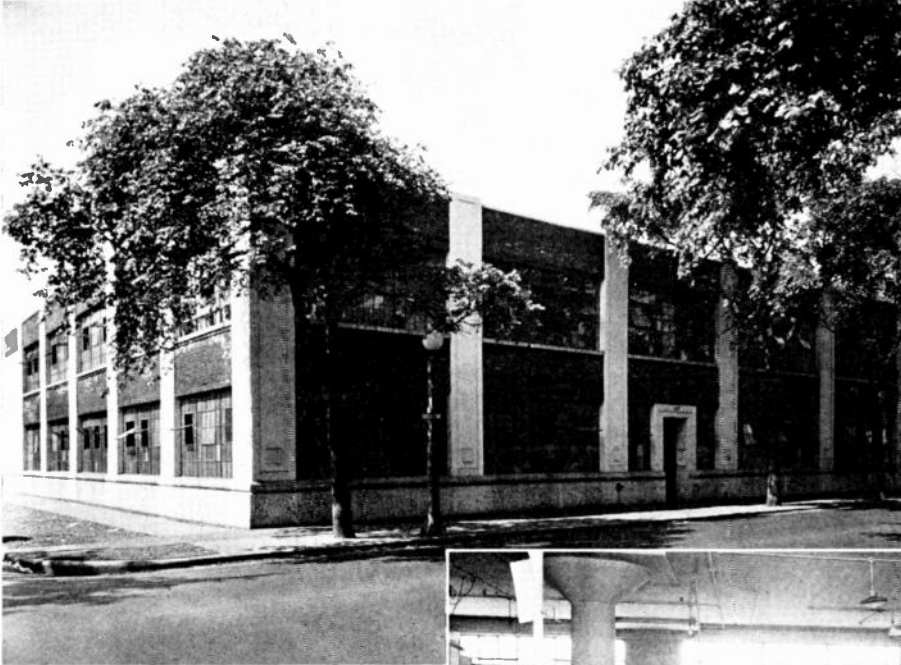
CONTROL BOARD AT HICKSVILLE TRANSMITTING STATION. CONTACTS ARE MADE HERE WITH THE NEW YORK CITY CONTROL OFFICE, AND WITH THE BALDWIN RECEIVING STATION

SINCE THIS CONTROL BOARD WAS PUT INTO OPERATION IN 1930, IT HAS BEEN IN SERVICE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS EVERY DAY

Iversen as manager and operator. Mr. Iversen arrived in Halifax on the morning of February 22, 1922, and by evening was receiving press from Leaflets transmitter, in England, at a station he established at the Dennis Building in the heart of Halifax. Control of the English transmitters was accomplished by means of the cable of the Pacific Cable Board,

open to all the press, to which forty frequencies would be allocated. Accordingly, Press Wireless, Inc., of Delaware, was organized in Washington, D. C., on June 5, 1929. The corporation, having been formed in accordance with the suggestions of the Commission, was formally licensed to use the forty frequencies up to that time held in trust for the press.

land purchase was of three lots with a two-room radio shack on the Company's present research laboratory site in the south end of Little Neck, Long Island. Operation first was set up between Little Neck and our transmitter at the Furniture Mart on the lake front in Chicago. The first international radio circuit of the Company was established between New York and Mexico City.



EXTERIOR OF THE PRESS WIRELESS MANUFACTURING PLANT AT CHICAGO

which had its offices on the ground floor of the Dennis Building. The received traffic was relayed to the newspapers in the United States over the regular land lines. Soon other newspapers and press associations joined the Halifax company, called News Traffic Board, Limited, and it built a transmitting station.

The Halifax station flourished. By 1925, the Halifax stations were relaying traffic from French and Italian transmitters. The Halifax stations suspended operations only last year for the duration of the War, in order that the Canadian Army, to which the station is leased, might use the facilities and the frequencies.

Formation of Press Wireless, Inc. ★ The experience and the improvements in press communications which the American press had acquired in its Halifax operations were directly responsible for the applications of several newspapers and press associations for radio station licenses in the United States in 1928 when the first Federal Radio Commission was in power.

Some seventeen press applications were filed with the Commission. After hearings over a period of more than six months, the Commission decided that licenses would not be granted to individual newspaper and press associations, but that a single corporation should be formed,



APPARATUS ASSEMBLY AT THE CHICAGO PLANT. PRESS WIRELESS, INC. ALSO OPERATES FACTORIES AT HICKSVILLE, N. Y. AND AT MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.

First Men Hired ★ The Company then had neither facilities, a site on which to put them, nor anyone on its payroll. The first men engaged were Messrs. Philip D. Zurian, who had started to build a transmitter for Press Wireless in his Chicago basement, and Anthony E. Gerhard, who had been in charge of the transmitters at Halifax, but had returned to other employment on the Pacific Coast.

The first operation of the Company was between Chicago and Los Angeles. The Company then operated between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The first

The Hicksville Site ★ On July 7, 1930, the first property in Hicksville was purchased — the lot on which the present transmitting building is located. The lot contains about one and one-half acres.

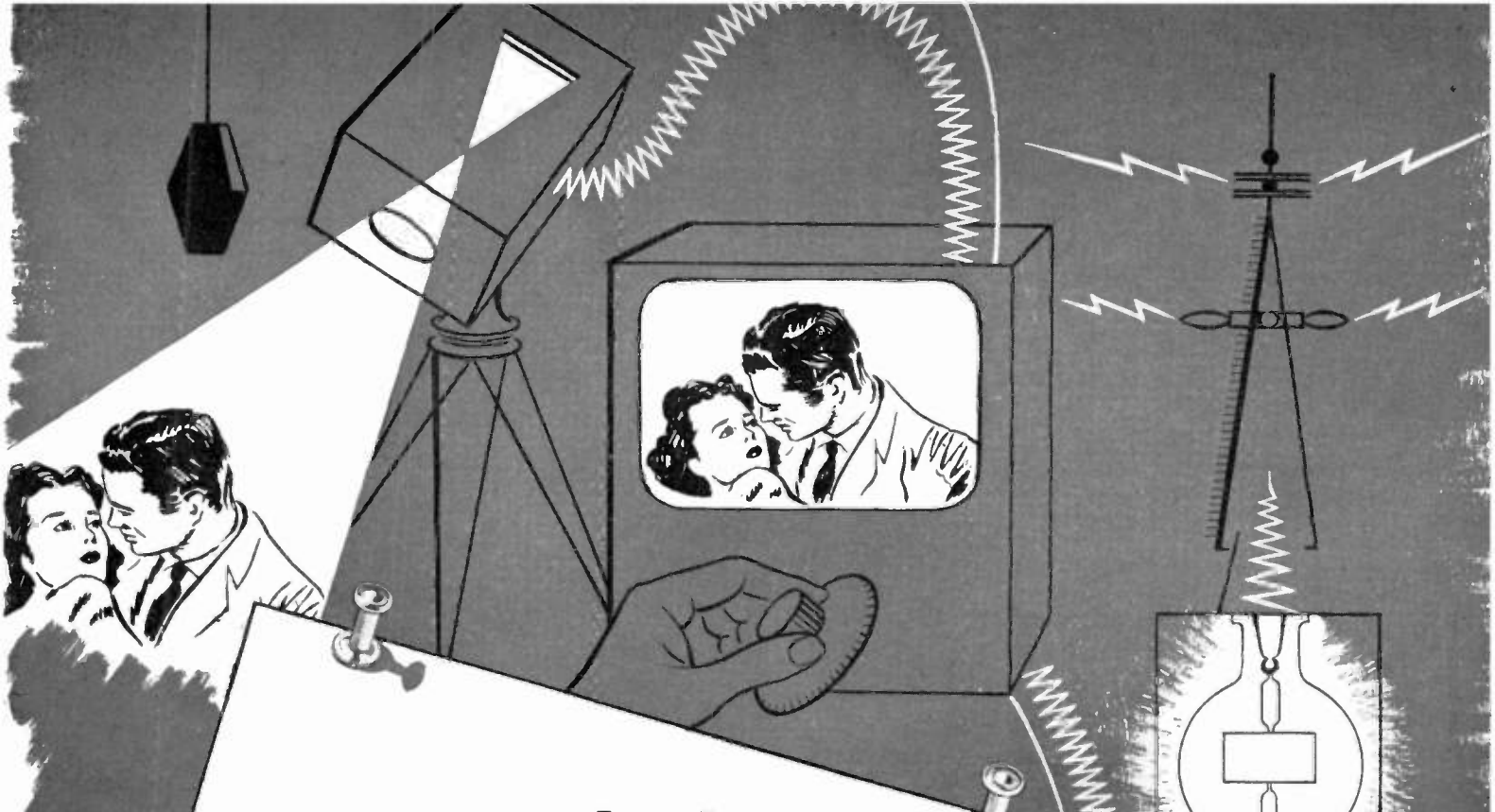
That was a difficult period. The large radio parts and apparatus companies refused to sell their products to Press Wireless, and it was necessary to resort to a thousand expedients to develop the Company. Tube engineers were employed to make some tubes, other tubes were bought in England, and substitutes had to be planned and built for the other elements of radio equipment.

The period from 1929 to 1934 is referred to as the "Iron Age" of the Company. The members of the staff in those

trying days are now called the "Iron Men." They put up with a thousand inconveniences and took on prodigious loads of traffic. The bitter economic depression which was sweeping the entire world caught the Company in its weakest financial period. It took men of unlimited resourcefulness, energy, and courage to pull it through. The shareholders caught the spirit and loyalty of the staff, and with their help, that stormy period was weathered successfully.

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FM Radio-Electronics Engineering



electronic briefs: television

To produce a moving picture it becomes necessary to break down the action into a series of still pictures. Each still scene is flashed on the screen individually but done so rapidly that the motion picture projector is slowed down the action becomes jerky. Each still picture is called a frame. The conventional movie projector flashes between 24 and 30 frames per second on the screen. Television is based upon the same principle but the problems involved are much more complex.

Television, using the same basis for creating picture action as the movies, breaks down the picture or scene to be broadcast into a series of still pictures called frames. But each frame must also be broken down into approximately 200,000 tiny segments, each segment being broadcast separately and reassembled at the receiving end so rapidly that 30 frames can be flashed on the screen every second. Thus some 6,000,000 separate signals must be transmitted per second. Furthermore each of these signals starts as light, is converted into an electrical impulse, broadcast and then reconverted to light again. To make television talk, a conventional sound transmitter must be coordinated and synchronized with the picture broadcast.

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 K51L, St. Louis, Mo. George Rueppel
 W1CTG, Worcester, Mass. E. A. Browning
 W8XFM, Cincinnati, Ohio, R. A. Rockwell
 W9XYH, Duluth, Minn. William Lounsberry
 W39NY, New York, N. Y. John De Prospro
 W43B, Paxton, Mass. Joseph E. Girahn
 W45BR, Baton Rouge, La. Wilbur T. Golson
 W45CM, Columbus, Ohio, Lester H. Nafziger
 W45D, Detroit, Mich. C. H. Wesser
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 W47NY, Nashville, Tenn. George A. Reynolds
 W47NY, New York, N. Y. Harvey Anhalt
 W47P, Pittsburgh, Pa. John R. Harlow
 W47R, Rochester, N. Y. Bernard C. O'Brien
 W49D, Detroit, Mich. E. H. Clark
 W49FW, Fort Wayne, Ind. Bruce H. Ratts
 W49PH, Philadelphia, Pa. Clifford C. Harris
 W51C, Chicago, Ill. Ross Utter
 W51R, Rochester, N. Y. Kenneth J. Gardner
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 W59NY, New York, N. Y. Russell D. Valentine
 W63C, Chicago, Ill. Howard C. Lutzgens
 W67B, Boston, Mass. F. M. Sloan
 W71NY, New York, N. Y. J. R. Poppole
 W71SB, St. Bend, Ind. Paul R. Mangus
 W74PH, Philadelphia, Pa. Charles W. Burts
 W75C, Chicago, Ill. A. P. Frye
 W75NY, New York, N. Y. Theodore B. Grenier
 W75PH, Philadelphia, Pa. E. H. Gager
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 W85A, Schenectady, N. Y. W. J. Purcell

AM Broadcasting Stations

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 KATE, Albert Lea, Minn. Harry Lawson
 KADA, Ada, Okla. Harold Walker
 KALB, Alexandria, La. Jesse R. Sexton
 KAXD, Corsicana, Texas. E. R. Hellums
 KARK, Little Rock, Ark. Dan L. Winn
 KASA, Elk City, Okla. P. E. Mayhew
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 KBND, Bend, Ore. Hob Dickson
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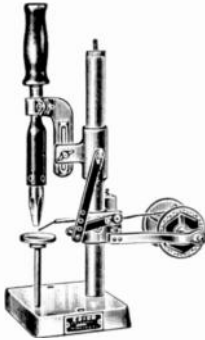
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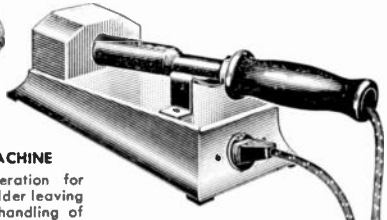
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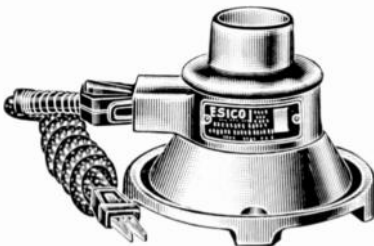


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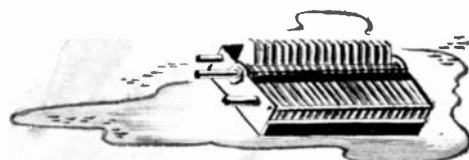
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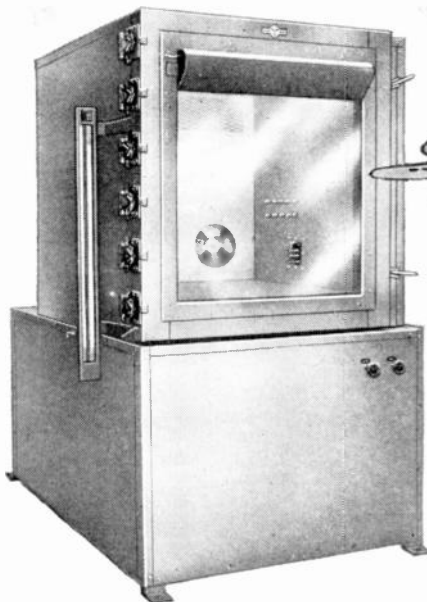
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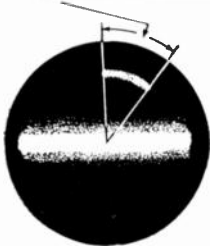
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- The Design of I.F. Transformers for Frequency Modulation Receivers
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- 4:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner
- 8:15 P.M. Technical Session
- The Signal Corps Looks to the Engineer
Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Johnson
U. S. Army Signal Corps

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 8:30 A.M. Registration
- 9:30 A.M. Technical Session
- Message of RMA Director of Engineering
Dr. W. R. G. Baker
- Operating Characteristics of Ceramic Dielectrics with Constants over 1000
R. B. Gray
Eric Resistor Corporation
- A Chamber of Commerce War Research Committee
K. C. D. Hickman
Distillation Products, Inc.
- 12:30 P.M. Luncheon
- 2:00 P.M. Technical Session
- Report of RMA Data Bureau
L. C. F. Horle
- New Low Loss Ceramic Insulation
Ralston Russell, Jr. and L. J. Berberich
Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company
- Design of I.F. Systems
J. E. Maynard
General Electric Company
- 4:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
- 6:30 P.M. Stag Banquet
- Toastmaster — R. M. Wise
(Subject and Speaker to be announced later)

An exhibit of the U. S. Army Signal Corps equipment will be a feature of both days.

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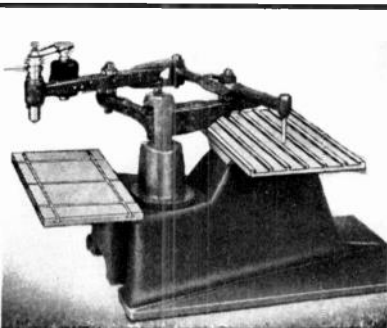
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formance type. . . . The broadcasting industry must size up the postwar picture and make some sort of a report on the prospects to help guide the government in regulating the new ultra-short wave field. . . . FM is so much better technically than the present regular broadcast system that it can't fail of acceptance."

Robert T. Bartley: Vice president of the Yankee Network, and active proponent of FM broadcasting, has resigned his post in Boston to serve in an executive capacity with the National Association of Broadcasters as coordinator of NAB war activities, under president Neville Miller.

Interstation AM Interference: In discussions of the relative merits of FM and AM broadcasting, the elimination of heterodyne squeals on FM transmission is sure to be mentioned, and then someone usually asks: "Granted that no squeals are set up when a receiver is within range of two FM stations operating on the same frequency, is such interference so serious on AM that it is important to eliminate it by going to FM broadcasting?"

The four-year battle between WNYC and WCCO is a specific answer to that question. Ever since 1939, WCCO, operating a 50-kw. AM station in Minneapolis, has successfully opposed the continued efforts of New York City's 1-kw. station WNYC to operate in the evening because, sharing the 830-ke. channel, the heterodyne squeal from WNYC interferes with the local reception of WCCO.

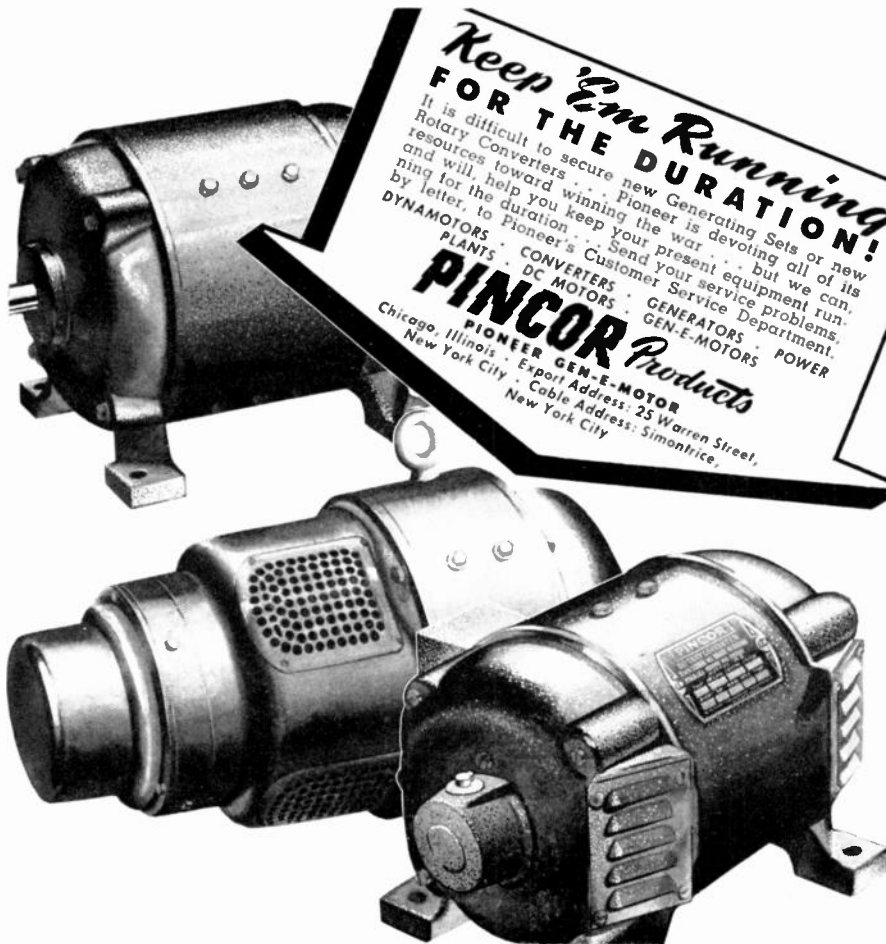
Haverhill, Mass.: About 2,000 people will be employed in Western Electric's new plant for the production of telephone equipment.

KINY: At Juneau, Alaska, a new 5-kw. transmitter is scheduled to go on the air October 1st. A 16-hour program will be maintained under the direction of chief engineer Vincent I. Kraft, assisted by resident engineer David Jeffries.

His Own Medicine: Discussing the Cox Committee and its investigation of the FCC, Chairman Fly recently complained that conclusions were being arrived at before the hearings were over, of the impropriety of trying cases in the newspapers, and of the "harshness and low-level quality" of the proceedings carried out by the Cox Committee. The investigation, he said, was a "severe tax" on those doing mostly war work in the FCC, and is "very discouraging" to these people.

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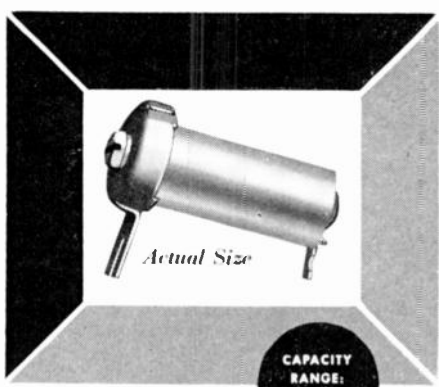


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per-radio investigation, lustily cracking the whip himself. At that time, 109 FM applications were being held up because, as we read on page 5: "The pat on the back that was given to Schenectady's W47A, and his remark that 'the possibilities of FM for conveying good music to the public are unsurpassed by any other media,' becomes a pedantic gesture when it is merely an aside to his feature act of giving the industry a kick in the pants every time a station official turns his back to give attention to his business of serving the public.

"If Commissioner Fly were concerned with public interest, convenience, and necessity, he would have no time for his Cops and Robbers game which, however entertaining it is to him, it is a serious matter to the broadcasters whom he has forced to spend sums now mounting into the millions for self-defense.

"Where it will all wind up, and what further disservice will be done by our Chairman to the radio listeners we do not know at this time, but we do know that no good and much harm comes when a man in public office permits his egotism and self-importance to control his official actions."

Judging from his complaints and virulent characterization of the Cox Committee members and their methods, Chairman Fly is being given an opportunity to gauge the bitterness of the pills with which he has repeatedly dosed the broadcasting industry — and he finds his own medicine highly distasteful.

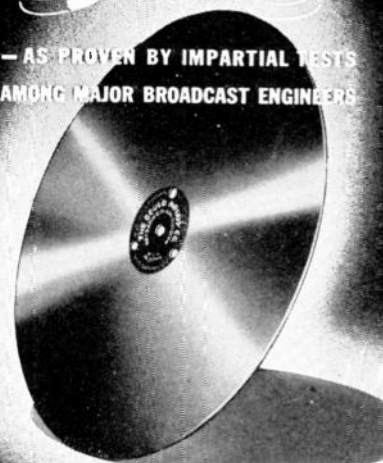
Radio Engineering Courses: Registration for free courses in radio and electrical engineering at Chicago's Illinois Institute of Technology will be held September 20 to 24. Courses cover the fields of radio, electrical, and power engineering, electronics, power systems, telephony, and mathematics. Primarily a program of night courses, some classes will be offered during the day for the benefit of night workers. Special refresher course for graduate electrical engineers will be given Saturday mornings and one night a week.

W39NY: New York City's municipal FM station, after seven months of test operation, is now on regular schedule from 5 P.M. to 10 P.M. daily. Part of the programs will duplicate WNYC, but W39NY will continue to feature live programs from the concert halls. Reports indicate that the contour of dependable coverage runs through Ossining, N. Y., Princeton, Bloomfield, Elizabeth, East Orange, and Sea Girt, N. J., and Riverhead, L. I. The last-mentioned point is significant because, long before Riverhead, reception of most New York AM stations is weak, and badly cut up by heterodyne whistles.

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Tower Marking Rules: Revised in new edition of CAA's Obstruction Marking Manual. Copy can be obtained from Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Profits: With sales of \$15,153,000 for the year ending April 30th, after deduction of \$6,995,000 in voluntary refunds and reductions prior to renegotiation, Zenith Radio Corporation paid \$8,600,000 under renegotiation settlement and \$2,853,000 Federal and Capital stock taxes. From net profit of \$1,508,000, a dividend of \$1.00 per share was paid on 492,464 shares.

FM Reinstatement: The Constitution Publishing Company, Atlanta, Ga., has applied for reinstatement of their FM application. One of the first FM applicants, and the pioneer in the State of Georgia, they were bogged down in the FCC's newspaper inquiry. If it had not been for this delay, their station would have been on the air long before Pearl Harbor, and listeners in their area, where AM receiving conditions are poor, and static is very bad, would be enjoying FM reception now. Incidentally, The Atlanta Constitution was one of our first subscribers.

Radio Kits for Instruction: One- and two-tube receiver construction kits are being supplied for student training courses by Lafayette Radio Corporation, Atlanta and Chicago. Maybe the War will revive the kitchen table workshops and home set-building!

FM for Blue Network: According to Mark Woods, president of the new Blue Network, plans for future activities include FM outlets in New York, Chicago, Washington, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Under present FCC rules, the Company is limited to the ownership of six FM stations.

Gilbert Seldes: Head of CBS television program department predicts that television may come right after the War, or it may take a year or two longer. "When it comes, it will include color. The price of a good radio set will give you the price of a medium television set." Mr. Seldes did not explain, however, just how we shall know when television has "come," nor the approximate price of a "good" radio.

That's About It: From Press Wireless: "You are either young enough in radio and full of drive and vision or you are out; there is plenty of room for experienced personnel but little for creaking joints or rusty prejudices!"

Daniel W. Gellerup: Columbia University Division of N.D.R.C. has acquired the
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WORLD-WIDE NEWS TRANSMISSION

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Function of the Company ★ The prime function of Press Wireless is not that of a news-gathering and disseminating agency. It is a common carrier serving newspapers, press associations, and broadcasting stations. It does not originate news items, but supplies the communications facilities to organizations who do gather and disseminate news.

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In receiving a message from a foreign point, the signals are picked up at Baldwin on beam receiving antenna where they are fed into receivers and put on wire lines to New York. There they are fed to the receiving circuit operator's head phones and tape recorders. These tape recorders mark the dots and dashes in ink on paper tape. The tape passes over the keyboard of a typewriter, on which the operator transcribes the dots and dashes into type-written copy.

After a message has been received on an incoming circuit, it is routed to the addressee.

The Company also operates facsimile circuits, some of which are being redesigned at the present moment. One type of facsimile now operating in South America is known as "telefax". At the receiving end of the telefax circuit, instead of dots and dashes being recorded, actual Roman characters are recorded on tape, eliminating the necessity of transcription.

Present Facilities ★ Two-way radio circuits are now in operation from both American coasts for Government as well as press traffic. From New York, these circuits serve Moscow, London, Berne, Montevideo, Havana, and Mexico City. Radio photo circuits are maintained with London, Berne, Moscow and New York City. From Los Angeles two-way circuits, in-

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cluding phototransmission, are operated between Chungking, Khabarovsk and New York.

In addition to these two-way radio circuits, a large amount of traffic is handled over what is known as STS (Schedule Transmission Service). This is a one-way blind transmission circuit, with no return. New York and Los Angeles STS transmissions are now serving practically all the countries of the world. A great many points, where no transmitting facilities are available, rely completely on these transmissions as a source of news. Combining these services, Press Wireless is able to provide tremendously wide coverage.

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Manufacturing Facilities ★ When the present world war broke out, a drastic readjustment of radio communications facilities throughout the world became necessary. Naturally, this affected Press Wireless and, at the same time, brought to the attention of Army and other officials the Company's activities in radio apparatus manufacturing. Since its founding in 1929, Press Wireless has made high-power radio transmitters and other equipment for itself and a few clients, but it had never engaged in manufacturing on a commercial scale. When officers of the Company were asked if Press Wireless could supply the Signal Corps with certain equipment, an affirmative answer was immediately forthcoming. Specifications set up by the Signal Corps were met promptly, and the Company was soon awarded a number of contracts.

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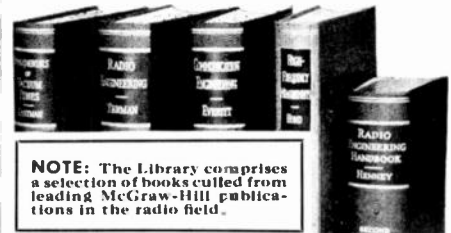
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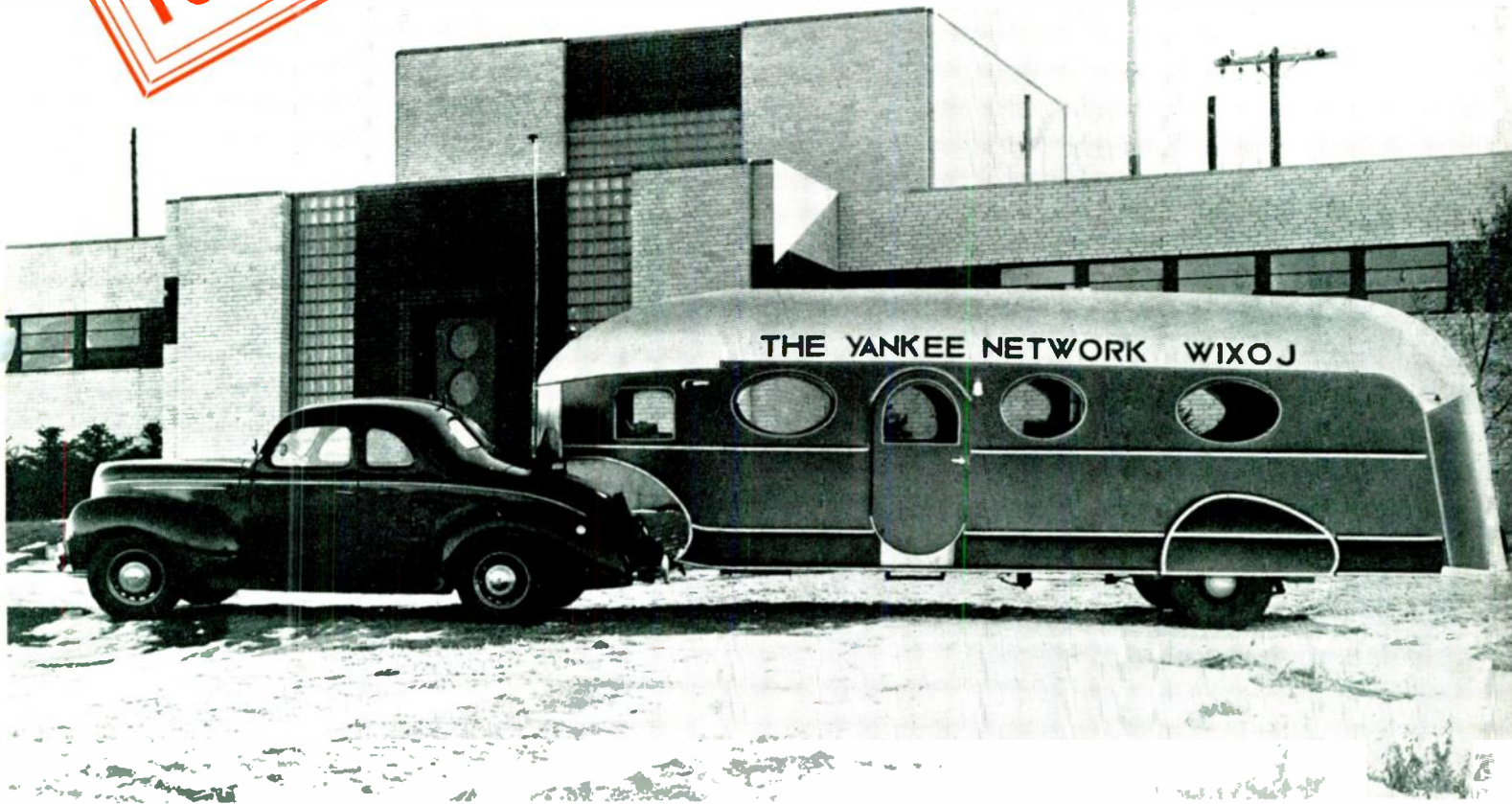
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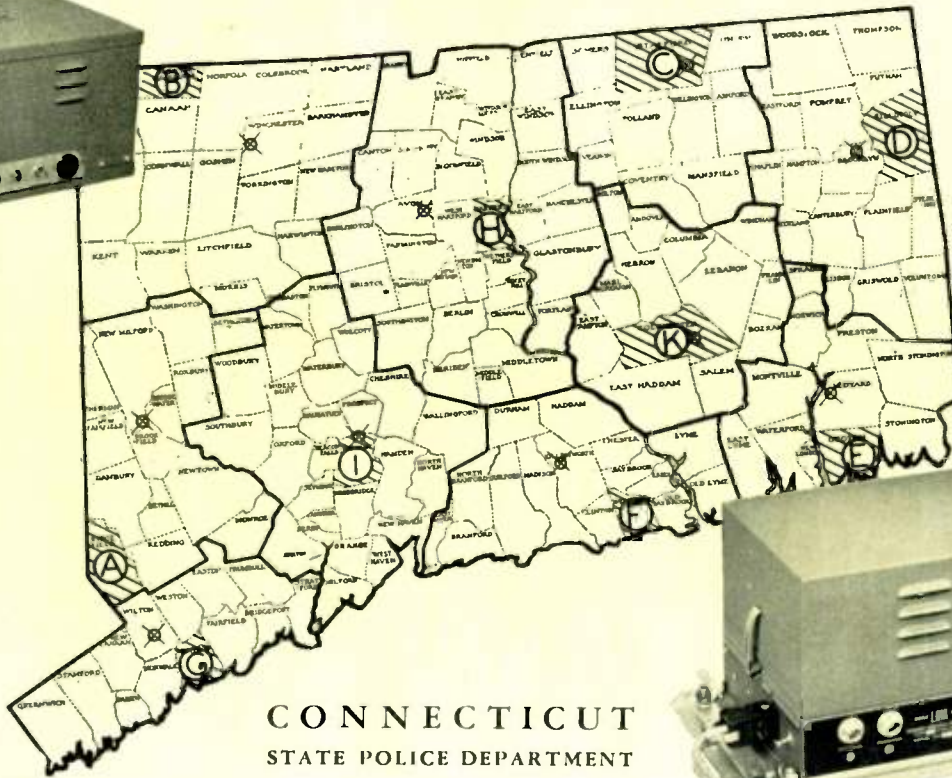
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