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AWAY with "B" batteries on those many-tube sets! Have you tried to work a "B" eliminator on a six, seven, eight tube set? Here's *one* that was designed specially to take care of the heavy current drain of these sets—the RCA Duo Rectron.

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IMPROVEMENT on top of improvement has been the history of Eveready Radio Batteries. Here, in the radically different Eveready Layerbilt, is the "B" battery which tops them all. The ability of this battery to give you unrivaled service and economy is due to its unique internal design. Instead of the usual assembly of round cells, it is built of flat layers of current-producing materials pressed firmly together. This construction makes use of the spaces now wasted between the round-type cells and avoids the usual soldered wire connections. Eveready Layerbilt is every inch a

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WGR—Buffalo	WOC—St. Paul
WCAR—Pittsburgh	KSD—St. Louis
WSAI—Cincinnati	WAC—Washington

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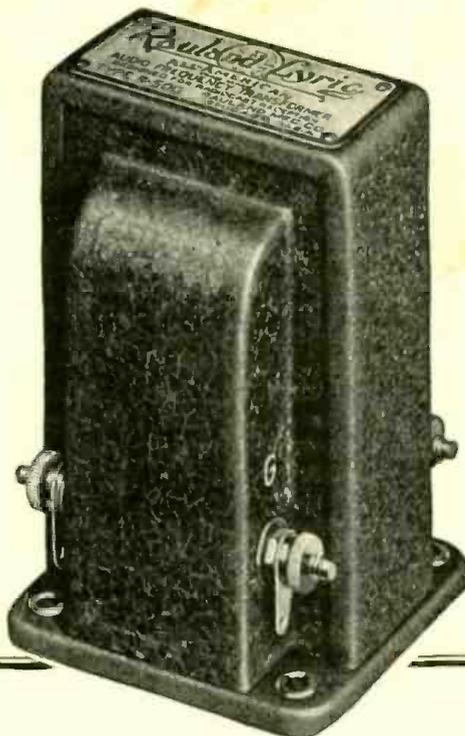
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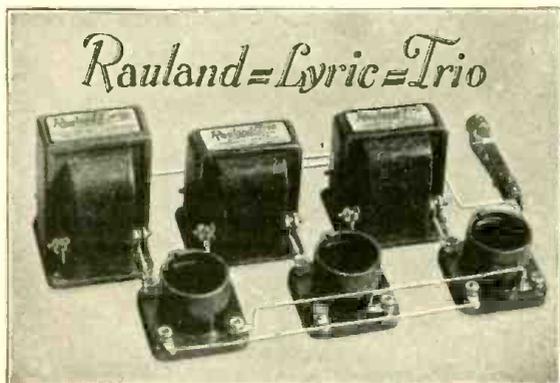
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AUDIO TRANSFORMER



If you love music, and want your radio set to reproduce tones *faultlessly*, there is one audio transformer you can absolutely depend on—the famous Rauland-Lyric.

Voices and instruments alike are amplified with amazing realness by the Rauland-Lyric; with faithful amplification of those “overtones” essential to full, natural reproduction. The amplification curve of the Rauland-Lyric illustrates its outstanding superiority in tone purity.

The Rauland-Lyric is the undisputed leader in its field. It is invariably chosen by set builders who want the utmost in perfect tone quality.



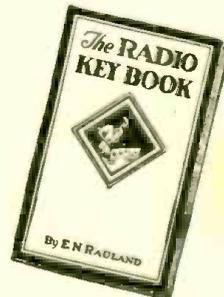
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A new high mark in three-stage audio amplifiers

Your receiver's tone quality depends in large measure on correct audio amplification. The famous Rauland-Lyric Transformer may now be combined with two Rauland-Trios (impedance units) to form the Rauland-Lyric-Trio—the highest known perfection in three-stage audio amplification. Rauland-Trio is a compact, well-made unit—containing in one shell—inductance, resistance, and capacity in correctly balanced relation.

New 1927 Radio Key Book

You'll enjoy reading it—48 pages of interesting, up-to-the-minute facts about radio, simply told. Also full construction details of all leading types of circuits. Send 10 cents (coin or stamps) to cover postage and mailing cost.



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A PAGE WITH THE EDITOR

RADIO experimenters and home set-builders need no introduction to Kenneth Harkness, whose place in the Radio Hall of Fame was assured when he developed the Harkness Reflex Receiver three years ago and the Counterflex Receiver last year—both substantial contributions to the radio art.

IT IS with particular gratification therefore that POPULAR RADIO now advises its readers that another—and the best—circuit developed by Mr. Harkness will be first and exclusively announced, with complete structural details, in the coming issue of this magazine—for January, 1927.

THE new Harkness Receiver (which is designated as the KH-27) is a 6-tube two-dial set that employs dual tuning.

AN outstanding feature of the receiver is the new form of amplification that it incorporates; it consists of double impedances that bring out both the high and low notes with remarkable clarity.

THE radio-frequency stages are neutralized so that the set cannot oscillate.

MR. HARKNESS, it may be observed in passing, has been working in radio for twelve years, during which time he has seen war service as a radio operator in the British Navy, did extensive work on the Armstrong super-regenerative circuit, wrote the book "Radio-frequency Amplification" and for two years served as the technical mainstay of the magazine "Radio in the Home." POPULAR RADIO welcomes him to its long and growing list of distinguished contributors.

WHEN Thomas A. Edison—who invented the incandescent light globe fifty years ago and who has expressed irritation at radio—possibly because he cannot also claim the parentage of the

light globe's offspring, the radio vacuum tube—recently burst forth into a broad critique of radio, he was obviously inspired in part by a desire to exploit his new type of phonograph record that was about to be placed on the market.

AND when the Grand Old Man of Menlo Park claims that the public interest in radio is waning, he merely utters an opinion based on a hope, and speaks without knowledge of the facts.

BELOW, for example, are a few facts and figures concerning the increase of public interest in radio; they carry the authority of an official report from the U. S. Department of Commerce, dated October 16, 1926—only a few days following Mr. Edison's statements.

THE indications are that the growth of interest in radio during the coming winter, and the increase in sales of radio receivers and apparatus, will break all records.

IT is unfortunate that these figures were not at Mr. Edison's disposal at the time he made his observations. Facts and figures are sometimes embarrassing details to reconcile with theories and opinions formulated without them.

ON October 15th the prize contest for answers to the question "How can radio broadcast programs be improved?" closed—according to schedule.

ALL answers that bear a post mark dated on or before October 15th are eligible for the cash prizes, as announced in the September number of this magazine.

THE wide interest in this live topic, as evidenced by the large number of entries, has evoked some novel and original ideas—which was, of course, exactly the purpose of this prize offer.

A PRELIMINARY study of the answers is now being made. When the best of the letters are selected, copies will be submitted to the judges for final decision. The prize-winning letter will be published, as soon as the winner is chosen, in POPULAR RADIO—probably in the February number.

THE judges of the contest are Prof. Alfred N. Goldsmith, Secretary of the Institute of Radio Engineers; Col. W. E. Harkness, Vice-president of the Broadcasting Company of America; Frank H. McDonald, President of the Broadcast Listeners Association; Frank W. Elliott, President of the National Association of Broadcasters; and the editors of POPULAR RADIO.

THE winners of the contest may thus be assured that their suggestions will be brought to the attention of the very men who are in the best position to make practical use of the ideas submitted.

HOMER CROY, whose article "Wanted—A Radio Humorist" appears on page 766 of this issue, is the novelist whose book and film "West of the Water Tower" made him famous practically overnight, and paved the way for the success of his latest novel "They Had to See Paris." This is his fifth contribution to POPULAR RADIO.

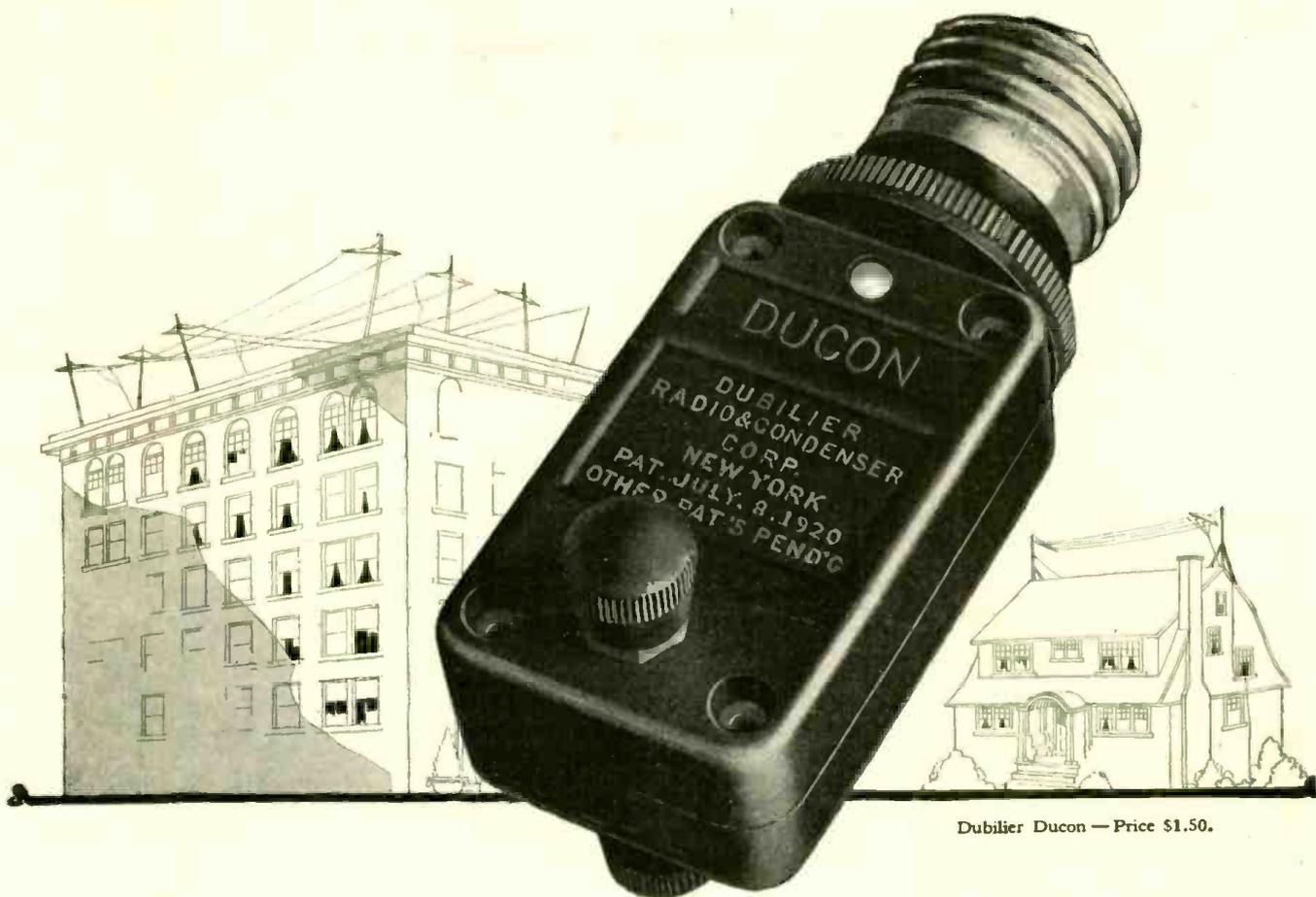
WITH the coming issue of POPULAR RADIO—for January—the department "What's New In Radio" will be considerably expanded.

THIS expansion has been made necessary not only by the rapid development of apparatus in the field of radio but also by the corresponding increase of interest on the part of experimenters and broadcast listeners alike in new types of receivers, loudspeakers, tubes, condensers, transformers, coils, antennas, rheostats, power-packs and other apparatus which constitute valuable contributions to the radio art and are increasing the efficiency of the receiving set.

READERS are invited to notify the Editor of the "What's New in Radio" department of any new inventions that are of particular interest; apparatus of outstanding merit, that is passed by the POPULAR RADIO LABORATORY, will be duly recorded and, whenever possible, pictured for the information and guidance of all.

Kendall Banning
Editor, POPULAR RADIO

	1925	1923	Per Cent Increase
TOTAL VALUE.....	\$170,390,572	\$54,000,470	215.5
LOUD SPEAKERS:			
Number.....	2,606,866	623,146	318.3
Value.....	19,162,591	5,608,330	241.7
RECEIVING SETS:			
Tube type—			
Number.....	2,180,622	190,374	1045.4
Value.....	88,800,538	13,326,116	566.4
TRANSFORMERS:			
Number.....	3,413,993	1,571,817	117.2
Value.....	7,457,805	3,929,581	89.8
RHEOSTATS:			
Number.....	3,531,871	1,085,171	225.5
Value.....	2,084,188	955,396	118.1
LIGHTNING ARRESTERS:			
Number.....	2,971,379	1,758,723	69.0
Value.....	506,034	422,036	19.9
RADIO TUBES:			
Number.....	23,934,658	4,687,400	410.6
Value.....	20,437,283	9,824,172	108.0
MISCELLANEOUS PARTS:			
Value.....	27,978,097	12,999,623	115.2



Dubilier Ducon — Price \$1.50.

Aerials have gone out of style

In the old days, when radio was new, the "fan" was known by crazy festoons of wire that decorated his housetop or yard.

These were the old-fashioned aerials, and no one has forgotten all the grief they caused.

Modern radio may use the hidden loop, or the short indoor aerial. But there is a better way. The Dubilier Ducon enables you to use the complete wiring system of your house without risk, and with better results than most out door aerials give.

You simply screw a Dubilier Ducon into any lamp socket, and connect it with the antenna binding post of your set. You will find that it increases selectivity—especially in crowded neighborhoods, and will reduce "static" in the summertime.

Try a Dubilier Ducon on your set tonight. They are sold by all good dealers on five days' trial for \$1.50

Dubilier

CONDENSER AND RADIO CORPORATION

SEEN BY THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

Some of the new and interesting radio apparatus that has just been put upon the market—and that offer suggestions for holiday gifts.

(Names and addresses of manufacturers of the apparatus mentioned will be furnished upon request by POPULAR RADIO SERVICE BUREAU)

A De Luxe Combination Receiver and Phonograph That Sells for \$1,000

This beautiful piece of inlaid furniture is a combination of the best there is in radio with the best there is in the phonograph art. These instruments list at \$1,000. They use no batteries or antenna; all you do is plug them in the light socket and they're ready to use. All necessary tubes come with the outfits; no extras to buy. To change from radio to phonograph, all you do is throw this switch. A gift you can be proud to give.

A Good-looking Set for \$260



HERE is the same receiver without the phonograph in connection with it, sold in this table form for \$260. It suggests an antique desk, doesn't it? No antenna is required. It's selective enough for the most crowded conditions. Used with this \$225 power loudspeaker, it gives as good reproduction and offers the same freedom from batteries as the \$1,000 combination phonograph-radio just shown you.

A Receiver Without Batteries That Costs \$400

THIS magnificent looking receiver sounds just as well as it looks. The parts inside are spaced far apart, reducing interaction to a minimum. Three large knobs serve as tuning dials. The dial settings for any station are nearly the same on all three dials. All you have to do is mark correct settings on a card and you can get the station back again any time it is on the air. This set gets its power direct from the current mains without storage or dry cells and it costs \$400.

A Good Two-dial Standard Receiver for \$225

THIS console is made by a manufacturer who has won an enviable reputation with this product; it's in its second year now, without radical change. Just two tuning controls. The console with loop and built-in loudspeaker is \$365; you must add about \$50 for charger, tubes and batteries although, of course, you can spend a little more on these items and make the set much easier to maintain. In the table model, without loudspeaker, the set costs

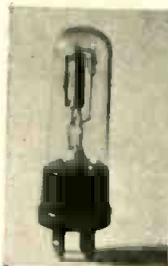
\$225. For about \$35, you can buy a good loudspeaker for it, but that brings the extras to about \$85.

Standard Storage Battery Tubes from \$2.00 Up



If your radio friends are still using the tubes they bought with the set a year ago, give them a new set of tubes. It's like having the valves ground and new piston rings put in your automobile; it peeps the set up wonderfully. Practically every storage battery set will work with UX-201-a type tubes throughout. They cost \$2.00 apiece. But most sets are equipped to use a power tube in the last stage, which makes them capable of handling a much louder signal without distortion. A power tube costs about \$4.50. So, with such sets, figure on one less UX-201-a type tube and get one power tube for the last stage.

A Fine New Detector Tube for \$5.00

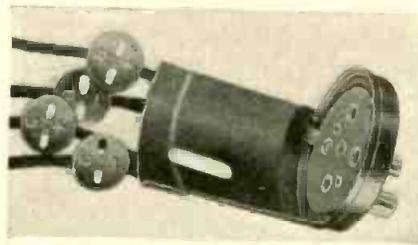


THERE'S another substitution you can make that will tickle any fan who goes after distance; get him a UX-200-a type detector tube. It fits any set that uses a UX-201-a type detector tube. It's worth the \$5 for the extra volume and long distance it brings in. This is the line-up on storage battery tubes: first choice, three UX-201-a type tubes, one UX-200-a type detector tube and one UX-112 type or UX-171 type power tube, total cost \$15.50; second choice, four UX-201-a tubes and a power tube, \$12.50; and third, five UX-201-a type tubes, \$10.

Dry-Cell Tubes at \$2.25 to \$2.50

ABOUT dry-cell tube sets; here you require a different line. Corresponding to the UX-201-a type storage-battery tube is the UX-199 type dry-cell tube, selling for \$2.25; to the UX-112 type power tube, is the UX-120 type dry-cell, power tube, selling for \$2.50. Don't go wrong on tubes. Buy only standard makes that you know about and only dry-cell tubes for dry-cell sets and storage battery tubes for storage battery sets. The wrong kind of a tube is useless.

A Useful Power-tube Adapter for \$1.25



HERE'S an interesting combination that's a safe bet for anybody with a good five or six-tube set that isn't specially wired for a power tube; they'll call you quite an expert for picking out this combination! Buy this power tube adapter, making possible the use of a power tube with an ordinary set. It gives much clearer signals, especially on loud nearby stations. The adapter is \$1.25, the tube \$4.50, that's \$5.75. You add the necessary extra batteries for the power tube too, so they can hook the tube right up. It needs two 4½ volt "C" batteries, \$1.30 and one large 45 volt "B" battery, \$3.75. So with \$10.80, they have everything, even batteries for six or eight months, to run their power tube.

A Particularly Easy-to-Operate Set for \$231

THIS receiver is an interesting one because it uses alternating-current tubes. It's low in price for a receiver that eliminates all batteries. Laboratory tests on this receiver have shown up very well. Just two dials to tune. Loudspeaker and antenna are all you have to buy in addition to the set. That's \$231, plus \$35 or \$40 for those two items.



Loudspeakers Cost from \$10 to \$225

ABOUT loudspeakers, there is no end of choice. This \$225 power model plugs into any alternating-current lighting line and delivers volume nearly equalling that of the original music, or it can be softened down to a whisper without distortion. It is a wonderfully useful addition to a good set, now using a small, ordinary loudspeaker. It's a good addition to a good set, but it won't make a poor set into a good one.

Recommended for the LC SENIOR POWER PACK

THE NEW PRECISION
HIGH VOLTAGE
FILTER CONDENSERS



Made in the following capacities particularly for use where high voltage condensers are necessary:

- *No. 46—4 mfd. DC working voltage 600. Price \$9.00.
- *No. 26—2 mfd. DC working voltage 600. Price \$5.50.
- *No. 44—4 mfd. DC working voltage 400. Price \$5.50.
- *No. 24—2 mfd. DC working voltage 400. Price \$3.00.

*Specified for the Senior Power Pack.

THE PRECISION R. F. CHOKE COIL

Can be used wherever this type of coil is necessary. Very compact, being one inch in diameter and one and one-half inches long. Can be mounted on a sub-panel or a baseboard. Bracket for baseboard mounting provided with each coil. Has a very low distributed capacity, due to the slotted form of winding. List price \$1.00.



180 VOLT B-SUPPLY
for use with 110 v. AC 50-60C.

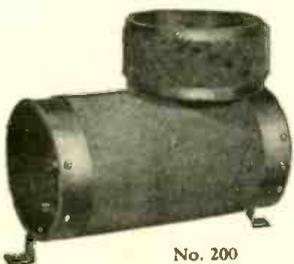
A very powerful, strongly constructed UX216B tube eliminator. Gives 180 volts at 60 mls. Particularly designed to supply current for the new UX171 tube. List price \$47.50.



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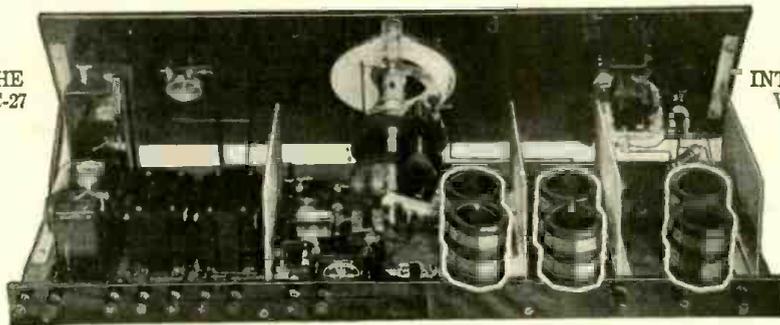
THE ORIGINAL COCKADAY COIL

The only coil ever specified by Laurence M. Cockaday, inventor of the famous Cockaday Four Circuit Tuner for use in his set. The best hard rubber tubing and double silk covered copper wire insures a coil of unusual quality, resulting in increased volume and greater selectivity. Dielectric and leakage losses are extremely low. Price, \$5.50.



No. 200

THE
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FOR THE LC-27 RECEIVER PRECISION DUO-OCTAFORM COILS

Used in Mr. Cockaday's newest contribution to radio.
Price each \$3.50.

BUILD THE LC-27 FOR CHRISTMAS

For the convenience of those consumers and dealers who wish to buy Cockaday's LC-27 in complete kit form, we offer the following parts exactly as used in Mr. Cockaday's laboratory model.

1—Hammarlund mid-line dual condenser, .000275 mfd.	\$7.50	1—Mar-Co. Illuminated control scale 0 to 100	\$3.50
1—Hammarlund mid-line single condenser, .000275 mfd.	4.65	2—Mar-Co small controls for LC-27	1.50
1—Precision Duo-Octaform coil set, one antenna coupler and two interstage couplers	10.50	1—Carter battery switch .....	.65
1—Amertran De Luxe first-stage transformer	10.00	1—Samson radio-frequency choke coil No. 85	1.50
1—Amertran De Luxe second-stage transformer	10.00	3—Aerover mica fixed condensers, .00025 mfd.	1.05
1—Amerchoke No. 854	6.00	1—Durham resistor, 4 megohms .....	.50
1—Dubilier No. 902 filter condenser, 4 mfd.	5.50	1—Lynch grid leak mounting .....	.35
1—Dubilier No. 807 filter condenser, .1 mfd. ....	.60	1—Carter Gem Jack .....	.25
		1—Carter resistance, 0-10,000 ohms	2.00
		12—Eby binding posts	1.80
		5—Benjamin UX sockets	3.75
		1—Amperite	1.10
		Mechanical Kit consisting of aluminum shields, binding post strip, decorated panel and Talt Brackets	12.50
		Complete	\$85.20

Without Cabinet \$85.20

With Corbett Cabinet \$103.20

Built complete with cabinet \$10.00 extra

THE INTERMEDIATE POWER PACK

1 Yaxley Automatic Relay Switch No. 444	\$5.00	1 Centralao Resistance, 2,000 ohms	\$2.00
1 Filtrex A-C Transformer, type K-180	5.25	1 Hardwood baseboard, 7 3/4" x 18" x 1/2" .....	.85
2 Filtrex Choke Coils, type K. @ \$6.75	13.50	1 Bakelite binding post panel, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2" x 3/32" drilled .....	.50
1 Na-aid Socket .....	.35	1 Set POPULAR RADIO blueprints	1.00
6 Eby binding posts .....	.90	Connecting wire, screws, etc. ....	.50
1 Acracon condenser block, 14 mfd.	11.00	1 8 ft. twisted silk lamp cord with attached plug .....	.40
1 Acracon filter condenser, .1 mfd. 400 volts D-C	1.00		
1 F & L Tapped Resistance—type 200, 20,000 ohms	5.25		\$47.50

THE LC SENIOR POWER PACK

1—Brach Controlit	\$ 6.00	1—AmerTran resistor, No. 400	\$7.50
1—AmerTran transformer, PF-52	18.00	1—Centralao resistance, 5 watts, 2,000 ohms	2.00
1—Benjamin UX-Socket .....	.75	1—Bakelite binding post strip, 3 1/2" x 15"	1.50
2—AmerChokes, No. 854	12.00	1—Brass mounting strip, 17 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/16" .....	.80
7—Eby binding posts	1.05	1—Hardwood baseboard, 8 3/4" x 15" x 1/2" .....	.60
1—Precision paper filter condenser, No. 26, 2 mfd.	5.50	1—Set POPULAR RADIO Blueprints	1.00
1—Precision paper filter condenser, No. 24, 2 mfd.	3.00		
1—Precision paper filter condenser, No. 44, 4 mfd.	5.50		\$65.20

Exactly as used in the laboratory model. Every part fully guaranteed.

INFORMATION EVERY DEALER SHOULD HAVE

Write for a set of Precision Coil catalog sheets. They describe in detail all of the Precision Coils used in POPULAR RADIO designed receivers for the past two years.

A complete list of the new Precision Line of Radio Power Units are also given in easily filed catalog form.

PRECISION COIL CO., Inc.

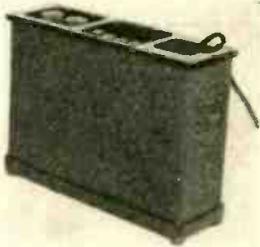
209 Centre St. New York, N. Y.

A Popular Line of Sets Costing from \$29 to \$50



HERE is a line of simple, neat-looking, low-priced sets. The four-tube model costs only \$29; the five-tube is made in two models, \$38 and \$50. The higher priced one has only one control; the cheaper one has three. Yes, they're regenerative—but this isn't the kind your friend has warned you against; it won't spoil your neighbor's reception because it has a blocking tube ahead of the regenerative tube which keeps squeals from getting out. Tubes, batteries, loudspeaker and antenna are extra.

A Unit that Makes a Good Set Better for \$49.50



HERE's something that makes any good set better; it's a combination power amplifier and "B" battery eliminator, combined in one \$49.50 unit. Plug it in the power line and get smooth loud volume and eliminate the "B" battery from your set.

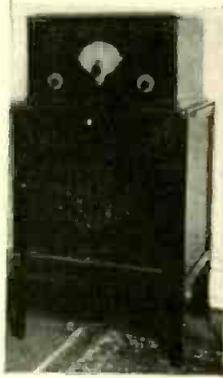
A \$12.50 Device that Doubles the Life of Your Battery



HERE's an automatic "A" battery control device that saves no end of trouble for the storage-battery set owner who has a battery charger. When you shut off the set, it connects the charger; when the battery is fully charged, it cuts off the charger automatically. It pays for itself by doubling the life of your storage battery. The cost is \$12.50.

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An Excellent Receiver for the Beginner



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Standard Parts that Cost from \$1.25 to \$6.60

HERE are a few hints about buying for experimenters, the kind who builds sets and experiments from seven in the evening till one in the morning. Confine yourself to parts that fit in any circuit, or else you'll pick something wrong. Here's a list of suggestions:

Illuminated vernier dial.....	\$3.50
Set of resistors:	
Small selection, one each ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3 and 5 megohms.....	3.00
Large selection, three ¼, ½ and 1 megohm.....	3.75
Selection of fixed condensers:	
Small selection, one .01, three .001, two .00025 mfd.....	1.25
Large selection, three each 1 mfd., .001 and .00025 mfd.....	6.75
Set of filament resistors:	
For storage battery tubes, five 1-A and one 12 type.....	6.60
For dry-cell tubes, four 199 and one 120 type.....	5.50

To simplify the selection of gifts here is a list that gives radio purchases in order of price. The footnotes are a guide to the class of radio enthusiast and the type of receiver to which the suggestion is suited.

—EDGAR H. FELIX

Hints for the Christmas Shopper

Gifts that cost from 25 Cents to \$1,000 for the radio fan:

\$.25 to \$.50	
Can of solder.....	SC
Bus bar.....	SC
Binding posts.....	SC
Call letter book.....	DX
Single resistance mountings.....	SC
\$.50 to \$1.00	
Hydrometer.....	SBR
Double resistance mounting.....	SC
Lock filament switch.....	SC
\$1.00 to \$2.00	
Filament resistors.....	SC
Battery voltmeter.....	ALL
Pilot light battery switch.....	SC
Power tube adapter.....	ALL
\$2.00 to \$3.00	
Subscription to Popular Radio.....	ALL
Illuminated vernier dial.....	SC
Vacuum tube.....	ALL
\$3.00 to \$5.00	
Extra large "B" Battery.....	ALL
Selection of resistance and capacities.....	SC
Power tube.....	ALL

\$5.00 to \$7.00	
Supersensitive detector.....	DX, SBR
High grade audio transformer.....	SC
Automatic filament and battery substitute switch.....	ALL, SBR, AC
\$7.50 to \$10.00	
Trickle charger.....	AC, SBR
Renewal of "B" batteries.....	ALL
Renewal of tubes.....	ALL
\$10.00 to \$15.00	
Set of short-wave coils.....	SC
Small cone speaker.....	ALL
Full automatic "A" battery control.....	ALL, SBR
\$15.00 to \$25.00	
Three-stage resistance amplifier.....	ALL
Medium sized cone.....	ALL
Storage battery charger.....	ALL, SBR
\$25.00 to \$50.00	
Combination amplifier and "B" eliminator.....	ALL, AC
Large cone speaker.....	ALL
"B" battery eliminator.....	ALL

\$50.00 to \$100.00	
Complete moderately priced receiver.....	ALL
\$100.00 to \$200.00	
Efficient 5-tube console receiver.....	ALL
\$200.00 to \$500.00	
Power loudspeaker.....	ALL, AC
Complete console radio receiver.....	ALL
\$500.00 to \$1,000.00	
Long distance receiver requiring no batteries or antenna.....	ALL
Combination radio and phonograph.....	ALL

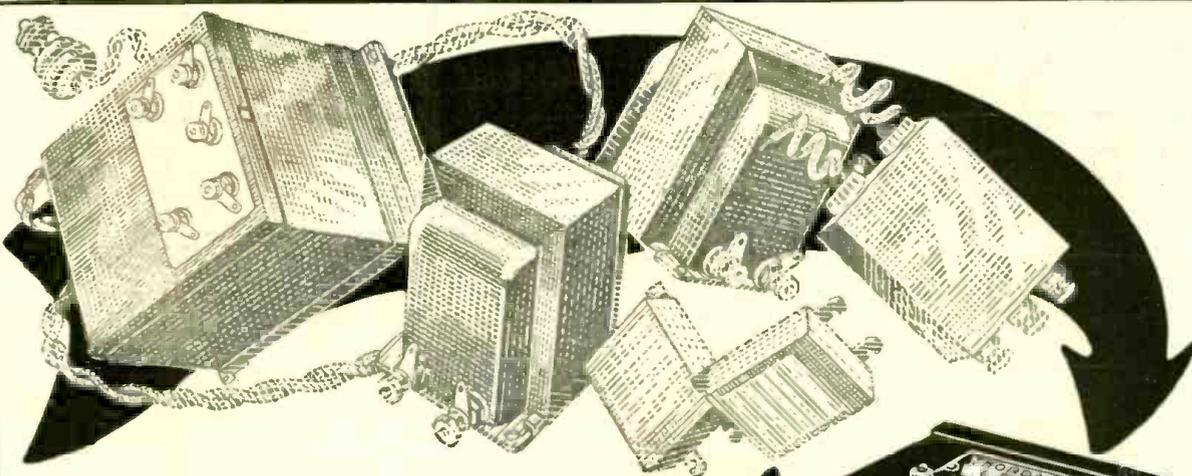
AC —House must be wired for electric lights with alternating-current supply.

ALL—Suited to needs of any radio enthusiast who has not the equivalent of the device mentioned.

DX —For the long distance enthusiast.

SBR—For storage battery receivers only.

SC —For the set constructor.



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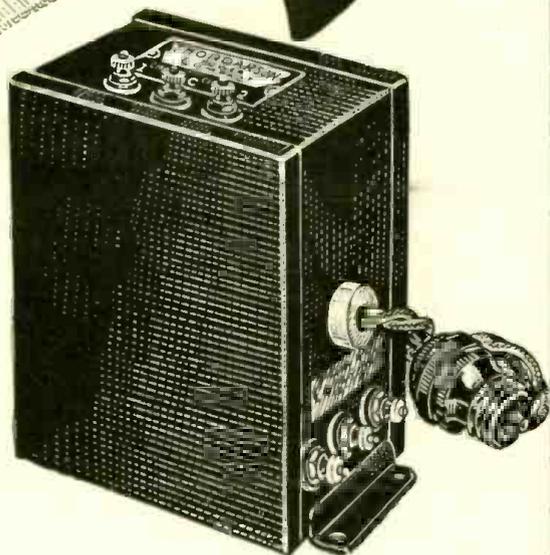
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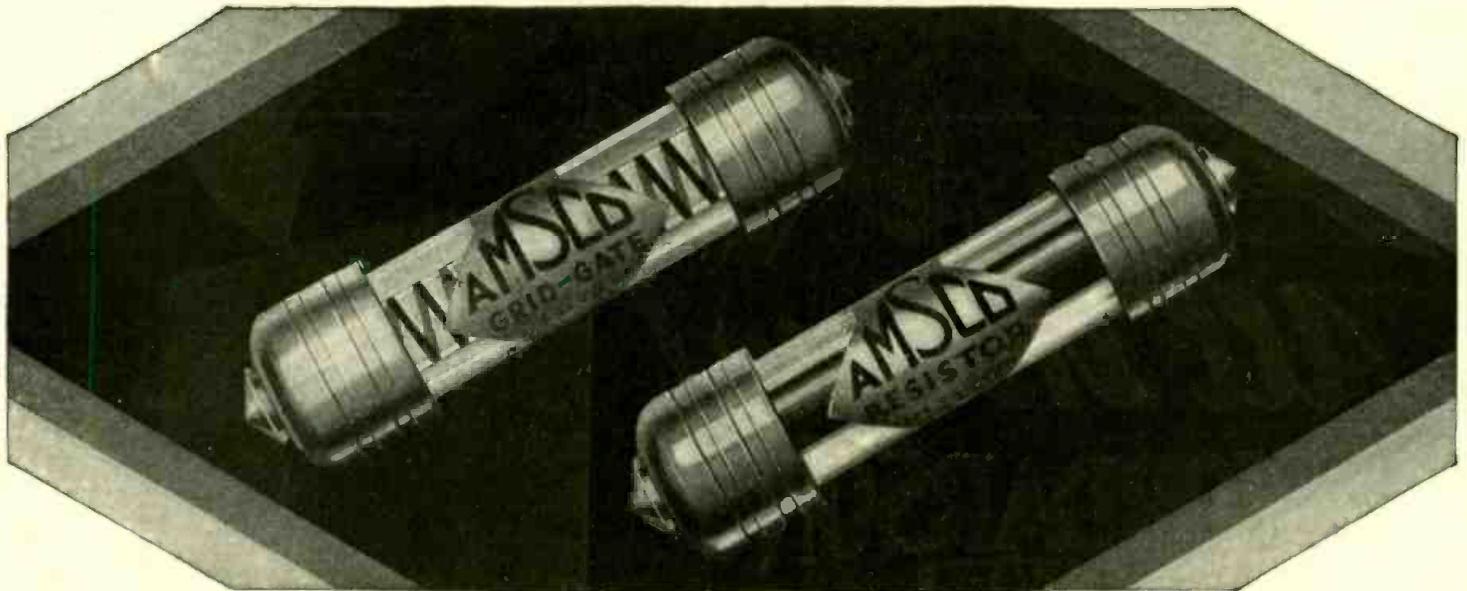
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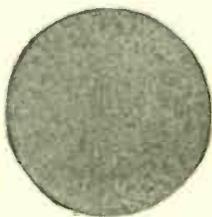
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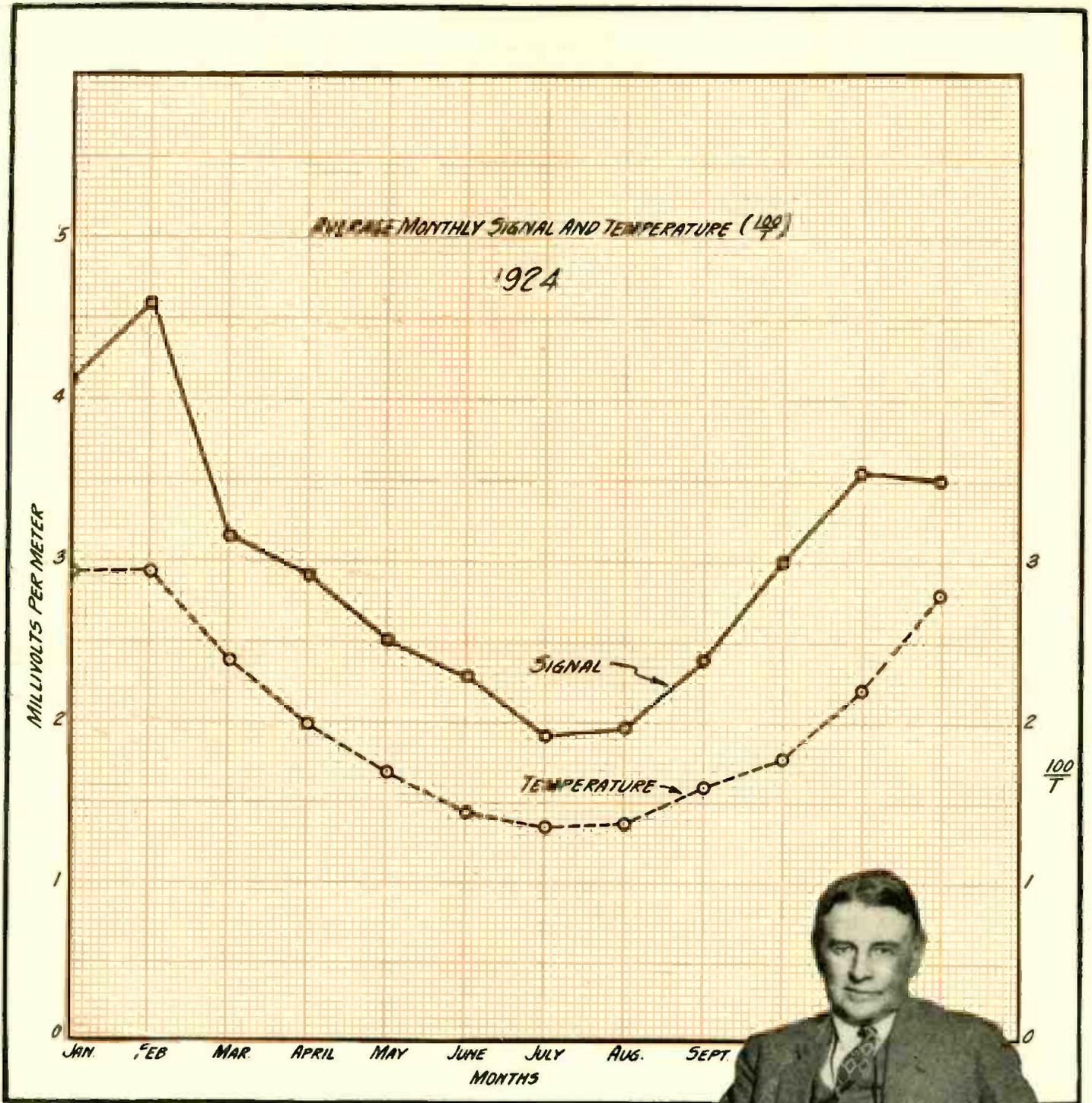


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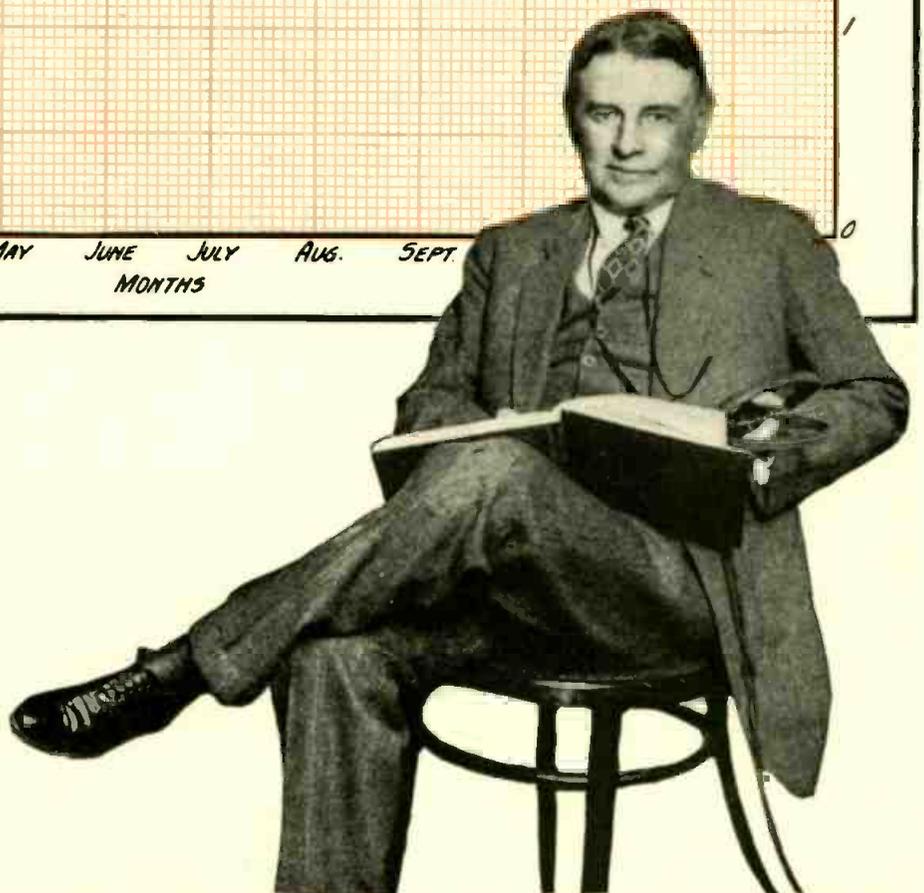
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How Signal Strength Follows Changes in Temperature

Dr. L. W. Austin of the United States Bureau of Standards, seated at the right, finds that the air temperature has important influences on radio transmission. Two of Dr. Austin's graphs, reproduced above, show clearly that the strength of the radio signal corresponded with the average air temperature during 1924. The temperature curve is inverted, higher temperatures being toward the bottom of the chart.



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The Effect of Temperature on SIGNAL STRENGTH

Newly-collected data on the part that hot and cold waves play in radio reception holds out the prospect that "radio weather" will be forecast as accurately as the Weather Man now predicts rain and shine.

By E. E. FREE, Ph.D.

THE striking difference which exists between the good radio conditions of the winter months and the relatively poor transmission that is apt to be experienced in the summer is a good deal of a mystery.

In spite of many suggestions and some partial explanations, the difference in radio conditions between the colder months and the warmer ones remains inexplicably large. It is quite true that there are more atmospherics in the summer. These annoy the listeners and interfere with the clarity of reception. But that is not the point. Even when the actual strength of the received signal is measured electrically, so that the disturbing effects of lightning flashes and other sources of atmospherics are eliminated, the winter signal is found to be much stronger and more reliable than the summer one.

Undoubtedly meteorological factors are involved in this difference. Differences in air pressure have been invoked by some investigators. Others have blamed the greater moistness of the summer air. Still others lay the difference at the door of mere temperature, certainly the most obvious place to lay it, for the outstanding difference between the winter and the summer is that the latter is the warmer.

Over two years ago, in 1924, Dr. L. W. Austin, of the United States Bureau of Standards, noticed that the signals

received on the Bureau's antenna at Washington from the transatlantic radio stations at Tuckerton and New Brunswick, New Jersey, showed an apparent variation with the temperature of the air. In particular, the winter months of that year were characterized by several distinct cold waves. These periods of intense cold had noticeable effects on the received signal strength at Washington. Dr. Austin's curiosity was aroused. After announcing the effect apparently detected, he began records which would determine, over a period of many months, whether the temperature of the air really is to be considered one of the effective factors.

These observations* are now available over a period of more than two years. They show a clear relation between the two daily conditions, the temperature of the air and the strength of the received radio signal. The effect is an inverse one; when the temperature is high the radio transmission is low, and *vice versa*. Other factors are evidently at work also, for the effects of temperature are sometimes obscured. But that these effects exist, that temperature does alter the radio conditions in the

atmosphere, appears to be unmistakable.

A few moments study of Dr. Austin's comparative curves will convince anyone of the reality of the temperature effect. Even during relatively cold periods, a temporary increase of air temperature will be reflected at once in a diminution of radio transmission. Atmospheric heat is bad for radio; atmospheric cold is good for it. That is the clear meaning of the graphs.

The same conclusion is apparent from consideration of the monthly averages. The average signal strength during the month of February turns out to be more than twice what it is during the month of July. The February figure is even substantially larger than it should be according to the usual law of decrease of signal strength with distance.

The distance of transmission used in these tests is within the range of distance most likely to disclose, Dr. Austin points out, any atmospheric effects which may exist. It is neither too short nor too long. Over longer distances, like that across the Atlantic, the weather is not likely to be the same in all parts of the path followed by the waves. A cold wave at one point may be cancelled by a hot spell at another point. And for very short distances the effects due to the atmosphere do not have opportunity to show themselves.

The distance from New Brunswick to

*The results obtained by Dr. Austin will be published presently in a paper delivered by him before the Institute of Radio Engineers. By Dr. Austin's courtesy, POPULAR RADIO is permitted to announce in this article some features of the results and of their probable meaning, together with a graphic representation of the results themselves as reproduced on other pages.

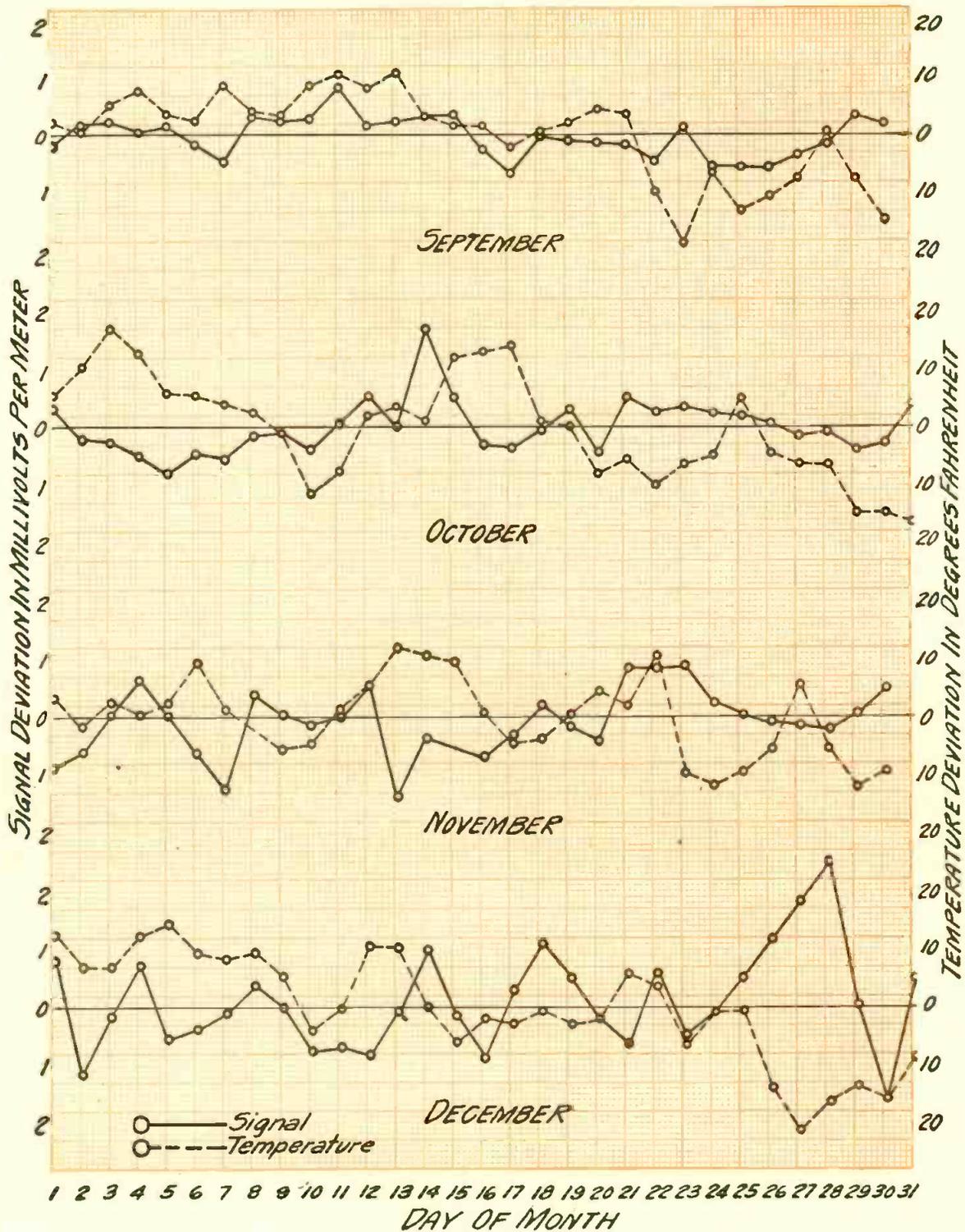
Washington is 175 miles. From Tuckerton to Washington is 156 miles. Both of these distances lie, therefore, within the range between 100 miles and 200 miles, which is probably about that within which the effects of alterations of the atmosphere would be expected to play their maximum role. The wavelength of the New Brunswick signals during the tests was 13,600 meters. That of the Tuckerton signals was 15,900 meters. In the calculations, the

received strength of both stations was reduced to the basis of a 600-ampere antenna current for New Brunswick and of a 500-ampere antenna current for Tuckerton. Different days are, therefore, entirely comparable.

At first sight, it may seem that the differences discovered are perhaps explainable as due to changes in ground conductivity, rather than to effects of the air temperature. Like almost all radio waves over moderate distances,

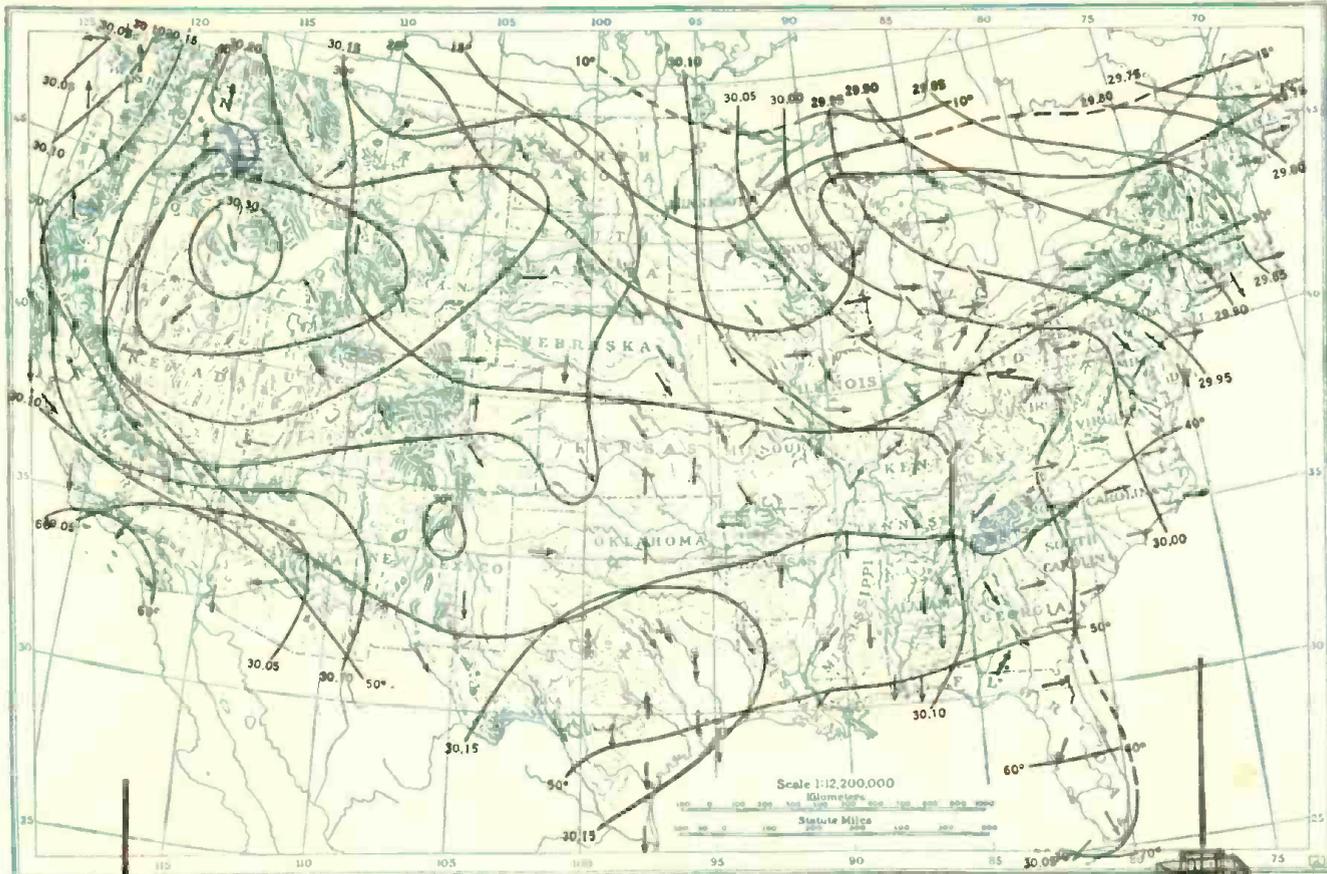
these waves from Tuckerton or New Brunswick probably consisted of two parts; the part that came through the atmosphere and the part that travelled along the ground. Either or both might be affected by temperature.

That the real effects are largely in the upper levels of the air is indicated, however, by Dr. Austin's further observation that the signal strengths in question are not affected materially by long-continued rains or droughts or by the



Note How Radio Follows Fluctuations in Air Temperatures

These curves show the daily deviations from the monthly averages for both temperature and the strength of the radio signal, as indicated, respectively, by the broken line and the solid one. When the temperature moves downward from the monthly average, the radio signal usually increases. The clearest instance on these graphs is during the week of December 25, shown at the right-hand end of the lowest curve.



What the Weather Map Told the Radio Fan Last December

The map above shows average temperatures and air pressures (black lines) and average winds (arrows) for December, 1925. The United States Weather Bureau publishes these maps for every month. Below is the experimental radio receiving station of the Bureau of Standards at Kensington, Maryland.



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presence of snow on the ground. All of these conditions, especially the soaking of the ground by rain, have marked effects on ground conductivity. The fact that they do not importantly affect the radio transmission tends strongly to prove that over the distance and with the wavelengths concerned the received transmission is largely through the air.

It was noted, also, that relatively rapid changes of radio transmission occurred at the times of the well-marked and wide-spread falls of temperature with which we are so familiar in the United States and which we call "cold waves." It was the effects of these waves, it will be remembered, which first drew Dr. Austin's attention to the problem nearly three years ago. The cold of such a wave affects the at-

mosphere at once; indeed, it is the arrival of colder atmosphere from farther north or from higher up above the earth which causes the cold wave. On the other hand, such cold waves do not immediately affect the conductivity or other characteristics of the ground.

It is safe to conclude, then, that the effects of cold or warmth on radio transmission are effects in the atmosphere.

The next question is that of what causes them.

Dr. Austin does not commit himself to any opinion about this, and, indeed, no final opinion is possible in the present state of our information. A change of temperature does many rather diverse things to the air. It alters, for example, the amount of water vapor which the air can hold without precip-

itating some of it as rain. Warm air holds much water; if the air is cooled a part of this moisture is instantly thrown out of the air, usually as fog, rain or snow.

Another difference between warm and cold air is in its density. Cold air is the heavier, quart for quart or cubic mile for cubic mile. It will sink beneath warm air, thus setting up more or less violent atmospheric circulations. It is also true, usually although perhaps not necessarily, that cold air tends to contain fewer dust particles than warm air.

In its electrical properties, which are, of course, the ones most likely to affect radio matters, the cold air is apt to contain fewer electrified air atoms or "ions" than does warm air. This gives it a

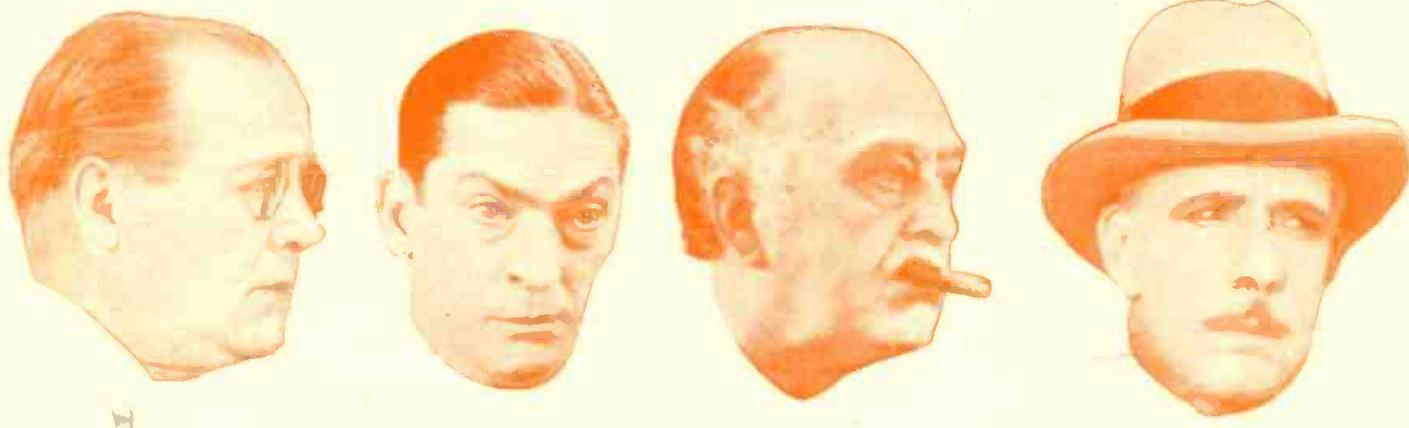
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WANTED— A Radio Humorist

WE are greatly in need at once of a number of good radio humorists, male or female. Applicants must be able to make people laugh without hurting anybody's feelings. Steady employment, good salary and short hours. Don't wait to write—apply by wire.

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By HOMER CROY



THIS is the story of a firm which had a Bright Idea.

It was a big firm with big money and, it liked to think, with big ideas. It had been watching other concerns going on the air and getting a lot of indirect advertising by putting over something in the radio line, and so it decided to do a little of the indirect stuff itself.

But instead of going in for music and a classical program, it decided to put on "something different."

"Why not give 'em something funny?" said the president. "People like to laugh."

It sounded good—just awfully good.

"We'll get the best comedian on Broadway, play him up and put over some thing that'll make 'em talk," said that up-and-coming man.

So they got a comedian who, in the pure English of Broadway, was a wow. So big was he that his name out in front could fill a house and when he went on tour they had to turn 'em away. And so popular was he that he was always being impersonated; and the newspapers constantly quoted his wisecracks.

The time came with the great comedian out in front of the microphone and the bright business men with ideas

settled back in their luxurious chairs at home, prepared for a good old-fashioned stomach laugh.

The comedian pulled his opener; it was pretty poor, but the business men smiled and waited for the fun to grow hot and heavy.

But it didn't. Instead, it seemed more like what the boys are finding at the North Pole.

The comedian pulled more of what he thought were sure-fires and went through his bag of tricks and a great sadness settled upon the faces of the waters. And also upon the faces of the bright business men, and now and then they had sharp shooting pains in the region of the pocket-book. They themselves had gone to the theatre and laughed and pounded their neighbors on the back and had pulled at their own suffocating collars, but now their collars were plenty loose.

Why was their comedian a riot in the theatre and a funeral on the air? They couldn't understand it.

At last, the comedian finished and was led away from the vibrating plate, and the agony was over and the bright business men had only to think of the fat check, outward bound.

The bright business men had made the discovery that what is funny on the stage is not necessarily funny on the air.

The reason that the great comedian so much resembled Sidney Carton on the scaffold was that he was the kind known on Broadway as a "prop" comedian. That is, his pockets were filled with strange devices and much of his humor consisted in pulling out these various articles and in talking about them, or trying them on, and also in wearing strange clothes. It wasn't legitimate humor; it was *eye* humor—and Mike has no eye. He is all ears and if the humor isn't *ear* humor, why then it is a total loss.

And that explains why radio humor is so hard to get.

In all other lines of entertainment we have great comedians and humorists, people who are known far and wide for their ability to create laughs—actors, humorous writers, comic artists, and so on—but as yet there is no great radio humorist. He will have to be developed—and it is a good field to get into by any one who has the ability to tease a laugh out of the immutable microphone.

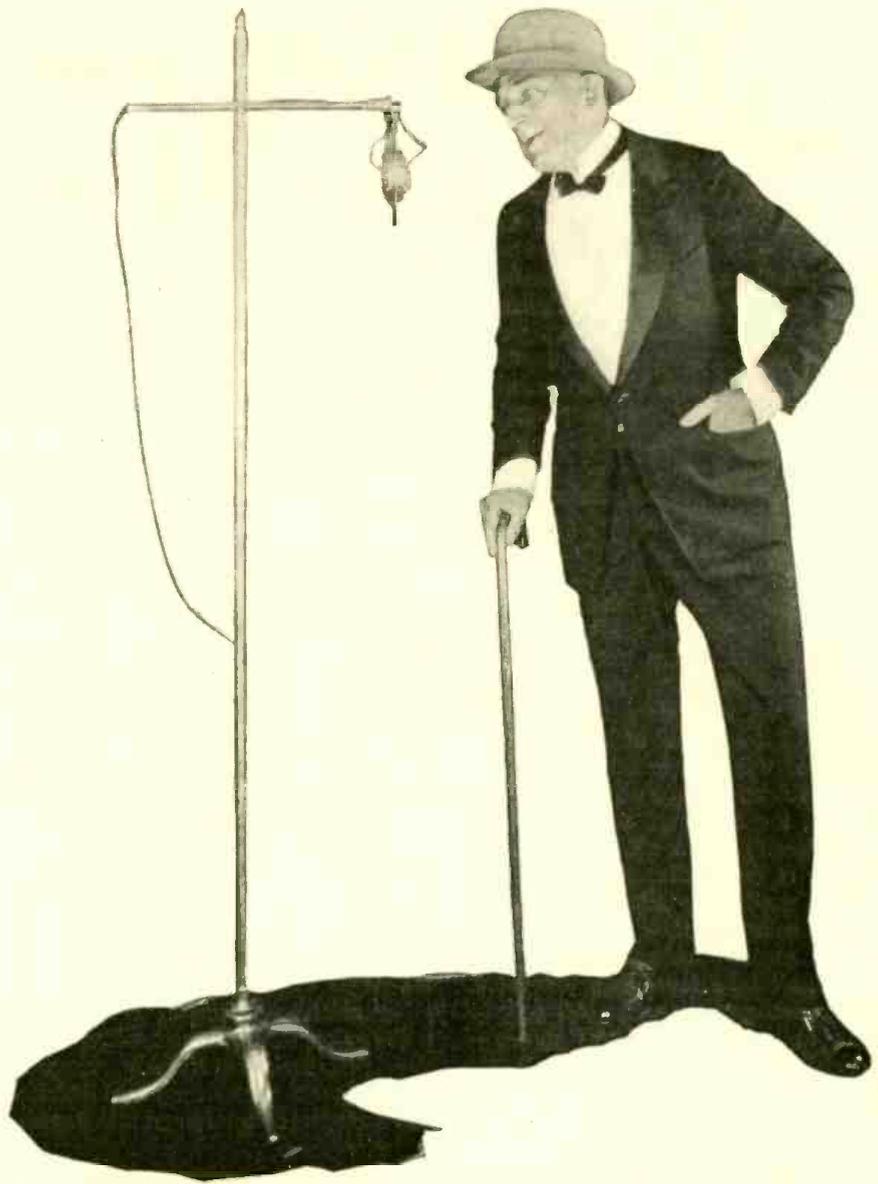
Many a famous comedian from the stage has stepped in front of the microphone with the world ready to applaud—and then had to back away, a Hamlet in modern clothes. And because a person is funny in some other line doesn't mean that he will be a success over the radio. Charley Chaplin, the world's greatest comedian, is, when he goes on the air, pretty—but 'twere kinder not to dwell on it. And Harry Lauder, who has made the world laugh, is not a success when his wig and his crooked stick are taken away from him and he finds himself alone in the sound-proof room. One reason, is that his accent is so thick and his *rrr*'s so burry that they get all mixed up in the machinery and the people can't make head or tail of them.

Another reason, is that only a limited number of people in the United States know enough of the Scotch dialect to understand the stories. Radio has to pick something that everybody high and low, east and west, can understand, and what chance has a Swede in Minnesota to understand a Scotch story? "*Hoot, mon, ninna a nickel.*" Scotch goes fine on Broadway (I refer of course, to the dialect), and also it goes well and is understood in the larger cities, but at the cross roads it is a bunch of lilies.

Up to the present time the only general humor that has been successful, when given the freedom of the air, is singing humor. It is understood by all, it is in verse and it has the added pull of music. One does not have to catch all of it to understand it.

The opposite is true in a humorous story. One has to listen closely, to get every word, or the point will be lost—and there are fewer sadder things in the world, m'lord, than a joke without a point. People like to use the radio to help entertain their friends; they like to turn it on and to chat away while the music lends a pleasant, stimulating background. This they can't do when it is a humorous story. They have to take it as it comes, or not at all.

At first, it was thought that the failure in radio humor was due to the poor choice of comedians, and so the powers behind the broadcasting stations decided to get vaudeville comedians. They had, so the radio people thought, the ability to make people laugh; they had eliminated the poor lines until their pattern was almost sure fire, and so the vaudeville comedians were brought before the microphones and hope was in every heart. But when the comedians were heard without the glamour of the footlights and without the oddity of their clothes to add to their effect, they fell as flat as flypaper. Their chatter, divested of the surroundings and the



Posed by Raymond Hitchcock

funny make-up, was not wanted by the radio audiences.

And here, it is interesting to note that the English vaudeville comedians—"variety artists," they call themselves—are more successful when transferred to the radio than are ours. The reason is this. In England they have what is known as the "red nose" comedian; that is, when he comes on his only make-up is his red nose; he has to depend for his laughs on *lines*—not on his grotesqueries. He has worked over these lines, he has polished them and revised and tested them until they are all white meat, and so when he goes before the microphone he has more nearly what the radio audience wants than has the comedian who expects a funny hat and a mother-in-law joke to get him by.

One reason why humor over the radio is so flat is that it lacks spontaneity.

A vaudeville actor works with the

house lights on so that he can study the faces of the audience and tell exactly how the audience is responding to his jests, and he gets his inspiration in turn from the audience. But in the broadcasting studio, when the actor steps in front of the trembling tympanum, inspiration has flown out the window; his "audience reaction" is gone and he might just as well be holler-ing down a rain barrel.

Another reason for the poor quality of the humor which comes over the radio is the number of restrictions put upon it. Radio humor must not offend anybody—any race, any religion, any class of people—and it must be so simple that it can be understood by all. Great numbers of radio listeners are children, or people in their 'teens and the humor must be of such a nature as to appeal to them. Sophisticated or subtle humor would go over their heads. As a result a joke that will appeal to young and old, to the intelligent and

to the simple-minded and which has a point that will not be at the expense of any class or race of people is almost impossible to get. If the radio did not have such a wide audience it would be much easier to find humor for it.

Recently a patter comedian was put on at a studio not a hundred miles from New York and, after singing a comic song or two, began to tell funny stories about plumbers. The stories were fairly funny and the studio was well pleased, but the next day there was a vigorous protest from the secretary of a plumbers' union and also letters from a number of plumbers and their families protesting against the great injustice that had been done them.

Funny stories are not a success over the radio; that is, the average funny story is not. At first, the powers behind the radio thought that it would be a splendid idea to hook up the radio on some after-dinner speakers and let the people at home have a hearty laugh. And the microphone was trotted out and set up before the speakers' table, but if anybody at home laughed no record was ever found of it. After-dinner stories don't go over the radio. In fact, the ordinary, everyday funny story doesn't go at all. There are a number of reasons for it. In the first place, a good many after-dinner stories are off color, or their humorous kick depend on a double meaning. The radio can't take these into the home. A *risque* story may sound just awfully funny at a college fraternity dinner—especially if there has been a little wee doch and dorris—but when that story is turned loose in the privacy of a

home, before the wife and children and maybe grandma knitting in the corner (that is, if grandma knits any more) why, then it is a horse of a different color.

The joke that goes out over the radio must, above all other things, be clean and wholesome. The club smoker and after-dinner variety of a joke is a total loss.

The radio stations are not in favor of Jewish stories, funny as they may be, for the reason that many Jews are sensitive about them and write in complaining letters. The Scotch story goes much better than the Jew joke, but it is not a success away from the large cities where the Scotch dialect is better understood than in the small towns where they think all Scotchmen look like Harry Lauder, for it must be remembered that anything that goes out over the radio must have a universal appeal. It can't be aimed at just one class of people.

As a whole, a dialect story has hard sledding, but there is one dialect story that is almost sure fire—the negro story. None of the larger stations have a ban against it. One reason that the negro story goes over so well is that it doesn't hurt anybody's feelings. The negroes themselves are not sensitive about a negro story, as it usually deals with the race gently—it has no mean, biting spirit behind it. Another reason is that the negro dialect is a slow, musical, easily-understood dialect. It has what is known as "microphone quality," and also practically everybody in the United States knows the negro dialect. The same words transposed into Scotch

would not be understood so well, and as a result many in the radio audience would muffle the story.

One reason that radio humor usually is such a total loss is that it lacks spontaneity, and this is due to the fact that the actor has nothing to bring out his best. He recites his pattern without knowing whether it is going over or not and trusts to luck. If the element of spontaneity could be injected into it then the quality of the humor would be much higher. The funniest thing that has ever been sent over the radio was the result of this unexpected quality of spontaneity.

Graham McNamee and Major White had been sent out to report a football game in Philadelphia, and, as is known, these two are friendly rivals. The learned gentlemen took their places on the sidelines with their headpieces on, and all was set for the game. It had been raining and Major White was sitting under an awning, laughing and smiling and at peace with the world. McNamee, a few yards away, was waiting, ready to begin his announcing; in fact, he had started and was now filling in time until the game really began. And then unexpectedly something happened. Water had accumulated in the awning directly over White's head, and the canvas had sunk lower and lower under the great weight without that talented announcer noticing that anything was wrong with the world. Suddenly there was the cruel sound of ripping, a heavy gurgle of eager water and then a little Johnstown flood descended upon that famous hero. McNamee happened to be looking at him at the time and saw the great astonishment which came over Major White's face, and also what spread over his clothes, and Major White's frantic efforts to disentangle himself from the lines and the clinging canvas. McNamee began telling exactly what was happening—describing what he saw and he laughed so heartily at what he saw and at the strange contortions that the otherwise dignified Major White was going through that the people on the receiving line began to laugh too. The description and the merriment kept up for some five minutes, McNamee all the time laughing heartily. In all, it was the most spontaneous and humorous episode ever transmitted over the radio. And much of its effect was due to the hearty laughter on the part of the announcer.

What he saw and heard was funny to him and he succeeded in making it funny to his audience.

A professional humorist who has the ability to give a turn this feeling of freshness and spontaneity is Will Rogers.

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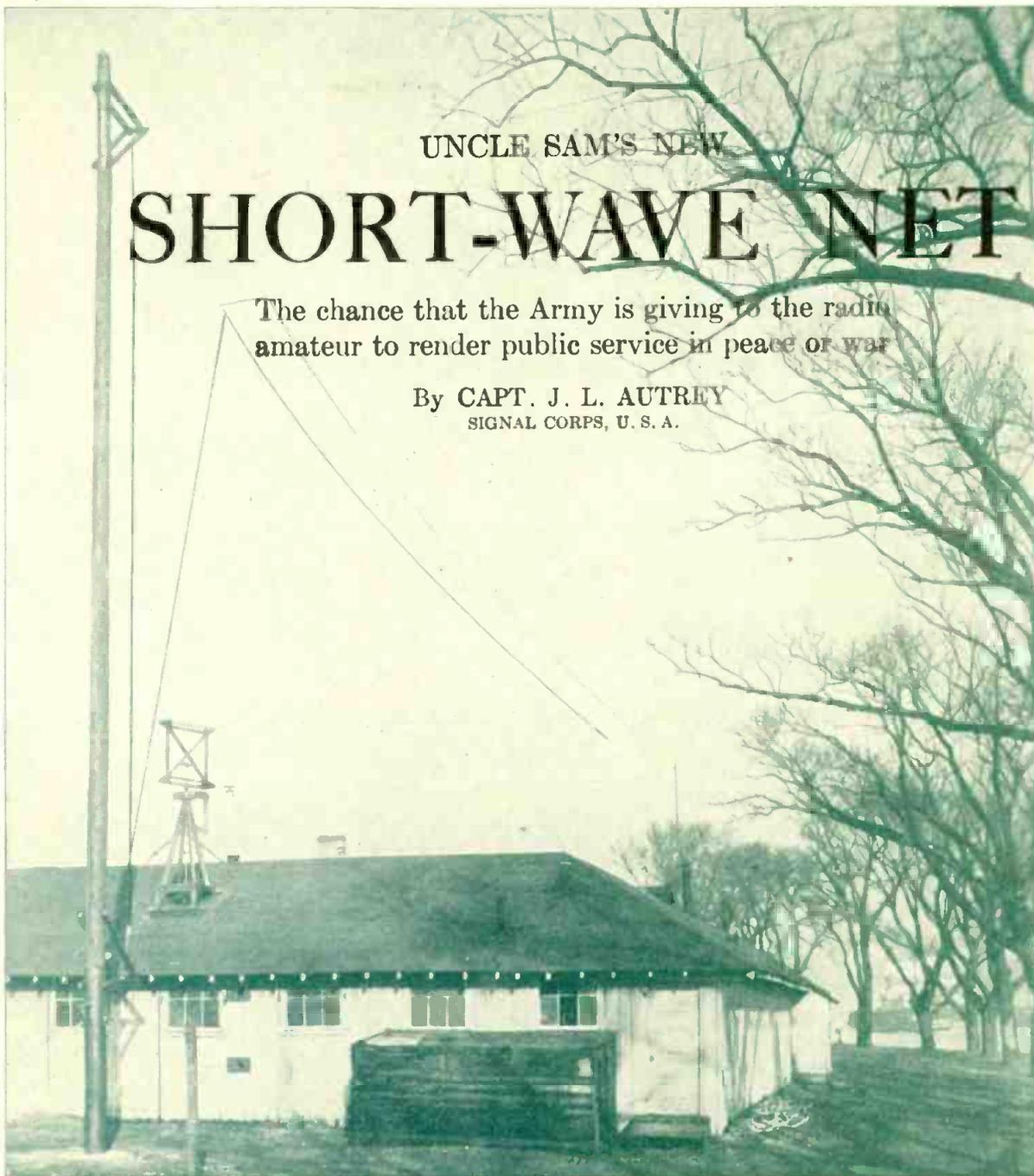
"EYE HUMOR" MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH "EAR HUMOR"

No matter how funny comedians whose fun depends upon make-up and props may be their humor is lost upon a radio audience unless the sounds that they make are in themselves funny. These "Radio Aces" (Macy and Scott) for example, must get over with their unseen audiences without the aid of the props that are drawn in this picture.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW SHORT-WAVE NET

The chance that the Army is giving to the radio amateur to render public service in peace or war

By CAPT. J. L. AUTREY
SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. A.



ONE OF THE CENTRAL STATIONS IN THE RADIO NET

The radio "shack" and antennas of amateur station 2SC, which is operated by the U. S. Signal Corps at the headquarters of the Second Corps Area, Governors Island, N. Y. Three antennas may be seen; the vertical transmitting aerial, the inverted "L", used for reception, and the outside loop.

THE transmitting amateurs' paradise, the short-wave territory of the ether, has not escaped the eagle eye of the military authorities. Indeed, the sympathetic support of the representatives of the army has always been a bulwark of defence when the amateurs' rights to the ether have been assailed.

The amateurs' part in the war is an old story, but the army's participation in amateur radio is comparatively new. Plans have been in the process of preparation for several years but now we have more than plans; we have army stations that have been specially designed and constructed for communication with amateur stations.

Three communication networks are provided for in the War Department's scheme of affiliation of the amateur with the Signal Corps. The first of these is known as the Corps Area Network.

A headquarters station is located in each Army Corps Area which acts as liaison agent for the army. This station supervises and maintains communication with the amateurs co-operating with the Signal Corps. A certificate of appointment is issued to all amateurs who volunteer and have been recommended for an assignment. A net control station, consisting of a principal and alternate is selected for each reserve division and each Governor's net to con-

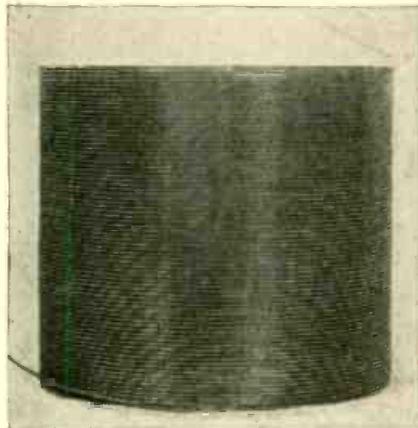
trol and supervise all traffic to and from their respective subsidiary stations.

A second network, known as the Division Radio Net, links the Corps Headquarters Stations with brigade, regimental and reserve units within each Corps Area.

Finally there is the Governor's Radio Net which places him in touch with each unit of the National Guard in his State.

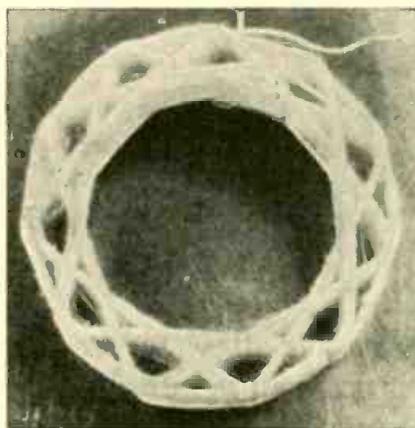
A unit in this system which is conspicuous for its efficiency and for the character of its equipment is that installed at the headquarters of the Second Corps Area, Governors Island, N. Y., and operated by the personnel of the Fourth

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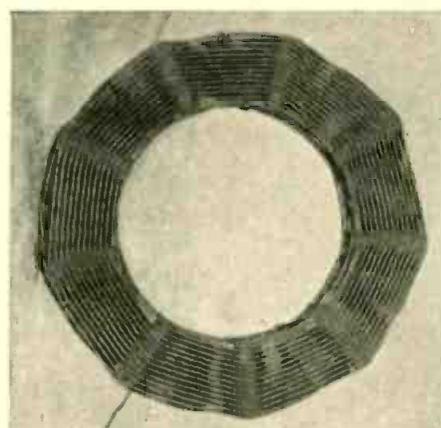
COIL 1

In this single-layer solenoid coil the turns are spaced and automatically wound on a cellulose cylinder.



COIL 2

This coil is wound of insulated wire in a lattice-work form; it will be noted that it is entirely self-supporting.



COIL 3

An entirely self-supporting lattice-work coil that has no dielectric except the silk insulation on the wire.

HOW CIRCUIT RESISTANCE AFFECTS SELECTIVITY

Practical pointers about coil resistances in the radio-frequency circuit for the experimenter who is planning a receiver that will give the maximum of selectivity—and at the same time a good tone quality.

By GLENN H. BROWNING

WHENEVER radio experimenters get together it is a pretty sure bet that the talk will turn sooner or later to the subject of coils and radio-frequency resistance. And it is nearly as certain that the usual conclusion will be reached, that if we could make a perfect coil and condenser we could make receivers that would tune with perfect selectivity.

But the trouble with this whole conclusion is the fact no one has had much to say about quality of reception. For even if we could make a receiver that was perfectly selective in this way (and it must be remembered that selectivity is not wholly dependent upon coil and condenser resistance), we would be apt to spoil the quality of reception at the same time. For some of the better coils already have about as low a resistance as is consistent with good quality.

The lowest-loss coil, as nearly every one knows, is the single-layer solenoid in which the winding is spaced approximately one-half of the diameter of the wire.

The best way to find out how a radio receiver operates is to gain an exact understanding of the phenomena that take place in the fundamental circuits. In this case we shall take under consideration a circuit that is fundamental in all radio sets, a coil connected in parallel with a variable condenser.

This circuit is shown below in Figure 6.

Let us suppose that the coil, L , is a large coil or loop with the waves from a broadcasting station sweeping past it. These waves carry with them, or rather are made up of, what we call an electrostatic and an electro-magnetic field. The electro-magnetic field passing the loop sets up a small electro-motive force in every turn of wire. This creates a difference of electric pressure between the ends of the winding.

This electric pressure charges the parallel condenser which, when charged, tends to discharge and send a current back through the loop. If the broadcaster is transmitting at a wavelength of 300 meters (a frequency of one million cycles), the magnetic field passing by the loop reverses a million times a second; this means that the electric pressure or electro-motive force at the terminals of the loop also reverses at the same rate. Thus, the condenser is charged first in one direction and then in the other direction.

If this condenser is adjusted to resonance, a large current is built up in the coil and condenser circuit, and a difference of potential is established across the terminal of C which is 100 to 300 times the difference of potential that is impressed on the loop by the broadcasting station when the condenser

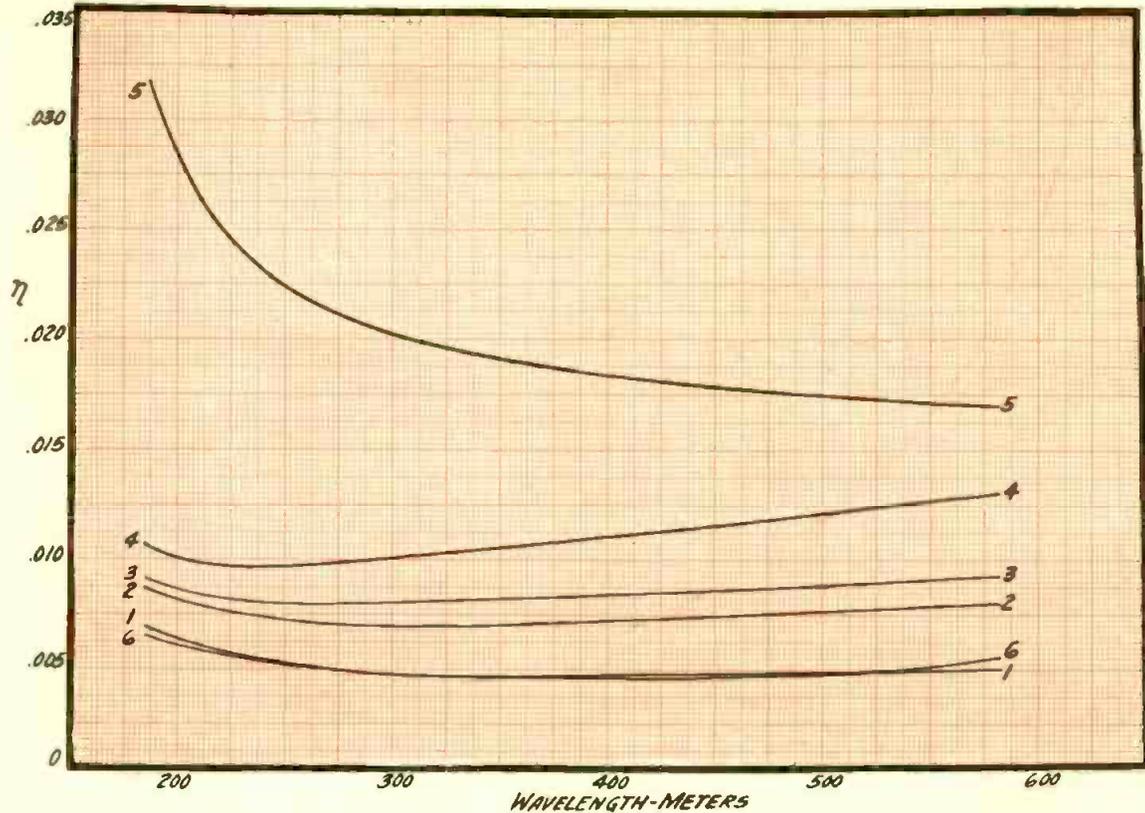
is not adjusted to its resonance value.

Thus, we may say that a coil and condenser have the same property in the electrical world that a spring with a weight attached has in the mechanical field. The weight is analogous to the coil while the spring represents the condenser. Now, suspend the weight on the end of the spring so that it will be free to bob up and down and tap the weight at regular intervals.

This tapping corresponds to the electrical impulse that is given the coil by the broadcasting station. Then, suppose, that you adjust the length or stiffness of the spring until the regular tapping occurs every time the weight starts its upward swing. This is mechanical resonance which comes at the point where a regular impulse of definite strength builds up the most motion in the weight and spring system. The motion built up, at resonance, corresponds to the current built up in the coil, and condenser system, at resonance.

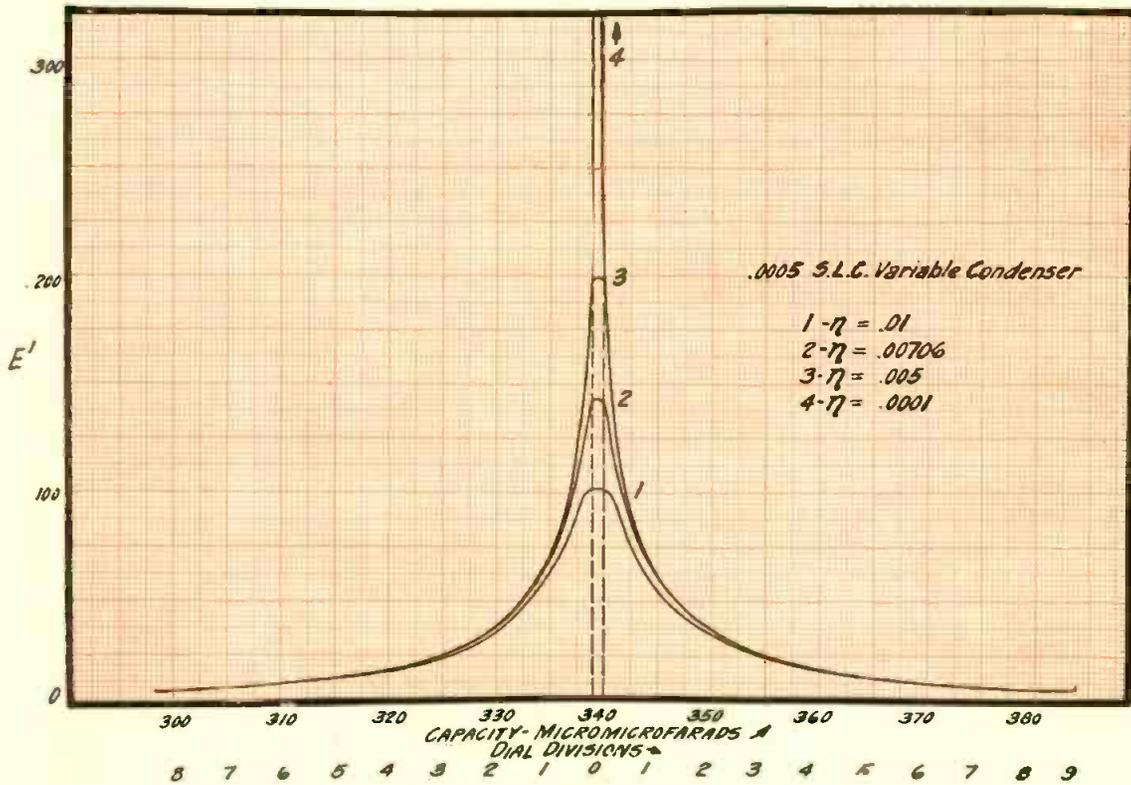
It will be noticed in the above experiment that the regular tapping on the weight builds up very little motion, if the spring is not adjusted to the correct value.

In the same manner, a broadcasting station builds up little current in the electrical system unless the condenser



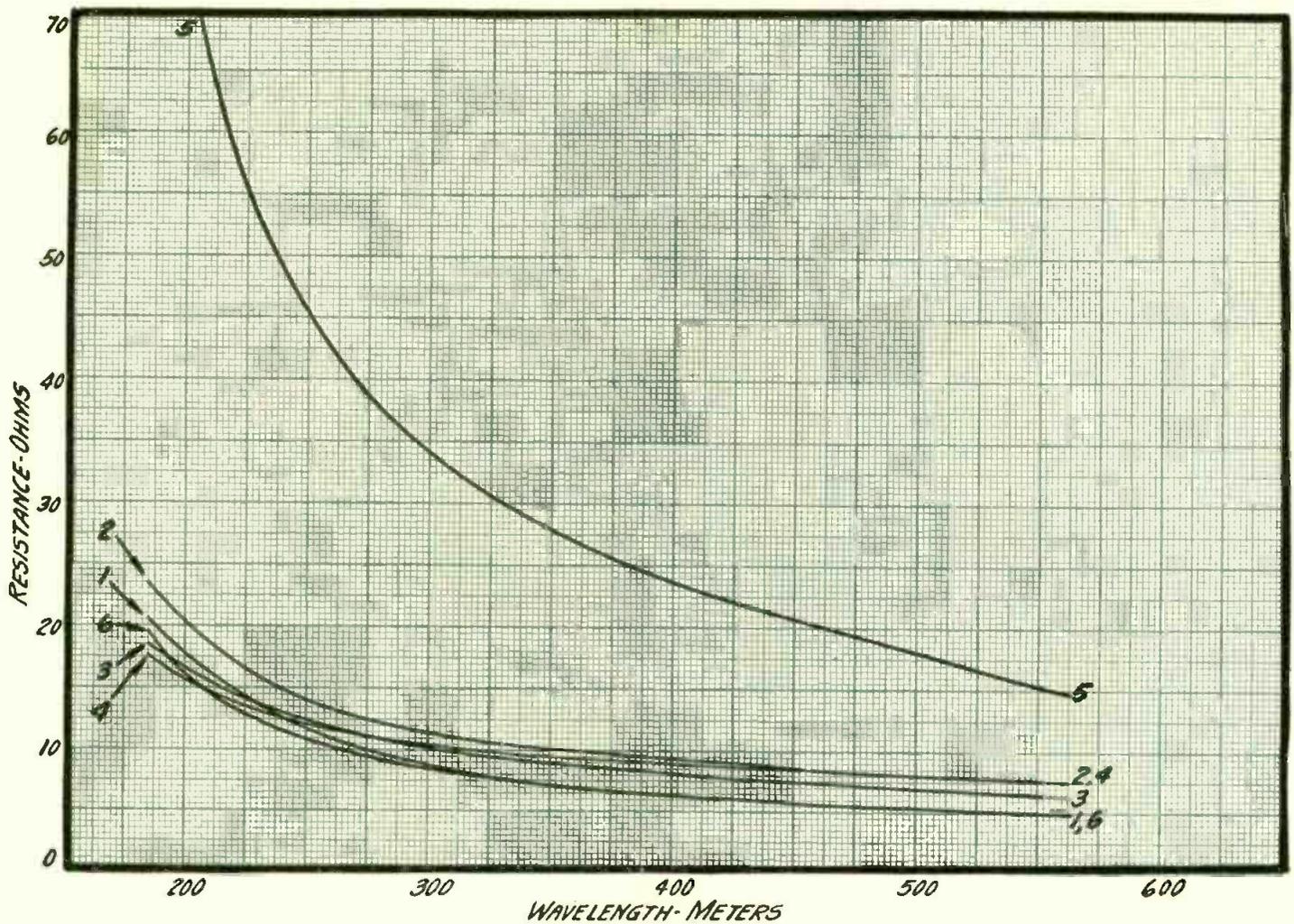
HOW N VARIES WITH THE WAVELENGTH

FIGURE 1: This curve-chart shows the variation of N (as explained by Mr. Browning) with the wavelength of six different kinds of coils that are illustrated through the article. Notice that N for Coil 5, which is a bunched wound coil, is higher than over any of the others; this indicates that this coil is not a good coil to use.



THE RESONANT VOLTAGES OVER A SHORT WAVELENGTH BAND

FIGURE 2: This chart indicates the increase in voltages at resonance over coils having varying values of N . Notice that Coil 4 with a value of N of .0001 has more than three times the voltage resistance of Coil 1 with an N of .01.



RESISTANCE PLOTTED AGAINST WAVELENGTH

FIGURE 3: This chart shows the resistance values of the coils under consideration at various radio frequencies; notice that Coils 1 and 6 have approximately the same resistance values.

is adjusted to resonance. Broadcasting stations on different wavelengths have different periods of electrical vibration which require, as we all know, different condenser settings to resonate the signal and make it audible. It is a fortunate thing for us that a coil and condenser have the property of selecting different stations at will for otherwise all stations within range would give a bedlam of sound in the loudspeaker.

The question naturally arises, why is one coil and condenser more selective than another?

The answer lies partly in the amount of resistance that is present in these two pieces of apparatus, for that is what damps the oscillations. Would our weight spring system build up a greater amount of motion if the weight were suspended in air or if it were immersed in alcohol? The answer is that the alcohol would naturally retard motion more than air.

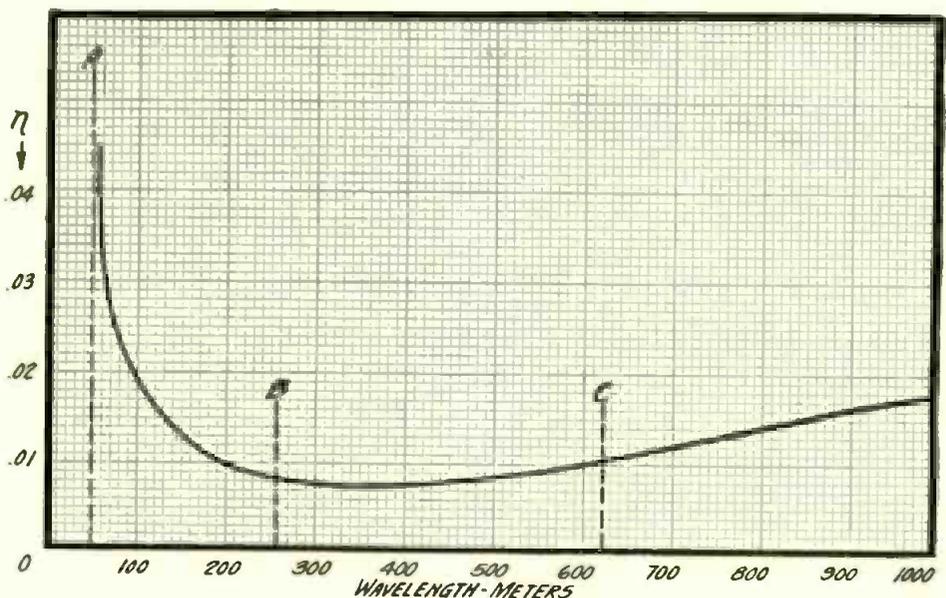
The spring immersed in alcohol corresponds to a coil and condenser that have great amounts of resistance in them.

Let us consider the circuit, shown in Figure 6, a little more in detail.

Assume that a voltage is set up in the

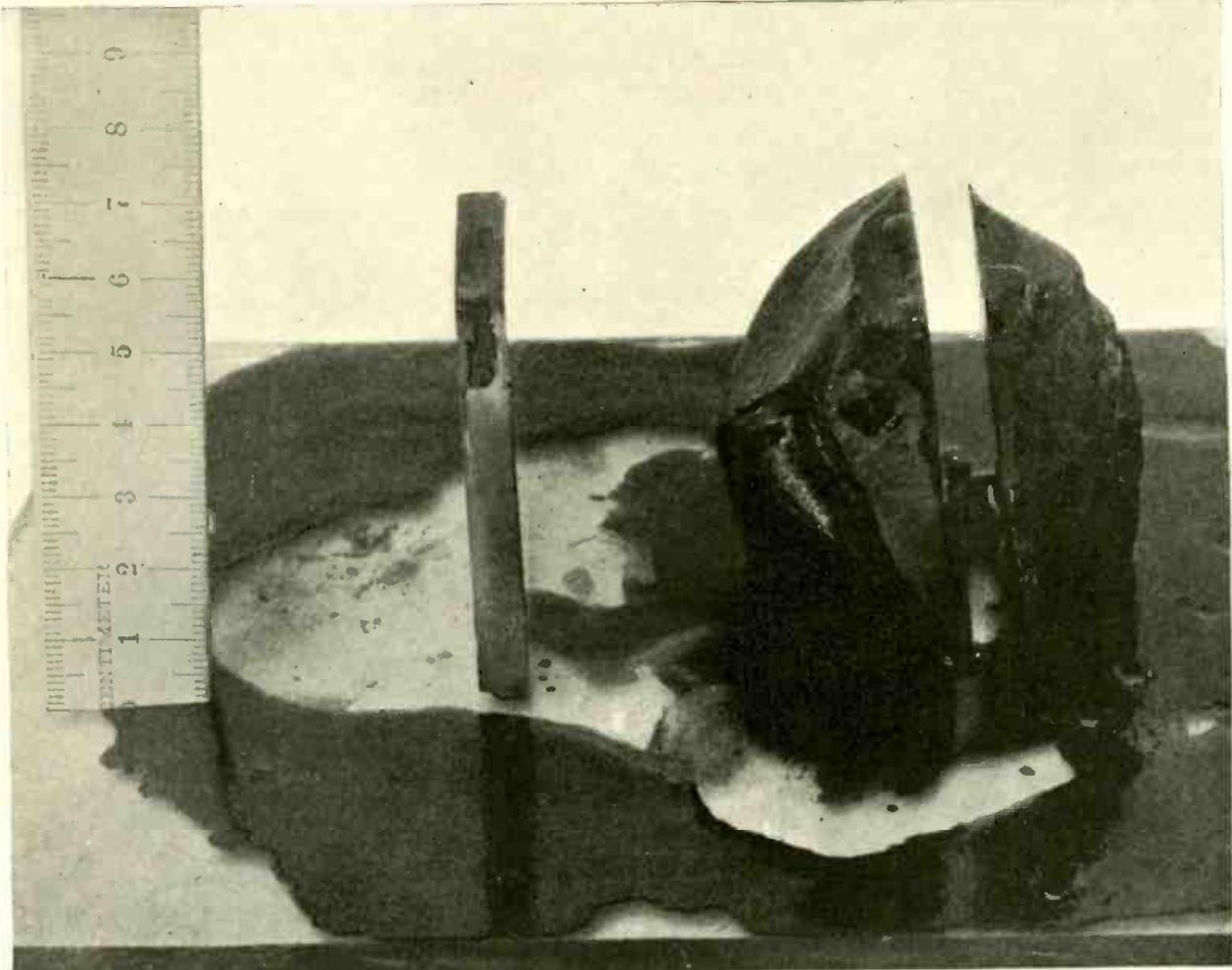
coil, L , either from an oscillator or from a broadcast station. Call this voltage E . There is always a resistance in the coil and condenser which we will represent by R . Now let us calculate the

amount of voltage, E , that is set up across the condenser and let us see what can be done to make it as large as possible for the strength of the signals
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N PLOTTED AGAINST WAVELENGTH

FIGURE 4: This curve gives the general figures for the value N at various frequencies that include the wavelength band used for amateur broadcasting and commercial transmission and reception.



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HOW A PIEZO CRYSTAL IS CUT

FIGURE 1: *The piezo plate is cut out of a section of quartz crystals; it will oscillate only if it is cut in the correct plane and contains no flaws. If the plate is cut roughly it is ground down smoothly to the correct thickness for the frequency to which it is to be used.*

The Salt on the Tail of the Broadcast Frequency

How the tiny piezo crystal is serving the interests of the broadcast listener by checking the wavelengths of stations and preventing interference between transmitters.*

By MORRIS S. STROCK

MOST broadcast listeners are all too familiar with the shrill heterodyne whistle that often comes uninvited into their loudspeakers; and a good many of them know that this annoying whistle is due to interference between the carrier waves of broadcasting stations that have strayed too far off their assigned frequencies.

Few fans, however, realize that this source of interference, at least, could be eliminated forever if all broadcasting stations could be persuaded to add to their equipment a tiny piece of appar-

atus known as a "piezo crystal oscillator."

This interesting apparatus has the useful quality of maintaining certain predetermined frequencies for an almost unlimited time. If it is constructed so that one of its frequencies corresponds to the assigned frequency of a broadcasting station and is operated in conjunction with its transmitter, the station can never stray far off that frequency.

There are two ways in which the piezo oscillator may be used to keep the frequency of a broadcasting station at a constant value. It may be included in the transmitting circuit, or it may be

used as a separate piece of equipment.

For some time past the Bureau of Standards has experimented with the latter method of frequency control; and this article describes the apparatus and methods that were used to secure the desired result.

The term "piezo" is a Greek word meaning "press." "Piezo electricity" is produced by pressure upon certain crystals, notably Rochelle salts, sugar and quartz, a fact that was discovered about forty years ago by the Curie brothers.

Later it was found that a reversed effect could be secured. This was obtained through the action of an electric field upon a quartz plate cut from a

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natural quartz crystal. The electric field was supplied by two metal plates connected in an electron tube radio-frequency generating apparatus.

When a quartz plate was placed between the two metal plates, it was found that it could be made to control or maintain a fixed value of frequency in the generating apparatus. Because of its physical characteristics, quartz was found to be more satisfactory for this purpose than other crystalline substances.

Thus the term "crystal," as applied to the piezo oscillator, is a rather incorrect expression for denoting this piece of apparatus. The quartz crystals, in their natural state, are very much larger than the plates which are cut from them. An idea of their size may be gained from Figure 1, by referring to the centimeter scale at the left.

The plates that are used in piezo oscillators are even smaller than this, as may be seen from Figure 2. "Piezo" is a much better term than "crystal," as the word itself suggests the action of the quartz plate and as the plate is only a part of the crystal. The terms "crystal controlled" and "crystal checked", as applied to transmitting stations equipped with one of the two forms of piezo apparatus previously mentioned, may therefore be somewhat misleading. It is better to say "piezo controlled" and "piezo checked."

When it has been properly cut from the crystal, the quartz plate generally gives three natural frequencies which are fixed by certain dimensions of the plate. Even a disc-shaped quartz plate gives these three frequencies.

As quartz is a durable and permanent material, the frequencies which it gives are equally permanent and constant. It is in this that the value of the quartz plate in maintaining a frequency standard arises.

Figure 4 shows a schematic wiring diagram of the piezo oscillator as used by the Bureau of Standards; Figure 2 shows a completed piezo oscillator that was built according to specifications prepared by the Bureau.*

In the illustration it is shown ready for operation except that the "A" and "B" batteries are not connected. The holder containing the quartz plate is shown attached to the right edge of the cabinet, and an interior view of a plate holder of exactly similar construction is shown at the lower left corner of the cabinet. The same oscillator, in operation, is shown in Figure 3.

The Technical Details of the Tests of the Piezo Oscillator

Arrangements were made with two of the Washington broadcasting stations, WRC and WCAP, whereby the piezo oscillator, shown in Figure 2, could be tested in the operating rooms of these stations in order to determine its possibilities.† For these tests, the quartz plate was first ground so that the sixth harmonic of one of its fundamental frequencies was 0.3 kilocycle‡ (300 cycles) higher than the assigned frequency of the broadcasting station; next, the plate was ground so that another of the fundamental frequencies was equal to the assigned frequency of the broadcasting station.

The method of performing the tests was to place the piezo oscillator near the transmitting set in the operating room of the station and listening for the beat note heard in the phones, which was produced by the interaction of the

*These specifications are known as Letter Circular 186, and may be obtained by request from the Bureau of Standards by anyone actually requiring them for constructing the device.

†Acknowledgment is due to the operating staff of stations WRC and WCAP for their cooperation in arranging these tests.

‡Hereafter written "kc."

utilized frequency of the piezo oscillator and the frequency of the transmitting set.

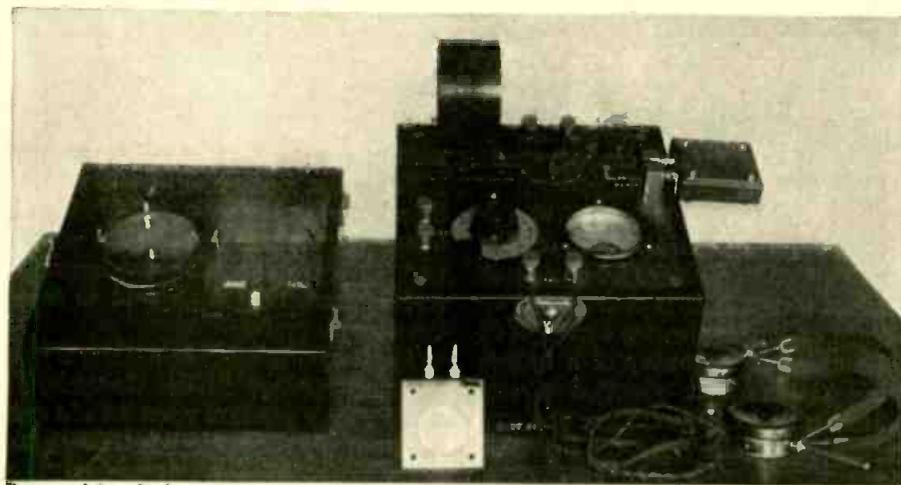
The reason that a harmonic from the quartz plate was used was to find out whether there would be less trouble from a possible blanketing effect from the transmitting set than when a fundamental frequency of the quartz plate were utilized. Of course there was no specific reason for grinding the plate so as to utilize the 6th harmonic rather than making (for example) the 4th or 5th harmonic equal 640.3 kc. This harmonic frequency was made slightly greater than 640 kc so that the transmitting circuit could be adjusted to exactly 640 kc by the pitch of the beat produced in the phones of the piezo oscillator instead of utilizing zero beat as in the second test. This principle could, of course, have been applied instead to a fundamental frequency of the quartz plate; it had nothing to do with the fact that a harmonic was utilized.

Figure 3, shows the piezo oscillator outfit during one of the tests in station WRC at Washington. The box at the right contains "A" and "B" batteries for the piezo oscillator.

Imagine that the transmitting set is to be adjusted by listening to the beat produced by the 6th harmonic of the quartz plate interacting with the frequency of the transmitting set. The observer wearing the head phones hears a beat note with a pitch equal to the difference between the frequency of the transmitting circuit and the oscillator. He now varies the frequency of the transmitting set by rotating a knob on the control board. This adjustment is continued until zero beat is obtained.

The transmitting set is thus adjusted to 640.3 kc (the 6th harmonic of the utilized frequency of the piezo oscillator). The knob is now rotated a little further in a direction such that the frequency of the transmitting set is slightly decreased, this adjustment being continued until the pitch of the beat note in the phones is estimated to be 0.3 kc (300 cycles). Thus the frequency of the transmitting set is brought close to the assigned frequency of 640 kc.

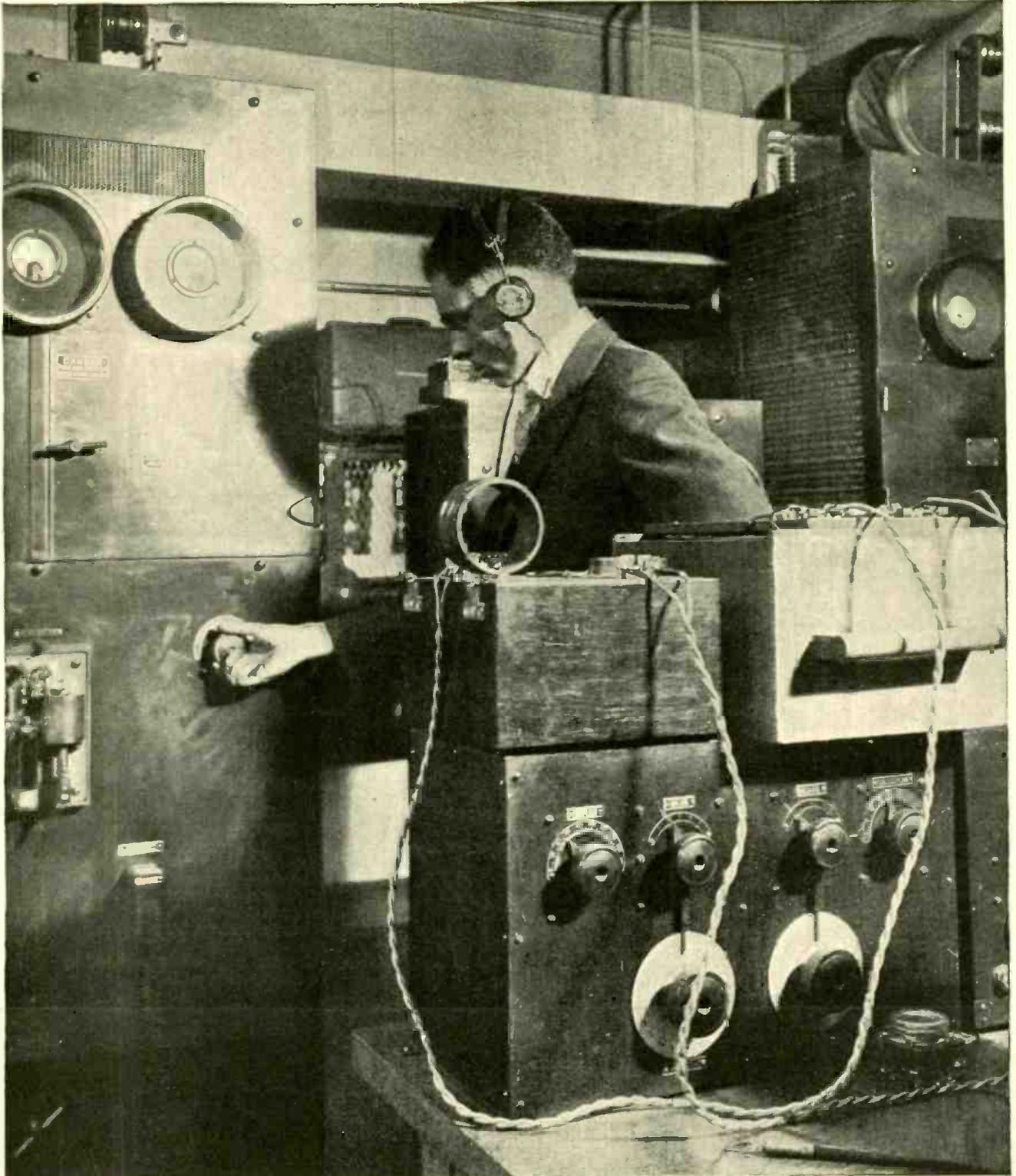
In this test the apparatus was placed about six feet from the control board; and the beat note heard in the phones, while not loud, was of sufficient intensity to be readily heard through the other noises in the operating room. This test proved very successful; the observer had no difficulty in noting slight changes in the frequency of the transmitting set. Without making a comparison with an audio-frequency note of 300 cycles, it was of course necessary to estimate when the resulting beat note was of that frequency. In this an error of even 0.2



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A SET-UP FOR CALIBRATION

FIGURE 2: This standard wavemeter is crystal controlled; the crystals are mounted in the small rectangular blocks, one of which leans up against the end of the wavemeter and the other is connected to two binding posts in the wavemeter circuit.



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ADJUSTING A TRANSMITTER BY THE BEAT NOTE METHOD

FIGURE 3: *The station may be set at its correct frequency by adjusting the wavelength so that the beat note obtained between its frequency and the frequency of a crystal-controlled oscillator is of a certain fixed audio-frequency value. This is a simple way to check the frequency of any transmitter no matter how powerful it may be.*

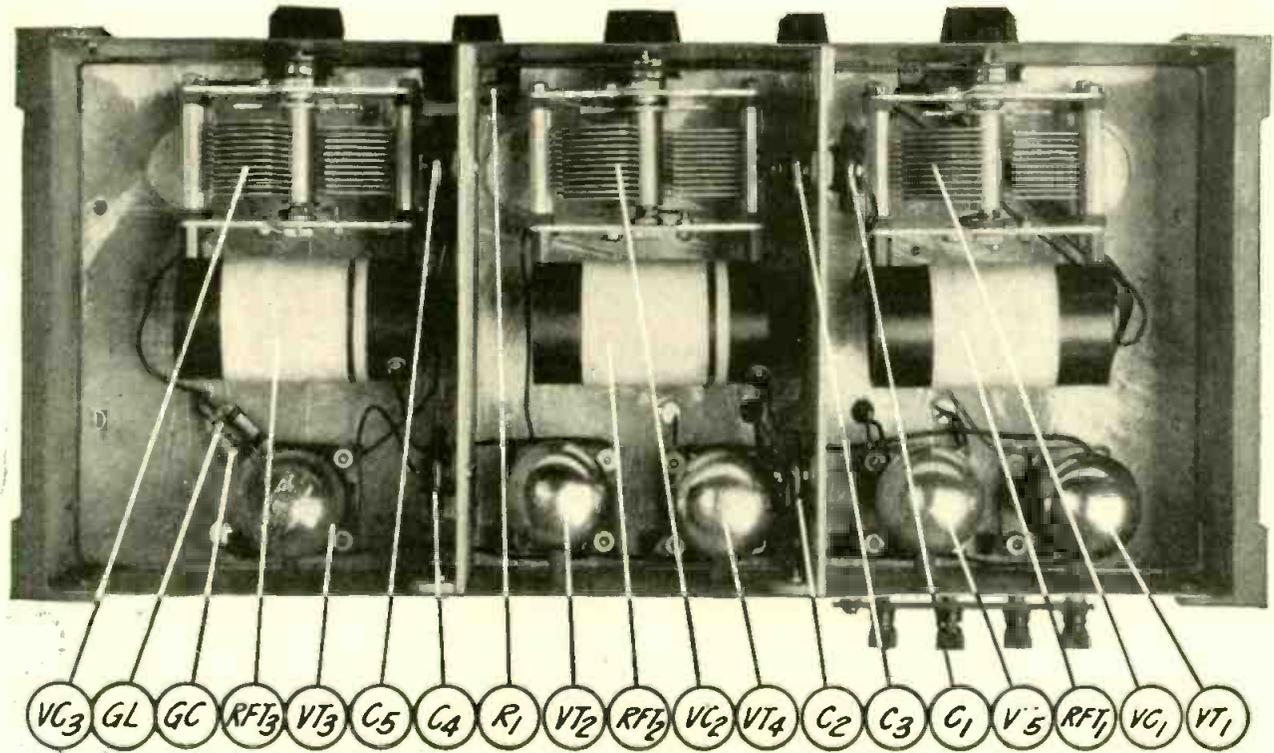
kc (200 cycles) is unimportant as this is a difference of only 0.2 kc or 0.03 percent from the assigned frequency of the broadcasting station. Tests at WCAP met with similar results.

The quartz plate was reground so that it gave a fundamental frequency of exactly 640 kc, and tests similar to

those just described were repeated. Referring again to Figure 4, assume that the observer is once more adjusting the transmitting circuit to the piezo oscillator. In this case the proper adjustment is obtained at zero beat in the phones of the piezo oscillator. Barring interference from extraneous noise in the

operating room, the transmitting circuit can, by this method, be adjusted very easily to within 0.1 kc of the piezo oscillator frequency; in fact, if the headphones would respond to a sufficiently low frequency this adjustment could be made to an accuracy of about 16 cycles,

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The Grimes "Inverse Duplex" Receiver

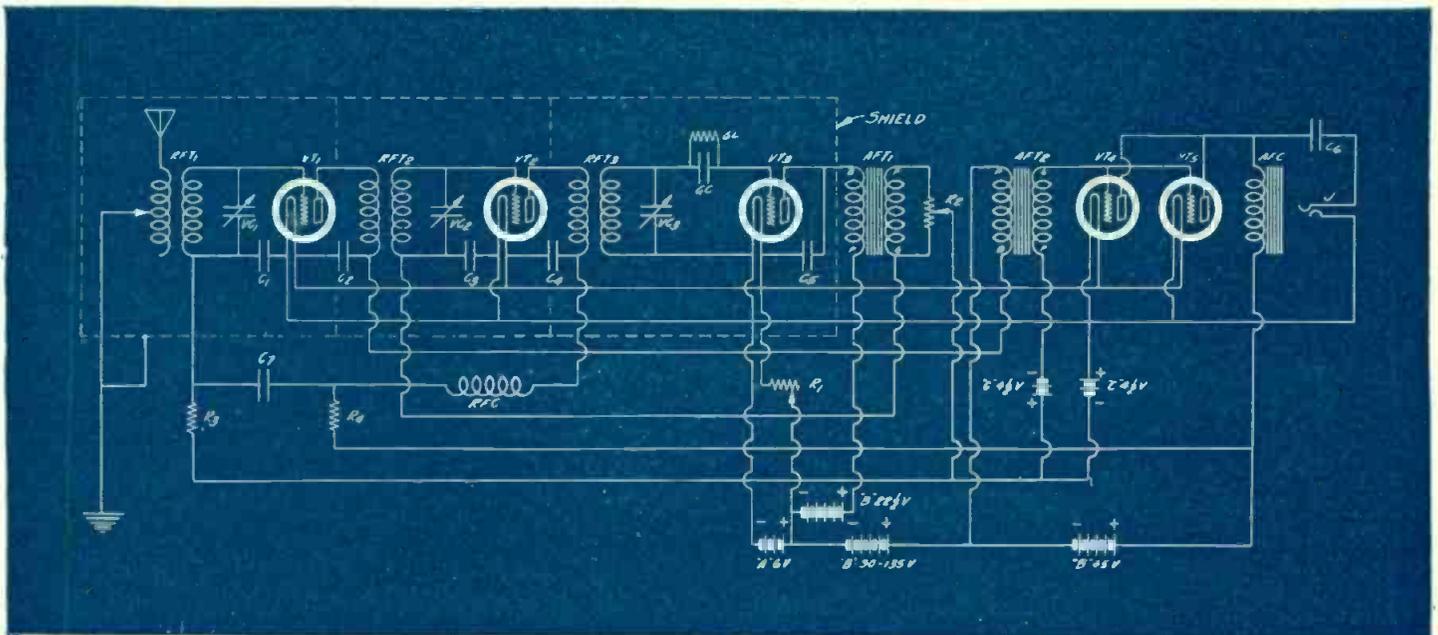
This receiver, has an efficient inversed reflex system, an output filter and a logical volume control. The circuit gives good volume with a fine quality of reproduction; selectivity is obtained by means of two extremely sharp stages of radio-frequency amplification.

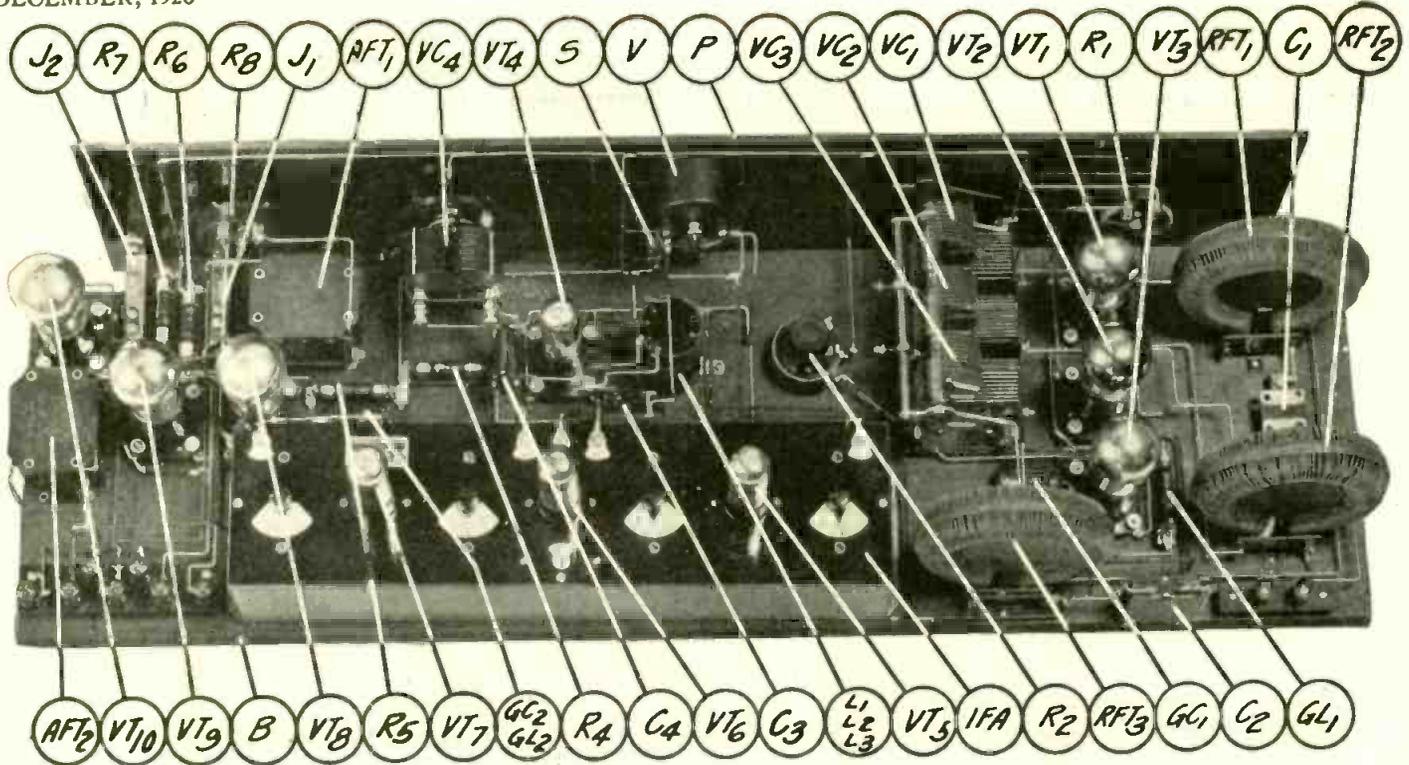
Popular Radio Circuits

INSTALLMENT NO. 5

THE PARTS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN THIS RECEIVER ARE—

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| RFT1, RFT2 and RFT3—Lind R F coils; | C1 and C3—Sangamo mica condenser, .00025 mfd.; | R2—Centralab potentiometer, zero to 250,000 ohms; |
| RFC—Grimes radio-frequency choke; | C2, C4 and C5—Sangamo mica condenser, .001 mfd.; | R3—DeJur resistor, 1 meg.; |
| AFT1—Samson audio-frequency transformer, ratio 2 to 1; | C6—Dubilier mica condenser, 1. mfd.; | R4—DeJur resistor, 24,000 ohms; |
| AFT2—Samson audio-frequency transformer, ratio 6 to 1; | C7—DeJur mica condenser .1 mfd.; | Grimes metal panel |
| AFC—Samson audio output choke; | GL—Lynch metallized resistor, 2 meg.; | Grimes metal instrument base; |
| VC1, VC2 and VC3—Lind variable air condenser, .0005 mfd.; | GC—Dubilier mica condenser, .00025 mfd. provided with grid-leak clips; | Grimes shields; |
| VT1, VT2, VT3, VT4 and VT5—Benjamin sockets; | J—binding posts for the loudspeaker tips; | Grimes cracked finish cabinet; |
| | R1—rheostat, 6 ohms; | 2 vernier dials; |
| | | Composition binding post strips; |
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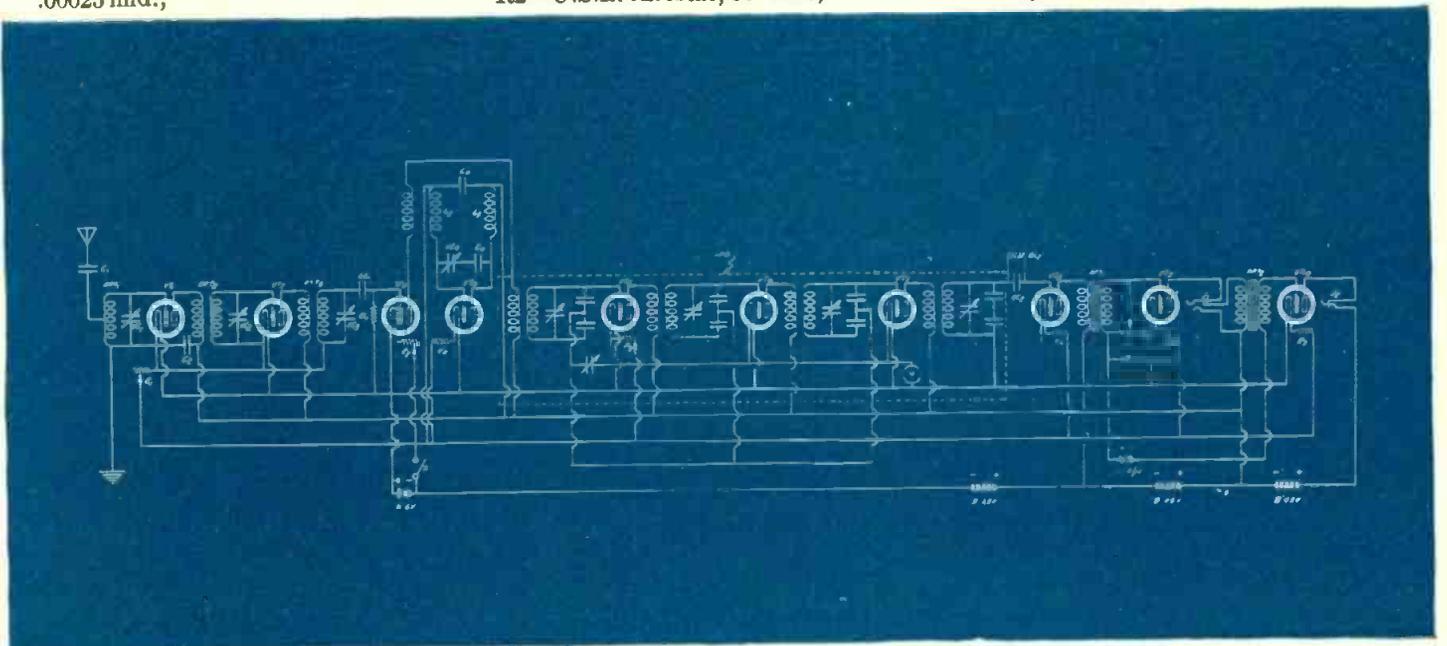


The "Infradyne" Receiver

This set has as a novel feature a new intermediate amplifier operating on short waves in conjunction with an oscillator intended to obtain a frequency of this order by heterodyning with the initial signals within the broadcast range. Distance reception with this circuit is readily attainable and when coupled with high-grade transformers, the quality of reproduction should be excellent. In the intermediate amplifier and the oscillator, UX-199 type tubes are used; the last tube is a UX-112, while the others are of the UX-201-a type. This receiver gives the best results with a fifty-foot antenna.

THE PARTS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN THIS RECEIVER ARE—

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| <p>RFT1, RFT2 and RFT3—Thorola No. 33 doughnut radio-frequency coils;
 IFA—Remler Infradyne (intermediate) amplifier;
 L1, L2 and L3—Oscillator coils (each coil wound with No. 24 DSC wire, 8, 14 and 14 turns respectively);
 AFT1—AmerTran DeLux first stage transformer;
 AFT2—AmerTran DeLux second stage transformer;
 VT1, VT2, VT3, VT4, VT8, VT9 and VT10—Benjamin sockets;
 C1—Electrad mica condenser, .0001 or .00025 mfd.;</p> | <p>C2 and C3—Dubilier mica bypass condensers, 1 mfd.;
 C4—Sangamo mica condenser, .0005 mfd.;
 VC1, VC2 and VC3—Continental triple vernier air condenser;
 VC4—Remler air condenser, .00035 mfd.;
 GC1—Sangamo mica condenser, .00025 mfd.;
 GC2—Sangamo mica condenser, .0005 mfd., with grid-leak clips;
 GL1—Lynch resistor, 1 meg.;
 GL2—Lynch resistor, 2 meg.;</p> | <p>R3—General Radio rheostat, No. 301, 30 ohms;
 R4—Amperite, 6V-199 type;
 R5 and R6—Amperite, 1-A type;
 R7—Amperite, 112 type;
 S—Yaxley filament switch;
 V—Jewel No. 135 voltmeter, zero to 5 volts;
 J1—Electrad closed-circuit jack;
 J2—Electrad open-circuit jack;
 B—hardwood baseboard, 10 inches by 34 inches by 3/4-inch;
 P—composition panel, 7 inches by 30 inches by 3/16-inch;
 9 Eby binding posts.</p> |
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Q EVERY broadcast listener is familiar with the tiny "whistlings" that he picks up among the wavelengths below 200 meters; they are the code communications of the amateurs. To the fan who can read them a new and fascinating "world of ether" is revealed.



DO NOT STUDY THE CODE BY VISUALIZING DOTS AND DASHES—BUT
BY LISTENING TO "DITS" AND "DAHS"

If no neighborly operator is available, the beginner can get good practice in reading code by means of the ommigraph, which transmits interchangeable messages at adjustable speeds. Incidentally, this machine is employed by the Radio Inspectors for testing the abilities of applicants for licenses.

If You Want to Read the Code—

By HOWARD S. PYLE

RADIO broadcasting commanded the public attention to a far greater extent than had any previous scientific discovery, when the "radio craze" arrived in 1922.

The natural consequence followed; hundreds, then thousands and finally millions of enthusiasts took up the new offering and introduced it into their homes. Technical development naturally kept pace, and, with such an overwhelming interest, broadcasting developed at an astounding rate.

Two classes of radio broadcast enthusiasts developed; first the experimental class who derived their greatest enjoyment from trying every hook-up available and finally devising intricate

arrangements of their own; and second the class who were content to purchase a good set and exert their efforts to an endeavor to compile a long list of distant stations which they had heard.

Both classes of radio fans are now found to be searching for new fields to conquer. Witness any average man at the dial of his receiver of an evening, after an hour or so of logging distant stations and listening to a few numbers of their offerings; his hands are restless and as they wander over the dials; it is with rather an aimless purpose—just a hope that he may run across something a bit out of the ordinary.

Sometimes he will run into something that may stir his curiosity keenly.

Far down at the low end—two hundred meters and under, he will pick up a myriad of tiny whistlings exactly like those which he has come to know as the "carrier wave" of a broadcast station. This newer whistle, though, is broken up into alternate short and long sounds variously intermingled. The tones are varied—from almost one extreme of the musical scale to the other and he knows them from experience, as the dots and dashes of the Continental radio-telegraph code.

Similarly, at the upper extreme of his dial will he cross a similar series of dots and dashes, probably of greater strength and of more varied tone though more closely confined to an audible note of

about five hundred cycles. Broader tuning in a number of these waves will mark the wave as that emanating from a damped-wave transmitter, more familiarly known to him as a "spark set" and long the subject of much vehement protest from the great broadcast listening public, for the interference of which it has been guilty these five years gone. Fortunately, progress in receiver design and agitation leading to the almost forced abandonment of spark transmitters has lessened this evil, though numbers of them still exist.

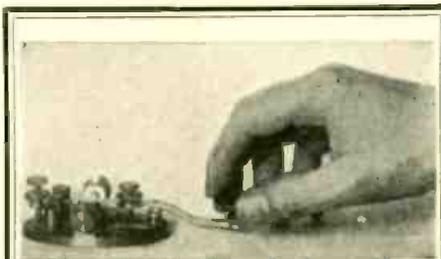
The average fan, has as yet, but little interest in the transmitting equipment itself—but he is captivated by a curiosity as to just what those mysterious and elusive dots and dashes are saying. Here is a new field within the scope of his present equipment and it seems to open the gate to a freshened interest in the receiving set that has of late gathered a bit more dust than had been the case in the few years past.

Curiosity grows and a few casual inquiries among his friends brings out the fact that they too have been intrigued by the peepings and wailings of the various code signals. A few evenings later we find the average fan secretly poring over the conglomeration of long and short marks that form the code chart which he has purchased that day from a young amateur at the local radio shop—a knowing smile from the boy being the basis for that slight uneasy feeling.

Concentration for some two hours leaves him still in the dark as to just what the code is all about. Pride perhaps won't permit him to talk to the local amateur next door whom he once reported to the radio supervisor for "cluttering up the air"—though goodness knows the boy would be tickled pink to welcome him into the great ham fraternity. So the fan pores over his collection of dots and dashes and learns little, the total extent of his absorption being that "a dash is equal in length to three dots." Even if he does get a somewhat shaky picture planted in his mind so that by knitting his eyebrows and devoting all his faculties to the problem he can say with some little certainty that, "A is a dot and a dash," he cannot co-ordinate the sight of the dot and dash with its sound as carried on the ether lanes. Nor will he, for a long, long time, if he goes at it in that manner.

Mastery of an aural signal code, such as either the Morse telegraphic alphabet as used on the land-wires of the commercial wire telegraph companies throughout North America or of the so-called Continental or International code used on the land telegraph lines of

continental Europe and in radio communication the world over, is distinctly a process of sound and not sight; for this reason, it is wrong at the very start to memorize the alphabet by calling "A" a "dot and a dash" "B" a "dash and three dots." You do not read a message coming into your headphones by



The Code Chart

"Dit Dah Method"

- A—Dit dah
- B—Dah dit dit dit
- C—Dah dit dah dit
- D—Dah dit dit
- E—Dit
- F—Dit dit dah dit
- G—Dah dah dit
- H—Dit dit dit dit
- I—Dit dit
- J—Dit dah dah dah
- K—Dah dit dah
- L—Dit dah dit dit
- M—Dah dah
- N—Dah dit
- O—Dah dah dah
- P—Dit dah dah dit
- Q—Dah dah dit dah
- R—Dit dah dit
- S—Dit dit dit
- T—Dah
- U—Dit dit dah
- V—Dit dit dit dah
- W—Dit dah dah
- X—Dah dit dit dah
- Y—dah dit dah dah
- Z—Dah dah dit dit

The Numeral Chart

"Dit Dah Method"

- 1—Dit dah dah dah dah
- 2—Dit dit dah dah dah
- 3—Dit dit dit dah dah
- 4—Dit dit dit dit dah
- 5—Dit dit dit dit dit
- 6—Dah dit dit dit dit
- 7—Dah dah dit dit dit
- 8—Dah dah dah dit dit
- 9—Dah dah dah dah dit
- 10—Da-a-ah (Long dash)

NOTE: O is sometimes used thus:

DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH

Common Punctuations

- Period—Dit dit dit dit dit dit
- Comma—Dit dah dit dah dit dah
- Question Mark—Dit dit dah dah dit dit
- Attention Sign—Dah dit dah dit dah

seeing the dots and dashes but by hearing them. Therefore it should be the aim of every beginner to form a firm impression of the sound of the letter and not the sight picture of it.

There are several ways of doing this, the result of schemes formulated by individual interested parties. A great deal of research along the lines of code instruction was carried out by the U. S. Navy immediately after our entry into the European hostilities and with the establishment of the great Naval Radio Schools at Harvard, Great Lakes and elsewhere. The Navy was faced with the problem of turning out thousands of radio operators in the shortest possible time and that they did this successfully was the result of the most advanced methods of instruction. And in every instance, it was found that the sound teaching of the alphabet was far superior to sight, for one less mental process was required.

For example: a student hearing a short and a long buzz through his headphones would immediately see a dot and a dash when learning from the sight method and he would then have to exert his mental faculties again to associating a dot and a dash with its proper letter.

On the other hand, the sound student would hear the short and long buzz and immediately think the letter itself—not the dots and dashes associated with it and then the letter. The resultant instruction was greatly speeded up by using the sound method and the students speed increased at a far greater rate than when using other methods.

For the sound purpose, the printed code charts as commonly known in radio circles, do not answer at all, in fact it is strongly recommended that the student not even allow himself access to the familiar "dot and dash" code. Rather he should cut out the chart reproduced with this article, paste it on a piece of stiff cardboard and carry it with him, using it as his one and only alphabet card.

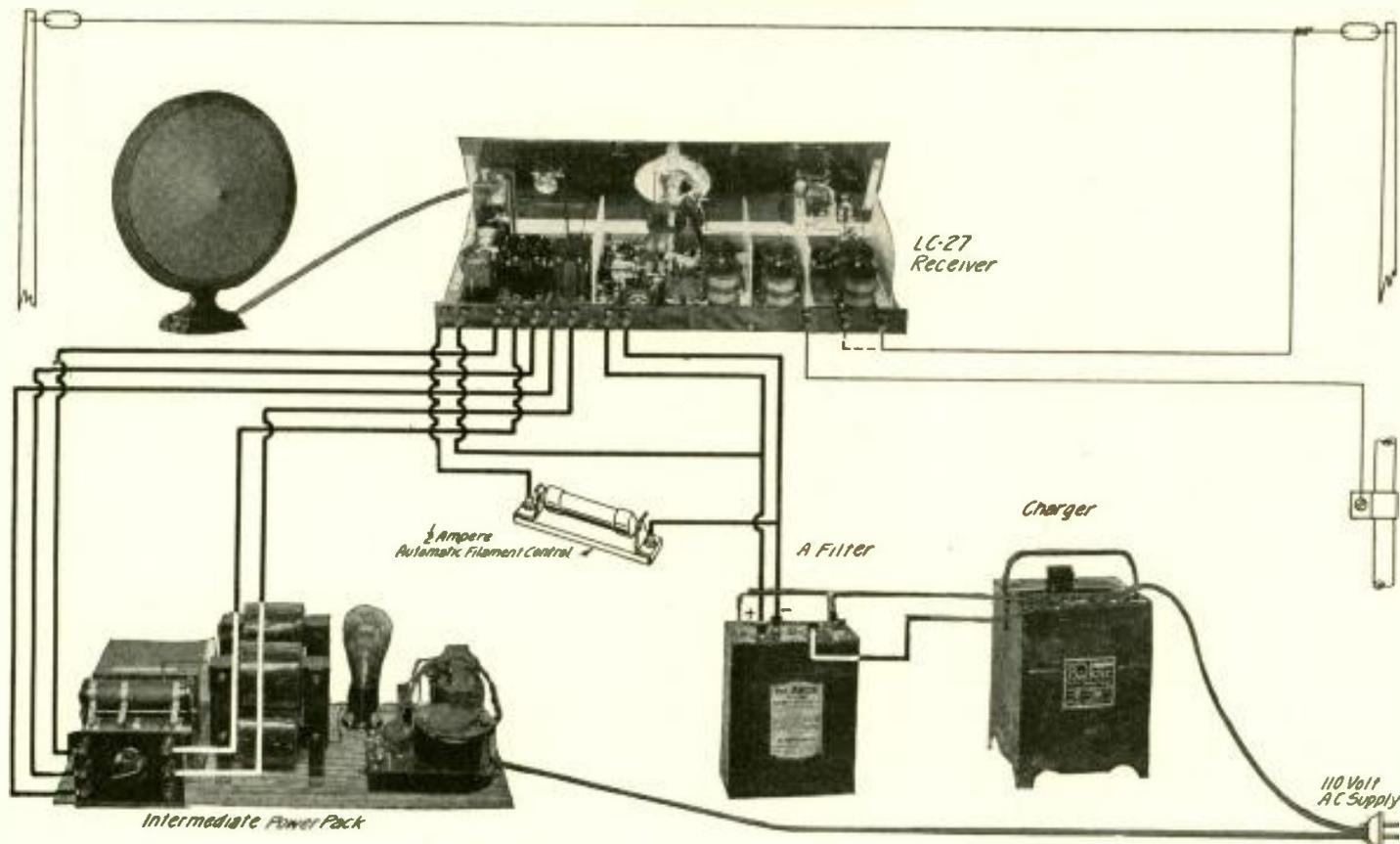
It will be noted that a dot is called a "dit" and a dash, "dah."

It may appear somewhat illogical at first thought and the student will perhaps feel a bit silly to refer to the letter "B" for example as "dah dit dit dit," but this will wear off and it will be found that he will in time become proficient in talking to friends who also have code knowledge by merely calling off the "dit dahs" corresponding to the letters making up the sentence he wishes to say. A refined "hog-latin" perhaps it may be termed.

For example, "How about it?" can be transmitted by word of mouth by saying instead, "dit dit dit dit—dah dah dah—dit dah dah—dit dah—dah dit dit dit—dah dah dah—dit dit dah—dah—dit dit—dah." Awkward and clumsy probably it sounds, but good practice for the code student and certainly a

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Q The list of parts given below includes the exact instruments used in the set from which these specifications were made up. The experienced amateur, however, will be able to pick out other reliable makes of instruments which have been approved by POPULAR RADIO and which may be used with good results. But we recommend that the novice follow the list, as the diagrams in this article will tell him exactly where to bore the holes and exactly where to place the connections. If instruments other than the ones listed are used, the only change that will be necessary will be the use of different spacings for the holes that are drilled in the sub-base for mounting the instruments. To any reader who has difficulty in obtaining any of the parts which are necessary in making up these model receivers and power units, POPULAR RADIO SERVICE BUREAU, 627 West 43rd Street, New York City, will gladly assist in seeing that his requirements are promptly supplied.



HOW THE UNITS ARE INSTALLED

FIGURE 1: This picture wiring diagram shows the LC-27 receiver connected up to the "A," "B" and "C" power and to the antenna, ground and loudspeaker. The input to the "A" supply units and the intermediate power-pack are connected in parallel to the 110-volt alternating current lines, so that no batteries are required.

HOW TO BUILD THE

LC Intermediate Power-pack

This unit, which has been developed in POPULAR RADIO LABORATORY, was designed especially for use with the LC-27 receiver, although it will be found extremely satisfactory when used with any type of receiving set—provided that a UX-171 type power tube is incorporated in the last stage of amplification.

By LAURENCE M. COCKADAY

COST OF PARTS: Not more than \$47.50

HERE IS A LIST OF PARTS USED IN THE LABORATORY MODEL—

A—Yaxley Automatic Relay Switch No. 444;
 B—Filtrex A-C Transformer, Type K-180;
 C—Any approved UX type socket; (Nald vibrationless socket illustrated);
 D-E—Filtrex Choke Coils, Type K;
 F—F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6; any approved binding posts; (Eby binding posts illustrated);

G—Acrakon condenser block; 14 mfd.;
 H—Acrakon Filter condenser, .1 mfd. for 400-volt operation;
 I—Hardwood baseboard; 7¾ inches by 18 inches by ½-inch;
 J—Resistance unit, type 200, 20,000 ohms total resistance; tapped to obtain correct voltages; (Mfd. by Harwick, Field & Leeb);

K—Any approved high-current variable resistance to dissipate 5 watts, 2,000 ohms; (Centralab Resistance illustrated);
 L—Bakelite binding post panel, 3¼ inches by 4¼ inches by 3 32/inch;
 1 set POPULAR RADIO blueprints;
 Connecting wire, twisted lamp cord, plug, screws, etc.

FOR those radio fans who have built the LC-27 Receiver (described in POPULAR RADIO for October, 1926) and who do not need the great volume of sound that can be obtained with the LC-Senior Power-pack (described in the November

issue) for supplying "A," "B" and "C" currents to the set, this Intermediate Power-pack has been specially designed.

This new unit, which is here described, has similar characteristics of the LC-Senior Power-pack except that the

power tube in the set is supplied with filament current from the "A" power unit. The voltage supplied is correct for the operation of the UX-171 type power tube in the receiver. This new unit gives the same type of quality re-

production as its larger brother and will supply ample volume for ordinary home use. It furnishes over 200 volts for the UX-171 type tube that is used in the last stage of the LC-27 receiver when operated from this unit. It supplies approximately 90 volts for the first and second stages of radio-frequency amplification and for the first stage of audio-frequency amplification; it also supplies approximately 45 volts for the plate circuit of the detector tube. A "C" battery potential of 20 to 50 volts is also available from this unit for the power tube.

The LC-27 receiver when operated from this unit and in conjunction with the 110 volt 60 cycle alternating-current supply will surprise the uninitiated listener with the lifelike quality of the received broadcasting.

How to Construct the Power-pack

After all the instruments and materials for building the unit have been procured, the baseboard, I, should be cut to the correct size, as shown in Figure 3. It should be smoothed with sandpaper and given a coat of shellac.

Next, the small panel, L, upon which are to be mounted the binding posts F1 to F6 and the "C" battery control, K, should be prepared as shown in Figure 7. When all the holes are drilled the six binding posts should be mounted and the variable resistance, K, should be fastened to the panel L, as shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4. The panel, L, may then be fastened on one of the long

sides of the baseboard, I, by means of two screws as shown in Figure 4. These screws are inserted through the two holes in the panel, into the edge of the baseboard I. They should be strong, round-head wood screws, preferably brass.

Next, mount the control relay switch, A, by means of two wood screws. This should be mounted in the position indicated in Figure 3.

Then mount the transformer, B, by means of two strong wood screws fastened directly to the wooden baseboard, I, and mount the two choke coils D and E in the same manner. The positions for these instruments are also given in Figure 3.

Mount the socket, C, and the resistor, J, as shown in the same diagram.

Next, fasten down the condenser block, G, as shown. Be sure that it is mounted in the exact position shown in the drawing with the terminals turned and facing the resistor unit, J.

The last job is to mount the small condenser, H, in position between the transformer B and socket C. This should be fastened to the baseboard I with two small, brass wood screws.

This completes the construction work and the Power-pack is now ready to be wired.

How to Wire the Unit

The mechanical and electrical design of this device have been worked out with extreme care during months of experiment and test. The whole unit is self-

shielding; and it is due to this as well as to the electrical design of the circuit that no hum is produced in the receiving set to which it is attached.

It is recommended that all wiring be done with an insulated, solid, round bus-wire.*

When wiring up, the home-builder should refer constantly to the picture wiring diagram, Figure 2.

Start the wiring by preparing the transformer leads in the correct lengths. The color design of the transformer leads is clearly shown in Figure 6. By comparing this diagram with Figure 2 the proper wires to connect are easily determined.

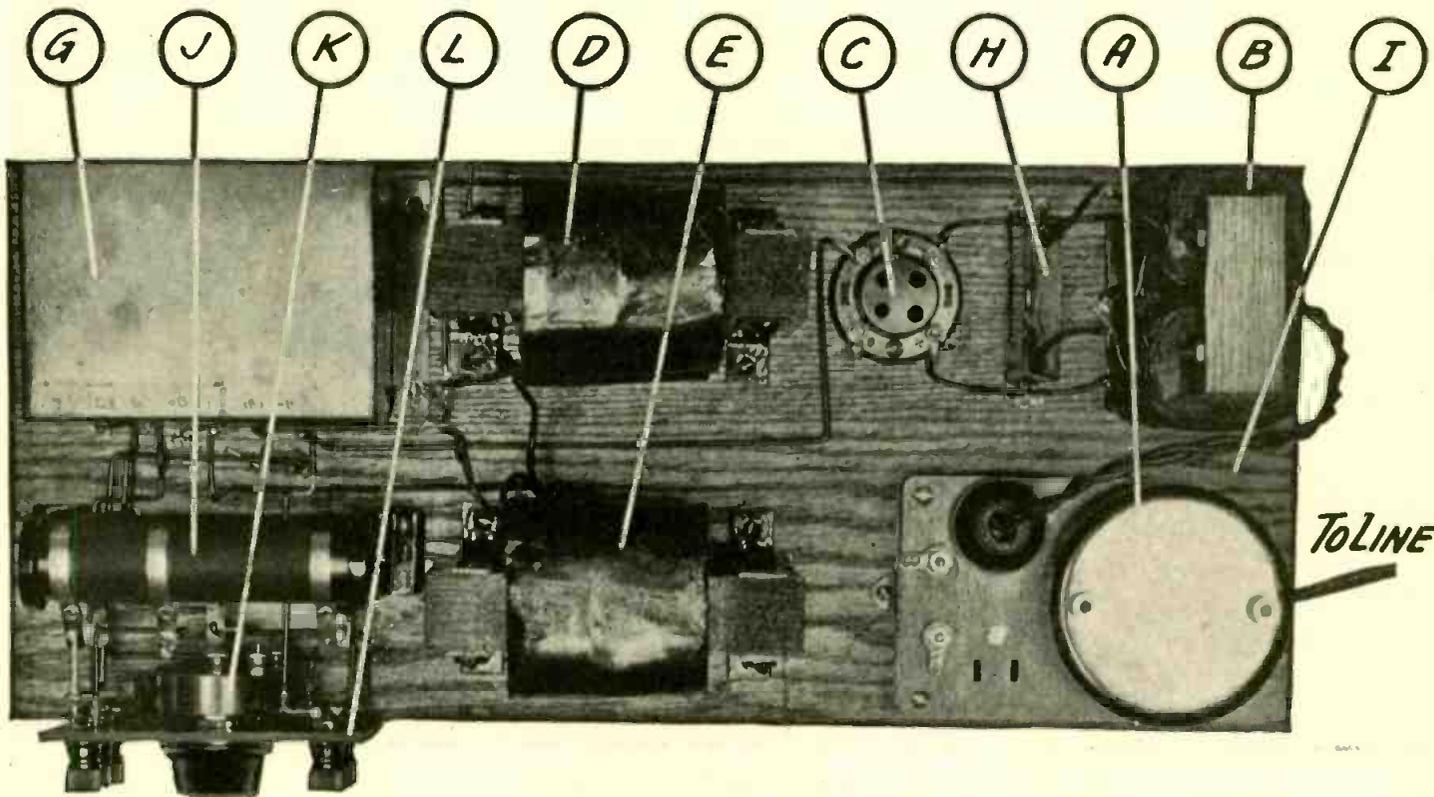
A short piece of twisted lamp cord should be fastened to the two primary terminals of the transformer, B, and this should be attached at the other end through a plug to the relay switch, A. The plug should be inserted in the socket on the relay switch that is marked "B" Eliminator.

Then, wire up the leads to the socket and the resistance, the condenser bank, the chokes and the binding posts. Be sure that none of the leads touch each other when they are made with the "Celatsite" wiring. They should be spaced about 1/4 of an inch wherever necessary.

When the wiring is completed the Power-pack is ready to be installed.

*The type of bus wire used in all the experimental models of this unit was "Celatsite."

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A VIEW OF THE POWER-PACK AS SEEN FROM ABOVE

FIGURE 4: The relative position of all the parts that are mounted on the baseboard and the connection panel; the parts are designated with letters that correspond with the list of parts and with those given in the text.

"FROM FIRE AND FLOOD—"

What five radio amateurs of Oklahoma did to win the
POPULAR RADIO MEDAL FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE



HALTON H. FRIEND, 5SR

Alvin C. Krupnick, Tulsa

THE SENDER AND THE RECEIVER OF THE CALL FOR HELP

The first call for help for the inundated area came from amateur station 5SR of Sand Springs; it was picked up by amateur station 5SG of Tulsa. From that moment amateur radio played an important part in the rescue of lives and property.



RAYMOND V. KINNEY, 5SG

By LLOYD JACQUET

ON the morning of June 9th, 1923, the inhabitants of Sand Springs, Oklahoma awoke to find their small city several feet under rushing water. The highways were impassable, the streets inundated; and the railroads useless. Rushing waters from the overflowing Arkansas River, augmented by a bad storm, had precipitated a flood. And the breakdown of all communication lines with the outside world made it impossible to tell the neighboring cities about the damage done or to summon aid; under the rush of water, poles supporting telephone and telegraph wires had fallen, and destroyed the precious remaining links with the country with one lone exception.

That one exception was a telegraph line.

All messages, consequently, were rushed to this single line. Messages of assurance, messages of query, messages of hope.

With this inrush of traffic, the line became quickly over oaded. And suddenly, in the middle of a message, the line gave out.

The last line of communication out

of Sand Springs had been silenced.

Thus, at midnight of the first night of the flood, Sand Springs was enveloped in a darkness more appalling than that of the leaden cloud-laden sky above. No news could be had from the outside. Worse yet, no news could be sent out from the stricken area.

Such were the desperate conditions in the middle of the first night.

And then the radio amateur came to the rescue.

As that last line of communication was breaking under the combined strain of traffic and storm, amateur radio fingers were weaving an invisible link which would withstand all assaults.

Shortly after midnight, Raymond V. McKinney, an amateur then located at 1342 North Elwood St., Tulsa, and owner and operator of station 5SG was sitting at his apparatus, just "tuning around." Suddenly, he stopped whirling the dials of his short wave receiver. Station 5SR, owned by Hatton H. Friend of Sand Springs, was calling him—and calling him desperately.

With a quick, business like click, he acknowledged the call. Back came the

hurried signals from the Sand Springs amateur:

"Will you take traffic for Tulsa? Urgent!"

Would he take traffic? Of course he would. Every amateur station does that, as a matter of service.

So 5SG nonchalantly switched over to his transmitter, and said:

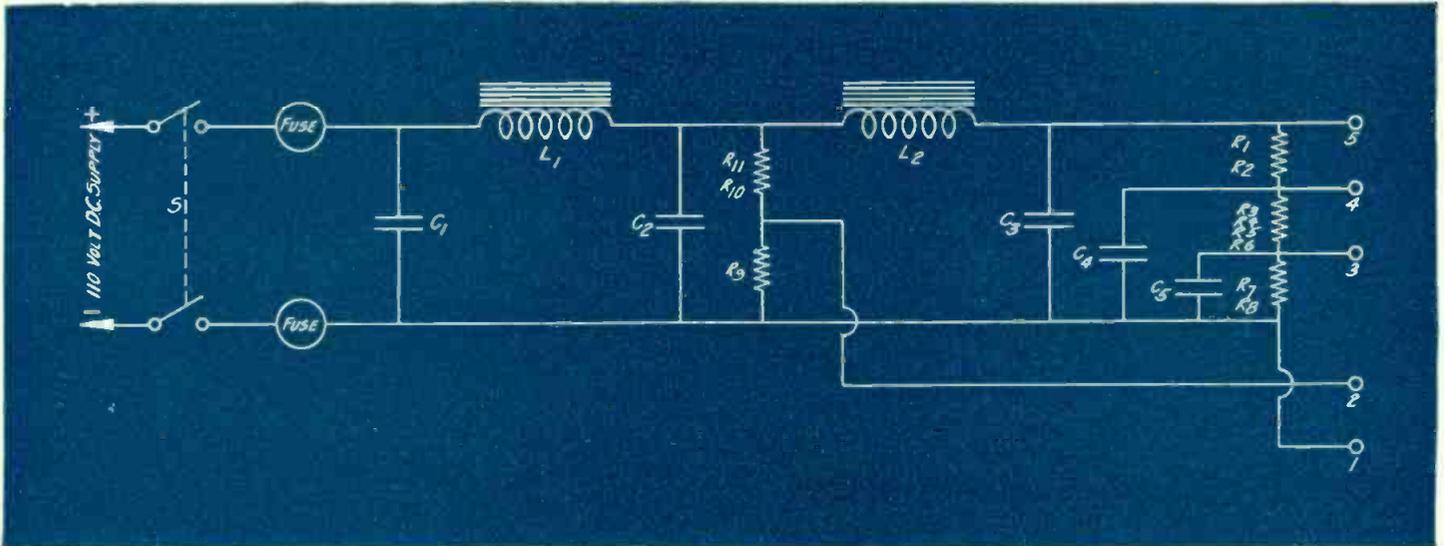
"O. K., O. M. . . . GA!" which, in the snappy language of the amateur code means, "Certainly, Old Man, go ahead, I'm ready!"

But of course, McKinney did not expect the flow of traffic which followed.

For several hours young McKinney, who was only a fifteen-year old member of the amateur fraternity, labored hard, writing down the scores of messages, reports, news bulletins, notes, and traffic of all kinds for Tulsa and other points.

So the first contact from Sand Springs with the outside world, other than with wire and messenger had been successfully established.

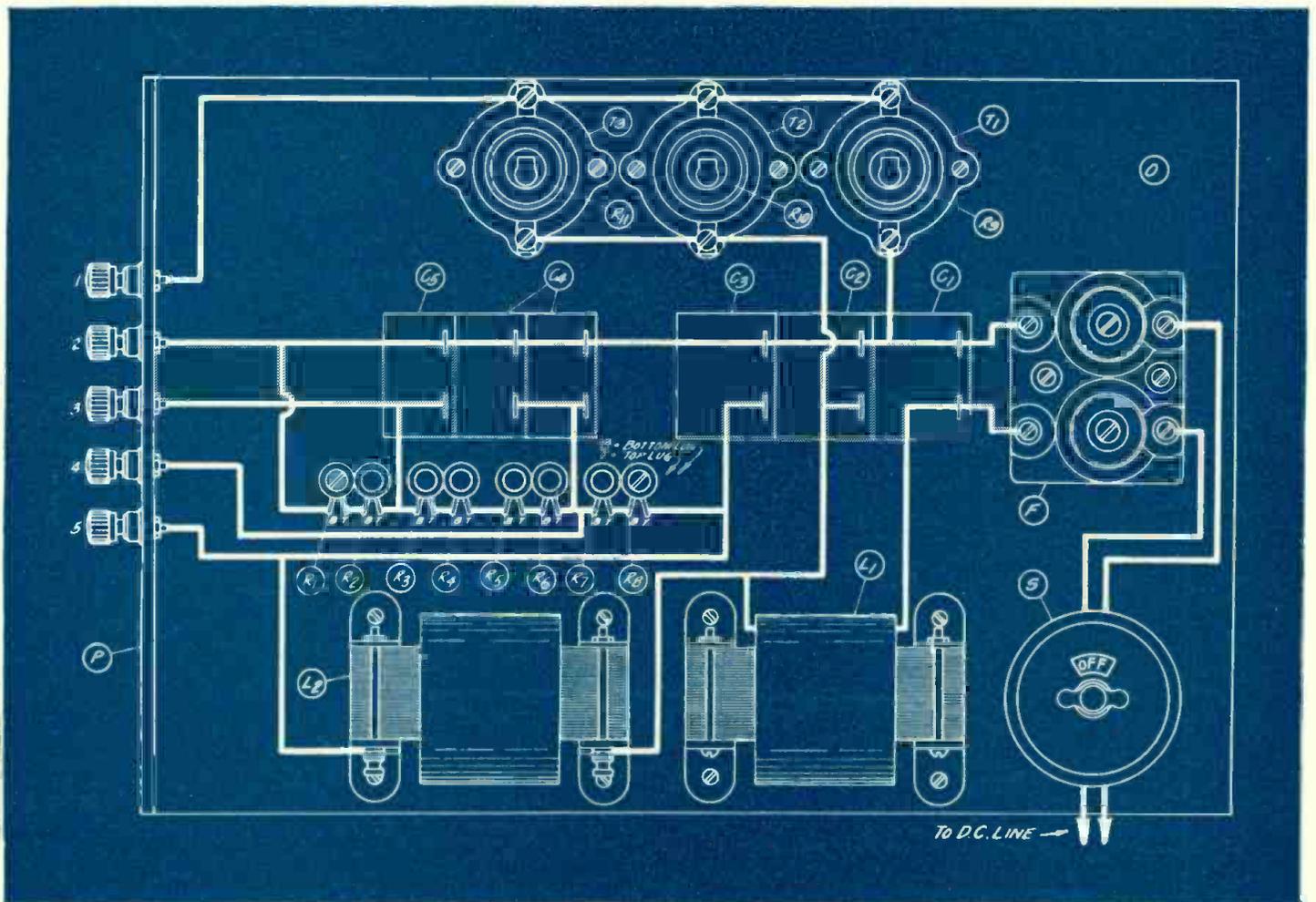
The first news accounts which trickled into the newspapers of the country the
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THE SCHEMATIC WIRING DIAGRAM

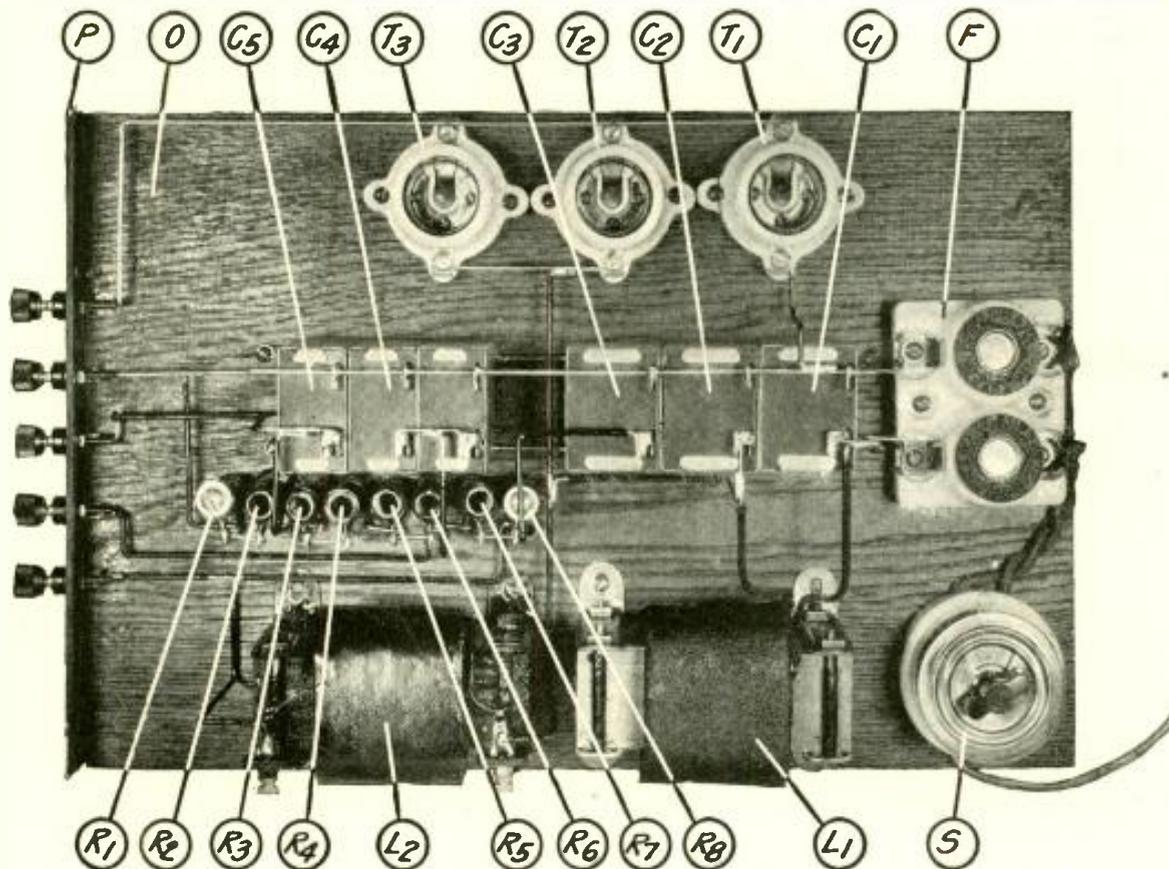
FIGURE 2: This diagram shows in schematic form just how the power-pack works. Separate circuits are used for the "A" and "B" current supplies; these circuits, of course, are connected in parallel.

The list of parts given on page 785 includes the exact instruments used in the unit from which these specifications were made up. The experienced amateur, however, will be able to pick out other approved makes of instruments which may be used with good results. But we recommend that the novice follow the list so as to be sure to obtain results similar to those obtained with the laboratory model. To any reader who has difficulty in obtaining any of the parts which are necessary in making up these model receivers and power units, POPULAR RADIO SERVICE BUREAU, 627 West 43rd Street, New York City, will gladly assist in seeing that his requirements are promptly supplied.



THE PICTURE WIRING DIAGRAM

FIGURE 3: This drawing, which shows the positions of the instruments on the baseboard as well as the wiring for the whole unit, should be referred to constantly—both in constructing and wiring the power-pack.



A TOP VIEW OF THE POWER-PACK

FIGURE 1: This view of the unit shows the simple arrangement of the various instruments upon the baseboard. All of the instruments are designated by means of letters which correspond with the designations used in the other illustrations, in the text and in the list of parts at the head of the article.

Simple "How to Build" Articles for Beginners

NUMBER 17

How to Build an "A" and "B" Power-pack for Direct Current

By MORRIS M. SILVER

COST OF PARTS: Not more than \$.40.00

HERE ARE THE PARTS THAT WERE USED IN THE LABORATORY MODEL OF THIS UNIT—

C1, C2 and C3—Tobe paper filter condensers, 2 mfd. each;
 C4 and C5—Tobe paper filter condensers, .5 mfd. each;
 F—Porcelain D.P. main-line fuse block;
 L1—Amerchoke, type 110;
 L2—Amerchoke, type 854;
 P—Bakelite binding-post strip, 1½ inches by 9½ inches by ¼-inch;
 R1 and R2—5000 ohm resistors;*

R3—3500 ohm resistor;*
 R4—3000 ohm resistor;*
 R5, R6 and R7—1500 ohm resistors;*
 R8—750 ohm resistor;*
 S—Hart & Hegeman 250-volt, 10-amp., D.P. porcelain rotary snap switch;
 T1, T2 and T3—Hubbell base receptacles;
 R9—Ward-Leonard resistor, type EB7, to be inserted in base receptacle, T1;
 R10 and R11—Ward-Leonard resistors,

type DEB90, to be inserted in base receptacles T2 and T3;
 Extension cord and plug, 6 feet long;
 Baseboard, 9½ inches by 15 inches by ½-inch;
 5 Eby binding posts (marked as mentioned in text);
 2 Clearsite Fuses, 10-ampere;
 4 Wooden or rubber feet;
 *Contained in Ward-Leonard type C resistor kit.

POWER-PACKS that will supply both the "A" and "B" current to radio sets, from an alternating current supply, are common enough now; but the average listener-in whose house current is supplied in direct current still has to be satisfied to plug along with batteries.

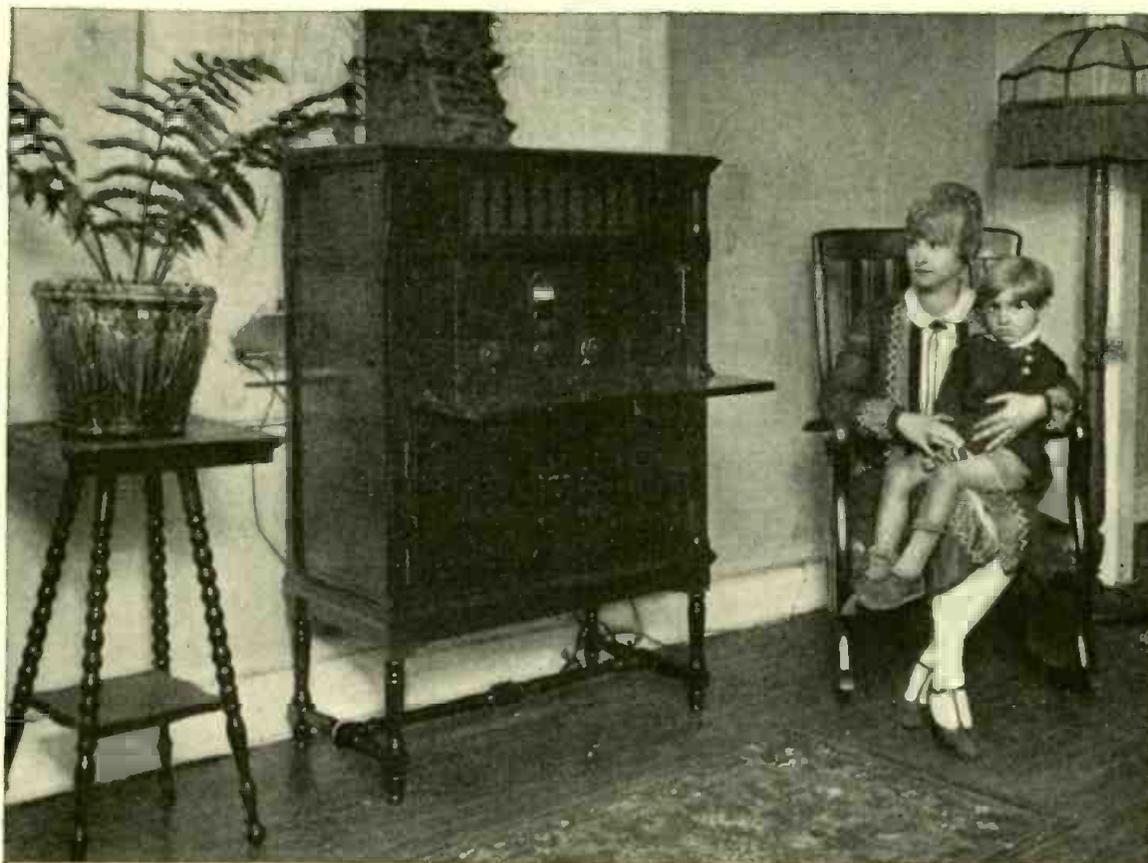
To fill this very definite need the DC

power-pack that is described in this article was designed in the POPULAR RADIO LABORATORIES. It is both inexpensive and simple to build and it will supply both "A" and "B" current to the set straight from the DC lighting lines.

Even with the heavy plate-current drain of a superheterodyne, or of a set

that contains the new power tubes, the filament current supply is not affected. The "B" voltage remains practically constant with great changes in plate current and with these changes the filament current and voltage are not altered.

The schematic diagram, shown in (Continued on page 824)



From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

A NEW RECEIVER THAT IS COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED

The compartment behind the closed doors at the bottom of the cabinet provides space for all of the batteries; the loudspeaker is concealed behind the grill at the top of the cabinet, and the loop is concealed in the door which occupies the entire left end of the cabinet.

INSIDE INFORMATION ON New Radio Receivers

By S. GORDON TAYLOR

Fourth Installment

THE MODEL 8C KOLSTER; THE FERGUSON MODEL 10; THE CLEARSTONE MODEL 110

The data incorporated in these critical surveys of sets that are only recently made available to broadcast listeners (or which will soon be available) is obtained at first hand by the technical staff of this magazine, largely from tests in the POPULAR RADIO Laboratory itself. The receivers already described in this series include the Radiola No. 28; the Fada "8;" the Stromberg-Carlson "Treasure Chest;" the Bosch "Amborada;" the Grebe "Synchrophase;" the Freed-Eisemann "800;" the Crosley "5-50;" the Murad "Super-Six" and the Freshman Console "6-F-11."

The Model 8C Kolster Receiver

ONE feature of the Model 8C "Kolster" receiver which commends itself to the average broadcast listener is that it is completely self contained. The cabinet is of the console type and is of brown mahogany; all of the large surfaces are a soft brown tone and are finished in a paneled effect with border inserts of black.

In front of the cabinet is a grill which extends across the front and just below the top of the cabinet; this grill conceals the cone-type loudspeaker from view but it does not interfere with the projection of sound.

Below the grill is a door which drops down to a position at right angles to the front of the cabinet; the operating controls and tuning scale are then exposed to view and the receiver is ready for operation. When the receiver is not in use, or after a station has been tuned in, this door may be closed or left open, as desired.

Immediately below this door are a pair of doors that open outward to provide access to the battery compartment. These doors remain closed at all times, of course, except at the rare intervals when it becomes necessary to

test or charge the storage battery or to replace the "B" batteries.

One end of the cabinet is in the form of a door and in this door the loop antenna is completely concealed. Instead of being hinged at one side the door is pivoted at top and bottom so that it may be revolved in a horizontal plane. The purpose of this arrangement is to permit the edge of the loop to be pointed in the direction of the station that is received to take advantage of the directional properties of the loop for the best reception. In the case

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The New Ferguson Model 10 Receiver

A STUDY of the Ferguson Model Ten receiver gives evidence that careful consideration in the design of the receiver has been paid to all of the features which go to make up a first class receiver—attractive appearance, ease of control, reasonable price, sensitivity, selectivity, volume and tone quality. To the latter has perhaps been given the most attention.

In general appearance the receiver is attractive, due to the excellent quality of the cabinet work and to the soft brown tones in which the cabinet is finished. The cabinet is of walnut with a front panel of the same material; the coloring is uniform throughout, except for the edges of the cover, which are finished in a darker brown than the rest. No attempt has been made to break up the larger surfaces with borders or with contrasting colors and there is no necessity for such because the receiver is so small in size that the largest surfaces are not sufficiently large as to require such treatment.

The receiver will fit into any home surroundings inconspicuously; as it is small in size and is happily lacking in conspicuous adornment. It may be mounted on any small table, or a small battery cabinet stand will serve as a mounting for the receiver and at the same time conceal all of the batteries from view.

The front panel is plain except for the three control knobs which project through bronze escutcheon plates. The larger center plate also contains a window through which the calibrated tuning scale is visible. The knob on this plate is the wavelength tuning control with which practically all tuning is accomplished; the calibrated scale behind the window moves as this knob is rotated and shows the wavelength to which the receiver has been adjusted by means of this knob. For this purpose the scale is calibrated directly in wavelengths. Thus if it is desired to tune in a station of known wavelength it is necessary merely to turn this tuning knob until the desired wavelength is indicated on the scale.

The "sensitivity" control, at the lower right hand corner of the panel is an auxiliary tuning control provided for the purpose of adapting the values of the first tuned circuit to the characteristics of the antenna used. In many cases it will be found that once this knob has been adjusted for maximum sensitivity on one station it will provide maximum sensitivity throughout the entire broadcasting waveband without further adjustment. In other cases, if this knob is adjusted for maxi-



From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

A COMPACT TYPE OF RECEIVER TO SET ON A TABLE
This new Ferguson model strikes a keynote of simplicity—both in appearance and in operation. It takes up little space and may be mounted on any small table—or on a special battery cabinet as shown in this illustration.

imum response on a low wave broadcasting station and the receiver is then tuned to a high wave station, a slight readjustment of the sensitivity knob will be necessary. This applies only in the case of distant stations which call for extreme sensitivity if they are to be brought in at all.

On local stations there is no necessity for readjusting this sensitivity knob, once it has been adjusted for best response from any one station.

The volume control in the lower left hand corner of the panel permits the operator of the receiver to vary the volume to suit his particular taste. It provides absolute control of volume from maximum to zero.

These three knobs accomplish tuning and control of the receiver in a simple and natural way. Most people are interested only in reception from local and semi-distant stations; for these the receiver is a real single-control outfit, inasmuch as all tuning is accomplished by means of the main wavelength tuning knob. For the DX fan it will sometimes be necessary to resort to the use of the "sensitivity" knob as an auxiliary tun-

ing device to obtain the best volume.

The receiver is turned on and off in the usual manner by a small push-pull switch operated by a small knob just beneath the main tuning knob.

The sensitivity of the receiver is remarkable, considering the fact that only two stages of tuned radio-frequency amplification are used. Operating the receiver in New York City, from twenty to thirty stations may be heard by simply turning the main tuning control rapidly from one end of its range to the other. By turning this control slowly an even larger number of stations may be heard, without once varying the setting of the "selectivity" knob. During the early evening of September 28, with a heavy rain falling, a number of midwestern stations were brought in with ample loudspeaker volume and there was every indication that under favorable weather conditions the receiver would be capable of covering the entire United States without difficulty.

The selectivity of the receiver furnishes another surprise. For instance, a Chicago station was tuned in on 370
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From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

THIS SET OPERATES WITHOUT BATTERIES

To put this receiver in operation an electric light socket, an antenna and a loudspeaker are the only external accessories required.

The Cleartone Model 110, AC Operated Receiver

BBROADCAST listeners have long been on the watch for a receiver which could be operated from the alternating current house lighting lines. This desire has been gratified in a number of receivers brought out within the past few months, but the majority of these made use of external power supply units. In other words a separate battery cabinet was still required to house the power supply units.

The new Cleartone Model 110 receiver does away with the necessity for all this by including the power supply equipment in the receiver cabinet. And this is accomplished without making the receiver any larger than many of the other table mounting type of receivers. The complete power supply equipment occupies a space only five inches wide at one end of the receiver cabinet.

The compact size of the power supply equipment is explained by the fact that this receiver uses vacuum tubes with filaments which are lighted by alternating current. Storage batteries, trickle chargers and chokes are therefore eliminated from the filament supply circuit.

All that is required is a small transformer to step the 110 volt house supply down to the proper operating voltage for these tubes. Even this transformer has been made a part of the larger transformer which provides the higher voltages for the plate supply of the Cleartone receiver so practically no space is required for the filament supply apparatus.

The power supply unit in this receiver consists of a rectifier tube, step-up transformer and filter. This supplies direct current at the high voltages required for the plate supply and alternating current at the low voltage required by the tube filaments.

In designing the receiver and the power supply equipment, special care was required in eliminating the possibility of a hum, due to the close proximity of the power supply equipment to the receiver circuit. The designers have been entirely successful in accomplishing this however, as there is no trace of hum or other noise from the supply source or supply equipment.

To put the Model 110 receiver into operation the five McCullough vacuum tubes are inserted in their sockets and

the UX-213 full wave rectifier tube is placed in the socket provided in the power supply unit; the antenna, ground and loudspeaker are then connected to the terminals provided inside of the cabinet and the cord provided with the receiver is plugged into a convenient lamp socket. After that it is only necessary to turn on the switch provided on the front panel and the receiver is "ready to go."

A single knob is provided at the left hand end of the panel to control the power supply unit; once this has been adjusted, it requires no further attention unless the voltage of the alternating current house lighting lines changes. By means of this knob the power supply unit may be adapted to the particular line voltage obtaining in any home. Unfortunately the so-called "110-volt" light supply may be anywhere from 110 to 120 volts actually, depending on the location of the installation in relation to the generating or transformer stations of the power company. The "off-on" switch provided just below this knob cuts the entire receiver off the light lines so there is no necessity for removing the plug from the line.

The receiver uses five tubes which provides two stages of tuned radio-frequency amplification, detector and two stages of transformer-coupled, audio-frequency amplification. The antenna circuit is tuned by a variable condenser, operated by one of the tuning controls on the front panel. The two radio-frequency stages are tuned by a tandem condenser which is operated by the second tuning control on the panel. Thus the three tuned stages are actually tuned by two controls. An incidental control is also provided to keep the two circuits, tuned by the tandem condenser, in balance. This control is useful when maximum sensitiveness is required, as when tuning in distant stations.

At the right hand end of the panel another knob is provided to regulate the volume.

Provision is also made to operate the receiver with batteries. This is a thoughtful provision, especially for those who may desire to take the receiver to camp or to the country where AC lighting current is not available. A battery rheostat and battery switch are provided on the panel for use at such times.

The cabinet is of neat appearance and is finished in a deep brown mahogany. The composition front panel and the control knobs which are mounted on it all match the cabinet in coloring, and the panel slopes back sufficiently to permit the tuning controls and calibrated tuning scales to be readily seen without crouching in front of the re-

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Is actual reproduction possible?

ALTHOUGH it is common to hear such claims as "Perfect Reproduction," "Absolute Perfection," "The Living Artist Brought Right into your Home"—in spite of these claims scientists have never boasted absolute perfection in radio reproduction.

Let us look at the facts

At the broadcasting station the music of the violin, for instance, is changed into a radio wave, and is broadcast. It is then detected in your radio set and changed once more into an electric wave carrying the impulses of the music. This electric wave emerges from the detector tube not altogether perfect. However, it is so nearly perfect that radio science has turned its attention from the *broadcasting and detecting* phases of reproduction to the *audio amplifying* of the detector tube output.

Reproduction by good amplification has become the most important consideration in the art of radio. The amplifying transformers that were used in radio sets last year are definitely a thing of the past. Almost every set manufacturer has improved upon them. Some have adapted resistance coupling, others large size transformers, and some electric light socket power amplification.

Although these methods of amplification are an improvement, they do not and cannot give *perfect* reproduction, nor do they come as close to perfection as has now been made possible by the recently announced new principle of audio amplification.

The New Amplification

An entirely new system of amplification known as *Truphonic* has been developed. This system more nearly approaches actuality than any other yet devised. Scientific laboratory tests and tests before both the musically trained and the musically untrained ear establish this fact beyond question.

Unfortunately the Truphonic system was not developed in time to be generally used in this fall's production of radio sets

—with the exception of a number of the makers of the more expensive sets who have a smaller production, and who were able to incorporate Truphonic amplification into their instruments.

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The Truphonic with Power Tubes

Besides the fundamentally great improvement in reproduction that the Truphonic brings to radio in such a conveniently applied form, there is the added advantage that for those who want extreme volume without overloading the last stage tube, the necessary extra B and C battery connections for the use of power tubes are provided for in the attachment cord.

We have tried in this space to give you some idea of what you may expect from this new principle of audio reproduction that has come to radio. We realize that we have made some strong claims for Truphonic amplification, but we have made no claim that you will not find more than backed up when you have tried the Truphonic yourself.

We urge you to get the Truphonic *now*,—so that you may begin immediately to have an altogether different kind of enjoyment of the splendid programmes that are coming to you over the air

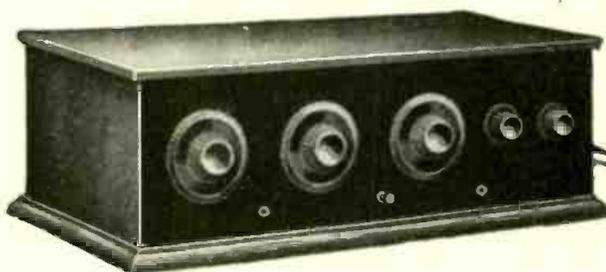
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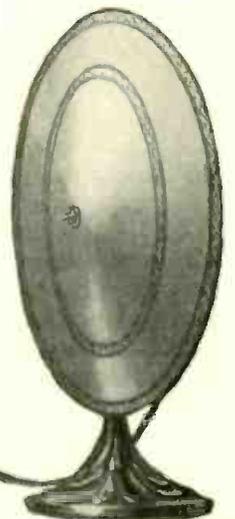
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The New Ferguson Model 10 Receiver

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meters without interference from a local New York City station operating on 374 meters. Then just above this WGY was tuned in, again without interference from the station on 374 meters. There was no difficulty at all in tuning in Washington on 469 meters with the local stations WJZ and WEAJ going full blast; and in pulling in Philadelphia, on 509 meters and right between WEAJ and WNYC. This is excellent selectivity, as one will realize who is familiar with reception conditions in New York, which is a nest of high power stations.

It is well to mention here that this test was made with an antenna approximately 100 feet in length—long enough to make selectivity rather doubtful on many receivers. To make sure of ample selectivity, regardless of the length of the antenna used with the receiver, the manufacturers have included a switch inside of the receiver which provides four degrees of selectivity. Thus when the receiver is once installed in the home this switch can be set on the point which provides the desired selectivity and the owner may be assured of good reception without interference, regardless of the size of his antenna.

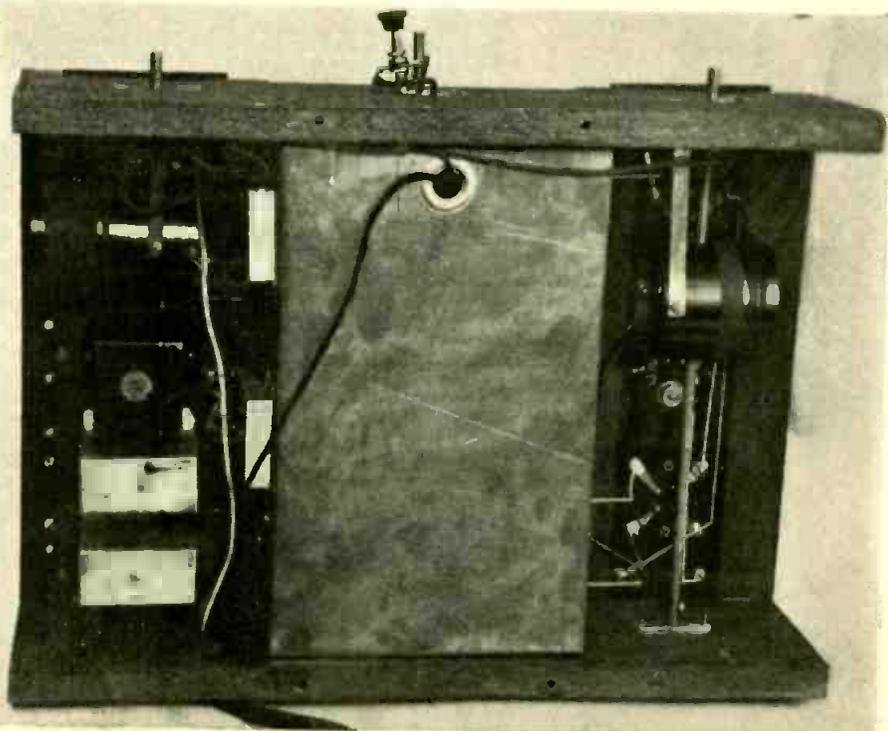
Plenty of volume of reproduction is provided through the use of three stages of audio-frequency amplification, using a power tube in the last stage. A new method of coupling is used which is claimed to combine the good qualities of impedance-coupled amplification with those of transformer-coupled amplification. The scheme as exemplified in

the Ferguson "Ten" certainly seems to bear out the claims.

A heavy wood chassis provides the foundation on which the receiver is assembled and wired. The cabinet and front panel simply serve as a housing for this assembly. Shielding is provided to reduce interstage coupling in the radio-frequency amplifier and also to provide protection for the instruments. This shielding takes a somewhat different form from the "cans" ordinarily used for this purpose but is apparently equally effective. Instead of completely enclosing the individual circuits in sealed metal boxes the manufacturer of this receiver has simply placed large copper partitions between the circuits.

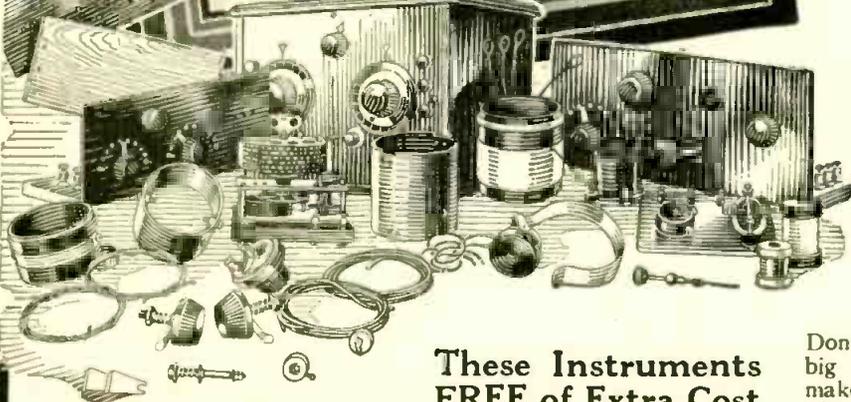
The circuit makes use of two stages of radio-frequency amplification, detector and three stages of audio-frequency amplification. This requires the use of six vacuum tubes, five of which are of the 201-a type. The sixth is a 112 type power tube and is used in the last stage of audio-frequency amplification.

A three-section gang condenser is used to tune the antenna circuit and the circuits of the two radio-frequency stages simultaneously. The common shaft on which the rotors of these three condensers are mounted also serves as the mounting for a coupling coil in one of the radio-frequency circuits. By this means the coupling is automatically varied with the tuning condensers. This is one of the schemes used to obtain the increased efficiency of the radio-frequency amplification that is incorporated as the heart of this receiver.



THE RECEIVER UNIT OF THE SET SHOWN ON PAGE 787
This shows a bottom view of the chassis. All of the instruments are mounted on a heavy wood foundation and partial shielding of the radio-frequency circuits is provided by the large metal box in the center.

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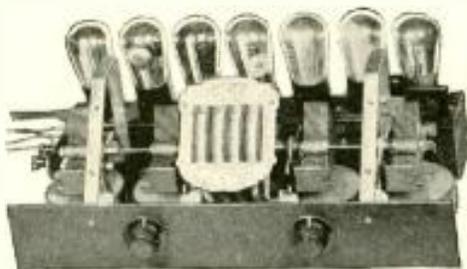
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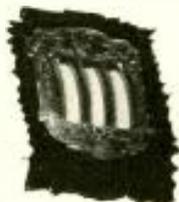


TO BUILD a really professional looking and efficiently operating radio set here are two new and important construction units.

The Truphonic Power Amplifier, more fully described on another page of this issue, provides by far the finest type of audio amplification so far developed. For the set builder the Truphonic may be had in a Caracomb Assembly which gives you a complete unit containing the following: Complete Truphonic audio amplifying system including an output unit to protect the speaker from burning out and demagnetization, sockets with attached leads for the tuning and detector end of the set.

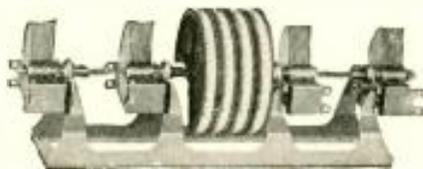
The illustration shows how neatly this Catacomb Assembly houses all of these elements and how compactly it fits behind the tuning control. No holes to drill, no apparatus to mount. Short, direct leads with a minimum of soldered connections. This unit may be arranged in a hundred different ways to match all the requirements of every circuit and set design. A six foot battery cable is included, in which provision is made for the extra B batteries and C batteries for the use of power tubes.

The Truphonic Assembly is provided in two models, one for 6 tubes, \$20, and one for 7 tubes, \$22.



Localized Control Tuning Unit

The Na-Ald Localized Control (Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.) Tuning Unit (Quadruple model shown) is a boon to the set builder—a great advance in multiple condenser construction. It can be used with any form of radio frequency coils, and gives you simple control under the finger tips of one hand, enabling you to tune all the condensers at once, or to tune each one separately and distinctly.



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The model "Ten" receiver may be used with batteries, or may be operated from the house lighting lines through suitable power supply units. If the latter is used, any of the standard makes will be suitable. A six-volt supply is required for the filaments and must be capable of delivering $1\frac{3}{4}$ amperes. For the plate supply a voltage of 135 is required, at a drain of up to 30 milliamperes. The current drain of the receiver is not actually as high as this but this requirement for the supply unit allows a margin of safety.

If batteries are used a six-volt storage battery is required and three "B" battery blocks of 45-volts each. The manufacturer also recommends an additional 45-volt block for the detector plate supply, using the other three blocks on the amplifier tubes only. This arrangement is desirable but not essential. Two small $4\frac{1}{2}$ -volt blocks of "C" battery are also required for the grid

biasing voltages that are necessary.

Any sort of an antenna may be used with this receiver. For best all around results an outdoor antenna is to be recommended, and preferably one which is not more than 100 feet in length including the lead-in. Such an antenna provides plenty of "pick-up" whereas a longer antenna may tend to overload the detector tube. An indoor antenna will provide all the signal strength needed on stations up to 100 miles or more.

To simplify the operation of connecting the receiver to the batteries, a cable comes with the receiver and has the various wires plainly tagged; it is therefore necessary only to connect these wires to the battery terminals indicated by the metal tags. The other ends of the cabled connecting wires are permanently connected inside of the receiver.

There is little chance of even the rankest novice going wrong in connecting up this receiver.

The Cleartone Model 110, AC-operated Receiver

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ceiver. The two major tuning controls are set at the lower edges of ornamental composition plates. At the upper edges of these plates, windows are provided behind which the calibrated tuning scales rotate.

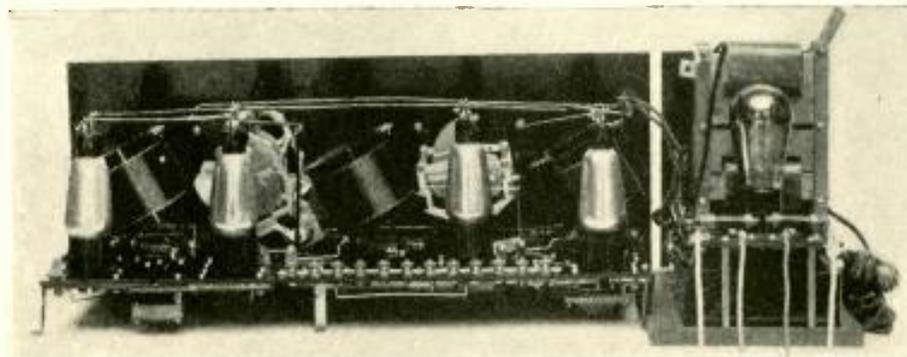
This receiver may be used with either an indoor antenna, or with an outdoor installation. It is sufficiently sensitive to operate a loudspeaker on stations up to 20 miles distant when using a two foot wire for the antenna; it is therefore evident that an indoor antenna of 30 to 40 feet in length will provide plenty of volume for all normal reception purposes. For reception from great distances an outdoor antenna is to be preferred, of course. Such an antenna should not be more than about 75 feet in length, if the receiver is located in a city close to the broadcasting stations; for rural locations the antenna may be longer than this if desired.

Under reception conditions which can be considered only fair, this receiver brought in a number of stations up to

900 miles distant, on the loudspeaker; the closer stations came in with great volume—far too much for use in the home. But the volume control cut the volume down to suitable proportions.

The quality of reception was better than that usually obtained from receivers which do not make use of a power amplifier tube in the last audio stage. Evidently the McCulloch tubes are capable of handling considerable power without overloading; in any event the quality is good even when the volume control is turned up to provide great volume.

On the whole this Cleartone receiver is an excellent one for those who wish to enjoy radio without any effort other than that required to turn on the switch and tune in the stations. No thought or attention is required by the power supply equipment and there is nothing to wear out except the tubes—and their life is so long as to give little cause for worry so far as expense is concerned.



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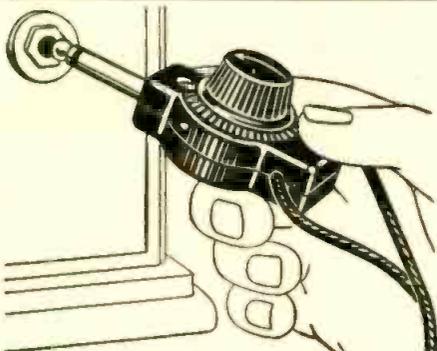
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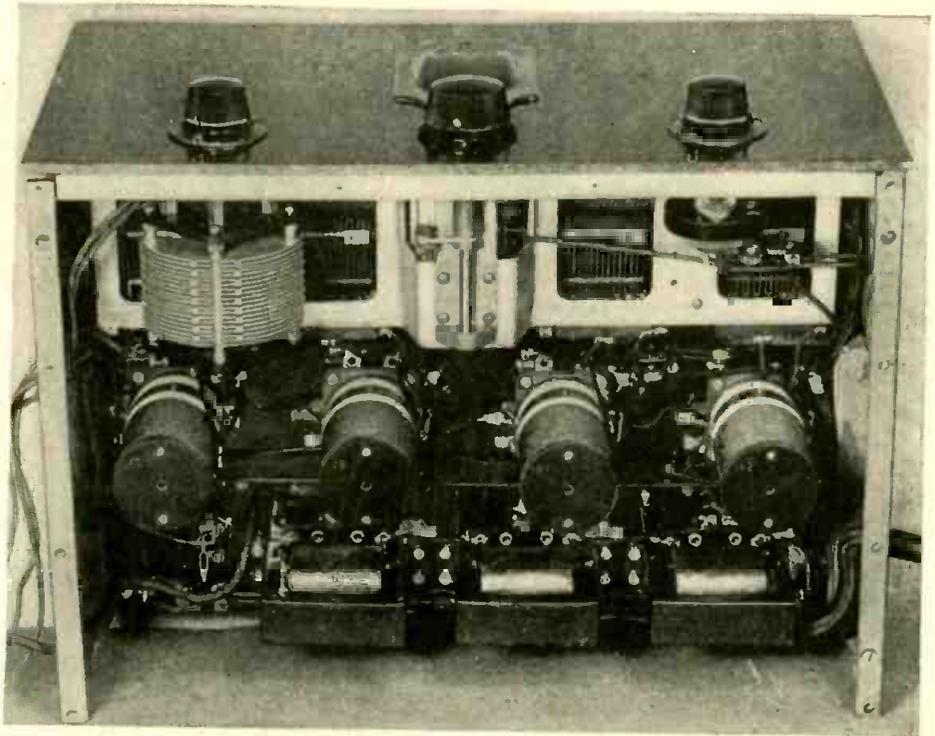
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The Model 8C Kolster Receiver

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This receiver unit is a good example of the care exercised in making all parts rigid enough to withstand the hard knocks of shipping, without endangering the careful adjustments of circuit values made at the factory. Note the heavy cast frame in which the condensers are supported.

of reception from local stations this door need not be opened at all.

In addition to the 8C model four other models of the Kolster receiver are available. Two are for table mounting and there are two other smaller console models. Three of these five are eight tube receivers and in these three the receiver units are identical, the only difference lying in the style of the cabinet and in the equipment. The other two receivers use only six tubes and are intended for use with an outdoor or indoor antenna instead of with a loop.

The operation of the 8C Receiver is decidedly simple. There are three control knobs in all. The central knob, called the "station selector," tunes the four tuned circuits of the receiver simultaneously and is the main wavelength tuning control of the receiver. Just above this knob is a revolving scale which is calibrated directly in wavelengths and which shows the wavelength to which the receiver is tuned. This scale is lighted from within by a small lamp that also serves as a pilot light inasmuch as it is lighted only when the receiver is turned on. To the left of the main tuning knob is the antenna tuning control. This is called the "sensitivity" control because the receiver is always most sensitive when the antenna, as well as the other four tuned circuits are tuned to the exact wavelength of the transmitting station.

The third knob controls the volume. When a station has been tuned in with

the "station selector" this right hand knob is adjusted to provide just the desired degree of volume. A small lever just below the volume control knob serves as a battery cut-off switch to turn the receiver on or off.

If an outdoor or indoor antenna and ground connections are used in place of the loop antenna it is necessary to provide some means to adapt the receiver to the particular size of antenna in use. This adjustment is made by means of a small lever found just below the antenna tuning, or "sensitivity" knob. This lever may be adjusted to any one of three positions. Position No. 1 provides maximum selectivity while position No. 3 provides maximum sensitivity. Position No. 2 strikes a happy medium and will be the position at which this lever will usually be left when using an antenna of average size. When the loop antenna is used this lever is automatically cut out of the circuit.

The receiver unit is complete in itself and is shown on pages 794 and 796. It is entirely inclosed in an aluminum case, part of which has been removed in the views shown in the illustrations, to show the inner construction. This aluminum frame and case serves to shield the receiver from the loop antenna, thus preventing undesirable interaction; it also provides an absolutely rigid foundation for the inner assembly.

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Na-Ald Connectoralds

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For UX 171 and UX 112 Tubes, Na-Ald 112 Connectoralds are recommended for maximum volume with storage battery sets. These tubes will deliver without distortion several times the volume of the regular 201A. Price \$1.50.



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For UX 120 Tubes in UV 201A sockets, the Na-Ald No. 120 Connectorald should be used. To convert a storage battery set to dry batteries with ample loud speaker volume, use a UX 120 tube in the last audio stage with the 120 Connectorald and UX 199 tubes with 419X Adapters in the other sockets. Price \$1.25.



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wiring and the delicate electrical balance of the receiver will remain unaffected by shipment. These precautions make it possible to balance the circuits exactly before the receiver leaves the factory, with assurance to both the manufacturer and the purchaser that no further attention will be needed in the way of adjustment.

The circuit that is employed was designed by Dr. Kolster who is well-known as the inventor of the radio compass, one of the most important aids to marine navigation ever developed.

The design of the circuit is such that it is absolutely free from oscillation because feedback has been overcome and interaction between circuits has been reduced to a minimum, without the necessity for elaborate interstage shielding.

For the most part the instruments used in the receiver unit are of special design and are manufactured in this company's own plant.

Undoubtedly most owners of one of these receivers will prefer to use the loop-antenna which is incorporated in the cabinet. This is more convenient than installing an outdoor antenna and will provide ample volume, quality, sensitivity and selectivity to meet the demands of almost any broadcast enthusiast. For the absolute maximum in sensitivity an outdoor antenna is to be preferred, of course. It need not be large, however; thirty or forty feet is sufficient. An indoor antenna of the same length may be used if preferred, and will provide greater sensitivity than the loop.

In the working test of this receiver, conducted by the author, extremely unfavorable conditions were selected in order to make the test a difficult one.

This might seem rather unfair to the manufacturer if it were not for the fact that the company's engineer who was cooperating in the tests suggested that sub-normal conditions be selected.

The receiver used in the tests was a standard, Model 8C Receiver which had previously been purchased from the regular stock of a local dealer. It was located in the basement of an apartment house in New York City and was entirely below the level of the surrounding ground. While using the loop stations were tuned in up to 800 miles distant and every one was received on the loudspeaker with ample volume to be comfortably audible anywhere in the room. Twenty-five stations were "pulled in" under these conditions in a little over an hour. This speaks most highly of the sensitivity and distance getting ability of the receiver.

Selectivity was excellent in spite of the fact that the receiver was located in close proximity to a number of powerful local stations. This was to be expected however, in view of the fact that there are five tuned circuits in the receiver.

Perhaps the outstanding features of the reception was the fine tone quality with great volume—outstanding because they are of more interest to the average receiver owner than is extreme sensitivity. The tonal reproduction was life-like and of a purity unmarred by distortion in any form. The volume was tremendous.

An idea of the volume of output of this receiver may perhaps best be conveyed by the statement that, even under the adverse conditions described above, it was necessary to cut down the volume on reception from stations as much as 500 miles away.

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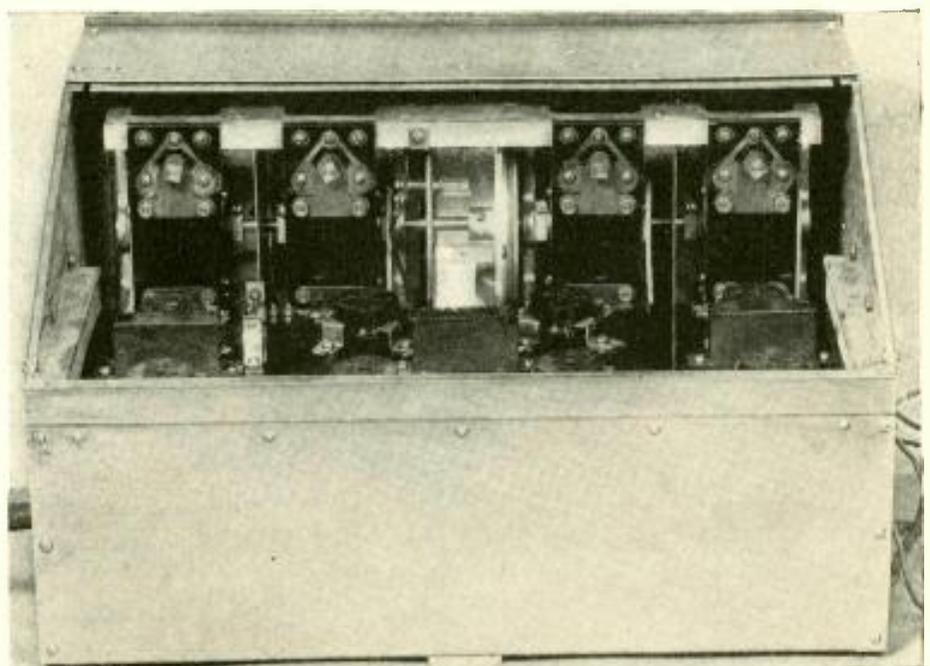
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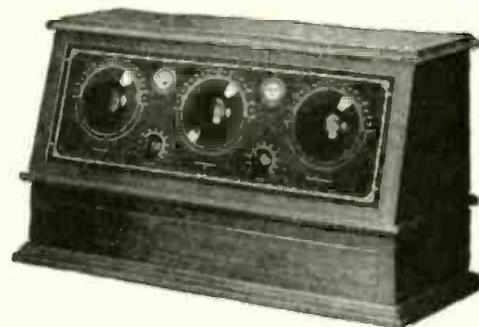
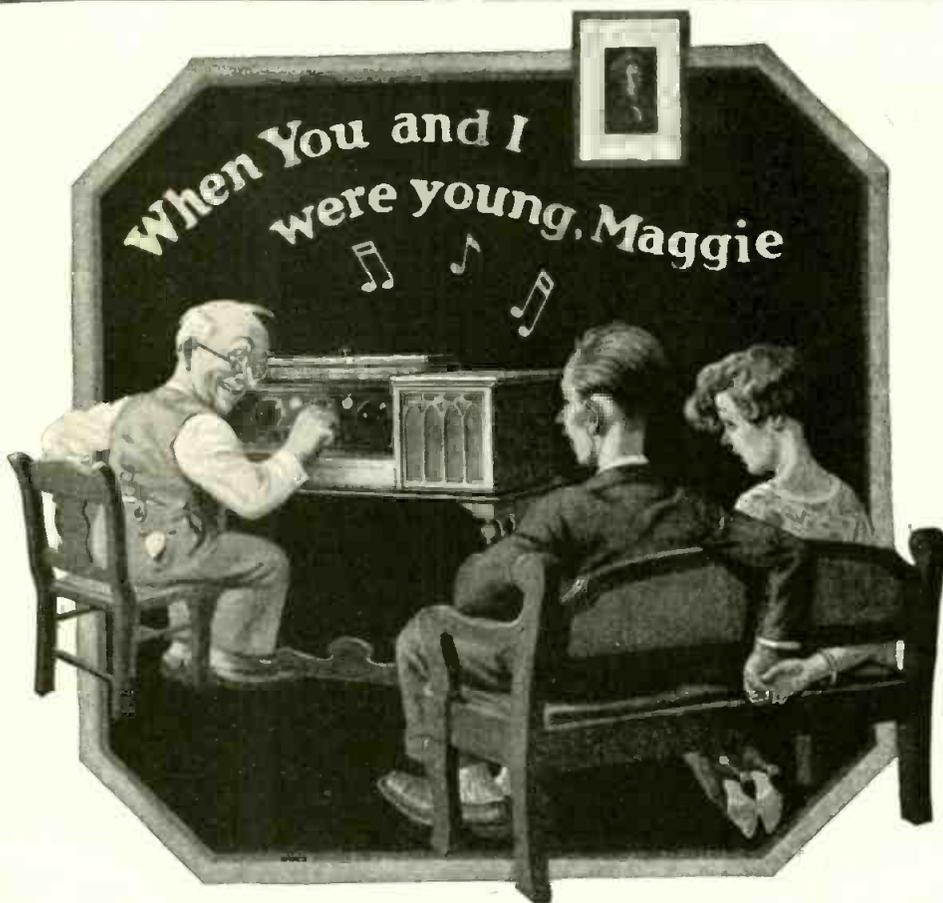
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NOTE THE COMPLETE EXTERNAL SHIELDING

The strong metal box which completely encloses the receiver (one section has been removed) serves the double purpose of protecting the instruments and of shielding the receiver from interaction with the loop antenna.



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Many Are Being Fooled in Radio By Believing Service Unnecessary

ANY radio, no matter what its price may be, nor who makes it, will only be as satisfactory as the trained service behind it.

In buying a radio there are a number of important things to consider—

APPEARANCE—

TONE—

VOLUME—

DISTANCE—

EASE OF TUNING—

and last but far the most important—

SERVICE.

Tone and Volume can very easily be determined by listening. The only real way to prove distance and ease of tuning is by operating the instrument yourself, but the quality of service must be determined only by careful investigation.

Far too often it seems customary to claim that radio service is unnecessary. For four years this company has been building a factory trained service organization until today it consists of 4364 men who know Ozarka instruments in every detail. These men have been trained directly under Ozarka Engineers, the men who originated and developed Ozarka Instruments.

You'll find it well worth your time to investigate this organization before you decide on your radio. A trained Ozarka service man is near you—why not discuss this matter with him?

When anyone tells you that radio service is not necessary, think it over, your own good sense will tell you differently. You have a right to receive from your radio consistent operation, night after night and year after year—the right service by a service man who knows how, will guarantee you that lasting satisfaction you are entitled to.

The claim that service will not be necessary is the poorest type of salesmanship—it only leads to dissatisfaction later—far too often it is used to cover up the fact that the seller is not in a position to deliver service.

In the past, the selling of radio instruments has depended largely on having stock on hand to deliver—in the rush to buy very few paid any attention to what service could be delivered in case any little trouble came up.

Today, service in radio is not only being recognized and demanded but people who know, go even farther and demand—service by factory trained men.

You would never consider letting any all round mechanic repair your car—then treat your radio in exactly the same manner. Demand not only service but the service of men who know—the day of the radio wizard who knows all radio instruments is gone—the factory trained service man has taken his place.

We have a few Openings for the Right Men

WHILE there are today 4364 Ozarka representatives, some territory is still open. We want men who believe in the future of radio—men who are tired of working for some one else—men who would like to add to their present income by devoting their evenings to Ozarka.

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The man we want may not have much money but he is not broke. He has lived in his community for some time—he has a reputation that his word is good. He may not have made any startling success but he has never "put over something" just to make money. He may know nothing about radio or salesmanship but he will be successful if he is willing to study what we are willing to teach him, without cost.

The field in radio is wide open for the trained man. The success of the 4364 Ozarka representatives proves what men can do. If you are interested, ask for a copy of the Ozarka Plan, a 100 page book which tells a true story of how big money and a permanent business can be built in radio. It is a story of life; of why some men fail while others succeed. This book has shown many men how to start making extra money immediately and within a very short time establish a business of their own.

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ALMA.—Yes, the *Atwater-Kent* programs will be continued this winter. * * * *Frances Alda, Lucrezia Bori, Madame Schumann-Heink, Frieda Hempel, Josef Hofmann, Albert Spalding, Maria Kurenko, Edward Johnson, Louise Homer, Reinold Werrenrath, Margaret Matzenauer, Mary Lewis, Rosa Ponselle and Charles Hackett* are signed for "appearance," and WEAF, WEEI, WSAI, WRC, WCCO, WTAG, KSD and WWJ are to be in each hook-up. * * * We're going to have some A1 programs according to the almanac.

JOSEPH B.—You evidently heard one of the General Electric short-wave experimental stations operating; the G. E. Co. have fifteen experimental licenses; 2XAW, 2XO, 2XAF, 2XAD, 2XAH, 2XI, 2XAK, 2XAZ, 2XAG, 2XAH, 2XI, 2XAM and 2XAE. * * * They are named in order of their wavelengths which run from 3 to 110 meters.

EDWARD M. B.—It was *Harold A. Loging* who broadcast the Indian folk songs from KOA. * * * So you want more baritone solos! My dear fellow, we'd give you *anything* but more baritone singing; baritones are nearly as plentiful as sopranos and sopranos, if anyone should ask you, are nearly as plentiful, and surely as pestiferous, as seven-year locusts. * * * We really ought to give you a good bawling out.

BAMBO.—You want to present a loving cup from the listeners of American to *Norman Brokenshire*. * * * Sure we're wild about the idea—crazy about it. We'll send you a couple of lead nickels. * * * (We wish we owned a hotel with a thousand rooms in it and could find you dead in each room.)

HARRY L.—*Fern Van Bramer* is the harpist who plays with *Lyon and Healy* at WGN. * * * We have heard nothing about *MacNamee* going to WSAI; its news to us. * * * Wouldn't it be terrible if WEAF lost him!

A.W.—*Kathleen Stewart* is now only a microphone name; *Miss Stewart* was married over six months back. * * * Yes, she did concert work before she joined WEAF'S staff. * * * She lives at Palisades, N. Y. and has the living room of her cottage papered with applause cards.

LITTLE BEN.—We don't know who is doing the announcing at WHN; they come and go at WHN. * * * *Edward S. Breck* is the piano accompanist at WOR.

* * * *Chest Beebe* plays the organ through WOR on Tuesday and Friday. * * * My, you listeners who don't watch for the announcement of names cause us a lot of trouble.

HALLY.—*Mary Lewis* has signed up with *Charles Dillingham* according to late reports. * * * *Graham MacNamee* used to be a music teacher before he crashed radio. * * * How do we get our information? Oh, we just gossip and write hundreds of letters to the publicity men at the studios.



PERY ADAMS, JR.—*Charlie Wellman* is an announcer at KFWB (Los Angeles); here's his photo. * * * Yes, *Mary Lewis* will broadcast again some time this winter; it will probably be through the WEAF-WJZ chain.

CHARLES I.—We don't usually give the verses of songs heard over the radio but you're so ingratiating that you almost disarmed us.

ALLEN D.—*August Werner* of the New York Edison Hours is a Norseman; he used to sing under *Riesensfeld* at the Rivoli, New York City. * * * How do we know all of this stuff? Oh, we're just an old gossip.

MABLE.—Why don't we have more jazz? *Why don't we have more jazz?* * * * Don't come to us with such a question; we'd give anyone ten years in Sing Sing for that request. * * * Jazz is an industry not an art.

MYRTLE AND MAZZIE.—So you sing just like the *Walton Sisters* do you? Well, that's no recommendation to us. * * * We hate baby talk in close-harmony. * * * If you *must* broadcast, try WBAL, in your own town—but don't ask us to listen.

JUST A LISTENER.—*Judge, Jr.* (WJZ) composes most of his own stuff. He wrote a play once called "The Brown Derby." * * * It was exposed to Broadway for one night only.

ELMER HAINES.—*Blande de Costa* is the soprano in the program of the Pro Musica Society (KOA). * * * Let's take the negro spirituals off the air? * * * All right, let's. But how are we going to do it?

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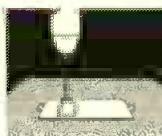
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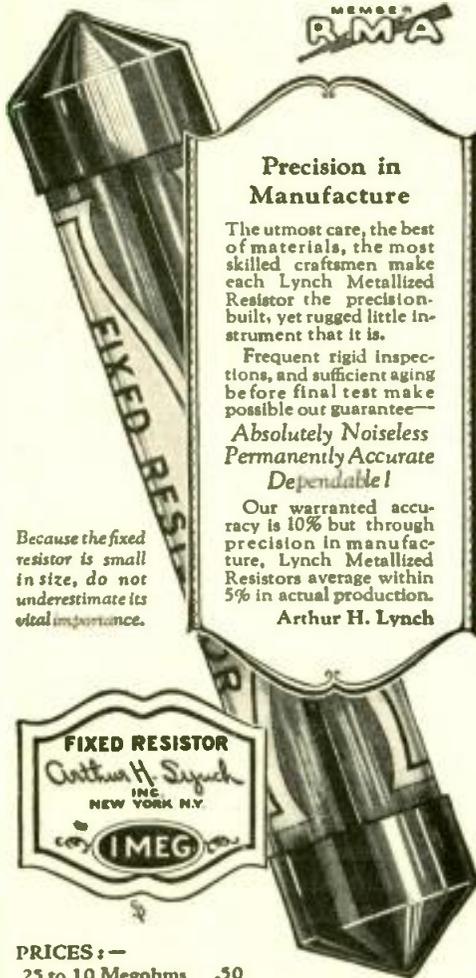
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HARRY M.C.—*Franz Lehar* wrote "The Merry Widow," not *Rudolf Friml*; excerpts from this have often been broadcast.

HINKY-DINK.—You're getting to be a regular customer. * * * How do you get a job in a studio? Well, that depends upon what you can do and how much you want for doing it. * * * If you can do a lot and want a little, you might get a job.

BELLE OF BELLPORT.—"Major" Andrew White is just as he sounds over the air, "regular." * * * He lives in New York City and is president of a radio concern. * * * We don't think that there is a more perfectly human announcer on the air—and, as you know, we're awfully fussy about announcers.

WRITER MAN.—Yours is an interesting letter. * * * WMCA gives a complete financial service, following the tape closely each day. * * * Yes, there is a great deal of room for improvement in program presentation.



G. H. WHITEHEAD.—K. K. at WGR (Buffalo) are the initials of Mr. Kenneth Kickett the announcer at that studio. He was formerly a research worker in the Eastman Kodak Laboratories at Rochester.

HARRY L.B.—One of the "Two Guitars" at WGBS is said to be a Russian prince traveling *incognito*; the other of the two is *Serge Krotkoff*, formerly a performer at Maxima's Cafe in Constantinople. * * * This sounds like publicity applesauce to these old ears. * * * *Langston Hughes* is the negro poet you are thinking of; he was "found" by *Vachel Lindsay*, while a bus-boy at a Washington hotel. * * * His work has been read over several stations.

ROBERT D.—*Charles D. Isaacson* is the impresario of WRNY; he was formerly musical critic of the *Evening Mail*. * * * So you are a *Brokenshire* fan. * * * Well, well! * * * Don't try to work up our enthusiasm; we eat men like *Brokenshire*.

SUPER-MAN.—*Vee Lounhurst* was not named after a real estate development; she is now playing at WMCA in the Hardman Hour. * * * So's your Aunt *Jemima*.

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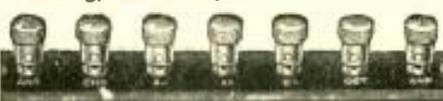
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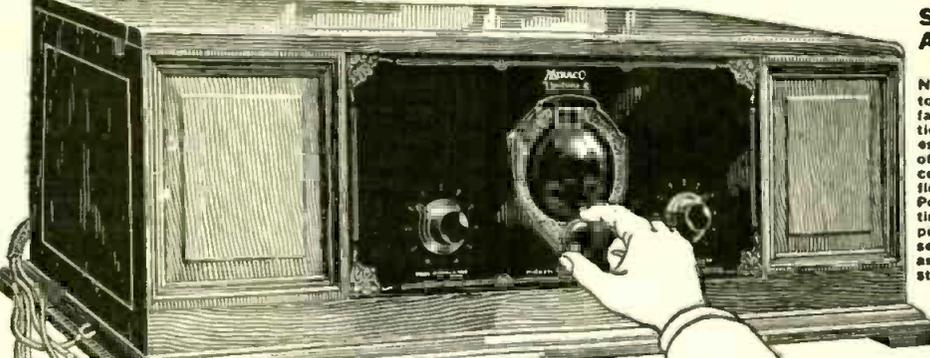


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USER-AGENTS WANTED - WRITE!

Reports from users everywhere leave little for us to add. These are only a few of the many in our files and which we receive daily. Send coupon for plenty of additional proof and testimony of nearby users.

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North Wildwood, N.J. Miraco best packed set I ever saw shipped. Words cannot express the wonderful tone quality, volume and distance. First night received 47 stations on loudspeaker. Up to last night, the 5th day, I have received exactly 103 stations, farthest is KGO, Oakland, Calif., on loudspeaker. Also Porto Rico, Cuba and Canada. Francis H. Lee.

TONE QUALITY PLEASURES EVERYONE.

Philadelphia, Pa. Everywhere that hears the Miraco is very pleased with tone, etc. Tuned in during international Test Week: KGO, Oakland, Calif.; WJ, Mexico City, Mex.; WJ, Mexico City, Mex.; WJ, Edinburgh, Scot.; also a station in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Geo. W. Hill, Jr.

WISCONSIN HEARS COAST TO COAST.

Racine, Wis. I got station 2LO London last Wednesday night on my Miraco. Heard a choir sing and announcement. Have also heard PWX, Havana, Cuba; WJ, Mexico City and 104 American stations from coast to coast. Lawrence Richards.

SELECTIVITY...CUTS THROUGH STRONG LOCALS.

Detroit, Mich. I am more than satisfied with my Miraco. I can cut through WJ, WJ, WJ, WJ, yet strong local stations, and this is done with quarter of a turn. In every way it is simply perfect. Charles Fast.

UTAH ENJOYS COAST TO COAST PROGRAMS.

Heber City, Utah. The Miraco sure can't be beat at any price. Coast to coast it sure does and more. I have had stations in New York and Cuba in the east and scores of other stations on the west coast. I have logged up to date 150 stations and they all come in wonderfully. Monte Giles.

MIRACOWINS AGAINST 3 OTHER MAKES.

Pearland, Texas. I tried three other makes and the Miraco is the best of them all. Received KFI, Los Angeles, Calif., on loudspeaker. O. H. Richards.

Nacogdoches, Texas. Onmy Miraco I have heard stations from Cuba to San Francisco and from Mexico City to Pittsburgh.

Walter M. Frisbie. **COAST TO COAST LOUD AND CLEAR.** Guthrie, Minn. We logged over 30 stations and got over 1500 miles on the loud speaker the first night—our first experience tuning radio. The thing that night we got WJAX Jacksonville, Florida and KFI Los Angeles, Calif., on the loudspeaker. Neighbors say Miraco is the best they have ever heard. O. R. Wolf.

MIRACO BEATS A SUPER EIGHT.

Colbit, Ontario, Canada. Miraco is one of the best radios in all the north country. There is a man here who has a big Super eight and our Miraco best. I am proud of my \$300 SETS. Blakely, Ga. I am well pleased with my Miraco. It does better than machines that cost \$300 or more. J. D. Tison.

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Santa Cruz, California. I do not hesitate to show my friends the "Miraco Superior" over my (name) another set costing \$120.00. The Miraco is the most selective set I have seen yet and cuts out the jumble stations on the low wave lengths in 1 1/2 points. Wm. Schuetz.

MELLOW TONE...LOUD AND CLEAR.

Indian River City, Fla. A wonderful set. Am having splendid results. I have had Miraco four nights and have stations on my list from Cuba to New York, Chicago, Denver, Texas, all complete in loud, mellow in tone and clear. I have one sold already and did not even try. Mr. H. G. Duff.

REFUSED TO TRADE IT FOR EXPENSIVE SET.

Prosper, Ore. Over 31 stations brought in first night on loud speaker. I ordered the Miraco for a friend and he is more than pleased. I offered to trade it for a more expensive set but he refused and it has the name of the best set in the community. M. E. Milton.

PENNSYLVANIA BEGINNER GETS EM ALL OVER.

Corry, Pa. Have had Miraco one month today and have received over 115 stations from all parts of the United States, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, etc. I think this is pretty good for a beginner. Alex. Binder.

BEATS COSTLIER SETS WITH MORE TUBES.

Lexington, O. I have given Miraco a thorough try out and find it to do all my claim. 85 stations logged so far, getting new ones every week. This list includes coast to coast, Canadian, Cuban and Mexican stations. The selectivity is remarkable. Others here in town have more expensive and elaborate sets with more tubes but do not ever do this. Fuller Temple.

LIKES IT BETTER THAN \$150-\$250 SETS.

Westville, Ill. Miraco sure is a wonderful set. I get the stations easily without noise—that's one of the things I like about the Miraco. I've had three other sets that have ranged from \$150 to \$250 each but Miraco beats them all. My friends all like the Miraco. I have had stations all over the U.S.A. I tune in Mexico City and Havana, Cuba any time there are no air. Alex. Binder.

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JAMES BOWLES.—"Raindrop" was a fantasia presented by KNOX (St. Louis) on September 21, 1926. * * * *Mr. Gurewich*, the saxophonist, "appeared" at WOR; *Sousa* once said that he was the greatest player of this instrument in America. * * * However, we're shouting for *Rudy Weedoff*.

HUCKLEBERRY.—We have tried to trace *Jack Donley* for you but our Intelligence Department has been unable to locate him; sorry. * * * Anything else we can do for you? * * * Yeah, we smoke cigars.

JOHNNY.—*Rudolph Puletz* played the French horn solo from WGBS on the night of September 21st; we did not hear him, but a French horn solo does not seem exciting to us. * * * It is said that this man comes from a family of French horn players. * * * We come from a family of poker players.

THOMAS BURNS.—We don't know who plays WGN's "phantom violin" and we care less; it's cheap publicity, to our way of thinking. * * * *Kelley Smith* is the studio director of WBBM. * * * Is *Mac-Namee* going to stay with the National Broadcasting Co.? * * * We presume so. Why should he leave?

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JEROME J. J.—*Al Santoro* is the regular sports announcer of station KGO. Were we ever an announcer? My heavens, do we sound like one? * * * That's a very dangerous question to ask this department.

CRANKY.—KGO's play "The Trick" was written by *Mrs. Rudolph Coffee*, a Californian. * * * *Kay Renayne* sings "blue" songs from WBBM regularly. We are no great consumer of "blue" songs, we can tell you that. * * * Don't write nasty things about *Keith McLeod*! Some dark night you'll get tapped on the head with a piece of lead pipe; that's how much we think of *McLeod*.

JULES BERNIE.—*Estelle Wentworth* was the dramatic soprano singing from WPG Atlantic City. * * * She was the prima donna with San Carlos Opera Co.

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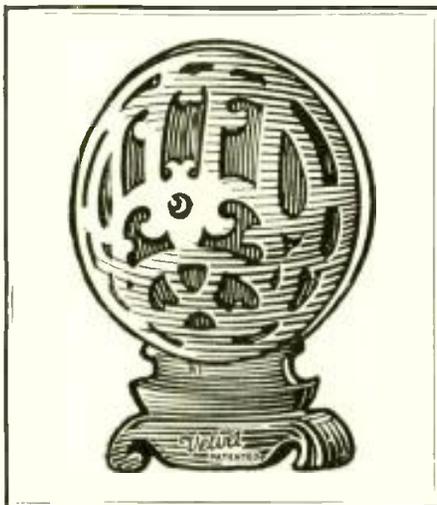
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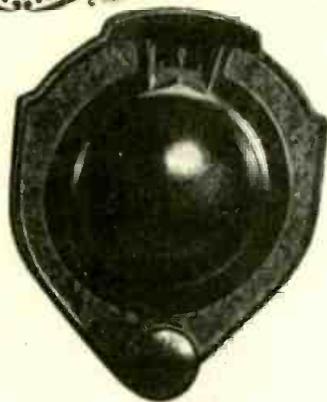


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Wanted—A Radio Humorist

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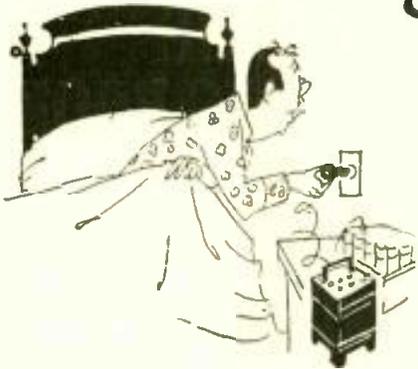
Many a comedian has failed in broadcasting for the reason that he has talked too fast. It would not be too fast before an audience which could see his facial expression and his illuminating gestures, but when these helps have to be imagined the talk is so fast that only a part of it is understood.

Irvin S. Cobb goes well over the radio, and one of the things which adds much to his particular brand of entertainment is the little chuckle he indulges in when telling a story. The story is funny to him and he so completely loses himself in it that he has to chuckle as he goes along, and this feeling of enjoyment is in turn imparted to his listeners. And again he tells mostly negro stories and he delivers the dialect so well that this, coupled with the fact, as explained above, that a negro story is the best kind of story to tell over the radio, makes him an outstanding radio success.

It is interesting to note in this particular that Judge, Junior, is growing in popularity as a radio humorist. He appears over WJZ and has a bright chatter concerning the latest on Broadway and its current attractions. At first, people thought that he was inspired by advertising, but now they are beginning to discover that he has nothing to sell and that he merely talks about what interests him. So he is coming to take his place among the popular entertainers. Judge, Junior, himself was a former vaudeville performer, but is no longer in vaudeville. He has a trained speaking voice and knows how to get his effects. He is one of the few variety artists who is a success over the radio.

It is particularly hard to get humor on the part of announcers at any of the larger radio stations, for the reason that the announcers are required to write out in advance what they are going to say and then must keep to the text. In this way they are not able to add anything personal or impromptu. In the smaller stations the announcers are allowed more freedom and can improvise and add to the entertainment by

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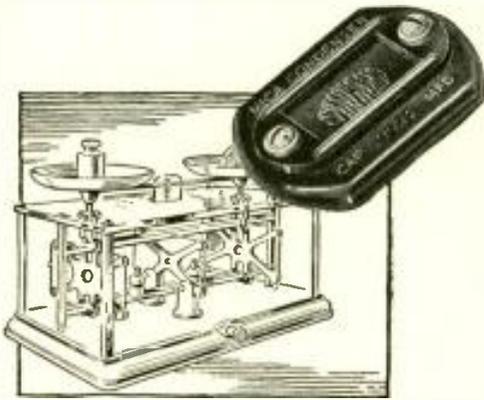


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making wisecracks of their own. The larger stations are not in favor of it, as the stations wish to be bigger than any employee, and if the announcer has any element of popularity he is apt to become bigger in the eyes of the public than is the station itself—and then he wants more money and the corporation can't see anything funny about that.

A small station in New York has a rough and ready announcer who is steadily gaining fame and popularity. There is nothing subtle about him—merely rough, bubbling humor, but he is funny. Rarely does he ever introduce a speaker or an entertainer without getting a laugh out of his audience; and so popular is he that often he is bigger than the person he introduces. But a large station, with all the rules that a corporation hedges around its announcers, would not keep him. Just about the time he got to be popular, the corporation would send him on his way, but it is he who makes the small station very popular. He is one of the real radio humorists of the country.

And so we might close this article with an imaginary advertisement in the help wanted department of a newspaper:

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Changes in the List of Broadcasting Stations in the U. S.

These corrections and additions to the list which was published in the March, 1926, issue of POPULAR RADIO (together with the changes which have been published in succeeding months) make the list correct as of November 1, 1926. Further changes will be published each month in this magazine.

STATIONS ADDED

KGCX	Vida, Montana	240.0
KGDE	Barrett, Minnesota	232.4
KSEI	Pocatello, Idaho	260.7
KXRO	Seattle, Washington	240.0
WBMS	North Bergen, New Jersey	223.7
WBRL	Tilton, New Hampshire	365.0
WDXL	Detroit, Michigan	296.9
WEDC	Chicago, Illinois	422.3
WJUG	New York, New York	516.9
WKBQ	New York, New York	285.0
WKBR	Auburn, New York	225.0
WKBV	Brookville, Indiana	238.1
WOBB	Chicago, Illinois	552.0
WOCB	Orlando, Florida	
WKBS	Galesburg, Illinois	361.2
WTRC	New York, New York	239.9

CHANGES IN CALL LETTERS

WBDC	Grand Rapids, Mich.	change to	WASH
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CHANGES IN WAVELENGTHS

KFOB	Fort Worth, Tex., 263	change to	508.2
KFWC	San Bernardino, Cal., 211.1	change to	291.1
KFWI	San Francisco, Cal., 226	change to	249.9
KFWM	Oakland, Cal., 206.8	change to	315.6
WCSH	Portland, Me., 256	change to	499.7
WEMC	Berrien Springs, Mich., 285.5	change to	315.6
WGES	Chicago, Ill., 249.9	change to	315.6
WJBV	Woodhaven, N. Y., 460.9	change to	288.3
WJBW	New Orleans, La., 340.7	change to	270.1
WLWL	New York, N. Y., 288.3	change to	384.4
WRNY	New York, N. Y., 374.8	change to	373.8

CHANGES IN LOCATIONS

KFOW	North Bend, Wash.	change to	Seattle Wash.
KFWI	South San Francisco, Cal.,	change to	San Francisco, Cal.

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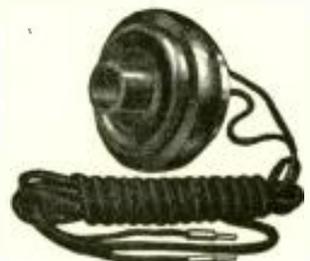
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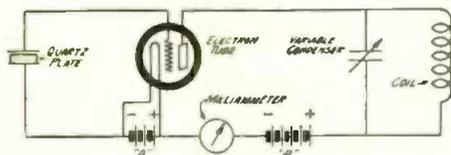
The Salt on the Tail of the Broadcast Frequency

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this being the lowest frequency recognizable as a musical note. As 16 cycles is only 0.016 kc, this error would be extremely small. Although this test utilized a fundamental frequency of the quartz plate, it was found that there was no blanketing effect from the transmitting set sufficient to affect the operation of the piezo oscillator except when the oscillator was placed close to the control board. Since in this test a fundamental frequency of the piezo oscillator was used instead of a harmonic, the beat note was much louder than that previously obtained.

From these tests of the piezo oscillator one may predict that if their use becomes general in broadcasting stations, all interference occasioned by beat notes between carrier waves of stations of different frequency assignments will be eliminated. This idea is based on the fact that no two stations could ever deviate in frequency to such an extent that their frequency difference would be appreciably less than 10 kilocycles, a frequency which is entirely too high to produce an objectionable beat note in the phones of receiving sets. Of course a broadcasting station equipped with piezo oscillator apparatus directly connected in its transmitting circuit so that the frequency is automatically controlled is even a step further toward the elimination of interference. However, this application of the piezo oscillator is expensive; it requires partially rewiring the transmitting circuit. On the other hand, the use of the piezo oscillator as a separate device costs no more than a well constructed frequency meter, and if the transmitting circuit is well designed, as indeed all transmitting circuits should be, so there are no sudden variations in frequency, it is merely necessary for the station operator to listen in the phones of the piezo oscillator at occasional intervals and make slight readjustments in the transmitting set demanded by the piezo oscillator.

The applications of the piezo oscillator described herein utilize the faculty of hearing. It should be quite possible to add other apparatus to the piezo oscillator so that a variation in frequency from the transmitting circuit will, instead of producing a change in beat note, cause a movement of a needle across a scale. Thus the individual



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FIGURE 4: This schematic diagram shows the quartz plate in the circuit of a vacuum-tube oscillator for generating alternating current oscillations on a standard frequency.



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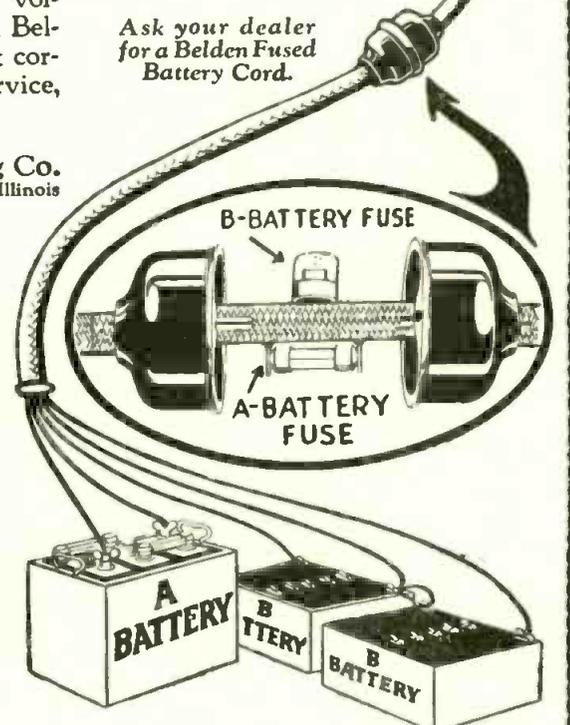
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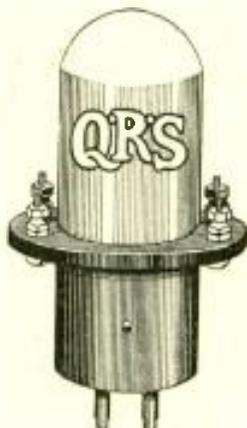
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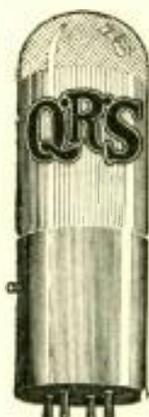
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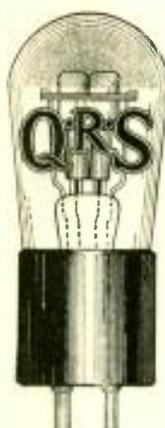
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preference of the station operator could be satisfied. Also it may be mentioned that some operators prefer to have a beat note of a certain frequency produced in the phones of the oscillator when the transmitting circuit is properly adjusted, while others may prefer zero beat. As shown by the experiments, either of these requirements can be met readily and the accuracy of either is more than actually needed. In case the beat note method is used, then it may be desirable to match this beat note against that obtained from a tuning fork of known frequency.

The advantages of the piezo oscillator as a means of checking the frequency of a broadcasting station are peculiar to this piece of apparatus. Perhaps the most important advantage is that of constancy of calibration. The frequencies of the piezo oscillator as determined by the dimensions of the quartz plate are not affected by changes in inductance and capacity of the circuit; it is merely necessary that these quantities be of certain approximate values in order to secure a fixed frequency from the quartz plate. Depending upon the approximate values of inductance and capacity, the quartz plate will either give one of the fixed frequencies or it will refuse to function at all. The frequencies of the quartz plate will vary slightly with temperature, but for the use described in this article such changes are entirely too small to be considered.

Another advantage of the piezo oscillator is that, unlike a frequency meter or frequency indicator, it is unaffected by power variations in the transmitting set, which occur in both code transmitting stations and broadcasting stations. In broadcasting stations these power variations are caused by the voice or music modulations. The pitch of the beat note heard in the phones of the piezo oscillator is affected only by shifting frequency in the transmitting circuit, and although sounds due to modulation may be heard in the phones, such sounds are not loud and have no effect upon the frequency of the beat note. In conclusion, it may be said that nothing short of actual mechanical injury to the quartz plate will cause a change in its frequency sufficient to affect its usefulness in a transmitting station.

"Man, you ain' gettin' no distance a-tall, is you?"

"Say, brown gal, heah dat whistlin'?' 'Ems de Canary Islands!"

—Princeton Tiger.

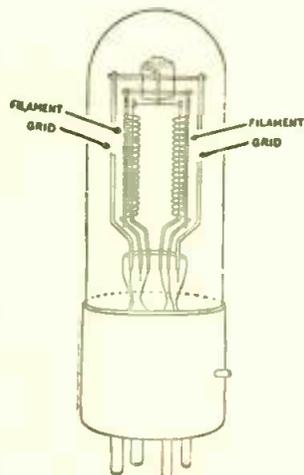
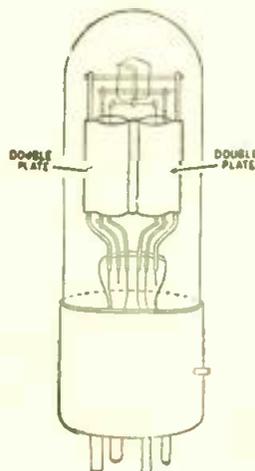
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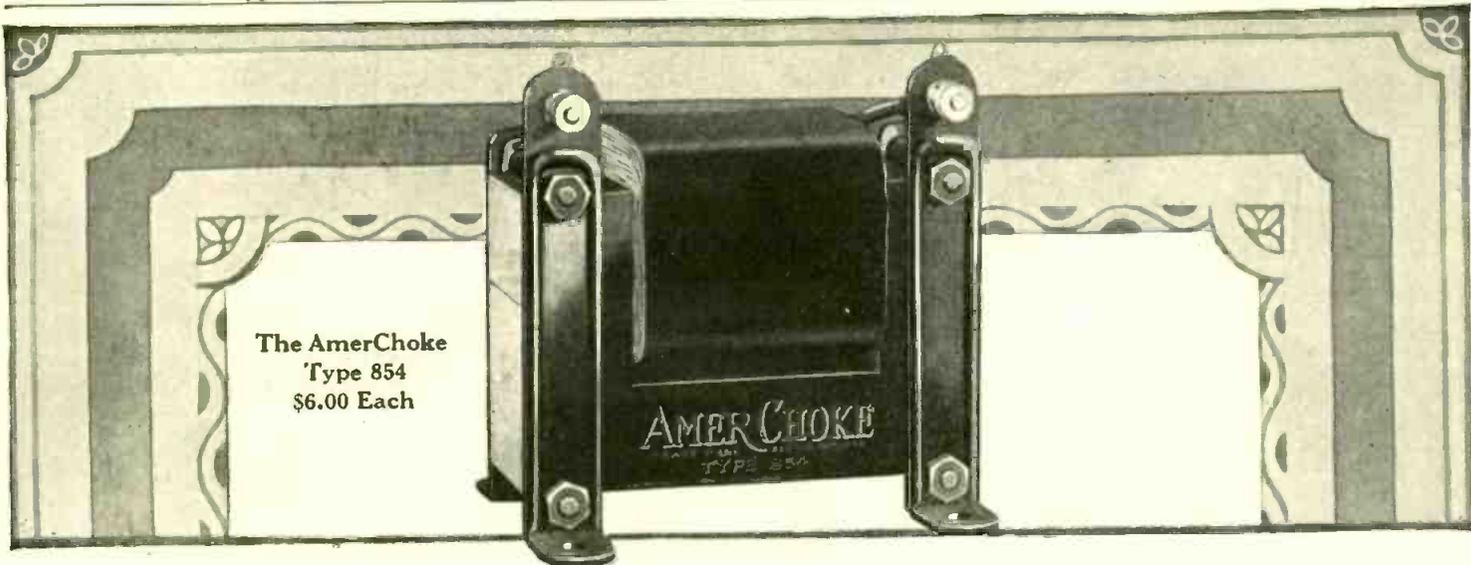
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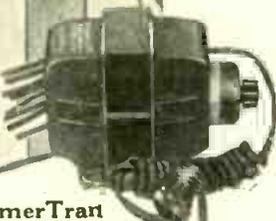
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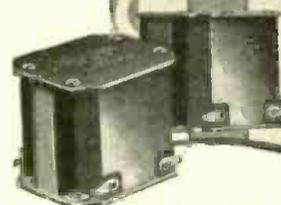
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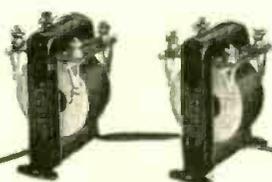
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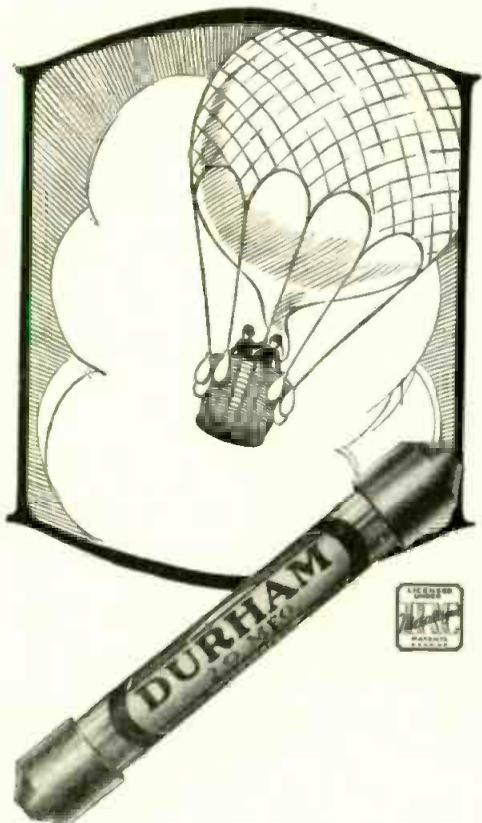
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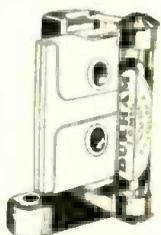


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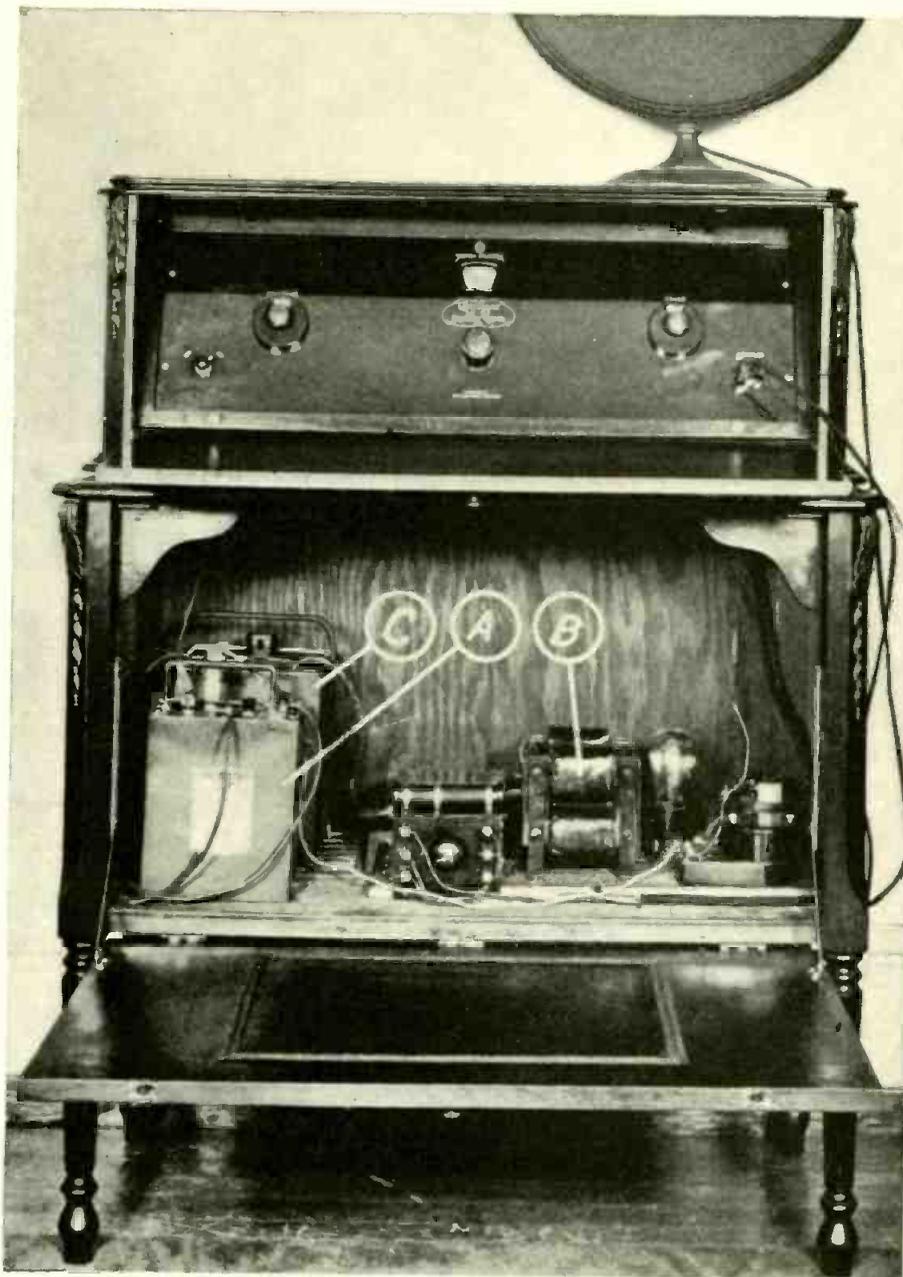
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How to Build the LC Intermediate Power-pack

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HOW THE "A" AND "B" POWER-PACKS ARE INSTALLED IN THE BLANDIN CONSOLE

FIGURE 5: In the top compartment is shown the set and in the lower compartment is shown the charger, C, and the filter unit, A, which supply the "A" power to the receiver. At the right, is shown the intermediate power-pack, B, which supplies the "B" and "C" voltages to the set.

How to Install the LC-Intermediate Power-pack with the LC-27 Broadcast Receiver

In the October issue the receiver was shown with complete installation data for use with a standard "A" battery and dry-cell "B" batteries; in the November issue the operating data was given for using the receiver totally on an alternating current supply, with a Davy "A" Power-pack and the LC-Senior Power-pack. In this present article, in Figure 1, is shown the electrical connection for the LC-27 Receiver when used with the LC-Intermediate Power-pack. For use in conjunction with these, the Balkite "A" battery charger, type H or type J, and the "A box" Filter Unit is shown as a combination "A" power unit for supplying current to the filaments of all the tubes. This will enable the operation of the set totally without batteries

as the "A," "B" and "C" voltages will be supplied from the power units.

In the illustration (Figure 5), are shown the various units installed in one of the standard Blandin Consoles with the set in the cabinet proper and the Power Units installed underneath in the battery compartment. The charger "A" is used to rectify the alternating current and to deliver it to the filter B, which extracts the hum and supplies the remaining pure direct-current to the filaments of the tubes in the set. The LC-Intermediate Power-pack is designated as (C) in this picture. It supplies the "B" and "C" power for the tubes in the set. The wiring between the power units and the set itself may be done with the special Belden power cable connector-assembly or it may be done with separate wires as illustrated in Figure

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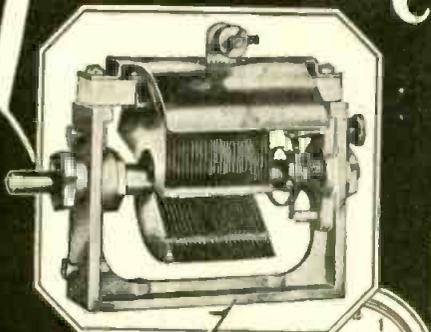
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1. A hole should be bored through the back of the cabinet and the back of the battery compartment for running the leads between the set and the power-units; the exact connections for all of these wires is shown clearly in Figure 1.

The input wire to the relay switch should be connected in parallel with the input wire to the Balkite charger and these should be plugged directly into the 110-volt, 60-cycle power lines through a standard plug and socket arrangement.

If the set is to be used with an antenna, it should be connected as shown in heavy black lines in Figure 1. If added selectivity is required, this wire may be connected to the second post, as indicated by the dotted line. The ground connection is also shown in this same pictorial diagram. If, however, the set is to be used without an antenna, the ground should be connected to the end binding post that is ordinarily used for the antenna. Notice that the filament circuit is connected externally to the set with two wires run across to the two "A" binding posts. The wire running to the "A" (-) post includes a 1/2-ampere automatic filament control.

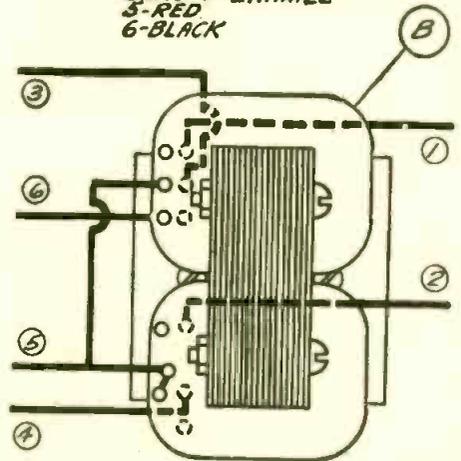
The loudspeaker should be inserted in the jack on the front of the panel of the set. The set is now ready for operation.

How to Operate the Set with the Intermediate Power-pack

First of all, place two UX-201-a type tubes in the first and second sockets in the receiver. Then place a UX-200-a type tube in the third socket with a UX-201-a type tube in the fourth tube socket.

Put a UX-171 type tube in the last or fifth socket. Then insert a UX-216-b type tube in the socket on the power-

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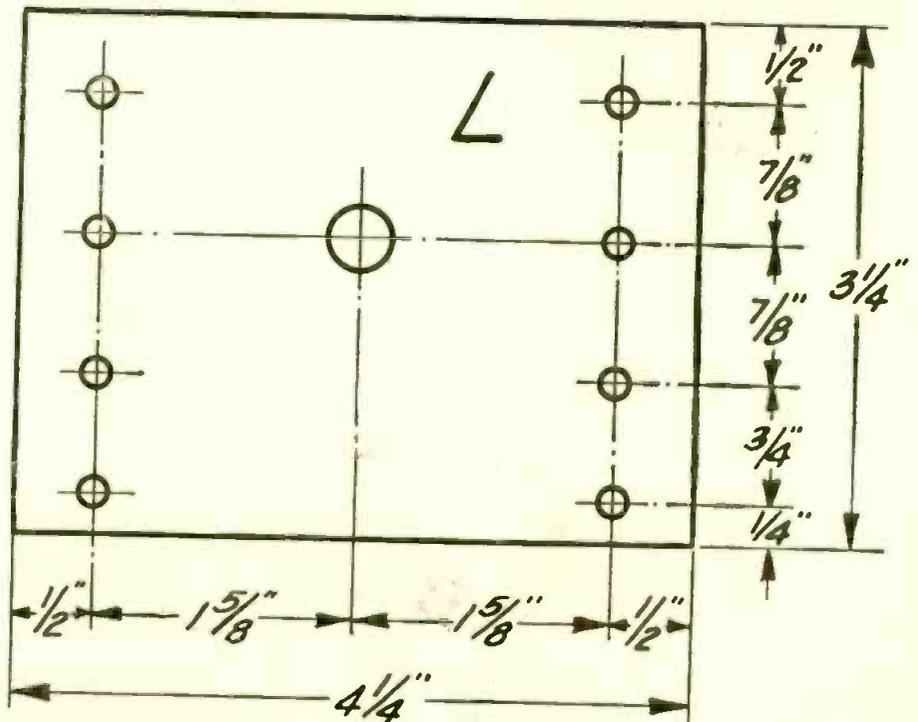
HOW THE TRANSFORMER LEADS ARE DESIGNATED

FIGURE 6: This small drawing gives the correct information for wiring up the leads from the transformer, B, to the various other parts of the circuit. The leads are designated by color as well as by number.

pack. Be sure that the pins of the tubes are pointed in the direction of the arrows on the sockets otherwise the plate circuit may be short-circuited through the filaments.

After the "A" and "B" power-packs are connected and the plug is placed in the 110-volt light socket with the switch turned off, the set is ready to run. By merely turning the switch on the lamp socket the "A" power-pack will begin immediately to furnish current to the filaments of the tubes and this will cause the automatic relay switch A on the "B" power-pack to operate and turn on the "B" and "C" power.

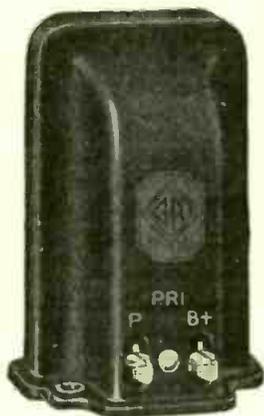
Next, vary the "C" battery adjust-



HOW THE BINDING-POST PANEL SHOULD BE MADE

FIGURE 7: This drawing gives the exact size of the small panel, L, as well as the dimensions for the drill holes for the binding posts and the "C" battery control resistance.

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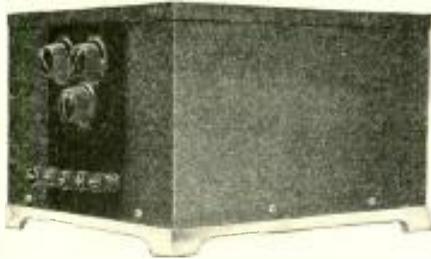
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ment K, on the power-pack until the last tube in the set draws the proper plate current. This may be determined by means of a milliammeter connected in series with the plate circuit. Then, tune in a station exactly as outlined in the article in the October issue of POPULAR RADIO. When a signal is tuned in loud, make a further adjustment of the "C" battery resistance, K, until the tone quality sounds the best. When this is done the set is ready for constant use and will need no further care.

If an "A" battery is to be used with the set it may be connected in place of the "A" power-pack except that there will be no wires running from it to the 110-volt alternating-current supply.

If the constructional data in this article and in the article on the receiver in the October issue is followed closely, and if the connection diagram shown in Figure 1 at the head of this article is adhered to strictly, this intermediate power-pack will need no further attention and the set will give the right kind of service on broadcast reception with no more fuss or bother than the simple turning on and off of an electric-light socket switch.

"From Fire and Flood—"

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following morning were sent by radio from these amateur stations. And thus the world knew of the plight of Sand Springs. The town was no longer isolated!

As it became known that a way had been opened through the flood to Sand Springs, and that young McKinney was handling messages free of charge into the stricken community, his little shack resembled a busy telegraph office. Anxious men and women wrote out messages of inquiry to parents and friends; these were dispatched quickly and directly to Halton Friend.

There wasn't much sleep for McKinney and Friend the first night. Thirty minute schedules were agreed on. First one station, then the other transmitted the accumulation of messages. Arms began to stiffen, and fingers grew numb as several thousand words passed over the keys of the operators.

After the first day, the traffic increased, and station 5GA, operated by Edward Austin, Tulsa, came to the rescue. Then another station in Sand Springs was brought into action, 5GJ, owned and operated by Howard Siegfried.

Besides messages for the local telephone company, press news for the *Tulsa Tribune* and the *Tulsa Daily World*, over 200 personal messages and 40 special reports were handled by the 5GJ and 5SR stations in Sand Springs and by 5GA in Tulsa. Instead of a half hour schedule, a ten-minute schedule was possible. Siegfried's first watch began at 7.30 P.M. the second day of

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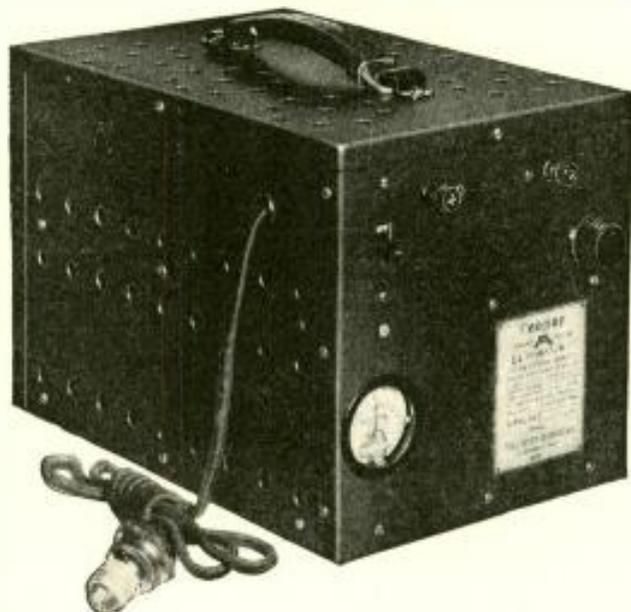
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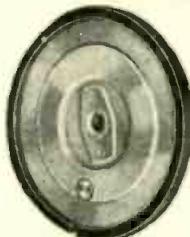
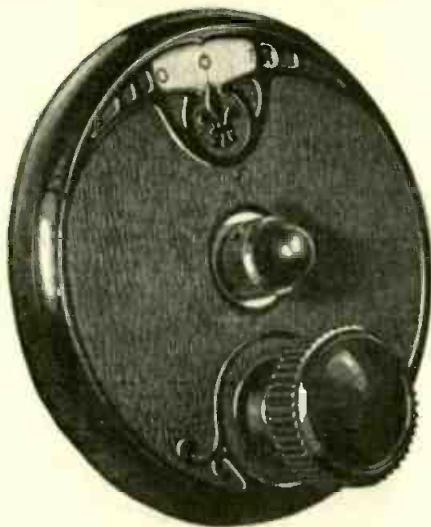
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From then on, it became easier to handle the traffic that was piling up at both ends. Even then, operator Austin welcomed the assistance which J. B. Lewis (whose station 5WX was not then in operation), offered him in running his station.

Static was increasing. And added to the torment of sore muscles, was the increasing sleepiness that overcame the tired little group of doughty operators. Only now and then were they able to snatch a few hours of rest.

During the whole of the second day, messages kept on going between the two links. Static was playing havoc with the tympanums of the young operators. Apparatus was beginning to show wear under the unaccustomed pressure to which it had been subjected continuously for several days at a stretch.

First, McKinney's station began to sputter. The operator in Sand Springs grew anxious as his fellow-amateur's signals showed signs of unsteadiness; to him, it meant the loss of the threadlike connection which tied Sand Springs with Tulsa. At Tulsa, McKinney fixed up one bit of apparatus, then another, as he worked the key hour after hour.

First, the insulators sparked; then the rectifier brewed difficulties. This part of the transmitter absolutely had to be repaired and time was taken, between schedules and winks of sleep, to repair the cells individually so that they could go on with their important work of rectifying the current for the transmitter.

On the third day, the waters began to recede. One of the roads became passable, though it was in very bad condition. On the fourth day, gangmen from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Western Union, and M. K. & T. were patching up wires, righting poles, and stringing lines to replace those that had carried away in the flood. Soon, line communication was re-established.

Until the 14th of June, the stations manned by the amateurs kept up their service as an auxiliary to the lines. Then, Sand Springs was back in the swing of things, drying itself out of one of the worst floods it has ever experienced. And the small group of radio amateur operators switched off their transmitters to catch up with lost sleep.

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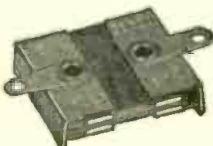
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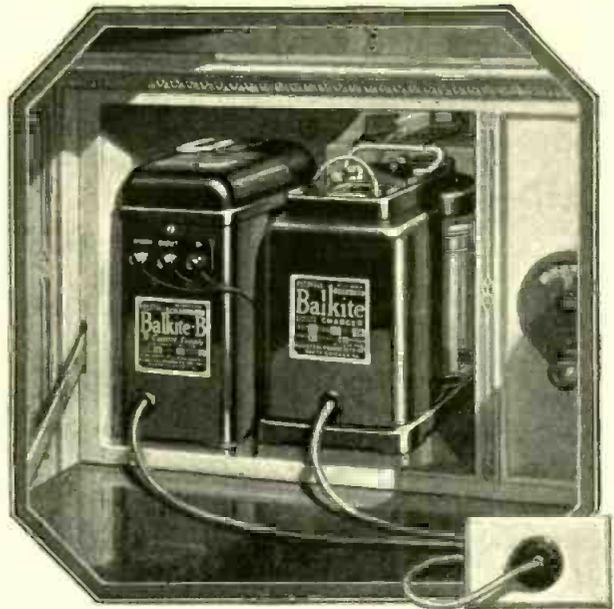
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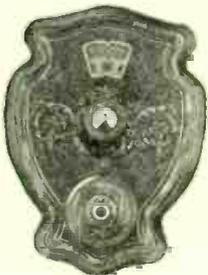
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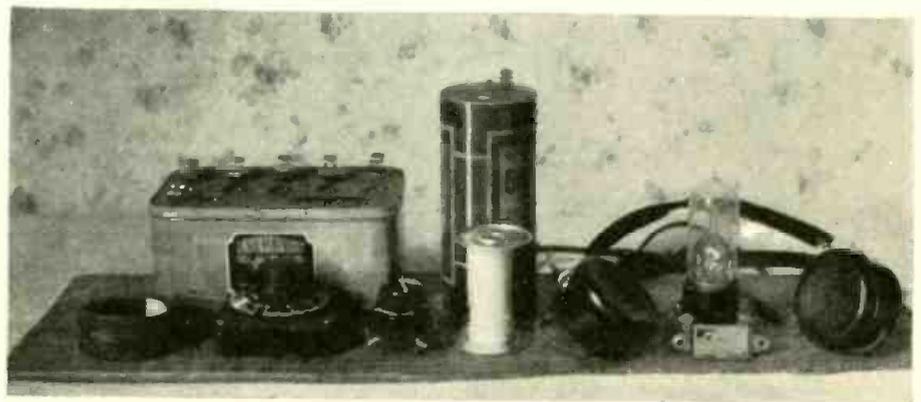
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Why Honeycomb Coils are Useful to Experimenters

In the early days of radio, most transmission was on wavelengths above 600 meters. Inductance coils for receivers were wound on cylindrical tubes either in single layers or with one layer over another. A single-layer coil used in reaching the longer wavelengths might be three or four feet long, and it took up so much space that it was inconvenient to use in a small room. Bank-wound, or multi-layer, inductances had disadvantages also, one of which was the amount of distributed capacity between the turns and layers.

It was discovered later that a coil one inch long could be made to provide as much inductance as a single-layer coil three feet long, if the wire were zigzagged around the tube or form instead of being wound straight around. Furthermore, the turns could be widely spaced by this method, and made to cross each other at angles that reduced capacity effects.

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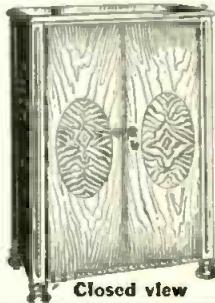
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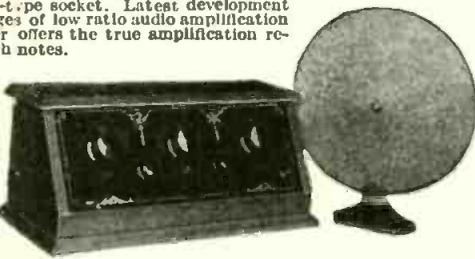
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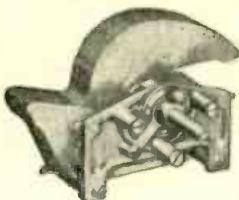
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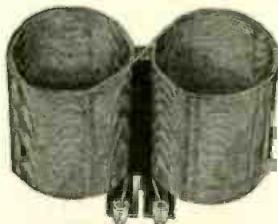
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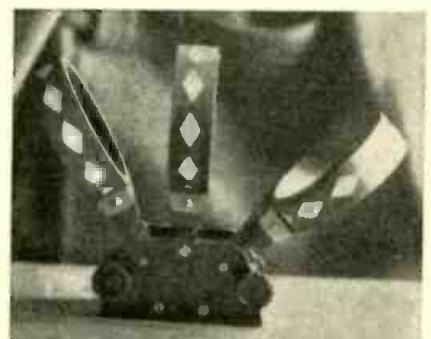
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down to wavelengths around 200 meters, honey-comb coils lost some of the great popularity that they had formerly among amateur experimenters, because they are less efficient below 600 meters than they are above that wavelength. However, they still are used extensively because of their convenient size and form and because they are mounted in such a way that they are interchangeable. A coil designed to cover the broadcasting wavelengths can be removed from the mounting and a coil that will bring in the transoceanic commercial stations can be plugged in, all in a moment.

Another advantage that the honey-comb coil gives the experimenter is the ease with which circuits can be constructed and changed. A single honey-comb coil shunted by a .001 mfd. condenser, will cover a waveband from 130 to 12,000 meters wide, depending on the number of turns in the coil. The smallest coils in common use have 25 turns and tune down as low as 120 meters. The largest have 1,500 turns and tune up to 26,500 meters. Even with a single coil and condenser, several different circuits can be made. The De Forest ultraudion circuit is one of the most popular of these and, with proper coils, will cover almost the entire range of wavelengths used in radio transmission. There is another circuit in which a large coil, say one of 1500 turns, can be employed as a loop aerial to pick up long waves from high-power stations.

Two coils, in a two-coil mounting, form a variometer, which may be used in tuning the antenna or the plate circuit. They can be operated in a parallel position or can be made to form any angle up to 90 degrees, so the transfer of energy from coil to coil is under control. A slight change of wiring turns the variometer into a variocoupler, suitable for use in most of the three-circuit hook-ups. The amount of inductance in the primary or secondary circuit can be changed instantly by removing one coil and plugging in another.

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One further advantage of the honeycomb coil is that it can be packed and carried with little danger of injury. The ordinary variometer, composed of a stator and rotor, easily may be broken or even mashed flat. The compact honeycomb coil, on the other hand, can be stowed away in a Scout's haversack or a travelling bag, with a handkerchief or a pair of socks occupying the hole in the center, and it usually reaches the end of the journey in good condition even though it may have been sat on en route.

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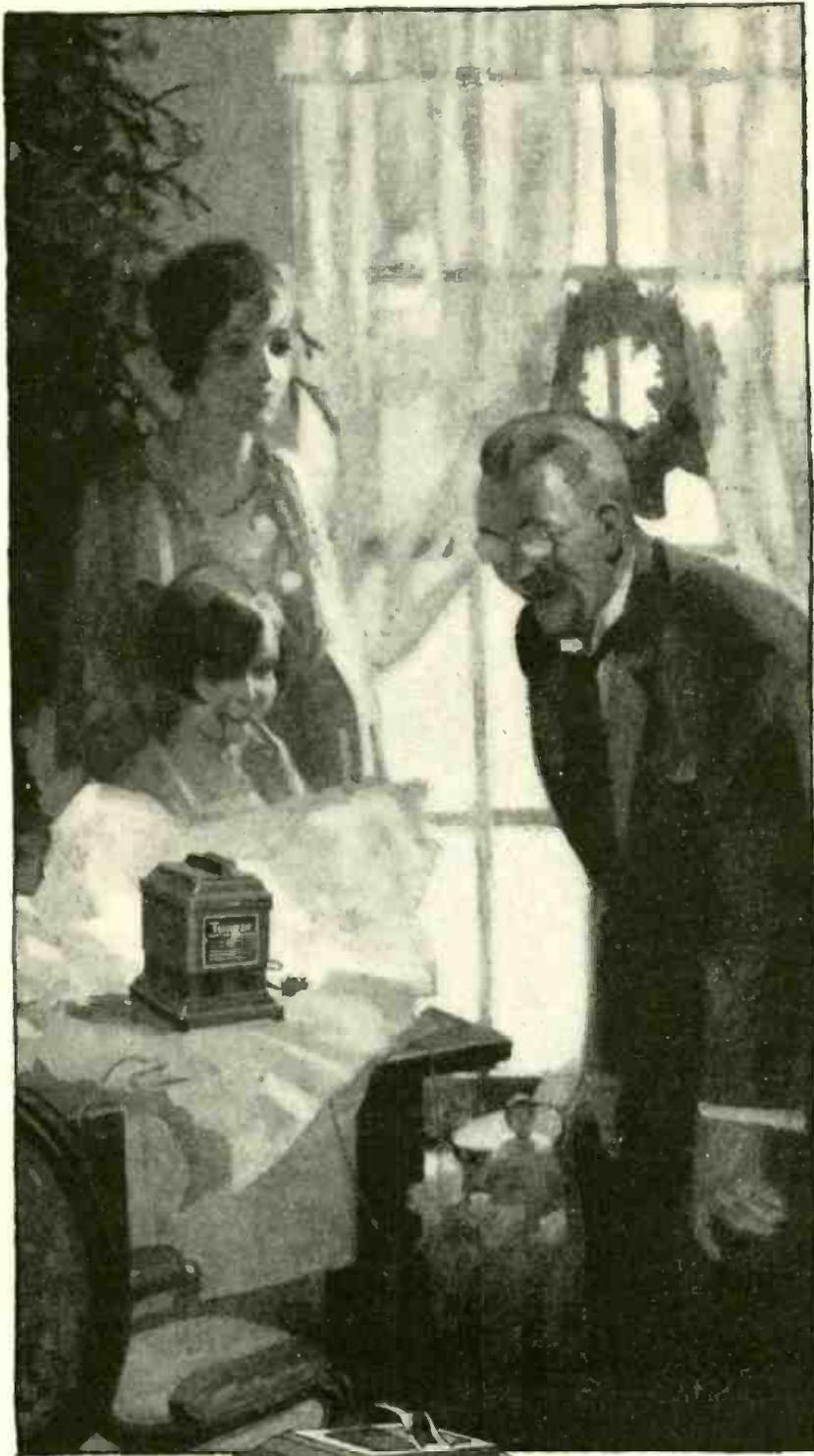
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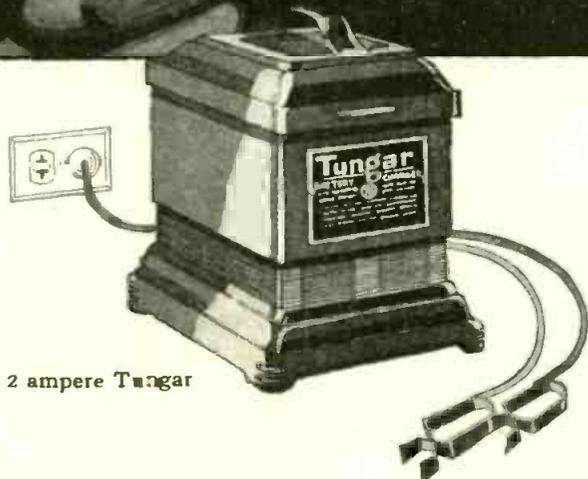
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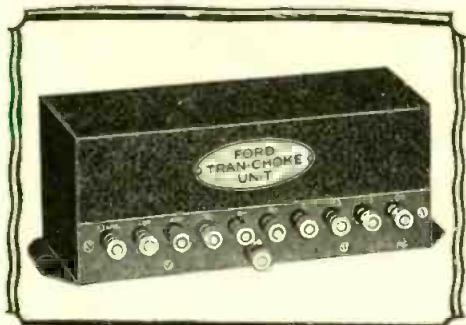


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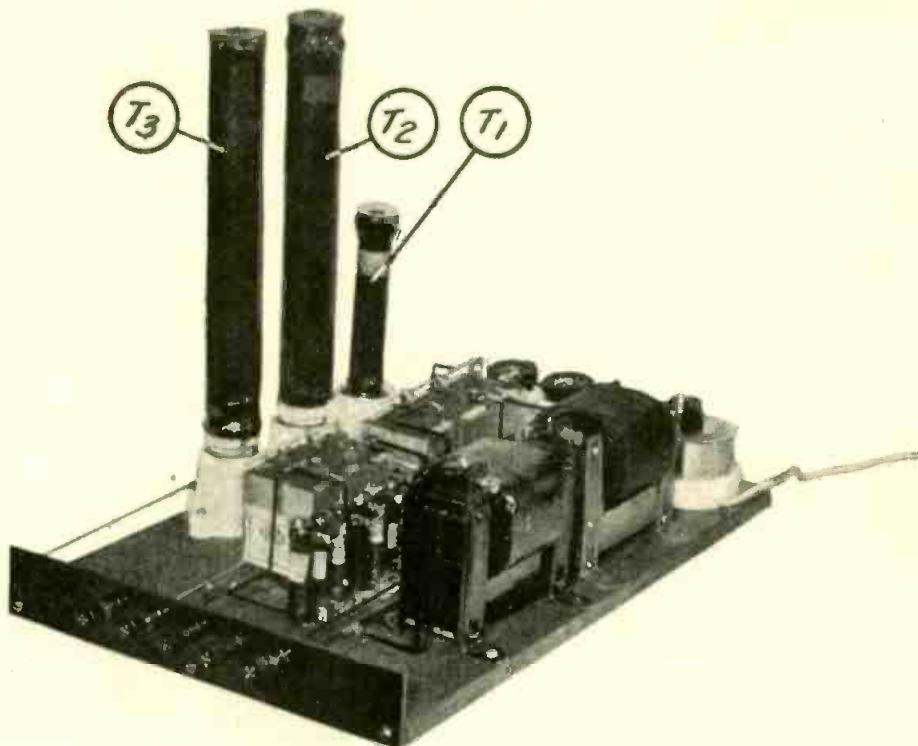
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AN END VIEW OF THE UNIT

FIGURE 4: The three large resistors, that are used in the "A" circuit, are shown here in place. This view also shows how the binding-post strip is mounted.

Figure 3, illustrates how this is done. The DC supply passes through the switch S, and then, as a safety measure, through a 10-ampere fuse on both sides of the line. Whatever ripple or fluctuation in current there is present up to that point is smoothed out by the chokes L1 and L2. All condensers in the circuit act as a by-pass for any unevenness of voltage at those points so that the output finally comes out as a pure DC supply. The resistances, R7 and R8, provide for a 40-volt drop for the detector tube; R3, R4, R5 and R6 furnish 85 volts, for the radio-frequency tubes; while R1 and R2 furnish the balance of the voltage output, or a total of slightly less than 110 volts of "B" supply. A variety of combinations may be obtained, however, by carefully making connections to the proper resistors.

The connections shown in the picture wiring diagram, Figure 3, enable the constructor to obtain the voltages mentioned above. For the convenience of the experimenter who may desire other voltages than those mentioned, the following data has been compiled.

The voltages obtained at any one of the resistances in the order they are at present placed in the eliminator is given in Table 1.

Thus, if it is desired that the detector

voltage be 22, then the detector tap should be connected to the end of resistance R8. The balance of the voltage may then be divided in the same manner. For instance if it is desired to have 85 volts on the radio-frequency tubes, then the tap should be connected to the end of resistance R3. The other resistors, R2 and R1, will add 25 volts more for the audio-frequency tubes, making a total of 110 volts available. These voltages were obtained with a DC supply of 120 volts. For other line voltages, these values will be practically proportional.

How to Construct the Unit

Cut the baseboard to the size given in the list of parts and proceed to lay out the instruments. The constructor should be careful that the layout, after it is finally assembled, will be a convenient one for wiring. Figure 1 shows a good arrangement.

The bank of condensers before mounting on the board were first turned upside-down showing the bottoms of the cases with the mounting lugs nearest the experimenter. These lugs were all soldered together by means of two lengths of bus bar each connecting a row of mounting lugs. Loops were made at the ends of the bus bar. The loops thus provided a means for fastening

TABLE 1

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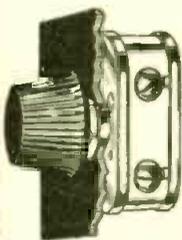
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.75	DEB 90	—	EB 12.5
1.00	DEB 90	DEB 90	EB 5
1.25	DEB 90	DEB 90	EB 6
1.50	DEB 90	DEB 90	EB 7
1.75	DEB 90	DEB 90	EB 10

the assembled block to the baseboard.

The resistors R1 to R8, inclusive, should also be assembled before mounting by laying them on the workbench and soldering their ends together in the proper order. The values of each resistor may be found by referring to the list of parts that is printed at the head of this article.

The resistor block may now be mounted by simply inserting bolts through each end resistor and fastening to the base. Before inserting the bolts, slip a washer under the head of each bolt. This will protect the brittle porcelain jackets of the resistors.

Next, mount chokes L1 and L2. The snap switch should then be placed in line with the chokes and the fuse block right back of the switch. The arrangement of the base receptacles provides a convenient means for placing additional receptacles.

The next step is to cut and drill the binding-post strip. This strip is fastened to the end of the baseboard with three screws after mounting the binding posts in the following order, starting from the end nearest the chokes: "B" Amp. (+), "B" RF (+), "B" Det. (+), "A" Bat. (—), "A" Bat. (+). The power-pack is now ready for wiring.

How to Wire the Power-pack

The best form of attack is to wire the out of the way places first, and then to follow with the easier connections.

Refer constantly to the picture wiring diagram. Use insulated bus bar, such as celatsite, to lessen the possibility of short circuits.

How to Operate the Unit

The large resistors, R9, R10 and R11, are regulators for the supply to the filament of the tubes. Their values, as mentioned in the list of parts, are for a five-tube set having a power tube of the UX-112 type in the last stage and the

other tubes of the UX-201 type. Since each UX-201-type tube consumes ¼-ampere and the UX-112 type consumes ½-ampere of current, the total current consumption will be 1½ amperes. In this manner the amount of current consumed by all the filaments may be easily determined. The filament current consumption of each tube is clearly noted on the carton containing the tube. In the case where the total current consumption varies from those stated, the resistors to be used in the receptacles will have to be inserted as shown in Table 2.

For currents over 2 amperes another receptacle must be placed alongside T3 and wired in parallel with it. Calling this added receptacle T4, the resistors are given in Table 3.

The power-pack is now ready to connect to the receiver. Connect the binding posts of the receiver to the pack in their proper order. It will be noticed that the no binding post is provided for the "B" (—) minus connection. This is due to the fact that "B" minus (—) and "A" (+) are automatically made in the apparatus and at the same time grounded. As a precaution the present ground lead of the set should be broken and a .002 mfd. to .5 mfd. condenser inserted between the ground and the ground lead.

With the recent popularity of the new power tubes where large "B" voltages are required it may be necessary to add "B" battery blocks sufficient to cover the voltage required. This is only true where the utmost volume is required. For instance, if a total of approximately 180 volts is necessary add one 45-volt block and one 22½ volt block. Of course, these should be placed in series with the negative terminal connected with the B amp (+) binding post of the power-pack and with the positive terminal connected to the B Amp. (+) of the receiver.

TABLE 3

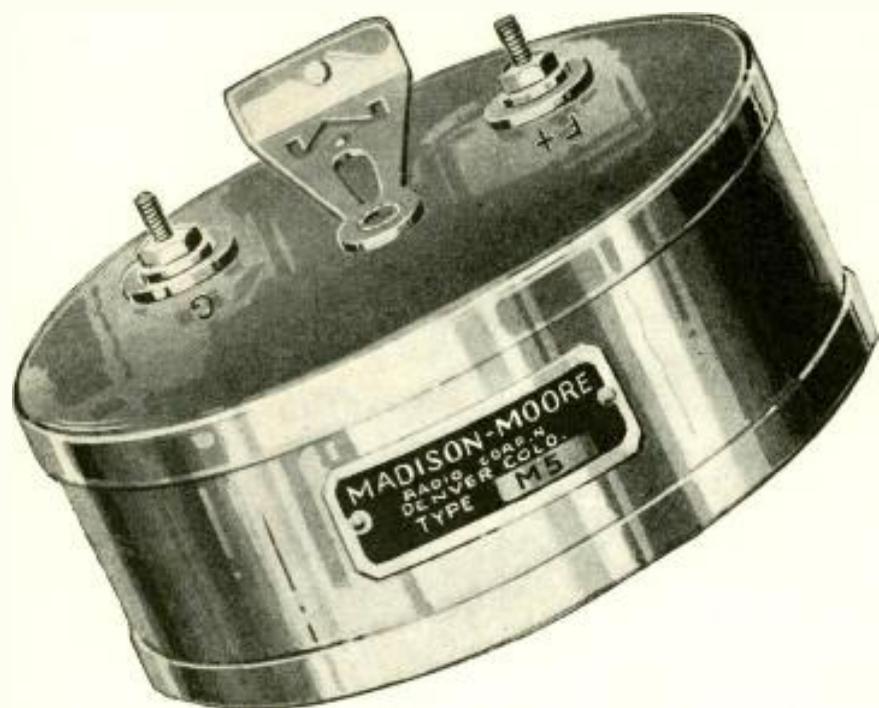
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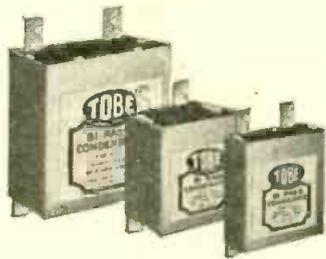


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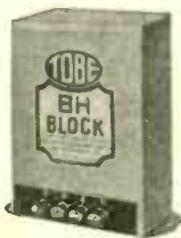
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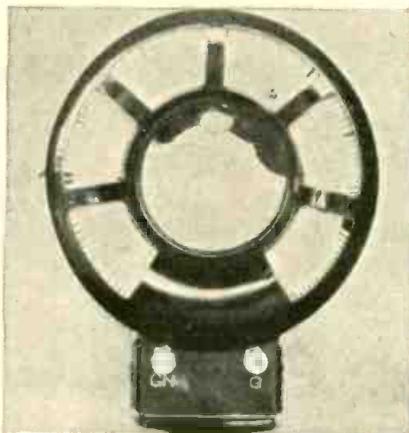
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How Circuit Resistance Affects Selectivity

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$$E' = 2 \pi f L i \dots\dots 1$$

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$$i = \frac{E}{\sqrt{R^2 + X^2}} \dots\dots 2$$

Where E is the voltage set by the incoming signal, R , the resistance of the circuit, and X , a tuning factor varying as C changes.

$$X = 2\pi f L - \frac{1}{C 2\pi f}$$

Combining equations 1 and 2:

$$E' = \frac{2 \pi f L E}{\sqrt{R^2 + X^2}} \dots\dots 3$$

It is apparent that E' can be made a maximum if the capacity, C , is so chosen as to make $X = 0$. Then

$$E'_{max} = \frac{E 2\pi f L}{R} \dots\dots 4$$

This equation brings out the significance of an abbreviation usually called where

$$\eta = \frac{R}{2\pi f L}$$

Equation 4 then reads

$$E'_{max} = \frac{E}{\eta} \dots\dots 5$$

As may be seen, η is the governing factor of a circuit because if η is small, E'_{max} , the voltage across the condenser when turned to resonance, is large.

It so happens for a narrow band of wavelengths, such as from 200 to 550 meters, η , for a well designed circuit, is almost constant and is a convenient way of rating the value of a coil and con-

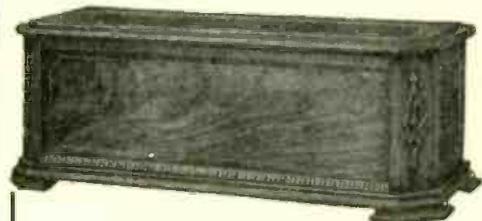
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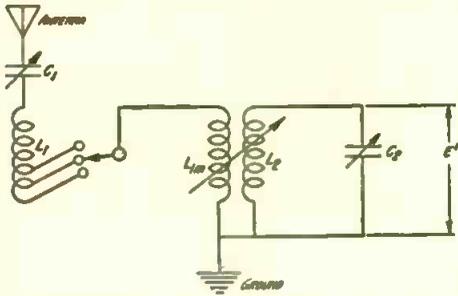
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A TYPICAL RF TUNING CIRCUIT
 FIGURE 5: This indicates where the values of E' were taken in order to make the curves shown in Figure 2.

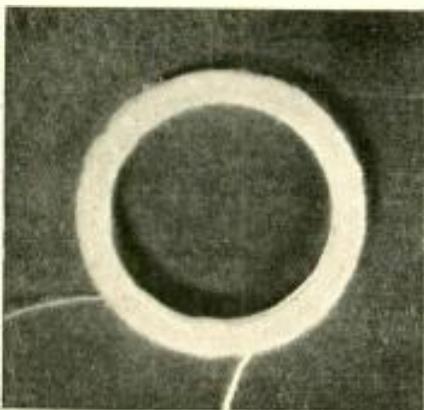
denser when used in receiving broadcast signals. However, if the values of η were taken for a wide band of wavelengths, the resulting curve would be something like that shown in Figure 4. The dotted line, A, indicates the natural period of the coil or the wavelength where the coil is tuned by the capacity in the winding itself.

The region B-C is where the coil should be used, for η is the smallest average value through that range.

The importance of η will be further brought out by plotting a number of resonance curves. In plotting a resonance curve, a signal of definite and constant frequency is assumed and the value for E' across the condenser, is calculated for different settings of the condenser C. This curve then gives an idea of the selectivity of the circuit when used in a radio receiver, and is therefore of the greatest importance.

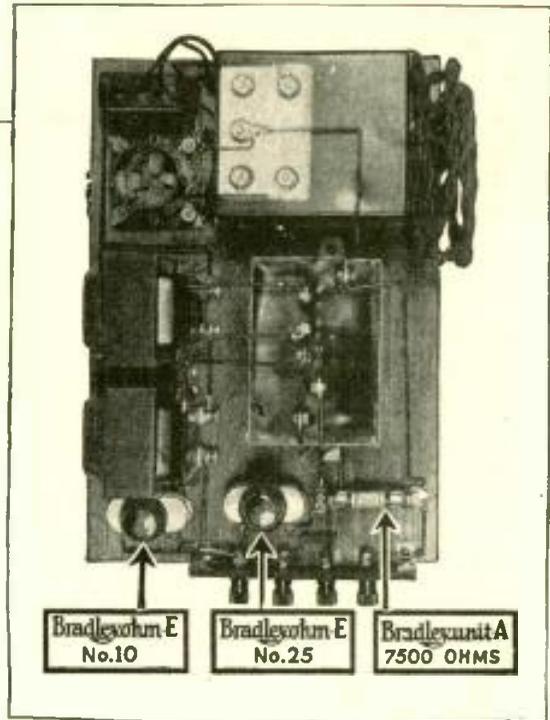
Figure 2 shows such a curve where E' is charted against the capacity of a 500 micromicrofarad (.0005 mfd.) condenser. Below the capacity markings are given dial readings, zero reading being considered resonance. Four curves are shown with $\eta = .01$ (this would be a poor coil), $\eta = .00706$, $\eta = .005$ (represents a good coil) and $\eta = .0001$ (this value could only be obtained with the aid of regeneration).

Several interesting points are here brought out. First, the smaller the value of η the greater the signal strength of the received signals ($\eta = 0.01$ gives a signal represented by 100 while $\eta = .0001$ gives a signal 100 times as great).



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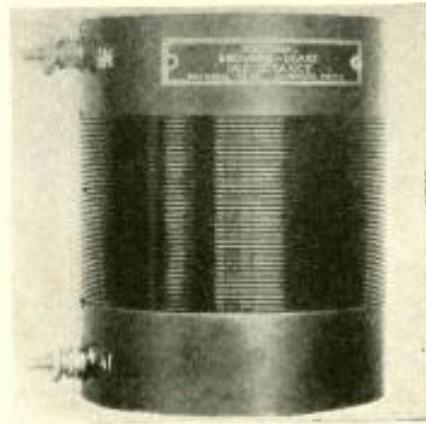
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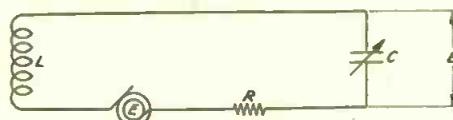
Second, the resistance does not determine the absolute selectivity of the circuit, for if the condenser is two divisions off resonance, the amount of signal received is the same no matter what the value of η . This means that absolute selectivity cannot be obtained with this circuit, no matter how low the resistance may be.

Consider a local station broadcasting on a wavelength such that it would be resonant on the condenser at .00032 mfd. Let another station, whose signal strength at the receiver is only one-tenth as strong, be on such a wavelength as to be resonant on the condenser at .00034 mfd. If we want to hear the weaker station, we naturally set the condenser at .00034 mfd., but we also hear our local station, for the signals from the two are in the ratio 200 to 150.

These figures assume that the coil and condenser have such a resistance that they are represented by curve No. 3.

There is one solution of the problem which lies in coupled circuits, shown in Figure 5, but the adjustments require considerable skill on the part of the operator, as he has three controls to operate instead of one, and the setting of one may change the settings of the other two. In actual operation, C_1 and C_2 would be first resonated, and then the coupling between L_{1m} and L_2 adjusted. This would require resetting C_1 and C_2 and this series of operations continued until the best selectivity with greatest signal strength is obtained. The system is clumsy and has an added disadvantage that only half as much voltage E^1 is obtained as with the former tuning arrangement.

Let us now consider the effect of η , or the circuit resistance factor, on the quality of the received signals.



A TUNING CIRCUIT

FIGURE 6: This diagram shows the theoretical circuit for the closed oscillating circuit that is generally used in tuning

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Consider curve No. 4. The peak of this curve gives $E' = 1000$. Notice that the dotted line crosses the resonance curve where E' is approximately 185, so that a note of 10,000 cycles would only experience an amplification of 185 while the low tones would be amplified 1000. This is what is known as the cutting off of side bands which tends to destroy good quality. This tendency is sometimes apparent with a regenerative receiver, when the effective value of resistance may be lowered to an extremely small value.

Coil 3, as obtainable in practice, would not have this tendency to clip side bands, but if used in a multiple stage receiver, would probably be as low a resistance coil as should be used.

To determine the best shape and type of winding for coils, six standard types were measured. The result of this work is shown in Figure 3 where resistance is charted against wavelength and in Figure 4 where η is plotted against wavelength.

Coil 5 is a compact, multiple-layered coil, but it has a high resistance. Some of this resistance is due to the fact that the distributed capacity is large, and the coil is being worked too close to its natural period, as may be seen by comparison with the general η curve Figure 1.

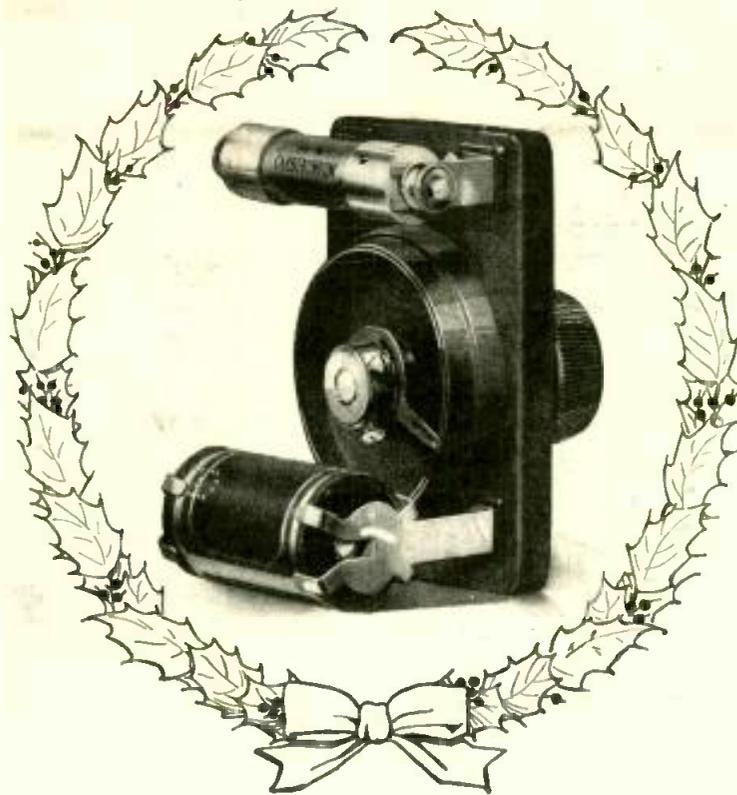
Coil 4 is a toroid. The coil proper is long, with a small diameter.

Coils 1 and 6 show up easily as the best of the six. They have spaced windings one on a bakelite form, the other almost self supporting. It is interesting that at broadcast wavelengths it makes little measurable difference whether a coil has a bakelite form or whether it has the form slipped out so as to be self-supporting.

The measurements on circuit resistance were taken by the quarter deflection method, and a number of them checked by means of a vacuum-tube voltmeter; hence it is believed the values given are nearly correct.

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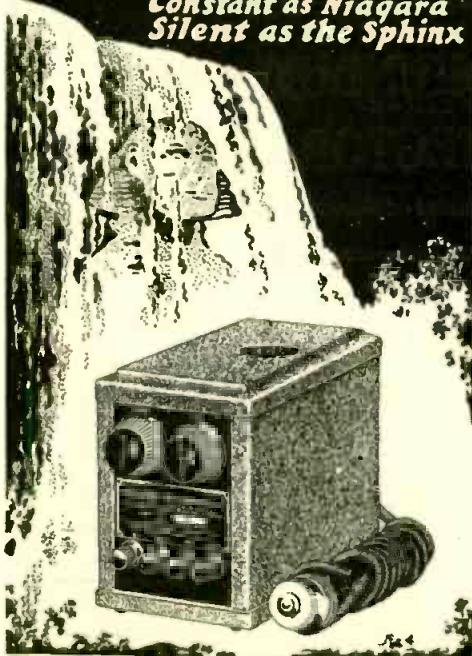
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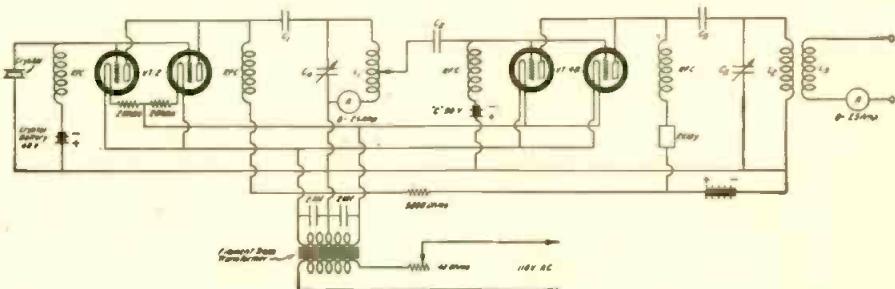
Signal Service Company under the direction of Capt. J. L. Autrey. This is station 2SC, designed and built by the Signal Corps Repair Shop in Brooklyn for transmission on a wavelength of 77 meters. It is a duly licensed amateur radio station, as are all the stations participating in the Government's amateur network. The transmitter is housed in a glass case, facilitating easy inspection and demonstration. Most modern amateur stations are powered by "B" batteries; this gives an unfluctuating plate voltage and, consequently, a steady note. With transmitters as powerful as 2SC, however, it is not economical to use "B" batteries for plate potential. On the other hand, fading and fluctuating wavelength is usually encountered when plate potential is secured from the power mains. Station 2SC is unusual, however, in that it has a crystal controlled transmitter; thus it is able to

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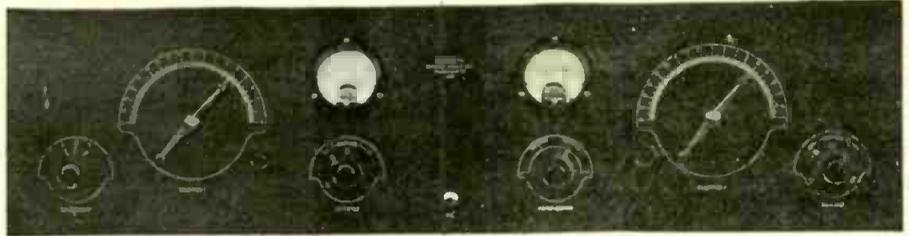
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oscillator is supplied to a tuned circuit consisting of inductance L-1 with variable condenser C-4, of .0006 microfarads capacity in parallel with it. Tuning is accomplished by adjusting the variable condenser until the maximum output is secured in the radio-frequency ammeter in the plate circuit.

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On page 832 are shown the details of the transmitter. At the far left is the crystal with its adjustable contact. The ammeter indicates the point of resonance when condenser C-4 in the crystal oscillator plate circuit is correctly adjusted. The inductance in its plate circuit consists of seven turns of edge-wise mounted conductor seven inches in diameter. The tap P controls the power input to the power amplifier.

At the center is a filament voltmeter; the variable condenser at the right is in the plate circuit of the power amplifier

and in parallel with inductance L-2 that consists of 7 turns of edge-wise copper strip. The meter at the far right measures the antenna current and indicates the correct adjustment of variable condenser C-5.

Because of the size of the tubes used, the filament current is supplied from the power mains through a filament transformer equipped with suitable smoothing condensers.

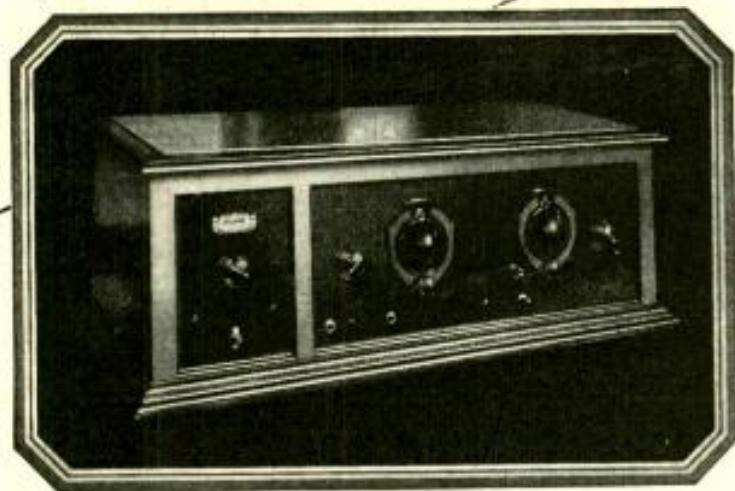
The antenna system, shown on page 769, is a single vertical wire reaching up 40 feet directly from the transmitter. The counterpoise consists of two 60-foot wires, 8 feet from the ground, forming a V of 45 degrees.

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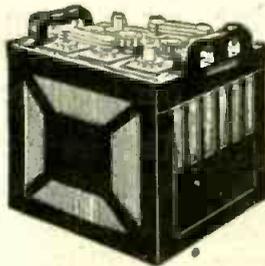
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If You Want to Read the Code—

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secretive enough way of conversing.

The foregoing applies mainly to reception—to learning to receive in the code. Transmission on the other hand, is naturally but the reverse of reception in that rather than saying to yourself "dah dit dit dit—that's B" when you hear those characters, you say "B—that's dah dit dit dit," and then proceed to make the equivalent on the telegraph key.

Transmission is erroneously thought by a large number to be simple and easy to acquire, and that it naturally follows with proficiency in reception. Not so. Acquiring a good "fist" as formation of code characters on the key is known among the profession, is a considerable art in itself and one acquired only by constant and conscientious practice. In making the characters, we are often told by instructors and text books to place fingers in a certain way in grasping the key knob. Don't do it—hold the key in the most natural manner, so that an even down pressure may be maintained and so that the muscles automatically relax on the up stroke of the key. This will come natural as it will be the easiest "feel" to your hand. You will learn with experience, which grip answers you best and enables you to send for hours if need be with little arm and hand fatigue.

Some who are in favor of the "dit dah" method for instruction in receiving, do not favor it for transmission but suggest rather that the conventional "dot and dash" alphabet be used from which to practice transmission. The writer does not hold in this. As it is almost essential that reception and transmission be learned together and not individually, the student should not be confused by two code charts. While it is true that he sees the message he is transmitting, he does not see the dots and dashes that form the words of the message and accordingly must think in terms of "dit dah" when transmitting as well as receiving. Why then should he not use the "dit dah" method for both purposes?

A great deal of assistance in learning to receive is not to be had from sending to one's self. It is difficult, and in fact almost impossible to increase one's speed ability by listening to one's own transmitting; a student following this procedure will be greatly benefited at the outset of his studies however, because constant repetition of the letters as he transmits them will enable him form a memory chart of the associated sounds quicker than by reading from the code chart and endeavoring to memorize that "A is dit dah."

For actual receiving practice, nothing is better than a good receiving set for the student gets practice on exactly

what he will expect to copy over the air. The great drawback here though is that few code transmittals nowadays take place at a speed of less than eighteen or twenty words a minute and the sounds will be but a meaningless jumble of dits and dahs to the student who has not yet acquired a reasonable proficiency. Occasionally, if the student is fortunate enough to own a receiver capable of tuning to 15,000 or 20,000 meters (a honey-comb set with proper coils is admirable) he will find a few stations which, probably from necessity caused by static or other interference, are sending very slowly, often repeating each word twice. Such transmission will give the student much good practice, and he need not feel discouraged if he is not successful in copying "solid," or without error. Such practice as this applies of course, to the more advanced student after he has become thoroughly familiar with the sound of each letter, and desires to improve his speed. For the actual beginner, we must use different methods.

By far the best practice for a beginner is to have some good sender transmit to him by the hour with a buzzer or other practice outfit capable of imitating the sound of wireless telegraph signals. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find among one's casual friends a radio telegrapher or even a good sender in the neighborhood. It is possible that we may find a Morse telegrapher in the vicinity who would be willing to do some sending, but this also is problematical. It is poor practice to have another student, green as himself, attempt the transmission, for until he has developed the firm, precise fist of the professional telegrapher, he will not be able to send characters which will have the proper sound.

For example: while the letter "C" is represented on the code chart as "dah dit dah dit" and we know that a "dah" is a character three times the length of the "dit," yet in actual communication over the air professional operators place a slight slur on the first "dah" making it more like "da-ah" and which has a tendency to make the letter more distinguishable and less jerky than were the strict interpretation of the code adhered to. Thus were the letter "C" sent exactly as called for, "dah dit dah dit" it would be the equivalent of two letter N's run together, and might lead to confusion with a double N. Hence the slight drag on the first "dah" by the professional man. This holds likewise with the letter Y—actually "dah dit dah dah" but used commercially thus: "da-ah dit dah dah."

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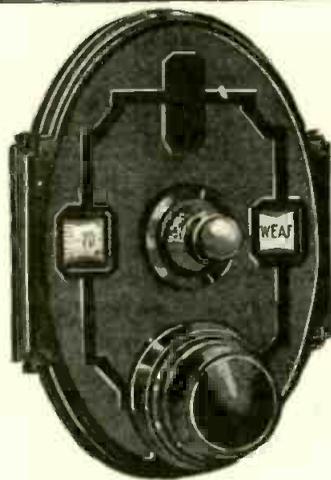
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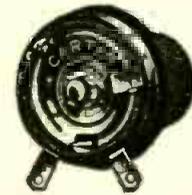


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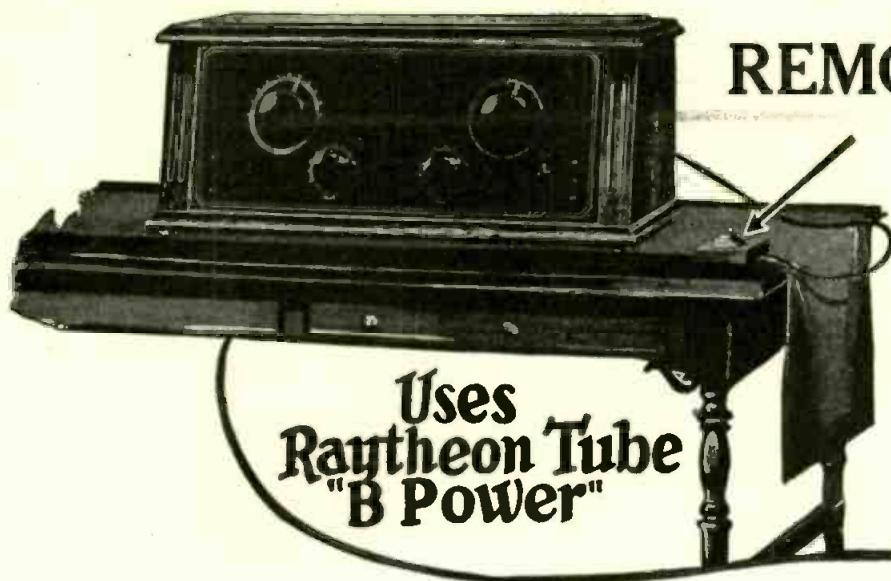
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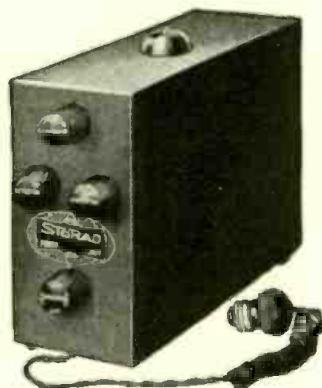


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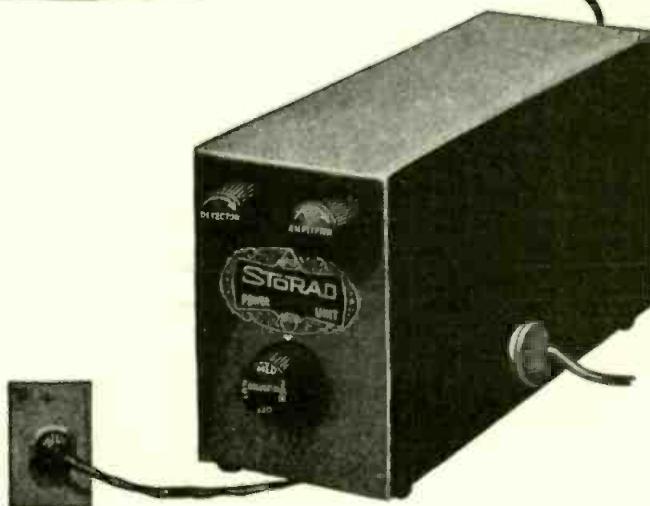
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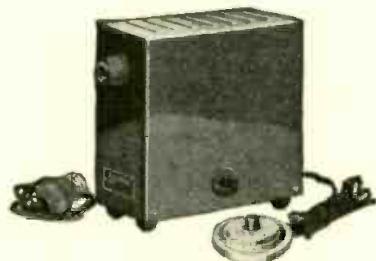
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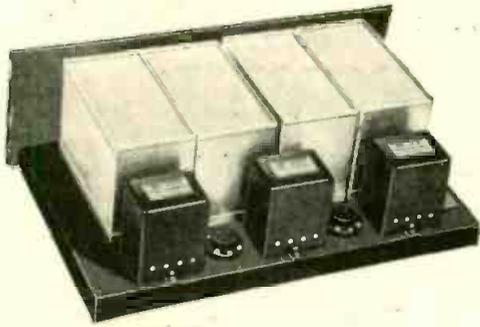
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QUESTION: I have a five-tube, tuned-radio-frequency receiver in which I use UX-199 tubes. This receiver gives good results so far as distance is concerned but the volume is insufficient and the tone quality is poor when the set is adjusted for maximum volume. I have constructed one of the Raytheon Power-packs described in POPULAR RADIO and as this unit is capable of supplying operating voltage for a UX-112 or UX-171 power tube, I would like to use one of these tubes in the last audio stage to improve volume and tone, if it is possible to do this without resorting to the use of a storage battery for the filament supply.

—FRED STROCH

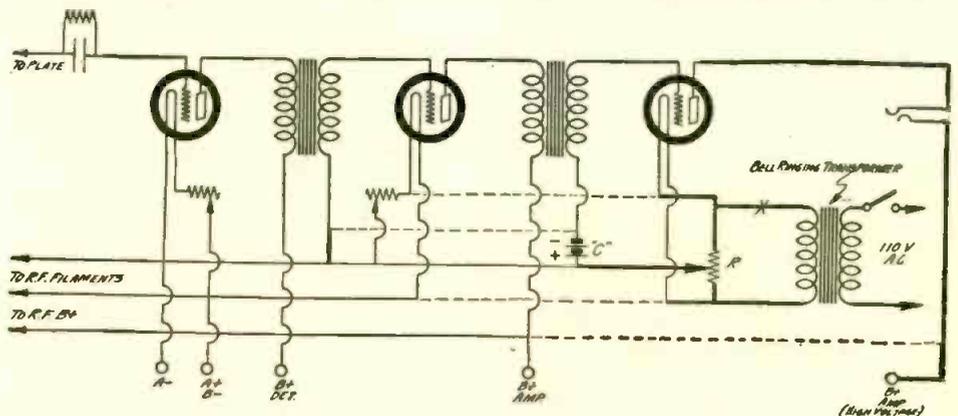
ANSWER: It would scarcely be practical to obtain the filament voltage for either of these power tubes from dry cells. The simplest plan to follow would be to use a dry-cell power tube (UV-120) in the last stage. This little power tube gives very good results—far better results than a UX-199 in the last audio stage. If a plate voltage of 135 volts is supplied to this tube the only circuit change necessary will be to bring out separate "B" (+) plus and "C" (−) minus leads for this last tube. This is done as shown in Figure 1.

If you wish to go further than this, how-

ever, and use a five-volt power tube such as either of those you mention, you can draw the filament lighting current from the alternating current house lighting lines through the medium of a small step-down transformer such as is used to operate doorbells. The transformer should be one which supplies five volts across the secondary terminals, or a six-volt transformer may be used, with a series rheostat at the point marked X in Figure 1.

To use this scheme with your receiver the wiring of the circuit should be changed as shown in Figure 1. The dotted lines show the old connections which are removed. The filament terminals of the last socket are disconnected from the receiver filament circuit and reconnected directly to the secondary terminals of the bell-ringing transformer. The arm of the potentiometer, R, which may be a standard 400-ohm instrument, is then connected to the grounded side of the receiver "A" battery circuit. Separate "B" (+) plus and "C" (−) minus leads will have to be provided for the power tube, as mentioned above, to allow the higher plate voltage to be supplied to the power amplifier tube and the proper grid-bias ("C" voltage) to the grid of this tube. If your power-pack is capable of supplying 180 volts, the biasing voltage should be about 40 volts if a UX-171 tube is used and 12 volts with the UX-112. Best results will be obtained with the UX-171.

In putting the power-amplifier tube into operation for the first time in this circuit, turn on the receiver filament and switch on the power to the Raytheon and filament supply transformers. Then adjust the potentiometer R until no hum is heard.



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FIGURE 1: This diagram shows the changes necessary in a two-stage amplifier to use straight alternating current on the last tube filament. The dotted lines show the disconnected wires and the heavy black lines show the new connections.

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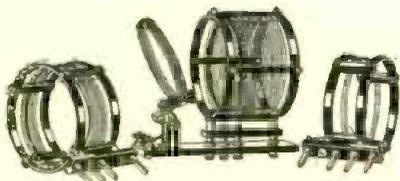


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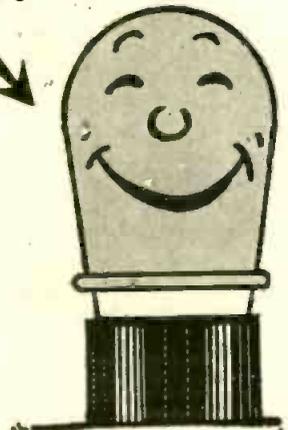
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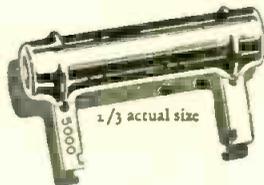
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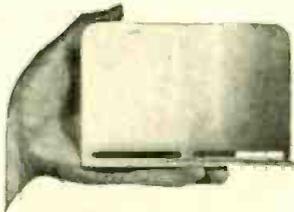
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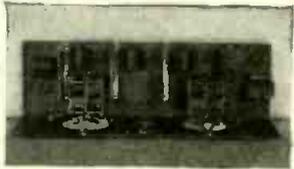
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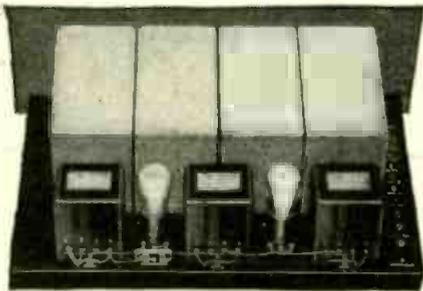


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—STANLEY FANCHER

ANSWER: The brilliant sparkling of one electrode in a jar indicates that the jar is a "dud." If the electrodes in all of the jars sparkled more or less violently it would be an indication that the electrodes were too small or the load was too heavy for the number of jars used. In your case the other three jars are working properly as indicated by the greenish glow but they are probably somewhat overloaded due to the failure of the first jar. It is most likely that your trouble will be eliminated by replacing both the lead and aluminum electrodes in the "dud" jar. Before putting in the new electrodes pour the solution out of the jar, wash the jar thoroughly, and refill with new solution.

A "dud" jar is a mysterious thing. A multi-jar rectifier may be made up from aluminum electrodes and lead electrodes all cut from the same pieces, and with solution all mixed at one time. Still, when the rectifier is put into operation it may be found that some of the jars work perfectly while others are useless. The trouble is usually due to impurities in or on the electrodes and the only sure cure for the bad jars is to make them up all over again, using new electrodes and a fresh solution.

When one jar sparkles excessively it is not only working poorly but it puts an added strain on the other jars, which have to carry the burden of the poor jar as well as their own.

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The "Telephone Antenna"

QUESTION: On page 191 of the June, 1926 issue of POPULAR RADIO mention is made of an invention that covers the use of a device to be used with an ordinary telephone to take the place of an ordinary antenna. Some time ago, I read an article mentioning the use of a metal plate under the telephone and insulated from it by the felt. Is this the same idea?

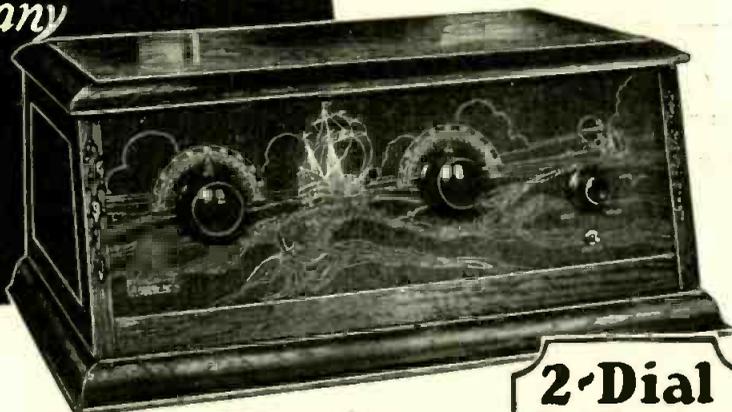
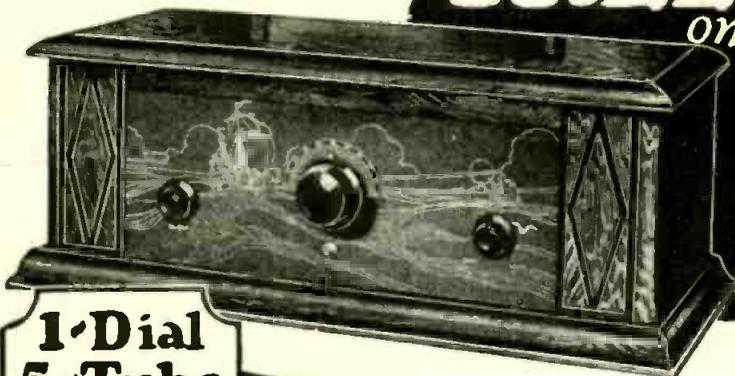
—G. B. SHAWN

ANSWER: The only difference is one of technical construction. The principle of operation of both is the same. The small capacity of the plate to the line corresponds to the small condenser in series with the lighting wires used in "wired wireless." The wires act as guides for the high-frequency wave.

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Volume Control for a Five-tube Receiver

QUESTION: I have a five-tube receiver with two stages of tuned-radio-frequency amplification, detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification. The four amplifier tubes operate through a single rheostat and there is a second rheostat for the detector tube. I have been using the amplifier rheostat as a volume control but this plan has not been very successful because the tone quality becomes poor when I cut the volume down. Can you suggest any other method of controlling the volume, which will not involve too much change in the wiring of the receiver?

—HAROLD TRISTEM

ANSWER: There are two ways of controlling the volume to better advantage than the method that you use at present. Proper volume control is best obtained in the radio-frequency amplifier circuit because then the audio-frequency amplifier will be left working at maximum efficiency at all times and the good tone quality will be maintained.

If you insert a variable resistance, with a maximum of anywhere from 3000 to 10,000 ohms, in the lead running from the plate circuit of the second radio-frequency tube to the 90-volt tap of the "B" battery, you will find that you will have good control over volume without in any way affecting the tone quality.

Another and even more effective method is to have a separate rheostat to control the radio-frequency tubes. Better still, take your audio-frequency tubes off the present rheostat, leaving this rheostat to control the radio-frequency tubes only and this serves as a volume control. Put in a half-ampere automatic control such as the Amperite or the Brachstat for the audio-frequency tubes. The circuit changes that are necessary to accomplish this are shown in Figure 2. The dotted line indicates the old lead from the rheostat to the audio-frequency tubes; this must be removed. The heavy lines show the automatic filament control properly connected into the circuit of these tubes. If this method is followed, there need be no changes in the panel and the wiring changes will be simple. The automatic filament control may be placed in any convenient location on the baseboard of the receiver.

How Much Shielding Is Really Necessary?

QUESTION: I have been under the impression that if shielding is to be effective it must be complete; that is, each radio-frequency amplification stage

must be inclosed on all sides with a shield. This impression was no doubt gained as a result of the pains taken in some manufactured sets to completely shield the receivers. On the other hand, the LC-27 Receiver, as described in the October, 1926 issue of POPULAR RADIO makes use of single aluminum plates between stages as shields. If this partial shielding is effective in the LC-27 receiver, why do manufacturers go to so much trouble to provide complete shielding?

—FRANK GOLDEN

ANSWER: The amount of shielding required by any receiver depends on the coil field strengths and their distribution in each particular case. In the case of the LC-27 Receiver only two stages of radio-frequency amplification are used, as compared with three and four stages ordinarily used in the manufactured receivers which are shielded. The shielding requirements in the LC-27 receiver are therefore much less stringent. Also, the type of coil used in this receiver has a much smaller external field than does the ordinary coil.

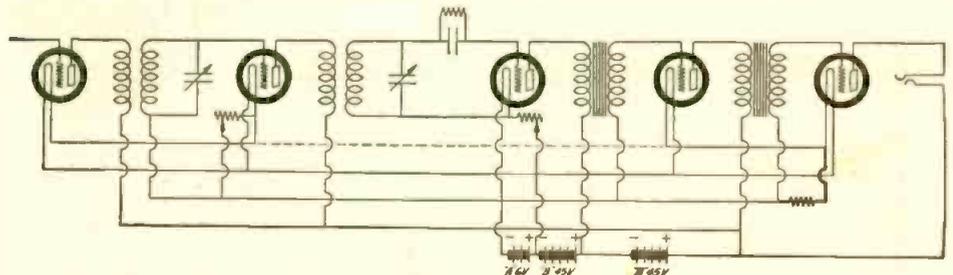
How to Become an Amateur Station Operator

QUESTION: Can you tell me what I must do before I can install and operate an amateur transmitting station? I am interested in constructing a low-power transmitter, as described in the April, 1926, issue of POPULAR RADIO, but I want to obtain my license from the Government first.

—ALFRED N. HART

ANSWER: You will need an amateur station license and also an amateur operator's license before you can operate your transmitter. As you are a resident of New York City you can obtain the necessary forms from the Radio Supervisor of your district (2nd district) whose office is in the Customs' House, Bowling Green, New York City. He will send you application blanks for both of these licenses and will set a date for you to appear at his office for a technical examination and code test. The routine and examination will be the same whether you desire to install a radiotelephone or a radio telegraph transmitter.

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FIGURE 2: This drawing shows the changes that should be made in a standard radio-frequency set in order to control volume by means of a rheostat on the first two tubes. Notice that an automatic filament control is added in the line that feeds the filaments of the last two tubes and that an ordinary rheostat is used to control the voltage across the first two tubes of the set.

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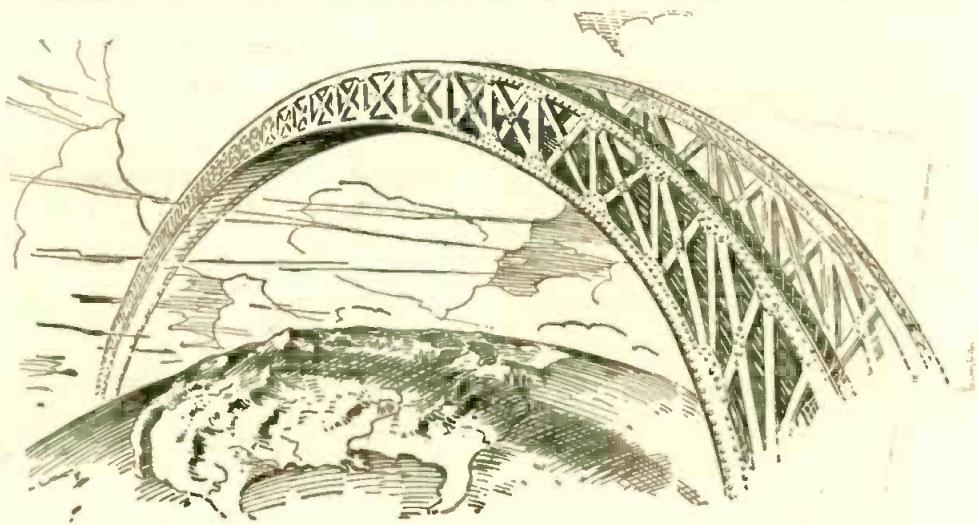
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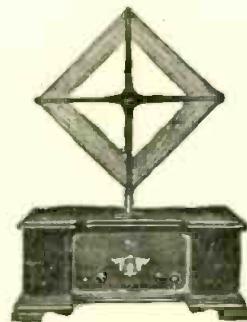


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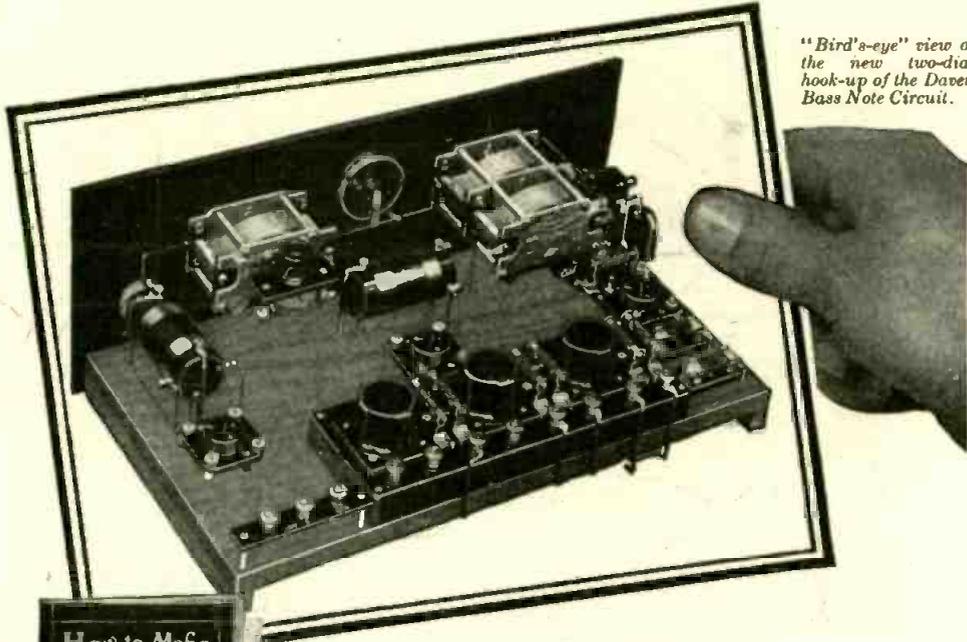
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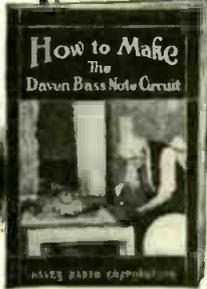
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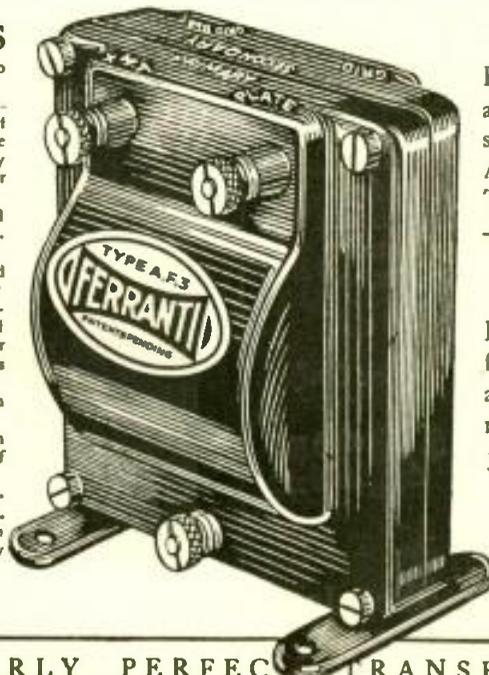
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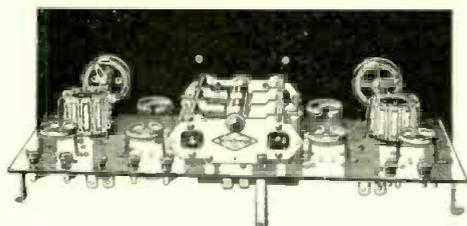
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It is too bad that this is not true. The radio fan who decorates his back yard with assorted antennas might better withstand the objections of his anti-radio relatives if he could maintain that the presence of all those wires was good for the family garden. Although electric currents, such as would be supplied by a generator or a battery, have been found, in a few experiments stimulating to plant growth, there is no

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It remains barely conceivable that electric effects of some kind do exist but are too obscure to be readily perceived; certainly there can be no such clear effect as Mr. Boot's experiences would indicate. Probably what happened in his case was that some other factor became effective at the same time that the radio wires were installed over his garden.

*"Electroculture," by Lyman J. Briggs, A. B. Campbell, R. H. Heald and L. H. Flint. Bulletin No. 1379, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 34 pages, 1926. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., price 10 cents.



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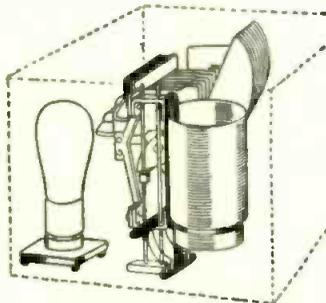
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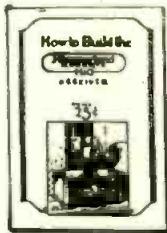
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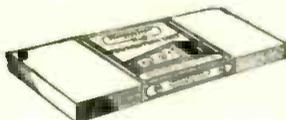
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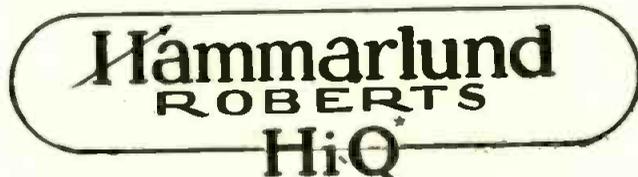
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The Alleged Effect of Radio Waves on Pigeons

THE power of homing pigeons to find their way back to the proper dove cote in spite of distance and all other obstacles is one of the most mysterious phenomena of Nature. Equally remarkable is the ability of the migratory birds to make long journeys twice a year and yet to return year after year to the same locality at either end. Many zoologists have puzzled over these facts and no one has been able to formulate a satisfactory theory to account for them.

The latest attempts to do so have been made in France and involve an essentially mystical effort to relate these abilities of the birds to radio waves.* The pigeon is supposed to possess some direction-finding apparatus with which such waves are perceived or with which it is possible to follow the magnetic field of the earth. Advocates of these ideas go so far, even, as to imagine the pigeon's human owner sending out from his body radio waves which the pigeon can perceive and follow at distances of a thousand miles. One of the advocates of this viewpoint² cites the famous—and thoroughly exploded—"electronic reactions" of Abrams in support of his contention.

It ought to be needless to point out that there is not the slightest real evidence for these ideas, nor are they even plausible. Dr. Lakhowsky asserts that homing pigeons cannot fly successfully in the neighborhood of large radio transmitting stations but no convincing evidence is cited that this is true. The way in which the pigeon finds his direction is a very real problem which greatly deserves intensive scientific work. But it will do no good to indulge in fancies about the supposed relations of radio waves, "human" or otherwise, to the matter.

*"The Origin of Life, of Radiation and of Living Beings" (in French), by Georges Lakhowsky, Paris, 1926. Some suggestions are reviewed (without approval) by the distinguished scientist Dr. Ch. Maurain in *La Nature* (Paris), number 2728, pages 44-45 (July 17, 1926).

²"Radiations and Life" (in French), by Jules Regnault. *Radio-Electricité* (Paris), Volume 7, pages 273-274 (July 25, 1926).

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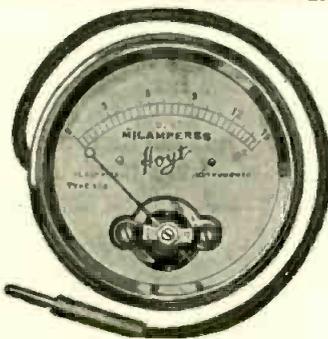
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New Measurements of Radio Intensities

THE measurements of long-wave radio intensities and of the intensities of atmospheric which are made regularly by the United States Bureau of Standards, in Washington, have recently been reported, for 1925, by Dr. Austin.* The results show no very startling departures from those of previous years. The methods used have been compared during the year with those used for similar purposes by the Radio Corporation of America and by the Bell Telephone Laboratories. The agreement between the different methods proved satisfactory.

The familiar Austin-Cohen formula for calculating the intensity of the field received at a given distance and for a given frequency has been modified slightly to bring it more exactly in accord with the whole mass of data now accumulated. The modification affects the exponential term e^{-u} . The value of u is now taken as $4.57 \times 10^{-5} d \times f^{0.6}$. d is the distance in kilometers and f is the frequency in kilocycles.

Contrary to the usual impression of observers on broadcast wavelengths, the intensity of the atmospheric disturbances in 1925 was somewhat less than in 1924. This applies, of course, only to the long wavelength tested; namely, 12,500 meters. As before, the prevailing direction for atmospheric in summer, at Washington, is from the southeast, which Dr. Austin suggests may mean origin in eastern South America or in Africa. In winter the prevailing direction is from the south west, probably the highlands of Mexico.

"This is in accord," says Dr. Austin, "with the idea that disturbances generally originate over land and are most intense in the afternoon and evening in the regions where the sun passes very nearly overhead."

*"Long Distance Radio Receiving Measurements and Atmospheric Disturbances at the Bureau of Standards in 1925," by L. W. Austin, *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences* (Baltimore, Md.), Volume 16, pages 398-408 (August 19, 1926).

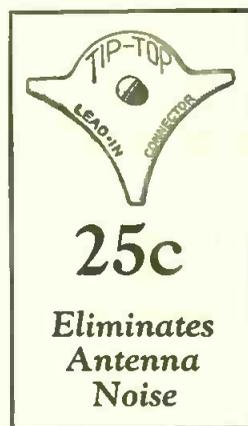


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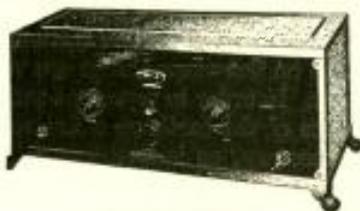
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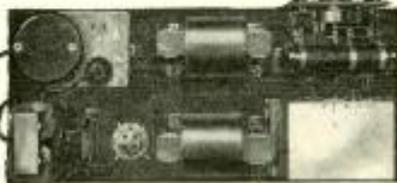
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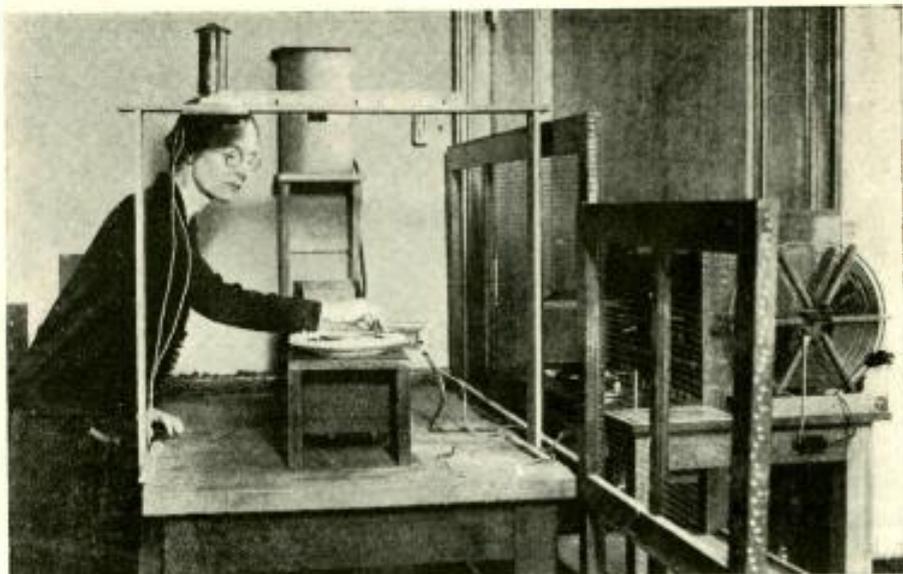
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Special Maps for Radio Use

THE fact, too commonly forgotten, that the true paths of radio waves between one station and another are not indicated correctly by laying a ruler on a map, is emphasized by Mr. R. Keen, a British electrical engineer, in a recent article.* Radio waves follow the rounded surface of the earth. In the absence of disturbances they presumably follow what mariners call a "great circle" course, the great circle being the shortest line which can be drawn on the surface of the earth's sphere connecting two points thereon. On a globe this is perfectly clear. A circle so drawn gives the direct path of the waves correctly and shows the correct direction of the wave for each of the two stations.

But on flat maps things are very different. In order to represent the curved surface of the earth on a flat surface it is necessary, as is well-known, to distort the shapes and positions of the continents, making some variety of "projection" of the real land surface onto the flat sheet of paper. Mercator's projection, probably the commonest one used on ordinary maps, distorts the polar regions greatly and is exactly accurate only at the line of the equator.

For small areas, like a city or a county, the distortion of real shapes and directions thus produced is not important. The departure of the real land surface from flatness is not great enough to do harm. But when long distances must be laid off on maps, as they must in considering radio transmission, the direction obtained by drawing straight

lines in the usual way may be seriously wrong. It is necessary to take this into account, Mr. Keen urges, in studying directional radio effects, the direction of static and similar problems.

There are two cures. One is to use a globe rather than a flat map. This is undoubtedly the best procedure if a good globe is available. The idea of the facts thus obtained is far more vivid than the idea that one gets from a map. The other cure is to plot out on a map the directions which great-circle paths would really take between the stations in which you are interested. These will seldom be straight lines.

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THE Reisz microphone, much mentioned recently in radio news from Germany, is described in a recent British patent issued on the device.* The active material is a layer of fine dust of carbon (coal is mentioned) held between a rubber membrane and a block of marble. Electrical contact is made with the layer of coal dust by means of two metal electrodes at its sides. The sound waves are allowed to beat against the thin rubber diaphragm, through which they act on the layer of coal dust, causing this to be alternately compressed and released. The microphonic action is evidently the same as in the old carbon microphone, one of the familiar instruments of the early days of telephony. Although much has been claimed for the distortionless qualities of this microphone, the principle now disclosed does not seem very promising.

*"Maps and Wireless Waves," by R. Keen. *The Wireless World* (London), Volume 10, pages 73-76 (July 21, 1926).

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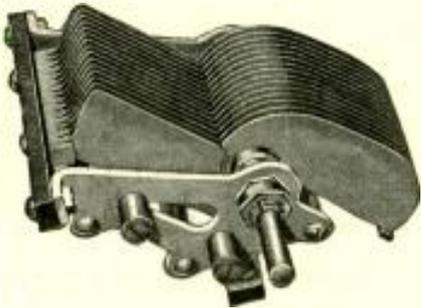
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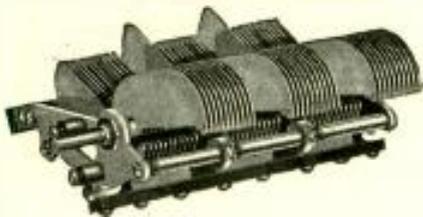
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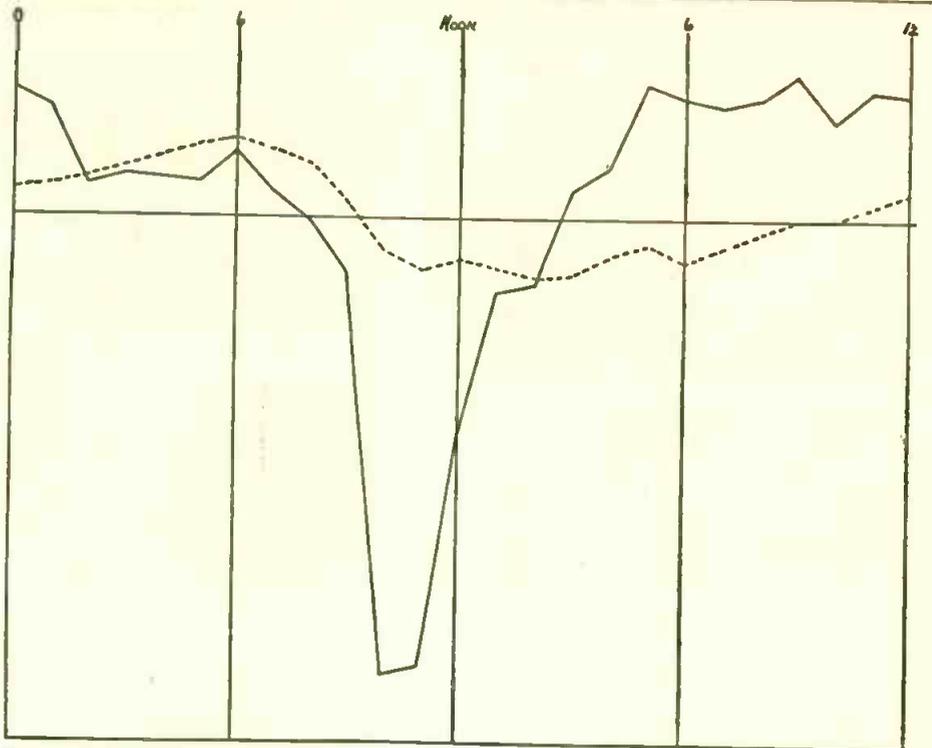


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Disturbances of Earth Electricity

THAT the earth usually possesses a negative electric charge which commonly varies during the twenty-four hours in a more or less regular manner has already been described in POPULAR RADIO, together with some of the possible effects which these terrestrial electric disturbances have on radio transmission and reception.* At several observing stations in different parts of the earth the hour-by-hour variations of the earth's electric potential are measured and recorded throughout the year.

One of these stations is at Stanford University, California, where Professor Fernando Sanford, heads a terrestrial electric observatory in which such records are kept continuously, day and night, by means of recording apparatus. In the most recent report of this observatory Professor Sanford records a series of curious disturbances of the earth's electric charge which occurred on nine days included among the days in 1925 for which satisfactory records of the earth charge are available.†

The characteristic thing about these nine disturbed days is that the earth's potential suddenly showed a marked change toward the negative, as though the surface of the soil at Palo Alto had

suddenly received an enormous addition of free electrons. This was not accompanied, in general, by any marked or sudden change in the electric potential of the air. Most curiously of all, these sudden disturbances almost always began in the forenoon, usually between eight and ten A. M.

It is difficult to imagine a cause for these events and Professor Sanford refrains from suggesting any. The changes are not due to the so-called magnetic storms which occasionally sweep across the earth, causing unusual variations in the direction of the compass needle or in the intensity of the earth's magnetic field. It is a characteristic of these magnetic storms that they begin all over the earth at the same time. They are believed, therefore, to be caused by something outside the earth, presumably by magnetic disturbances in the sun. Since Professor Sanford's disturbances of earth charge begin at almost the same hour of the clock at Palo Alto they must have either some local cause or some relation to the elevation of the sun above the horizon at that time.

It is impossible to imagine that the sudden increase of the negative charge on the earth in this fashion would be without its effects on radio transmission or reception. Comparative records of radio conditions have not been kept and probably are not available from amateur logs or other sources, since the onset of the electric disturbances is at an hour when little radio broadcasting would be in progress on the Pacific Coast

*"Earth Electricity; Does it Affect Radio Reception?" POPULAR RADIO for June, 1926; pages 111-113 and 180-181.

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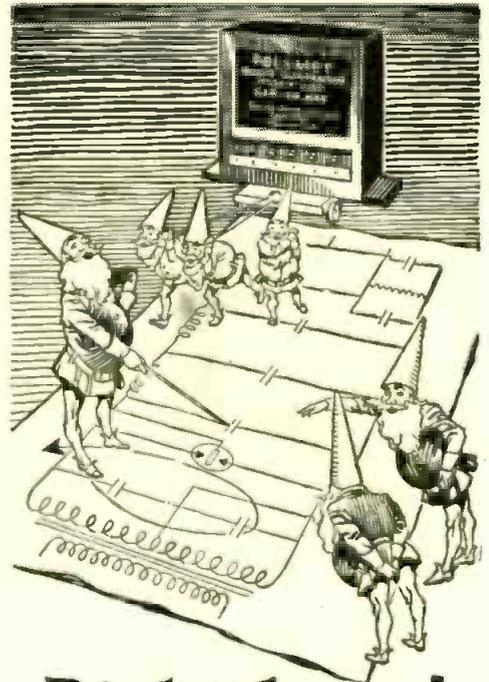
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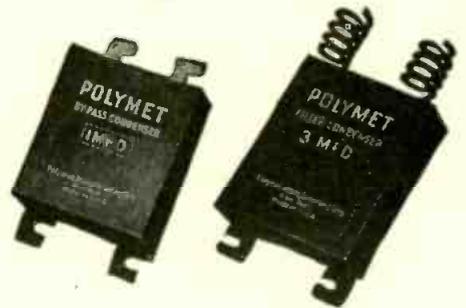
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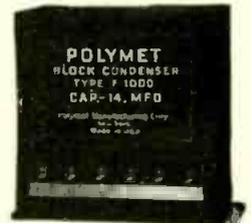
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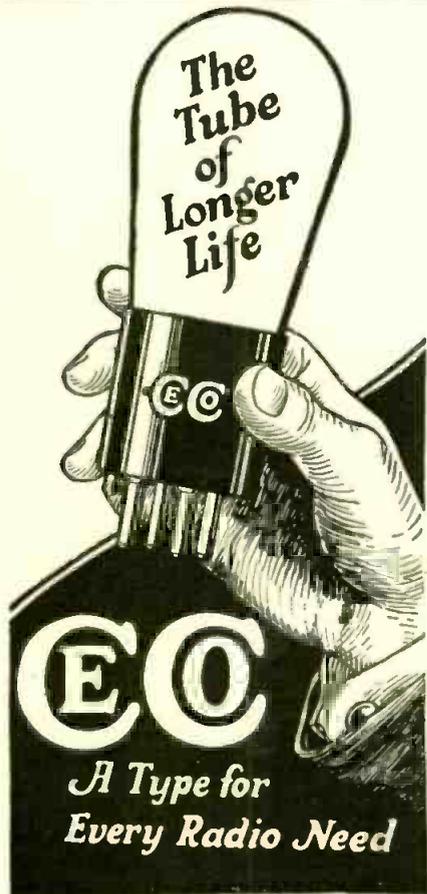
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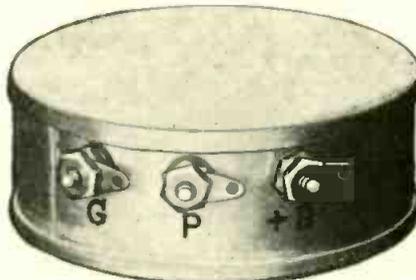
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The Effect of Temperature on Signal Strength

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greater insulating power than warm air, a difference which is reinforced by the greater dryness of the cold air. It is possible, also, that the ions of the cold air are enough sparser than in the warm air to produce a difference in the loss suffered by radio waves in traversing it.

These ions in the air are believed to be swung back and forth, you remember, by every radio wave which passes through the atmosphere. High up in the air, in the region of the famous Heaviside Layer, the ions are so far apart that most radio waves cannot swing them widely enough for neighboring ions to collide with each other. Near the surface of the ground, where the air atoms are very close together, the few of them that are ionized are much more likely to knock against each other, when the waves swing them. A considerable loss of energy from radio waves is believed to be due to this collision of the swinging ions. This is why so much energy is lost by a departing radio wave just after it leaves the antenna, before it can traverse the lower part of the air and reach the Heaviside region along which it usually travels with very little loss.

It is conceivable that the tendency of dry, cold air to contain fewer ions than moist warm air may make it a better transmitting medium for radio, so that less loss is experienced on dry, cold days. But this is not certain, for the ionization of the air is not dependent on temperature alone nor can we be absolutely sure that the loss of energy due to ionic collisions in the lower air is the chief loss which radio waves suffer, even over the comparatively short distances which Dr. Austin's tests refer to.

Another group of possible causes concerns the upper levels of the air. Ordinarily, the circulation of the atmosphere, with all of its winds and storms and cold waves and other changes of temperature, is confined to the lower fifteen or twenty miles. Above this turbulent zone, sounding balloons have shown the existence of a relatively quiet layer of air which meteorologists call the "stratosphere." The air in this stratosphere is very thin and light, being so high above the earth. It has a temperature nearly constant at about seventy degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. It lies, however, well below, in level, those uppermost levels of all, which are supposed to be highly electrified, to carry the radio waves and to constitute the Heaviside Layer.

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cold air which slide down from the polar regions and mix slowly but violently with the warmer air of the temperate regions and of the semi-tropics. If this is a true picture of a cold wave, that wave probably extends well up toward the lower surface of the supposedly undisturbed stratosphere. It may even force this lower surface into an upward bulge or draw it down into a valley. Whether such storms in the lower air can ever reach high enough to affect the Heavyside region, even ever so slightly, we do not know. It would be rash to state that this effect is by any means an impossibility.

The truth is, it will be apparent, that we know too little, as yet, about the real nature of the upper levels of our atmosphere to be able to say much about what does happen in them or about the effects which such things as cold waves and hot spells have on these upper levels. Exploration of the upper air, above ten miles or so from the earth, is difficult and slow. If the temperature effects which Dr. Austin finds, originate, as is quite possible, within these higher stories of our earth's attic, it may be some time before we are able to interpret them fully or with assurance.

Indeed, it is more than possible that we shall learn new facts about the upper air from our radio studies, rather than interpreting radio studies by aid of our knowledge of the upper air. Sounding balloons will rise only some twenty or twenty-five miles. Radio waves go much higher; at least as high as the Heavyside region, a level hopelessly inaccessible to man or to balloons, although possibly reachable by Professor Goddard's suggested explosive rocket. Radio investigations like that of Dr. Austin on temperature effects, are likely to tell us more of the nature of the upper air and of the effects of surface weather on it than any other scientific procedure that has been advanced and carried out.

Meanwhile, the practical conclusion is that the air temperature has a distinct relation to the signal strength with which radio is transmitted over distances in the neighborhood of 150 miles. Much has been done already in correlating radio reception with the weather, as several recent articles in POPULAR RADIO have described. The temperature relation discovered by Dr. Austin is another fact useful in the same connection.

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When the Broadcast Studio Is Not Needed

EVERY careful listener can distinguish the difference between music broadcast from a studio and music broadcast from a place outside the studio.

There is to the latter an unmistakable "hollowness" and reverberation.

To overcome this, acoustic engineers have gone to great effort in building studios with cork-covered walls, heavy carpeted floors and sumptuous draperies. These devices are used to kill the reflection of sound which, the wiseacres claim, is a destructive factor in reproduction; it is claimed further that perfection of tone and "naturalness" is possible only from a studio built on the principle of a padded cell.

That an engineer should claim that perfect pick-up comes only from a place of this sort is strictly an engineer's business and that we should differ with him, even though it may betray gross ignorance on our part, is strictly our own business. Be that as it may, that's exactly what we are going to do. This hollowness and reverberation, this diabolical "sound reflection" if you will, adds a touch of realism which to us is necessary to create a perfect illusion. It may be bad engineering; it may be bad acoustics. But we like it. It's natural. It's real.

In listening to the Capitol Grand Symphony Orchestra, there is conveyed to us with the music a sense of im-

sity, and grandeur; we can all but feel our presence in a great theatre. There is an unescapable realism to it. It sounds as though the music were being played in a big, spacious auditorium. Surely, we would not care to experience the illusion that this grand orchestra was playing right in our own 12 by 24 living room; that would be a destructive sensation. We want to be transmitted to the scene and not to have the scene brought to us. And that is just what a prepared studio does not do with the larger orchestras. The music sounds "cramped;" there is a "deadness" to it that creates an impression of detachment; it may be too perfect to sound true.

In the case of trios and instrumental solos, perhaps this "studio effect" is desirable, but we are doubtful. We would much rather listen to the dinner music of WEAJ transmitted from the dining room of the Waldorf-Astoria than to an *ensemble* from a padded cell. In the latter case, the illusion of "space," of being present in a huge dining room, is evidence and that to us is realism.

Even in this prejudiced frame of mind, we can more than dimly appreciate the technical difficulties involved in transmitting from small studios. To turn an orchestra loose in a small, unprepared room would be nothing short of a musical tragedy. That is patent.

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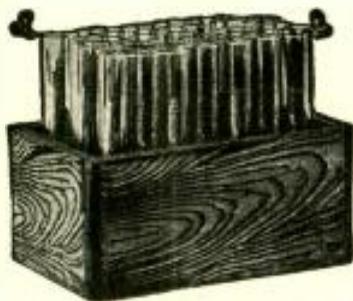
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What "Chain Broadcasting" Promises to the Fan

THE haywire broadcasters, it seems, are rapidly coming to the ends of their ropes, which means that within the next year broadcasting will shake off a number of its grotesque performers and settle down into a respectable source of entertainment.

The work of consolidating some of the better studios has begun; perhaps before this comment has appeared in print, the WJZ-WEAF chains will have been brought together into one great system. And this is but one of the changes that will occur. WPG, WIP and WGBS are to be incorporated into a chain, and plans, to say nothing of wires, are being laid to bring together other good microphones.

The passing of the smaller transmitting stations will be accomplished painlessly and quietly, for the public will naturally forsake them for the cooperative programs offered by the chain stations. It will not only be a matter of the survival of the fittest but the passing of a strictly detrimental factor. The smaller studios cannot, or at least they have not, been able to attract the better performers nor can they afford real artists the type of transmission that they are justified in demanding. Their presence on the air has done nothing but increase interference and lower the general standard of broadcasting.

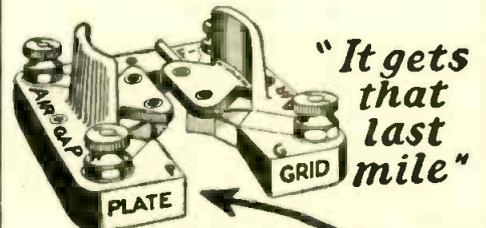
Chains of capable stations, on the other hand, hold out great promise for higher quality in programs. It is reasonable to assume that three to twenty stations in a chain can afford, by pooling their resources, both technical and financial, to hire better artists and by so doing to avoid much of the banal stuff that now finds its way to the air. It seems that the day of the ham radio performer is coming to an end.

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soul) "Uncle Walt" and many, many Uncle Whosits. These men are much given to the use of the word "kiddie" and when the announcers say that the next fifteen minutes are to be devoted to the kiddies with dear old Uncle Jack at the microphone, you are supposed to capitulate to the spirit of the occasion and adjust yourself to Mother Goose and the "Story of the Grey Horse." That puts you down as a big-hearted Gus making sacrifices in the interests of the kiddies. (Note the human appeal in that word?)

Just the other day, at the POPULAR RADIO Laboratory, we tuned in on Uncle Robert (WHN). Uncle Bob, "as his little wards fondly call him," is one of the greatest kiddie-kar papas in radiodom. Uncle Robert always comes to the studio with a corps of his "little charges" who sing and recite for you—providing you are willing. Personally we were not willing. Far from it. No sooner had Uncle Robert's "little charges" broken into (and "broken into" are the right words) one of their songs than we were a little speck disappearing in the direction of the 42nd Street Ferry.

Really, there is only one intelligently managed kiddie broadcast that we know of and that is the Sunday morning period put on by WJZ. That station, contrary to the accepted laws of broadcasting, does not employ an Uncle. Its announcers simply read from the funny papers and broadcast music that might appeal to the juvenile imagination. WJZ has exploded the Uncle theory and still it manages to attract the attention of thousands of youngsters.

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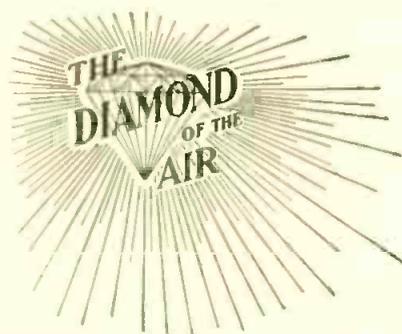
If you have been in the habit of listening to some of the minstrels broadcast from here and there and from time to time, you will probably accuse us of being goofy after making such a statement. Be that as it may, WGBS is releasing every other Sunday a line of "nigger talk" that is about as funny as anything that we have ever heard broadcast—with the possible exception of Mr. MacNamee's rollicking reflections on the Dempsey-Tunney fight.

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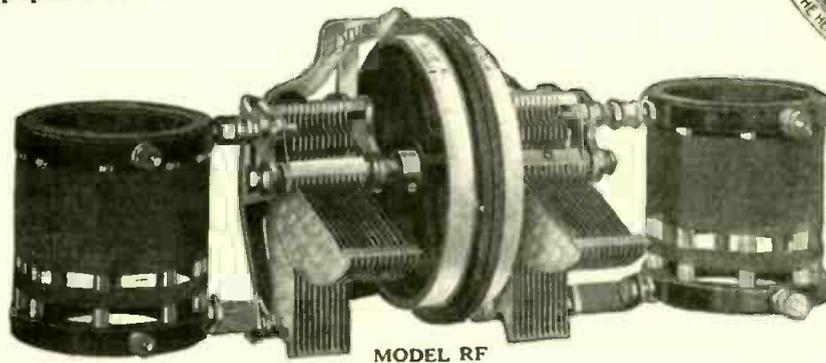
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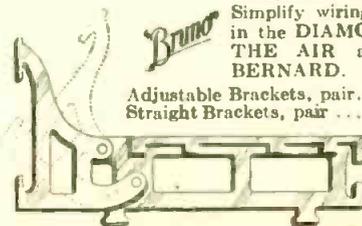
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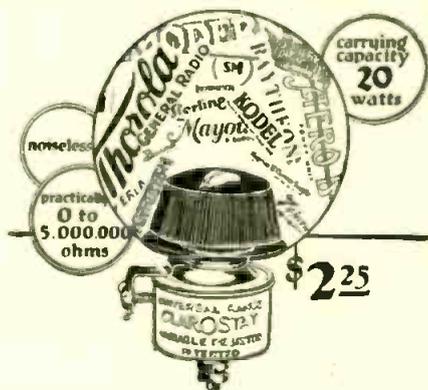
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Will Radio Compete with the Newspapers?

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Radio Beacons for Airplanes

THE first radio beacon of the new type which will guide commercial airplanes in their cross-country flights has just been completed at College Park, Md. A tower, seventy feet high, rises from a frame building in which is housed the radio apparatus; this tower supports a triangular loop antenna which will emit double-beam waves. Plans call for a chain of these beacon stations, across the continent, spaced 200 miles apart.

To Protect Airplane Passengers by Radio

PASSENGERS on French commercial planes will be given all the protection that radio affords. According to a recent decree of the French Government, every commercial plane that carries ten passengers and that makes non-stop flights of more than 160 kilometers must carry radio equipment and a skilled operator.

Local Taxes on Radio Sets

BROADCASTERS may soon be in for a shearing if politicians through the country follow the example set by a little town in Kentucky, which has recently passed an ordinance whereby any commercial or amateur broadcaster residing there must pay an annual license fee of \$100. The tremendous development of

broadcasting in this country has been largely due to the absence of tax restrictions of this kind upon either transmitting or receiving sets; and although it is too much to hope that other state and city governments will entirely ignore this golden opportunity for taxation in an entirely new field they should be made to realize the hampering influence of such restrictions.

New Laws to Restrict Radio Advertising

WHEN the radio bills that Congress is expected to act upon this fall eventually become law it is almost certain that they will contain two provisions that have been fairly well agreed upon; that all advertising matter that is paid for directly or indirectly, must be announced frankly as furnished by these advertisers; and that there shall be no discrimination as to charges, terms or service to advertisers.

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A Portable Receiver as an Ear-Trumpet

A RADIO receiver is a useful accessory at a heavyweight championship fight, according to Jack Poppele, a radio engineer, who arrived at the Sesquicentennial stadium for the Dempsey-Tunney fight to find, like many others, that his seat was nearly three-quarters of a mile from the ring. Poppele, however, was foresighted enough to bring a portable radio with him, so, with a wire over his shoulder for an antenna, he listened to the ringside broadcasting of the fight while he tried to see what he could in the ring with a pair of binoculars.

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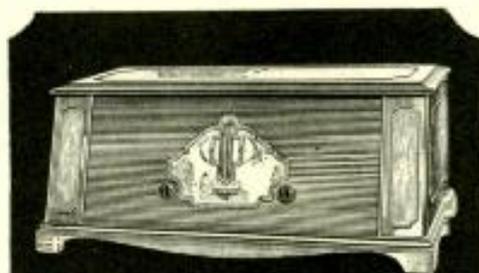
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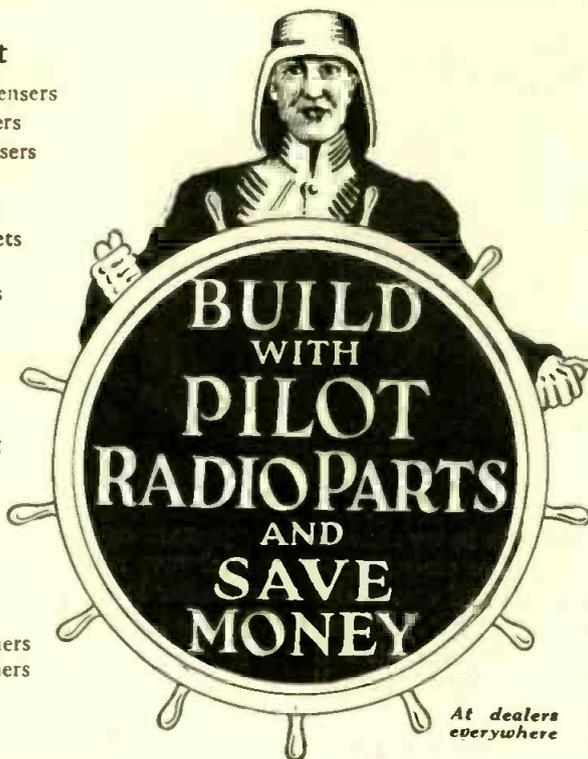
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Radio Saves \$22,000 on Lecturers' Salaries

EDUCATIONAL lectures by radio are apparently more attractive to the average man than free lectures given in school buildings and halls, according to statistics recently compiled in New York. The Board of Education there has announced that the attendance at free lectures has been reduced so much because of the information now available over the radio and other sources that the number of lectures for the coming year will be drastically curtailed and the appropriation for the Board of Lectures will be reduced from \$38,000 to \$16,000.

Britain's Broadcast Empire

Two powerful new broadcasting stations that are now planned for the two leading cities of India, Calcutta and Bombay, will help to make England's rapidly growing radio empire nearly as vast as her territorial possessions. Australia and South Africa have for some time had stations that rivaled England's own in power and range and these two new broadcasters in India will complete the chain. The original plans for the stations were laid immediately after the successful use of broadcasting during the general strike in England showed the tremendous value of radio as a means of retailing information to the great mass of the people when all other means of communication fail.

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THE radio paradise of the world, according to reports from abroad, is Bude-in-Cornwall, a small town in western England where listeners-in are able to tune in American stations at almost any time and where Continental broadcasters are received even in the hot summer months with clear quality and loud volume. Visitors to the village report that, for some unexplained reason, signals come in better there than in any place they have ever been, although in Bodmin, only a few miles away, there is an absolute dead spot, and the nearest broadcaster can hardly be heard even on a five-tube set.

Sixty-five New Broadcasters by January

AMERICAN fans will have sixty-five new stations to listen to before the year is up as a result of the ruling of the Department of Justice that makes it nearly impossible for Secretary Hoover to refuse to grant a license to any and all applicants. At least that is the estimate of the Department of Commerce which still has 650 applications on its files. The deluge of new stations will not be heavier because few of the applicants will be able to get their apparatus ready to go on the air before that time.

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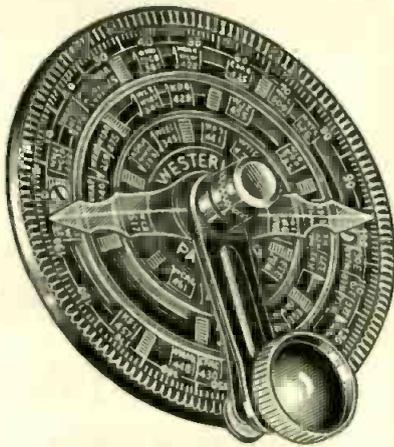
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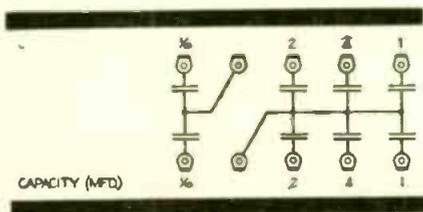
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Outstanding Program Features of the Month

NOVEMBER 20th to DECEMBER 15th

DURING the coming month, November 20th to December 15th, the following regular and special program features are scheduled. This list, which will be augmented monthly as advance information is received, will be published in each issue of this magazine; all broadcast stations are invited to report coming program features of outstanding interest or importance. Reports should reach the Editor of POPULAR RADIO on or before the 23rd of the month preceding.

NOVEMBER

(Eastern Standard Time)

- 20; *Walter Damrosh*, WEA, 9:15 P.M. *Piano Lectures and New York Philharmonic Orchestra.* (Also broadcast from WEEI, WGR, WFI, WCAE, WWJ, WSAI, WTAM, WGN, KSD, WCCO and WDAF).
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- 1; *Eastman Theatre Orchestra*, WHAM, 6:30 P.M. (Also from WGY).
- 1; *Radio Nature League*, WBZ, 8:30 P.M.
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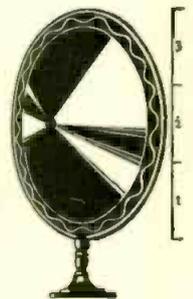
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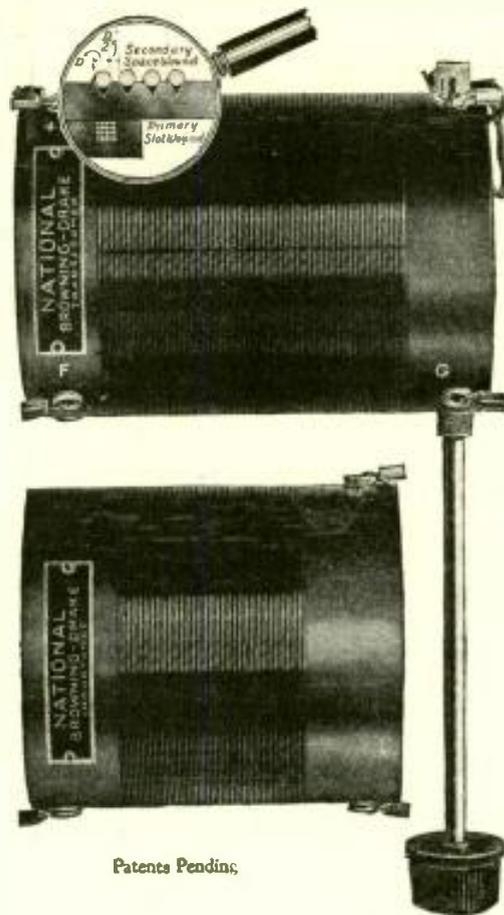
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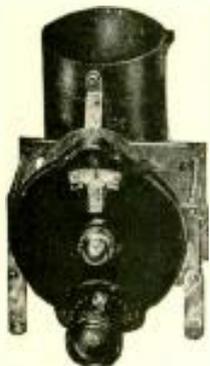
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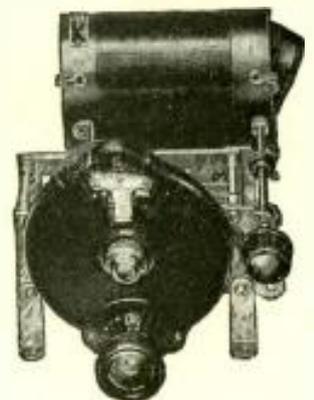
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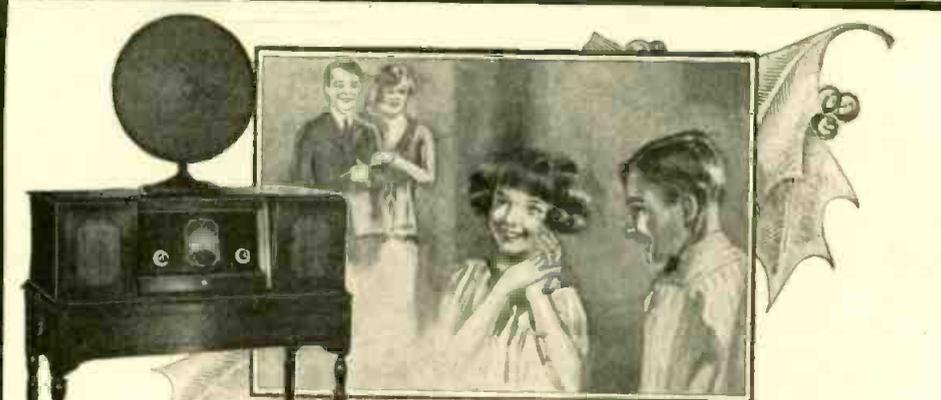
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Trans-Oceanic Calls Heard

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THE following stations were received and logged at the amateur station of Horace L. Pither, 133 Melfort Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, England, on an 0-v-1 receiver using no ground with a single-wire antenna fifty feet long with a twenty-five foot feeder.

U-2CV—September 4, 1926; signal strength, R6; steady AC note.

U-1BIT—September 4, 1926; signal strength, R5; using AC.

U-1AXA—September 4, 1926; signal strength, R6-7; good steady DC note, calling BZ-1BI.

U-1CKP—September 5, 1926; signal strength, R8; good note, very loud; calling B-08.

U-1BJK—September 5, 1926; signal strength, R6; steady note, slight interference.

U-1DI—September 5, 1926; signal strength, R7-8; note steady, very loud.

The following station was received and logged at the amateur station of A. Jamison, 60 Clifton Road, Bangor, County Down, Ulster, Ireland, on a modified Hartley 0-v-2 receiver. A fifty eight-foot horizontal Hertz antenna was used with twenty two-foot leads spaced three inches.

U-1AW—August 22, 1926; signal strength R7; on 30 meters; no fading.



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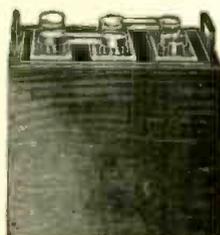


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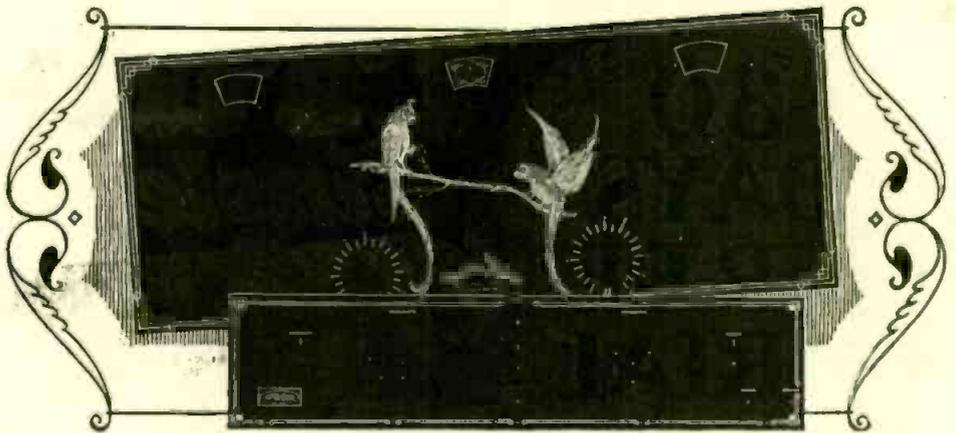
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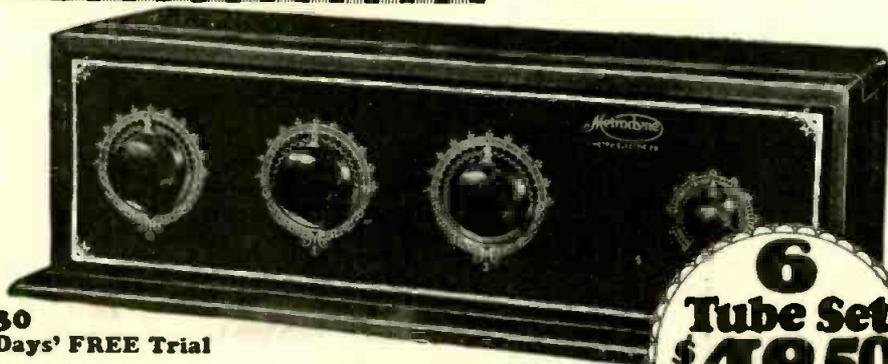
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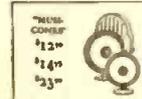
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Crosley Acuminators permit tuning in—loud and clear—weak stations passed over and entirely missed by ordinary single dial radios. In tuning high powered and local stations they are not used.

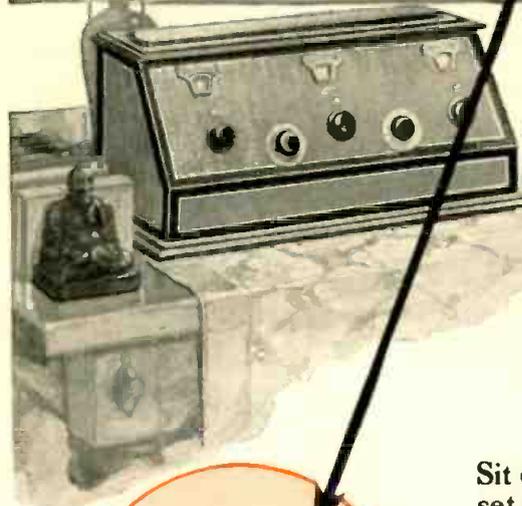
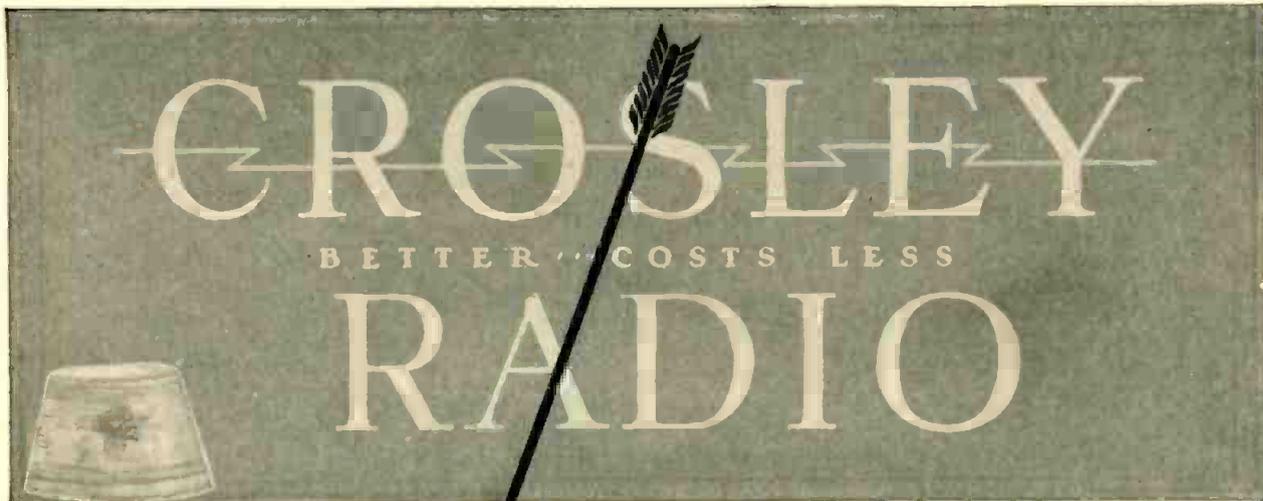
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