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COOLIDGE IN BUDGET TALK ON WEAF LINK

WILL BE HEARD MONDAY
FROM SIX STATIONS

President and General Lord Have Mes-
sage for Taxpayers—Marine
Band to Play

NEW YORK.—Fans will have an opportunity to hear addresses of importance to every taxpayer by Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, and General Lord, director of the bureau of the budget. The addresses will be broadcast during the regular meeting of the budget bureau from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m., Eastern time, on Monday, June 22.

This event, broadcast direct from the Continental Memorial hall, Washington, D. C., will be featured on the programs of WEAF, New York; WCAP, Washington, D. C.; WEEL, Boston; WOO, Philadelphia; WJAR, Providence, R. I.; and WSAI, Cincinnati. Incidental music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine band, Capt. William Santelmann, director.

An opportunity was offered Radio listeners to hear the last session of this bureau, known as the Business Organization of the Government, when it also was broadcast by a chain of stations.



Above, Katharine Carr, contralto, who is frequently heard from WEBJ. Right, Eleanor Woodford, soprano, who graces the program at Station KNX in Hollywood.

WILL FOLLOW SEARCHERS IN ARCTIC BY AIR

Seek Nutting Expedition

Pittsburgh Station to Broadcast
News from "Arctic" on Which
Searching Party Sails

PITTSBURGH.—Radio, used to broadcast to police and fur trading posts of Baffinland, warning of the loss of the Nutting expedition between that shore and Greenland, in the fall of 1924, may also be used to convey to anxious friends

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Kathryn Reece Haun, whose lovely voice has won her the title, "Songbird of the Air" at Station W L W.



Marconi Predicts Great Future for Beam Radio

LONDON.—The recent achievement of successful two-way working between England and Australia in broad daylight is a striking indication of the possibilities of short-wave transmission. Senatore Marconi is of the opinion, as a result of exhaustive tests, that a combination of short electric waves with what is known as the "Beam system" is likely to revolutionize the methods of commercial long-distance communication.

A new broadcasting station being erected at Valencia, Spain, will have sufficient power to be heard in all parts of that country.

\$5,000 A MINUTE FEE OFFER FOR BRITISH AD

B. B. C. Refuses Business; Thinks
Listeners Would Object

LONDON, Eng.—Five thousand dollars a minute has been offered the British Broadcasting company by a big London department store for Radio advertising, but the company turned down the offer, as it conflicted with its license rights, and it also was of the opinion that listeners never would accept an advertising program forced on them. South African listeners, incidentally, have objected very seriously to all broadcast advertising.

CONSENSUS OF OPINION VOTE

Send to Radio Digest, 510 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago To be forwarded by Radio Digest to the Department of Commerce for the attention of members of Congress.

- 1. Do you want less class B (500 watts or more power) stations?
2. Shall B stations be reduced to 94 in number, so that they can be accommodated satisfactorily in the "other roadways" now available for the use of broadcasting stations?
3. How far away, approximately, is the nearest class B station?
4. Are you troubled by B stations heterodyning and interfering with one another?
5. Have you read a description of the Kintner plan?
6. Are you in favor of it or some similar plan which will help clear the air of the present "traffic" congestion?
7. Do you favor the appointment of an unbiased, non-partisan broadcasting control board for the settlement of all differences pertaining to broadcasting and the interpretation of present or future Radio legislation?
8. Include separately a list of five stations you like most and five you dislike most.

How many members Name
In your family? Address
Are all of the same City, County, State
mind as yourself? (Check here if more blanks are desired)

HAY ROMPS AHEAD; COMPETITION POOR

GENE ROUSE TAKES THIRD IN SPURT FOR GOLD CUP

World's Most Popular Announcer for 1925 Still Mystery—Contest More Than Half Finished

If somebody doesn't display a burst of pep, George Dewey Hay, "The Solemn Old Judge" of WLS, Chicago, is going to run away with the second annual Radio Digest Gold Cup Award, and have himself declared world's greatest announcer for 1925.

The most sensational rise of the week was that of Gene Rouse, WOAW's "Heavenly Voice," who jumped from sixth to third place and looks like a good bet to pass McNamee for second.

In making his jump, Rouse put the Hired Hand, WBAP, H. W. Arlin, KDKA, and Henry Field, KPNF, down one position each.

W. G. "Bill" Hay, of KFKX, decided to go up one, traveling from eighth to seventh, while last week's holder of that place, Lambdin Kay, of WSE, "At-lan-taw, Gaw-gia," slipped into eighth.

Barnett and Brokenshire Advance Stanley W. Barnett of WOC, gained two places, while Charles Erbstein, WTAS, and Jerry Sullivan, WQJ, dropped one and two positions respectively.

Another surprise this week is the reappearance in the leaders of Norman Brokenshire, WJZ, who comes up again from oblivion and is now in twelfth place. In the constantly changing and interchanging of positions, Fred Smith, WLW, dropped from thirteenth to sixteenth place, and incidentally forced Frank D. Lane, KFRU, out of the published standing.

The thirteenth official ballot appears this week. Only nine more will appear. The race is more than half over, but watch out for the bonus votes which will run the totals high at the close. The bonus vote plan is explained below.

Standing of Sixteen Leaders

The standing of the sixteen leaders with the total number of votes accredited at the close of this week is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Name with votes. 1. George D. Hay, WLS, 10,369; 2. Graham McNamee, WEAF, 8,728; 3. Gene Rouse, WOAW, 5,591; 4. The Hired Hand, WBAP, 4,070; 5. H. W. Arlin, KDKA, 4,496; 6. Henry Field, KPNF, 4,242; 7. W. G. "Bill" Hay, KFKX, 3,582; 8. Lambdin Kay, WSE, 2,268; 9. N. Dean Cole, WED, 2,192; 10. S. W. Barnett, WOC, 2,027; 11. Charles Erbstein, WTAS, 1,974; 12. Norman Brokenshire, WJZ, 1,186; 13. Jerry Sullivan, WQJ, 2,174; 14. Robert Emery, WGH, 1,569; 15. Leo Fitzpatrick, WDAF, 1,081; 16. Fred Smith, WLW, 1,889.

Seems as if the nomination business would continue. This week brought three new names into the contest. They are KFKX, David Franklin; KPRG, Alfred Daniel; and KSD, William Ludgate.

How to Vote and Get Bonus

Don't miss a single ballot, for when these are turned into Radio Digest in a group of CONSECUTIVE numbers, extra bonus votes are allowed the announcer for whom you are voting.

The ballots, top of page two, numbered consecutively, will appear in each issue of the Radio Digest until the close of this contest, with the August 22 number.

Each of these ballots will count for one

vote when sent in separately. You can hold these ballots until you have 4 that are consecutively numbered, and when they are sent in a bonus of 8 votes will be allowed for your favorite announcer.

For each 8 consecutively numbered ballots your candidates will receive a bonus of 20 votes. For each 12 consecutively numbered ballots, 30 votes. For each 16 consecutively numbered ballots, 40 votes. For each 20 consecutively numbered ballots, 50 votes, and for each 23 consecutively numbered ballots, 60 votes bonus will be allowed.

Send nominations or ballots to the GOLD CUP AWARD EDITOR, Radio Digest, 510 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

Don't connect your receiver to the electric light wire unless you use some approved form of condenser adaptor.

Give Unusual Memorial Day Program at Station WJAG

NORFOLK, Nebr.—One of the most unique Radio programs on the air Memorial Day was that from The Norfolk Daily News station WJAG, known as "The Home of the Printer's Devil." Students of the Norfolk high school directed by Leo Schula, orchestra director and Miss Ina Mae Sanders, vocal music director and assisted by Miss Marjorie Beeler, the Radio station's soprano, sang civil war songs and played patriotic music.

The program was so arranged that throughout the two hours' time the melody of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are marching," was heard by listeners. WJAG broadcasts on 276 meters with 250 watts power.

WILL HUNT EXPLORERS

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of members of the expedition tidings of its fate.

The Canadian government ship Arctic is leaving Quebec on June 27, for the Polar regions. It will visit for the first time since last summer the posts to which was addressed the message appealing to them to be on the lookout for the Nutting expedition's ship or wreckage indicating its fate. The Arctic will learn whether the posts were able to get any tidings of the expedition, and will transmit by wireless to KDKA, Westinghouse station at Pittsburgh, anything it may learn of the expedition.

Arctic Established Record

The Arctic last August established the "farthest north" Radio record when it received short wave messages from KDKA without difficulty in the continuous daylight zone at Cape Sabine, north of Peary's winter base at Etah, Greenland, and within 15 degrees of the north Pole. It is equipped with an especially constructed transmitting set designed to transmit Radio signals from the polar regions to KDKA in the 1925 short wave tests arranged by the Canadian government and the Westinghouse stations.

All messages sent from the Pittsburgh station during the 1924 tests were received by the ship, but the vessel's transmitting apparatus was not equal to the task of putting all the Arctic's reply messages through from the continuous daylight zone in the extreme north. This year the ship is carrying a more powerful transmitter.

Sail in 40-Foot Yacht

The Nutting expedition set sail from Scandinavia in a 40-foot American yacht to follow the course of the Norseman of a thousand years ago in an endeavor to learn more about where on the American shores the prevailing winds had landed the vikings. The leader, William Nutting, and two others of the party, John Todahl and Arthur Hildebrand, were Americans, and the fourth, Mr. Fleischer, a Norwegian. The party was last heard of last September when it skirted the southern end of Greenland and headed west.

Practically all of the police and fur trading posts in the Baffin Bay region are equipped with receiving sets and during the long Arctic winter when the traders are marooned by the ice, they while away the tedium by listening in.

It was from KDKA that the message was broadcast last winter asking the posts to watch for some trace of the Nutting expedition.

Famous Figures to Speak to War Vets from WOAW

OMAHA, Nebr.—Addresses by national figures, entertainment programs by veterans' musical and choral organizations, and selections by headline artists will be broadcast from Station WOAW, Woodmen of the World here, during the week of the fifth annual national convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, on June 22 to 27. It is expected that the programs will reach many thousands of world war wounded and disabled veterans who cannot come to Omaha.

Records Artists' Voices

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—W. G. Leavens of Fresno, California, has succeeded in recording on dictaphone records the voices of his favorite stars at Station KFI. He liked their entertainment so much that he wanted them every night, and wrote to the station saying as much. It was impossible to have them oftener, the station management said.

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WGY, the Parent General Electric Broadcasting Station, will be pictured and described in next week's issue. Schenectady is the source of entertainment for fans all over the United States and Canada, and is tuned in many times in England and the Continent. The development of the audio drama at WGY is notable. Watch for this feature.

Who'll Lead in the Gold Cup Award Next Week? Will Graham McNamee come to the top again, or will Gene Rouse put on another sprint and pass the "Solemn Old Judge"? So far the 1925 Gold Cup Award for the world's most popular Radio announcer is any man's race. Follow the weekly standing.

An 8-Tube Super in a Week End Bag will provide vacationers with a set that gets everything, no matter where they are. The photos and diagrams that accompany this article next week make construction surprisingly easy.

A Full Description of the Edison Battery, telling what is inside of the perforated tubes and why, forms the basis of the next A. B. C. article. Professor Moreton also tells our readers how to care for storage batteries of either type.

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STATION GLEANINGS AND NEWSY BRIEFS

WEAF INAUGURATES "HUMOROUS HALF HOUR"

WOR Presents Newark Philharmonic Concert Band—WCCO Opens New Saint Paul Studios

WEAF has inaugurated a series of Saturday evening entertainments known as the "Humorous Half Hour." Each Saturday evening from 9:30 to 10 o'clock Eastern time the audience hears a program including such artists as William Pryor, banjoist-humorist, Harry Atkinson, known as the "Australian Orpheus" and the Three Star Trio. William Pryor plays several instruments, sings, and tells stories and for three seasons was one of the foremost artists with Eddie Leonard's company. He has been a success with every audience before which he has appeared. Harry Atkinson is a wizard at imitating musical instruments. He possesses the peculiar faculty of imitating the mandolin, musette, cornet, banjo, harp, violin (played both pizzicato and with the bow), bagpipes and penny trumpet.

Part of the "Rolling Stones" cast which broadcasts parts of the comedy now playing in New York, over WHN. Right, Eleanor Gale, prima donna; below, Henri Gondron, leader of Strand Roof orchestra; lower right, Gloria Sylvia, and lower center, "Miskey" Seiden.



WOR is presenting each Monday evening at 7 o'clock Eastern time the Newark Philharmonic Concert band, broadcasting the organization direct from the band plaza of Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J. The program of classical numbers continues from 7 to 8 p. m. The season, which recently opened, is the third open-air season of the Newark Philharmonic Concert band, and will continue each Monday evening for ten weeks from WOR under the direction of Carl D. Bethel and Louis R. Anderson.

The new Saint Paul studios of the Gold Medal station, WCCO, Saint Paul, Minneapolis, just completed in Saint Paul's new fifteen million dollar Union Depot, were formally opened, recently June 8th. An elaborate program heralded the event.

A full reading course is being given from Station WKRC, Cincinnati, every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock Central time. The reading course and book review are given under the auspices of the Cincinnati Public Library.

The second anniversary of broadcasting the Vanamaker Auditorium Radio Concerts is being celebrated by a series of special Tuesday programs broadcast through WJZ, New York, WRC, Washington, D. C., and WGY, Schenectady, from 7:10 to 8:10 p. m. Eastern time. Three have been given; June 2, 9 and 16. Two remain, June 23 and 30.

Even Radio singers take vacations. Virginia Flohr, the "Radio Nightingale" of KFI, will make a tour of the United States which will take her as far east as

PLAN EXPERIMENT IN COLOSSAL THINKING

GENEVA.—An interesting experiment to see what would happen if 50,000,000 persons thought or wish the same thing at exactly the same time will probably be attempted some time in the near future. An American society has put this problem up to the new International Broadcasting Bureau at Geneva, and it is thought probable that the Bureau may put it through later on. The idea is that through all the chief broadcasting stations in the world every listener in would concentrate simultaneously upon a prearranged thought. It is not stated what the society expects to happen if everyone thinks hard enough all together.

Ford and Glenn Start Long Tour

"Lullaby Boys" of Station WLS Leave on Extended Coast-to-Coast Auto Trip

CHICAGO.—Ford Rush and Glenn Rowell, the "Lullaby Boys," whose songs and bedtime stories during "Lullaby Hour" and "Ford and Glenn Time" at WLS, the Sears-Roebuck station, Chicago, have endeared them to the hearts of kiddies and their parents throughout the nation, started on a transcontinental tour of the United States, June 2. The WLS favorites will broadcast their most popular features over nineteen of the principal stations clear to the Pacific coast. The journey from station to station will

PLAY AT "ROLLING STONES" ON AIR



New York. She has been asked to sing at important stations in the various cities she will visit. Her vacation is reminiscent of the postman who went out for a hike on his day off.

"Doc Howard's WKRC (Cincinnati) Broadcasters," who present a regular Monday midnight program known as the Kodol Midnight Frolic, and appearing again every Tuesday night with orchestra, male quartet, character singers and whistlers, go into vaudeville this summer billed as the WKRC Broadcasters. They are already booked in theaters throughout the country.

Give Weekly Road Talks

CINCINNATI.—Road service information is broadcast every week from Station WKRC, the new 1,000-watt station operated by the Kodol Radio corporation here, by Ralph D. Metzger, touring manager of the Cincinnati Automobile club. Road logs are avoided as much as possible and the talk is based on descriptive features of national parks and vacation spots to attract motorists during the summer season.

be made in their new sedans, in which they will carry complete camping outfits. In many of the places they will live out in the open with their families, who will accompany them. Their first program was broadcast from WOC, at Davenport, Iowa, June 2.

From the Middle West and Rocky Mountain states, the WLS tourists will jump to California, appearing at KFI June 29. The other stops in California will be KPWB, Hollywood, June 30; KGO, Oakland, July 4 and 5; KPO, San Francisco, July 6, and KFYK, Sacramento, July 7. Up the coast they will motor to Portland, Oregon, where on July 13 their features will be broadcast over Station KGW.

"BOTTLED" CONCERT LATEST RADIO STEP

IMPRESS RECORD ON WIRE BY NEWEST INVENTION

Use Magnetic Principle in the Making of "Canned" Music for Radio Use

LONDON.—Concerts, which now go out into the ether, are received, and forgotten, may now be "canned" or "bottled" and repeated at will at any time in any part of the world.

America may broadcast British concerts without an obligato of atmospherics. Britain may broadcast American music instead of its local jazz.

The process of translating the spoken word and music into a permanent mechanical record can be understood better by analogy with the film than with the phonograph. In place of the unwieldy lengths of celluloid there is employed a similarly long, hard steel wire, similarly run on to a spool.

In place of the camera which imprints on the film the everchanging picture, there is a powerful magnetic field through which the wire is drawn by a small motor.

Words Magnetized Into Wire
The strength of this magnetic field (lessened or increased by the superimposition of currents varied by their passage through the ordinary Radio microphone) permanently magnetizes the steel wire in accordance with the changes in the microphone. The words of a speaker or the notes of a singer are literally frozen into solid steel as the wire runs from one spool on to another.

After the wire has received its magnetic impression, it can be reversed and run past a soft iron core that is magnetized and itself is creating a field. This time the wire will duplicate the fluctuations that were originally impressed on it. It thus gives back through a telephone receiver the sounds which were made days, months or perhaps years ago.

Also the soft iron core, with its changing field, can be placed in circuit with a Radio transmitter, to take the place of a "mike."

Corrections can be made in a wire record by passing a part of it through an intense magnetic field. This completely wipes out the recorded vibrations, and the passage can be remade.

Fans Hear Real Newspaper Interview Through WAMD

MINNAPOLIS.—Radio listeners of the country had a new experience recently when they tuned in on WAMD, broadcasting a telephone interview.

Editor Earle Buell called Frank Burke a Minneapolis newspaper man covering the Lopez-Frazier case, and asked him for the "side lights" of the trial. The entire telephone conversation that followed was heard very plain, over the microphone and carried out over the air. This is the first time that a Radio audience has heard a genuine newspaper interview.

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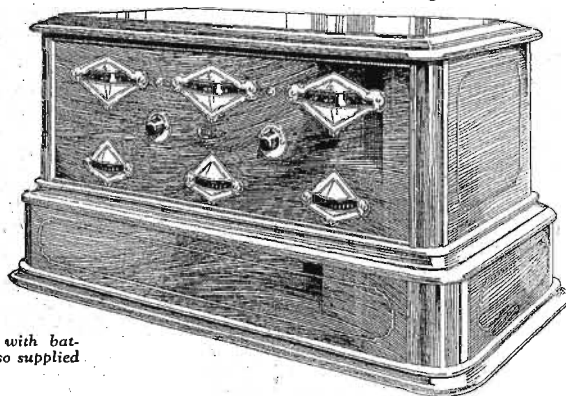


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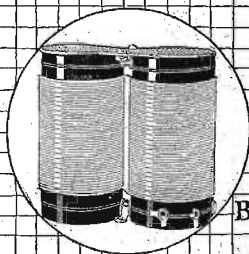
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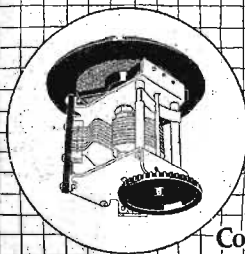
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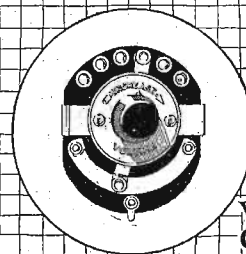
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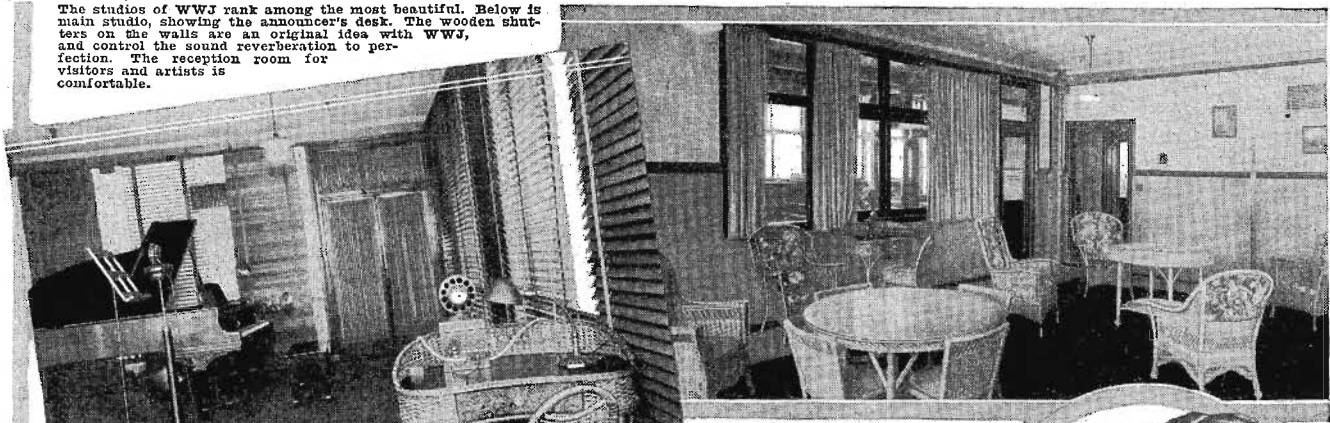
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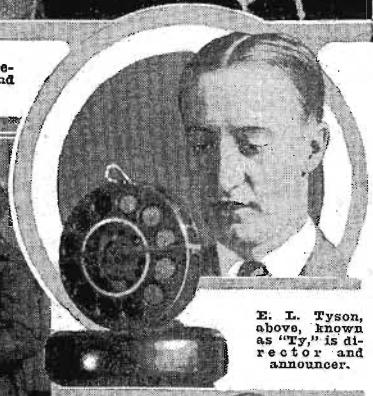
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WWJ—Pioneer of Newspaper Broadcasters

The studios of WWJ rank among the most beautiful. Below is main studio, showing the announcer's desk. The wooden shutters on the walls are an original idea with WWJ, and control the sound reverberation to perfection. The reception room for visitors and artists is comfortable.



The Detroit News orchestra, below, is led by Otto E. Krueger and broadcasts every day.



E. L. Tyson, above, known as "Ty," is director and announcer.

STATION WWJ boasts one of the most venerable records in the history of Radio. This well-known plant, owned and operated by the Detroit News, will celebrate its fifth birthday on August 30 of this year. It was the first newspaper owned station in the United States and therefore the world. It has been broadcasting continuously since it was erected and has expanded in size and power along with the growth of Radio. And now it announces it will soon install a new transmitter of 1000-2500-watt capacity.

A real record of service! In August of 1920 the Detroit News purchased a 250-watt transmitter. That was even before call letters were used as station designations. The station used the call 8MK. These letters were used for a few months and then WBL was assigned the small broadcaster which was considered large then. Early in 1922 the first type 1A 500-watt transmitter ever sold was purchased by the News and installed to take the place of the smaller one. With the new station came new call letters. They were WWJ, the ones that are now so well known to a legion of listeners.

The arrival of the more powerful set stirred things up considerably. Just

a few weeks after the plant had been installed a sixteen-piece orchestra was organized for the sole purpose of playing for the Radio audience. Regular schedules were made out and the station stepped out of the experimental stage into that of an institution. In passing we might say that to this day the same orchestra is a regular feature of WWJ programs.

About a year ago one of the later types of 500-watt transmitters was installed and Radio broadcasting service moved another notch ahead. Now comes the big new 1000-2500-watter, and with it, the distinction of being the only station outside of WSB at Atlanta, that is so equipped. This will make WWJ one of the most easily heard stations in the country.

As to the personnel of the station, the chief announcer is E. L. Tyson, better known to the great Radio audience as "Ty" Tyson, was with WWJ when it was still 8MK.

He is rated by many as one of the best announcers in the country because of his clear and concise method of handling the work. Ty is also program director of the station and through his hands passes all the material that goes to make up the entertainment.

Assisting Tyson is Robert Kelly, who acts as relief announcer and Radio editor of the Detroit News. Kelly is one of the best known Radio men in Michigan.

The Detroit News orchestra, before mentioned, is with WWJ listeners every day including Sundays. It is under the direction of Otto E. Krueger, and all its members play in the Detroit Symphony orchestra.

Walter R. Hoffman is chief engineer at WWJ and handles the operating end of the plant. WWJ's well-known purity of wave is his pride.

This station has been among the most conscientious in its effort to present the listening public with the very best in entertainment. Programs are constantly watched and every means known is taken to make them ever better.

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Two motor generator sets supply WWJ's type 1B 500-watt set. One is for emergencies.



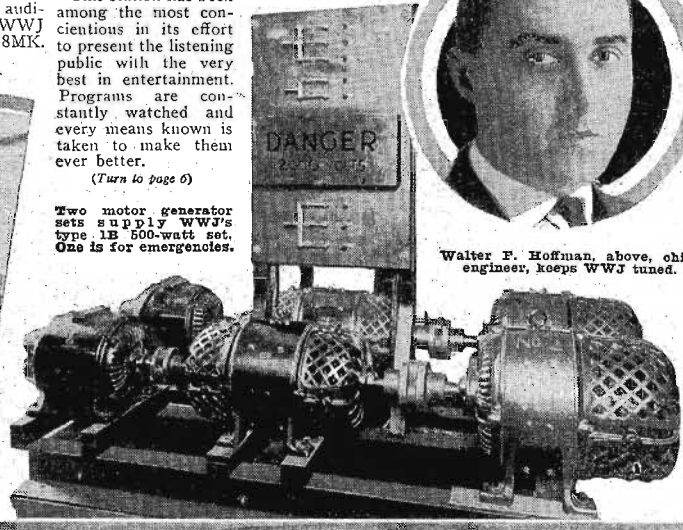
Robert Kelly, above to the right, is assistant announcer and Radio editor of the News.



Walter F. Hoffman, above, chief engineer, keeps WWJ tuned.



The operating room. Speech amplifier and remote control board are on desk; transmitter in back.



PRESS MEN DISCUSS NEWS IN DAILY TALK

WHAD INAUGURATES NEW TOPICS OF DAY SERVICE

Milwaukee Journal Staff to Give Brief "Editorials" on News and Current Problems

MILWAUKEE.—Department editors and special writers on the staff of the Milwaukee Journal now broadcast daily concise comment on the news and current topics in the form of Radio editorials. Day Time "services schedules"—a period of fifteen minutes at 11 a. m. and thirty minutes at 4 p. m. Central time, have been added to the regular schedule of "WHAD Marquette university—Milwaukee Journal station," at which times there are featured important news bulletins, and sports, finance, market and produce reports, with special reference to the Wisconsin farmer. At the same time persons on The Journal staff discuss, briefly and simply, such topics as the latest books, questions of investment, practical golf, boxing, nature study, gardening, Radio and problems of the housewife. The afternoon program includes musical numbers most of which are given by Journal employees.

The Journal and Marquette university joined forces in January, putting on the air Wisconsin's first 500-watt, complete service station and are now broadcasting from four strategical points in the city. The transmitting station is located in the new science building of the university. The transmitter now has 750 watts available power and is arranged so that 1,000 watts can easily be radiated.

HERE IS THE RADIO POLICEMAN OF WGR

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Ladies and gentlemen! We introduce to you "The Radio Policeman," Frank R. Clabeaux, of Buffalo's finest. Clabeaux is called The Radio Policeman because he has become of more than passing interest to the WGR staff. Since WGR was established on the roof of the Hotel St. Aler, Clabeaux has been assigned to duty at the hotel. His official specialty is traffic. His unofficial specialty is Radio.



Frank R. Clabeaux

as well as any one on the staff. Moreover, he knows most of the entertainers and most of them know him. He is an unofficial bureau of information about the station as well as the hotel. Entertainers always know if they show up a little late, that Clabeaux can usually tell them of a place to park without violating the traffic rules.

WGR listeners need not be surprised if they hear Clabeaux pinch-hitting at the microphone in place of Becker or Pickett, just as a matter of initiating Clabeaux still further into the mysteries of broadcasting.

"Roxy" to Build New Theater of His Own

Vast Auditorium to Be Devoted to Features and Radio

NEW YORK.—S. L. Rothafel of the Capitol theater, known to fans throughout the country as "Roxy," is to have a theater of his own. It will be the largest in the world, and will be known as the Roxy theater.

This announcement was made recently by Herbert Lubin, president of the Associated Pictures corporation, who will build the theater for Mr. Rothafel. The new theater will be located at Seventh Avenue and Fiftieth street, this city, and the project will cost about \$6,000,000. It will have a seating capacity of 8,000 which considerably exceeds the present capacity of the Capitol, now the largest motion picture theater in the city.

Mr. Rothafel is now in charge of the presentations at the Capitol theater. His contract with them has still some time to run, but the new theater is expected to be completed late in the Fall of 1926.

New Stations and Recent Changes

KTCL, Seattle, Wash., 805.9 meters, 1,000 watts, is listed among the new class B licenses. The American Radio Telephone company is listed as the owner. The company formerly owned and operated KFQX in Seattle.

WHAR, Seaside House, Atlantic City, is now listed among the B stations with 500 watts power and a wave of 275 meters.

Other new licenses in class A during the past week include KFVS, Cape Girardeau Battery Station, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 224 meters, 50 watts; KFWH, F. W. Morse, Jr., Chico, Calif., 254 meters, 100 watts; KWKC, Wilson Duncan Studios, Kansas City, Mo., 236 meters; 100 watts; WBRG, Bell Radio Corp., Birmingham, Ala., 248 meters, 10 watts; WIBL (portable), McDonald Radio Co., Joliet, Ill., 215.7 meters, 250 watts; WJBI, H. M. Couch, Joliet, Ill., 214.2 meters, 100 watts.

WWJ—DETROIT NEWS

(Continued from page 5)

One of the latest improvements was the linking of WWJ with WEAJ in New York so that Detroit listeners might hear the best offerings from the East.

These things have advanced WWJ until today it stands out as one of the most up-to-date and complete stations in the Middle West.

KYW, Chicago, will soon boast of a transmitter on the Congress hotel capable of delivering 25,000 watts. When opened, however, a maximum of 1,000 watts will be used. The reserve will be used to overcome transmission difficulties caused by nature in the summer and other times.

WOAI, Southern Equipment Co., San Antonio, Texas, is now a superstation. The new maximum power has not been announced.

Don't, under any circumstance, use the electric light wires in place of antenna, if the electric light wires are incased in conduit.

WILL USE RADIO TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

KOA TO SEND OUT REPORTS FOR RANGERS IN FIELD.

Enlist Broadcast Service as Hazard Grows in Rocky Mountain Wood Country

DENVER, COLO.—Radio has been mustered into service by Uncle Sam's fire-fighting forces.

In face of growing forest-fire hazards which are said to be the most alarming in the history of the Rocky Mountain states, KOA, the General Electric station at Denver, has joined the government's ranks in a desperate effort to check destruction of life and property during dry months.

Effective immediately, fire-warnings are to have the broadcast right-of-way at the Denver station following plans just completed with the United States forest service and the weather bureau.

The Old Way *The BELDEN Way*

Save Tubes, Time and Trouble with a Belden Radio Battery Cord

The old, crude way of connecting batteries to your radio set with a mess of tangled wires never was satisfactory. There was always the danger of crossed wires, discharged batteries, and burned-out tubes.

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Recent Advances in Tuned R.F. Amplification

Part IV — The Capacity Bridge

By Milo Gurney

IN BRINGING into Radio the advantages of the principle involved in the Wheatstone bridge for the control of sustained oscillations, or the neutralization or compensation of undesired plus regenerative effects through reaction from the plate to grid circuit which method is to play such an important part in many of this coming season's receiving sets, it seems important to point out that the employment of this well-known principle is not revolutionary within itself.

The Wheatstone bridge plan for the measurement of unknown resistances, capacities and inductances or their combination, has been practiced for a great number of years in the electrical industry. Nearly one hundred circuit combinations covering methods of electrical measurement using this theory have been published and are available at many public libraries. However, it is only of recent date that three, or possibly four, prominent engineers have appreciated its practical oscillation control value, particularly in tuned radio frequency circuits. Therefore, in these circuit manuals one must not be confused into believing that they are untried experiments because to the contrary they represent a practical advancement in the art of science of Radio receptors.

Another misunderstanding which has existed so long that it has now become a byword, is the crediting of Sir Charles Wheatstone with the invention of the balanced bridge theory carrying his name. Contrary to this impression an engineer by the name of Christie of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich was the inventor, though Wheatstone was responsible for bringing it to the attention of the electrical fraternity and it is to his credit that Wheatstone also gave Christie full credit for the idea and invention.

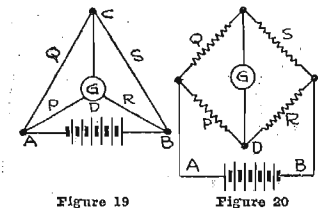


Figure 19

The Wheatstone bridge is usually defined as a network of six conductors and is usually represented as an arrangement of trilateral symmetry about the point D as shown in figure 19.

With this arrangement, a battery is inserted in the branch AB while a galvanometer is in series with CD. In practice, adjustments are made of one or more of the several branches until the current through the galvanometer G is zero. The circuit is then said to be balanced and

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

the arms PQ and RS representing the resistances of the conductors AB, AC, BD and CE. Hence when no current can flow through G, it is obvious that the currents in P and R have the same value, also the currents in Q and S have a like value. Therefore, according to Ohms law, P is equal to Q while R is equal to S or P is equal to QR divided by S.

I digress to ask the reader to whom a quick reading leaves this definition somewhat hazy, that he then go over the definition in conjunction with the diagram a sufficient number of times to clarify his understanding of it, for without such un-

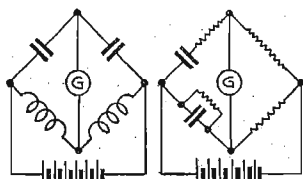


Figure 21

Figure 22

derstanding, experimental work will prove but a maze of mysteries. An additional help is figure 20, which is identical with the schematic shown in figure 19, but which has also the resistances inserted.

To further aid the experimenter, and not to confuse it with the text, figures 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 indicate five forms of well-known bridge circuits for the determination of resistance, inductance and capacity, or two or the three in combination both with fixed and variable inductances. Another reason for giving these is that because all three fac-

tors enter into the design of input and output circuits of any type, samples of bridge theory modifications are furnished in the hope that they may serve as an inspiration to some of my readers. Often an analogy is helpful in studying causes

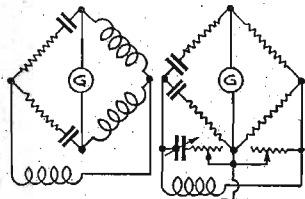


Figure 23

Figure 24

and effects, and more often it is the one assistance most required by those who have not had the opportunity to make playmates of inductances, resistors and capacities. Hence, in order that I may not be accused of a lack of consideration

for those so penalized, in figure 25 I am giving an analogy covering the theory of Wheatstone bridges using the familiar tank of water with connected drain pipes as the illustration indicates.

Assuming that AD, AE, DC and EC are interconnected as shown and cross-connected from D to E with equal size discharge piping, then, as the four arms AD, AE, DC and EC are of equal size, the four arms permit water to drain at equal ratio. In this process the cross-connected pipe DE will fill up until the pressure at D and E, are equal from A but water from DE will not flow, as a balance from AE to AD as been established. However, if we open DE at B and connect it at X of CY, then our balance is destroyed and water will flow in BX.

Let us now have it clearly understood in our mind that a bridge circuit in order to be balanced must comprise (so far as Radio receiving circuits are concerned) two points electrically isolated from two other points, and for our further consideration we must consider these isolations as two points of the input or grid filament circuit and the two points of the output or plate filament circuit. Thus it

is these two which must be balanced, neutralized or compensated, and it holds that sustained oscillations in the degree of "howling" obviously spell an imbalance between the input and output circuits. Then if it is possible to balance them,

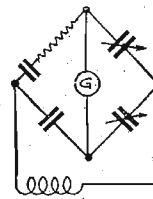


Figure 25

through hooking them up Wheatstones, we have obviously solved our problem for the positive control of regeneration and there is no reason, other than a physical one, why we could not hook up fifty or a hundred stages of tuned radio frequency (Continued on page 20)

The Train you want to meet —

and what it brings to you

DAY-FAN is like a great railroad station into which run a hundred tracks. The train from San Francisco comes in on track 47. Pittsburgh's train rolls in on track 17. A long distance express from Nebraska comes in on track 13. A big New York special comes in at 65.

These tracks belong to these trains. They always come in on them. You know where to meet them. So for a hundred other trains from all over the United States.

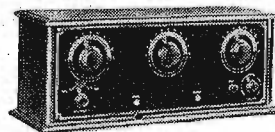
Yes, you have guessed it. The trains are the music, the speeches, the songs, that travel through space to your radio. The hundred tracks are the hundred lines on your Day-Fan dial.

Instead of running from track to track, know in advance where your train comes in. The Day-Fan Air Telephone Directory will tell you. And no other set can do this. You need never again miss the "music train" you had planned to meet and enjoy.

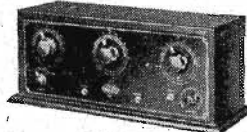
Day-Fan owners take distance for granted, just as they speak across

the continent by telephone. They take selectivity for granted, and as a matter of course expect to cut out one station and get another. The thing that they are never able to take for granted is Day-Fan's sound beauty. For in this radio set differ as a fifteen dollar violin differs from a fifteen thousand dollar Stradivarius. Magnificent as Day-Fan is in volume, exact as it is in its arrow-like flight to the music you seek, marvelous as it may be in simplicity and sureness, its outstanding feature must always be its beauty of tone. The more sensitive your ear may be, the more you will enjoy Day-Fan. The more you have said "I can never enjoy radio," the more surely you will enjoy Day-Fan. When some one told Ole Bull that he didn't like music, the master nodded and said "Good. I will play to you."

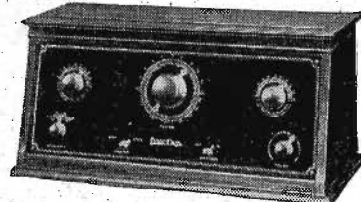
Go hear a Day-Fan today and prove these things to yourself right away. If you do not know who is your nearest Day-Fan dealer drop us a line and we will tell you.



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STATIONS IN ORDER OF WAVE LENGTHS USED

Table listing radio stations and their corresponding wave lengths (Meters Call).

(FOR PACIFIC TIME)

Large grid of radio station call letters and their active hours for each day of the week (Saturday to Friday).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF TABLES

THE "Evening at Home" table is not difficult to understand and use. It is this fact that makes it so popular with the readers of Radio Digest...

The periods given in the "Evening at Home" tables are only representative of each station's evening sign-on and sign-off hours, and on Sunday, the late afternoon sign-on and sign-off...

Friday, June 26

DESCRIBE AIR SHAM BATTLE FROM WOR

studio, Dan McFarland, organist; 6, play with music. "The Kentucky Mountaineer," by George Frenzer; 10-11, artist-pupils of Alpha Belle Victors in all vocal program. KFWB, Hollywood, Calif. (252), 6-7 p. m., children's hour...

MAJOR VAUGHN RECOUNTS MOVEMENTS OF FIGHT

Fans Hear Reports of Scrimmage as Planes Attack and Defend New York. NEWARK, N. J.—One of the most novel radio events was the recent broadcasting through WOR of the sham battle in mid air over Times Square, New York...

Dreams of Radio Joy for Convicts

New York Prison Allows Prisoners to Have Sets in Their Cells. OSSINING, N. Y.—"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." For, thanks to Warden Lewis E. Lawes, prosperous convicts detained by the state at Sing Sing prison, can now have Radio receiving sets in their cells...

Educational Radio Work Tried in West

University of Washington Tests Lecture Programs Broadcast. SEATTLE.—Educational test programs from KTCL are being planned in Seattle and the state of Washington by University of Washington officials, who have been collecting data from other colleges and trying their effects on the campus...

An Evening at Home with the Listener In

(FOR CENTRAL TIME)

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"Silent" Night in Name Only

WITH the erection of a number of high power stations close to Chicago, which even have studios in Chicago, the plan of Monday night being silent for DX listeners, has been lost to the greed of the publicity seekers, propagandists and other of these stations which believe their service indispensable for the short period of about six evening hours each week.

Once upon a time Chicago's silent night meant what it implied. Now it means only that the stations whose transmitters are in the city boundaries remain off the air, while those stations with transmitters removed some ten, twenty or sixty miles shoot everything they can to the great Chicago audience, having as they do zero competition from the purely locals.

Public indignation is rising. When WTAS was the only station within fifty miles on the air Monday night, the situation wasn't so bad. WTAS was on lower power then, and besides, it wasn't selling the air. Then came an increase in power, a sister station, WCEE, and both stations went toll. Shortly afterward, WJJD took the air. Then came WORD, Batavia, with its religious program on high power. Superstation WHT finally opened, shooting plenty of power into the gradually noisier "silent" night of Chicago fans. WHT is also operated for toll.

The religious station, WORD, claims it located at Batavia so that it could broadcast Monday nights. WHT claims it has a big investment and must sell time Monday nights. WTAS duplicates WHT's statement. WJJD refers to the 20,000 members of the Loyal Order of Moose who financed the station, saying that these men want to hear WJJD every night. We wonder if they live in Chicago?

Most of the nearby Monday operating broadcasters claim that the poor crystal fan and single tube listener must be entertained. That is the chief altruistic motive for their existence. And this premise is incorrect, because the crystal fans have six days a week to be entertained. The seventh gives them a chance to clean off the crystal or go to a movie.

Most single tube listeners would be glad to have the whole Central time band silent one night a week. Then their unselective sets would perhaps get a change of diet.

The expensive, or average set owner will unambiguously prefer to have these nearby stations silent Mondays as well as the purely locals. The owners will have a real opportunity to learn how to tune a set, and besides, can listen to every distant station. The average set owner might thus become acquainted with what other broadcasters are like, and—horrors—might decide that the distant stations knew a whole lot more about putting on a program than the Monday jammers who persist in spending their money on electricity every night in the week.

As a cure, may we suggest that EVERY Chicago station, purely local especially, break down the Monday rule, and for two months straight keep Monday filled with the beautiful local program for the poor programless Chicago listeners? Then, perhaps, the public will rise up and tell all broadcasters within sixty miles of Chicago to take a night off on Monday and arrange good programs for the rest of the week, taking care to make all advertisements as indirect as possible, and washing their ears good so that they will be presentable next time they go on the air.

Promoting Interest in Art

STRIKING evidence of the value of Radio as a means of arousing interest in art, has been given in Vienna, Austria, where a largely increased attendance of the Viennese at the art galleries and museums followed broadcast talks on the paintings and sculpture there.

We would be delighted if some of the American stations would follow the example of the Austrian broadcaster, and tell the public of the treasures they can see at their local art galleries. Such lectures would be worth countless times more to the invisible audience than some of the wash-pan beating orchestras that unblushingly claim to be exponents of symphonic jazz music.

RADIO INDI-GEST

The recent saxophone concert was a great success. Gene Paul says that it is his desire to show people that beautiful classical can be played on the much maligned instrument and it is his prediction that people will begin to see the real hidden beauty of the saxophone. (News copy from KFOA at Seattle)

For many generations now,
The poets, bound by duty,
Have sung of clouds and rolling waves
And things of hidden beauty.

They sang of love, and also fame,
But not in things so tootey.
As the blooping of the saxophone
Did they seek for hidden beauty.

The violin's been doled its share,
And so's the flute so futy,
But Mr. Paul will show us now
The swinette's hidden beauty.

News Bulletins from Milwaukee Furnished in Cooperation with the Milwaukee Daily Beverage

(Bear up, my friend, bear up)

Erich Strönbain, local Radio dealer, gives away a prize with each Radio set. He has one for the flappers which is proving exceedingly popular. It consists of a neat leather carrying case containing a complete Flapper's Road Outfit. The articles are a pair of collapsible roller skates, a road map showing dirt roads in detail and a box of Keep-a-Shine Shoe Polish. Erich is some progressive.

The young man in the garage next to ours said he got Spain last night. You couldn't make out what they was saying, so it musta been a foreign language, and the orchestra, or was it singing maybe, there was some code going, was playing "La Paloma," that's Spanish, ain't it? and it was two degrees away on the dial where Spain shoulda been like it said in the book he won on a raffle last year on Radio, so it musta been Spain, wasn't that wonderful? We asked him whether they were broadcasting any ball fights, but he was stepping on the starter and didn't hear us.

High Pressure Salesman Julius Bierbaum, went to Zion City the other day to sell Overseer Revolver a Radio set. "With this set," said Julius, "you can always cut out that darned local station." Noteworthy was the floral tribute from the Sangverien consisting of a loop aerial with the words, "No static up yonder." Further particulars in the obituary column.

A Radio installed in the convention hall of Milwaukee Soft Drink Parlor Dispensers proved a sensation. When Florence Gushley sang, "Tell Mother I'll Vote Dry," many an eye which had never looked softer than a ten-minute egg shed copious tears and many a fist which had landed an unfortunate Coca Cola addict in the streets completely horrified was folded in prayer. Hoping you are the same,

THE THIRD TROMBONE PLAYER.

It's too bad Mr. Paul can't go to Milwaukee to display the saxophone's hidden beauty. The home of cornet music would undoubtedly see the point.

The Ear-Lap

Oh, ye waves of the ocean,
You're nightly mean,
As action's conjuror
You've sure got the steam;
You rumbly and pound
When the wind makes you mad—
But piffle, old ocean,
You're only half bad.

Why, waves of the ocean,
You haven't the strength,
Nor even, by Judas,
One half of the length
Of the ponderous, stringy,
Entang-ling snare
Condensed in my speaker
From ariel air.

They rear and they tear,
And they leap and they clap,
Till they heave the loud speaker
Right into my lap;
They twist where they list,
But they never play dunce—
They're so darn educated
They talk six at once.

Yet I, like the ocean,
Am never at rest,
Though oftentimes quiet—
May virtue attest—
For sally I may
To the dump with my fears,
But I've always that lappity lap
In my ears!

RUSTY LEWIS OF ELAND.

"What I Like Least About Radio" (Send in Your Pet Peeve)

Dear Indi: Here's a starter for this valuable department which I hope you will incorporate in your splendid column:

Any station that thinks that the soprano will soon be extinct, and that gives us plenty of such stuff as Miss Lucy So-and-So of the Squeedunk church choir, who will oblige with "Little Gray Home in the West" and two of her own compositions, so we will be sure and remember just how glorious a soprano voice wasand the telegram readers.
.....and the long-winded mayors and chairman of the Society for the Uplift of Such-and-Such.
.....and other pseudo orators.

The fact that this paper goes into the home forbids us from expressing our own peeve-rattling announcements.

News of the Week



Condensed

By DIELECTRIC

Several of the broadcasting stations have facilities for transmitting on either of two wave lengths, which provides a medium whereby more than one style of program may be given at one time without conflicting with each other. Station WBOQ is the low wave studio of WAHG. A. H. Grebe at Richmond Hill, L. I. Upon the occasion of the last appearance of the inimitable Finn—Nurmi—this station entertained with an account of the race given by Thornton Fisher. These WBOQ and WAHG sporting events are followed by a large audience of Radio listeners, whose appreciation is genuine.

New England has some very good musical talent and, thanks to broadcasting, it is possible for music lovers in many parts of the country to share in the enjoyment they offer. WBZ, Springfield, has been generous in the manner of such concerts it has included in the programs. The Huntington music clubs appeared in the studio of WBZ to spend a large part of one evening having a royal good time while we fans listened in. This is but another sign of musical growth in America.

Dialing down into the land of Georgia, WSB was discovered in process of introducing the Melody Artists' orchestra. Not all of the tunes from southern climes are in the nature of languorous harmonies, as this aggregation of musicians proved. Real fast and furious jazz numbers constituted most of the numbers played and dancers had to step lively to keep pace with them: Just wait a month or two for the new installation at WSB and see how the programs come in.

Station WGN, Chicago, had two excellent features to present not long ago in the Southland concert and the WGN trio. Unquestionably the latter had the better of it. I wish to express my conviction that few, if any, station trios surpass this one. It was the initial appearance of these players and I followed their work carefully with increasing admiration for their balanced playing and studious attention to the intent of each selection rendered. This is truly an asset.

After hunting around to find a violinist capable of impressing a Radio audience, I finally found Miss Magee playing at WSAI, Cincinnati, on an instrument with pleasing tone. Had such a program as this lady arranged been disrupted by the reading of telegrams, as still happens in many studios, the effect would have assumed an entirely different aspect. It is heartily to be hoped that encomiums will continue to pour into the studios, but NOT spill over into the microphone. That is a practice devoid of public appeal.

All offenders take notice. Took a long breath the other night and tuned in on KFVB, the movie station in Hollywood, and listened to a right-down-in-movieland dance orchestra play. This Montmartre cafe orchestra has it all arranged so that the station call letters—no more—are announced after each number is played. Between suites of numbers the usual procedure of treating the public to eight or ten minutes of carrier-wave hum is varied to the extent that obliging members of the orchestra play solos. First time I ever heard a brass horn solo in dance time. And what is a terepach? The banjoist plays it. At any rate, I voted the boys were good.

Various Uses of Filament Control Jacks

By Harry C. Lodge

COMPARATIVELY few fans use filament control jacks because the majority of the Radio public does not know how. Most home constructors feel that these jacks are too complicated, hence they resort to the plain variety. There is another reason for not employing these jacks, that is a theory, started by no one knows who, that the use of these jacks is detrimental because there is too much distributed capacity in the jacks. Jacks do have some distributed capacity; however, this capacity is not the least bit harmful on the broadcast range. The use of filament jacks on a receiver made to tune on wave lengths around 50 meters is inadvisable.

On the broadcast range, that is from 200 to 550 meters, the use of filament jacks is a convenience with which every fan building a set should be familiar. With them installed it is no longer necessary to have an extra switch to turn out the A battery. The simple performance of plugging the phones or loud speaker in and out, does the work. Put the phones in and automatically the filaments light up. When one is through for the evening pull out the plug and the filaments go out. Filament control jacks may be used with any number of audio stages and will light or put out the filaments as they are used.

Types of Filament Control Jacks

There are two types of filament control jacks, one for use on the last stage and the other for use on other than the last stage. As may be seen from the drawings, filament control jacks consist first of the part which makes up the ordinary

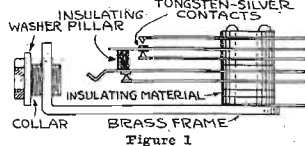


Figure 1

Jack, that is the part which takes care of the phone circuit, the second being of course the part which controls the filament. This part is insulated from the rest of the jack usually by a pillar of

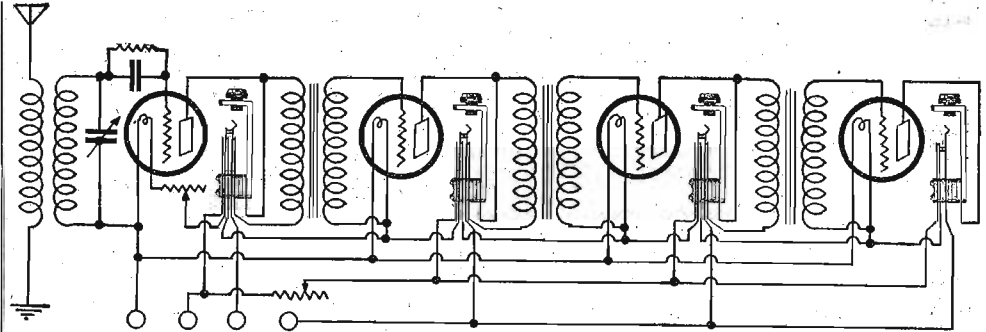


Figure 5

insulation such as bakelite or hard rubber. The phone circuit part of the jack is connected in the ordinary way that a jack is connected and is not affected by the presence of the filament control springs.

Filament control jacks are so arranged that when the phone plug is pushed in to make contact, a spring of the plate circuit pushes up the pillar of insulation which in turn closes or opens the springs which make up the filament circuit. As may be seen from the enlarged drawing figure 1, the jack is made up of a brass frame on which the springs and supporters are built up, and the frame, while holding all of the parts, also serves to make contact with the phone plug. At the end of the frame are small pieces of insulation between which are sandwiched the springs. At the other end is the collar by which the frame is held to the panel.

The ends of the springs nearest the panel have tungsten silver contact points, and since this metal is not attacked by the elements we can always depend upon a good contact at these points. In figure 1 can also be seen the pillar of insulation which is the key to filament control. The ends of the springs project a short way behind the separating pieces of insula-

tion and it is here that jack connections are made. The ends of the springs are usually coated with solder although some jacks are made up with a washer on the end which is tinned with solder and flux.

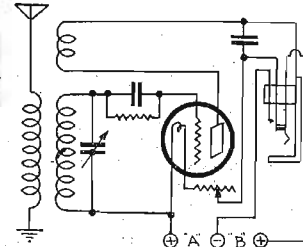


Figure 2

in which case the wire is merely held in place and the spot heated.

Simplest Filament Control

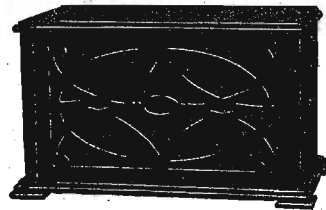
In figure 2 we have the simplest filament control arrangement. In this case

the single filament control jack is all that is necessary. All that it does is make and break the filament circuit. When the plug is pushed in the bulb lights and when it is withdrawn the filament goes out. This arrangement may be used for any one tube circuit, whether the single circuit, the three circuit, a super-regenerative or a reflex. The phone control part is connected as usual and the filament control part is in series with one of the filament leads.

In figure 3 we have the filament control jack arrangement used in a two tube hook-up, a detector and one stage of audio frequency amplification. However, this arrangement cannot be used in the usual two tube reflex as in this case both tubes are used at once and at all times. In the circuit shown one double filament control and one single filament control jacks are used. When the phone plug is in the first jack the detector tube alone is on, the amplifier is out. When the plug is in the second jack both tubes are on and ready for use. Pulling out the plug disconnects both tubes.

In figure 4 we have filament control jacks in the most popular arrangement. (Continued on page 18)

Getting Concerts WHOLE



Cabinet Model "C" \$30

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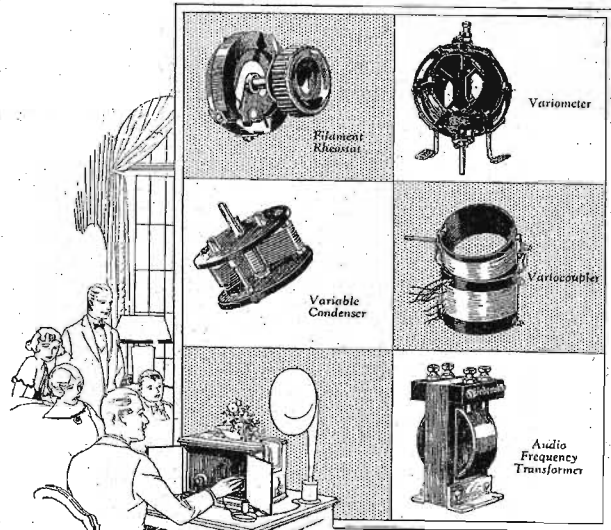
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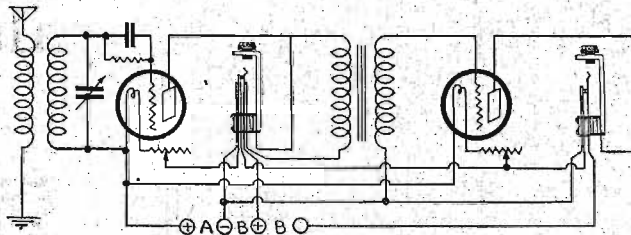


Figure 3

USE OF CONTROL JACKS

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namely, the detector with two stages of audio frequency amplification. In this case, plugging the phones in and out does the same things as explained in the preceding paragraph except that it takes care of three tubes. In this arrangement two double filament control jacks and one single filament control jack will be needed and this circuit is O.K. for either a soft or hard detector tube with two amplifiers. In figure 5 filament control jacks are presented in a circuit comprising a detector and three stages of audio frequency amplification. This combination came into some popularity with the Het-dugon. It was not used much before that circuit because it was hard to get properly shielded transformers for this arrangement.

The use of these jacks is very useful when three stages are used. In this case,

bottom spring of one jack always goes to the middle spring of the next jack. If this is kept in mind, one will have no great difficulty with the rest of the wiring. In wiring filament control jacks, great care should be exercised to see that the filament wires make a good contact with the end of the springs. They should be soldered in every case, as this is the only way to make an absolute positive contact. Since the jacks usually have solder on the ends of the springs and since the wire used for connections is usually tin coated, there is seldom the necessity of using flux. Usually solder alone will do the work. If flux is used it should be some non-corrosive flux such as rosin, etc. It is advisable to cover the filament leads at least, with spaghetti tubing as this, while making the set look much neater and better, also protects the tubes from accidental short circuits which will burn out the tubes.

Filament control jacks as well as other

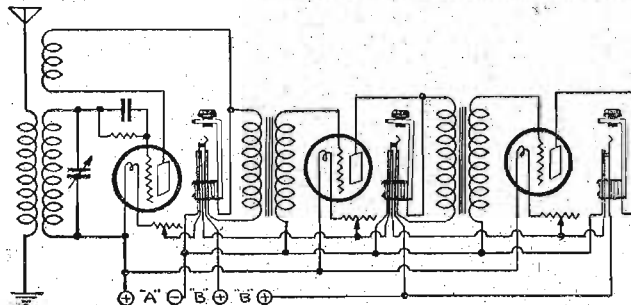


Figure 4

if the same type of tubes are used throughout, that is 201-A or all 199's, you can use a single rheostat, and set the voltage right with a voltmeter. The conveniences over the old arrangement where in some cases there was a rheostat for each tube can be plainly seen. Here we have only one rheostat yet all tubes are properly controlled and automatically go on or off whenever the plug is placed in the proper jack. With these, the most common arrangements, one can work out all sorts of combinations for filament control jacks such as detector and four stage, detector with one stage and push pull amplification, detector with a stage of transformer and two stages of resistance coupled, or detector and three stages of resistance coupled.

Secret of Correct Wiring

The whole secret of connecting filament control jacks correctly can now be seen. It depends upon remembering that the

types should be placed near the bottom of the panel because it is here that the filament terminals are found inasmuch as the tube sockets rest on the baseboard. If jacks are not placed near the bottom various leads will not be as short as they might be and it will be found that the plugs are always in the way when tuning.

When jacks with filament control have been wired for the first time by an inexperienced reader, it is best to check the wiring at least twice before putting the set into operation. The reason for this being that since the phone circuit wire is so close to the filament circuit wiring and there is so much possibility for error, it would be very easy for the fan to make a costly mistake. Even though he did not make a mistake, he may have been a little careless with his soldering and a small drop of solder may have dripped and made contact between the filament and the phone circuit spring.

The Reader's View

Superstations

Being a subscriber of your good magazine and an ardent Radio fan I wish to say that I believe Mr. Kintner of the Westinghouse Electric company has discovered a plan that if worked out in its details will be the solution to the Radio problems that have for some time been puzzling the engineers over the country. What strikes me as the most favorable point in his plan is the locating of only 15 superstations in a certain band of wave lengths and as his plan is to give them each a difference of 20 kilocycles there would be no interference, though they should use as much as 50 kw. I would also like to say a few words concerning the much talked about question, "Who is to pay for broadcasting?" To answer that intelligently, I think we should all first decide this question, "What is broadcasting for?" It is done by the broadcasters for advertising purposes to place him or his firm before the public, and to entertain the listener. For if there is no entertainment why should the public listen. As a whole, we can sum it all up as to who derives the benefit from it. I believe both parties are benefited, the people who are putting out the programs are putting their names before thousands of people who would otherwise never hear of them, the public who listens gets the entertainment and educational benefit, and as it is today, the

average fan is not asking for more stations, but a solution to the problem on how to prevent interference from so many closely allotted wave lengths, which subject goes back to our Mr. Kintner's plan. In closing allow me to thank you for such a splendid magazine at so reasonable a price.—W. A. Ault, chief engineer, Richmond, Ky.

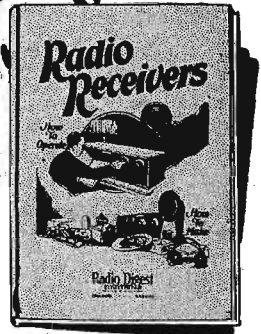
One Good Station in Each State

Permit me to indorse your editorial, "Less Stations and Better Radio," in your recent number. It is timely and hits the nail on the head.

What is the use to "kid" ourselves about selectivity and keep on in an endless receiver building contest when at times stations as much as ten meters apart pile in right on top of one another. Recently WWJ, Detroit, and WJAD, Waco, Texas, both on 352.7 meters, were on at the same time (the department of commerce, Radio division, evidently consider them so far apart geographically as not to interfere) when they could not be tuned apart and had quite a dead spot between them. That is not selectivity in a receiver, but just poor broadcasting, or is it excellent broadcasting to deviate from an allocated wave length to find a channel of your own without regard for others?

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Chapter XIII—Storage Batteries

By David Penn Moreton

IN THE ordinary primary cell, when the negative plate is nearly consumed, it is necessary to replace it with another in order to keep the cell in an operating condition. If, instead of replacing the worn out negative plate, a current be sent through the cell in the reverse direction and the metal again deposited on the negative plate, the cell is then called a storage battery.

When a cell of this kind is producing a current in an electrical circuit of which it is a part the cell is said to be discharging; and, when a current is being sent through it in a reverse direction by an outside electrical pressure, the cell is said to be charging. Fundamentally there is no difference between a primary and a storage battery, as the primary battery may have its negative plate restored by sending a current through the cell, but it is not commercially economical to do this in any but a few cells which are especially constructed for this purpose.

Chemical, Not Electrical Energy Stored

The reader should not get the impression that electricity is stored in a storage battery. This is not the case. In the process of charging, electrical energy is converted into chemical energy which is stored in the cell and in discharging, this chemical energy is changed back into electrical energy. This change from one form of energy to another is not accomplished without some loss, or in other words the storage battery is not 100 per cent efficient. For example, when the cell is discharging, a part of the electrical pressure is used in overcoming the internal resistance of the cell. As a result only a part of the electrical pressure is available at the terminals of the cell. When the cell is being charged, the charg-

ing electrical pressure must overcome the electrical pressure of the cell and also the internal resistance of the cell. Representing the electrical pressure of the cell by E , the internal resistance by R and the

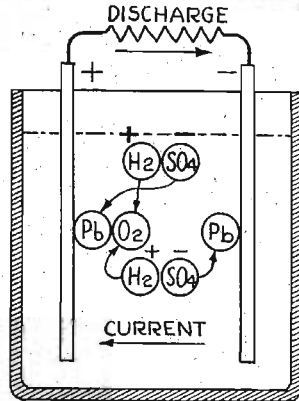


Figure 60

current by I , we may write the above relations in the following form.

$$\text{Charging pressure} = E + I \times R$$

$$\text{Discharging pressure} = E - I \times R$$

The charging and discharging pressures are different due to the fact that the electrical pressure in the cell is not a constant but depends upon the degree of

charge of the cell, growing less as the cell becomes discharged.

Two Main Classes

Storage cells may be divided into two main groups, according to the kind of materials used in the construction of the plates; namely, lead storage cells and non-lead storage cells. The best example of the non-lead storage cell is known commercially as the Edison cell and it will be described briefly a little later.

In the construction of the lead storage cell the negative plate is pure sponge lead, Pb , and the positive plate is lead peroxide, PbO_2 , one part lead and two parts oxygen. The electrolyte is diluted sulphuric acid, H_2SO_4 , two parts hydrogen, one part sulphur and four parts oxygen. The lead peroxide and sponge lead are poor conductors of electricity, and in addition, they are not hard enough to be made into plates; so it is necessary to attach them to metal frames of some

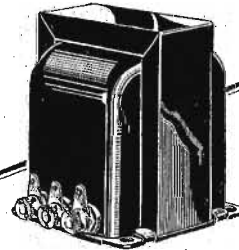
harder material which is a good electrical conductor. The material in this framework must also have the property of not acting as a third plate, as otherwise the electrolyte will produce local action between the framework and the lead peroxide or between the framework and the sponge lead wherever it touches them. The material usually used in the construction of this framework is an alloy of lead and antimony, which is mechanically strong. There is no local action between it and the other substances in the cell. The framework is called the grid, the sponge lead and lead peroxide are called the active materials and the combination of grid and active material is called a plate.

Action in Lead Storage Cell

The action taking place in the lead storage cell on discharge may be explained by reference to figure 60. The sulphuric acid, H_2SO_4 , acts chemically

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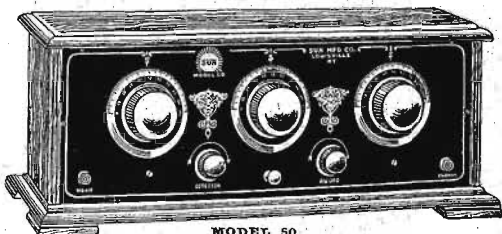
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upon the negative plate of sponge lead, Pb, and it is broken up into positively charged hydrogen, H₂, and negatively charged SO₄. The SO₄ part of the acid unites with the lead plate, forming lead sulphate; PbSO₄, and gives up its negative charge. The hydrogen carries its positive charge to the positive plate of lead peroxide, where it gives it up, and unites with the oxygen of the lead peroxide, forming water, H₂O. The sulphuric acid in contact with the positive plate of lead peroxide, PbO₂, is also broken up into H₂ and SO₄. The H₂ part of the acid combines with some of the oxygen of the lead peroxide and forms more water. The SO₄ part of the acid unites with the lead, Pb, of the lead peroxide plate and forms lead sulphate on the positive plate. During the process of discharge the plates are being reduced to lead sulphate PbSO₄, and the cell will continue to deliver current until the surface of the plates are covered with the sulphate, when of course, all action will cease as there is only one kind of material, namely lead sulphate, in contact with the electrolyte. There must be two kinds in order that a cell may operate. The practical limits of discharge are, however, reached before the surface of both plates are completely covered.

The water formed during the discharge and the breaking up of the acid results in the acid continually growing weaker. The active materials, lead and lead peroxide, are replaced by lead sulphate which has a much higher electrical resistance and it is more bulky than the active materials which it replaces. The sulphate causes an increase in the material resistance, and since it takes up more space than the active material which it replaces there will be an expanding action due to the formation of the sulphate which usually bends the plates out of shape or "buckles" them, as it is commonly called.

Lead Cell Charging Action

The action taking place in the lead storage cell on charge may be explained by reference to figure 61. The cell is assumed to be in a discharged condition and both plates are covered with lead sulphate, PbSO₄. When a charging current is sent through a cell, it breaks up the water which was formed during the discharge into positively charged hydrogen, H₂, and negatively charged oxygen, O. Part of the positively charged hydrogen is now attracted to the negative plate

and unites with the SO₄ part of the lead sulphate, forming sulphuric acid, H₂SO₄, and leaving sponge lead at the negative plate. The negatively charged oxygen, O, passes through the electrolyte in the opposite direction to the current and is attracted to the positive plate, where it unites with the lead, Pb, of the lead sulphate, PbSO₄, and forms lead peroxide, PbO₂. The SO₄ part of the lead sulphate on the positive plate combines with the rest of the hydrogen liberated, when the electric current broke up the water, H₂O, into H₂ and O. The chemical action forms still more sulphuric acid and a positive plate of lead peroxide. The cell will be completely charged when all of the lead

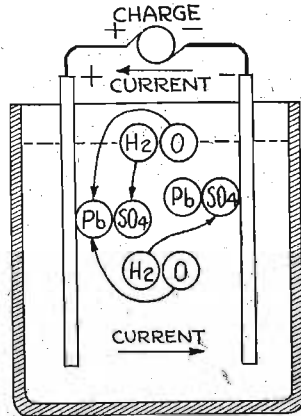


Figure 61

sulphate has been changed over to lead peroxide and pure lead, and the cell is then in such a chemical condition that it can produce a current in a closed electrical circuit.

During the charging process the acid grows denser and the electrical pressure increases. The internal resistance of the cell decreases as the charge is increased due to the removal of the sulphate from the surface of the plates.

Simplest Lead Cell; Ampere-Hours

The simplest form of lead cell consists of two plates immersed in sulphuric acid placed in a suitable container. The voltage of a storage cell, as in the case of

a primary cell, does not depend upon the area of the plates but upon the kind of material composing the plates and the kind of electrolyte that is used. The voltage of the ordinary storage battery when fully charged and on open circuit will be about 2.2 volts and the cell should not be discharged below an open circuit voltage of 1.7 volts. The ampere-hour capacity of a storage cell depends upon the area of the positive and negative plates. Small storage cells such as those used for B batteries have an ampere-hour capacity of a few thousand milli-ampere hours, while storage cells such as those used for A batteries have a much larger ampere-hour capacity the average being about 80 ampere-hours.

In order to get the increased ampere-hour capacity, the area of the plates must be increased. Now if only two plates were used their dimensions would become excessive. To overcome this difficulty a number of positive and negative plates are used and they are arranged alternately. All of the positive plates are connected to a common terminal and, likewise all of the negative plates are connected to a common terminal. These positive plates are all insulated from the negative plates by sheets of insulating material, called separators. These separators are usually composed of wood which has been specially treated to remove any injurious impurities, especially the acetic acid, and in some cases sheets of rubber are used. The combinations of positive and negative plates are called elements.

Construction of Cell

The elements, one positive and one negative, are combined with the separators between the plates and placed in the jar which contains the acid electrolyte. The materials commonly used in the construction of the jars are glass and rubber as they are not acted upon by the electrolyte. Glass is usually used for stationary batteries and rubber when the battery is to be carried about. In some of the very large power cells, lead lined boxes are used.

The containing jars are provided with ribs or supports for the elements to rest upon and any sediment which accumulates in the bottom of the cell will not cause a short circuit between the elements. Several cells are usually mounted in a wooden containing case painted with acid resisting paint and provided with handles. Each cell is sealed with a lid through which the terminal lugs project and in which there is an opening through which water and acid may be added to

make up for the evaporation and the gas may escape from the cell particularly when it is on charge. The terminal lugs may be provided with binding posts or they may be connected together, positive to negative, by lead strips and binding posts or other suitable terminals provided at the outside ends of the group of cells. A group of cells constitutes what is called a battery and the voltage of such a battery will be equal to the sum of the voltages of all the cells, or if all cells have the same voltage, the battery voltage will be equal to the voltage of a single cell multiplied by the number of cells. The current capacity of the cells in series is the same as that of a single cell. The current capacity of a battery may be increased by connecting the cells in parallel, but the electrical pressure or voltage remains the same as that of a single cell.

(The Edison storage battery will be described next issue. Professor Moreton will also give a few pointers on the care and charging of storage batteries.—Editor's Note.)

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each with as perfect control as one or two stages. In fact, as before stated, eliminate the physical limitations and

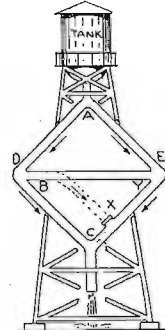


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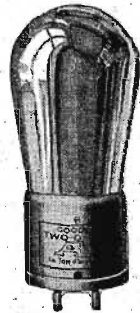
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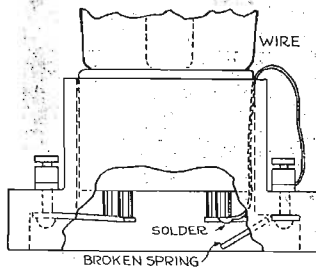
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latter station is just 100 yards away I received WHT, Chicago; WQJ, Chicago; WTAY, Oak Park; WDAF, Kansas City; WOAW, Omaha, and KYW, on a loud speaker, using just three tubes. I had absolutely no interference from either of the local stations and I assure that they are notable when it comes to "stepping on the loud pedal." C₂ is the trap arrangement which cut out much local QRM.

The adjustment of L₃ is very critical. L₂ and C₁ log practically the same in picking up a station. If L₂ is advanced too far signals will be blocked. The constants are shown in the diagram. The set has real good volume on loud speaker up to 1,000 miles. I do not know what it will do on the phones as I never use them.—
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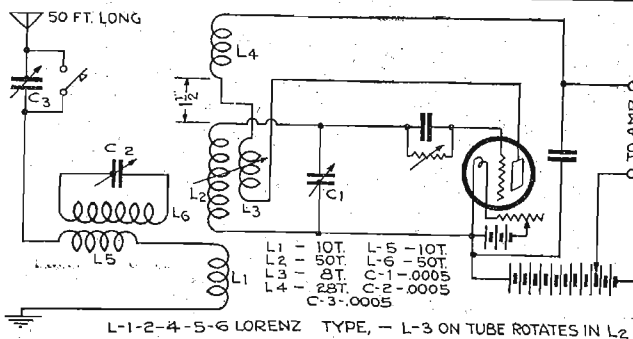
Repair for Socket Spring

When bending up springs of a socket while in the set a spring often breaks. In some sets to remove the socket is very difficult, but a repair may be made without removal.



Determine which tip of the tube should make the contact and solder a small insulated wire to it, replace the tube and connect the other end of the wire to the correct binding post on the socket. This will make a permanent repair.—A. H. Sime, Somerville, Mass.

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To illustrate the application of the Wheatstone bridge principle I again show the Rice circuit as figure 27, mentioned in a previous article as a capacitive feedback

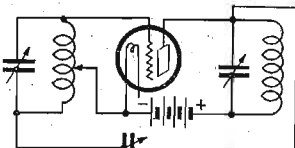


Figure 27

compensation method for the control of regeneration, and also refer to the Goodrich circuit as shown on page 17 of Radio Digest illustrated in the issue of May 22. This is not with the intention of discrediting Mr. Goodrich but rather to amplify the statement that, properly designed, there is no reason why it cannot be totally compensated or balanced by the application of the Wheatstone principle, as it is the counterpart of the Rice circuit with

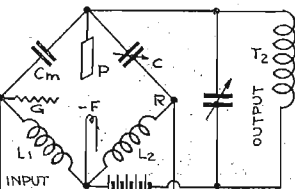


Figure 28

the addition of magnetic coupling in the detector circuit, and is well worth building.

Only the input of Mr. Goodrich's contribution is shown in figure 27 though pictured schematically in order that the capacitive feedback may be made more

clear, while figure 28 shows both Rice and the Goodrich as it is drawn into a balanced bridge.

Note particularly that G and R represent the input circuit, while terminals P and F are output. Each pair is at opposite points of the bridge. This bridge thus contains two arms which are capacitive and two which are inductive, the inductive arms representing the tuned input circuit L₁ and L₂.

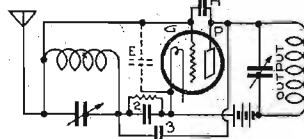


Figure 29

This interesting bridge in operation is balanced so that the L₁ inductance bears the same relation to L₂ that the capacitance C bears to the lumped capacity CM inherent between the grid and plate of the tube including the capacities within their circuit wiring; hence as it is possible to have C equal the value of CM through C being variable, therefore Rice at once saw that the balance of L₁ and L₂ could be made permanent at the center of the input inductance.

Although it is reasonably certain that as he showed the value C as fixed in his patent application, he apparently missed through not making the value C variable. However the courts are now earning their salaries trying to decipher claims of infringements, as I understand no Wheat-

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Maj. Gen. George O. Squier, former chief signal officer of the U. S. Army, believes an aerial placed a certain way in a tree may be free from static. He says: "At this season of the year, where static is more pronounced and where the thousands of our people are going into the open spaces, it is highly desirable that this very simple and efficient type of antenna should be tried out practically in the field.

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The resistance between the nail and the tree through the trunk and root system may be high, but this is thought to be an advantage, since it retards the escape of the varying potential of the nail due to the broadcast message and divert it along the wire to the receiving set. Such an aerial gives a louder signal than wire alone and one apparently free in a large measure from external disturbances. There is no definite theory to put forward at present as much more data would have to be obtained from experience in the field.

"From a practical standpoint it makes it very simple to take set in the auto, or into camp anywhere, by merely carrying along a piece of insulated wire and a nail to drive into the tree. It is believed that the American boy, if informed of this interesting experiment, will soon find additional data during the summer which will be helpful to the fan."

stone structure was claimed by the many experimenters following Rice who made this value variable.

Action Creating Compensation

You may wonder whether you can explain from this bridge diagram just how a balanced or compensation is obtained. The balance is obtained, as previously explained, while the action is as follows: As T₁ is independent electrically from all retroactive currents through the capacity CM are neutralized in T₁ by currents of opposite phase through the capacity C while the compensation, in theory, is independent of wave length.

It might be of interest at this point to caution the prospective builder that success with this method is measured primarily by, and with, his ability to eliminate radio frequency loops and foreign capacity coupling in the design and wiring of this circuit. Total interstage shield-

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Questions and Answers

Neuroformer Spacing

(13361) BTJ, Crestwood, S. Dak.
I have a neurodyne which I made up of manufactured parts but I did not follow directions in this respect; the connections come in the back and I set the neuroformers 1 inch further apart than designated, all the works were placed on a 30-inch panel. My main trouble is that I fall on a medium or high wave length but squeal on the lower; can stop that by reducing the filament current. It is quite good on distance. I can pick up both Los Angeles stations, Beaumont, Texas, Pittsburgh and have had Mexico City several times. I have heard you mention X wire or three condensers. You have an article in a previous issue. Would be pleased to have you use enclosed addressed envelope and give me the dope on that.

A.—A great deal of the difficulty which you are having with your neurodyne is due to the fact that you set the neuroformers one inch farther apart than they should be. The 55 degree angle has been figured out for, and is only correct for coils of a certain size and diameter placed at a certain distance apart. If any of these three factors are changed the angle no longer holds good and there will be magnetic coupling between the neuroformers.

Under separate cover we are forwarding the issue of December 27, which contained the article on X wire, and we will appreciate your forwarding 10 cents to our circulation department, with a note stating what it is for. The X wire circuit however is good only when the neuroformers are properly spaced as mentioned above.

Super Regeneration

(13784) HAS, Hamilton, Ont., Can.
I received your answer to my questions I sent. The circuit I wanted information on was out of a small book entitled "One Hundred Radio Hook-ups" by F. F. Webb; figure 35. I have most of the parts for this set but will not attempt it for I am not sure that it would work.

Probably though you could publish a diagram of a super-regenerative for me that you know would work if properly constructed without honeycomb coils or variometers if possible. I would like to use only one variable condenser, an eleven plate and able to work a loop fair. I have a Federal No. 35 variocoupler that I would like to use somewhere in the set if possible.

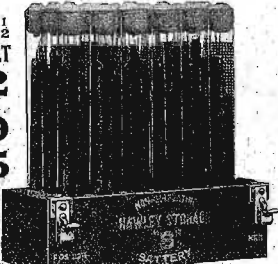
A.—In answer to your letter of May 15th we must advise that you ask the impossible. It would be an impossibility to construct a super-regenerative receiver along the lines you suggest as inductance and capacity must be present in the various circuits so that two wave lengths are present, one of them being the incoming signal and the other a very long wave length in the neighborhood of 10,000 to 15,000 meters which will break up the incoming signal at just the proper interval to prevent the tubes spilling over. The most honest advise we can give you is

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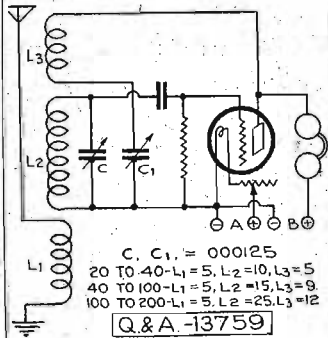


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to leave super-regeneration alone for the time being until some of the country's more advanced experimenters have had a chance to work out some simple and more stable circuits for you.

Short Wave Weagant Hoop-Up

(13759) JRF, N. Braddock, Pa.
I wish to use the Weagant X circuit for my short wave receiver which is to cover a range of 20 meters to 200 meters. What I wish is a sketch of said circuit giving the condenser capacities, grid leak capacity, number of turns on coils and size of wire. This is wanted for the primary, secondary and tickler coils. I plan using a VT-1 or DV-2 tube.



A.—As requested, we are showing here with the Weagant circuit. On it we have noted the values of the various units necessary. No one coil can be used to cover the entire range from 20 to 200 meters so it will be essential that these coils be constructed on some sort of a plug-in arrangement.

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ing with copper very materially increases its efficiency, and it should also be borne in mind that each input stage must be a repetition of the first input in that as the two inductive arms are adjusted permanently at their center, and as these two comprise the input or grid circuit inductance, it is therefore essential that for each stage added, the variable capacity C must be provided and the input inductance of each stage tapped at its center and brought to minus filament.

Caution in Wiring Circuit

Particular attention is called to the grid

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return, also the plate battery return in all balanced bridge methods of neutralization. It is quite permissible that the rheostat control be placed in either the minus or positive leg of the filament, the position selected being of no moment as the A battery's function in such circuits will be solely as a current supply to heat the filament in order to secure desired electron emission.

But it is not permissible and in such circuits you should never permit other than common returns for the grid and minus plate battery. In other words one leg of the filament, the grid return and the minus B battery should always be connected together. By so doing the filament and A battery resistance cannot become a part of the bridge, which is desirable.

Wholly Capacitive Bridge Circuit

I believe those engineers who are familiar with bridge circuits are in agreement that where possible it is quite desirable that one or two of the bridge arms be made inductive as, in practice, they become much easier to construct as a production product. However, a variance no doubt is possible and I offer for the first time, I believe, a wholly capacitive Wheatstone bridge circuit as designed by a prominent engineer, which circuit you will very likely see incorporated in one of the leading manufacturer's receivers this fall. It would be unfair for me to give the constants of this circuit prior to its introduction, while to the contrary, the giving of these constants no doubt would be superfluous to many of my readers as it is obvious that the usual input and output values would be nearly if not totally correct.

Here then, is a circuit wholly capacitive and very interesting, first, because of its originality, and second because it portrays a most unusual bridge arrangement. Figure 29 shows the circuit schematically as you would draw it, while figure 30 pictures it when compounded into a bridge. Note in particular that its only change from that of the Rice circuit is that of removing entirely the center tap grid return, and in its place inserting a choke or resistance with capacity, making it common to the low potential of the input circuit, just a mere juggling of wires as it were, yet entirely changing the whole bridge construction.

How many manufacturers paid dearly just to see this circuit would be of interest, but surely more than two enjoyed this privilege. In each of the diagrams a standard nomenclature is employed in

order that one may more readily absorb the method used in compounding it into a Wheatstone bridge circuit. While it is of moment to note that two of the arms comprise capacities existent as inherent within the tube, viz., that between plate and grid and that between grid and filament, of even greater interest is the fact that the remaining two arms are also the capacity and impedance existent between the plate and filament. This surely is a novelty in bridge structures.

If I may be permitted to, for the moment, revive my character of King Milloplex, not forgetting in the least Maggie, the cook, many of my readers will recall that statement I made in those circuit articles relative to the fact that in reality three

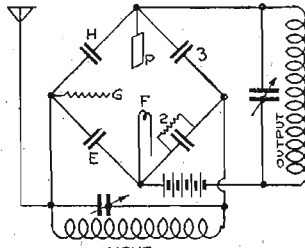


Figure 30

separate values of capacities met nightly when the filament was glow, three wise little fellows who well know someone, sometime, and someplace would put them to work, and I believe the bridge structure shown in figure 30 keeps them on the job.

(Wiring is a secret of successful R.F. sets, and further details of the bridge circuit, will be discussed next issue by Mr. Gurney.—Editor's Note.)

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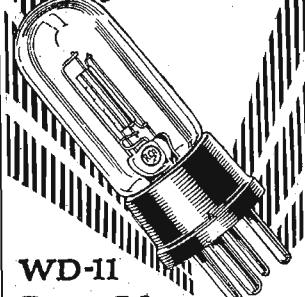
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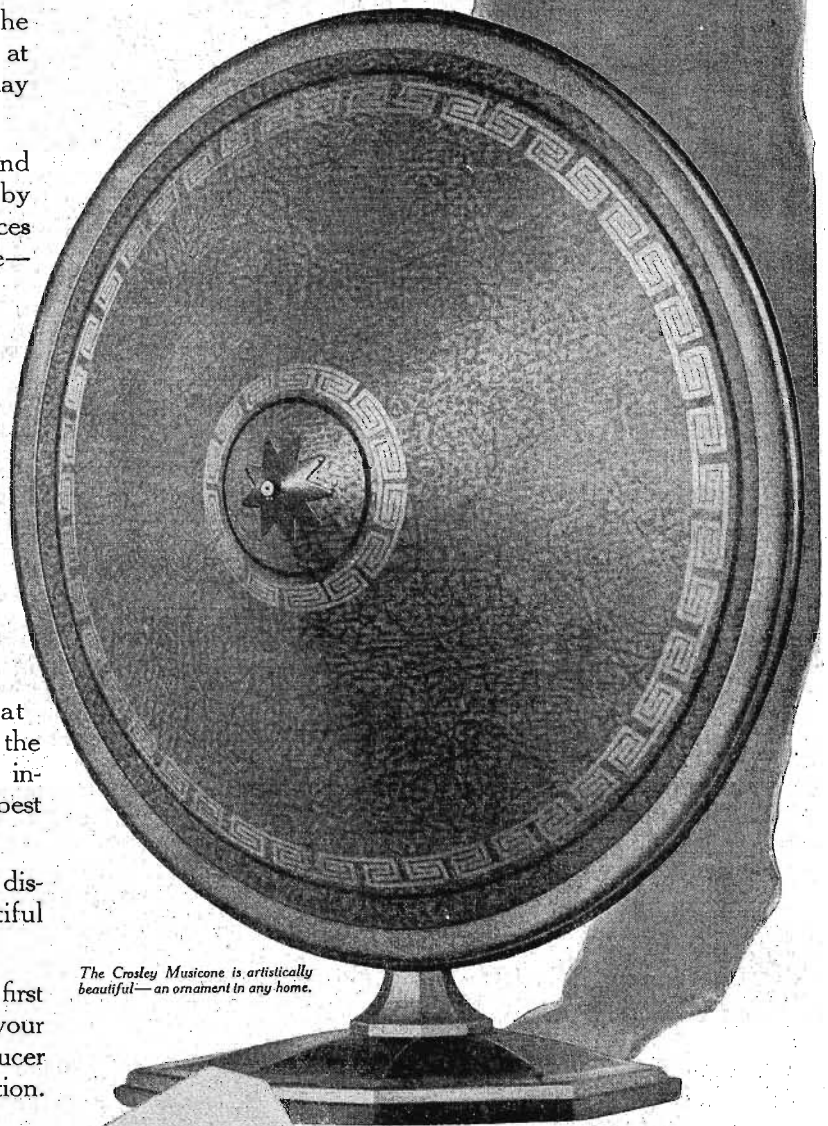
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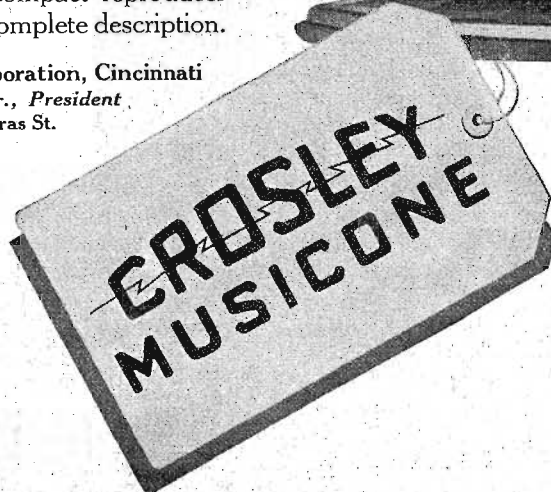
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