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## EDITORIAL

A NYONE who hasn't found this the busiest summer that radio has ever known is very much out of the running.

One big thing was the R.M.A. Convention at Atlantic City. For actual productive effort, and useful results, it was successful beyond all expectations. Everyone was there—the heads of practically all the manufacturing concerns, both members and non-members, an important group of engineers, a representative gathering of jobbers, and, of course, a collections of magazine and newspaper men to keep an eye on the proceedings.

Unstinted praise belongs to B. W. Ruark, Executive Secretary, to whom goes the credit for the arrangements so carefully planned.

Thirty-five member-companies were added during the convention. This ties in almost every radio company of any consequence. And what a range of topics they brought along for discussion! Everything from the \$94,000,000 which the public lost last winter on bad radio securities to standard tests for vacuum tubes. There were regular meetings in the convention hall, special committee meetings, informal discussions in the rooms, and small arguments all along the side lines.

Then there was the Second District Convention in New York. If you are doubtful about big business on short wave equipment for this fall, a trip to the exhibit at the Engineering Building would have settled that. Glenn Browning came over from Boston with a beautiful short wave telephone transmitter, and F. J. Marco brought a shielded short wave receiver from Chicago.

The biggest boost the parts business has had in three years is the short wave equipment. In another six months there will be more interesting things to hear below 200 meters than above.

A.C. operation is certainly going to have its share of sales. And what is of greater consequence, in a way, is the power amplifier, working from A.C. Unless you are prepared to build a power amplifier, don't try one on your set, for what you haven't heard you'll never miss, but once you do hear the power amplifier, even with an ordinary loud-speaker, you'll put your set in a class with the one-lung automobile.

And the beauty of the power amplifier is that it works on any kind of a set that has one stage of good A.F. amplification. So startling is the difference between a two-step amplifier with 201-A's and an amplifier with one 201-A and a UX-210 on high voltage that sets described in RADIO ENGINEERING hereafter will have a jack at the first stage to permit the connection of a separate power stage.

The advent of an 80-mil rectifier tube opens up further possibilities for A.C. operation of 199 tube filaments. Three 199's followed by a power tube, the filament of which takes 5 volts A.C., will give plenty of volume for all ordinary purposes.

For all the increased use of A.C. supply devices, B battery and storage battery sales will increase, largely because of their low unit cost. Short wave transmitters, running on four to six heavy duty B batteries, have added another sales outlet of no small magnitude.

With this and other new things ahead of us, what excitement there is to be this fall. At last, the weak sisters among the manufacturers have been pretty well weeded out, leaving the road open, for those who have the elements of success in their organizations, to the biggest, busiest, and most profitable season we have known—and starting earlier than ever before.

> M. B. SLEEPER, Editor.

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### Double Issue for July

With the July Issue, RADIO ENGINEERING will step up to double the size of the largest issue we have ever published. This will make it possible to present an unusually wide range of articles on subjects of current importance, written by some of the best known engineers in the radio field.

There will be a complete official reference table on Raytheon eliminator circuits, technical descriptions of the Stromberg-Carlson set and the Grebe short wave receiver, construction dope about a new device from Silver-Marshall, and a special section on 1927 model receiving sets.

### In the August Issue

We have been asked not to disclose the feature articles for the August number because they describe recently developed equipment which the manufacturers are not yet ready to announce, but they will have these various things on the market ready for early fall delivery. August will be one of the most important issues of the year, containing much advance information of importance to manufacturers, the trade, and the set builders.

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## LOOP-OPERATED NEUTRODYNE

Complete shielding has made possible the operation of the Neutrodyne circuit with a loop antenna. Other features of the Howard set are described—By Leland H. Hansen\*

HEN Professor Hazeltine first disclosed the details of the neutrodyne circuit in a paper rend before the Radio Club of America at Columbia University, he recommended the use of a short single wire antenna, and mentioned the fact that, while a loop could be used with a neutrodyne, it was not recommended because of the coupling between the loop and the tuning inductances in the set.

That, however, was long before the development of shielding for radio sets. It has been the ambition of neutrodyne manufacturers to build loopoperated sets in order to take advantage of the reduction in interference and interfering noises which the loop makes possible. That is one of the principal reasons for our concentration on loop set design for the last year.

Shielded construction and loop operation, if combined with R. F. amplification of extreme sensitiveness, increases the signal level above the noise level to such an extent that great distances can be covered and, what is equally important, distant stations can be brought in with a quality of speech that hitherto has been restricted to locals.

\* Chief Engineer, Howard Radio Co.

High R. F. amplification, we found, called for four tuned circuits, and, since we did not consider four tuning dials practical from the point of view of the average operator, it was necessary to combine three stages under one dial, with the loop tuned by another independent dial.

You can see in the accompanying illustrations at a glance details on which we spent weeks and weeks to work out to a conclusion which we were willing to consider satisfactory.

The gang control was no small problem in itself. We decided against the operation of three condensers on one shaft because we preferred the mechanical arrangement which you can see in Figs. 2 and 3. That brought special problems of single control, methods for which had to be considered from many angles. We decided finally upon the link motion as being the most positive, and the most lasting.

The specifications given us by our sales department called for construction throughout which would be as near proof against damage in transit and wear in use as could be made. You may think that the bearings in the link motion arrangement are very liable to become loose over a period of time, but when you examine the set you will see how that has been taken care of. Each bearing is conical in shape, and each shaft is spring monnted, so that, if the bearing does wear, the shaft is simply pushed in a tiny bit farther. Thus the link motion will be absolutely free from play after years and years of use.

We are rather prond of the dial arrangement. That is shown in Fig. 1. The knob which controls the loop condenser rotates one of the scales behind the window, while the gang control operates the other. All the mechanism is mounted on a sub panel.

You may wonder why the tuning inductances are mounted at the regular neutrodyne angle when they are put in shields. The necessity for this was brought out in a very complete investigation on shielding in which we found that the most perfect shielding is not 100%. In order to make these investigations, we built right in the factory a shield room, large enough to accommodate a big test bench and several workers. Except for two very small openings necessary for ventilation, the room is perfectly shielded. The door is closed by big clamps such as are used in refrigerators. Even the little openings have fine copper screening on them. An interesting effect which we noticed during the first tests



Fig. 1 The two large controls regulate the tuning. Dial settings are indicated at the double window in the center of the panel

was that, when a loop receiver was set up in the shielded room, no signals could be heard, even from powerful stations. Opening the door as much as half an inch, however, let in sufficient energy to give loudspeaker reception. Even then it was necessary to orient the loop in order to pick up the broadcasting. Now that the loop plate circuit of one tube while the other coll is used as a gridleak between the grid and filament of the following tube. Additional coupling is obtained by a fixed condenser between the plate and grid terminals. This method, we have found, gives the efficiency of a transformer, and the quality of impedance amplification. addition, the cabinet weighs only a fraction of the weight of a wooden cabinet. This is important not only because it makes the set easier to handle in the home but it greatly reduces shipping expense which, finally, must be borne by the consumer. The base and frame are inlaid wood.

These sets are furnished for table

Fig. 2. Underneath the set, with the bottom shield removed. Notice the large by-pass condensers with which each audio and radio stage is provided. You can see t h e neutralizing condensers next to the side walls. Battery connections are made with a Jones Multi-Plug



sets are in production, this shielded room is used for the final neutralizing operations. The work can be done much more accurately because all extraneous noises are eliminated.

The audio end has three stages of combination transformer - impedance coupling. One coil of the transformer is connected as an impedance in the An interesting innovation is introduced in the cabinet design. The front panel and the top, rear and sides of the cabinet are all aluminum, beautifully stained and grained to give a rich walnut finish. This finish, by the way, is put on in such a way as to be nuch harder than the finish on wood, so that it does not wear or scratch. In mounting, with the loop secured to the cabinet, or they can be obtained in a variety of console cabinets ranging in designs which are fairly reasonable in price up to the most expensive period designs which harmonize in character and finish with the furnishings of any living room or music room.



Fig. 3. Each R. F. stage and the detector has its own compartment, while the three a u di o stages, equipped with combination transformer - impedance coupling, are grouped in the fifth compartment. The top shield has covered openings through which the tubes can be inserted or removed

Lignole is a product new and different from anything that now appears upon the market. It is made by impregnating woods or fibres with a material of highest insulating qualities. The material, or dope, as it is called, is forced all through the pores to such an extent that after treatment the wood or fibre forms but a holder or conveyor for the dope. This dope is

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### What is Lignole?

of such a character that it will not support itself in suspension, but requires some sort of auxiliary structure. We might use as an example the honeycomb made by the bee to hold the honey. The honey is the real product. That is true of the dope.

In the construction of radio panels, a five-ply laminated wood panel is used as the carrier. Lignole adapts itself to any finish required or demanded from the plain lacquered finishes as well as the solid colors, to the imitation marble and antique effects. Lignole is, however, most attractive in the natural wood finishes. The natural beauty of wood has never been improved upon by the application of various imitation effects.



Fig. 1. Have you a short wave installation in your home? The 5-N-1 and US-76 walting for you to talk to your friends while you sit comfortably at home

Short Wave Installation Additional data on the 5-N-1 short wave receiver and the US-76 'phone transmitter—By S. W. Nichols

VEN grown-up children get a thrill from playing with a private telephone line. When it is a line without wires and allows conversation with an unlimited number of other stations it becomes more than a toy; it is a pass into the fraternity of the air, a source of instruction, and a practical means of communication. On Sunday afternoons in every town and city the air is full of amateur phone conversations and in the evenings after supper until quiet hour at eight. They talk not only about their apparatus and DX conquests but of countless large and small matters such as any telephone operator might hear by listening in. But there is no operator to limit the talk to five minutes nor anyone else eavesdropping-every one is too busy talking to do any idle listening. Except, when some ambitious ham calls up his Y. L. on the air .--- Y. L. is feminine for ham or old man .-- Then everyone listens, parring those who are expert enough to tune their transmitters to the wave on which one of the parties is listening, to break in with Hi! Hi! and other appropriate remarks. Willful interference is pro-

scribed by the Regulations but all's fair in love and war correspondence.

Although you cannot broadcast with your own phone transmitter—there is no one to listen—your station is a perfect miniature of WDPQ and all the other 500 applause-card solicitors. You learn from your set just how a broadcasting station operates and you display your distant reception record just as proudly as the local broadcaster preserves the letter which a listener mushed 300 miles by dog-sled to the nearest postoflice. You can even add a line phone to your equipment and put your voice on the air by remote control.

Or the short wave phone can be used to replace a land line in an emergency, or for temporary use, or where wires cannot be strung from want of right-of-way or accessibility. Fig. 1 shows the combined transmitter and receiver units, the 5-N-1 and the US-76, set up for communication between the Radio Engineering laboratory and office.

Some have asked why a standard desk type of microphone and receiver are not used. The reason is one of convenience. Hand microphones, with receivers attached, are used on commercial telephones where available, and oftentimes desk phones are provided with a headband receiver.

The change-over switch is a little inconvenient but is necessary except where elaborate installations are possible. Where radiophones hav: been installed on trains and ships an operator generally is in attendance to supervise the manipulation of the switch as the parties talk back and forth. By using a telephone camswitch for the purpose, the transfer from sending to receiving, and back. is made with only a flip of the hand, a slight click in the phones and without loss of time. In the picture the switch can be seen under the edge of the table. It is a doublepole-doublethrow type, connected as shown in Fig. 5.

Tuning the set is just as easy, or perhaps easier than tuning a receiver. It is a matter of turning the aerial condenser to the point which gives the highest reading on the hot-wire am-The primary condenser is meter. first set at the wave on which it is desired to transmit, as determined by listening on the receiver. Usually the transmitter is adjusted to a convenient wavelength and left always at the same point. If, however, a station at the other end happens to be on the same wave the two condensers can be shifted a few degrees temporarily. When transmitter and receiver are working at the same wavelength, the receiver picks up an excessively strong signal which is hard on the tubes and on the ears, hence the QSY --- change of wave.

The short wave outfit requires no special accessories beyond those provided for the broadcast receiver. Both units, transmitter and receiver, operate from the same batteries: the transmitting tubes are semi-power tubes, UX-112 or UX-171, requiring 5 volts on the filament and as much B battery as convenient. The connections in Fig. 5 show the lower end of the transmitter radiating through a counterpoise. A ground connection can be substituted, temporarily at least, but a counterpoise pays for the slight trouble of erecting it, by better radiation. It only needs to be a single wire about the same length as the aerial and separated from it. vertically or horizontally, as widely as possible.

The real fun comes in with duplex work, where a local station can be worked two-way without the changeover switch. This is possible where the other station can be heard without an aerial on the receiver and is on a wave far enough from your own to be heard with your transmitter still on. This is possible up to a surprisingly great distance due to stray coupling which brings signals in to the receiver from the aerial connected to the transmitter. The system can be stretched still farther by using a separate aerial for the receiver, connected permanently without any switch.

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Such an aerial can be put up indoors, but is better, of course, when it is located at some distance from the transmitting aerial and in a direction which gives minimum coupling of the two, at right angles, as if they were two Browning-Drake coils.

By using harmonic tuning, the set can be operated on practically any length of aerial which a man has facilities to put up. If the aerial is comparatively short, the tuning adjustment giving best radiation current will be at its natural, full wavelength. A comparatively long aerial can be made to radiate at a harmonic or fraction of its natural wavelength. such as one-third, one-fifth, etc. The even harmonics, half, quarter, etc. are difficult to use because they tend to radiate strongly on the natural wave. For instance, a 240 meter antenna gives a good antenna current when the set is tuned to 80 meters, a 200 meter antenna at 40 meters, or a 120 meter antenna at 40 meters. In this way, regardless of the size of the aerial and the wave band on which the set is transmitting, a resonance point is easily found. When radiation current is not readily obtained, the switch cutting out the antenna condenser is closed and the final tuning done with the primary condenser.

These harmonic effects are encountered mostly on the 40 and 20 meter bands where only code work is allowed, since an aerial three times 180 meters long is more than the average person has space for, and would cause interference in the broadcast band if radiation should occur accidentally on the fundamental.

Operating on the 40 and 20 meter bands with straight C. W. signals, the range of the transmitter is practically unlimited, that is, limited only by interference. DX records are made when the air is free of other stations. Experts agree that 10 watts will carry as far as ten thousand if it will carry at all. Whether it will carry at all depends upon reflection from the conducting layer of the upper air. The only necessity for high power is to break through interference. A low power set operating on a pre-arranged schedule will reach just as far when the air is quiet.

As the conducting layer is com-

tance stations are coming in at various times of the day or night.

When using the set for C. W. signalling the modulator tube is not needed nor the microphone. The tube can be turned out by removing the Amperite ballast from the clips. Since the periods of silence are longer than during a phone conversation, consider-



Fig. 2. For convenience and compactness, the transmitter was mounted above the receiver. The change-over switch; a Federal cam type, was put on a small panel under the table.

paratively low and varies under the effect of the sun, a signal travelling any great distance is reflected between this layer and the earth surface several times. Where the signal finally "comes down," therefore, depends upon the length of the wave chosen for the transmitter.

This makes it quite a game to chose the proper wave band 20, 40, or 80 and the proper part of the band, to reach a given distance. Listening in on the various bands tells what disable filament current can be saved by providing a switch to turn off the transmitting tube when listening only.

The key goes in the B battery lead between the set and the B— terminal. A switch must be closed across it when working with phone.

So popular is short wave reception already that, by next winter, a wellequipped station will have to have a short wave transmitter and receiver as well as a set for bringing in the broadcasting stations.



Figs. 3 and 4. Bright gold and polished nickel. In combination with the black Celeron panel make this the prettiest job you ever saw —too attractive to enclose in a cabinet—although it needs protection against dust

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And so astonishing are the results achieved with short wave receivers that a great many people seem entirely confused about short waves. In the first place, it is not possible to combine the reception of short and long waves in a single set. They can't work together.

The results obtained with short wave receivers, on wavelengths up to 80 meters, have nothing to do with the receiving ranges of broadcast sets. Where a broadcast receiver with six tubes may not cover more than a few hundred miles, a little short wave receiver will bring in several thousand miles on three tubes. Similarly, a 10-watt short wave transmitter may send farther than a 5,000-watt broadcasting station.



## Shielding for S.W. Sets

Here is F. J. Marco's own short wave receiver, brought on from Chicago for the 2nd District Exhibit

One of the most interesting sets at the exhibit of the Second District, held in New York on May 13th to 15th, was F. J. Marco's shielded short wave receiver.

It is a 3-tube set, using exactly the same circuit system as the standard 5-N-1 set. The arrangement of controls, however, is somewhat different, as you will see in the accompanying illustration. A meter has been added so as to obtain accurate control of the filament current.

The wooden cabinet contains a metal case divided into three compartments. At the left, is a storage battery and Elkon trickle charger. There is a receptacle at the left hand end of the cabinet into which the 110-volt A. C. line can be plugged. That takes care of the A battery supply.

Then there is a narrow center section, just large enough for the small 45-volt vertical B battery. 45 volts is entirely sufficient for operating the set. The main compartment, at the right, contains the coils, sockets, transformers, and other equipment of the receiving set proper. So low is the current drain on the B battery that it should last for months. This makes the set almost self-contained, requiring only the connection to the 110-volt supply. AST December, when the Operadio Corporation, of Chicago, secured the services of Mr. William R. Fortington as Director of Research in the Operadio Laboratories, they acquired a main whose wide range of experience is unusual among radio engineers.

Mr. Fortlagton, born in Birmingham, England, was one of the first amateurs of the British Isles, for in 1912 he was on the air with a six-inch spark coll.

Following an engineering course at King Edwards School, University of Birmingham, he was radio instructor, from 1914 to 1916, in the Officers Training Corps. From that time until 1919, as research officer in the radio



### W. H. Fortington, Director of Research, Operadio Company.

division of aircraft communication, he carried on a wide range of work on vacuum tube and are transmitters, ranging from 1 K.W. to J50 K.W. in power.

Later, working on automatic calling and recording devices for aircraft alarm systems, and equipment for communication between airplanes and moving railway trains. Mr. Fortington built the first successful aircraft telephone transmitter of 50 watts to establish two-way communication over a distance of 800 miles.

During the coal strike and paule in England, in 1920, when communication was so badly tangled, Mr. Fortington was personally commended by Lloyd George for his services during this crists.

Operating under the English call 6AG, Fortington's amateur station was well known throughout Western Europe.

Mr. Fortington is now well known in the United States, as a result of his lecture and broadcasting tours in which he covered 37 broadcasting stations and 11 colleges.

The Operadio Company found him hast winter in New York, where, as a consulting engineer, he had been specializing in high frequency measurements.



The Power Amplifier can be put under the bench or in the battery com-partment. It does its work without any attenion or adjustment Fig. 1.

## Now-for Real Quality

The answer to the amplification problem is not one of coupling, but of tubes. If you are using a 201-A in the last stage, you haven't ever heard real quality-By M. B. Sleeper

UNE in one of the better local stations, close your eyes and try to imagine the music as coming from a phonograph, "A wonderful phonograph," you say. But try to visualize it as if the loudspeaker were a window into the room where the microphone is. Then there is no doubt of its being just "a radio" unless you have a power amplifier.

You may say that, since you get plenty of volume from your set and the quality is excellent, there is no need for adding a power amplifier. Fine as the quality may sound to the ear, especially the ear which is accustomed to a particular receiver, when compared with the original program or with a more faithful reproducing system, it becomes unbelievably flat and colorless

To play a drum or to bow a bass viol requires a considerable expenditure of energy; an amplifier tube which can just comfortably handle violin music has no capacity for reproducing the tones of the heavier instruments. Even if the transformers are bringing the low frequencies through, they emerge at the loudspeaker with much less than their fair proportion of volume. It requires a power tube to make available the true strength of the drums and all the other deep tones which form the background of an orchestra and supply the realism which you may not miss until you listen to your set alone after hearing it with a power amplifier.

And even if the deepest tones are heard, unless the high frequency overtones at the other extreme are present, the reproduction still has that characteristic sound which is just as

irritating as the radio cynic, and justifiably so. Some of the high frequency audio currents run over into the range of radio frequency; they escape by every possible capacity path and accumulate in resonance loops just as 600-meter currents do. To transmit them impartially with the middle frequencies means employing transformers possessed of low-capacity windings, low inter-coil capacity, and minimum overall distributed capacity. The overtones represent the characteristic individuality of piccolo or tuba. cello or organ. They represent the ring of the piano, particularly from the bottom of the keyboard, which is hardly audible to the average ear-notes which are heard on the organ only by beats.

A first class power amplifier for use on an alternating current supply is simple to build and inexpensive to acquire and to maintain. The illustrations of the amplifier show that there is nothing complicated about the construction even when made into a compact panel mounted unit rather than spread out on a baseboard. The unit is absolutely selfcontained, requiring no batteries. auxilliaries or cross connections. Two cords and a jack provide terminals for A. C. supply, audio input, and loudspeaker plug.

On the front panel are located the power switch, bias regulator, plate meter. and jack. None of these parts are live, and when the set is enclosed in the cabinet there is no chance of shock from even the 110-volt supply. The jack is isolated from the plate and high voltage by a 3 mfd. high-test condenser. The input cord makes it unnecessary to reach inside the unit for connecting to the receiver or for any purpose except inserting tubes.

The frame of the set is constructed of Celoron panels and Radion brackets. The components are :

- 4 Garfield Radio brackets.
  - 1-Amertran PF-52 transformer.
- 2\_ -Amertran 854 chokes.
- -Dubilier 3-mfd. high voltage con-۹\_ densers.
- 1-Dubilier 2-mfd. high voltage condenser.
- Jewell 50 M. A. pattern 135 meter.
- Amertran second stage DeLuxe transformer.
- 1 -Aerovox 200,000-ohm Lavite resistance.
- Aerovox 0.1-megohm resistor.
- 2-Daven single resistor mountings. 2-General Radio UX sockets.
- Dubilier 1 mfd. by-pass condenser
- 1 -Federal No. 25 potentiometer.
- -Electrad or Frost open circuit iack.

The power transformer is mounted in the center of the set with its 4-point snap switch projecting through the front panel. The cord running out of the switch passes down under the set to the rear. On either side of the transformer are located the tube sockets so that the leads can be connected directly without splicing. A sub-panel running across the lower edge of the brackets carries these parts. Two other sections of the subpanel are fastened to the upper surface of the brackets and support the chokes and resistors at the back. Between the two sets of sub-panels the large fixed condensers are clamped. They just fill the space between brackets.

As most receivers are laid out from left to right, the input transformer (2nd stage DeLuxe) is placed at the extreme left, the input side of the unit, and immediately beside the amplifier socket. This spaces the amplifier parts away from the rectifier and A.C. parts. A short phone cord with polarity tracer is connected to the transformer primary for input from the set.

To simplify the circuit and cut down the cost, a so-called single stage filter is used, as shown by the diagram. This is possible because the rectifier is not used to supply B power for the receiver proper. There is no hum from the filtered D. C. perceptible in the amplifier output. The 200.000-ohm fixed resistance is for the purpose of providing a steady load on the filter; it also protects the condensers from rising voltage in case a failure of the amplifier tube removes the load.

When the amplifier is connected to a receiver, its input cord displaces the loudspeaker which is then plugged into the front of the amplifier. There are no other connections. Generally one stage of audio in the receiver proper is sufficient, especially if the characteristics of the amplifier are not particularly good. The amplifier grid



Fig. 2. Complete schematic diagram, giving all the constants of the circuit

bias potentiometer is regulated by reference to the milliammeter. The potentiometer (opposite the meter on the right) is increased until the meter reads 20 to 25 milliamperes. The taps on the primary power switch increase the secondary voltage as it is advanced from first to third position. Sometimes, but not always, a ground on the B minus is necessary to eliminate a slight hum. B minus is the common connection to the grid-leak and filter condensers. The value of gridleak can also be experimented with ; usually the value given is satisfactory.

Dataprints on the power amplifier are now available. They give the panel patterns, picture and schematic diagrams, assembly instructions, and all information necessary to assemble the device successfully. If you can afford it, a power amplifier is the only way of settling definitely the question of choosing the best method of amplification. Whatever may be said concerning the relative merits of various types, the power amplifier is in a class by itself. Of course, it is expensive to make. Most good things are.

The power amplifier should be connected either after the detector or after the first stage of amplification in your set. The type of coupling used for the first stage does not make any appreciable difference as long as it is reasonably good. The power amplitier takes care of all the rest. That is because the volume at the detector or at the first stage amplifier is not great enough, ordinarily, to overload a 201-A tube. leaving the diaphragm at all times in its normal position. It would be impossible to get perfect reproduction from a speaker if the plate current of 20 or 25 mils gave a constant pull on the diaphragm. Moreover, the polarity of the londspeaker makes no difference, since only alternating current flows through it. This prevents the accidental de-magnetization of the pole-pieces, which would occur if the direct current was allowed to go through the magnets in the wrong direction.

Since the front panel measures only 7 by 18 ins., with a depth of 7 ins., the unit can be put in the battery cabinet of a console speaker or out of the way under the table. The connection from the set to the input of the amplifier should be as short as possible so as to eliminate capacity effects which would



Fig. 3. Rugged and compact. It lasts forever, and can be used for years to come. on any kind of a receiving set

Another thing about the device as it has been designed is that no direct current flows through the loudspeaker. When there is no signal, there is no current in the magnets of the speaker. tend to by-pass the high audio frequencles.

You may wonder why this amplifier is not built to provide plate voltage for the radio set. There are good



Fig. 4. Top and bottom views of the 210 Power Amplifier. All high-voltage leads are inaccessible, making it perfectly safe to use

reasons for this. The amplifier has been designed in such a way that it can be built and operated successfully by an absolute novice, simply added to the set as something interposed hetween the output of the receiver and the input to the loudspeaker. It does not change the operation of the receiving set. It simply makes it very much better. There is nothing to get out of order, and there is no dauger of being shocked.

With the power amplitier you only need at most a stage of R. F. amplification, detector, and one of A. F. Consequently, you can use 199 tubes in the set. Then the storage battery will last four or five times as long, or you can run the 199's from dry cells, eliminating the storage battery altogether.

### A.M.E.S. Radio Standards

Standards of practice adopted by the Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies—Part 1

### Impedance of Radio Head Sets

**26000:** The impedance of standard radio head sets shall come within the limits of 9,000 ohms minimum and 25,000 ohms maximum, when measured with an alternating current of 800 cycles per second.

### Radio Head Set, Polarity Marking and Cord Connection

**26001:** The terminals of each telephonephone ear piece of a standard radio head set shall be marked with a plus sign (+) to denote the terminal to which the "positive" connection shall be made and with a minus sign (-) to denote the terminal to which the "negative" connection shall be made.

**26002:** When these standard head set ear pieces are connected to an A. M. E. S. standard radio head set cord, one of the ear pieces shall have the "solid brown" conductor connect to the "+" terminal and the "brown with white tracer" conductor connect to the "-" terminal, and the other ear piece shall have the "brown with white tracer" conductor connected to the "+" terminal and "black with brown tracer" conductor to the "-" terminal and "black with tracer" conductor to the "-" terminal.

### Polarity of Radio Jacks and Plugs

**26031:** The standard polarity indication on the radio plugs shall be a "+" marking on or adjacent to the terminal that connects to the sleeve of the plug. All jacks used in radio receivers for the connection of head sets and loud speakers shall be so wired to the receiver circuits that positive (+) polarity of "B" battery shall be connected to the "sleeve" or body of the plug, when the plug is inserted in the jack.

### Cord for Radio Loud Speakers

26042: The standard cord for connecting a radio loud speaker to a radio plug or to the terminals on a radio receiver shall have a total length, from terminals to terminals, of 5 feet and shall be provided on the plug or radio receiver end with A. M. E. S. standard pin type cord tips. Both ends of this cord shall be provided with "stay" or strain cords not less than 5 inches long. The color of the outer braiding shall be "telephone brown" as specified for the standard radio head set cord and the conductors shall have polarity designation as follows:

(a) Solid brown for the conductor that connects the positive (+) terminal of the loud speaker to the positive (+) terminal (sleeve) of the

radio plug or to the positive (+) terminal of the radio receiver.

(b) Black with brown thread tracer for the conductor that connects the negative (-) terminal of the loud speaker to the negative (-) terminal (tip) of the radio plug or to the negative (-) terminal of the radio recelver.

### Voltage Breakdown Test for Cords, Plugs and Jacks

**26061:** The standard voltage breakdown test for radio cords, plugs and jacks will be the application of 500 volts, 60 cycle, alternating current for a minimum time of 2 seconds and for a period not to exceed 10 seconds, application being made as follows:

(a) Cords: Between one conductor and each of remaining conductors.

(b) Jacks: Between the jack frame and each contact spring in turn. Also, between each insulated spring and adjacent insulated spring.
(c) Plugs: Between one terminal

and the other terminal.

### Voltage Breakdown Test for Loud Speakers

**26062**: The standard voltage breakdown test for all radio loud speakers, designed for use with radio-cast receivers, shall be the application of 500 volt, 60 cycle, alternating current for a minimum time of 2 seconds and for a period not to exceed 10 seconds, application being made as follows:

(a) Between the magnet core and each terminal of the winding in turn.

(h) In no case shall this test be made directly across the two terminals of the loud speaker, as this would tend to demagnetize the permanent magnet, if the loud speaker is so equipped.

### Color Designation for Cord and Cable Conductors Used for Outside Connections on Radio Receiving Sets

26071: The standard color designation for cord and cable conductors used for outside connections on radio receiving sets shall be:

For conductors that are individual to one circuit

only:			
Circuit	Potential	Solid Color	Tracer Thread
Loud Speaker	High Side (+)	Telephone	
		Brown	None
Loud Speaker	Low Side ()	Black	Brown
" B " Battery	Highest Volt-		
	age $(+)$	Red	None
	Intermediate		rione
	Voltage (+)	Maroon & Red	10.1
		Diagona	1
		Weave	None
	Detector Volt-		
	age (+)	Maroon	None
	Negative (+)	Black	Red
"A" Battery	High Side (+)	Yellow	None
	Negative ()	Black	Yellow
	Tregative ()	DIACK	TCDOM

"C" Battery High Side (+) Negative ()	Green	None	
Antenna (or high loop side)	Black	Green	
Ground (or low loon side)	Black	Blue	
Battery Jumpers	Black	None	

For conductors that are common to two or more circuits:

Circuits	Potential	Solid Color	Tracer
Loud Speaker "B" Battery	Low Side () High Volt-	Black	Brown
" B " Battery	age (+)	Red	Brown
"A" Battery	Negative (	Yellow	Red
"A" Battery "C" Battery	Negative (-)	Green	Yellow
"C" Battery	High Side (+) Negative ()	Black	Green
Ground or loop	Low Side	Black	Blue

(The standard color designations, as shown on the standard color card of America, Sixth Edition, issued by the Textile Color Card Association of the United States, Inc., 50 West 42nd Street, New York, are as follows: GREEN—Emerald S-5005, RED— Geranium S—2035, YELLOW—Orange S-3005, BROWN—Gold Brown S-3285, BLUE—Bluebird S-6065, MAROON— Magenta S-7285.)

This color designation scheme uses solid colored outer braiding to indicate the high or positive side and tracer thread colors in a black braided background to indicate the low or negative side of the circuits.

When one conductor is common to two or more circuits, the colors corresponding to the particular circuits are combined by using color tracer threads and a color background to indicate the circuits involved.

### Standard Machine Screws

26091: Standard machine screws for assembling and mounting of radio apparatus shall conform to the standard dimensions for medium fit screws approved by the American Engineering Standards Committee as American Standards.

(American Engineering Standards Committee: American Standard Screw Threads; B-la, 1924.)

### Screw Size for Mounting Apparatus on Panels

26092: Apparatus designed for mounting on radio receiver panels by machine screws shall use a No. 6-32 standard machine screw, wherever possible.

26093: It is recommended that No. 6-32 American Standard machine screws be used for mounting apparatus on radio receiver panels.

### **Receiving Set Control Markings**

26102: The standard marking for the knob, dial or pointer controls on radio receivers shall be as follows:

#### (a) For tuning controls— Either

STATION SELECTOR 1, STATION SELECTOR 2, STATION SELECTOR 3, etc.

or SELECTOR 1, SELECTOR 2, SE-LECTOR 3, etc., at the option of the manufacturer.

(b) For regeneration adjustment controls INTENSITY.

(c) For signal volume adjustment controls VOLUME.



Alden localized-control condenser. Any unit can be adjusted by its corresponding wheel, or all three can be revolved together

## With the Manufacturers

Current news about the activities and plans of the radio manufacturers and concerns which make things used by the industry

### Alden

ALDEN MANUFACTURING COM-PANY, Springfield, Mass., has some interesting items. They include a vernier dial, the type 112 Connectorald, and the triple locallized-control condenser.

The 112 Connectorald was originally designed so that the new power tubes could be put into present day receivers without re-wiring. Flexible leads are brought out so that an additional 45 volts can be put on the plate of the power tube, and the C battery can be inserted. No changes are made in the battery connections to the binding posts of the set.

One, of the cleverest instruments we have seen for a long time is the triple locallized-control condenser. This unit consists of three variable condenser sections, but, by using separate concentric shafts, each rotor can be turned independently of the other two. When the unit is mounted behind the panel, the shaft is parallel to the panel. Three knurled discs, side by side, come through the panel to give a thumb setting. Because the three discs are close together, they can be turned all at once, or, since there is enough separation between them, any one can be turned by itself. This is just the thing for those who want the convenience of single control with the advantages, in efficiency, obtainable by separate adjustment of the condensers.

Alden also has a line of gang sockets for 4, 5, and 6 tubes. The filament leads are moulded into the sockets, while the grid and plate terminals are isolated. Stationary or spring mounting can be used.

Another important feature of summer activities at the Alden plant is their obtaining a Donle license for Harold P. Donle's audio amplifying system. This device will be marketed as the Trüphonic audio coupler. It is designed to confpete in price with resistance amplification, and to produce exceptional quality with greater

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volume than can be obtained with resistance amplification.

### Yaxley

The Yaxley Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill., has added the Junior Jack and Junior Jack Switch to their line. In general construction, it is made with the same heavy springs



Yaxley Junior switch and jack

and frame that the standard type has, except that it is much reduced in size. The Junior Jack is made in all spring combinations from 1 to 7, and takes any standard radio plug.

The Junior Jack Switch, made in all combinations up to 6 springs, is just like the jack except that it is actuated by a knob at the front of the panel.

These designs are particularly well adapted to sets where the space is greatly limited.

### Ferguson

J. B. Ferguson, Inc, formerly of 41 East 42nd Street, New York ('ity, has now moved to 225 West 57th Street, New York City, The factory is still at 3542-41st Street, 'Dong Island City.

At the new quarters, the Ferguson Company will have a splendidly equipped display room for demonstrating the Ferguson receiving equipment.

### Canotex

The Canotex Company, of New York and Chicago, is manufacturing at their factory, Auburn, New York, the parts originally designed by the Walbert Mfg. Company. This arrangement has been made under license so that the Canotex Company will market the Univernier dial, S.L.F. dial, safety rim socket, and the Isodon balancing condenser.

### Excello

Excello Prods, Corp., Cicero, Ill., is now ready to make deliveries on an unusually handsome line of console



One of a number of new Excello console models

cabinets. These are made with builtin loudspeakers and compartments for batteries or eliminators.

Exceptional taste is displayed in the cabinet work and in the use of handsomely grained woods.

#### Neutrowound

Among the 1927 type sets now in production is the Neutrowound receiver, a 6-tube tuned R.F. receiver, with three stages of transformer coupled A.F. amplification. S.L.F. condensers are used for tuning. The set



Neutrowound 6-tube receiver, 1927 model

is mounted in an all-metal shield which serves as the cabinet and also protects the instruments from mechanical damage. A list price of \$85.00 has been announced for this set. The Neutrowound Radio Mfg. Company, is located at Homewood, Illinois.

### Clapp-Eastham

All the old-timers will be pleased to hear that the Clapp-Eastham Company has been reorganized and has now completed the equipment of a factory in Long Island City, New York.

The Clapp-Eastham Company, probably the oldest exclusive radio manufacturer in the world, was organized twenty years ago. At that time it was under the management of Melville Eastham, who later left the Clapp, Eastham Company to organize the General Radio Company, which is still operated under his direction.

The new Clapp-Eastham Company will probably take advantage of its license under the Armstrong patents to use a regenerative circuit but in such a way as to prevent radiation.

#### Muter

Leslie F. Muter Company, Chicago. III., has four new items. The fixed condenser, made with metal ends and brass electrodes, has mica insulation



Two-stage Muter resistance amplifier

clamped between Bakelite plates. The 2-stage Muter resistance amplifier is specially designed for use with one stage of transformer amplification. The special resistance unit is designed



Muter tube-control resistor

to provide manufacturers with an inexpensive method for eliminating rheostats. It is made in practically any resistance value, and can be used to control oscillations. Muter fixed rheostats are adaptable to use with single tubes or multiple up to four.

#### Stevens

To protect dealers and jobbers handling the Stevens Conoidal loud-speaker. Stevens & Company, Inc., New York City, have taken out a defensive contract with the American Patent Protection Corp., New York City, by which the trade is protected against all claims of patent infringement, legal costs, and judgments. This appears to be the first time that litigation insurance has been used to protect the radio

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trade in cases where patents are in question.

### Elgin

Elgin Radio Corp., Elgin, Ill., is building an S.L.F. condenser of par-



The new Elgin S.L.F. condenser

ticularly small size in capacities of 0.00025, 0.00035, and 0.0005 mfd.

Of the low-loss construction, they are very reasonably priced at \$2.75 to \$3.00.

### Amplion

Amplion Corp. of America, New York City, has engaged Mr. Herbert E. Mills as production manager at their new plant. Mr. Mills is an Eng-



The latest type of Amplion loudspeaker

lishman, previously associated with the Rolls Royce Company. In the United States, he was with Brandes, Inc., for three years.

### **Radio Production**

Aby-pass condenser winding machine has been developed by the Radio Production Machinery Company, New York City. It winds layers of paper 0.0005-in, thick and tin foil 0.00025-in, thick. These sizes are used in order to obtain high capacities in very small space.

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#### Amsco

Amsco Products, Inc., 416 Broome Street, New York City, now has a complete line of resistor mountings and resistances of the Metaloid type.

The Metaloid resistor has an outer glass tube of slightly more than the customary diameter, in order to accommodate another glass tube on which the resistance metal is deposited. This construction makes it possible for the resistors to dissipate over 1.0 watt of energy continually without an appreciable variation in the value of the resistance.

The Metaloid resistors, made in low values for B battery eliminators, fit all standard gridleak mountings.

### Hawkeye

The Hawkeye Radio Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is making an antenna reel. It consists of a round pocketsize case containing 100 ft. of 1/4-in.



A 100-ft. antenna is contained in the Hawkeye reel

hard drawn flat copper wire. A cord and plug are provided for connecting to the set. The case is  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -ins. in diameter, and the complete outfit weighs 21 ounces. This device is very convenient for portable work or indoor installations. Salesmen demonstrating sets will appreciate the usefulness of this device.





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