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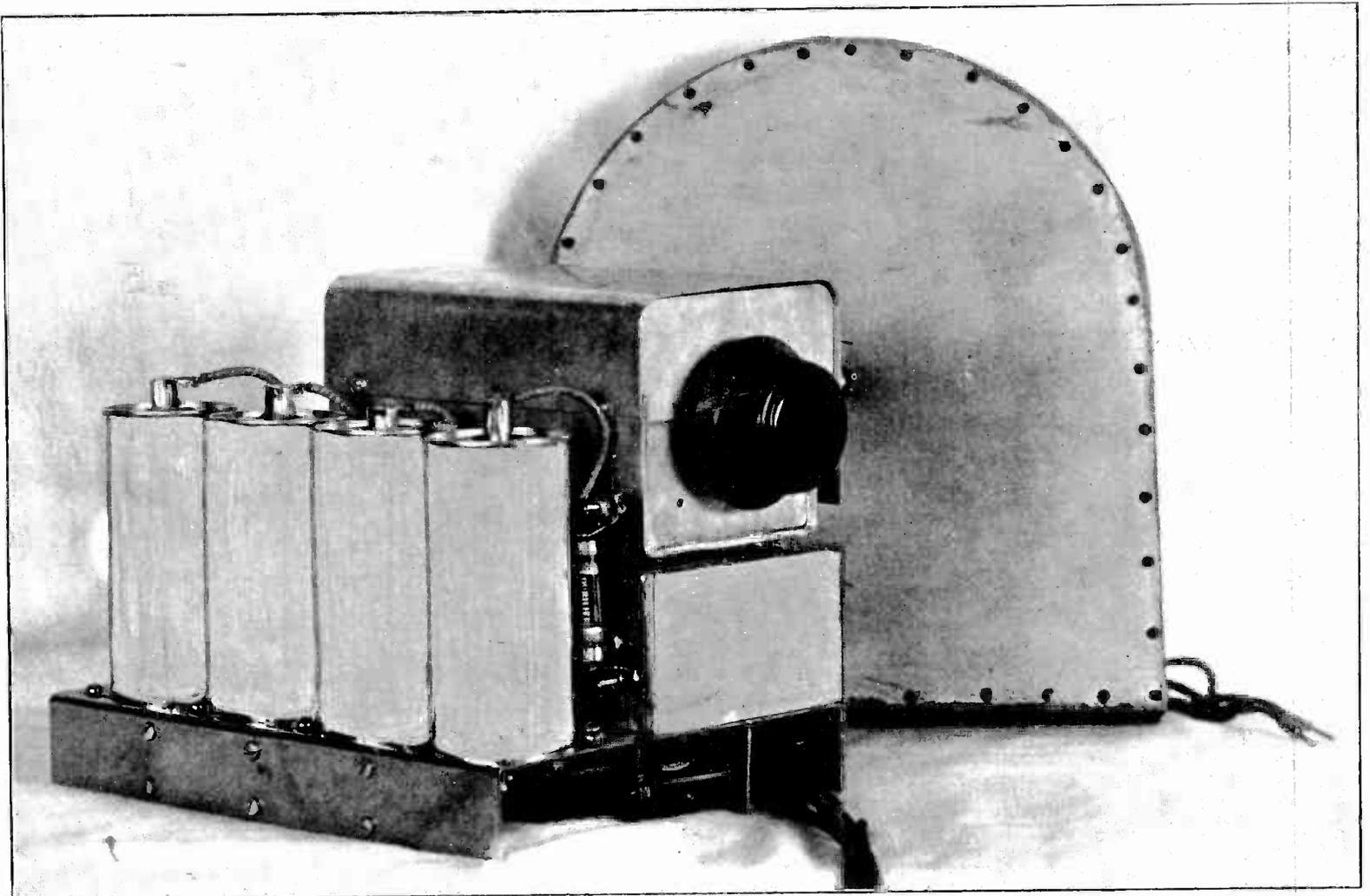
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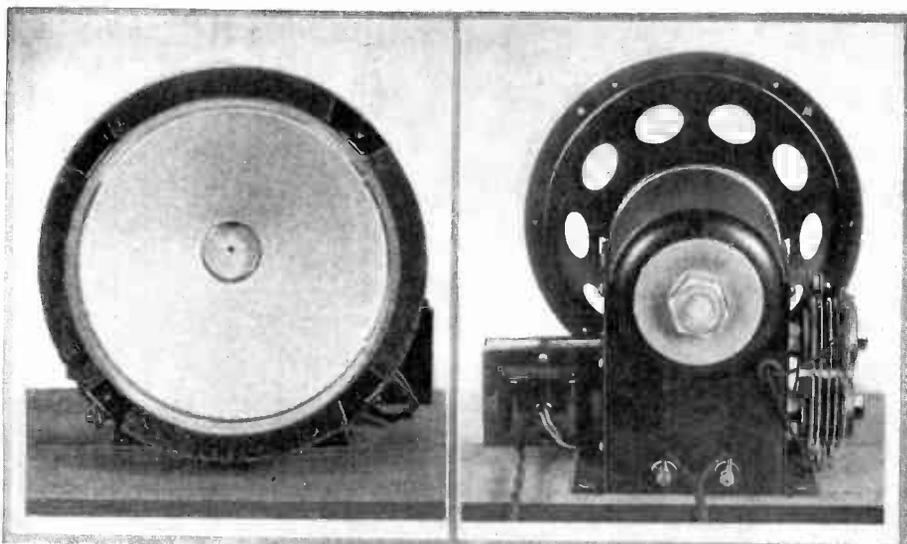
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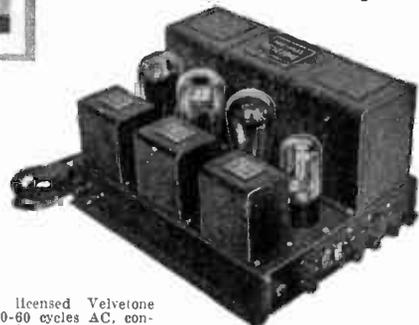
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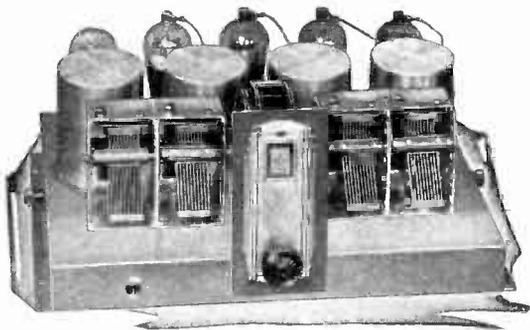


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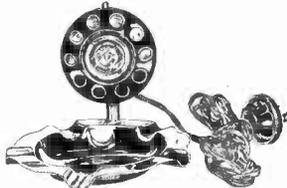
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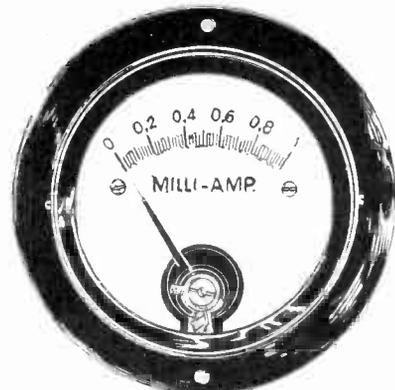


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A Set for Your Auto

Fits Into Any Car and Provides Ample Volume

By *Walter C. Temple*

EVERY Spring before this year every radio fan's fancy turned to portable receivers. This Spring everybody turns to automobile receivers. Manufacturers, large and small, have designed and built receivers that fit into cars. The most desirable place for the automobile receiver is on the instrument board, at least that part of the receiver which must be accessible for tuning and volume control. The batteries and the loudspeaker usually have found places in other parts of the car. In some instances the entire receiver has been mounted in more or less accessible places not on the instrument panel.

Many problems must be solved in designing an automobile receiver, whether that receiver is mounted on the instrument panel or elsewhere. The first is to secure sufficient sensitivity to make the receiver operate satisfactorily at considerable distances from broadcast stations with the small collector system that can be used in a car. Another problem is to shield the receiver from the ignition system in the car so as to keep out the sparks and crackles produced by the spark plugs. Still another is to provide a speaker large enough and powerful enough to make the installation of a receiver worth while. And still another is to guard the tubes in the receiver from the mechanical vibrations incident to car operation. There are many other problems.

Small Size Essential

One of the essentials of the design is that the automobile receiver be of small size so that it will not occupy more room than can be spared for it. Light weight is not essential but highly desirable. Still another requirement is that the circuit does not take too much current from the storage battery in the car. However, since the car is provided with a charger which operates so that there is often danger of overcharging the battery, the current drain is not a serious consideration.

The fact that the car contains a large storage battery from which fairly large currents may be drawn makes the problem of designing an automobile set simpler than designing a satisfactory portable receiver. A portable receiver could not be designed for storage battery operation. Neither can it be designed for heavy B batteries. But there is practically no limitation to the size of the B battery that may be installed in a car where it is entirely out of the way.

In order to have a sensitive receiver it is almost necessary to use screen grid tubes in the radio frequency amplifier. Since the DC screen grid tubes are frail and subject to mechanical vibration we are limited to 224 type tubes. Having selected these tubes for the radio frequency amplifier, other practical considerations practically limit the audio frequency tubes to the 227 type, except the power tube, for which the 112A appears to be the logical choice.

Now the 224 and the 227 tubes require a filament, or heater, voltage of 2.5 volts and a current of 1.75 amperes. Since the voltage of the storage battery is 6 volts we may with profit connect two heaters in series. The voltage drop across two heaters will be 5 volts, which leaves only one volt to be dropped in a ballast resistor. If we put four of the heater type tubes in the circuit we can connect them in series parallel so that the total current taken by these is 3.5 amperes. The power tube takes 5 volts and a current of .25 ampere. If we connect the filament of this tube across the battery

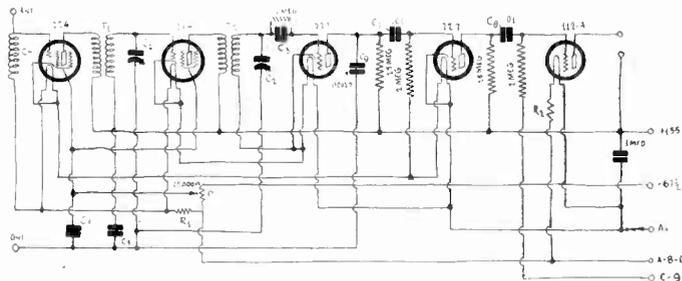


FIG. 1

THE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF A COMPACT AUTOMOBILE RECEIVER OPERATING WITH FOUR HEATER TUBES AND ONE 112A ON THE STORAGE BATTERY OF THE CAR

we need a ballast resistor of 4 ohms to adjust the filament voltage. Thus a five tube circuit will draw only 3.75 amperes from the storage battery, which is not excessive.

Arrangement of Heaters

The circuit diagram of an automobile receiver designed along this line is shown in Fig. 1. It will be noted that the heaters of the first 224 and the second 227 tubes are connected in series, as are the heaters of the second 224 and the detector, a 227. A common ballast is used. R1 is used for all the heater type tubes. Since the current through this resistance is 3.5 amperes and the drop in

LIST OF PARTS

- Ch—One 65 millihenry radio frequency choke.
- T1, T2—Two small radio frequency tuning coils.
- C1, C2—Two .00035 mfd. tuning condensers on one shaft.
- C3—One .00025 mfd. grid condenser with grid leak clips.
- C4—One 0.1 mfd. by-pass condenser.
- C5—One 0.25 mfd. by-pass condenser.
- C6—One 1 mfd. by-pass condenser.
- C7, C8—Two 0.01 mfd., mica dielectric condensers.
- C9—One .00025 mfd. by-pass condenser.
- R1—One ½ ohm resistor, heavy duty.
- R2—One four ohm resistor.
- P—One 25,000 ohm potentiometer, wire wound.
- Two .25 megohm plate resistors with mountings.
- Two 2 megohm grid leaks with mountings.
- One 2 megohm grid leak.
- Sw—One filament switch.
- One antenna binding post.
- One ground binding post.
- Two speaker binding posts.
- Four five-prong sockets.
- One four-prong socket.

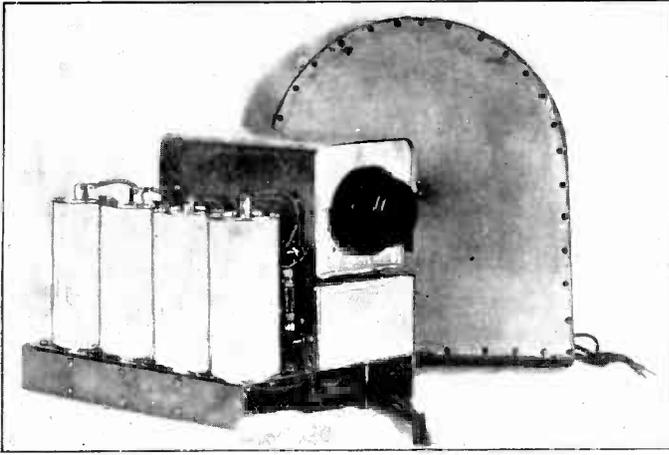


FIG. 2

THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE AUTOMOBILE RECEIVER SHOWS ITS COMPACTNESS AND THE RESULTS OF PAINSTAKING DESIGN WORK.

it should be one volt, the proper value of the resistance is .286 ohm. Such a value is not standard and therefore it will either have to be made up from a piece of resistance wire or the nearest commercial resistor must be substituted. Resistors of one-half ohm are standard and this is not excessively large because the storage battery in the car will always be maintained at a little over six volts and a voltage per heater as low as 2.25 volts will give satisfactory operation. Thus there is ample margin.

It should be remembered that if two one-ohm resistances are connected in parallel the resulting resistance will be one-half ohm. Unit resistances are easier to obtain than half-unit resistances.

The value of R₂, the ballast for the power tube, is 4 ohms, which is the most common resistance value. Every resistance manufacturer makes it.

The Volume Control

The volume is controlled in the circuit by means of a 25,000 ohm potentiometer P the slider of which goes to the screens of the two screen grid tubes. A voltage of 67.5 volts is indicated across the potentiometer but in practice a voltage of 45 volts will work satisfactorily. A condenser C₄ of 0.1 mfd. is connected across the lower portion of the potentiometer to eliminate any coupling between the two tubes, that is, the coupling that would result from the used portion of the potentiometer.

In building receivers with heater type tubes for AC operation it is customary to leave the heater circuits metallically independent from the cathode, or to make a single connection to the center of each heater circuit. This limitation is not necessary when the heaters are operated on direct current because there is no voltage fluctuation at any audio frequency in the current. Hence we may connect the cathodes and the grid returns in such a manner that grid bias is provided by the drops in the heaters.

Note, for example, how the cathode of the first screen grid tube has been connected with reference to the connection of the grid return. The lower end of the input RF choke is connected to the negative end of the heater and the cathode to the positive end of

the heater of the same tube. This puts a bias of 2.5 volts on the grid of that tube. It is only with a heater type tube that this can be done, and it can be done only because the heater is not connected metallically to any other point of the cathode. The arrangement makes the cathode potential the same as the potential of the positive end of the heater. The negative end of the heater will therefore be 2.5 volts lower in potential.

A 2.5 volt bias has been obtained for the second 224 in the same manner, and because of the series-parallel connection of the four heaters the two screen grid cathodes are at the same potential. It was to secure this desirable result that the heaters were arranged in this manner.

Arrangement of 227 Tubes

The heaters of the two 227 tubes are on the positive side of each series circuit. To obtain zero bias for the detector the grid return is made directly to the cathode, and also to the heater connecting lead between the two tubes involved in the series. The bias for the second 227 is obtained in the same manner as that for the RF amplifier tubes. Note, however, that the grid return for this tube is made to the same point as the cathode return of the first.

The grid bias for the power tube is provided in the usual manner by means of a grid battery of 9 volts, which makes the bias on that tube 10 volts, since there is a drop of one volt in R₂.

It is not readily apparent from the circuit diagram, which seems rather complex, that the wiring of this circuit is simpler than even a straight battery operated receiver. But this is a fact, and a little consideration will show that it is so. Many of the connections which in other receivers may require leads 10 to 15 inches long can be made in this circuit on the socket. There are at least four of these short-lead connections, one for each heater tube. Several of the grid return leads can be made with almost as short wires.

Shielded Coils Used

Two shielded radio frequency transformers T₁ and T₂ coupled the radio frequency tubes. These coils are of miniature size in conformity with the small dimensions of the receiver. The shields are not of the usual can type but are really compartments made by straight pieces of metal. The dimensional ratio between a coil and its shield compartment is such that there is no appreciable loss in the coils. It is this fact which makes the small size practical.

The secondary of the coupling transformers are tuned with C₁ and C₂, which are the two sections of a dual tuning condenser. The rotor of this dual condenser is grounded directly. The input impedance in the antenna circuit is a small radio frequency choke Ch the inductance value of which is 65 millihenries.

Resistance Audio for Tone and Economy

The audio frequency amplifier is resistance coupled according to the standard pattern. The values of the plate resistances and the grid leaks are given, as are those of the stopping condensers. The grid resistance of the detector is 2 megohms, as indicated, and the grid condenser C₃ should be .00025 mfd.

Exclusive of the batteries, the receiver is extremely compact, occupying a space of only 6x6x8½ inches, the largest dimension being the depth. It fits on the instrument board of any car with the exception of the Ford, in which it can be placed back of the bulkhead.

The B batteries, which occupy about the same space as the storage battery can be mounted under the floor of the car on the chassis in the same manner as the storage battery.

The Tubes for Auto Receivers

Within the past few months radio engineers have made practical for the first time receivers for installation in motor cars. These receivers have characteristics which compare favorably with sets which are sold for home use; they provide good volume, selectivity and quality; ordinary vibrations of the car while in motion do not affect the reproduction; and even with the very short antennas which must be used, satisfactory reception may be had in practically any section of the country in which the motorist happens to be.

Modern Tube Responsible

In many respects the high efficiency of the modern vacuum tube has made this development possible, it is stated by engineers of E. T. Cunningham, Inc., Radio tube company. Furthermore, they point out that with tubes which were available years ago it would have been impossible to build automobile receivers with such satisfactory performance characteristics. To the modern tube, also, must be given credit for making these sets economical to operate.

Cunningham engineers point out that one of the interesting developments in connection with the automobile receiver is the fact

that many of them utilize the a.c. screen-grid tube, although the filaments of the tubes in such type receivers are supplied with direct current from the car's storage battery.

Difficulties Overcome

Another essential which the automobile receiver has demanded of the modern vacuum tube in the radio frequency stages is that of high efficiency. In many of these installations the antenna consists of a metal plate under the car or a wire mesh in the top. As a result, tremendous amplification must take place in the radio-frequency amplifier in order to develop sufficient power to produce a signal of satisfactory volume at the loud speaker.

Microphonic noises have also presented another problem to the designer of the automobile radio receiver. If they had been limited, the Cunningham engineers advise, to tubes of the type made years ago, this factor alone very probably would have prevented a development of a satisfactory receiver for this use. With the aid of modern tubes, however, this annoyance has been reduced to a negligible quantity.

The Six-Circuit Tuner

Final Layout Shown and Construction Outlined

By Herman Bernard

THE mechanical layout of the Six-Circuit Tuner has been completed, as illustrated, and is in its final form, so that preliminary information now may be given regarding the wiring of this very sensitive tuner and two-stage audio amplifier.

The circuit consists of a stage of band pass filter tuning, three stages of screen grid radio frequency amplification, power 227 detector and two stages of resistance-coupled 227 audio frequency amplification. There is an inbuilt filament transformer, but the B voltage is to be obtained from a power amplifier with which it is recommended that this tuner and audio amplifier be used. The power amplifier may have one or two additional stages of audio, two being recommended, although the circuit as it is will work a speaker if only a 180-volt B supply is used.

The sixth condenser in the tuning arrangement, unaccounted for in the previous statement, is used in series with the ground lead to the end of the antenna winding (red lead) so that the disproportionate amplification arising from tuned radio frequency will be compensated. More nearly even amplification is highly desirable for stability and for uniform apparent selectivity, and this method helps greatly to attain it.

Report on Performance

Readers of RADIO WORLD will recall that this is the seventh week of discussion of this tuner and amplifier, and that no constructional details have been given heretofore because the circuit was in the process of careful experimentation. The mechanical and electrical designs, however, are now in their completed form.

Such being the case, a report can be made on the performance. The sensitivity is 2.5 microvolts per meter, which is high so that with a piece of wire from the antenna post to the floor, about 18 inches, the rectified output of the final stage, being the push-pull second audio stage of a power amplifier or fourth audio stage of the entire system, was three times as great as that from a four-tuned-circuit receiver of popular make, using the same audio and a 100-foot outdoor aerial.

The selectivity is 10 kc. at 50,000 microvolts per meter antenna input, which means 10 kc. selectivity even on strong locals in the New York, Chicago and any other areas, but lesser apparent selectivity where the receiver is within less than half a mile of a powerful station, says 5,000 watts or more.

Examples of 10 kc Separation

In terms of performance on the air, which is not a scientific basis of comparison, yet one that carries some meaning and weight, the sensitivity is adequate to bring in, from New York City, several Texas stations almost any night, with enough volume to require cutting down by the volume control to maintain comfortable listening. Texas stations are chosen as the example because they are extraordinarily hard to get in most locations in and about New York City with faithful regularity and strong volume.

WOR can be tuned out and WLW tuned in, although WOR, on 710 kc., is the strongest receivable station, and WLW, Cincinnati, is on 710 kc. The field strength of WOR at this particular reception location, therefore, is less than 50,000 microvolts per meter, but that is an enormous input, at that.

Also, WTIC, Hartford, 1,060 kc., and WTAM, Cleveland, 1,070 kc., can be tuned in independently, without crosstalk, and so can any other stations 10 kc. or more apart, as none of them has a field strength at the receiving point in excess of 50,000 m. p. m.

Choice of Amplification

This report is based on working the tuner at maximum amplification. It may be worked at less than maximum, as a potentiometer at the low end of the voltage divider permits of a selection of any one of various negative biases, from about 4 volts to zero. It is well to work the tuner as near as possible to the lowest bias that eradicates all oscillation at the highest frequency setting, since amplification then is greatest. This requirement occasions the use of a minimum bias of 1.5 volts negative, and the adjustable feature is necessary, because of the uncertainty of just what maximum positive B voltage will be applied. Whatever it is, from 180 volts down to even only 100 volts, the voltage divider which is across the total will take care of proper distribution of the voltages.

The chassis is specially made, and it is improbable that any one can duplicate it by his own efforts, since it is a tool-made product, with reinforced construction. It is 20½ inches wide by 11½ inches front to back and has a built-in rack for receiving the removable shields. The dimensions accommodate a 7 x 21 inch front panel. The proportion of the shield is shown in the photograph, where



VIEW OF THE SIX-CIRCUIT TUNER IN ITS NEW AND FINAL DRESS. THE MECHANICAL LAYOUT WAS REMADE SIX TIMES TO PRODUCE THIS RESULT. NOTE SIZE OF COIL SHIELDS, ALSO INDIVIDUAL TUBE SHIELDS TO BE USED.

one shield was put in the position actually to be occupied by the filament transformer. Also, the coil alignment is depicted.

Order of Procedure

The order of procedure in wiring the tuner and amplifier is as follows:

(1)—Wire the heater circuits first. Connect the outer secondary terminals of the high current winding of the filament transformer in braided fashion to the first RF tube, which is second from right in the photograph, and continue the connections to the other tubes at right, using No. 16 or larger wire, stranded or solid. Connect the center tap of this winding to the ground bar. Connect the other secondary winding to the extreme right-hand tube, the 227 used as output, the center tap of this going likewise to the ground bar. The reason for using two secondaries is that an option is presented of including a 245 as the output tube, if no power amplifier is to be used with assembly. This tube substitution changes the voltage distribution, but that point will be discussed fully in a later article, as means exist in the assembly for using any desired intermediate voltages regardless of the change in current.

(2)—Wire the primaries. In the first instance, primary goes to antenna coil (braided wire lead), the other side of this coil (red lead) to the stator of the first section of the tuning condenser. The other primaries are connected alike, braided lead to plate, red to B+ maximum, blue to grid (cap of 224 tubes, G post of 227 detector socket) and yellow to the ground bar. The braided copper covering of one primary lead in each instance is to be connected to the ground bar by a specially soldered piece of wire. This refers to the braid only, not to the solid wire inside the rubber insulation, which solid wire carries the antenna or plate current, depending on the stage considered, and requires insulation afforded by the rubber covering.

(4)—Wire the secondaries next. The blue leads go to grids and condenser stators, the yellow leads to the ground bar.

(5)—Connect the bias potentiometer, which is chassis-mounted (do not confuse this with the volume control at front). One side of the potentiometer goes to the ground bar, the other side to the remaining open side of the voltage divider, where the lugs are most numerous. The moving arm goes to the cathodes. The diagram was published last week, on page 15, Fig. 3, and in the April 26th issue, on page 14, and as to these particulars may be followed, although next week a new diagram will be published, embodying the slight changes introduced since, such as separate filament secondaries.

(6)—Ground the tuning condenser frames to the ground bar specially.

(7)—Next wire up the audio circuit.

This order of procedure will be found simple and practical.

[Detailed explanation of the wiring will be set forth in next week's issue, dated May 17th. Also it is expected that by that time authenticated dial settings can be published in chart form, to guide all in their hunt for cross-continent DX and other outstanding performances of which Six-Circuit Tuner is capable.—Editor.]

How to Connect Coils and

Relative Effects Analyzed and Advice

By J. E.

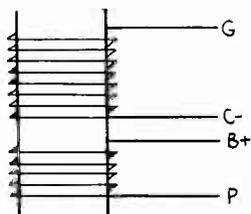


FIG. 1

ONE OF THE PROPER CONNECTIONS OF A COIL TO THE ELEMENTS OF A TUBE TO MAKE AN OSCILLATOR. BOTH WINDINGS ARE LEFT-HANDED.

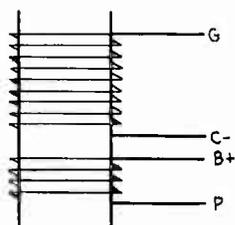


FIG. 1-A

THE SAME CONNECTIONS ARE USED WHEN THE COIL IS RIGHT-HANDED AS IN THIS CASE.

THE demand for explicit directions on how to make oscillators is always insistent. How should the windings of the oscillator coil be connected? Should the tickler winding be placed inside or outside the grid winding? Should the plate coil be tuned or the grid coil? Or should the tuning condenser be connected across both windings? How should the pick-up winding be placed and connected when the oscillator is to be used in a superheterodyne? These are just a few of the questions that are asked.

Let us first explain the connections of the windings to the oscillator tube so as to induce oscillation. In Fig. 1 we have a simple diagram representing a coil having two windings. Note that both windings are in the same direction and that the turns are wound so as to form a left-handed screw. The terminals of the grid winding are marked G and C— and those of the plate winding are marked B+ and P. In this case if G is connected to the grid of the tube, C— to the grid battery or to A— or to the cathode, then P should be connected to the plate of the tube and B+ to the B supply. These directions should be interpreted so that where it says “to” the meaning may also mean “toward.” It should be noted carefully that the grid and plate terminals are at the extremes of the coil and the other two terminals are in the middle.

If a coil is connected as shown in Fig. 1 and it does not oscillate it is not because the connections have not been made correctly to the coil.

Variations of Connections

The connections shown in Fig. 1 are correct, but they are not the only correct ones. Suppose both windings are put on so that the coil is a right-handed screw. The terminal connections are not changed because both windings have been reversed. The grid and plate terminals are still at the extremes and the battery terminals in the middle. Fig. 1-A shows a right-handed coil.

Now suppose one of the windings is left-handed and the other is right-handed. Now it is necessary to reverse one pair of leads but not both. It makes little difference which pair is reversed as far as oscillation is concerned, but it is usually best to let the grid connection be at one extreme. However, to avoid having one of the high voltage terminals, either G or P, near one of the other terminals, it is preferable to wind both windings in the same direction, either right-handed or left-handed.

Is it better to have one winding inside the other? If so, which should be inside, the plate or the grid winding? It does not make any difference just as long as the terminals have been connected as shown in Fig. 1, or in one of the variations as suggested. That is, it does not make any difference in so far as oscillation is concerned. For mechanical reasons it may be preferable to put one inside the other, but then mechanical reasons will also determine which should be placed inside and which outside. In many instances it is desirable to wind the grid winding larger and of larger wire. That would naturally put the plate winding inside the grid winding.

No Change in Connections

When one of the windings is placed inside the other the connections remain the same. If there is any doubt as to the connections, imagine the inside winding pulled out so that the coil appears as in Fig. 1. Then connect as there shown, or in one of the variations, and then thrust the coil back in again, in fact, if the coil actually had been pulled out, and in imagination if it had only been pulled out in that manner.

In many oscillator circuits it makes no difference which winding is tuned or whether either winding or both windings are tuned. In

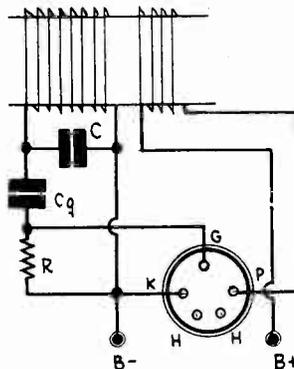


FIG. 2

A LEFT-HANDED COIL CONNECTED TO THE TERMINALS OF A 227 SOCKET AND NECESSARY ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT. THIS IS THE TUNED GRID OSCILLATOR.

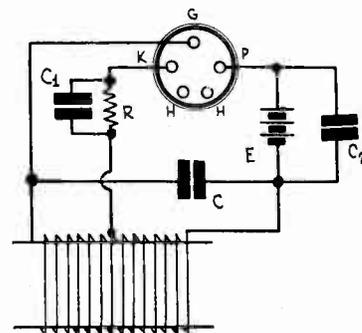


FIG. 3

THE HARTLEY TYPE OSCILLATOR IN WHICH THE ENTIRE WINDING IS TUNED.

many well-known superheterodynes both windings have been tuned and in many other successful circuits the grid winding has been tuned. And in many laboratory oscillators intended to give a constant frequency, once it has been set for a particular frequency, the plate winding has been tuned. There is one strong point in favor of tuning the grid winding alone when the oscillator is used as a part of a superheterodyne, and that is that the rotor side of the tuning condenser can be grounded. This grounding eliminates body capacity effects. However, if other means be taken to eliminate this nuisance there is no reason why the two windings should not be connected across the tuning condenser, as has been done in many successful receivers.

In Fig. 2 we have a circuit in which the grid winding alone is tuned and in which the coil has been wound in the left-handed manner. In this particular circuit three of the terminals have been connected exactly as shown in Fig. 1, but the fourth winding indicates what is meant by the “towards” as distinguished from the “to.” The G terminal of the coil is not connected directly to the grid but to a grid condenser G which in turn connects with the grid. The grid leak R is used to maintain the grid at the proper operating potential. If the grid condenser were not used the grid would be maintained at a potential depending on the connection of the C— terminal. In the present circuit this terminal is connected to the cathode and B— and for that reason the grid bias would be zero. With the condenser and leak the bias is effectively negative.

The Hartley Circuit

In Fig. 3 we have the simple Hartley oscillator in which the entire winding is tuned with condenser C. The cathode return is made to a tap on the coil, this tap dividing the coil into plate and grid sections. Essentially this is the same connection as is illustrated in Fig. 1, the only difference being that the two terminals C— and B+ have been joined together. Only the G terminal is connected directly as indicated in Fig. 1. All the other terminals are connected “toward” the K. B+ or P. C could also be connected across either the plate or the grid windings.

The oscillator in Fig. 3 has been used extensively in laboratory oscillators, especially when an oscillation with plenty of harmonics is desired. It has not been used in superheterodynes because the position of the plate battery is such that the common B supply in the circuit cannot be used. A simple modification of it, however, has been used in many superheterodynes. This variation in the circuit is given in Fig. 3-A. Now the grid condenser Cg is necessary to prevent the grid voltage from assuming the same positive potential as the plate and R is used, as before, to maintain the correct negative operating potential on the grid.

Note that in Fig. 3-A the P and B+ terminals are connected directly as in Fig. 1, while the others are connected “toward” the other elements of the tube. The G terminal is connected as in Fig. 2. C— terminal, however, is actually connected to B+ but just the same it is connected “toward” the cathode. Essentially the connection is as shown in Fig. 1.

The circuit in Fig. 4 has been used in superheterodynes perhaps more than any other type of oscillator. All but the grid terminal of

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the coil have been connected as in Fig. 1. The G terminal has been connected as in Figs. 2 and 3-A, toward the grid. The tuning condenser C has been connected across the entire coil and instead of connecting the central terminals together as in Figs. 3 and 3-A, they have been joined by a large condenser C_0 , which is so large that it does not change the tuning characteristic of C to an appreciable degree.

C_g and R are used in the same manner as in Fig. 2 and for the same purpose. This particular oscillator will work without the grid condenser and grid leak but as a rule it works better with them.

Design Values

If the oscillators are to cover the broadcast band the grid condenser C_g may have a value of .001 mfd. It is not critical. The condenser C_0 in Fig. 4 should have a value about one microfarad. The grid leak in any of the circuits is not critical either. Values as low as 5,000 ohms often work satisfactorily, as do values of the order of one megohm. A value of 100,000 ohms should be a good average.

The condenser C1 in Fig. 3 serves only to by-pass the bias resistor R in that circuit. The condenser need not be larger than .01 mfd. and the resistance R, for a 227 tube, should be about 300 ohms.

The number of turns on the oscillator coil depends on the size of wire, the insulation thickness or spacing between turns, on the diameter of the coil form, on the size of the tuning condenser, on the frequency band to be covered, and on the type of oscillator, that is, tuned grid, tuned plate or tuned grid-plate.

If the entire winding is tuned the total number of turns should be the same as the number of turns on the tuned plate or grid winding if only one is tuned. If the grid winding alone is tuned the primary or tickler winding should have fewer turns than the grid winding, but just how many will give best results is not possible to say in a general case. If there are too many the circuit will not oscillate at the high frequency end of the oscillator; if too few it will not oscillate at the low frequency end. If the tickler is wound on the same diameter as the tuned winding and placed at one end of it, it is safe to make the number of tickler turns two-thirds as many as on the grid winding. This is sufficient to permit the removal of a few from the plate end of the tickler in case the circuit should not oscillate at the high frequency end of the scale.

The tuned plate type of oscillator is of little interest to builders of superheterodynes, and therefore nothing need be said about the relative number of turns on the two windings.

Ratio of Turns

It has been proved that in the case of the circuit in Fig. 3 the ratio of turns between the tickler and grid winding should be $n/(n+2)$, where n is the amplification constant of the tube used for oscillator. Since the amplification factor of the 227 is 9, the ratio of turns should be nine to eleven, the larger number being in the grid circuit. Since the circuit in Fig. 3-A is essentially the same as that in Fig. 3 the same ratio of turns applies.

This ratio of turns does not necessarily apply to the circuits in which only one winding is tuned. Experience indicates that the tickler should have fewer turns than the ratio indicates when the grid is tuned.

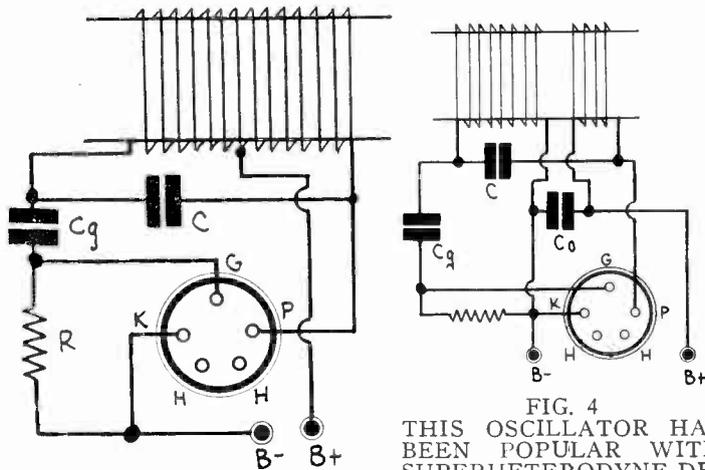


FIG. 3-A
A MODIFICATION OF THE HARTLEY CIRCUIT SO ARRANGED THAT IT MAY BE USED IN A SUPERHETERODYNE WITH COMMON B SUPPLY.

FIG. 4
THIS OSCILLATOR HAS BEEN POPULAR WITH SUPERHETERODYNE DESIGNERS. THE TUNING CONDENSER IS CONNECTED ACROSS THE ENTIRE COIL.

It is not practical to give a complete list of winding data for all variable condensers, coil diameters and sizes of wires. Hence we will give a few standard windings. For an oscillator which is not to be used in a compact receiver a 3-inch form is suitable, for which the wire may be No. 24 double cotton. If the oscillator is to form a part of a receiver forms of 2-inch, 1.75 and 1.5 diameter are all right. There are only two common sizes of tuning condensers, the .0005 and the .00035 mfd. Hence the windings will be given for these condensers and the specified diameters.

WINDING DATA FOR COILS FOR .0005 MFD.

Diameter	No. of wire	Turns
3 inches	24 DCC.	43
2 "	26 enam.	56
1.75 "	28 "	57
1.5 "	28 "	69

WINDING DATA FOR COILS FOR .00035 MFD.

Diameter	No. of wire	Turns
3 inches	24 DCC.	55
2 "	26 enam.	69
1.75 "	28 "	72
1.5 "	28 "	86

Right or Wrong?

QUESTIONS

- (1)—When a modulated carrier is tuned in accurately with a selective circuit the upper and lower sidebands are suppressed in the same degree.
- (2)—There is no distortion when a voice-band modulated wave is tuned in with a sharp circuit.
- (3)—There is distortion when such a wave is tuned in so that the carrier frequency falls off the tuning peak.
- (4)—The squeal heard in oscillating radio receivers when the dial is turned "through a carrier" is the lower side frequency produced when the carrier frequency and the local oscillation inter-modulate.
- (5)—When two nearly equal frequencies beat to form an audible lower side frequency the upper side frequency is not produced.

ANSWERS

- (1)—Wrong. While this statement is almost exact it is not

entirely true because the resonance curve is not symmetrical with respect to frequency though it is symmetrical with respect to frequency ratio. As a rule the lower side frequencies are suppressed a little more than the corresponding upper side frequencies. However, frequencies having the same ratio to the carrier, whether they are higher or lower than the carrier frequency, are suppressed in the same degree provided that the circuit is tuned exactly to the carrier.

(2)—Wrong. There is plenty, and the sharper the tuner the greater the distortion.

(3)—Right. If the carrier frequency falls off the tuning peak the distortion is of a different kind, and it may well be that the low notes will be suppressed more than the high.

(4)—Right. This squeal is the lower side frequency and it is produced by distortion, that is, modulation, in the tubes.

(5)—Wrong. Whenever the lower side frequency is produced the upper is also produced. However, one or the other may be suppressed after the two have been generated.

Short Wave Converter Used

Ample Tuning Capacity, with Proper

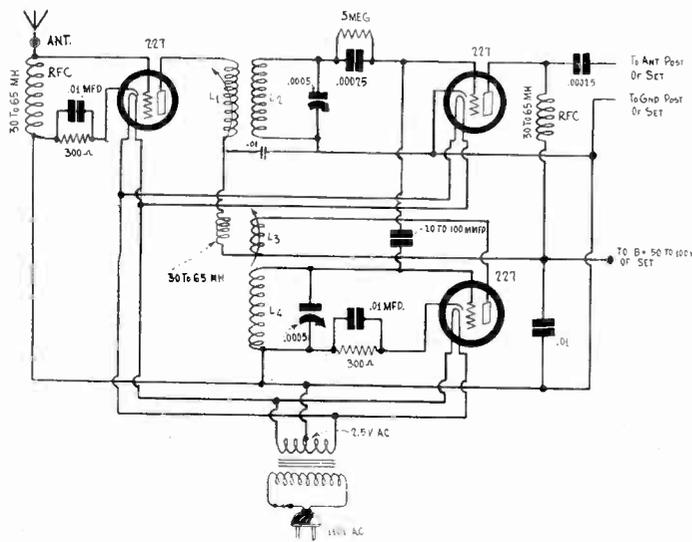


FIG. 1

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF A CONVERTER, USING THE CAPACITY METHOD OF COUPLING OSCILLATOR AND MODULATOR.

It is generally agreed that the best method of utilizing a broadcast receiver in conjunction with short-wave reception is by the converter principle, whereby a mixer is established, and its output delivered to the input of the broadcast set. In that way the entire broadcast receiver is used, every tube in it, while the mixer has its own tubes. The converter's B voltage may be obtained from the broadcast receiver, as only one positive B voltage is needed, from 50 to 100 volts, there being no critical aspect on this score. But the mixer should have its own filament supply. Therefore, a filament transformer is included, and while the mixer is AC operated it may be used in conjunction with any type receiver whatsoever.

A diagram for accomplishing this was published last week, wherein a stage of untuned radio frequency amplification preceded the modulator, while a coil coupled modulator and "first detector." Hence the converter used three tubes. These were 227s. This week the same fundamental diagram is published, but another coupling method is presented, one which unites modulator and oscillator circuits by means of a small condenser. A suitable capacitance is the Hammarlund 20-100 mmfd. equalizing condenser. The degree of coupling will depend on the amount of capacity used, and as the range is one-to-five, there is ample room for choice. Whatever capacity is selected, that will hold good for all bands of frequencies.

Object of Additional RF Choke

The second point of difference between the diagram this week and the one published last week is a radio frequency choke with associated .01 mfd. condenser in the B plus lead of the RF tube only. This may be included in the event of oscillation in the RF tube. It is not always easy to tell which of the two tubes that you don't desire to have oscillating will be guilty of the fault, if

LIST OF PARTS

L1L2, L3L4—Two sets of short-wave coils, wound on air dielectric, three coils to a set, total of six coils.

Two .0005 mfd. Hammarlund de luxe straight frequency line tuning condensers.

Three radio frequency choke coils, 30 to 65 millihenrys (50 mh shielded type used in original model).

One .00025 mfd. fixed condenser.

One Hammarlund 20-100 mmfd. equalizing condenser.

One .00025 mfd. fixed grid condenser with clips.

One 5 meg. Lynch metallized grid leak.

Two Electrad wire-wound flexible type biasing resistors, 300 ohms each.

Four .01 Mfd. fixed condensers.

One 7x14-inch drilled bakelite panel, with three UY sockets (5-spring) and coil receptacle built in.

One cabinet to fit.

Two binding posts.

One 2.5-volt center-tapped filament transformer, 6 ampere rating, with AC cable and plug attached.

Two vernier dials.

either, but it has been found experimentally that the "first detector" will not oscillate accidentally, but the RF tube may, over a short part of the band, on one of the coils. So if oscillation is present when not desired include the extra RF choke and condenser.

Due to the coupling by a small capacity between grid and grid, fixed coupling of the inductive systems may be resorted to, principally the plate winding of the oscillator to the grid winding of the same tube, to provide oscillation. While the amount of inductance may be different for the different frequency bands, this is actually taken care of in the coil construction, because the coils for the higher frequencies not only have fewer turns on the secondaries but also on the plate windings for both oscillator and RF tube.

Some Mechanical Ingenuity

A mechanical detail enables connection by including only two binding posts, instead of four. The antenna should be connected to an antenna binding post of the converter. The positive B voltage should be connected to the second binding post.

However, the connection from the output of the modulator to the antenna post of the broadcast receiver, and the lead to ground post of the receiver, can be taken care of very nicely by using shielded lead-in wire. As the braided copper covering of this wire should be grounded, the braid may be soldered to a lead in the mixer representing ground, while the No. 18 solid wire inside the rubber coating which is under the copper braid may be connected to the fixed condenser that is used for the output of the high side of the converter, the copper braid being used as the ground lead.

In doing this be careful to remove sufficient of the braid near the connecting points to prevent the outside shield wire from contacting with any connecting point of the insulated inside wire.

At the receiver end of the double-purpose lead you may solder a flexible wire to the shield covering, for convenient insertion in the ground binding post of the receiver.

Operation of Converter Dissected

The operation of the converter is an interesting topic, especially as different types of results are obtainable, and different frequencies coverable, even into the broadcast band.

The principle of the converter's operation is that it receives the frequency to which the modulator is tuned, changes it to some other frequency, by reason of mixing the modulator frequency with an oscillator frequency, and then delivers this other frequency to the broadcast receiver, which should be tuned to the other frequency, known as the intermediate frequency. Hence the amplification is obtained largely at the intermediate frequency level. The mixer's modulator is the "first detector," the broadcast receiver's detector is the "second detector," and the operation is exactly that of a Super-Heterodyne, if the intermediate frequency is lower than the originally received frequency.

The measure of the performance of the broadcast receiver used is the measure of the performance of the system when the mixer is introduced, for the previously stated reason, that the amplification is largely at the intermediate frequency level, aided of course by the audio frequency amplification, but both are provided by the broadcast receiver.

Intermediate Frequencies to Choose

If your receiver is a modern one it will tune as high as 1,500 kc. and a little higher. Therefore it would be advisable to use the "little higher" frequency, which may be around 1,700 kc. In this way you will avoid picking up any broadcasting station's signal at the intermediate frequency, which condition otherwise may be present if a lower frequency were used, which would be in the broadcast band. Another point in favor of this choice of a frequency a little higher than 1,500 kc. is that the amplification is greater in nearly all receivers, due to the rising characteristic of tuned radio frequency amplification.

If your receiver has gang tuning it probably has equalizing condensers, and if these are accessible and you can adjust them yourself, you may do so at the chosen intermediate frequency, to attain highest sensitivity here. This setting will be satisfactory for the broadcast band, too, if your receiver is a good one. If it is not a good one, it is better to do the equalizing for the highest frequency for the benefit of the converter performance, as there would be a drop in performance in the broadcast band anyway, and the suggested method merely shifts the region of reduced amplification to attain heightened amplification where it is needed most for the converter operation.

Intermediates Below 1,500 kc

However, even if your broadcast receiver will not tune in 1,500 kc. (200 meters), but stops, as some sets do, at 1,400 kc., you are not precluded by any means from using the converter. You simply choose, in such instance, the highest frequency that is free from broadcast station reception, and work at that level. If you change the intermediate frequency, by using a different dial setting of the

for Broadcast Waves, Too

Coil, Gives Option of TRF Stage or Mixer

broadcast receiver from time to time, you change the dial settings of the oscillator for bringing in any particular short-wave station. At 1,700 kc. the two dials, modulator and oscillator, will read almost exactly alike, and while some short-wave stations will come in at two dial settings, known as repeat points, these are only two or three divisions away from each other on the oscillator dial. The readings of the modulator dial always will be the same for any given station with a given coil, no matter what intermediate frequency you use.

The higher frequencies normally are represented by the lower numerical readings of the dial. If a dial is calibrated in kilocycles then the opposite holds true. If your receiver brings in the highest broadcast frequency, 1,500 kc. at a higher number than 0 on the dial, your receiver very probably tunes to higher than 1,500 kc., so turn to 0 or 1 or some such position of the dial. If 1,400 kc. comes in at 0, then your receiver does not tune as high as 1,500 kc.

The frequencies of the short waves are very high. Take the highest frequency to which the converter is likely to tune. This is 20,000 kc. or 15 meters. If the intermediate frequency is 1,700 kc. the ratio is greater than 10 to 1, intermediate to signal frequency.

Since .0005 mfd. Hammarlund straight frequency line condensers are used, two coils can cover the 15 to 200 meter bands, but a third coil will bring you into the broadcast band. If enough wire is used on the third coil, the whole broadcast band can be covered. However, if you have a 1,700 kc. intermediate frequency for short-wave conversion, and are operating the circuit as a Superheterodyne, as soon as you get into the broadcast band, provided you do not alter the broadcast receiver's resonant frequency, you no longer have an intermediate frequency, but a supermediate frequency, one higher than the signal frequency. This action is like that of the Infradyne. It would be better, if working the broadcast band, to go to the other extreme by turning the receiver dial past the lowest receivable frequency (lower than 550 kc.) and restore the Superheterodyne situation, as otherwise you could get signals on only a small part of the oscillator dial, due to a necessary divergence of 1,700 kc. between the two circuits, one of which is tuned to more than 1,700 kc. Other complications, including accidental second harmonic beating to bring in signals and straight TRF tuning, are avoided by having recourse to the lowest frequency for intermediate amplification when the broadcast band is tuned in.

Useful on All Waves

Therefore it is possible to use the converter for short waves and for broadcast waves. The object of using it for short waves is that otherwise you can't use your broadcast receiver for short-wave work. But what is the object of using the converter for broadcast waves, when your receiver already performs that work? If your receiver does its work well enough there is no object, but quite a few receivers, for instance, suffer from the overcrowded air conditions and are unable adequately to separate stations at the highest frequencies, says 1,200 to 1,500 kc. Therefore, for at least that part of the broadcast spectrum the converter has a distinct advantage, in that it enables the attainment of such a high degree of selectivity as to remove completely all trace of inter-station interference, if worked as a Superheterodyne.

If your broadcast receiver is not equal to the requirements of the day in this respect, and in other regards, you may place the broadcast receiver out of sight, and work the converter only, for short waves and for broadcast waves, although, as set forth, on the broadcast band, it is well to make the shift from the highest to the lowest frequency, to maintain the Superheterodyne principle.

Use as TRF Stage

Besides the phenomena already set forth, there is another point: the tuning of the converter on the basis of straight radio fre-

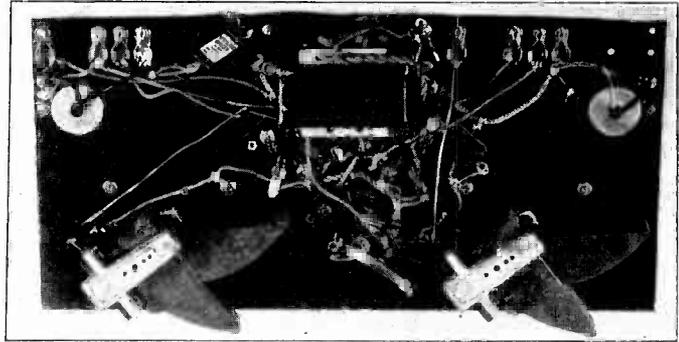


FIG. 2
UNDER VIEW OF THE CONVERTER. OSCILLATOR CONDENSER IS AT LEFT, MODULATOR AT RIGHT. THE LOWER SOCKET IS FOR THE MODULATOR. AT RIGHT IS THE RF, AT LEFT THE OSCILLATOR SOCKET. IF MOVING COILS ARE USED, REMOVE THEM FROM COIL BASES AND ATTACH TO THE PANEL.

quency amplification, to tune in directly those broadcast stations in the frequency range of the coil-condenser combinations of the converter. Thus if the set and modulator are tuned to 1,400 kc., the modulator acts as an extra stage of TRF ahead of your broadcast receiver, while the oscillator becomes simply a regenerative wave trap. The converter is no longer a converter but a TRF stage. The gain in sensitivity and selectivity, over the best performance of your broadcast receiver alone, is exceptionally high, but it is restricted to that band of frequencies from 1,500 kc. down, to which the converter's coil enable you to tune. On the same basis, if the coils are adequate in inductance, you may use this TRF wave trap all through the broadcast band since the condenser's capacity of .0005 mfd. is adequate.

Remember that the action is not that of a frequency changer in any particular, but merely that of an added TRF stage with trap. So every time you turn the modulator dial you have to turn at least one more—one on the broadcast receiver, and possibly another on the oscillator.

Broadcasts Come In

As an offshoot of this TRF condition, one must mention the untuned TRF situation. Since antenna is connected to the converter, and since the modulator, from which the output is taken, is connected to the broadcast receiver, the antenna is connected to the broadcast receiver, with an amplification system in between. It is, therefore, true indeed that even with the converter functioning and oscillating you can turn the dial of the broadcast receiver and tune in broadcast stations just as if the converter were not connected thereto, but antenna were run direct to the broadcast receiver. You may turn off the juice to the tubes of the converter and the same holds true. Therefore, nobody need suspect anything wrong when the stations can be tuned in thus on the broadcast receiver.

Another fact, although incidental, is that if the antenna is disconnected from the converter, and the converter is not in operation, the broadcast receiver still may pick up signals, if the lead from the converter to a sensitive set's antenna post is long enough. The pickup would be that of the stretch of wire running from antenna post of set to the adapter. It is simply a case of an antenna of so many feet being used. This is a good reason for using the shielded wire and grounding the mesh.—HERMAN BERNARD.

A Chef Discusses Music

MR. KAHN'S letter in Forum, taking issue with your editorial that approved the modern taste in music, and the popularity of jazz and semi-classical music, is far from representative. He says syncopation is nothing new, but neither is narrow-mindedness.

In fact, I believe narrow-mindedness to be far worse of the two, and any one so afflicted should take a cure by traveling a bit and seeing both sides of the picture. Variety of nationalities, climates, foods, etc., makes up this old world in which we live.

I can't see why classical music needs any defence in the first place.

If Mr. Kahn takes the trouble to dial in a modern dance orchestra (not a jazz band)

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he would no doubt be agreeably surprised to find that "jungle jazz" as he terms it, is ancient history. In fact, I find modern dance music, as rendered by most of our present-day orchestras, very agreeable to listen to, although I wouldn't care to hear it continuously, to the exclusion of all other forms of radio entertainment.

I am a chef, of some twenty years experience in preparing foods for the public appetite, and to satisfy them all calls for a great variety of seasonings.

If I were to use only salt for seasoning all dishes how long could I exist at my trade?

Still, salt is the oldest and most essential seasoning known.

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Likes Home-Built Sets

I QUITE agree with M. U. Wallach that home-built sets can be as good and in some cases better than factory-built sets, because the home builder in most cases uses better parts and can use more care in their placement and wiring. I speak from experience, having built several hook-ups.

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The De Luxe A Power

Battery Eliminator Invokes Scientific Circuit

By S. William John

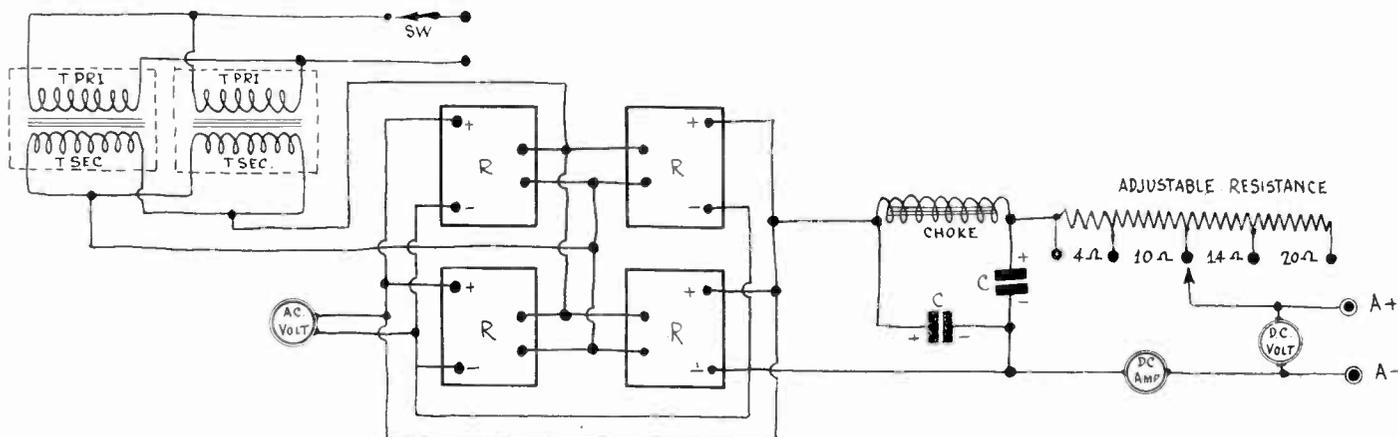


FIG. 1
THE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE HEAVY DUTY A SUPPLY

IN the April 5th issue of RADIO WORLD "An Extra Good A Supply" was published. This supply was rather simple in that it did not have any meters indicating the voltage and the current drawn, and also in that it delivered a maximum

current of only 2.5 amperes. That circuit has now been improved by doubling up on the input transformer and by the installation of three meters to show the power output continuously and also to show the effectiveness of the rectification.

Two input, step-down transformers are used to provide a considerably higher rectified current at the rated output voltage. The circuit will deliver up to more than 7 amperes without appreciable hum, or, exactly, 45 watts.

As in the earlier circuit, four heavy-duty dry rectifiers are used for full-wave rectification. These rectifiers are so well ventilated and cooled, and so conservatively rated, that the circuit may be operated continuously with the maximum heavy output cited.

Heavy-Duty Apparatus

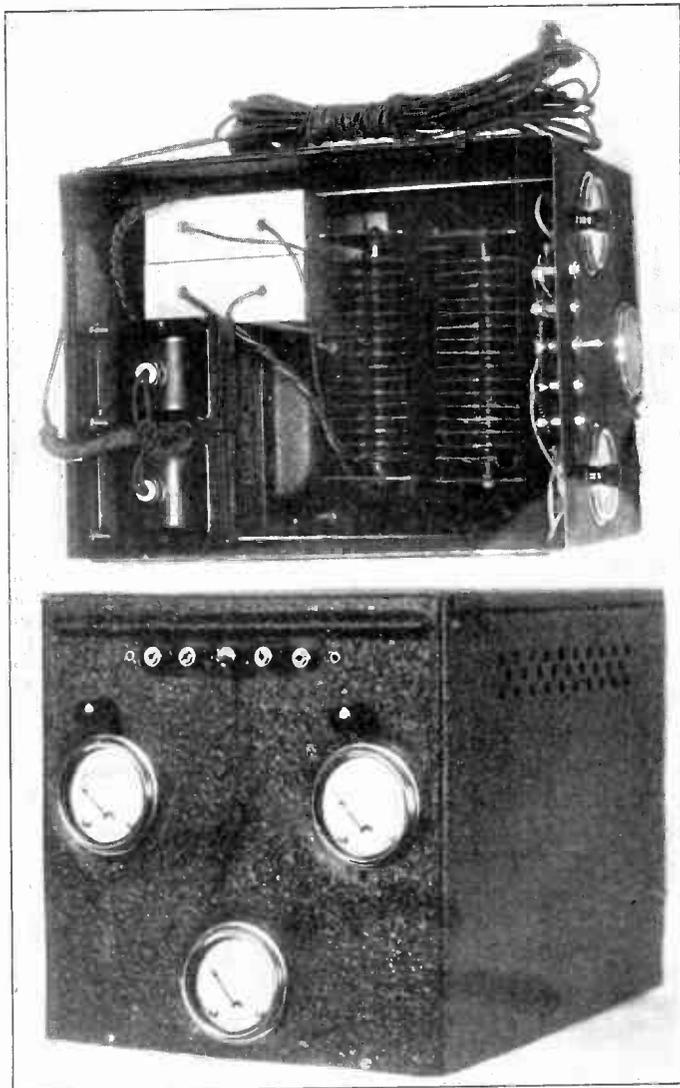
The filter consists of a Giant Polo A-E choke coil and two 2,000 mfd. unilateral condensers, which are connected across the line at the sides of the heavy-duty choke coil. This filter, in conjunction with the push-pull rectifier, provides adequate hum elimination even when the maximum current is drawn from the A supply.

One of the three meters incorporated in the circuit measures the amperage drawn from the rectifier, another meter measures the DC voltage at the output terminals, and the third meter measures the total voltage across the output of the rectifier units. The object of the third meter is to show the condition of the rectifiers.

Output Rheostat

An output voltage divider controls the current. This is constructed in steps and has a total value of 30 ohms. It is arranged so that the entire resistance is always in circuit, but the external load is on only part of the divider. This affords ranges from 4 volts up at various loads. Five jacks are mounted on the panel for making the selection of the desired resistance. The wire fitting into these jacks is attached to the positive side of the line by means of a heavy flexible lead.

The parts are housed in a sturdy, cradle-finish steel case, which is large enough to avoid crowding of the heat-generating elements, yet small enough to be convenient to handle.



FIGS. 2 AND 3
THE INTERIOR VIEW OF THE HEAVY DUTY A SUPPLY AND THE FRONT VIEW.

LIST OF PARTS

- Two 110-volt to 20-volt step-down transformers (specify line frequency, that is, 50 to 133 cycles).
- One heavy-duty choke, Polo type A-E.
- Two 2,000 mfd. unilateral condensers.
- One 2 mfd. 200-volt by-pass condenser.
- Two insulated binding posts.
- Five tip jacks.
- One 30-ohm resistor strip, tapped at three intermediate points.
- Four Kuprox rectifiers (two pairs).
- One DC ammeter, 0-15 amperes.
- One DC voltmeter, 0-50 volts.
- One AC voltmeter, 0-30 volts.
- One steel case.

Tuner and L-W Amplifier

Neat and Efficient Development by Electrad

By Thomas J. Brannon

THE Loftin-White non-reactive circuit is primarily an audio amplifier although the first tube in that circuit may be adjusted easily so that it will function as an effective detector.

When the circuit was first brought out it was accompanied with a double tuner which was supposed to supply the required selectivity. The two tubes were supposed to supply not only sufficient audio frequency amplification but also such a high detecting efficiency that it would be unnecessary to provide any radio frequency amplification at all.

Many who built the original circuit discovered that the circuit thus constituted not only lacked the necessary selectivity but also the required amplification. It worked splendidly as a phonograph amplifier but that was of little help to those who were exclusively interested in broadcast reception.

The engineers of Electrad, Inc., set about remedying the situation by designing a special tuner and adding one stage of screen grid radio frequency amplification. The circuit diagram of the combined tuner and non-reactive amplifier is shown in the diagram below.

While the tuner contains only two resonant circuits the selectivity is considerably higher than if these resonant circuits were not separated by a screen grid tube. This increase in the selectivity of the tuner is largely due to the fact that there is no back coupling, as in the case when two circuits are coupled directly, because the tube is a unidirectional device.

Volume Control Provision

The antenna winding is provided with a tap so that either the entire antenna primary may be used or only a portion of it. The entire coil is used when the antenna is short and the lower portion of it when the antenna is long. The binding posts are marked SA and LA to indicate which should be used for a short and a long antenna.

A rheostat R10 is connected between ground and the antenna post actually used for controlling the volume. One lead from this rheostat terminates in a lug for convenience in making the connection to the post to which the antenna is connected.

This rheostat is of high resistance and is a volume control. It has a built-in switch which is connected in series with the 110-volt power line. This switch controls all the power delivered to the tubes, that is, both the plate voltage and the filament current.

The two tuning coils are placed inside individual shielding cans so that there is no electric or magnetic coupling between them. This arrangement stabilizes the circuit and also makes the effective selectivity much higher due to the reduction of back coupling.

Two tuning condensers are ganged to secure simplicity in tuning. The ganging, however, does not reduce the selectivity because a trimmer condenser has been provided on each tuning condenser section and the effective inductances of the two coils have been adjusted to equality. A slow motion dial permits easy turning of the two tuning condensers in exact resonance adjustments.

Voltage Provision

The grid bias of the screen grid radio frequency amplifier is provided by a drop in resistance R9, the value of which is 600 ohms. This resistor is by-passed with a condenser, C5, of 0.1 mfd.

The screen and plate voltages for the tube are taken from the B supply for the audio amplifier, the common return being made to the highest voltage point in the circuit. A resistor R7 of 150,000 ohms is connected in series with the common return lead. An additional resistor R8 of 500,000 ohms is connected in series with the screen grid lead. The effective voltage on the plate, therefore, is the total available voltage in the amplifier less the drop in R7. The screen voltage is less than the plate voltage by the amount of drop

in R8. The values of R7 and R8 have been selected so that the plate and the screen of the tube get the proper voltages as soon as the cathode has been heated to the normal operating temperature. During the warming-up period the voltage on the two elements is the same and is equal to the highest voltage put out by the rectifier. This high voltage, however, does not endanger the tube for there can be no damage unless current flows, and no current does flow until the cathode has been heated. And the voltages drop in the proportion to the current that flows so the adjustment is automatic.

A similar effect takes place in the audio amplifier, which is characteristic of the non-reactive amplifier. During the warming-up period the current in the power tube plate circuit is higher than the normal operating value. If this is observed there is no cause for alarm for it is supposed to act that way. However, in order to minimize the period during which a heavy plate current flows in the power tube, the middle tube should be a rapid heater. There is no special need for a rapid heater in the first socket, but neither is there any reason why a slow heater should be used.

Arrangement of Coupling

In order to provide the proper grid return for the detector tube and still permit the grounding of the rotor of the second tuning condenser, the second tuned circuit is completed through a condenser C6 of 0.1 mfd. capacity. This value is so large that it does not affect the tuning characteristic of the circuit.

The proper coupling arrangement between a radio frequency amplifier and the Loftin-White circuit has worried many amateur builders. The diagram in Fig. 1 shows how it is done correctly. The circles on the leads to the left of the middle tube represent binding posts, the output posts for the tuner and radio frequency amplifier and the input posts for the non-reactive amplifier. There are three additional leads running between the two parts of the circuit, one the high voltage lead from the B supply to the plate and the screen of the first tube, and two other leads running from the heater winding of the middle tube to the heater of the first. It is important that the binding post marked "GND" be grounded.

Output Volume

The grid and plate voltages applied to the 245 power tube are such as to work the tube near its rated maximum, that is, 1,600 milliwatt. This is undistorted output not only from the point of view of the load on the power tube itself but also from the point of view of output from the detector. Moreover, the non-reactive coupling insures that all frequencies within the essential audio range are amplified to the same extent. Hence the circuit is practically free from both amplitude and frequency distortion.

In Fig. 2 at the left, are shown the under-the-panel view of the tuner and the amplifier, and at the right the front-top view is shown. Note the manner in which the two portions of the circuit are joined by the panel and the tuning control.

While the diagram does not show it, there should be a wire joining the B minus of the voltage supply and the core and case of the power transformer. Since the ground is also connected to B minus, this connection to the transformer means that the core and the case are grounded. Likewise the shielding cans over the coils are grounded. This careful grounding helps to stabilize the circuit and to eliminate hum and various noises which creep into signal when grounding is neglected. The hum balancer condenser, which takes out practically all hum due to voltage fluctuations in the B supply, is connected in the usual way to a potentiometer.

There are two elements in the plate circuit of the power tube which are not found in the regular Loftin-White amplifier, and these are the radio frequency choke coil RFC and the condenser C4. Suppression of the high frequency component in the audio output is their object.

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[The complete list of parts and other details of the Electrad tuner and Loftin-White amplifier may be obtained by sending your request, enclosing stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Technical Editor, Radio World, 145 West 45th Street, New York City.]

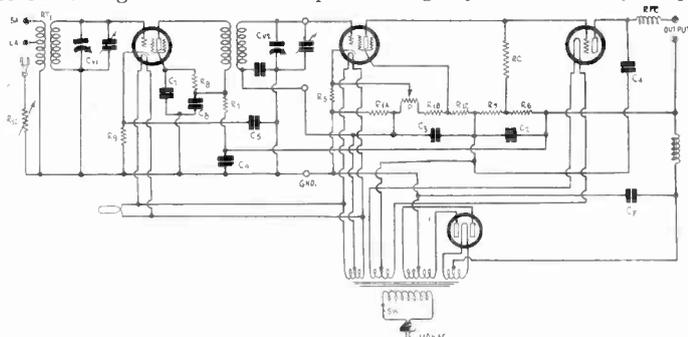


FIG. 1

THE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE ELECTRAD A-224 SC SCREEN-GRID TUNER AND LOFTIN-WHITE TYPE AUDIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER. THE BOTTOM VIEW OF THE TUNER AND AMPLIFIER AND THE TOP FRONT VIEW ALSO ARE SHOWN

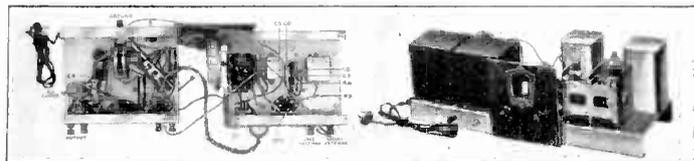


FIG. 2

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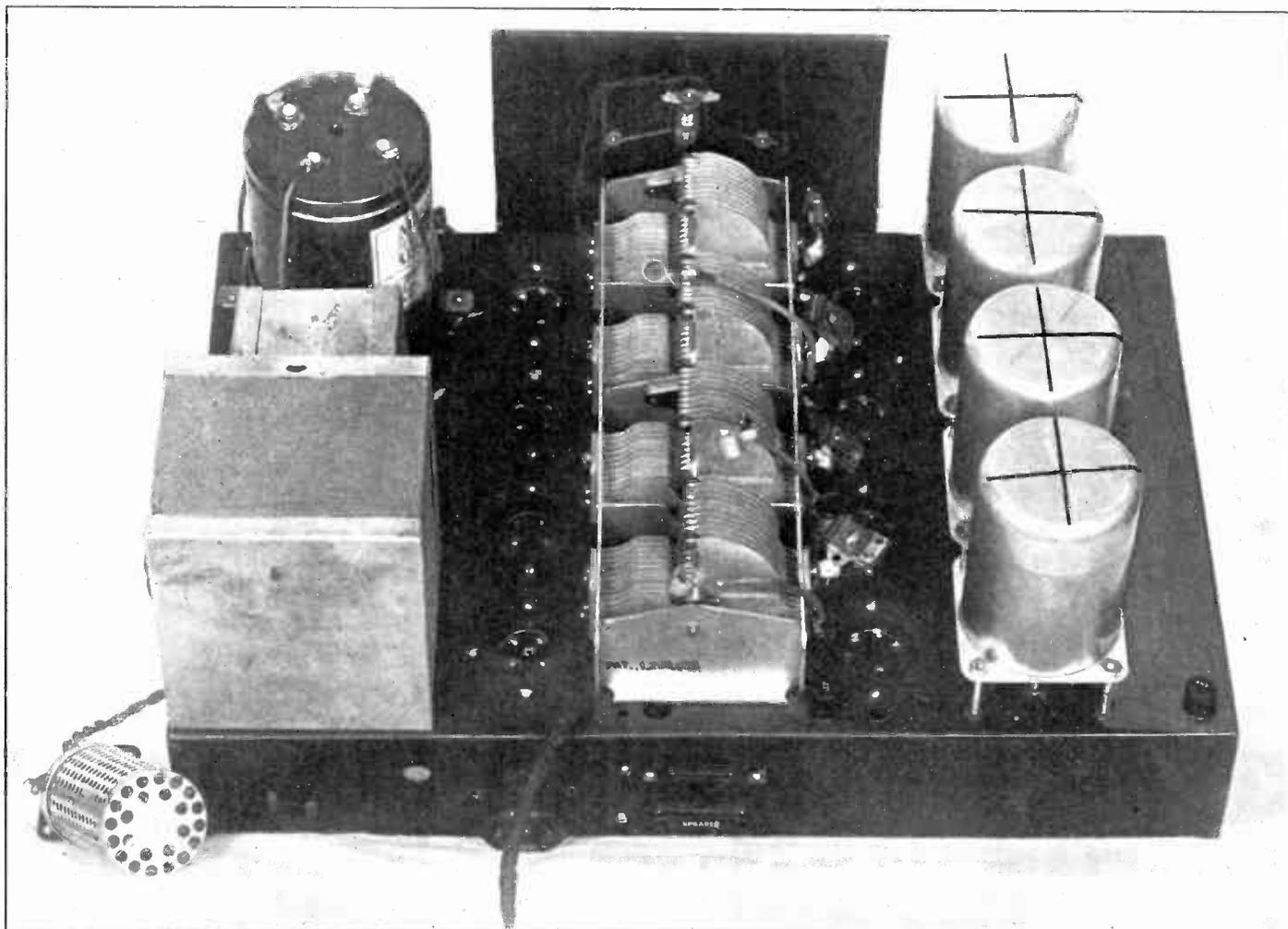


FIG. 1

VIEW OF THE HB44 DE LUXE, IN AN EXPERIMENTAL STAGE. THE SHIELDS ARE SLOTTED TO IMPROVE THE SENSITIVITY AND THE SELECTIVITY, AND TO INCREASE THE TUNING RANGE. THE CIRCUIT IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR THE LOUDSPEAKER.

IT is a well known fact that no two receivers will work alike even if they are made as nearly identical as possible. How much more variation can then be expected when two receivers are simply assembled with similar parts without any attempt to make them identical? Sometimes a little thing will cause a great difference in results. Sometimes seemingly major changes will have no apparent effect one way or the other.

In view of these facts there is no wonder that two fans who have built receivers of the same design report widely different results. One says that his receiver is the best he has ever built. The other may say that he cannot get a thing out of his. While the fellow who reports no results always claims that he has built the circuit exactly as described he usually has made some serious mistake. But not always. The cause for the trouble is sometimes next to impossible to determine.

Take, for example, the HB44. Most builders of this circuit have reported splendid results. A few have told the other side of the story.

Discounting those who think they have built this particular circuit and who have only made a stab at it, there remain a few who have a real cause for wondering why the circuit does not perform.

We shall not attempt here to offer any solution for problems of this kind, for usually they can be solved only by moving wires here and there and by connecting by-pass condensers where seemingly they have no reason to be. We shall rather

make suggestions for changes of major proportions, changes applicable to any multi-tube receiver.

New Ideas in Shielding

The importance of shielding in multi-tube receivers cannot be over-emphasized. Without it the receiver usually does not work at all. And with it, the results are often equally poor. Therefore to shield or not to shield is not the question, but rather how to shield.

As is well known, when a shield of small proportions is put over a tuning coil, the tuning range of that coil and the condenser connected across it contract. Without the shield the range might be from 550 to 1,500 kc, or even wider. With the shield in place around the coil, the range may have been narrowed down to 600 to 1,200 kc.

What happens when the shield is put on? First, the distributed capacity of the coil increases a little. Second, the inductance of the coil decreases. Both these effects are greater the smaller the shield as compared with the coil. The reduced inductance changes the upper limit of the tuning range, that is, it makes the lowest frequency to which the circuit responds higher. The capacity change has a similar effect at the upper frequency end of the scale, reducing the highest frequency to which the circuit responds.

The capacity change is small provided that the shield is not

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very close to the coil. Any practical shield might be said to be large enough to make the capacity change negligible. But how about the inductance change? It is far from negligible.

Inductance Reduced

It is easy to see how the capacity increases when the shield is on, but it is not easy to see why the inductance decreases, although it is very easy to demonstrate it. In order to find a reasonable remedy we must be able to see just how the inductance decreases.

Suppose we take a coil and measure its inductance by any standard method. Then let us put a metal ring around the coil, a ring made of copper wire, for example. It amounts to a short-circuited turn. Now measure the inductance of the coil in the same manner as before. It will be found to be much lower. Evidently the short-circuited turn caused a reduction in the inductance. If a series of measurements be made on the coil with the ring in different positions it will be found that the reduction of the inductance is greater the closer the ring is to the coil. For example, it is greater if the ring is around the other coil in the center and has about the same diameter than it is when the ring is parallel to the other turns but at a distance away.

Now instead of using a ring of copper wire take a metal cylinder, a piece of sawed-off pipe, say of brass or copper or aluminium, preferably with a thick wall. Again measure the inductance. It will be found lower when the cylinder is around it than when the coil is free.

Continue the experiment with a sheet of metal. Place it at one end of the coil. This, too, will lower the inductance of the coil, and the more the closer the sheet of metal is to the turns of the coil.

A Cylinder and a Sheet

The shield cans ordinarily used around coils in multi-tube receivers are in effect made up of two sheets of metal and a cylinder. The cylinder is one short-circuit turn of very low resistance. The two end pieces can be reduced to the same thing in so far as their effect is concerned. If the shield is large this short-circuited turn is loosely coupled to the coil and the effect on the inductance of that coil is small—negligible. If the shield is small the short-circuited turn is closely coupled and its effects on the coil is large.

The effect of the shield is due to induced currents in the metal. These currents are such as to oppose the current in the coil, or such as to oppose its magnetic field. The inductance of a coil is the magnetic field of that coil when unit current flows in it. Now if opposing current flow in the shielding the magnetic field in the coil is the difference between that due to the current in the coil and that due to the induced currents. Hence the inductance of the coil is reduced.

The coil and the shield become a step-down transformer with only one low resistance turn on the secondary. If the secondary of any transformer is short-circuited the inductance of the primary is reduced.

Induced currents flow in the core material of power transformers, and these lower their efficiency. To prevent this reduction in the efficiency of a power transformer the core is made of laminated steel, the thinner the laminae the better the transformer becomes, provided that adjacent laminae are insulated from each other.

A Great Improvement

We are now ready to make a suggestion for improving a shield. The first is to cut the cylinder on one side so that it will not form a short-circuited turn. Just a narrow cut with a hacksaw will do the trick. Of course, this weakens the mechanical structure and it may be necessary to reinforce it with insulators. To break up the end pieces they, too, may be slotted with a hacksaw. Just two slits, cut at right angles, will do. Of course, more slits will be better theoretically but practically it is sufficient to divide the end pieces into quadrants. After the slits have been cut they should be kept open. It will do little good to cut the slits and then let the sides come together. The slotting of the can and the end pieces has the same effect as laminating the core of a transformer.

The improvement effected by this slotting is so great that it is almost unbelievable. Not only does it reduce the losses in the coil and thus increases the selectivity and the amplification,

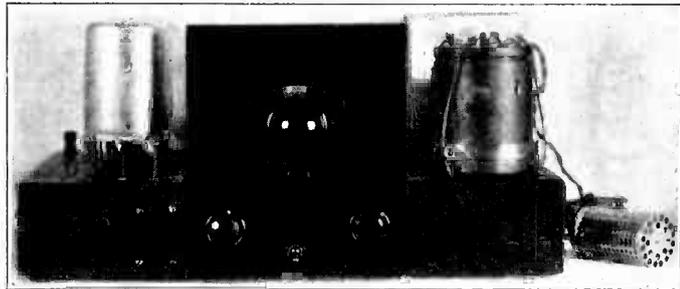


FIG. 2
FRONT VIEW OF THE EXPERIMENTAL HB44 DE LUXE.

but it leaves the inductance high enough to cover the band.

The accompanying photograph shows a multi-tube receiver similar to the HB44 built with slotted shield cans. If the shields are removed from the coils no signals are received. If they are put on without slotting fair results are obtained, but with the slits in the cans as illustrated the sensitivity is tremendous. Not only is the sensitivity great but the selectivity is exceptionally good and the band coverage is satisfactory.

Close inspection of the shields will reveal that the side slot has not been made all the way down. Thus there is a short-circuited turn. But this turn is so far below the coil that the effect is negligible. This was demonstrated experimentally.

The long slit up the side and across the top increased the sensitivity several times over the sensitivity without slotting. The additional cross-slit on top increased the sensitivity by at least another 50 per cent.

Cans on Stilts

It will be noticed that the cans have been placed on stilts, that is, raised 1.5 inches above the metal sub-panel. The object of this construction is to remove the coil from the steel sub-panel and thus to eliminate the necessity of slitting the steel.

The coils inside the shields were made especially for an experimental circuit, which will be the HB44 De Luxe, and concerning which more will be published soon, including a circuit diagram next week.

It might be argued that the slotting of the shields defeats the purpose of the shielding since the shielding is due to the induced currents in the metal. As far as capacity coupling is concerned there is no appreciable change in the degree of shielding. The magnetic shielding, of course, is reduced by the slits. However, this is no argument against the slotting because no more shielding is necessary than that which makes the circuit perfectly stable at all settings of the condensers. This the shields as constructed accomplish.

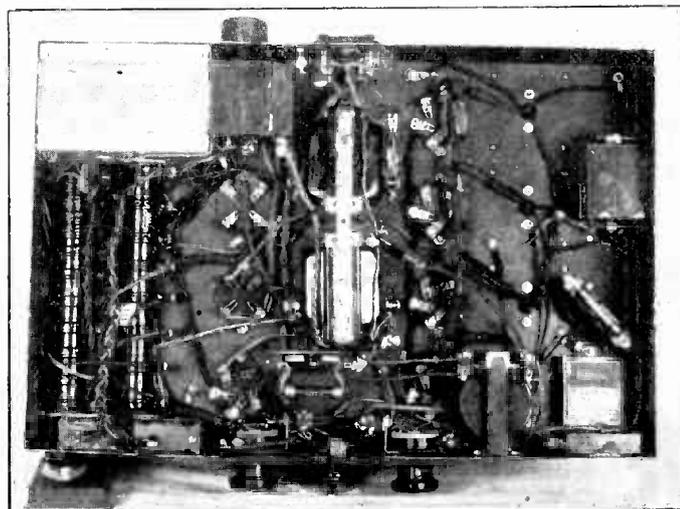
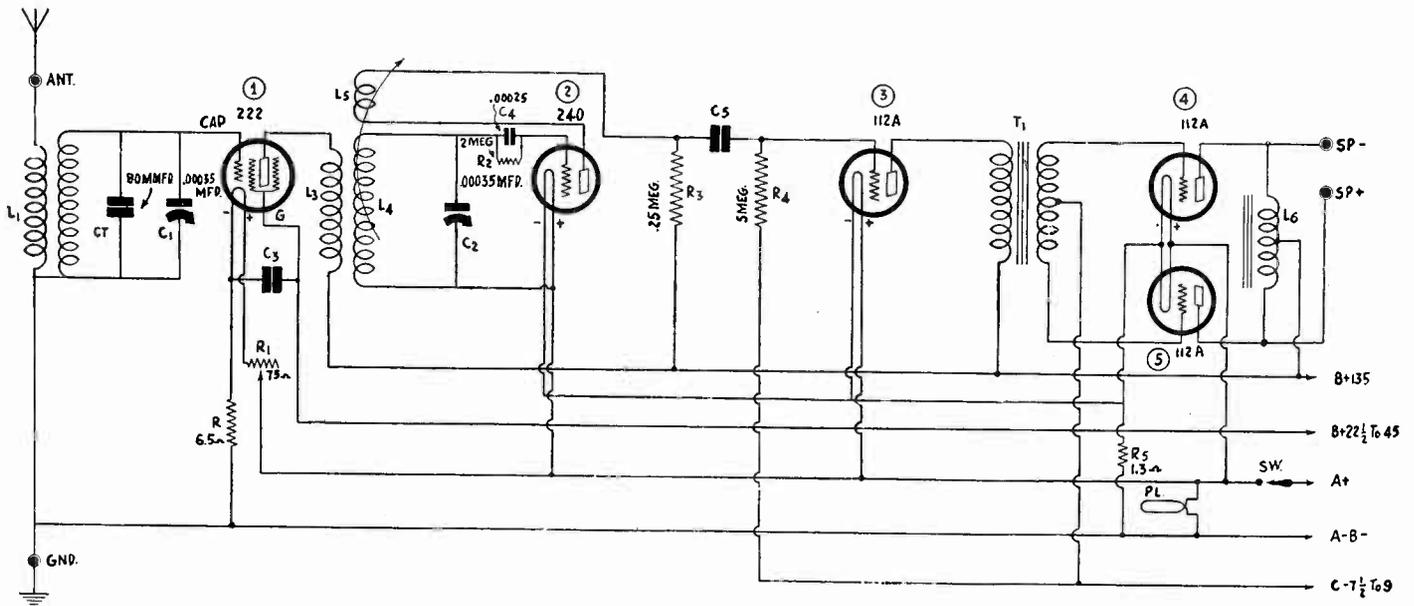


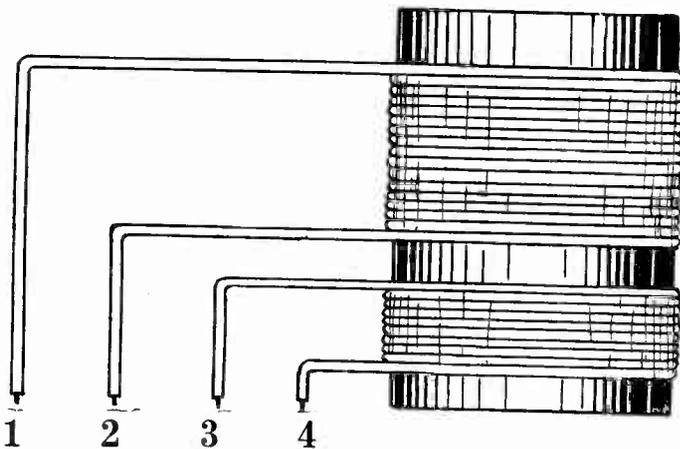
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UNDERNEATH VIEW.

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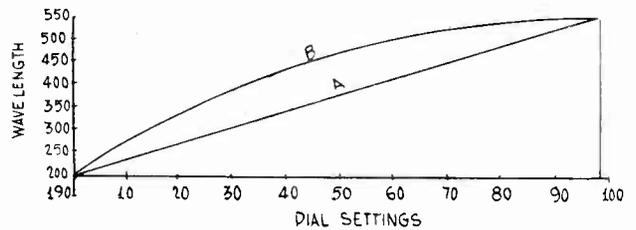
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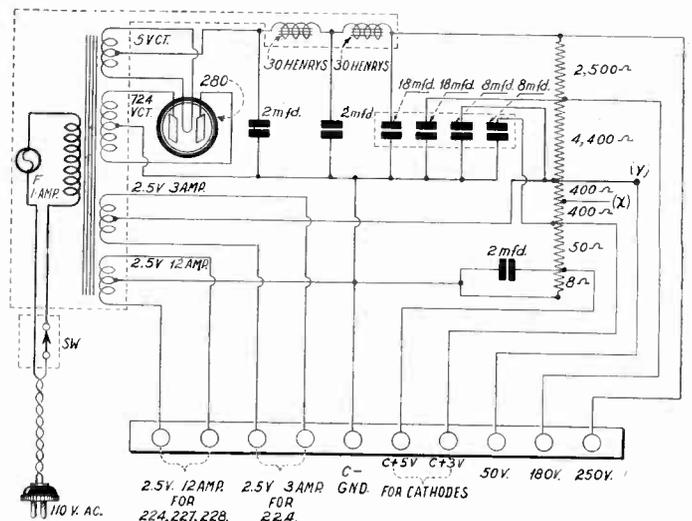
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4 INJUNCTIONS STOP SHIFTING 26 STATIONS

Washington.

Injunctions tied up the reallocation that was to be in effect now, regarding clear channel stations.

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WGBS, New York City, temporarily assigned to 600 kc and ordered back to its original 1,180 kc channel, got an injunction restraining the Federal Radio Commission from carrying out its order.

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WHAS, Louisville, Ky., and KYW, Chicago, shifted in the clear-channel reorganization, got injunctions prohibiting the changes, as to them.

The injunctions are temporary, pending argument on the merits, but the Commission had to postpone the reallocation until the Fall, as all changes must be effected or none can be made in that set-up.

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WHAM, Rochester, N. Y., owned by Stromberg-Carlson, also got an injunction restraining its being shifted due to the clear channel reallocation. This was the first in point of time and was the one actually to cause the postponement of the reallocation affecting 26 stations for 90 days, or until July 31st. WHAM was to be shifted from 1,150 to 1,160 kc.

SUED ON PATENTS



(Henry Miller News Picture Service)

Francis W. Dunmore, against whom the Federal Government has filed suit seeking to get title to three radio patents said to have been worked out by Mr. Dunmore while working in the Bureau of Standards laboratory.

Suit was started in Federal Court, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Federal Government, against Percival D. Lowell, of Jamaica, N. Y., and Francis W. Dunmore, of Washington, D. C., over three radio patents, alleged to have been perfected by the two when they were working in the Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce.

Lowell and Dunmore were employed as scientists by the Bureau from February 4th, 1913, to July 15th, 1922. The Government complains that they were employed specifically to perfect a receiving set which would be capable of operating on alternating current from AC house wiring and which would obviate the necessity of batteries.

Although paid for this work, the Government alleges, Dunmore and Lowell, finding their experiments successful, took out patents in their own names for the receiving set on March 21st, 1922, and for a loudspeaker on March 31, 1922. It is complained that they have been receiving royalties from the Dubilier Condenser Corporation.

COUZENS BILL CALLS FOR NEW REALLOCATION

Washington.

If the revised Couzens bill for the creation of a Federal Communications Commission is enacted, a general reallocation of broadcasting facilities in the United States will be necessary, according to an oral statement by Senator Dill, of Washington. The present method of distributing the facilities according to population in the five radio zones would be nullified and the "unit" system, an entirely new plan, would be substituted.

A New Plan

The new plan, which was originally conceived by Capt. Guy Hill, former acting chief engineer of the Federal Radio Commission, has been written into the proposed new law to replace the Davis equalization amendment. The new broadcasting proposal is that facilities be allocated 25 per cent equally among the States on an arbitrary basis, 25 per cent according to their respective areas, and 50 per cent according to population.

According to Senator Dill, the present alignment of stations would have to be rearranged under the new law, some States, such as New York and Illinois, which now have more than their share of broadcasting facilities, would lose facilities, while States of great geographical areas but sparsely populated would gain.

An Entire Revision.

Provisions of the proposed bill, relating to procedure and legal phases, represent an entire revision of the terms of the existing radio law, enacted in 1927. The new bill would provide that all applications for permits of any kind show the ownership of the corporation or applicant's facilities by detailing the names of owners of 5 per cent or more of the stock or bondholders. Construction permit provisions would be so revised as to make mandatory the issuance of a license to an applicant who has been granted a construction permit. The Commission now is authorized to act on a construction permit, and then, if it considers advisable, deny an application after hearing.

On applications for modification of license, the Commission would be required to notify all radio parties involved, and also notify the attorneys general of the States in which the applicant is located and of "contiguous States."

Equality of Facilities

This was suggested during hearings by Senator Kean, of New Jersey, who complained about no notice being given his States as to the granting of construction permits for the building of broadcasting stations to serve the metropolitan area of New York.

Equality of facilities for political discussions over broadcasting stations would be made mandatory, in so far as there is demand therefor. This provision specifies that rates charged shall not be higher than the regular advertising rates of the station.

The proposed commission on communications would take over the functions of the Radio Commission, the radio division of the Department of Commerce, and the communications activities of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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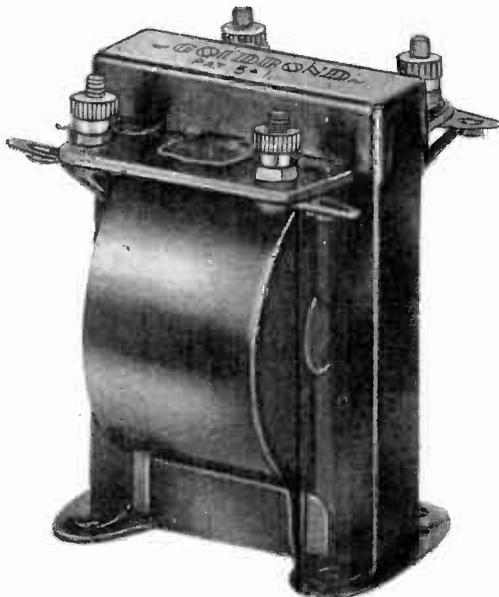
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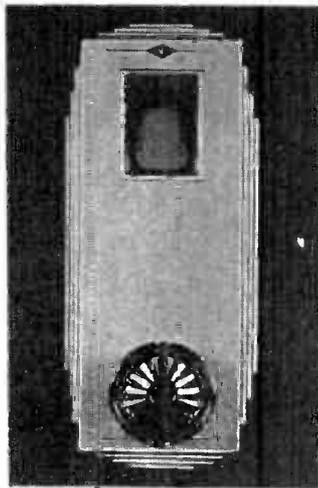
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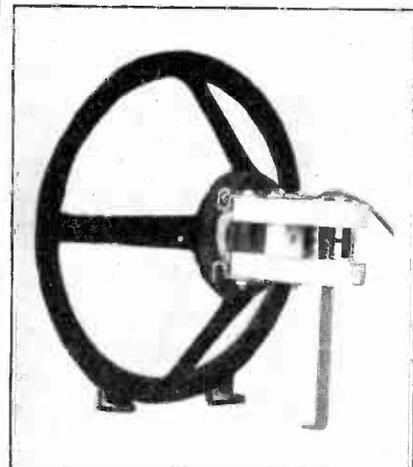
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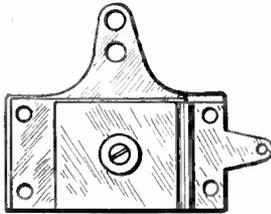
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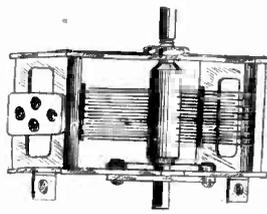
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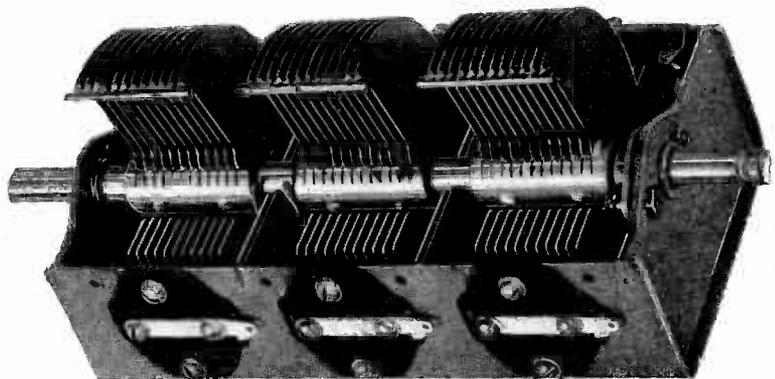
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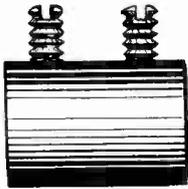
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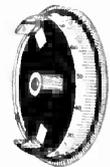
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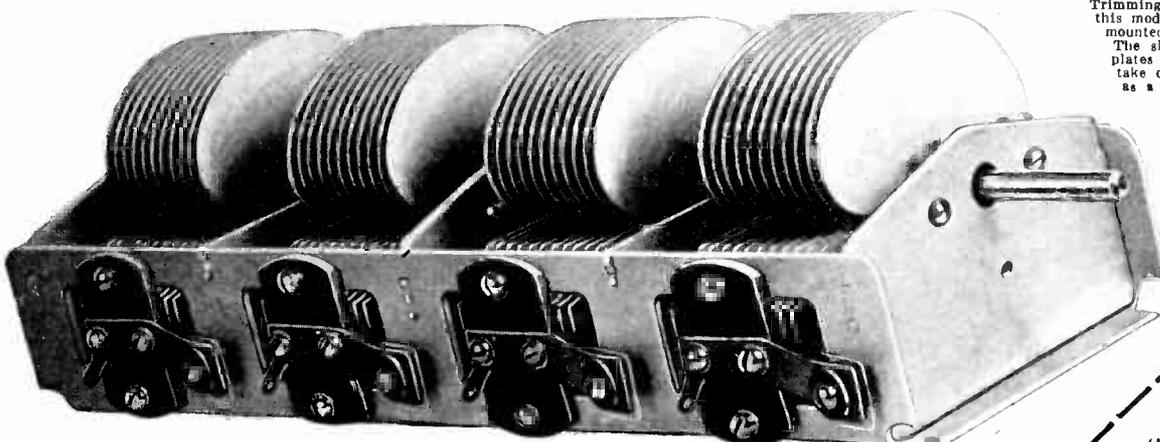
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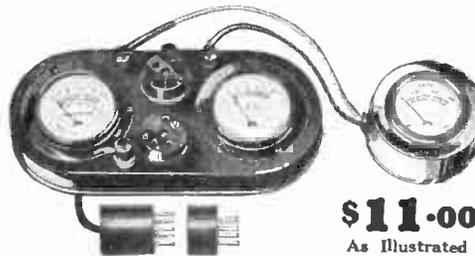
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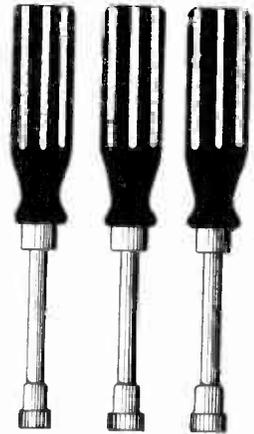
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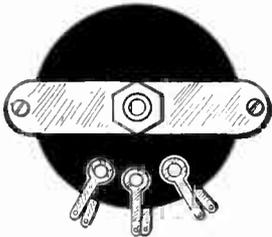
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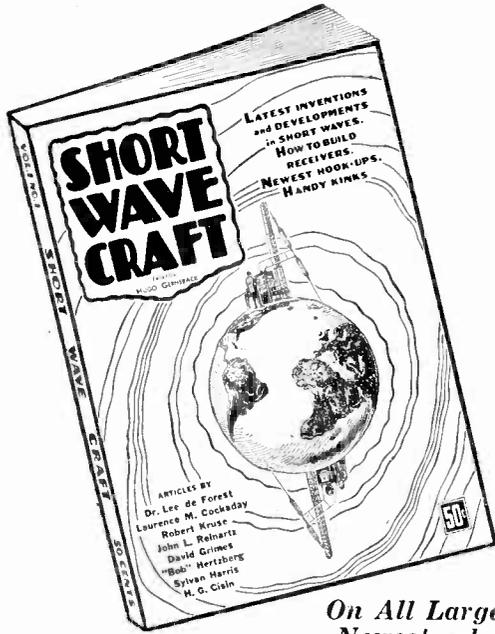
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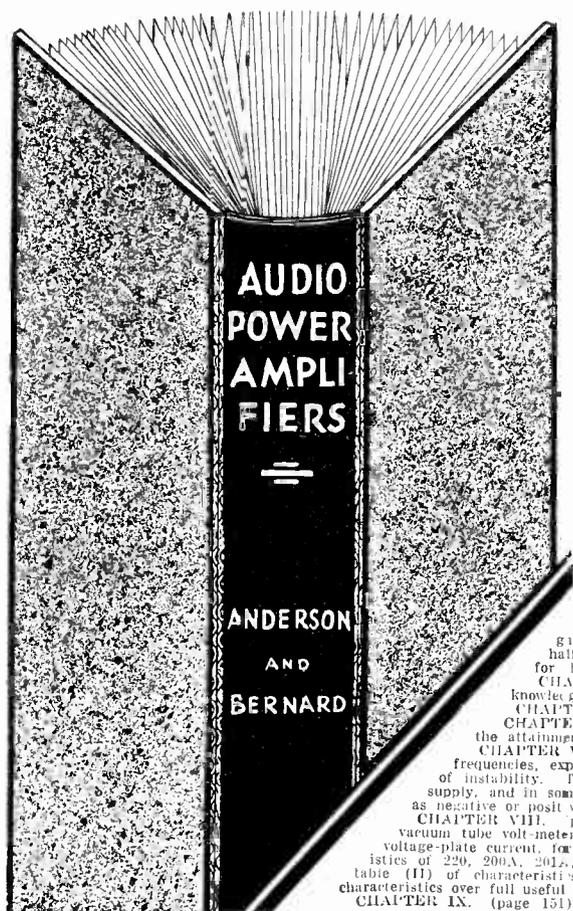
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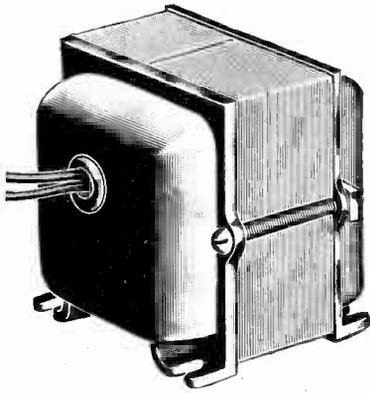
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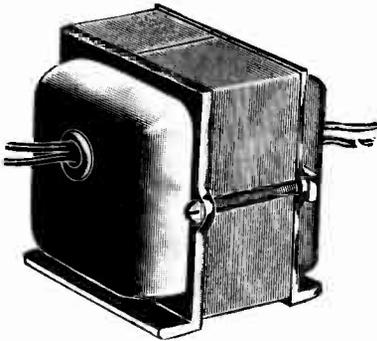
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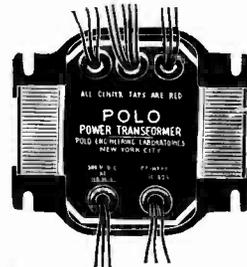
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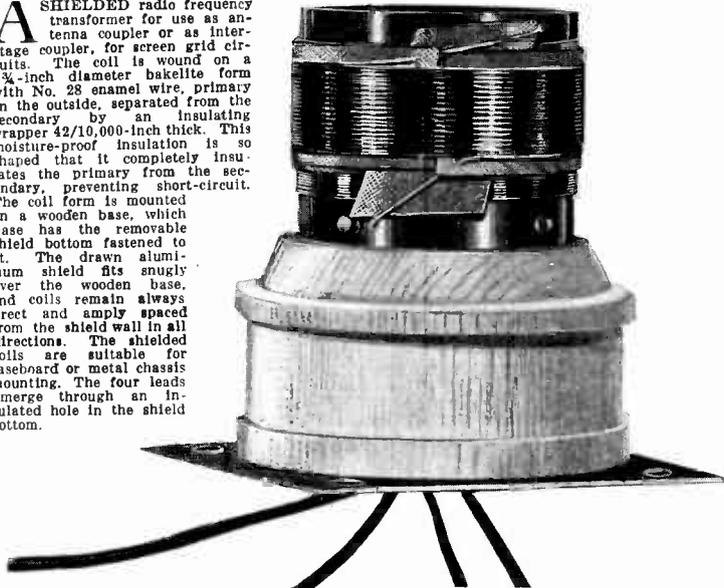
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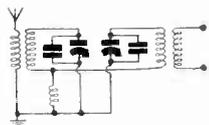
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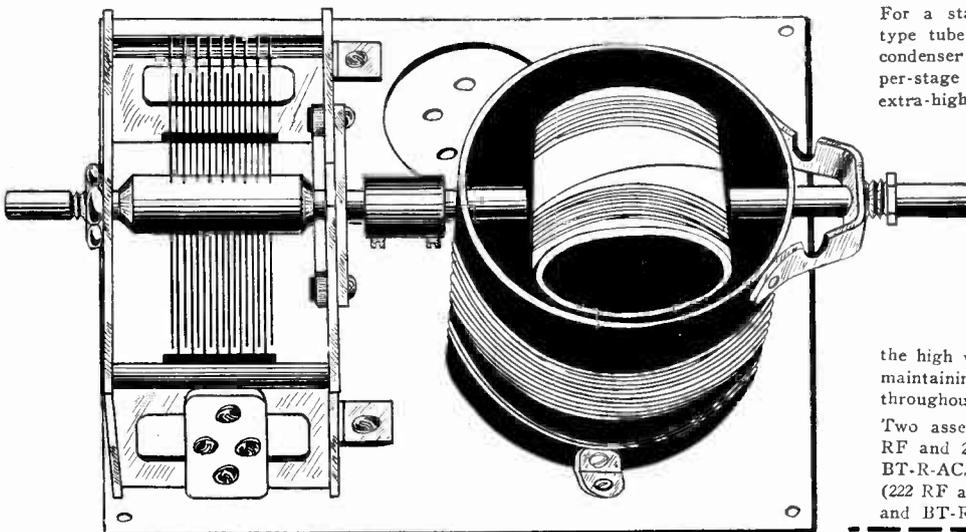
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Balkite Push-Pull Receiver



The Bakelite A-5 Neutrodyne, one of the most sensitive commercial receivers ever developed; 8 tubes, including 280 rectifier. Wholly AC operated, 105-120 v. 50-60 cycles; in a table model cabinet, genuine walnut, made by Berkey & Gay.

Three stages of tuned RF, neutralized, so there's no squealing; easy tuning; operation on short piece of wire indoors perfectly satisfactory; no repeat tuning points; no hum; phonograph pickup jack built in; excellent tone quality; good selectivity. Two posts are accessible for connecting the field coil of a DC dynamic speaker.

The parts of which this receiver is made are all ace-high and the wiring is done with extreme expertness, by Gillillan. The power supply is exceptionally fine, the set being worked at 50% less than the rated capacity of the power transformer and chokes, assuring long life. There is no hum, as filtration is remarkably good.

The illuminated drum dial, at center, reads 0-100 at left, and at right has a blank space in which to write call letters. The little knob at left is the volume control, and the one at right is the AC switch. Each RF stage is filtered and bypassed individually, and the RF coils, tuning condenser and power transformer are separately and totally shielded. The lead from antenna binding post to antenna winding of the first coil is of shielded wire that is grounded.

Also, the receiver as a whole is totally shielded, with metal chassis and metal under-cover, so there is no stray pickup. Cat. BAL-A5. List price \$135; net price.....

\$44.00

Silver-Plated Coils

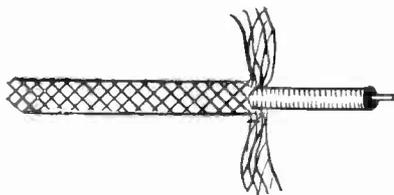


Wound with non-insulated wire plated with genuine silver, on grooved forms, these coils afford high efficiency because of the low resistance that silver has to radio frequencies. The grooves in the moulded bakelite forms insure accurate space winding, thus reducing the distributed capacity, and keep the number of turns and separation constant. Hence the secondary reactances are identical and ideal for gang tuning.

The radio frequency transformer may be perpendicularly or horizontally mounted, and has braced holes for that purpose. It has a center-tapped primary, so that it may be used as antenna coil with half or all the primary in circuit, or as interstage coupler, with all the primary on a screen grid plate circuit, or half the primary for any other type tubes, including pentodes. The three-circuit tuner has a center-tapped primary, also. This tuner is of the single hole panel mount, but may be mounted on a chassis, if preferred, by using the braced holes. Pair consists of RF transformer and three-circuit tuner, both for .0005 mfd. only. Order Cat. G-RF-3CT. List price \$5.00; net price.....

\$2.48

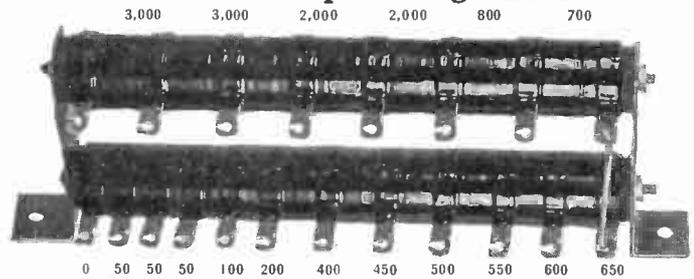
Shielded Lead-in Wire



No 18 solid wire, surrounded by a solid rubber insulation covering, and above that a covering of braided copper mesh wire, which braids on to be grounded, to prevent stray pick-up. This wire is exceptionally fine for antenna lead-in, to avoid pick-up of man-made static, such as from electrical machines. Also used to advantage in the wiring of receivers, as from antenna post of set to antenna coil, or for plate leads, or any leads, if long. This method of wiring a set improves selectivity and reduces hum. This coil is now appearing on the general market for the first time although long used in the best grade of commercial receivers. Order Cat. SH-LW. List price 9c per ft.; net price per foot

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New Multi-Tap Voltage Divider



The resistance values between the twenty taps of the new Multi-Tap Voltage Divider are given above. The total is 17,100 ohms and affords nineteen different voltages.

The Multi-Tap Voltage Divider is useful in all circuits, including push-pull and single-sided ones, in which the current rating of 100 milliamperes is not seriously exceeded and the maximum voltage is not more than 400 volts. Higher voltages may be used at lesser drain.

The expertness of design and construction will be appreciated by those whose knowledge teaches them to appreciate parts finely made.

When the Multi-Tap Voltage Divider is placed across the filtered output of a B supply which serves a receiver, the voltages are in proportion to the current flowing through the various resistances. By making connection of grid returns to ground, the lower voltages may be used for negative bias by connecting filament center, or, in 227 and 224 tubes, cathode to a higher voltage.

If push-pull is used, the current in the biasing section is almost doubled, so the midtap of the power tubes' filament winding would go to a lug about half way down on the lower bank.

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\$3.90

R-245 Set and Tube Tester

With the R-245 Tube and Set Tester you plug the cable into a vacated socket of a receiver putting the removed tube in the tester, and using the receiver's power for making these tests: Plate current, on 0-20 or 0-100 ma. scale, changed by throwing a built-in switch; 0-60, 0-300 v. DC, changed by moving one of the tipped cables to another jack; filament or heater voltage (AC or DC), up to 10 volts, or any other AC voltage source, measured independently, up to 140 volts, including AC line voltage. Also screen grid voltage and screen grid current may be read by following connections specified in the new 8-page instruction sheet.

Each meter may be used independently. The two test leads, one red, the other black, with tip jack terminals, enable quick connection to meters for independent use.

With this outfit you can shoot trouble in receivers and test circuits using the following tubes: 201A, 200A, UX190, UX120, 210, 171, 171A, 112, 112A, 235, 224, 222, 225, 227, and pentodes.

When the R-245 is plugged into the vacated socket of a set and the removed tube is placed in the proper socket of the Tester, the receiver's power supplies all the voltages and currents. You see the vital tests made right before your eyes, all three meters registering immediately, all three reading at the same time.

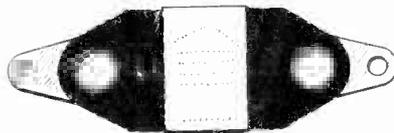
Here are some of the questions answered by the Tester when plugged into the receiver:

What is the filament or heater voltage (no matter if DC or AC)? What is the plate voltage at the plate itself? What is the plate current drawn by the tube? Is the tube in good condition or does it require replacement? What is the grid bias voltage? What is the cathode voltage? What is the screen grid voltage? Besides, when meters are used independently, you can answer these questions: What is the screen grid current? What is the line voltage (no matter if AC or DC)? Is the circuit continuous or is it open? What is the total plate current drawn in the receiver? What are the respective B voltages at the B batteries or voltage divider?

Order Cat. R-245. List price, \$20; net price.....

\$11.40

Fixed Condensers

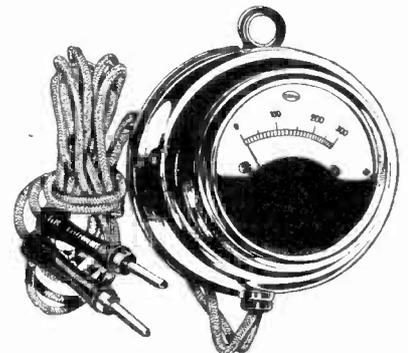


Dubilier Micon fixed condensers, type 642, are available at following capacities and prices:

.0001 mfd.	10c	.006	20c
.00025 mfd.	10c	.00025 with clips	20c
.0003 mfd.	10c	All are guaranteed	
.00035 mfd.	15c	electrically perfect and	
.001	17c	money back if not	
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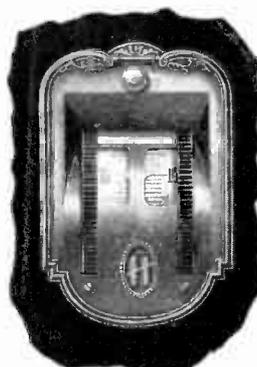
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High-Voltage Meters



0-300 v., 200 ohms per volt. Cat. F-300 @ \$2.59
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0-600 v., AC and DC (same meter reads both); 100 ohms p.v. Order Cat. M-600 @ 4.95

Double Drum Dial

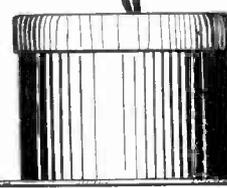


Hammarlund double drum dial, each section individually tunable. Order Cat. H-DDD. List price \$6.00; net **\$3.00**

Shielded RF Choke

Excellent in detector plate circuit or in B-plus RF leads of radio frequency tubes to purify signals.

An efficient radio frequency choke in a shielded case. Inductance, 59 millihenries. Useful for all RF chocking.



In some instances one outlead is connected to case, so use this lead for B-plus or for ground, otherwise ground the case additionally. Order Cat. SH-RFC. List price, \$1.00; **50c** net price

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