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Forecast of Contributions for May Issue



Volney G. Mathison

The story of the adventures of a radio engineer in Alaska was unavoidably omitted from this issue, but will appear soon, as will also another Samuel Jones story called "A Phoney Freeze-Out." Mr. Mathison, in addition to being a contributor of fiction to the magazines, is one of the pioneer radio ship operators, his eight years of commercial experience having taken him all over the world. He holds an extra first class license. Of interest to amateur and commercial operators alike will be a forthcoming treatise from him on "The Professional Radio Operator."

In the May issue B. F. McNamee will have a simple account of the action of "The Vacuum Tube as a Detector," written for the layman.

D. B. McGown, assistant radio inspector, will have two fine articles, one on "Radio Storage Batteries," giving practical information that will enable anyone to take proper care of either lead or nickel-iron batteries, and one on "How to Make a Two Stage Amplifier." An early issue will also contain, as a continuation of his series on commercial apparatus, "Navy Standard Transmitters."

Chas. K. Fulghum, whose article on "Resistance in Radio Circuits" in this issue will be helpful to many, will present an instructive paper on "The Radio Wave," what it is and some of the fundamental phenomena associated with its propagation, for the benefit of the amateurs.

Gerald M. Best and Ralph Heintz have written a detailed account of the C. W. transmitter soon to be put on the air from Hawaii by C. J. Dow. This will give the practical details that will enable anyone to construct a set consisting of two 50 watt tubes in a Hartley self-rectifying I. C. W. circuit.

H. A. Eveleth will continue his "Radio Primer" with a talk on "Aerials." J. B. Dow has another interesting chapter ready for his "C. W. Manual," and there will be a wealth of valuable data in the usual departments of the paper.





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PRELIMINARY recommendations from the Washington Radio Conference Committees allocate twenty bands of waves between 150 and 6000 meters, urge that control of radio communication be vested in the Department of Commerce, and suggest that the radio telephone be given the status of a public utility. The wavelength allocations are as follows:

Below 150 meters-Reserved.	
150 to 200 meters-Amateurs, exclusive.	
200 to 275 meters-Schools and amateurs.	
275 to 285 meters—Police broadcasting.	
810 meters-Special amateur telegraphy.	
810 to 485 meters-Private and toll broadcasting.	
500 to 525 meters—Aircraft telephony and telegraphy.	
525 to 650 meters-Mobile radio telegraphy.	
650 to 700 meters-Mobile radio telephony.	
700 to 750 meters-Government and public broadcasting, 700	miles
inland.	
750 to 800 meters-Radio compass, exclusive.	
850 to 950 meters-Aircraft telegraphy and telephony.	
950 to 1050 meters-Radio beacons, exclusive.	
1050 to 1500 meters—Government and public broadcasting.	
1500 to 1550 meters—Aircraft telephony and telegraphy.	
1550 to 1650 meters-Fixed stations, non-exclusive.	
1850 to 2250 meters-Government broadcasting, non-exclusive.	
2500 to 2660 meters-Mobile service, non-exclusive.	
2850 to 8800 meters-Fixed service, radio telephony.	
5000 to 6000 meters-Trans-oceanic radio telephone experiments.	

From these it will be noted that ample privileges are to be extended to amateurs and to radiophone broadcasting. The committees' final report will be given about April first, after consideration of comments from various interests to whom this information has been transmitted. Thereafter the recommendations will probably be embodied in a bill to be submitted to Congress.

POR three months have we reported the consistent work of 6ZAC of Hawaii. Without blare of trumpets and with the simplest receiving set he is hearing stations thousands of miles away. His work sets a record that has not yet been equalled in amateur circles. So it is with pleasure that many readers will learn that he will soon be on the air with his own transmitter and many a fine-eared operator, who thinks he can receive, will be given an opportunity to learn whether he can receive as well as he can send.

Because of the severe static conditions usually found in the Islands such a feat has hitherto been considered impossible. Several years ago navy officials using seven stages of amplification were unable to hear Pacific Coast stations during a pre-arranged test. With a loose coupler, detector and one stage of amplification, Mr. Dow is hearing spark stations in the fifth, sixth and seventh districts and C. W. stations in these as well as in the eighth and ninth districts. Among others, he reports NOF at Anacostia, B. C., a distance of 4800 miles along the great circle!

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ROM the report of the Washington Radio Conference, as printed elsewhere in these columns, it is evident that some little time will elapse before the present etheric chaos can be corrected by law. The report is interesting in that it succinctly presents the viewpoints of the many conflicting interests involved and points the way to an equitable allocation of wave lengths.

But until the final recommendations of the committee are made law by. Congress some plan of "live and help live" should be worked out in each part of the country. Voluntary restrictions by some plan, such as the Chicago plan or the Pacific plan, will prove helpful in each locality.

The essence of such voluntary restriction is co-operation, working together and playing together harmoniously for the good of the radio game. This is in accord with the fundamental principle of Americanism that in union there is strength and that the will of the majority is the only will to be considered safe relative to policies involving any body of individuals. Any plan adopted should be built to an ideal.

The ideal plan for amateur radio is one which will afford equitable privileges to the receptor station interested in radiophone broadcasts, the amateur operator interested in local work, and the dx hound who wants to annihilate miles with watts. This ideal now can be attained only by a gentlemen's agreement as to what in the opinion of the majority will provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

Such a plan would call for preliminary decisions by local groups and final decision by representatives from a large number of groups. This was the method used in the preparation of the Pacific Plan, which, while not yet perfect, is admirably adapted to provide the most favorable working conditions for all. Wherever enforced it is functioning satisfactorily.

But of far greater importance than the adoption of a plan is loyalty by all to whatever plan may be adopted by the majority. In general, we are loyal to that thing which protects our own interest. But the protection can be continued only as long as loyalty continues. No plan will work if a dx man disputes the traffic officer's order to discontinue the use of high power local work, if an operator refuses to put out NA or to recognize IM, or if some ambitious amateur puts his spark on the air during the concert period.

A gentleman's agreement is an agreement between gentlemen and needs no bond. Our traffic officers are our servants, telling us how to conform to our own rules for our own good and sacrificing their time for the welfare of all. They exercise an authority backed up by the power of the radio inspector. Their orders should be obeyed.

Should we find a Bolshevik in our midst, let us deal gently with him. He is ignorant and is to be taught rather than fought. He misunderstands and his misunderstanding should be removed by education. But if he still refuses to conform voluntarily, we still have the power to compel him to consider the privileges of other people as superior to his own.



Report of the Washington Radio Conference By Max Loewenthal, Official Delegate from the Pacific Radio Trade Association

HIS epoch-making conference, des-L tined to evolve conclusions of immeasurable benefit to the radio industry, not only in view of the magnitude and scope of the problems under discussion and the importance of the recommendations which will result from these deliberations, but also in view of the prom-

inence of the members of the commission and those attending the conference, as voluntary witnesses and advisers, was opened in the conference room of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., on Monday, February 27th by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover.

The official commission appointed by Secretary Hoover at the suggestion of President Harding consisted of the following members:

Dr. S. W. Stratton, chairman (director of Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce).

This report summarizes the testimony given before the Committee by representatives of radio manufacturers, trade associations, amateur associations, electric power companies, telephone companies, ship operators, newspapers and others interested in the regulation of radio communication.

There were present during the twoday conference representatives of various public service corporations, manufacturing companies, radio telephone users, commercial and amateur, from coast to coast, to the number of about 125. as well as representatives from the various government bureaus, the army and navy,

Boy Scout and trade associations, many representatives of the press and commercial bodies, in order to present their views concerning the situation brought about by recent strides in broadcasting and the need for allocating the ether waves so as to permit the greatest use of wireless telephony for commercial purposes and amateur development.

Secretary Hoover, who might be called "the personal representative of the American small boy," in view of the interest he has shown in the past and repeatedly evidenced during the course of the convention, opened the proceedings with

Leaders in Washington Radio Conference. Left to right, front row, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Postmaster General Will Hays, Gen. George O. Squier, Congressman W. H. White, of Maine; former Congressman Shirley. Back row, Dr. Louis Cohen, con-sulting engineer for War Department; Prof. C. M. Jansky Jr., Edwin H. Armstrong, Columbia University; Harry F. Breckel, Dr.

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- Prof. L. A. Hazeltine, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. I.
- Mr. D. B. Carson, Commissioner of Navigation, Department of Commerce. Prof. C. M. Jansky, Jr., University of Minnesota. Senator Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota.

- Mr. Edwin H. Armstrong, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

an address which was heartily received by those in attendance. Mr. Hoover's interest in the situation was further evidenced by his continuous presence during all of the proceedings over which he presided and during which he asked many pertinent questions.

OPENING ADDRESS BY SECRETARY HOOVER

It is the purpose of this conference to inquire into the critical situation that has now arisen through the astonishing development of the wireless telephone; to advise the Department of Commerce as to the application of its present powers of regulation, and further to formulate such recommendations to Congress as to the legislation necessary. This is one of the few instances where the country is unanimous in its desire for more regulation.

We have witnessed in the last four or five months one of the most astounding things that has come under my observation of American life. This department estimates that today over 600,000 (one estimate being 1,000,000) persons possess wireless telephone receiving sets, whereas there were less than 50,000 such sets a year ago. We Continued on page 44





RADIO for April, 1922



By Charles R. Grubbs

THE characters above, reading from left to right, are "Chung Kwok, Mo Tsein Tien Koong Chuen," and taken literally mean "middle kingdom without wires electrical work engine (ering)," or "Radio Construction in China." Radio is a new art in China and, like all other innovations in that country, there are no words with which to exactly describe the subject. So existing words are used descriptively to meet the emergency. Usually they are very apt in the description, as the above caption testifies. A motorboat is a "fire boat," and a railway train is a "fire carriage," while an automobile is a "fire carriage to go anywhere."

A few words as to the geographical and political status of South China will explain why radio construction was undertaken there.

The valley of the Si Kiang, or West River, extends through two provinces of South China, Kwang Tung and Kwang Si (east country and west country), where is being made history upon which the progress of all China hinges. Kwang

Tung, with the rich delta lands of the West River and the fertile valley of the North River, has the two principal cities, Hong Kong and Canton. In the little territory scarcely larger than the state of Kentucky twenty-nine million people live. Agriculturally inclined and commercially aggressive, the people of this province are peace loving, studious, philosophical and thrifty. Most of the Chinese living in foreign lands and studying in foreign universities

are from Kwang Tung; and therefore if foreign ideas and inventions are accepted into China they usually enter by way of Kwang Tung. It was to be expected that radio, the newest and most useful of arts, would get its first real start in the southern part of China.

In marked contrast to Kwang Tung is the mountainous province of Kwang Si; the land, while rich in undeveloped mineral resources, is poor agriculturally, and hundreds of years of fighting with neighboring provinces has reduced the population from 15,000,000 to less than 7,000,000 people. These were the militarists of China.

An unusually successful raid in 1917 gained control for the Kwang Si troops of the whole of Kwang Tung province, and for three years they ruled with the hands of vandals. High taxes were collected on anything and everything; gambling concessions were sold; if they couldn't get the money any other way they took it. As quickly as possible all money was moved from Kwang Si. Railroads



Sketch Map of South China, Showing Location of Stations

people, under the leadership of Sun Yat Sen, Chen Chiungming, and others, had revolted, the Kwang Si militarists were driven out, leaving Slocum and Halleck nothing to do but to return to the states, and the radio shipment on its arrival was seized by the people who had really paid for it.

Some few months later the writer was called upon by the Chinese in control to furnish them with advice and other services incidental to the erection of these stations.

F ROM San Francisco to Hong Kong was the usual uneventful trip, listening to the old reliables, KPH, KET, NPL, NPM, the amateurs trying to strangle

each other, "that will be all for now" from the California Theater. "We'll have another" from the sergeant, the Japanese stations and others. Off the Japanese coast we heard the tube sets which were being tested out, but of course were not able to understand what was said; it sounded like "Ho-o Rin Ahh" and "Ichi, Ehr, Sahn, Seu," repeated over and over.

Although the Japanese and also the Chinese are required to



Station CN at Canton. Built by German Engineers in 1907

were to be built and equipped, highways to be laid out, and communication was to be fostered in Kwang Si, all at the expense of the richer province of Kwang Tung. A radio station was to be erected at Wuchow, one large

enough for communication directly with Pekin, 1200 miles distant. They estimated about 10 kw. It is not very clear just how this estimate was arrived at, but the money was appropriated and an American-educated Chinese was sent to the United States to purchase this station, together with other machinery.

Upon arrival in the states, an American radio engineer advised this representative that 10 kw. would not be sufficient and stated that nothing less than a 25 kw. arc should be used. Due to the large ferrous deposits in the country, and the exceptionally heavy type of atmospherics encountered, it is the opinion of the writer that at certain times of the year a 100 kw. arc would have difficulty in consistently covering this distance. There is a minimum of static in the winter months.

It was then decided to use this appropriation, which was not enough to buy a 25 kw. arc, in the purchase of a number of small radio sets. De Forest radiophones and receivers, with 110 volt Genco light farm sets for a source of power, were selected.

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Messrs. Slocum and Halleck, radio engineers of San Francisco, were sent on to China to prepare for the erection of these sets. Before this apparatus could arrive in China the Kwang Tung

know the international code, together with the use of English, the code which they use for their own language would appeal to the chap who has a hard time to memorize the code. It only has ten characters and is a number code, each of the words being represented by four of these characters. For instance the numeral 5438 could represent the longest word in their language or the shortest as the case might be. Many of the ship operators are puzzled when they hear this code as it seems to be made up of letters, numbers, and Morse. Continental N is 1, D is 2, B is 3, -... is 4, and so on with the Morse L for zero. A code book is furnished to each operator with the Chinese characters and its corresponding code number listed.

Upon arrival at Canton, a conference was called by the officials in order that the best and most advantageous locations could be selected for the stations, that a complete communication network of the entire province would result. We had many of these conferences during the course of the work and they were mostly alike in that each took up the greater part of a day with tea, ceremony, and difficulty of exact understanding. It was decided that ten stations would be put up immediately and simultaneously even though a large portion of the construction material still had to be purchased. It is no easy thing to buy construction material of any description in China and it is especially difficult when it is desired in quantity and of a specialized nature.

The six 1 kw. stations proposed are shown on the map; in addition there were to be two ship stations of $\frac{1}{2}$ kw., and two 100 watt stations in the vicinity of Canton.

About sixteen spark stations were already in operation at various points on land and small river boats in and around Canton. These had been installed fifteen years previously by German engineers and even though they each carried a Chinese "chop" they had all the earmarks of Slaby-Arco and Telefunken sets.

The largest of these stations at Canton, CN, had a sending radius of less than 60 miles. An idea of the size of the antenna for this station may be had by studying the waterfront view shown herewith. The masts are 220 ft. high and 680 ft. apart. There is a four-wire grid suspended between these masts, each wire seven strands of No. 14 copper, which makes a very heavy antenna. All four wires are brought to the lead-in insulator from the east end of the grid. Then from this point through the oscillation transformer to the ground.



Construction on Shiu Hing Station

The ground consists of two heavy copper wires laid out radially into the river. The oscillation transformer is made up of 25 turns of No. 4 solid copper on a cylindrical wooden frame. Taps were taken off this for the closed circuit, which consisted of a large glass plate condenser and a spark coil or open core transformer, the primary of which was fed directly off the 100 volt, 50 cycle lighting main. This transformer, 24 in. long and 8 in. in diameter, was completely encased in hard rubber to keep out the moisture.

Originally there had been a straight spark gap, but someone had fitted a rotary gap on a fan motor. At that the overall efficiency did not go very high as is indicated by the fact that with an input of 1 kw. they were able to put into the antenna less than two amperes. With the size of that antenna the surprising thing is that they were able to do as well as that. The emitted wave was so broad that there were no "humps."

The receiver was 2 ft. high with a long, multipoint lever switch which opened all the circuits at once. Fixed coupling inductances, locally made condensers, variable, and a single low ohmage phone made up the rest of the set.

We connected to this antenna an audion receiver, onestep, Baldwin phones, and the Chinese operators were afraid to use it because it hurt their ears.

O NE of the first things which had to be done was to make a complete test of all the apparatus in the shipment. For some unexplainable reason this radio material had not been crated or prepared for export shipment



Radio Station at Shek Chong View of Pearl River, Canton

Hotel Reservations, Shiu Chow Temple of 500 Genii, Canton





Wu Chow Harbor

and as it had been handled four times in transit, considerable damage had resulted.

To make matters more complicated, the white ants had eaten into the cases and the oak cabinets were little more than shells. White ants or "ahn hi" as they are called, are the "wouf-hongs" of China. The Chinese will seriously tell you that the little insects will cheerfully eat anything that they come to, including lead and gold and silver.

Needless to say we did not try the experiment, but rigged up a cyanide room and made short work of them. The ship's fumigating method was entirely new to the natives, for they knew of no way to rid themselves of the pests other than fire and kerosene; the former of course could not be considered while the latter is not effective.

Many of the Chinese believe that the white ants are caused by the moisture in the air, and will affirm that there is no other possible way in which the ants can get a start. At times one is tempted to believe them. The high humidity is capable of bringing on all sorts of calamities to electrical machinery. It was next to impossible to keep the magnetos in operation on the aeroplanes, while the damage caused by the moisture was disastrous to the coils, transformers, and condensers of the radio sets.

The woodwork had also suffered from the moisture. It did not seem to affect the length of the board, but the width was increased nearly a half inch in each foot. In the winter months this same board will shrink back to normal, so that it does no good to make the board to size. The solution is teak wood cabinets, which are not so susceptible to moisture. The entire shipment had been there for five months or more subject to this moisture, and the high voltage generators were in no condition to deliver the 1500 volts required. Each piece that would require this treatment was baked at 180°F in an oven, rigged up temporarily, before being tested.

One of the Genco light sets and a set of storage batteries was set up, men were taught to run it and the testing was started. The results were discouraging, but we managed to sort out enough pieces to carry on, thinking to repair the rest at a later date. Three men were afterwards kept busy for a period of two months in repairing storage battery plates alone and a lot of the apparatus could not be salvaged at all.

The first three stations were put up in Canton, a 1 kw. at CN's old site, and the other two 100 watt stations at a distance of three and twelve miles respectively.

We were now ready to commence the work on some of the outlying stations. Shiu Hing, 60 miles up the West River, being the next on our plan, arrangements were made for a "lighter" or large cargo boat and the lighting generator, transmitter, power panel, receiver, motor generator set, and other material was loaded on by coolies. The masts were to be towed astern.

Three days later (time is no object in China) we were able to pull the diplomatic strings and cut the necessary red tape to get a steamboat to tow us up the river.

THE trip up the West River is beautiful at any time of the year; through a rich delta country, the greenest of green rice fields, well tilled, with never the sign of a weed, quaint "dobe" houses with straw thatched roofs, picturesque river temples, sampans (boats) and lily ponds. Nothing is raised in China to which is not attached a food value and lilies are no exception; the lotus lily has an edible seed similar to pease but richer, and the root is something like the potato. They call it the poor man's potato.

About forty miles of this and we left the sluggish waters of the delta region and came into the more swiftly running part of the river where the mountains start. The Shiu Hing gorges, where the river is forced to pass between two mountains by an ancient landslide, was passed and soon after the boat was anchored along the river bank at Shiu Hing.

The rain had suddenly decided to come down in torrents Continued on page 58



Chinese Steam Shovel On the Way to Market

Celestial Centrifugal Pump Rapid Locomotion in China



The C. W. Manual

Fourth Installment

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The Design and Construction of a 10 Watt C. W. Transmitter, I. C. W. Transmitter and Phone Set Using Direct Current

I N conformity with the policy adopted in the preceding chapter of stating the conditions affecting the design and construction of apparatus under consideration, the following statements are made with reference to the subject matter:

1. A Hartley oscillating circuit wherein two 5 watt tubes are employed as oscillators, will be used in conjunction with the Heising system of modulation employing two similar tubes as modulators.

2. With a small antenna, the apparatus must function at frequencies corresponding to wavelengths between 200 and 375 meters.

3. The various integral pieces of apparatus, except the radiating system, sources of power supply and attendant filter and rectifier systems must be so mounted as to comprise a complete unit.



Fig. 30. Front View of 10-Watt Phone Set.

4. An efficient self contained switching arrangement must be provided in order that the operator may transmit signals of any of the following characteristics at will: viz, C. W., I. C. W., and phone.

5. Efficiency in operation combined with ruggedness in construction will be considered as of paramount importance.

Figs. 30, 31, and 32 show three views of the completed apparatus. Fig. 33 is a schematic diagram of the circuit. It will be observed by reference to the figures that much of the apparatus was obtained from the market; for example, the indicating instruments, filament rheostats, receptacles, modulation transformer, choke coils, and switches. The constructor will do well in following this practice, since, in most cases, it will be the more economical. However, full constructional details will be found elsewhere in the manual for much of the above mentioned apparatus. In the construction of this unit, recourse will be given first to apparatus comprising the basic electrical parts of the circuit—since the arrangement of these parts in the circuit depends to a great extent upon the constructor's adherence to the specifications given. In most cases, considerable tolerance is allowed.

The details of the condenser inserted in the circuit between the plate and coupling tap on the variable inductance are shown in Fig. 34. As will be seen by reference to this figure, the condenser is merely an ordinary mica dielectric device having a capacity of approximately 0.01 micro-farad. It is mounted as in Fig. 32 upon the inside surface of the backboard under the oscillator tube sub-panel.

The radio-frequency choke coil shown in the same figure consists of a 250 turn honeycomb mounted upon the bracket which is detailed in Fig. 35.



Fig. 34. Details of Condenser in Circuit Between Plate and ling Tap. Capacity, 0.01 mf., 50 pieces copper foil 1.75 x 1.45 m between 51 pieces 5 mil ruby mica 2 x 1.5 in.

The mounting for the modulation transformer and radiofrequency choke coil is shown in Fig. 31. Complete details for the construction of the modulation transformer are given in Fig. 26. If the reader desires to construct an audio frequency choke to take the place of the one shown in Fig. 31, he may do so by following the details of Fig. 29 (see March RADIO).

The attention of the reader will now be turned to the grid circuit in Fig. 33. It will be observed that this is a branched circuit consisting of three small capacities and two large resistances. The individual grid condensers should have a capacity of approximately 0.0005 micro-farad, and should be shunted by a suitable grid leak resistance. For Western Electric Co. oxide-coated filament tubes, this resistance should have a value of about 10,000 ohms. Some manufacturers recommend that with their tubes, the capacity-grid-leakresistance system comprise a resistance of 5000 ohms in conjunction with a capacity of 0.002 micro-farad.

Three sheets of copper foil 2 by 3 inches separated with thin mica may be used with the grid leak shown in Fig. 27 for each of the oscillator tubes of Fig. 33.

The third condenser in this system is one of similar construction. By manipulating the upper left hand switch of Fig. 30, a small telegraph key is shunted across this condenser for the transmission of C. W. signals. When thrown to the opposite side, this switch inserts the key in the buzzer circuit for the transmission of I. C. W. signals. In this latter position, the two disengaged switch points must be short-circuited to cut the key condenser out of circuit. It may be well to point out here that the resistance of the key condenser, as measured by means of a megger, should be infinity. If this resistance is of any finite value, in all probability the circuit will oscillate with the key in the released position. A leaky key will often cause the same trouble. This condenser, as well as the grid condensers and leaks, are mounted atop the upper horizontal panel of Fig. 32.

Two $2\frac{1}{2}$ ohm rheostats and one 7 ohm rheostat serve to control the modulator and oscillator filaments and the buzzer, respectively. An added refinement, though an unnecessary one if good tubes are used, would be the introduction of a separate rheostat for each filament.



Fig. 31. Right Profile of 10-Watt Set, Showing Location of Modulation Transformer and Audio-Frequency Choke Coil. Note location of Key Condenser Under Lower Sub-panel.



Fig. 35. Dimensions of Bracket for Mounting Honeycomb Coil.

The variable inductance, which is supported between the upper and lower sub-panels of Fig. 31, consists of a Bakelite tube (see Fig. 36 for details) 9 in. long and 5 in. in diameter. It is threaded for 8 in. of its length, leaving a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. margin on each end and wound with 48 turns of 10 by No. 30 enamel insulated wire twisted three cord. A slightly better design of Litz for use with alternating currents of the frequencies corresponding to wavelengths between 200 and 375 meters, could be developed with No. 38 enameled wire. The increased difficulties resulting from the use of such small wire, particularly in regard to making the taps, soldering, etc., would not warrant its use, however. Taps should be provided as indicated in the accompanying table. In making connections to this type of conductor, considerable time and care is required.

The small brass lugs shown in Fig. 36 should be soldered to the Litz in the following manner as the respective turns are wound upon the tube: Clamp a small electric soldering iron between the jaws of a bench vise to steady same. The iron should be previously tinned in order to hold a small globule of solder on the flat part of the point. Immerse the



Fig. 32. Left Profile of 10-Watt Set, Showing Location of Radio-Frequency Choke Coil and Plate Series Condenser.





conductor in this hot solder at the point to be tapped, adding solder if necessary. Holding the wire in this position, scrape carefully with a sharp knife. The enamel, now softened and



Table Showing Grid Taps and Switch Connections. In Table to Left Column B Indicates the 48 Turns of Litz, C Shows Position of Lugs, A, D and E, Connections of Various Switch Points. The "Coupling" and "Wavelength" Switches Have 15 Common Connections as

partially charred by the heat, will float to the surface of the globule and can be removed with ease. Using a small piece of solid wire solder as an instrument, apply a small amount of good anti-corrosive soldering paste to the heated section of the conductor, and, if same is properly cleaned as suggested above, the whole should become a solid mass at this



Radio Broadcasting Stations of the United States

First District

WGI-American Radio & Research Corporation, Medford Hillside, Mass. 8 p. m. daily; sermon and sacred music Sunday. Babson business report, Liberty Bond quotations and popular music Monday; bedtime story for chil-dren Tuesday and Thursday; radio talks Friday; popular music and lecture every night.



- WGB—C. D. Tuska Co., Hartford, Conn. 425 meters; concerts on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.
- WBZ-Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Springfield, Mass. Music and news 8:00 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; church service Sunday, 7:00 p. m.

Second District

- WNO-Wireless Telephone Co. of Hudson County, 997 Bergen Ave.,
- Jersey City, N. J. WDT—Ship Owners' Radio Serv-ice, 80 Washington St., New York City.
- WDY-Radio Corporation of America, Roselle Park, N. J. Closed; to be replaced by large station lo-cated in New York City.
- WJZ-Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., 95 Orange St., Newark, N. J. Daily except Sunday; music every hour from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. on the hour; weather, 11:00 a. m., 12:00 m., 5:00 and 10:01 p. m.; shipping news, 2:05 p. m. (except Saturday); agricultural reports, 12:00 m. and 6:00 p. m.; Children's Hour, Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.; Arlington time daily at 9:52 p. m.; music on Tuesday, Thursday, Sat-urday and Sunday, 8:20 p. m. until 10:00 p. m.; Radio Chapel, Sunday 3:00 p. m.

From this list anyone may tune his receiving set to receive the news, concerts, lectures and ser-mons that are "on the air" throughout the country. Corrections, changes and additions will be published hereafter. Unless otherwise noted, broadcasting is on 360 meters.

WGY-General Electric Co., 1 River Road, Schenectady, N. Y. Union College-Schenectady, N. Y. Music at irregular intervals.

Fourth District

4CD-Carter Electric Co., Atlanta, Ga. Sunday, Tuesday and Thurs-day, 7.30 to 8:00 p. m.; music and news services.

Fifth District

- WGH-Montgomery Light & Power Co., 111 Dexter Ave., Mont-gomery, Ala. Daily 11:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m., weather forecasts; Sunday, 8:30-9:30, address or sermon and sacred music; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30-9:30 p. m., educational matters, farm bulletins, crop statistics, stock quotations and concert.
- WRR—Police and Fire Signal Department, 2012 Main St., Dallas, Texas. 7:00 p. m., daily police bulletin, weather and sports; 8:30-9:00, music; Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., church service.
- Radio Equipment Co., Dallas, Texas. University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Schedule to be announced later. "Texas Radio Market News Service."
- Roswell Gas & Electric Co., Roswell, New Mexico.

Sixth District

- KZY-Atlantic-Pacific Radio Supplies Co., Rock Ridge, Oakland, Calif. Daily, except Sunday, 3:30-4:30 p. m., concert; 6:45-7:00 p. m., press; Sunday, 11:00 a. m. to 12:15 p. m., sermon and sacred music; 3:00 to 4:00 p. m., concert; Wednesday, 7:30-8:15 p. m., concert; Saturday, 8:15-9:00 p. m., concert.
- KDN-Leo J. Meyberg Co., Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Daily, except Sunday, 4:30-5:30, markets, press and concert; 7:00-7:15, financial and weather; Sunday, 10:00-11:00 a. m., concert; Mon-day, 8:30-9:00, concert; Thurs-day, 7:30-8:30, concert. **KZC**—Western Radio Electric Co.,
- Kinema Theatre, Los Angeles, Calif. Daily, except Sunday, 5:00-

5:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m., press; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, music.

- KZM-Western Wireless School, Hotel Oakland, Oakland, Calif. Daily except Sunday, 7:15-7:30 p. m., sports and foreign news; Tuesday, 7:30-8:15 p. m., concert, Fri-day, 8:15-9:00 p. m., concert.
- KLP-Colin B. Kennedy Co., Los Altos, Calif. Sunday, 4:00-5:00 p. m., concert; Monday, 7:30-8:30 p. m., Industrial News and con-cert; Thursday, 8:30-9:00 p. m., concert.
- KGC-Electric Lighting Supply Co., 5118 Harold Way, Holly-wood, Calif. Monday and Friday, 7:30-8:30, concert.
- KYJ-Leo J. Meyberg Co., Ham-burger's Department Store, Los Angeles, Calif. Daily, except Sunday, 4:00-5:00 p. m., Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00-9:00 p. m., concert, weather, market and general news.
- **KWG** Portable Wireless Tele-phone Co., Stockton, Calif. Daily, except Sunday, 4:00-5:00 p. m., press and markets; Sunday, 2:00-3:00 p. m., concert; Tuesday and Friday, 8:00-9:00 p. m., concert.
- KJQ-C. O. Gould, 615 E. Main St., Stockton, Calif. Wednesday, 7:00-
- 8:00 p. m., concert. **KVQ**—J. C. Hobrecht, Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, Calif. Daily, except Sunday, 5:30-6:30 p. m., press and concert; Wednesday and Saturday, 8:00-9:00, concert.
- KJJ—The Radio Shop, Sunnyvale, Calif. Tuesday, 8:15-9:00 p. m., concert; Friday, 7:30-8:15 p. m.
 KQW—Herrold Laboratories, 425 So. First St., San Jose, Calif. Sun-
- day, 5:00-6:00 p. m., concert; Wednesday, 8:15-9:00 p. m., concert.
- 6XAM—Warner Bros., Oakland, Calif. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday, 12:15-1:00 p. m., concert; Saturday, 7:30-8:15 p. m., concert.
- AGI-Signal Corps, Presidio, San Francisco. Sunday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., concert and instruction.
- **KFU**—Precision Shop, Gridley, Calif. Sunday, 3:00-4:00 p. m., concert; Monday and Thursday, 8:00-9:00 p. m., concert.
- Maxwell Electric Co., Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, Calif. Sunday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m., concert.
- DDV-Noble Electric Works, Monterey, Calif. No schedule yet assigned.
- KUO-Examiner, San Francisco. No schedule yet assigned.

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Construction and Operation of a Crystal-Detector Radio Receiving Equipment

(Prepared by the U. S. Bareau of Standards, at the request of the States Relations Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the use of boys and girls radio clubs)

HIS article tells how to construct the entire receiving station, including antenna as well as a crystal-detector receiving set. This station will enable one to hear the messages sent from medium - power transmitting stations within an area about the size of a large city, and to hear high-power stations within 50 miles, provided the waves used by those stations have wave frequencies between 500 and 1500 kilocycles per second (i. e., wave lengths between 600 and 200 meters). Much greater distances are often covered, especially at night. If a person constructs the coil and other parts as indicated, the total cost of this set can be kept down to about \$6.00. If, however, a specially efficient outfit is desired, the cost may be about \$15.00.

ESSENTIAL PARTS OF RECEIVING STATION

There are five essential parts: the antenna, lightning switch, ground connections, receiving set, and phone. The received signals come into the receiving set through the antenna and ground connection. In the receiving set they are converted into an electric current which produces the sound in the "phone." The phone is either one or a pair of telephone receivers worn on the head of the listener.

The purpose of the lightning switch is to protect the receiving set from damage by lightning. It is used to connect the antenna directly to ground when the receiving station is not being used. When the antenna and the connection to the ground are properly made and the lightning switch is closed, an antenna acts as a lightning rod and is a protection rather than a source of danger to the building.

The principal part of the station is the "receiving set." In the set described herein it is subdivided into two parts, the "tuner" and the "detector," and in more complicated sets still other elements are added.

THE ANTENNA, LIGHTNING SWITCH, AND GROUND CONNECTIONS

The antenna is simply a wire suspended between two elevated points. Wherever there are two buildings, or a house and a tree, or two trees with one of them very close to the house, it relieves one of the need of erecting one or both antenna supports. The antenna should not be less than 30 feet above the ground and its length should be about 75 ft. (See Fig. 1.) While this figure indicates a horizontal antenna, it is not important that it be strictly horizontal. It is in fact desirable to have the far end as high as possible. The "lead-in" wire or dropwire from the antenna itself should run as directly as possible to the lightning switch. If the position of the adjoining buildings or trees is such that the distance between them is greater than about 85 ft., the antenna can still be held to a 75 ft. distance between the insulators by increasing the length of the piece of rope (D) to which the far end of the antenna is attached. The rope (H) tieing the antenna insulator to the house should not be lengthened to overcome this difficulty, because by so doing the antenna "lead-in" or drop-wire (J) would be lengthened.

any unglazed porcelain is used as insulators, it should be boiled in paraffin the same as the wood. Regular antenna insulators are advertised on the market, but the two improvised types just mentioned will be satisfactory for an amateur receiving antenna.

F is the antenna about 75 ft. between the insulators E and G. The wire may be No. 14 or 16 copper wire either bare or insulated. The end of the antenna farthest from the receiving set may be secured to the insulator (E) by any satisfactory method, being careful not to kink the wire. Draw the other end of the antenna wire through the other insulator (G) to a point where the two



Details of Parts.—The parts will be mentioned here by reference to the letters appearing in Figs. 1 and 2.

A and I are screw eyes sufficiently strong to anchor the antenna at the ends.

B and H are pieces of rope $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter, just long enough to allow the antenna to swing clear of the two supports.

D is a piece of $\frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rope sufficiently long to make the distance between E and G about 75 ft.

C is a single-block pulley which may be used if readily available.

E and G are two insulators which may be constructed of any dry hard wood of sufficient strength to withstand the strain of the antenna; blocks about $1\frac{1}{2}x2x10$ in. will serve. The holes should be drilled as shown in Fig. 1 sufficiently far from the ends to give proper strength. If wood is used the insulators should be boiled in paraffin for about 1 hour. If porcelain wiring cleats are available they may be substituted instead of the wood insulators. If insulators are separated by about 75 ft., twist the *insulator* (G) so as to form an anchor as shown in Fig. 1. The remainder of the antenna wire (J) which now constitutes the "lead-in" or dropwire should be just long enough to reach the lightning switch.

K is the lightning switch. For the purpose of a small antenna this switch may be the ordinary porcelain-base, 30 ampere, single-pole double-throw battery switch. These switches as ordinarily available, have a porcelain base about 1 by 4 in. The "lead-in" wire (J) is attached to this switch at the middle point. The switch blade should always be thrown to the lower clip when the receiving set is not actually being used and to the upper clip when it is desired to receive signals.

L is the ground wire for the lightning switch; it may be a piece of the same size wire as used in the antenna, of sufficient length to reach from the lower clip of the lightning switch (K) to the clamp on the ground rod (M).



M is a piece of iron pipe or rod driven 3 to 6 ft. into the ground, preferably where the ground is moist, and extending a sufficient distance above the ground in order that the ground clamp may be fastened to it. Scrape the rust or paint from the pipe before driving in the ground.

N is a wire leading from the upper clip of the lightning switch through the porcelain tube (O) to the receiving set binding post marked "antenna." O is a porcelain tube of sufficient

O is a porcelain tube of sufficient length to reach through the window casing or wall. This tube should be mounted in the casing or wall so that it slopes down toward the outside of the building. This is done to keep the rain from following the tube through the wall to the interior. necessary to drive one or more pipes or rods sufficiently deep to encounter moist earth and connect the ground wire to the pipes or rods. This distance will ordinarily not exceed 6 ft. Where clay soil is encountered this distance may be reduced to 3 ft., while in sandy soil it may be increased to 10 ft. If some other metallic conductor, such as the casing of a drilled well, is not far away from the window, it will be a satisfactory "ground."

TUNER, DETECTOR AND PHONE

The detector and phone will have to be purchased. The tuner and certain accessories can be made at home.

Tuner (R, Fig. 3)—This is a piece of cardboard or other non-metallic tubing with turns of copper wire wound around it. The cardboard tubing may be an oatmeal box. Its construction is described in detail below. Crystal Detector (S, Fig. 3)—The construction of a crystal detector may be of very simple design and quite satisfactory. The crystal, as it is ordinarily purchased, may be unmounted or mounted in a little block of metal. For mechanical reasons the mounted type may be more satisfactory, but that is of no great consequence. It is very important, however, that a very good tested crystal be used. It is probable also that a galena crystal will be more satisfactory to the beginner.

The crystal detector may be made up of a tested crystal, three wood screws, short piece of copper wire, a nail, setscrew type of binding post, and a wood knob or cork. The tested crystal is held in position on the wood base by three brass wood-screws as shown at 1, Fig. 3. A bare copper wire may be wrapped



Fig. 2 shows the radio receiving set installed in some part of the house.

P is the receiving set which is described in detail below.

N is the wire leading from the "antenna" binding post of the receiving set through the porcelain tube to the upper clip of the lightning switch. This wire, as well as the wire shown by Q, should be insulated and preferably flexible. A piece of ordinary lamp cord might be unbraided and serve for these two leads.

Q is a piece of flexible wire leading from the receiving set binding post marked "ground" to a water pipe, heating system or some other metallic conductor to ground, except M, Fig. 1. If there are no water pipes nor radiators in the room in which the receiving set is located, the wire should be run out of doors and connected to a special "ground" below the window, which shall not be the same as the "ground" for the lightning switch. It is essential that for the best operation of the receiving set this "ground" be of the very best type. If the soil near the house is dry it is



tightly around the three brass screws for contact. The assembling of the rest of the crystal detector is quite clearly shown in Fig. 3.

Phone (T, Fig. 3)—It is desirable to use a pair of telephone receivers connected by a head band, usually called a double telephone headset. The telephone receivers may be any of the standard commercial makes having a resistance of between 2000 and 3000 ohms. The double telephone receivers will cost more than all the other parts of the station combined, but it is desirable to get them, especially if one plans to improve his receiving set later. If one does not care to invest in a set of double telephone receivers, a single telephone receiver with a head band may be used; it gives results somewhat less satisfactory.

Accessories—Under the heading of accessory equipment may be listed binding posts, switch arms, switch contacts, testbuzzer, dry battery, and boards on which to mount the complete apparatus. The binding posts, switch arms and switch contacts may all be purchased from dealers who handle such goods or they may be quite readily improvised at home. There is nothing peculiar about the pieces of wood on which the equipment is mounted. They may be obtained from a dry packing-box and covered with paraffin to keep out moisture.

DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION

The following is a detailed description of the method of winding the coil, construction of the wood panels, and mounting and wiring the apparatus:

Tuner-See R, Fig. 3. Having supplied oneself with a piece of cardboard tubing 4 in. in diameter and about $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of No. 24 (or No. 26) double cotton covered copper wire, one is ready to start the winding of the tuner. Punch two holes in the tube about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from one end as shown at 2 on Fig. 3. Weave the wire through these holes in such a way that the end of the wire will be quite firmly anchored, leaving about 12 inches of the wire free for connections. Start with the remainder of the wire to wrap the several turns in a single layer about the tube, tightly and closely to-gether. After 10 complete turns have been wound on the tube hold those turns snugly while a tap is being taken off. This tap is made by making a 6 in. loop of the wire and twisting it together at such a place that it will be slightly staggered from the first tap. This method of taking off taps is shown quite clearly at U, Fig. 3. Proceed in this manner until 7 twisted taps have been taken off at every 10 turns. After these first 70 turns have been wound on the tube then take off a 6 in. twisted tap for every succeeding single turn until 10 additional turns have been wound on the tube. After winding the last turn of wire anchor the end by weaving it through

two holes punched in the tube much as was done at the start, leaving about 12 in. of wire free for connecting. It is to be understood that each of the 18 taps is slightly staggered from the one just above, so that the several taps will not be bunched along one line on the cardboard tube. See Fig. 3. It would be advisable, after winding the tuner as just described, to dip the tuner in hot paraffin. This will help to exclude moisture.

Upright Panel and Base — Having completed the tuner to this point, set it aside and construct the upright panel shown in Fig. 4. This panel may be a piece of wood approximately 1/2 in. thick. The position of the several holes for the binding posts, switch arms and switch contacts may first be laid out and drilled. preferably be of the set screw type as shown at X, Fig. 3.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIRING

Having constructed the several parts just mentioned and mounted them on the wood base, one is ready to connect the several taps to the switch contacts and attach the other necessary wires. Scrape the cotton insulation from the loop ends of the sixteen twisted taps as well as from the ends of the two single taps coming from the first and last turns. Fasten the bare ends of these wires to the proper switch contacts as shown by the corresponding numbers in Fig. 3. One should be careful not to cut or break any of the looped taps. It would be preferable to fasten the connecting wires to the switch contacts by binding them



The "antenna" and "ground" binding posts may be ordinary 1/8 in. brass bolts of sufficient length and supplied with three nuts and two washers. The first nut binds the bolt to the panel, the second nut holds one of the short pieces of stiff wire, while the third nut holds the antenna or ground wire as the case may The switch arm with knob shown be. at V, Fig. 3, may be purchased in the assembled form or it may be constructed from a thin slice cut from a broom handle and a bolt of sufficient length equipped with four nuts and two washers together with a narrow strip of thin brass somewhat as shown. The switch contacts (W, Fig. 3) may be of the regular type furnished for this purpose or they may be brass bolts equipped with one nut and one washer each or they may even be nails driven through the panel with an individual tap fastened under the head or soldered to the projection of the nail through the panel. The switch contacts should be just close enough that the switch arm will not drop between the contacts, but also far enough apart that the switch arm can be set so as to touch only one contact at a time.

The elephone binding post should

between the washer and the nut as shown at 3, Fig. 3. A wire is run from the back of the binding post marked "ground" (Fig. 3) to the back of the left-hand switch-arm bolt (Y), thence to underneath the left-hand binding post marked "phones." A wire is then run from underneath the right-hand binding post marked "phones" to underneath the binding post (4, Fig. 3), which forms a part of the crystal detector. A piece of No. 24 bare copper wire about $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, one end of which is twisted tightly around the nail (the nail passing through binding post 4), the other end of which rests gently by its own weight on the crystal (1). The bare copper wire which was wrapped tightly around the three brass wood-screws holding the crystal in place is lead to and fastened at the rear of the right-hand switch arm bolt (v), thence to the upper left-hand binding post marked "antenna." As much as possible of this wiring is shown in Fig. 3.

DIRECTIONS FOR OPERATING

After all the parts of this crystal-detector radio receiving set have been constructed and assembled the first essential

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THE INTERMEDIATE CIRCUIT

By HUGH R. SPRADO

T HE present crowded condition of the ether on short wavelengths, especially on 200 meters and on the radiophone concert wave, has forced the writer to make numerous experiments in the attempt to eliminate, or at least greatly decrease, the interference encountered.

In order that others may benefit through the results of these experiments, this as well as other papers have been written. One of the first successful circuits discovered, or rather, unearthed from ancient history, was the intermediate tuning circuit. This circuit was used in the early days of radio by the British Marconi Company in their magnetic detector receivers, but was finally discarded because of its inefficiency when used with magnetic or crystal detectors; the trouble lying in the fact that the increased selectivity offered, was offset by the loss in signal strength, which could



The Intermediate Circuit

not be afforded in those early days of low power transmitters and insensitive detectors. However, the vacuum tube detector and its N stage amplifier has brought back the possibility of this circuit.

The circuit consists essentially of an antenna tuning circuit composed of the primary of a variocoupler L in series with a tuning condenser C; an intermediate circuit of extremely low resistance composing secondary L_1 , second primary L_2 and variable condenser C_1 in series; and a standard regenerative receiver secondary L_2 and grid variometer.

The selectivity of the circuit depends primarily upon the intermediate circuit L_1 , C_1 , L_2 . The main requisite in this intermediate circuit is low resistance, and without this essential it is of little advantage. The secondary L_1 and primary L_2 should be wound with small copper tubing having as thin a wall as is possible to obtain. Should it be impossible to obtain copper tubing, No. 10 copper wire can be substituted. The variable condenser should have a maximum capacity not exceeding .0005 mf. and must have low resistance. CotoCoil, or General Radio Company's type No. 182 condensers are recommended. The dimensions of the coils are dependent upon the wavelength range desired.

To adjust the circuit for an incoming signal, the antenna circuit is first tuned to approximately the wavelength of the transmitting station and with the coupling between antenna and intermediate circuit, and intermediate circuit and secondary fairly close, the intermediate circuit is adjusted to resonance with the The secondary or tube cirantenna cuit is now adjusted for maximum signal strength. When all these adjustments have been made, loosen the coupling between the various circuits slowly, returning for resonance for each change in coupling. The coupling should be made as loose as is consistent with good signal strength. It will now be found that a fractional part of a degree on the intermediate condenser will completely erase the signal, and interference from stations only a few meters off of the working wave will be greatly decreased.

It is extremely important that no energy from the antenna circuit be coupled directly into the tube circuit. This is possible if the two coupling coils are in close proximity unless thoroughly shielded. It is advisable to separate the two couplers several feet and arrange the coils so they are at right angles. To test for any direct coupling effects, tune all circuits to resonance with some station that is transmitting a loud signal. Keeping all adjustments as made, open the intermediate circuit completely by removing some connecting wire. If the signal is still heard, energy is being transferred directly to the tube circuit and good selectivity cannot be secured. It will be necessary to further increase the distance between the couplers or rearrange their position until no signal is heard in the telephones. This test should be made with full amplification.

When all adjustments of coils have been made as outlined, the circuit will give great selectivity and, in many instances, louder and clearer signals than the single coupled receiver. Due to its extreme selectivity, the operator may have some difficulty in finding a certain station, but his efforts will be well repaid by the freedom from interference.

This intermediate circuit can also be calibrated and used as a receiving wave meter for checking the wavelengths of transmitting stations. A very accurate wavelength check can be made if the coupling is kept sufficiently loose to prevent any reaction between circuits. Accuracies within one-half of one per cent are possible on weak signals and onetenth of one per cent on strong signals.

In conclusion, the writer wisher to imbed one fact: The intermediate circuit must be of extremely low resistance to be effective.

ELIMINATING THE GRID BATTERY

By HUGH R. SPRADO

I N all radiophone transmitter circuits using the Heising constant current system of modulating the oscillator tube output, a negative grid potential is required on the grid of the modulator tube. This grid potential, or grid biasing as it is called, is the most important adjustment on a radiophone transmitter and, when overlooked, is the cause of most of the distortion in transmitting speech.

Practically every schematic drawing of a Heising modulator shows a battery of dry cells in the modulator grid circuit to maintain the necessary negative potential. As a result, the experimenter uses dry cells; which in time become inoperative and noisy, causing all sorts of queer noises to be transmitted.

Fig. 1 shows a circuit by means of which the battery of dry cells can be dispensed with and a far more constant and automatic grid potential maintained. For simplicity, only the modulator tube connections are shown in the figure. P and S are the primary and secondary respectively of the modulation transformer.



R is a variable resistance of sufficient capacity to carry the combined oscillator and modulator plate currents without excessive heating. This resistance is connected in series with the negative high voltage lead to the tube filaments and carries the total plate current of the oscillator and modulator tubes.

Any current passing through this resistance will cause a certain potential drop across its terminals, and it is this potential drop that we will use as a negative bias for the modulator grid.

Assuming that we are using two 5 watt Radiotrons, one as an oscillator and one as a modulator and also assuming that the proper grid potential for these tubes is negative twenty volts, we will find by Ohms Law that, with a combined plate current to both tubes of 100 milliamperes, the potential drop across a resistance of 200 ohms will be 20 volts.

Where

I=.1 ampere
E=20 volts
$$R = \frac{E}{I} = \frac{20}{.1} = 200 \text{ ohms}$$

As this resistance is in series with the negative lead to the filament, the grid of the modulator will consequently be Continued on page 74

Scratchi Starts Business Careering

To Editor "RADIO" (which amplifies its percolation in high-stepping fashion):

DEAREST SIR:

You will be quite glad, maybe so, to be inform that my Cousin Scratchi have obtained for himself new radio position and are again very joyously in synchrony with all mealtimes. He have now become gracious dispenser of knobs, dials and binding posts for wireless retailer who require only experts of supreme type. He extend to me permit to visit him and inspect the high-value stockup in showoff cases. I do so and while my cousin are giving lucid lecture to lady with little boy on oppositeness of vacuum bulb from rayolite crystals, I regard among the glassy shelves for some up-tothe-moment send and receive equippings, but fail to expose any such. Instead of these I gaze in upon some E. I. Co.'s model one slip coil tuners, and also many ancient audion detecting panels which are large and awkward as operator's trunk. When Scratchi discover that lady and little boy are even dumber than appearance, he supply hasty excusing and tell them come along again any timenot matter when, and he then explode to me how he propound to become great plute in radio gameplay.

"Are not some brains necessity to become that way?" I ask to find out.

"Those which I possess are very sufficient for purpose," he make rapid giveback to me. "Since I attain to touch up large groups of radio-buying public through generous square inch messages in truthful part of 'RADIO'."

"Mightbe then you have obtained learned degree from corresponding university for high paying adwriting experts?" I accuse him.

"Assuredly not," response of Cousin Scratchi, "as new system which I devolve are mostly composed of prize contesting and donating free souvenir objects for each cash sum which customer forward. For instant, with every A. P. A. tube, which are most sensible known to radiartist, I shall inclose one Lessgo Tuner, which last month at Ketchifcan, Alaska, make ten old sea dogs bark out 'Gosh ding your shandigaffs! Wot next!! Wot

By David P. Gibbons

next!!!' Also with each Half-Ready B battery I shall wrap up one Gall Radio Delay Machine, which do everything which operator should do and have no intelligence either."

"How then," I say, "can you acquire difficult cash money when making such costly giveaways?"

"Because I shall also have for selling other equippings to go along with these, such as half dozen vary condensers, resisting coils, storing cells, without which donations are silent as Sphinx," he explanate. "Yes, silenter than two Sphinxes," he add in afterthink.

"What style of contest have you in head?" I wonder at him.

"With aid of Hon. Man, who know something of these, I shall derange new one each issue," quote Scratchi. "First one will be contest in snappy sending and snippy receiving and will be confined excludedly to old timer operators. Old timers are those who first learn of ships when Von Tirpletz and Hon. Hearst are sinking entire Pig's Island put-out daily on front page. In order to save country old timer made confidence talk with Embarcadero shipcandling person who supply him 1st class uniform and 1st class license for small down payment, and he then take part in many warmish engagements in San Pedro and Coos Bay sectors. He also accept slight bonus while doing so, which are much wiser than bearing around many tons of communicating wire at front with Signalling Core and seeking bonus two years after lucky comeback, among loud shouts of 'Stick up! Bums!!' and so on from reformed profiteers. Special prize for this test shall be beautiful hammered glass cuspidor of two trip capac-

ity." "When will this be yanked off?" I depose.

"Soon as all old timers are on beach once again," he quack, "and next prize struggle after this will be grand freefor-everybody QRM contest which shall be open to all, whether amateurs, professionals or admiraline operators. This event will be pulled over on Mile Rock Lighthouse at one minute to noon whistle and object are to compose wireless bloc against time and weather signals, and make foolish listeners still more foolish. Prize in this contest will be one-way tickets to Russia on first maru passing out, for the ten members with most solid domes."

"Are experts from glorious navy invite to partake in these premium winnings?" I rogate.

"Cannot allow such," moan my cousin, "since NPX, NPE and NPW now are world champions in long period sleeping contest, and can win all such prizes without moving fingers."

"Do business need much of this pepping?" I interfere.

"Mine do," he make spreckely answer, "and in few months I shall retire to classy bungalow in Burlingame like all successful hootchleggers."

You see then Mr. Editor that my Cousin believe that radiogame are now beyond well known corner where business have been turning around for several past months, and hoping you are the same, I remain,

> Your valued reader, HILOLI NOGO.



Business Before Pleasure





Ralph Kline, Noted Character Impersonator, Exhibits Successively, Scepticism, Surprise, Realization, Interference, and Finally Complete Radio Satisfaction. Pictures Used by Courtesy San Francisco Bulletin.

THE RADIO FACE

Have you a "wireless face?"

There has been the "speed face," the "motor face" and the "airplane face." Now comes the "face" that is acquired from listening to a wireless telephone concert. It is the face of radio satisfaction, with the smile that refuses to come off. It is the face of contentment.

The "wireless face" is the face of the future. When every home shall have a wireless telephone in it, and broadcasted concerts are as common as debts, the general expression will be one of continued pleasure. If you would be down to date, install a wireless set, sit down before your mirror, and watch your "wireless face" grow.

THE WAIL OF A WIRELESS BUG'S WIFE

By BERNICE M. HARRISON

SAY, girls, if you think you've a grudge against life, just list to this wail from a wireless bug's wife.

I clean up my house, now real spic and span, then comes—a cyclone? No, just my man. Whang! goes a bottle on my clean kitchen floor. Some acid flies out and runs through the door. It rambles along 'neath the pretty new rug, while I stand and bless (?) my radio bug.

He looks so abused that I have to let up, and to hug me, he drops some lead on a cup. To cheer me he tells of a wonderful plan, "to cut out short circuits in any ash pan."

When he's out late at nights, "at other bugs' homes," he tells me he's been "to sift out some ohms."

He's forever at changing his station around. We sleep on antennae and cook on the ground. For breakfast we always, to please that big kid, have pancakes because they're baked on a grid. Our milk must always go through a condenser, or sometimes his language would hardly pass censor.

But then—I half think his mind's not quite right, for tell me, I pray, why should he bake a light? He's talking so much about "controlling jack." When I ask who that is, he just turns his back. Then sometimes he talks of "tuning a wave." It worries me sick to hear that bug rave. He talks of "mounting" on some kind of "plug," and "charging a battery," and something to "lug." The use of such slang, I just can't approve. He's got to reform, or someone will move. He's been "binding posts," and he says, "switching points," but I can't believe he's been "soldering his joints."

He has a new chum, whom he calls "Mike A." Now that may be who is leading my dear boy astray. "Resistance" he's talking from morning till night, and of "choking" someone till I'm fainting from fright.

There's wires in the parlor and strung through the doors. There's boxes and tables and things on the floors. The coal's on the lawn, for the shed's full of trash. It's enough to make any wife do something rash.

Oh girls! If you think you'd like married life, consider the wail of a wireless bug's wife.

THE D.X. BRINGER-IN An All-Wave Receiver

By STUART A. HENDRICK, 2BJG HEREWITH are pictures and diagrams of a receiver that will regenerate, oscillate and detect up to 39,-000 meters, bringing in arcs from all over the world on detector tube alone. It has no dead-end losses as the long wave part is disconnected from the rest of the circuit while not in use. Signals will not fade after removing hand from knob. No shielding is necessary. No switches or contacts are necessary over the entire range. It is easily tuned, having but one wavelength control, one vernier and a regenerative control.

The picture of the rear of the set shows a variometer and a coil on the side of it. This coil contains the fixed primary and secondary windings. It is 3 in. in diameter and 4 in. long. The secondary nearest the variometer has 50 turns of No. 18 wire, D. C. C., and the primary has 20 turns of No. 18 D. C. C. wire $\frac{1}{18}$ in. away from the secondary wound upon the same tube. This coil is the secret of the sharp tuning and regeneration.

Two variable condensers are used to tune these coils, a .001 mfd. across the secondary, and a .0015 mfd. either in shunt or series with the primary. The secondary condenser tunes extremely sharp and the primary condenser is used



Front and Rear View of Set as the vernier. The variometer controls the regeneration.

This makes a fine short wave set, which is the equal of any on the market today, and does away with the hard tuning of the ordinary two-variometer set. The wavelength may be calibrated directly upon the secondary condenser scale.



To get the long waves, the set should be loaded with honeycomb or similar coils in the primary, secondary and plate circuits at the place marked X in the circuit diagram. These can be movable or fixed, but the correct polarity will have to be found by experimentation. Plugs and jacks or key-switches may be used to insert these loading coils in the circuit. The grid condenser is rather critical, and should be made by clamping two copper strips $1x\frac{1}{4}$ in. on each side of a piece of .003 (3 mil.) mica.

A Radio Primer

THE ETHER

T HERE seems to be a general impression among people who are not acquainted with the principles of wireless communication that the air is the medium by which wireless signals are transmitted. They hear the received signals as sound and naturally assume that the receiving instrument has the faculty for picking up sound waves sent out from the transmitting station. This is, of course, not so.

The medium of transmission of wireless signals is the so-called ether, a "something" which is believed to exist throughout all space. Scientists cannot describe it with certainty nor give definite proof of its existence, but they assume that it must exist in order to account for the phenomena of light, heat and certain electrical effects. For instance, we receive light and heat from the sun, a distance of some 93,000,000 miles. Now those light and heat rays must be carried by a medium just as your voice is carried by the air. Several hundred miles above the surface of the earth there is no air. Therefore light and heat waves from the sun must be carried by some other medium, which is called the ether. Observations show that the ether must exist between the molecules of all matter, in fact the earth rushing through it at a velocity of thousands of miles an hour causes no displacement of the ether, in other words the ether passes through the earth like air through a sieve; further, that it is of an extremely elastic nature, so much so that a disturbance of the ether at any point immediately spreads out in all directions just as the sound waves spread out when a gun is fired.

Air waves travel about 1100 feet per second while ether waves have a velocity of about 186,000 miles per second. This terrific velocity, which according to the Einstein theory is the greatest that can be attained in the universe, can be quite accurately measured. Light, heat and wireless waves are all forms of ether waves. You can create sound waves by making a "noise." You can create water waves by tossing a stone into water. The function of the wireless transmitter is to create ether waves and the function of the wireless receiver is to detect those ether waves and change them to sound waves which can be heard and understood.

WAVE MOTION

I F you toss a stone into a pond of water a series of waves spread out in all directions over its surface. If it is a small stone it will generate a series of small waves quite near together, while a larger stone will set up bigger waves

By H. A. Eveleth

which are not so close together. The distance between two successive crests of two waves is called the wavelength. In the case of these water waves it may be a few inches or it may be several feet. The larger wave is what you might call a higher wave and it is said to have more amplitude than the smaller wave. It has more energy and can do more work, such as lifting a piece of drift wood, because it was generated by a larger stone.

A series of waves in the ether, or wavetrain as it is called, is created whenever a flow of electricity takes place. The particles of which electricity is composed, called electrons (the exact nature of which is not known) have a "grip" on the ether, so to speak, and cause a stress or strain to be set up in the ether whenever a movement of electricity takes place. By reason of its great elasticity this disturbance in the ether spreads in all directions in the form of ether waves, with the velocity of light, 186,000 miles per second. The smallest ether disturbance, even that caused by the flow of current when ringing a bell, sets up ether waves which travel to an indefinite distance. Our problem is to improve our receiving apparatus rather than our transmitting apparatus. Ether waves can be sent around the earth with an expenditure of little energy. The problem is to perfect our apparatus so that it will detect waves of extremely small amplitude. At present our trans-oceanic stations have to employ hundreds of kilowatt of power because the receiving apparatus will not detect the signals if less power is used.

WAVELENGTH

THE law says that amateur stations L shall not transmit on a wavelength greater than 200 meters. Just what does wavelength mean?

Going back to our water analogy we said that the wavelength is the horizontal distance between two successive wave crests. So in the case of ether waves a wavelength of 200 meters would mean that the horizontal distance between two successive crests is 200 meters. A meter is a little over 39 inches.

We said that ether waves have a velocity of 186,000 miles per second. This is equal to about 300,000,000 meters per second. Remember this is not theory; it can be shown by experiment. Since the velocity of ether waves is practically the same under all conditions if we know the wavelength we can tell how many waves there are per second, or what the rate of vibration is, in other words, the frequency. For instance, a wavelength of 300 meters would represent a frequency of one million cycles per sec-

ond because 300 million divided by 300 gives one million. The present practical limits of wavelength range for radio communication are 150 meters to 20,-000 meters, which represents a vibration range of from two million to 15,000 per second which would be inaudible. The average human ear cannot "hear" sound waves below forty nor above 10,-000 vibiations per second. So it is apparent that "radio-frequencies," as they are called, are inaudible. Hence our receiving apparatus must reduce the radio-frequencies to audio-frequencies, so they can be heard, and this is the function of the detector in the receiving apparatus. The detector rectifies the high frequency radio current to an audio pulsating direct current which can be heard in the receivers.

All light and heat waves are ether waves of extremely short wavelength and high frequency. Your eyes detect ether light waves and your nerves ether heat waves. The different frequencies of ether light waves determine the different colors. Heat waves consist of 20 trillions to 300 trillions of vibrations per second; light waves 430 trillions to 740 trillions per second and ultra-violet and X-rays 870 trillions to 1500 trillions per second.

Absorption, Reflection, Refraction AND DIFFRACTION OF ELECTRIC

WAVES

ONSIDERABLE energy is absorbed CONSIDERABLE energy is absolute from ether waves as they travel over the country. Irregular country, that is, rough and hilly with forests, absorbs more energy than level country. Foliage absorbs energy from the advancing wave, hence a station located in heavily wooded territory can transmit farther during the winter months than during the summer months. Bear in mind that trees are more or less conductive and tend to absorb energy just as aerials do, in fact trees have been used as aerials for receiving messages by connecting a wire to spikes driven into the tree trunks. Buildings absorb energy; in fact any object extending into the air and grounded tends to rob the ether waves of energy. The better conductor the object is the more energy it absorbs.

All soils absorb energy to a certain ex-The greatest distances of comtent. munication can be accomplished over salt water. The absorption over some soils is 30 times as great as over salt water.

Much greater distances can be covered at night than during the day. This is thought to be due to ionization of the higher atmosphere by ultra-violet light from the sun, which makes the air conducting and hence absorbs energy.

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How to Finish Your Cabinet

By B. H. Linden, Assistant Radio Inspector

TOO much stress cannot be laid on the importance of a properly finished cabinet in the neat appearance of a radio station. Most amateurs do not realize this, or otherwise their stations would bear witness to this fact. Is it because the pocket book is too slim and the lack of knowledge is such that the amateur becomes satisfied with almost anything for a covering of a set that justly deserves better? If so, then this article will not go amiss.

When one contemplates the construction of a building, the foundation is of the utmost importance and so it is with the finishing of a piece of wood. First see that all planer marks are removed and that a flat, smooth surface is obtained by the usual method of scraping and sandpapering; always use a block when sandpapering, as this insures a flat surface, doing away with the possibility of having mounds and hollows which would show up in a highly finished cabinet. It is surprising how polishing the surface of an object brings out the defects that exist which otherwise might hardly be noticeable.

There are various kinds of stains that may be employed for a satisfactory coloring. Among them are alcohol, oil, turpentine and water stains. The alcohol and water stains have a tendency to raise the grain of the wood so as to make finishing more difficult, but on the other hand their use results in a clean, bright looking completed work. Johnson's wood stains are recommended, as the writer has obtained some very excellent results with their use. Otherwise, powdered aniline with alcohol may be used. As aniline is a coal tar product, any solvent derived from coal tar, such as benzol, can be used. Aniline and water make a very good water stain. Umber in its raw state, calcined or burnt can be used with either water or oil. It is the same with ochre. As umber and ochre are of ferruginous clays and can be found in various forms and colors, they make a very permanent stain when used with boiled linseed oil and turpentine, also allowing a variety of colors when mixed.

If it is desired to give gum wood a rich golden finish, simply mix sufficient turpentine with boiled linseed oil so as to make it flow easily and apply to the natural wood with a brush. As gum is a fine grained wood, the oil, in addition to its staining qualities, acts as a splendid filler, drying very hard.

Turpentine and lampblack make a reasonable as well as excellent stain for oak and pine. This combination should be applied with a brush and rubbed off before dry. The mixture should be rather thick, about the consistency of priming paint. Various shades may be had by the addition of ochre and umber.

In building up a body to work upon, shellac may be used entirely, three coats of shellac and a flooding coat of varnish, or just varnish alone. If the work must be completed in a short time, the first method should be employed as shellac drys so quickly; it being possible to finish a cabinet in one day. When varnish is used, three days at least, should be allowed. Remember the importance of shellacing and, especially, varnishing in a warm and dust-proof place, also that the brush to be used should be free from dust particles. Extreme care should be exercised in sandpapering or steelwooling between each application of either varnish or shellac.

After the drying of the final coat, when pores of the wood should be entirely filled, everything should be ready for the last steps to be taken for obtaining the lustre and polish which is so much desired. There are two means whereby this end can be accomplished; one is by the use of rottenstone and the other by means of French polishing. The former is by far the easier, but sometimes the latter is preferred.

When rottenstone is to be the polishing medium, then a felt pad, one-quarter inch thick, should be mounted on a hand block and used to do the rubbing with. Rottenstone and water applied freely with plenty of "elbow grease" will obtain the desired results. Obviously, washing and then dry polishing with a clean cloth is necessary after rottenstoning. A dull gloss finish may be obtained by using oil with rottenstone instead of water.

French polishing is a great deal more tedious. A rubbing pad must be made of a woolen core and a linen covering. This pad is partially saturated with alcohol and a small amount of shellac, while a very few drops of raw linseed oil are sprinkled on the piece to be finished so as to prevent sticking. Now, with a continuous circular movement with the pad on the object to be polished, the body of shellac or varnish can be loosened and moved around gradually so as to obtain a very smooth surface, after which the pad is allowed to dry out by lengthy rubbing when a high polish will be obtained.

In order to French polish properly, some practice on material not needed will be necessary, as the first attempt usually turns out to be a failure. If one learns the art of French polishing, scratches, watermarks, weather checks, etc., can be removed from furniture and the original lustre and finish brought back by just using the above mentioned pad, with alcohol and raw linseed oil, on the old body, without any further application. Similarily, the original lustre may be brought back on automobile bodies when the varnish is still intact.

TEXAS RADIO MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Plans to install agricultural market news for Texas daily by radiophone have been completed after a conference between officials of the State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Markets and Warehouse, the University of Texas and the Federal Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, Washington, D. C. The necessity for a general diffusion of reliable information fresh from the loom is evidenced by a growing public desire from all trades and professions, manifested in the great number of constant inquiries and requests received daily by state officials for information.

The plan is to obtain daily market reports from the central markets of the country through the Kansas City office of the United States Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates and from other sections of the country through other agencies. The data will be collected by the State Department of Agriculture, compiled by the State Markets and Warehouse Department, and disseminated by the University of Texas. The news will be broadcasted through the University high power radio station each day to the various radio receiving stations throughout the state promptly at a given time, which time will be announced later.

It is thought that this service will be of greatest value to farmers, farmers' organizations, distributors of farm products and commercial organizations, but any individual, association or organizations may also receive it free of cost by installing a simple radio receiving apparatus which can be had at a small cost.

Texas has many radio clubs, and literally hundreds of radio receiving stations fully equipped to receive radiophone messages. It is probable that the Chambers of Commerce in each town or city will wish to make their organization the radio news center for the community by posting bulletins and relaying the news by telephone to interested parties. It is contemplated, if possible, to release the news from Austin at a time which would seem most convenient for the press.

Geo. Endress, who represented the University of Texas in the conference, will have charge of the university radio station, and J. Austen Hunter has been designated as a joint representative of the

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Resistance in Radio Circuits

I T IS the purpose of this article to explain to the reader the "hows" and "whys" of resistance in circuits oscillating at radio frequencies. The effect of resistance on the various elements of such circuits will be dealt with in such a way that the amateur may grasp the importance of its proper distribution in such circuits.

The loss of electrical energy due to the electronic structure of a conductor carrying an electrical current, and depending on the proportions and qualities of that conductor, may be expressed in terms of resistance. Since resistance in any circuit represents power loss it is desirable to minimize it. This is especially true of radio circuits where resistance not alone represents power loss but may seriously interfere with the proper functioning of that particular circuit.

Direct currents flowing in a conductor are evenly distributed through it, but we find that alternating currents of radio frequencies have a tendency to flow on the surface of the conductor. This "skin effect" increases with the frequency and at very high frequencies the current flows entirely on the surface of the conductor. The resistance of conductors carrying such currents depends largely on the surface condition of the conductor. The form that the conductor takes has been found, also, to greatly alter the resistance. This high frequency resistance has been calculated for certain forms of conductors and the ratio of d.c. resistance to a.c. resistance at various frequencies has been determined.

Copper tubing has been found to offer the least resistance to currents of radio frequencies and its use in radio circuits has met with wide favor. Copper strip is also used, but the edge effect presents a drawback to its use in certain forms of apparatus, especially the oscillation transformer.

Stranded wires of a variety of forms have been designed to lower the high frequency resistance. The use of such wire is particularly recommended in the construction of inductances of high values.

For a minimum of resistance to high frequency currents of large values, a conductor composed of parallel strands widely separated, has been proposed. Such antenna, correctly constructed and designed, offer a minimum of ohmic resistance and a maximum of radiation surface.

Considering the radio circuit and resistance in general, it may be said that aside from the power losses entailed by the resistance in the circuit, it also has the effect of increasing the damping of the oscillations taking place in that circuit and of lowering the "sharpness of reson-

By Charles K. Fulghum

ance." Increasing the resistance in such a circuit will cause it to tune "broad," all other constants remaining the same. Since selectivity is a most desirable feature in the receiving unit, it would be well to look to the minimization of the resistance in that part of your apparatus. In wave meter work the problem of resistance should be seriously considered. As the resistance will vary with the frequency, it is well to calibrate the instrument at a number of frequencies, especially if it is to be used as a decremeter. This resistance measurement is made by the U. S. Bureau of Standards.

Since the antenna may be considered as a simple radio circuit, it is apparent that if we want sharp tuning and a "persistent" antenna, we should keep the ohmic resistance of the system as low as possible.

While considering antennae systems an explanation of the term "radiation resistance" would not be out of place. Since radiation represents power loss we may express this loss in terms of resistance. Thus "radiation resistance" is merely an expression of power loss by radiation. It varies inversely as the square of the wavelength, and is proportional to the square of the current flowing at the anti-node of the antenna.

The effect of resistance on the various components of the oscillating circuit is very marked. This is especially true of the capacity elements of such circuits. Serious losses may take place in radio circuits due to poor condensers, or condensers with imperfect connections.

A perfect condenser when introduced in to the radio circuit will not add to the resistance of that circuit. Such a condition is not realized in practice, however. In a resistance the current and voltage are in phase with each other, but in a condenser the current is 90° out of phase with the voltage.

A condenser placed in a circuit that is in oscillation acts as a conductor by virtue of its capacity, but if we put a condenser that is imperfect, i. e., one that introduces resistance into the circuit, in such a circuit we will cause serious power losses. These losses depend upon the resistance caused by the condenser and upon the frequency of the oscillations occurring in the circuit.

Should we use a condenser with an imperfect dielectric or one with leakage between the plates, we would find that these losses grow less as the frequency is increased. A condenser with a resistance in series, however, causes power loss which increases with the frequency. This resistance may be caused by imperfect connections or by poor contact between the plates. The resistance of the plates is usually small and its effect may be considered negligible.

The effect of resistance upon the inductance in the circuit is not as serious a consideration as its effect on the capacity. In general, the resistance should be kept as low as possible. In designing inductances, especially if they are to be used in wave meter work, the amateur should use wire that will not unduly increase the resistance of the circuit in which it is used and the inductance itself should be designed with a minimum of resistance in view. There are proper proportions for inductances which will keep the resistance at radio frequencies at a minimum. These data may be found in various texts on the design of radio apparatus and the reader can gain much aid from the publications of the Bureau of Standards.

In thermionic tube circuits the grid leak often plays an important part. The grid leak may be defined as a non-inductive resistance element shunted across the grid condenser. It functions as a leakage path for the negative charge which accumulates on the grid. Were it not for this resistance, the charge would become so great as to paralyze the action of the tube. In power tubes of high rating this charge may represent a current of fairly high amperage. The necessity of employing resistances that will adequately handle this current is apparent.

It may puzzle some readers why the specification "non-inductive" is made. Altho the current that flows in this circuit is really d.c., it is rapidly fluctuating, and possesses the characteristics of an a.c. Were a resistance used that was inductive, i. e., a coil of wire of the required resistance, it would act as a choke and prevent the proper action of the tube. Shunted across the condenser it would act too, as a frequency trap.

In receiving units using vacuum tubes, the resistance of the receivers used is an important item. Some amateurs think that it is upon the resistance that the sensitiveness of the receiver depends, but this is not true. Using vacuum tubes it is necessary that the impedance of the receiver equals that of the tube used. The same is true of inter-valve transformers and of telephone transformers if they are used. The sensitiveness of the receiver is dependent, however, upon the number of ampere turns producing a maximum magnetic flux in the poles and diaphragm.

It is hoped that the above outline will give the reader something to think about and that he will, after reading this make a serious study of the connections in that "pile of junk" (father's words), that he so proudly designates as a "real regenerator."

Construction of a Wavemeter for Tuning C. W.

WAVEMETER for amateur work having a range of from 150 to 450 meters may be put together at a low cost by any club or individual. A calibrated variable air condenser, an inductance of known value, and a thermo mil-ammeter or current squared meter are required. The coil may be homemade if desired, although it may be purchased for less than \$2.00 from one of the radio supply houses. The condenser and mil-ammeter may be purchased at a cost of \$20 or less for both.



Meter Assembly, Below, with Details of Coil and Meter Mounting, Above.

The coil should be of rigid construction so that its turns and shape will not be disturbed in handling, as this would cause a slight change in its inductance value. It should preferably be of Litz wire and of honeycomb, duo-lateral, or lattice winding in order to keep the distributed capacity at a minimum. This is not necessary, however, as any kind of wire or winding will do where approximation is sufficient and very accurate results are not sought. An inductance value of 57 micro-henries in such a coil when used with an air condenser of .001 micro-farad capacity at full scale will give a range of 150 to 450 meters wavelength.

The better way is to order such a coil of 57 micro-henries inductance from one

Transmitters By George F. Patrick

of the manufacturers who put out coil units for use on receiver panels, with instructions to measure its inductance accurately and mark the value plainly on the coil. Its slight expense is preferable to buying material, making a form, calculating the size and number of turns, winding, and then most important of all, calibrating a coil.

Variable air condensers of .001 microfarad capacity may be purchased for from \$5 to \$10, depending on the mounting. It pays to buy the better class for wave meter use, as those having a skeleton mounting leave the plates exposed and liable to be bent or disarranged through handling, which would disturb the calibration. In ordering, stipulate that an accurate calibration curve must accompany the condenser unless there are means at hand for calibration. As a rule such means are lacking in the amateur station.

A mil-ammeter with full scale reading of 100 mils is suitable and such may be purchased for about \$10. Two strips of brass or copper 1/8 in. thick by 1 in. wide and 6 in. long, with one end of each strip drilled to fit over the two binding posts of the condenser and the ends drilled to take one connection post of the coil and the mil-ammeter respectively, complete the wave meter. The milammeter and coil are connected by a straight piece of low resistance wire just long enough to reach both connections. The coil and meter mountings and the assembly are shown herewith.

The wavelength values may now be computed and the curve constructed using the values furnished with the coil and condenser and the formula

WL=59.6 VIC;

wavelength being expressed in meters, capacity (C) in micro-farads and inductance (L) in centimeters. If the inductance of the coil is given in microhenries multiply this value by one thousand to convert into centimeters.

If the company furnishing the condenser does not furnish a calibration curve, but only maximum and minimum values of the condenser it will be necessary to construct a curve. This however, amounts only to marking the points of maximum and minimum capacity on a sheet of co-ordinate paper and drawing a straight line between the two points, the curve approximating a straight line. From this curve we read the condenser capacity at 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80, 100, 130 and 170 degrees of the condenser scale. In the curve shown herewith for example, these values would be .000097. .00015, .0002, .000255, .00036, .00047, .000575 .000735, and .00095 mf. respectively. Figuring the wavelength for these values, using the value of 57,000 cm. for our coil and the above formula we obtain wavelengths of 140, 174, 201, 227, 270, 308, 341, 386, and 439 respectively. Plotting these values against condenser scale degrees on a sheet of coordinate paper we obtain the wavelength curve. If desirable a paper scale may be



Calibration Curve of Condenser



pasted on the condenser top and the wavelengths marked opposite every five degrees of the scale. This will allow direct reading instead of having to refer to the curve. If another calibration wave meter is available the better way is to calibrate the new instrument from it, using it as a driver by means of a buzzer and marking the resonant point on the meter being calibrated as indicated by a crystal and telephones connected across the condenser. Two coils, one of 30 micro-henries and one of 60 micro-henries, with calibration curves for each would be better than one of 57 microhenries and would give better results. It must be understood that there will be inaccuracies more or less pronounced in such a wave meter. The only way in which these can be avoided is by very careful design and construction and laboratory calibration. Such a meter however will prove useful around a station and the cost is not prohibitive.





Question: I am sending a circuit for an I. C. W. transmitter, using a spark coil for the plate supply. This works well on one 5 watt tube. Would a British spark coil, 3 or 4 inch size, furnish sufficient power to supply a 50 watt power tube in this circuit?

W. A. B., Soneham, Mass.

Answer: I doubt very much if the spark coil you have would furnish the power necessary for a 50 watt tube. You can make your transmitter more flexible by making the following changes shown in Fig. 1.

Question: Please publish a diagram of a two-step audio frequency amplifier to include automatic filament control, using Remler cam switches instead of jacks, and same "A" and "B" batteries. Please give me a circuit for a 4-jar electrolytic rectifier for charging batteries.

P. E. R.

Answer: Fig. 1 on page 29 of the March number of RADIO answers all of your questions except the Remler cam switch. If you use automatic filament control jacks you cannot also use cam switches. Which do you prefer? The



Question: Kindly furnish me with the name of a book covering the manufacture or construction of relays for wireless control.

B. M. M., Spokane, Wash. Answer: With the exception of occasional articles written for the various radio publications, by experimenters interested in such work, there are no books on the subject. If you are interested in the purchase of a relay, however, I would suggest that you write to J. E. Jones, Box 22, Palo Alto, Calif., who is distributor for the Hall Recording Relay.

Question: Please tell me which antenna would be most suitable for receiving 360-meter concerts; one wire 150 feet long, or four wires 75 feet long, the former being the easiest for me to construct.

E. W. F., Dixon, Calif.

Answer: If the antenna is to be used for receiving only, by all means use the single wire 150 feet long, as such an aerial, together with the lead-in and ground leads, would have a fundamental wavelength just about right for the 360 meter music.

circuit for the 4-jar rectifier is shown in Fig. 2.



Ouestion: In the Armstrong super-heterodyne circuit shown in February Radio, what coils will have to be changed in order to increase the wave length of the set? Should the heterodyne oscillator coils be variable?

I. A. N., Lockport, N. Y.

Answer: The antenna tuned circuit coils, and the Heterodyne Oscillator coils Continued on page 68

HOW TO DESIGN Α C.W. **ANTENNA FOR 200 METERS**

By GERALD M. BEST

A FEW days ago I heard two C.W. enthusiasts comparing notes with each other via the air route, one being sharp on 200 meters and the other somewhere around 230 meters. The one with the higher wavelength was complaining of his inability to make his C.W. set oscillate on 200 meters and he was asking the other for advice as to what changes he should make in his inductances, series condenser, and other apparatus, in order to get down to the legal wavelength. There is every reason to believe that the seat of the trouble lay not in his apparatus, but in his antenna system, which probably had a fundamental wavelength so far above 200 meters as to render work on that wave impossible.

This seems to be the experience of many beginners in C.W. They construct a large antenna, perhaps 150 ft. long and 50 ft. high, and when they begin transmitting, to their dismay they discover that the lowest wavelength at which the transmitter will function is well above 200 meters and no adjustments will persuade the set to oscillate on or below the legal wave.

It is for those amateurs who are in such a difficulty, that I review briefly the reasons why a small antenna is better for C.W. work than a large one.

We have had a regular epidemic of freak antennae of late, ranging from wired cage types to bed springs and screen doors. Thanks to Ensign Dow's discourse on "Why the Cage Antenna?" in the March number of RADIO, it will not be necessary at this time to give any particular reasons why the cage types are no better, if as good, as the flat tops. Neither will I quarrel with the advocates of the "fan" antenna. The latter takes up a lot of room, which few of us have to spare, and is expensive to construct. Hence, I will assume that one of the flat top types, such as the "T", inverted "L" or slanting "L" of four wires, will be the one most commonly used in C.W. transmission.

There are two principal reasons why it is highly desirable when using C.W. to have an antenna system with a fundamental wavelength well below 200 meters. One is to thus avoid the use of a series condenser, which not only re--Continued on page 68



RADIO 3FS

By C. J. BENZING Following is description of station 3FS, at 2425 S. Twelfth St., Philadelphia, Pa.:

Transmitter when heard by 6XAD and 7FQ was only 10 watts with radiation of 2 amps, using rectified a.c. and 550 volts. The rectifier consisted of 12 jars (6 on a side). Rectifier consists of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips aluminum and lead plates 1/16 inch thickness, and saturated borax solution. Have since increased power to 15 watts with 16 jars and plate voltage of 700. Radiation, 2.6 amps. Using Colpits circuit with high voltage across ground condenser. My receiver consists of home-made regenerator with



Radio 3FS

1 step of audio amplification. The antenna is of the inverted L type, 60 ft. high at free end, and 50 at lead in end. 6 wires spaced 3 ft; 3/8" pipe for spread-ers. Masts are iron pipe. The guy wires and masts are grounded, being connected in with regular ground, which consists of water gas and drain pipes. Antenna 45 ft. long.

Station 3FS C. W. transmitter has been in operation since August, 1921, and has been heard in every district.

Associate Editor's Note: It will be remembered that I made especial mention of Mr. Benzing's wonderful work-on 2 five watt tubes-in March RADIO. But it is only fair for me to add that this photograph of his transmitter and receiving apparatus is as astounding to me, as it well must be to all who understand C. W. work! I repeat my statement of last month, to the effect that I have had great pleasure in working 3FS on many occasions-as our logs will show. He

6XAD will not be on the air regularly between April 1 and Oct. 1 due to increasing QRN, and because of his duties as game warden during the fishing season at Catalina Island.

is always QRK at Avalon, Catalina Island, Calif., and when QRM and QRN permit I work him with as much ease as a local on the neighboring mainland!

I would point out that in 3FS we have no huge outlay of money invested in intricate, farcial and useless apparata! We see no 250 watt tubes lying side-byside, like a lot of pot-bellied, drunken soldiers! We see no maze of wiringcob-web fashion — everywhere! 3FS brags of no marvelous antenna and ground systems! The photograph shows no 4-5-6-7-8 steps of amplification!

No! In this photograph we are shown such a set as practically ANY amateur can afford. Modest, very neat, and marvelously efficient, I present to our readers that which, to my mind-and I have worked many Eastern C. W. stationsis as MODEL, inexpensive C. W. set of apparatus as I believe exists in the U. S.! And I would point out to them that are interested, and who might be-come interested in C. W. transmission, that Mr. Benzing is in the heart of a great city, with all the attendant radio difficulties of imperfect grounds, inadequate space for aerial, losses from nearby metals, etc. YET his signals reach unto 6XAD with unvarying clarity and precision!

Compare these two results:

1. From the shores of the Atlantic Ocean to Scotland - ALL OVER WATER-on 990 admitted watts.

2. From the center of a great cityacross the entire United States on TEN watts!

Further remarks are superfluous! (Saving to remark that 3FS received 6XAD on but TWO-steps of amplification.)

THE FALLACY OF MUCH **AMPLIFICATION** By LAWRENCE MOTT

IN the last issue I briefly took up the matter of having been able to reach great distances from my station-6XAD, on Catalina Island, California-with but four five-watt tubes, on a wavelength of 220 meters. Since that time there have been numerous DX stations worked

by me, and reporting me, on this small set, whose calls I give further along.

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The objective of this article is to once and for all time disprove the alleged theory to the effect that many stages of amplification are imperative for DX reception. For the last month I have been working 3AQR (Hershey, Pa.), 8BUM and 8BSS (Syracuse, N. Y.), 8AWP (Syracuse, N. Y.), and 3ALN (Washington, D. C.) with great regularitydelivering messages to these stations on four five-watt tubes!

So much for this.

I propose now, to briefly quote from the hundreds of cards that I have-in order to show the kind of apparata that my signals have been received on-all over the United States and Canada. These facts will amply speak for themselves.

- BLN (Westfield, Mass.) on detector only.
 2F (Brooklyn, N. Y.) on detector and 2-step.
 SALN (Washington, D. C.) on detector only.
 3BHY (Philadelphia, Pa.) on detector only.
 3CG (Newton, New Jersey) on 2-step.
 3HJ (Harrerford, Pa.) on 1-step.
 3HF (Rosnoke, Virginia) on 1-step.
 3HJ (Washington, D. C.) on detector only.
 3JJ (Washington, D. C.) on detector only.
 3JJ (Washington, D. C.) on detector only.
 3JJ (Toronto, Canada) on home-made spiderweb. No ampli.
 3FS (Philadelphia, Pa.) on 1-step.
 3JK (Canadian, Sarina, Ontario) on 1-step.
 3JK (Canadian, Sarina, Ontario) on 2-step.

- SFS (Philadelphia, Pa.) on 1-step.
 SNB (Canadian, Sarina, Ontario) on 1-step.
 SJK (Canadian, Morse, Sask.) on 2-step.
 4CB (Canadian, Morse, Sask.) on 2-step.
 4CO (Decatur, Georgia) on detector only.
 5OP (Houston, Texas) on 1-step.
 5XK (Collahoma City, Okla.) on 2-step.
 5XA (Roswell, New Mexico) on 2-step.
 7FI (Pullman, Washington) on 2-step.
 7FI (Pullman, Washington) on 2-step.
 7FI (Pullman, Washington) 1-step.
 8JL (Cleveland, Ohio), on 1-step.
 8JL (Cleveland, Ohio), on 1-step.
 8AKK (Rochester, N. Y.) on 2-step.
 8BKX (Rochester, N. Y.) on 2-step.
 8BKX (Buffalo, N. Y.) pickle tube only.
 8BBG (Cleveland, Ohio) detector only.
 8EW (Crafton, Pa.) detector only.
 8EX (Buffalo, N. Y.) on 2-step.
 8AMM (Webster, N. Y.) on 2-step.
 8KW (Buffalo, N. Y.) detector (pickle-tube) only.
 8ZAC (Barnesville, Ohio) detector only.
 8XX (Norwalk, Ohio) detector only.
 8XX (Norwalk, Ohio) detector only.
 8BXX (Norwalk, Ohio) detector only.
 8BXX (Norwalk, Ohio) detector only.
 9DTM (Denver, Colo.) 2-step.
 9AOG (Lawrence, Kanasa) 2-step.
 9AOG (Lawrence, Kanasa) 2-step.
 9AIG (Ellendale, N. Dakota) detector only.
 9XX (Wichita, Kansas) 1-step.
 9AIF (Sioux Falle, S. Dakota) 2-step.
 9AIF (Sioux Falle, S. Dakota) detector only.
 9XX (Wichita, Kansas) detector only.</li

And so it goes, through a LONG list of other stations! It will be remarked that in NO case is more than 2-steps Continued on page 60





Prepared by White, Prost & Evans, Patent Attorneys, San Francisco, who have been particularly active in the radio field for many years, and from whom may be obtained further information regarding any of the patents listed below.

H. D. Arnold, Pat. No. 1,403,475; Jan. 17, 1922. Vacuum tube circuits.

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A tandem connection of amplifier tubes is described, in which the output circuit of the first tube includes an impedance such as 25 and 28 in series with the plate battery 27. The input circuit of the second tube is connected across this impedance through a condenser 26 which prevents the direct current from battery 27 from flowing in this circuit. The input circuit is also bridged by the resistance 29, so that a direct electrical connection may be had between the grid and filament of this input circuit.

O. B. Blackwell, Pat. No. 1,403,835; Jan. 17, 1922. Frequency control system. This patent describes a scheme for controlling, from a single distant station, the frequencies used by groups of transmitting and receiving stations. The master control station transmits a definite fundamental frequency energy to all of the stations. Each of these stations, however, is equipped with proper devices to modify the frequency and to amplify the energy to the desired values. This may be accomplished by proper modulators, filters, etc.

I. Langmuir, Reissue No. 15,278; Jan. 31, 1922. Electron discharge apparatus.

An evacuated 3-electrode tube is described, in which the grid is wound as a flat helix on a frame support, this helix enclosing the heated filament forming the cathode. The anode is also formed of fine wire stretched in zig-zag formation on hooks 12 supported on a forked member 13. It is claimed that this construction lends rigidity and reliability to the device.

R. M. Allen, Pat. No. 1,401,121; Dec. 27, 1921. Mounting for vacuum tubes.

In order to prevent injurious vibrations from disturbing the relative spacing of the electrodes in a vacuum tube, it is mounted on a resilient member 12, such as sponge rubber. H. S. Read, Pat. No. 1,403,566; Jan. 17, 1922. Vacuum tube repeater circuits.

A tandem vacuum tube arrangement is described, consisting of the two tubes 2 and 3. The arrangement seeks to wipe out any inherent fluctuations in the direct current source 13 which is included in the output circuits of both tubes 2 and 3. Such fluctuations even if relatively small are objectionable since they, too, are amplified and distort the signal. To regulate this current a regulator tube 22 is used, inserted in the battery circuit of tube 2, its impedance being made dependent upon the current flow through this circuit. This is accomplished by causing the potential difference between the filament 20 and grid 25 to be dependent upon the drop across the resistance 19 which is in series in the battery circuit. If the current through battery 13 tends to vary, the potential drop across 19 varies, and regulates the potential of grid 25 to minimize this variation. The regulator tube 22 also prevents variations in the space current between electrodes 4 and 6.

J. R. Carson, Pat. No. 1,403,841; Jan. 17, 1922. Frequency control system.

A system is described in which a master control station radiates energy at several frequencies to intercommunicating stations. These in turn manipulate the frequencies by special apparatus at each station to provide their own definite transmitting frequencies and modulating frequencies. At the master control station there is generated a modulating frequency too low for radio transmission, such as 10,000 cycles, and used merely for obtaining variants from the radio frequencies generated there. By the aid of this system, definite ranges of frequencies may be assigned to intercommunicating stations.

H. J. Round and G. M. Wright, Pat. No. 1,403,640; Jan. 17, 1922. Wireless telegraphy.

A system of aerials ABC and ADE for direction finding is described. Each loop includes a coil JK or GH with which a third exploring coil L is in close mutual induction. The whole system can then be tuned by proper variation in the condenser M connected to the exploring coil L, since the aerials are aperiodic closed loops. It is thus unnecessary to choose very accurately the dimensions of the aerials, which would otherwise be the case if open aerials were used. Close tuning is an essential for direction finding in this system, and the present invention provides an easy way to accomplish this result.

F. S. McCullough, Pat. No. 1,403,700; Jan. 17, 1922. Apparatus for directing transmission of electromagnetic waves.

The transmitting circuit of this directive system consists of a source of radio frequency



oscillations 10, an inductance 16 and the special paraboloid shaped capacity 20, which gives the system its directive properties. This member is formed of flat ribbon to provide a skeletonized surface. The receiving system also includes an identically formed member 25.

Radio broadcasting of congressional speeches at Washington is provided for in a resolution introduced by Representative Brennan of Washington. Brennan explained that in introducing the resolution he had in mind the placing of radio communication under close observation of Congress at a time when bills are being introduced looking to its development and control and to the encouraging of experimentation and study by amateurs.







Questions and Answers

Question: I have recently changed my ac. C. W. set to a phone, using pure dc. on the plates, but I want to use C. W. telegraph, also. Will I have to return my license for correction?

H. J. N., Oakland. Answer: No. If you are already licensed for C. W. there is no limit on the use of C. W., I. C. W., or telephone, provided, of course, that it is operated according to law.

Question: How may an amateur pre-pare for a commercial license?

K. N. K., Kansas. Answer: Attendance at a good radio school is the simplest and quickest way. Amateur experience only counts 5 per cent, while a total experience credit of 20 per cent is allowed by the regulations. School experience, provided the applicant has attended a resident school for at least three months, will count 10 per cent. An amateur remote from such schools may obtain a reasonable mark, but in general, it will require much closer attention to detail, and more thoro personal study than if the candidate has attended school. There are many good text books on There are many good text books on the market which will prepare a student for the examination, and in addition the "Radio Laws and Regulations of the U. S." should be carefully studied. This may be procured from the "Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C." for 15c. (Stamps not accepted.)

Question: I recently failed for an amateur operator's license. May I apply for a commercial license before the three months have elapsed? H. D., Berkeley. Answer: No. You must wait three months.

There is no alternative.

Ouestion: What is the lowest class and Question: What is the lowest class and grade of operator's license that a person may hold to act as operator of a broad-casting station? J. G. F., Sacramento. Answer: At least a Commercial Second Class, Third Grade License will be required.

Anyone holding a higher grade of license may, naturally, serve.

Question: Can the holder of a Commercial First Class License have his license renewed without examination, if his entire service has been in a broadcasting station? Same.

Answer: No. The holder would only be eligible for a Commercial SECOND Class License. The grade would be determined by the man's service, and his ability as an oper-ator—i. e., his ability to copy 25 words per minute.

Question: May amateurs use apparatus infringing on certain patents?

H. G., Seattle. Answer: The Department of Commerce has no jurisdiction over the patent rights of any person, or persons, and does not take cognizance of any such particulars. This is a matter for the owners of the patents to take up, it is believed, altho no definite information is at hand regarding the exact details of the patent laws.

Question: Can a person not an Ameri-can citizen get a U. S. amateur or com-mercial license? A. C., Los Angeles. Answer: There is no law against such a

person getting a license as an operator, but he cannot be granted a station license.

Question: If the above answer is "no." can he obtain a license if he has lived here two years, intends to continue here and his parents have taken out their first papers?

Answer: Station licenses can be granted only after final papers have been taken out.

Question: Why is it advantageous to have the poles of a telephone receiver permanently magnetized?

Answer: The answer, if given complete, requires quite a lengthy explanation. The magnitude of the attraction and repulsion between the magnetic core and the diaphragm depends, not only upon the strength of the field created by the varying current through the coils, but upon the strength of the permanent magnetic field as well. The force of attraction between the poles and the dia-phragm varies inversely as the square of the distance separating them and directly as the square of the magnetic force acting upon them.

Let us take for an example the case of a simple electric magnet in a receiver in which the alternate positive and negative cur-rent impulses create a magnetic field of X and -X, respectively. The corresponding difference in field strength according to the The corresponding above would be the difference in their squares. If we let X equal 10, the squares become 100 and 100, and the difference therefore is 200. Let us assume that a force varying 200 units displaces the diaphragm 1 mm. We will now replace the soft iron core of the magnet with one permanently magne-tized, having a field strength of say 20, and then apply the same current as before. Now the field strength due to the positive current impulse will be added to the steady field, i. e., 20 plus 10, or 30, and when the negative impulse acts upon it the strength will be reduced by a like amount-20 - 10, or ten, and the corresponding squares will be 100 and 900 respectively, and the difference will be 800, and since a variation of 200 displaced the diaphragm 1 mm in the case of the simple electro-magnet, the displacement due to the action of the permanent magnet will be four times as great, and the amplitude of the cur-rent produced in the receivers will be increased in the same proportion. The fact should be kept in mind that if the

permanent magnetic field strength is increased until the diaphragm becomes saturated, that the effect of any current variation in the coils of the magnet will be almost negligible, and in that case the permanent magnet becomes a disadvantage. It will be thus seen that there is a distinct relation between the thickness of the diaphragms and the strength of the magnetic field. Neither the core nor the diaphragm should be nearly magnetically saturated if the optimum results are to be obtained.

J. F. DILLON,

Radio Inspector.

Question: How far can I transmit on a 5 watt tube? H. L. K., S. F., Cal.

Answer: This is entirely a matter of guesswork. A 5 watt tube set might work several hundred miles, under favorable conditions, and then again it might work only 50 miles, or so. It depends on so many factors, that no estimate can be given. Why not try and see?

COMMON OPERATING FAULTS By D. B. McGown, Assistant Radio Inspector

How many operators, either amateur or commercial, know the contents of the rules and regulations books? Not many, I warrant, know all the rules, and set forms for the various operations, such as calling, answering, send, counting the check, etc. Of course I admit that generally speaking many of these people get along well enough, and usually manage to get their business off in some sort of a fashion.

It is usually possible to tell the first time operator calls whether or not he is a "lid," to use the common term. A man may call strictly according to regulations, and still come in this class, and, in some cases, he may break every rule of the game—at times —and still not be as much of a "ham" as the first man. However, in most instances, the man who, by following the rules as laid down, shows that he is a gentleman, and he is the man who will in the long run gain the respect of his fellows, even the he starts out as a green-horn. Take, for instance, the fellow who calls long windedly. In the first place he is violating the law, but aside from that he generally is making himself a nuisance to all within hearing—which is usually a large number—and then he often doesn't are the "high power birds" who open up any-where and call with all the power their set will put out. These are just a few instances where men show themselves up more truly than they realize by what they do, and not how they do it.

The use of excessive power and the long calling and testing habits are several of the worst that operators can get into. The use of excessive power is usually either through carelessness, or a general "don't care" attitude. What is the sense in starting up and calling a nearby station which is known to be within easy range, using everything the set will put out to do it? It not only wastes energy and puts the receiving operator in an unpleasant frame of mind, often expressed by his operating, but does far more serious damage in the way of interference. Many stations are able to transmit far beyond their normal receiving range, and when they are using high power for local or nearby work, they only are making trouble for someone else-and always running the chance of interfering with a distress call that they can't hear.

The long callers are nearly as bad. If a station can't get your call, or can't hear you call him without repetition after repetition in the call, what chance is there that he will be able to receive the business you have for him? Usually the two stations will fool around for a long time and block traffic generally, and then after all find that the receiving station can't get the business, he will report QSU, or something of the kind. This is sometimes done to prevent relaying, apparently with the idea that it is very wonderful to work long distances, etc., but usually better service can be obtained if the business is relayed thru a nearer station, and again, less power can be used than when working the extreme long ranges.

The testers are absolutely the worst class of offenders that exist. I refer to two classes Continued on page 72



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MILWAUKEE AMATEURS' RADIO CLUB

By L. S. BAIRD, Past President

The Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club was founded in January, 1917, by L. S. Baird, A. C. Kletzsch Jr., J. B. Hitz, and Alonzo Pawling. In its pre-war existence it could have been characterized as the junior amateur radio organization of the city. This existence being one of but a few months, all the early members were drawn from but a limited section of the city.

Previous to the founding of the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club two of the local high schools had organized radio clubs, and one or two other attempts were made to found local wireless clubs, but with one exception none endured long. This exception was the Milwaukee Radio Association, which at the time of the founding of the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club constituted the senior radio association of Milwaukee. This association did not survive the war and period of govern-ment ban on amateur radio activities. Its post-war membership was absorbed by the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club. Among these members were Robert Miregler, C. F. Bates, L. J. Prahl, and L. A. Degner. The Milwaukee Boy Scout Radio Club was founded at about the same time, but existed for only a short period while its members were receiving instruction in elementary radio from a member of the faculty of the School of Engineering. Some of its members joined the Mil-waukee Amateurs' Radio Club. In the spring of 1919 and shortly after the

government ban on amateur radio activities was removed, a meeting of the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club was held and plans were made for the coming club season of 1919-1920. A careful survey of the city was made and a list of all amateurs was compiled. This list was the nucleus of the complete record of all amateurs in the city that the club now keeps. The trustees' room of the Milwaukee Public Museum, which has a seating capacity of about one hundred, was secured as a meeting place.

At the first meetings in the fall of 1919 a new constitution was adopted and officers elected and installed. The officers were: L. S. Baird, president; C. N. Crapo, vice-presi-dent; R. A. Teschan, secretary; T. V. Weston, treasurer; and R. A. Pelishek, business manager. Others prominent in the direction were C. S. Polacheck, C. M. Prinslow, A. C. Kletzsch Jr., and A. B. Lord.

The club became affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, Inc., and L. A. Degner, a member, was appointed city manager. Many other events, both business and social, took place this year.

The club opened the season of 1920-1921 with L. S. Baird, chairman of the board of directors; C. N. Crapo, president; A. B. Lord, vice-president; Louis Heyman, secre-tary; and E. W. Ruppenthal, treasurer and business manager. Mr. Crapo succeeded Mr. Degner as city manager for the American Radio Relay League, Inc. Meetings were held this season in a lecture room in the Old Insurance Bldg., obtained thru the courtesy of the School of Engineering of Milwaukee. The Milwaukee membership of the now defunct Wisconsin Radio League, which had been founded by M. B. Grogan and R. F. Laidlaw, was absorbed by the club. Mr. Grogan became the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club's publicity manager. Before the organization of the Milwaukee Radio Executive Council, the Club became affiliated with the Chicago Executive Council (Radio). The "Chicago Plan" for control of radio traffic was adopted and enforced first by the club and then by the Milwaukee Council. It was thru the efforts of the leaders of the club that the Milwaukee Radio Executive Council was formed. This club and several others

are represented in the council. The season was closed by a successful social and dance held in the dining room of the St. James Episcopal Church.

The season of 1921-1922 was opened with the season or 1921-1922 was opened with the following officers: L. S. Baird, past president; C. N. Crapo, chairman of the board of direction; D. J. Gellerupt, presi-dent; H. F. Wareing, vice-president; L. W. Klingbiel, secretary; and E. W. Ruppenthal, treasurer and business manager.

The club meets weekly at 8 on Monday evenings, except the third Monday of each month, in the trustees' room of the Mil-waukee Public Museum. Visitors and prospective members are welcome at all meetings. At meetings when outside speakers are not present, members present papers and infor-

mal discussions take place. This year the club has embarked on an extensive lecture program. An attempt has been made to secure from the ranks of employes of Milwaukee's electrical industries a number of men who could lecture on some subject that has points in common with radio communication. Some of the lectures that have been given and some that remain to be given are: December 8, 1921, "The National Electrical Code and Its Application to Radio Signaling Apparatus," by A. C. Nanonal Electrical Code and Its Application to Radio Signaling Apparatus," by A. C. Schultz, electrical inspector, Wisconsin In-spection Bureau; January 23, 1922, "Serving the Radio Amateur," by W. S. Wilder, Sc. B., E. E., Electrical Testing Division, The Milmauska Electrical Testing Division, The B., E. E., Electrical Testing Division, The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co.; February 13, 1922, "The Theory of the Elec-tron Tube," by R. C. Siegel, Sc. B., The University of Wisconsin, 1921; February 27, 1922, "Some Possibilities in the Development of Electron Discharge Apparatus," by Arthur Simon, member I. R. E., electrical engineer, Cutler-Hammer Mfg. Co.; March 13, 1922, "Storage Batteries," by J. P. Schroeter, elec-trical engineer, formerly consulting engineer, American School of Correspondence, Chicago, Ill. All radio men and other interested persons are invited to attend.

The club has several committees thru which much of its work is accomplished. Membership in one or more of these committees entitles the radio amateur to become actively engaged in the solution of the prob-lems of local radio organization. There is a committee on interference and relay which has for its duty to co-operate with the A. R. R. L. city manager in the solving of problems of local radio traffic. Some other committees, the work of which is obvious from their names, are the committee on papers and publications, program committee, publicity committee, and the committee on re-search and development. The work of the search and development. The work of the last named committee is shortly to be transferred to a radio laboratory founded by several radio club members.

Membership appeals alike to the "DX" man, the radio experimenter, the beginner, and to those who have only a set for the reception of radio broadcasts. There are three classes of membership, viz.: member, associate, and junior. Dues for the first two classes are fifty cents a month and for juniors, twenty-five cents. An initiation fee of one dollar is charged. The direction of the club is especially desirous of having for members all local members of the A. R. R. L., making the club a real local section of the League.

There are several other radio clubs in Milwaukee and its suburbs, three of which are affiliated with this club thru the Milwaukee Radio Executive Council. They are as Walkee Radio Executive Council. They are as follows: Wauwatosa Radio Club, meeting on Monday evenings in the Wauwatosa High School; West Allis Radio Club, meeting on Friday evenings in the West Allis Public Library; South Side Radio Club of Mil-waukee, meeting on Wednesday evenings in the South Side Branch of the Public Library.

Although the Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club has a centrally located meeting hall and embraces a city-wide membership, its direction realizes the expediency of having additional radio clubs in the suburbs and ditional radio clubs in the suburos and various sections of the city. The Milwaukee metropolitan district is large enough and boasts a sufficient number of amateurs to make it a multi-club one. The direction of this club does not view these contemporary clubs as competitors, but as organizations striving with this club to make Milwaukee's radio organization a success.

Milwaukee's radio traffic organization and traffic conditions will be discussed in an-other article under the heading of the Milwaukee Radio Executive Council.

The executive office to which all club correspondence should be addressed is 601 Enterprise Building, Second and Sycamore Streets, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"IN THE EASTERN STATES" By WILLIAM S. HALSTEAD, 2LH

1ARY of Burlington, Vt., is very QSA on both C.W. and spark. 1ARY was the second best station to get across to Godley.

1BIR of Exeter, N. H., is doing some fine work on his 10 watt C.W. set. He has worked as far south as Philadelphia on phone, which is very good work considering the power used and the distance, 700 miles. 1BCG has left the air as suddenly as he

went on. Rumor has it that he will be on soon again tho. Look out for your fones, you 6th district owls!

1AFV ought to work Japan soon by the way in which he makes the "cans" rattle in the cast.

The C.W. craze seems to be at its height in the first district. Practically all the d. x. stations have changed to C.W. or are using

C.W. in conjunction with their spark sets. 23K is still splitting our diaphragms. His spark has been heard in Scotland, England, California, etc. Wonder where next?

2AID now has a 5 watt C.W. set. His old spark has hit the trail to Long Island. 2AID is putting over an ampere into the aerial with wonderful results for a 5 watt set. He seems to reach out nearly as good as on his spark.

2DK has also changed to C.W. with very good results. He is using a 50 watt tube. Down in Brooklyn the latest is: "Sparks

may come, and sparks may go, but NAH goes on forever."

2UA has been off the air for over a month. He expects to get going again very soon, but

He expects to get going again very soon, out he is trying to get a good pole first. 2AWF is putting the capital city of the Empire state on the map. For the benefit of those who don't know where the capital is, might say that it is Albany. 2XI of Schenectady is "knocking" all the tubes around Albany and Troy.

tubes around Albany and Troy. 20M is still handling messages by the car-load and making his "O" shorter every time. Wonder what 2SM will say? Hi. Everybody has gone "nuts" over radio in the vicinity of New York City. WJZ and WDY are the reasons. 8ML is making all kinds of records with his 10 watt set. His latest is to 6ALP in Long Reach Calif.

his 10 watt set. H Long Beach, Calif.

8LX has also been doing some real distance work thru to California.

4GL and 3ZO come in thru the second and first districts like locals. 4GL is more like an express, tho. And when he goes-Oh Boy! Talk about Omnigraphs racing!

3ZA is helping put the messages thru the third district.

4IB is one of the real relay stations with an OW at the key. And she can rattle the key, too! 4GL will soon have a new rival in the 40 per league.



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Klosner Vernier Rheostat

the picture it has a condensite base and knob and phosphor bronze contact springs, all metal parts being nickel plated. It has a diameter of 21/8 in., and should prove highly valuable for the control of filament current to detector and amplifier tubes in the receiving set.

NEW RADIO CATALOGS

A handsome catalog of radio equipment has been issued by the Karlowa Radio Co. of Rock Island, Ill. In this 48-page 9x12 book many interesting and useful types of radio apparatus are illustrated and described, including the Hall recording relay, complete receiving sets, spark and tube sending sets, and parts of all kinds. In addition to complete hook-ups, there are many miscellaneous titems of radio interest.

Catalog H from the De Forest Radio Telephone & Telegraph Co. of New York City shows the complete line of De Forest radio equipment suitable for amateur and commercial use. A brief and simple treatment is given of the theory of radio communication and of the vacuum tube.

Radio Catalog No. R-2, from Julius Andrae & Sons Co. of Milwaukee, is concerned with radio receiving and transmitting equipment for telephone and telegraph. In its 84 pages, 6x9, will be found pictures, descriptions and prices of complete sets and parts from most of the standard manufacturers of apparatus for sending and receiving. Especial attention is given to parts for C. W. transmitters.

New bulletins from the Robinson Specialty Co. of Keyport, N. J., show the "Q R" vernier adjuster for attachment to any receiver so as to eliminate the effect of body capacity, and the "Q R" loud speaker for use without extra batteries on one-four stages of amplification. The Surdam Rotary Spark Gap is detailed

in a folder from the Star Machine Co., San Diego, Calif.

The Western Radio Electric Co. of Los Angeles has completed the installation of the Kinema-Brack Shops radiophone for broadcasting concerts from the Kinema Theater and news bulletins from the Los Angeles Exam-The station was opened with a coniner. cert from the Victor Herbert orchestra. Receiving sets are being put in by all the West Coast Theaters, Inc., chain.

A NEW LOUD SPEAKER

A new and improved type of loud speaker for hearing radio concerts, news and speeches is announced by The Radio Appliance Com-pany of San Francisco. This consists of a Baldwin phone and a scientifically designed tone chamber housed in a Kennedy No. 525 walnut cabinet 5x121/2x81/2 in.



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C. R. Kierulff of Los Angeles is super-vising the installation of a 50 watt radio telephone broadcasting station for the Los Angeles Times. The equipment was designed by L. F. Fuller, chief engineer of the Colin B. Kennedy Co. of San Francisco. Dean Farran will be the operator in charge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:-Will you pardon me if I presume to criticize one of your editorials in the March issue.

I think I know to whom you refer and if I am correct I agree with you that we should keep our eye on them and resent at least some of their efforts. There are certain interests that are trying to take unto themselves for selfish purposes more power than is their right.

However, your words may be construed in a number of ways, and under some construc-tions they are rather dangerous advice. You begin by condemning selfishness and end by seemingly advocating the most extreme kind of selfishness. No term could be more selfish than "personal liberty." This term has been much used of late years in another connection, but whether we are speaking of the use of alcoholic drinks or of wireless it is true that the rights of the individual stop where they interfere with the rights of others. Wherever people come in contact with each other there can be no such thing as complete personal liberty. The whole system of laws of the Republic depends on this principle. If one were to follow your advice literally he could "sit on the key" all day and stop all other radio work in the vicinity, but if we tried to stop him he could say, "You are interfering with my personal liberty."

A number of amateurs to whom I have shown your editorial think you mean the A. R. R. L. I sincerely hope they are wrong, for I think this organization deserves much praise for the work it is doing. There is no "personal domination" in it, for no amateur in the country is denied membership and all members have a voice in electing the directors. I admit it sometimes tries to impose certain regulations, such as certain listening periods, upon all of us whether members or not. Of course it has no legal right to do so. But you cannot find anything in any of these regulations that points to a selfish motive behind them; and they are always of such a nature that if we all take an interest in them and abide by them we will all be benefited by them. Here is certainly a case where we can afford to forget our "rights," and in so doing bring greater pleasure and profit to all amateurs, ourselves included.

Very truly yours, H. K. DUNN, Opr. at 8YR. Asst. Prof. Physics. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Feb. 28, 1922.

RADIO BOOK REVIEWS

"WIRELESS IN THE HOME"—By Lee de Forest; 32 page pamphlet, 41/4x61/4 in. Published by De Forest Radio Telephone & Telegraph

Co., New York City. Price 15 cents. This is a popular account of radio as a hobby. It tells of the fascination of radio telegraphy and telephony. It explains the essentials of an amateur radio receiving sta-tion, including the aerial, tuning coil, detector, condenser, telephone and amplifier, in terms o simple that any one can read and underso simple that any one can read and under-stand it. Finally it gives a description of a crystal and a vacuum tube receiver and a two step amplifier.

"THE RADIO EXPERIMENTER'S HANDBOOK"-By

"THE KADIO EXPERIMENTER'S HANDBOOK"-BY M. B. Sleeper; 138 pages 4x6¼. Pub-lished by De Forest Radio Telephone & Telegraph Co., New York City. Price \$1. When a boy first becomes interested in radio he has many questions in mind for which he cannot find understandable answers in the more advanced texts. In this little book the author tries to tell you what you want to know. He omits all theoretical and mathematical discussion and confines his treatment to simple and practical matters. He first tells what makes the wireless work and then describes the apparatus used in simple damped wave transmitting and receiving sets, giving diagrams of connections and telling how to set up and operate the equip-ment which has been bought. A brief ac-count is given of how the audion works, what is an undamped wave, and how it may be transmitted, received, and amplified. The book is concluded by a chapter on radio rules and regulations. While of little value to the advanced worker, the entire book will be helpful to the beginner.

Theater managers of New York are contemplating the use of wireless telephony to replace orchestras. Vaudeville theaters and musical shows could not avail themselves of melodies from the air, and will continue to pay from \$75 up for their leaders, and a minimum of \$52 weekly for their musicians. But the-aters with dramatic offerings and the picture houses could save a tidy sum by the installation of wireless receiving stations.

A sending set and an audion for his re-ceiver is the first thing that Vallimar Gil-bert, an adopted boy, of San Francisco, wanted to get when notified that he was the heir unexpectedly to \$180,000 from the estate of Jay Moncrief of New York. He prefers "the kind you put up your-self."

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BY SAHO, LA HABRA, CALIF.

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BY SAHS, E. SAN DIEGO, CALIF. With crystal without amplification

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* BY TED FRENCHIE, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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BY.GATN, FALLON, NEVADA

klt, 9saf, dd5, ag1, kwd, 6xag, kdw, kdf, 6xd, 5sa, 6aat, 6vm, 7cf, dl8, 6ty, 6at, kzy, vaw, Roswell Electric Light Co., Roswell, N. M., Radio Equipment Co., Dallas, Texas, Hobrecht, Sacramento, Northwestern Radio Mfg. Co., Portland, Kinema Theater, Los Ange-les, 6anj, 6ak.

BY 9BD. VANCOUVER, B. C.

BY 9BD, VANCOUVER, B. C. C. W.--4eb Can., 400 wrkm 9ps, Feb. 26 12:40 a.m., (5bi) Can., (6bd) Can., (6ac) 5za, (6ale), (6awi), (6alu, 6eb, 6en, (6gy), (6d), (1a), 6ams, 5zw, 6zad, 6za, (6af), 6zs, 6zad, 5zak, 6zaq, kle concerts, kzy, 6vm, klg, 7aav, (7ce), 71n, 7ma, 7mb, 7ha, (7qe), 7qt, 7rn chopper icw, 7vb, 7nf, kfc, 7xf, cl8, 7ge, 7yt, 7fq, 8bk ac-cw, Feb. 26 12:04 a.m. clg 9ps & 9bsg, 8ags Feb. 26, vy consistant & qza 12 p.m. to 2 a.m., 9amb, 9ps, 9bsg, 9kp, 1vas, 9zaf, 9ays. Spark-Canadian "5's" too numerous, (6as), (6ah), (6ark), 6abx, 6abw, 6acr, (6agf), 6ajr, (6afn), qza pse? 6atg, 6bb, (6ch), 6dm, (6ez), (6hc), 6hp, (6fh), (6gx), (6gr), (6ic), (6km), 6lc, (6po), 6qr, 6tc, (6tu), (6vx), (6ws), 6ab, 6zk, 6zr, 6zz, 6zal, (6zam), 6amk, 6arh, (7ze), (7ze), 7iy, (7iw), 7mi, 7m, 7m, 7mi, 7mi), 7hf, 7ly, (7kb), 7qn, (7wm), (7tj), 7zi, 7om, 7zm, 7yl, 7ya, 7yj, 7zp, 9yae, cl8.

BY 6XAF, PIEDMONT, CALIF., DURING FEBRUARY

C. W. only-(5za), 5xu, 6cu, 6ca, (6cn), (6jd), 6ka, 6ky, 6pt, 6rr. 6zb, 6zf, 6zg, 6zz, (6aif), 6alu, (6zad), 6xzq, 7qt, 9bir, 9dvz, 9zzq, 9zaf, 9bd (Canadian.)

CALLS HEARD BY 6TV

CALLS HEARD BY CTV Sby, 5ew, 5fa, 5fo, 5hk, 5ir, 5is, (5if), 5lb, 5mf, 5mk, 5ns, 5of, 5tu, 5ug, 5xb, 5xj, 5xu, 5yi, 5yq, (5xa), 5saf, 5sam, 5sa, (6ahq), 6acy, 6adl, 6ada, 6aeh, (6amn), (6aib), (6acu), 6afn, (6asv), (6aak), (6al), 6alc, 6acr, (6aha), 6atg-cw, 6ald, 6abw, 6avr, (6ath), 6ak, 6acr, (6aha), 6atg-cw, 6ald, 6abw, 6avr, (6ath), 6ak, 6arp, (6awx), 6agp, 6bgh, 6cu, (6en), (6ea), (6ft), (6gt), (6gp), (6gd-cw), (6iv), 6is, 6jd, (6ka), 6kh, 6ka-cw and spk, (6kc), (6ky-cw, 6km, (6mh), (6od), 6ol, 6ps, 6qk, (6rs), (6to), 6tf, 6uo, 6vs, 6xad-cw, (6zz), (6sr), 7bk, 7fi, 7ya, 7zo, 9aqe, 9aeg, 9amb, 9ays, 9alu, (9dug), (9dud), 9dth, 9nx-cw, 9xaq.

HEARD BY DUDLEY NEBEKER, PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA Spark 5ma, 6ak, 6aak, 6aau, 6aat, 6aas, 6abx, 6acr, 6acy, 6adl, 6aeh, 6aei, 6aew, 6afn, 6afy, 6agf, 6agp, 6abp, 6abq, 6ahs, 6aid, 6aif, 6aih, 6aio, 6aix, 6aix, 6aiy, 6air, 6aha, 6awm, 6cw, 6eh, 6ar, 6fi, 6h, 6gf, 6gn, 6gv, 6at, 6awh, 6awm, 6cw, 6eh, 6en, 6fi, 6h, 6gf, 6gn, 6gv, 6gt, 6gy, 6hf, 6ic, 6im, 6ir, 6is, 6iv, 6id, 6dl, 6dr, 6gw, 6id, 6abu, 6avm, 6cw, 6eh, 6ag, 6dr, 6dr, 6dr, 6dr, 6dr, 6dw, 6iv, 6ix, 6in, 6ir, 6is, 6iv, 6id, 6dr, 6dr, 6eq, 6tf, 6to, 6uo, 6xo, 6xa, 6ab, 6ag, 6ar, 6ar, 6ak, 6sa, 6ts, 6to, 6uo, 6xo, 6xa, 6ab, 6ag, 6an, 6ar, 6xu, 6ss, 6saa, 6sad, 6sal, 7bk, 7br, 7bj, 7ck, 7cn, 7ed, 7hr, 7jd, 7ke, 7mf, 7my, 7mu, 7m, 7ns, 7cm, 7tj, 7vo, 7vx, 7yx, 7yj, 7sm, 7st, 7st, 7su, (c18, Seattle, Wash.), 9bd, 9hm, 9saf, Canadian. C. W.-5saa, 6sat, 6aif, 6aiv, 6alu, 6aos, 6asv, 6awp, 6cu, 6en, 6ir, 6iv, 6ny, 6sa, 6sb, 6sf, 6sg, 6sn, 6sr, 6ss, 6xad, 6saq, 6sad, 7cn, 7nf, 7st, 7wm, 7yt, 9saf, Canadian.

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With the permutations possible to work out in different wavelengths, in different geographical areas, in different times of day, we should be able to make it possible for the owner of a receiving instrument, by tuning his instrument to different wavelengths, at different times, to possess himself of a great variety of entertainment, information, news, etc., at his own option. Even if we use all the ingenuity possible I do not believe there are enough premutations to allow unlimited numbers of sending stations.

One of the problems that enter into this whole question is that of who is to support the sending stations. In certain countries, the government has prohibited the use of receiving instruments except upon payment of a fee, out of which are supported government sending stations. I believe that such a plan would most seriously limit the development of the art and its and its social possibilities and that it is almost impossible to control. I believe that we ought to allow anyone to put in receiving stations who wishes to do so. But the immediate problem arises of who will do the broadcasting, and what will be his purpose. It is at once obvious that our universities, our technical schools, our government bureaus, are all of them willing and anxious to distribute material of extremely valuable order without remuneration. Also judging from the applications we have had, any number of merchants are prepared to distribute entertainment provided they are allowed to interlard discus-sion as to the approaching remnant sale. Many of the larger newspaper publishers are asking for licenses to install broadcasting sets in which news and entertainment will be distributed, and the commercial companies are requesting licenses for the establishment of systematic distribution of news and entertainment conditional upon their being given permission to undertake commercial broadcasting of one kind or another.

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It is, however, a problem of regulation, if we are to get the maximum use. It is one of the few instances that I know of where the whole industry and country is earnestly praying for more regulation. Regulation will need to be policed, if there is not to be great prejudice to the majority, and thus the celestial system—at least the ether part of it—comes within the province of the policeman. Fortunately the art permits such a policeman by listening in to detect those ether hogs that are endancering the traffic.

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TESTIMONY FROM A. H. GRISWOLD

The first witness called by the commission was A. H. Griswold, of the American Tel. and Tel. Co. He stated that his company's interests lie primarily in whatever relation radio telephony bears to public service. He stated that in his opinion the only real service which could be rendered through this means was for telephoning across wide stretches of water or from ship to shore or from airships to ground stations. He said that he knew of only one commercial application, namely the service given between Catalina Island and the mainland.

In regard to broadcasting he stated that his company is now constructing a sending station in New York which will be ready for service soon. It is the intention to lease this station to the public and not to give any definite program. His company, he stated, does not intend to promote the art of wireless telephony, but to give public service only by enabling a subscriber of their wire sytem to be directly connected to the wireless system. In his opinion it is difficult to subdivide transmission service, as there are not however, make the following suggestions as to the proper allocation:

Public radio telephone service, 325 to 425 meters.

Ship work, 1600 to 2200 meters.

International service, 4000 to 5000 meters. Short range telephony, 100 to 150 meters. In his opinion there are only 30 available wavelengths.

In answer to a question by Congressman White, Mr. Griswold stated that in his opinion there should be one governmental responsibility and that such control should be through the allocation of wavelengths. He stated further that the limit of their New York station would be transmission over 100 to 150 miles and that no service rates had been decided upon.

General Squier expressed the opinion that general broadcasting might interfere with all other service everywhere and that one radio station might do more harm than 1,000,000 miles of wire. Mr. Grisswold thought that the only service which should be set apart would be that for international business and ship use. He thought also that every man should have the right to do broadcasting for his own business, but on short waves only.

own business, but on short waves only. In reply to a question by Secretary Hoover in regard to the patent situation, Mr. Griswold stated that two years ago the General Electric Co. and the American Tel. and Tel. Co. had at the request of the Government agreed to sell appliances. The former radio telegraph instruments and the latter radio tele phone instruments. Thereafter certain rights were transferred by these companies to the Radio Corporation of America and the Western Electric Co. and later the Westinghouse Co. came into the field through an arrangement with the General Electric Co.

STATEMENTS FROM RADIO CORPORATION Representatives

E. P. Edwards, manager of the radio department of the General Electric Co., was then requested by Secretary Hoover to testify. In his opinion the biggest advantages derived from radio telephony were those secured to the farmer. He thought that broadcasting in general should be curbed. He stated that the cost of a large sending installation is about \$15,000, and that it costs about \$2000 per month for the technical operation of such a plant. Furthermore that such an installa-

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tion should be operated through a public service corporation. Also that daylight broadcasting for commercial purposes should be encouraged and that light and power com-panies and the U. S. Forest Service should have free access to such facilities. In his opinion there should be no limitation placed

on the sale of receiving apparatus. Mr. Edwards then gave the following account of the mutual agreement which exists between the large corporations:

The Westinghouse and General Electric Companies make radio appliances under license of the Radio Corporation and this is cross-licensed under certain telephone patents. The Radio Corporation can only sell General Electric and Westinghouse equipment and then only in the experimental and amateur field. The General Electric Co. sells about 51 different radio items, but in a few days expects to have a low-priced complete receiving set on the market. In his opinion the Radio Corporation could get business amounting to about \$50,000,000, but that they are not equipped at this time to take on this amount of business. He said that his company is preparing to make about 60,000. large amplifier tubes per month, and that they are preparing to triple their tube production. J. W. Elwood, secretary of the Radio Cor-

poration of America, was called to the stand and stated that he will give full contract data in regard to the relation of his com-pany to the other large companies to the commission for their own use. He admitted that his company was far behind in the filling of their orders and that they receive as many as 600 telegrams in one day. In reply to a question regarding interference from stations, he remarked that last year there was more human interference than God interference. In his opinion the relative importance of wavelength allocation should be as follows:

First-Government.

Second-Civil departments of the Government, such as agriculture, postoffice, forest service, etc.

Third-Protection of life and property.

Fourth-Education.

Fifth--Entertainment. Sixth-Amateur service.

Seventh-Public service.

He felt that the amateur should be amply recognized and encouraged and also that all transmitting stations should be properly controlled by the Government through legislation.

L. R. Krumm of the Westinghouse, E. N. M. Co., then testified, stating that his company was the pioneer in general broadcasting and that they have stations at Pittsburgh, Springfield, Newark and Chicago and that these stations furnish high-class entertainment, also that they realize that in deciding upon legislation the interests of the receivers are more vital than those of the broadcasters, for while there are but few of the latter there must be nearly 1,000,000 of the former. He thought that a range of between 300 and 400 meters should be prescribed for such service. He stated that his company intends to extend their service and that they will transmit church services from chimes to collections. He thought that all public service for business in the daytime and entertainment in the evening could be taken care of by 12 to 15 stations. He stated that his company is making 5 different types of re-ceiving sets, varying in price from \$25 to \$300, and that while they are now making 25,000 of the cheap sets per month they can see no drop in the sales for a long time, as long as the quality of the broadcasting pro-grams is maintained. At this point Mr. Griswold stated that the license agreement forbids connection between the A. T. & T. lines and the wireless service.

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casting stations had ever been suggested and Mr. Krumm thought not, to the best of his knowledge.

H. W. Nichols, Western Electric Company, then expressed the opinion that the only real important service rendered by wireless telphony is ship service or exceptional island service and that this should be done at short wavelengths. He stated that for two-way telephone work 10,000 cycles would be required, that for 300 meter service 1,000,000 cycles have to be used and for 400 meters about 700,000 cycles, so that in view of this relationship 25 messages could be sent in each direction. He expressed the opinion that very little advertising would be done in broadcasting and also stated that a movement was on foot tending to the manufacture of receiving apparatus by his company.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PACIFIC PLAN

Max Loewenthal, representing the Pacific Radio Trade Association, was then requested by Secretary Hoover to state the manner in which various problems had been approached and solved on the Pacific Coast. He dwelt at some length on the splendid spirit of cooperation evidenced on the coast which has resulted in the preparation and execution of a broadcasting schedule which has met with the approval of all interests concerned and permits of little or no interference. This schedule is based on a time schedule rather than on wavelengths, as all the broadcasting is being done on 360 meters. He expressed the opinion that such a basis could be worked out to advantage in most localities by local interests. Considerable interest was mani-fested by the commission in this method of solving the problem through co-operation, and through the policing power transferred to and accepted by local radio clubs, who assume such duty by authority of the U. S. Radio Inspector. Copies of the various schedules and plan were given to the commission. He stated in conclusion that he believes the use of the ether should be standardized and supervised and not commercialized or monopolized.

THE SHIP OPERATORS' SIDE

C. B. Cooper, vice-president and general manager of the Ship Owners Radio Service, then appeared before the commission and stated that in his opinion the most important service which can be rendered by radio is the service from ship to shore and vice versa: He thought that for amateur broadcasting, which is important, 200 to 225 meters should be reserved, having reference to spark work. For C. W. transmission 225 to 275 meters, for spark sets 275 meters, and for special work 325 to 350 meters. For advertising broadcasting 400 meters, for general broadcasting, like concerts, 1500 to 1700 meters. He stated that his company handles about onethird of all the service of the Shipping Board.

Congressman White expressed an opinion that Congress might do well not to try to legislate according to wavelength.

THE AMATEURS' SIDE

Secretary Hoover then called P. F. Godley, of the American Radio Relay League, to present the case of the amateurs to the commission. Mr. Godley made the statement that in his opinion, or rather that of most of the amateurs throughout the country, the large interests are trying to curtail the rights of the amateur and that these interests believe that the receiving sets of the amateurs are interfering with the service which they are trying to give. Also that the manufacturing companies believe that the novices can only use sets with a single knobs, while in his opinion sets with several knobs for proper tuning should be produced. He suggested that wavelengths varying from 150 to 275

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meters be employed and that 1200 to 1800. meters be reserved for the broadcasting stations. In his opinion "fading in" is negligible with longer wavelengths.

At this juncture Secretary Hoover interjected a few remarks with considerable emphasis to the effect that it is his intention and he knows it is the sense of the commission to protect the interests of the amateur to the fullest extent. And that he will, using his own words, sit on any misrepresentation as to their intentions and that he is very solicitous for the American boy and the radio amateur.

In answer to a question by Mr. Maxim as to whether the public can use selective receivers, Mr. Godley stated that the spark for the amateur should be kept below 200 meters. Secretary Hoover thought that most of the nuisance through interference has been created by the amateurs themselves. Mr. Godley thought that self-policing by radio clubs would probably keep the amateurs in line, but that this should be done through governmental regulation. He suggested the following schedule of wave allocation: For the first year man 150 to 175 meters, for telephone, spark or C. W. For the second year man, spark 175 to 200, modulated C. W. 200 to 225, telephone 225 to 250, pure D. C. C. W. 250 to 275. In his opinion sending amateurs should be compelled to take out operators' licenses. Secretary Hoover thought that then we should have regulation over all receiving equipment sold, in answer to which Mr. Godley said that to simplify this matter all radiating receivers should be considered unlawful.

K. B. Warner, secretary of the American Radio Relay League, supported Mr. Godley's plan of regulation and expressed the opinion that the operators would all be willing to pay license fees. He also did not approve in general of cheap or one knob sets. He stated that he has known of cases where 360 meter service interferred with ship traffic in New York Bay. He then made a plea for the necessity of writing the amateur interests into the new law. Congressman White thought that it might be well to license all transmitting receiving sets. Mr. Griswold stated that he was not so sure about the amateurs not wanting the cheap sets, but was anxious to get further information on this subject.

L. C. F. Harle of the Federal T. & T. Co., then testified, stating that in his opinion the entire question of broadcasting was an enormous experiment. He suggested the following wave allocation: For amateurs, 150 to 250 meters; for broadcasting, 3 sets of bands, 1 from 300 to 500, another 500 to 700 and another 800 to 900. He said that for commercial ship work 300 meters is no longer used. He expressed the opinion that the amateur is largely responsible for the wonderful radio development.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE SIDE

F. A. Allner, chairman of the Radio Committee of the N. E. L. A., then put in a plea for the central station, which are at times greatly in need of wireless service in order that service may be secured between various stations and sub-stations, especially when other service has been interrupted through storms. He stated that under no circumstances would any broadcasting be indulged in. He suggested the most flexible regulation.

Frank E. Doremus, of the Detroit News, then made an eloquent plea in behalf of newspaper interests, expressing the opinion that broadcasting service can best be given through such means. He stated that in and about Detroit about 250,000 receiving sets are in use and that the service which his paper is giving is being received with general satisfaction. Price \$500 Super Standard Vario-Coupler Single turn variations cover entire primary winding on the Formica tube. For both table and panel mounting. %" Brass rods in Rotors. Binding post connections. Green silk wire. Range, 150-600 Meters. NEW KNOB AND DIAL \$1.00 SOCKETS \$1.00 IMMEDIATE DELIVERY New Non-Regenerative Sets \$322.50 In Cabinet with Detector Unit Included \$322.50 MANUFACTURERS_JOBBERS_DEALERS _OUR NEW CATALOC IS READY Our new catalog is ready with complete descriptions and illustrations of our entire line. Variometers, Vario-couplers, Detectors, Amplifiers, Dials, Sockets, Rheostat, Non-Regenerative Receiving Sets, Binding Posts, Contact Knobs, Stop Pins, Switch Levers, Complete and Small Accessories.

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Secretary Hoover stated that the question of licensing might involve a more difficult problem, namely, as to whether the Gov-ernment can be held responsible for the moral and intellectual welfare of the peofor the ple, for the question might come up continuously as to what constitutes a right form of information for broadcasting in order to reach a decision as to whether a license should or should not be withdrawn. In a humorous vein he suggested one wavelength for a prize fight and another for a sermon, if it is thought desirable that both be transmitted. Ex-Con-gressman Shirley thought that the Government should regulate and not censor. Secretary Hoover replied that by having at least two sending stations in a city competition might be created and in that manner might lead to a higher moral tone.

H. R. Young, representing the National Re-tail Dry Goods Association, stated that it is the intention of dry goods stores to broadcast for educational purposes only and that they do not advocate the use of wireless service for advertising purposes. He admitted, of course, that indirectly the store would be benefited through the sale of appliances. At this juncture Secretary Hoover interjected the thought that if every department store in the 260 cities in the U. S. wanted a license for broadcasting or only one in each city would want such a license, there would not be enough wavelengths to serve the purpose. P. E. Wiggin, of the Radio Electric Co., Pittsburgh, stated that in his opinion 500 members of the Pittsburgh Radio Club would

all be willing to pay a \$2 license fee and another \$10 for an operator's license. F. P. Guthrie, of the U. S. Shipping Board,

stated that there were 3 important factors which he would like to bring before the commission.

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Signatures of some radio notables at the conference

First-That there is no real need for wireless telephone equipment for ships.

Second-That 300 meter service is not desired by the board.

Third—That the large interests are not permitting the board to buy tubes because they believe that they will be used for the purpose of making money with them, which

has been a hardship in many cases. A representative of the Boy Scouts of America made an eloquent plea for closer cooperation between the various U. S. departments and the broadcasting stations so that the younger element of a community in par-

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ticular, might receive important information direct from Government sources, even to the extent of having them listen in to debates in Congress and have the prominent Government officials talk directly to the youth of the country.

country. Dr. Stratton, the chairman of the commission, then asked for any further remarks from anyone in attendance and as there were no further suggestions offered he adjourned the hearing after thanking everyone for their cooperation with the commission. He stated that the committees would require probably ten days or longer to report and that some recommendations would probably be made tending towards some legislation by Congress giving the Department of Commerce broad discretionary powers for the regulation of all sending and receiving stations.

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You can reflect light waves with a mirror; "radio waves," that is the waves used in radio communication, are reflected by conducting surfaces such as heavily charged clouds or bodies of electrified air.

Radio waves are subject to refraction, a bending action which takes place when they pass through atmosphere of varying density. You can study the refraction of light waves by holding a stick in a bowl of water at an angle; the stick appears to be bent. Refraction changes the direction of radio waves.

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- Ship Owners' Radio Service, Wooster Bldg., Portland, Ore.
- Hallock & Watkins, 192 Post St., Portland, Ore.
- Northwestern Radio Mfg. Co., Portland, Ore.

Eighth District

- **KDKA**—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Daily, except Sunday, music 10:00-10:15 a. m. and 12:30-1:00, 2:00-2:20 and 4:00-4:20 p. m., with special Saturday concert 3:00-4:00 p. m.; bedtime stories, 7:30 p. m.; press, 7:45; special features and vandeville acts, 8:00 p. m.; music and news, 8:30-9:30; Sunday, church service, 10:45 a. m., 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.
- WBL—The Detroit News, 615 Lafayette Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Daily, except Sunday, 11:30-11:55 a. m. and 3:30-4:00 p. m., phonograph music; 7:90-8:30 p. m., special musical programs by selected artists.
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- WDZ—Marshall-Gerken Co., 27 Ontario Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
- **WPB**—Pittsburgh Gazette Times, Gazette Square, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- WMH—Precision Equipment Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 8:15-10:00 p. m., music, speeches and news; daily 485 meters; 11:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., weather reports.

Ninth District

- WOV-R. B. Howell, 1802 Farum St., Omaha, Neb.
- WHA—University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. Daily, except Sunday, weather reports at 12:35 p.m., Friday at 8:15 p.m.; special music and other dates as announced. Midnight to 1:00 a. m., university news on 410 meters.

- WLB—University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 485 meters; daily 12 noon, weather and stock reports; 7:30 p. m., wheat and potato market; 7:45 p.m. Wednesday only, music, 360 meters.
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as it very often does in China, and we had to ride in sedan chairs to the Yamen or magistrate's building, where we presented our credentials. As the city officials had not been expecting us yet, no provision had been made for quarters, but with the usual Chinese hospitality they gave us the best that they had, with all sorts of apologies.

The immediate problem was to transport the masts and all to the station site, which was nearly a mile and a half inside the city. Most Chinese cities have walls around them, walls with small gates and the gates have semi-circular compounds outside them. The streets are very narrow, averaging 7 ft., and there are many right angled turns.

Several contractors were called in (we did the most of our work on a contract basis) and asked to bid on this job, but the only man who would consider it gave us a fantastic story about the necessity of breaking holes in the city walls, repairing the holes afterwards, of building matchwork bridges over the roofs of the houses at the street turns, and of the great army of coolies which he would have to employ to carry the masts; he ended up by giving his price of "baat sap ng mun," or about \$45.00 gold. As there was about seven tons to be moved we did not see how he could do it at that price, especially under the conditions as he stated them. He was awarded the contract.

The writer then returned to Canton to arrange for the carrying forward of the plans for the other stations, and that contractor still prides himself on having put one over on the foreign engineer.

The truth of the matter was that the contractor, by virtue of knowing the country so well, was able to float the poles back down the river for a couple of miles, into a canal and in back of the city. One hole had to be cut into the wall and then he had a straight street of only a quarter of a mile to carry them. When this was discovered later we had a good laugh over it, but we still maintain that we had the best of the bargain.

The "Bell and Drum" tower was allotted to us for a station room and operators' quarters. This building was so named because of its having a large bell and a larger drum which served the purpose of warning the inhabitants of the city of any attempted invasion by hostile troops or bandits.

The masts for the Shiu Hing station were set 250 feet apart in a line of east and west, that giving the best directional effect with Canton. Each mast was raised in three sections, making a total of 160 ft. high. They were guyed at each joint and also at the top, in four directions. The joints were made by lapping the top of one section to the lower end of the next section, and secured by two iron clamps or bands made from $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{2}{2}$ " strap iron. Trouble was experienced in getting these bands made up by the blacksmith, as he did not believe in working to size. We finally had the bands all made the same size and trimmed the poles to fit the bands.

Before raising, the poles were shaved smoothly and creosoted, then the first section was set in cement, and the remaining two sections were successfully pulled up through the bands by means of rope blocks and a hand windlass. This part of the construction always drew a large crowd, many of the curious even getting in the way of the riggers and interfering with their work. The project could have been successfully commercialized right there by merely charging an admission fee.

Six 7/22 bronze wires spaced $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. apart on fir spreaders made the antenna. The lead-in was taken off one end. This gave a natural period of 485 meters.

In addition to a regular ground made by digging down 10 ft., where we found wet earth, and burying a bundle of copper wires in charcoal, we laid out a counterpoise, fan

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shaped, under the antenna, and just under the surface of the earth.

A cement foundation was laid for the Genco set and the 55 cell storage battery. The masonry contractor knew all about cement mixtures, as he "had mixed all the concrete for a mission building"; we had a hard time convincing him that a 1-2-4 mixture of cement, sand, and gravel would hold up. He had been taught differently and said that it would all fall to pieces, that it would never set, and that he would lose his reputation. Finally we told him that we would take the responsibility, and he was then happy.

Most of this work had to be directed by means of the sign language, owing to the fact that our interpreter was taken sick. The workmen are very quick at grasping an idea and for a period of three weeks we made out quite well by giving orders in pantomime.

The motor-generator, the panels and the lead-in were installed, the wiring run and the construction crew moved on to the next station, which was further up on the West River at Wuchow.

The construction details of the other stations were similar to Shiu Hing, and the same difficulties were encountered. About the only difference was that of time. Where it took six weeks to build the first station, the last on the list was completed in a total of nine days. Incidently the last station was a better piece of work.

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point, to which the small brass lugs of Fig. 36 may be soldered quite easily. Care and practice will expedite the whole process of soldering a tap to about three minutes.

In Fig. 30, it will be observed that three multi-contact tuning switches are provided; the points, of course, are connected to the lugs on the inductance in accordance with the table, Fig. 37, and the switch arms, to the antenna (via radiation ammeter), to the plate condenser, and to the key condenser, respectively, as shown in Fig. 33. No details are given for these multi-contact switches, nor the changeover switches shown in the same figure.

The buzzer for interrupting the continuous waves into small groups at audio frequency, is shown in the lower right corner of Fig. 30, and its control rheostat is in the lower center of the same figure.

The indicating instruments must be selected with due consideration to the type of tubes that will ultimately be used. In the original apparatus herein described, the author used a milliammeter with a scale reading to 100, which restricted its use to the measurement of the current to the oscillator tubes only.

Western Electric Co. tubes have been used at all times with this apparatus, which made the use of a 5 ampere filament ammeter possible.

In constructing this apparatus for use with any type of 5 watt tube on the market at the present time, it is suggested that a milliammeter reading to 300 milliamperes be used in the plate circuit, that an ammeter reading to 10 amperes be used in the filament circuit, and that a radiation ammeter reading to 1.5 to 2 amperes be used in the antenna lead. As a matter of information, in connection with this latter instrument, the radiation, using two 5 watt tubes as oscillators, will vary from 1 to 1.3 amperes at the most efficient wavelength.

Details for the construction of the various panels and sub-panels will be found in Figs. 37 and 38. These panels are constructed of 3% in. Bakelite sheet. The details of the cabinet for this apparatus are left to the constructor. It may be stated, however, that one having inside dimensions not smaller than 11 by 16 by 9¼ inches deep is recommended.





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used. In the majority of cases but 1step, and in some cases—even as far as Buffalo, N. Y.—only a "pickle tube" was used [

It will also be remarked that in these cases we have no all-way transmission over the Atlantic Ocean-at all! The above splendid reception work was done all overland!!

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WHERE, then, enters the idiotic fallacy of multi-stages of amplification, with their attendant expense of tubes, up-keep, numerous storage and "B" batteries, etc?

It is, to my mind, little short of the criminal to foist upon the rapidly-growing amateur class the entirely erroneous belief that vast power to send, and much amplification to receive, are obligatory! Nothing could be further from the truth, and it is to this end that I herewith take pleasure in exposing the fallacy!

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By MAJOR LAWRENCE MOTT,

O. R. C. Signal Corps, U. S. A.

By dint of liberal use of the Western Union, and by a large patronizing of one Uncle Sam's postoffices, there havein the past-been DX signals arranged for, listened for-and heard!

I believe, however, that I err not when I say that to 3ALN, the station of H. F. Hastings, situate at 905 "B" street, Washington, N. E., D. C., goes the prize of PRIZES for effective DX reception-and transmission! An honor in which 6XAD is privileged to sharewith all due modesty-and so forth!

Mr. Hastings and I had been exchanging letters with regard to our signals-as each could hear t'other very wellwhen, on the night of February 16th he was plainly heard, working an "8" station. As soon as he cleared I called him, and he came back at me-at once. Time: 12:34 a. m.-PCT. I briefly asked him if conditions were such, with him, that he could take a message, to which he replied: "R-OK-GA!"

I sent him the following:

"Jordan Mott—Biscayne Yacht Club -Miami—Florida. First transcon to Washington DC-sig. Law"

3ALN at once came back with: "Nr 1-R-Nr 1-R-FB"-etc.-etc.

From my father, at Miami, I have received word that Mr. Hastings was so good as to forward the message via Western Union, from Washington, and it was correct in every particular.

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QRM, and uncomfortable QRN—a "3" station calling me. By dint of earstraining I finally made him out to be 3ALN—and very QSA, when the local —and infernal!— interference permitted ANYTHING to be heard! I shot back: "R—QRM—and QRN—but GA—GA—." He came back with: "Hr—Nr—1—to 6XAD—sending picture tomorrow—sig. 3ALN."

In brief, the above are the extraordinarily good results of that which I call "unpremeditated" transcontinental work! In here reporting it I have omitted the numerous preambles to the message—the oft-repeated calls and signs —as these are, of course, understood to have been exchanged. The message to me from 3ALN refers to a letter of mine, in which asked for a photograph of his station for reproduction in RADIO.

It will carefully be noted that 3ALN uses but one 50 watt tube, ICW, and that 6XAD was using its now "famous" smallest transmitter. But little can be added.

The results speak volubly for themselves!

CONSTRUCTION OF CRYSTAL SET

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operation is to adjust the little piece of wire, which rests lightly on the crystal, to a sensitive point. This may be accomplished in several different ways; the use of a miniature buzzer transmitter is very satisfactory. Assuming that the most sensitive point on the crystal has been found by method described in paragraph below, "The Test Buzzer," the rest of the operation is to get the radio receiving set in resonance or in tune with the station from which one wishes to hear messages. The tuning of the receiving set is attained by adjusting the inductance of the tuner. That is, one or both of the switch arms are rotated until the proper number of turns of wire of the tuner are made a part of the metallic circuit between the antenna and ground, so that together with the capacity of the antenna the receiving circuit is in resonance with the particular transmitting station. It will be remembered that there are 10 turns of wire between each of the first 8 switch contacts and only one turn of wire between each 2 of the other contacts. The tuning of the receiving set is best accomplished by setting the righthand switch arm on contact (1) and rotating the left-hand switch arm over all its contacts. If the desired signals are not heard, move the right-hand switch arm to contact (2) and again rotate the left-hand switch arm throughout its range. Proceed in this manner until the desired signals are heard.

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length) used by the several radio transmitting stations in his immediate vicinity.

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Wire (same kind as antenna		
wire.)		
1 clamp	.15	
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Receiving set-		
1/2 pound No. 24 copper wire		
double cotton covered	.75	
1 cardboard box.		
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18 switch contacts and nuts.	.75	
3 binding posts-set screw		
type	.45	
2 binding posts-any type	.80	
1 crystal—tested 8 wood screws, brass, ¾ in.	.25	
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long	.08	
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ing box.)		
2 pounds paraffin	.80	
Lamp cord, 2 to 8c per ft.		
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will have to be changed, both sets increasing in size in about the same proportion. The following table will give you an idea of what you would need for reception over a wavelength range of 175-3000 meters:

	Number of Turns							
Wavelength	Primary	Secondary	Het. Osc.					
150-300	25	35	25					
300-800	35	75	50					
800-3000	75	150	100					
1000								

For wavelengths of over 3000 meters, the 50,000 cycle tuned circuit would have to be changed to one of lower frequency for best results, say to about 30,000 cycles, and honeycomb coils of about 1250 turns each would then be necessary. The Heterodyne Oscillator coils should be variable since some tubes require a closer coupling than others.

Question: What would be the wave length range of my two loose couplers, one having 180 turns 5 inches in diameter in the primary, and a secondary of 250 turns 4 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, each coil having 9 taps equally spaced, and the other having half the number of turns in each coil. N. N., S. F.

Answer: Approximately 175 to 2500 meters for the larger, and 150 to 1000 meters for the smaller loose coupler.

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DESIGN OF C. W. ANTENNA Continued from page 28

duces the radiation, but adds to the adjustments of the transmitter, if the series condenser is variable, as is generally the case. If the fundamental wavelength of the antenna is 175 meters or less, no series condenser will be necessary, and whatever variations are required in the antenna circuit of the transmitter may be made by varying the number of turns in the antenna inductance.

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Let us take a practical problem as an illustration of how your antenna dimensions may be determined. An amateur has a single mast 60 ft. high, which he proposes to place at the far end of a slanting, inverted "L" antenna, the lower end of which will be fastened to the roof of his home, say at a height of 20 ft., and he desires to know how long the antenna proper can be, as well as the location of the pole.

Deducting 20 ft. for the lead-in and ground lead, from the 100 ft. total, the antenna can be 80 ft., measured from the top of the mast to the lead-in. By the simple formula of the square of the hypotenuse of a right triangle being equal to the sum of the squares of the two sides, where the 80 ft. antenna is the hypotenuse and one side is the 60 ft. mast less 20 ft. for the lead-in, we find that 70 ft. is approximately the correct distance from the base of the mast to the point directly under the lower end of the antenna. If the mast were 80 ft., then this distance is reduced to 55 ft., and so on in proportion to the height of the mast. The most difficult case of the slanting antenna is taken mainly because it is a favorite in cities, where backyards are small, and C.W. enthusiasts plentiful. Where the two supports are of the same height, simply deduct the length of the lead-in from the total allowable length and the remainder will give you the number of feet in the antenna proper.

Just a word in regard to insulation. If you have a four-wire flat top, don't place an insulator at each end of each separate wire. A single insulator placed at each end of the antenna will give four times the insulation, since when you have the former condition, there would be the equivalent of four resistances in parallel to ground, or one-fourth the resistance of one insulator. This point is often overlooked and is important from an economic standpoint as well as being more efficient electrically.

To some readers this discussion may seem very elementary, but it is quite apparent from the numerous questions received by the writer, that it is necessary.


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CREMATE YOUR SPARK COIL By THEO. MCKEON

If this article is published, I hope the guys that still dust their spark-coil contacts will put the ashes of them in a can and bury them among old relics. You ask: "Didn't you use one yourself?" Certainly; but read on: I had one or two, as is always the case with a beginner, along with my crystal detector and loose coupler. Night after night I punctured the ether for twelve miles on a single Ford coil. It was when the audion came to our town circle that I wanted to rise. An audiotron and a storage battery soon was at my disposal. In a couple of months I was happily hearing the singing rotary gaps. From then on I began to despain at the sound of the "static machines" which broke into the music so often.

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I have not erected my station at Paso Robles yet, but expect to by fall. I will be one of the many "C. W. and fone" uplifters, and another "6" on the key, formerly "7FX."

6XAD HEARD IN ALASKA

G. E. Maddox, operator on U. S. L. H. T. "Fern," writes from Ketchikan, Alaska, under date of February 16: "As soon as I completed my short wave set and hooked it up, the very first static I heard was you, calling 6ZAC, Dow, Wailuku, Honolulu. We were in Fun-ter Bay, Alaska, which is nearly entirely surrounded by high mountains, the distance to you being nearly 1826 miles in an air line and almost all of it overland. Your signals are very QSA every night all over southeast Alaska, and I have no trouble in copying everything you send.





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of people. First, the operators that start up at sea, and test, and fool around for a while, sending V's and calling; and second, to the boneheads who test and attempt to tune their sets while the ship is in port, and especially, the shop men and others who have a perfect right to tune and test under proper conditions.

When at sea, it is usually only necessary to make a few small changes in the modern quenched set to bring it up to normal work-ing efficiency; the addition or sorting out of a gap or two, and a few small adjustments of coupling, the adjustment of the antenna inductance, and the exact proper point on the field rheostat are all that should be touched to clear the "note," and usually these all could be carried up while calling, and certainly could be completed when the preamble of a message is being sent, altho this should have the operator's complete attention, due to the possibility of error. There is no excuse for an operator to start up and tune and test for ten minutes before he starts to send. Such actions show one of two things. Either that the man is a "hog" and doesn't care for the rights of others on the air, or that he is absolutely ignorant of the way to handle his set. In either case he had better find some more suitable occupation-in a soup kitchen, for example-or mend his ways. There is no room for him in the modern radio business.

The testers who go aboard the ship when in port are even worse than the first mentioned class. A more senseless, and pigheaded, and selfish attitude cannot be imagined than that possessed by the man (?) who starts up a ship set and proceeds to tune and test for a period of uncertain duration without listening in or signing off. There are, fortunately, very few of such men in the radio game, still there must be some, otherwise how would so much of the unaccounted for interference be caused?

Possibly I have been too hard on the "shoregoing" men; possibly ship operators them-selves are guilty. The license of a ship sta-tion states that the station is licensed to be operated "while the vessel is being navigated." This does not, and cannot mean that this is permission to operate as it pleases the operator when the ship is tied to the dock, or at anchor. If it is necessary to test, why not start the set and make a single dash, simply to see if the set will radiate, if you are listening in, and just want to see that it is O. K.? Few do this, even tho they are so selfish that they want to get ashore, or off on their own busi-ness, and the result is that they test and fool around until it pleases them to stop. To my way of thinking, such men should be simply eliminated from the radio field whenever and wherever caught. It is hoped that it will be possible at some time to locate the exact ship where unauthorized, unsigned testing is carried on, by radio compass, and to punish the party who has been doing the dirty work. The elimination of a few of such troublemakers would go far towards deterring others from trying the same tactics, who cannot be reached by any regulations or rules, but thru fear of the results only.

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