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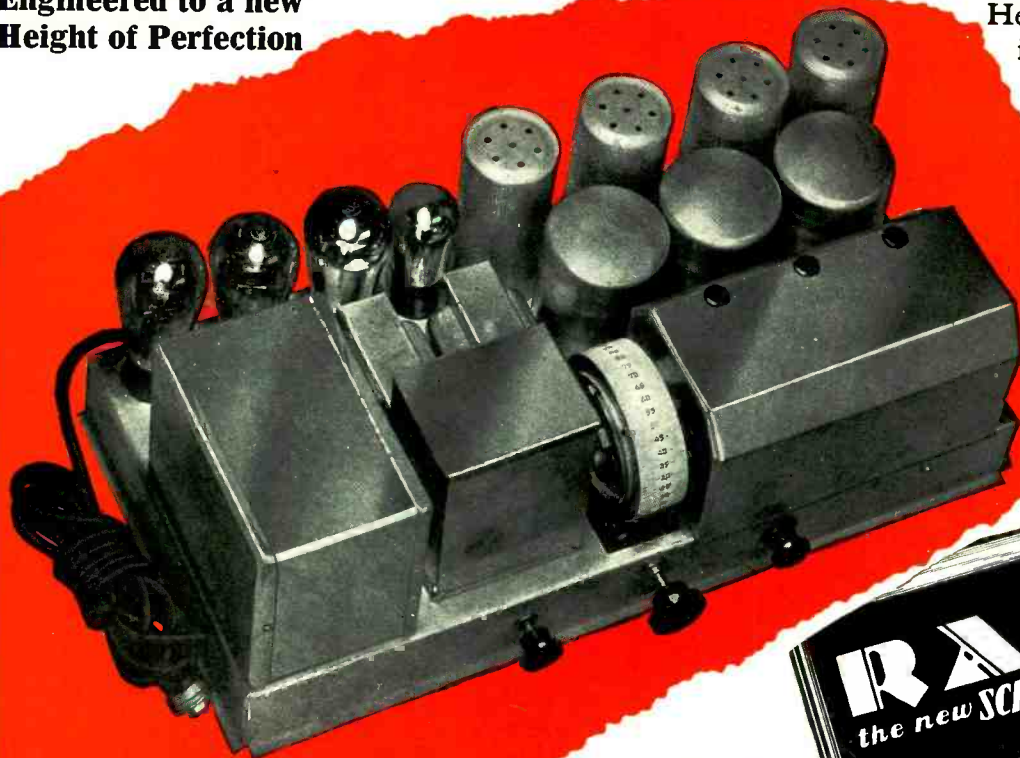


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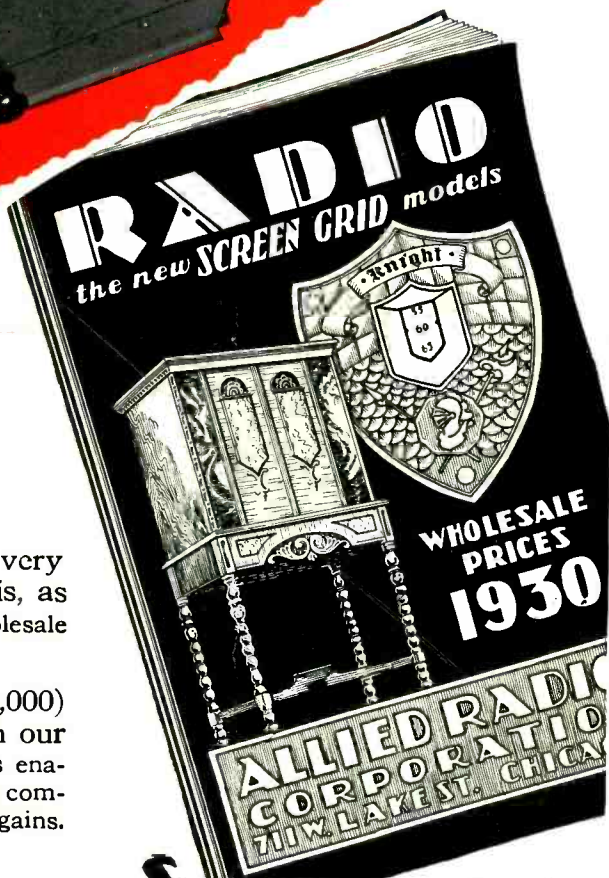
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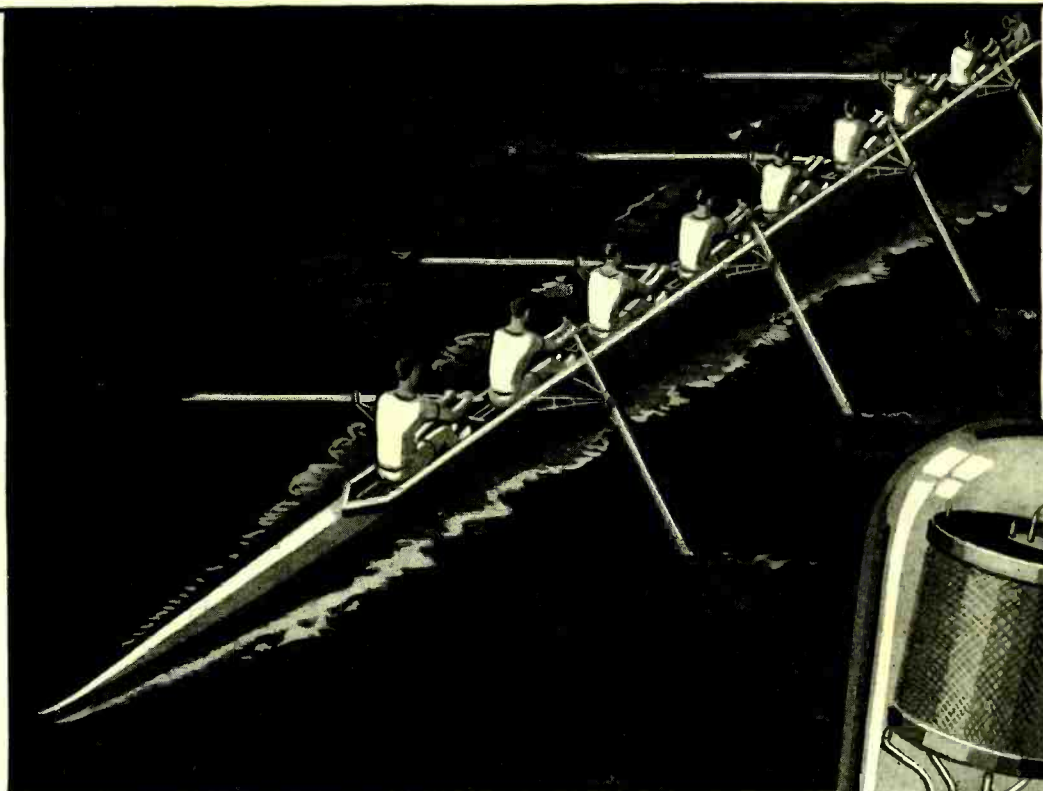
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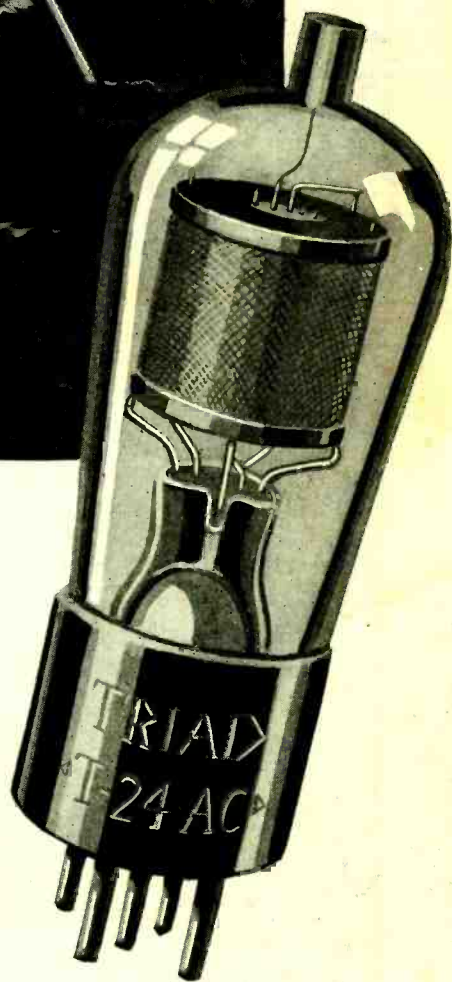
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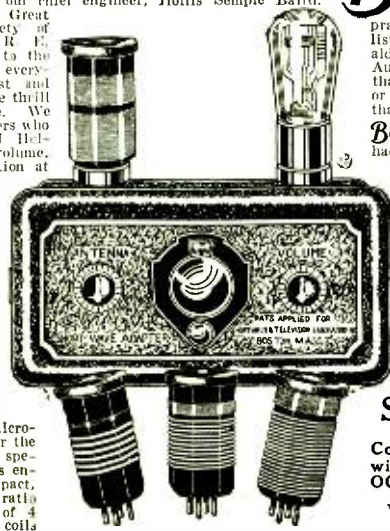
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The World at Your Fingertips With a **Baird Shortwave Converter**

This converter, together with all other apparatus shown on this page, is the development of years of intensive experimental work by our chief engineer, Hollis Semple Baird, B.Sc., Fellow of the Television Society of Great Britain, Member of the Television Society of America and Associate Member of the I. R. E. In offering our new models and additions to the public we honestly believe that we have done everything humanly possible to build the finest and most efficient apparatus ever offered. Get the thrill of tuning in foreign stations in the daytime. We have authentic and verified reports of customers who tune in G5SW, Chelmsford, England, PCJ Helmland, etc. with consistent loud speaker volume. (These letters are on file for public inspection at any time.) To operate simply remove the detector tube from your receiver, plug the converter in its place, put a detector tube in the converter, connect your aerial to the converter and you are ready to tune in by simply operating the dial on the converter and **Baird** not tuning your receiver at all. The shortwave converter is an improvement in many ways over any other converter which has so far been offered to the public. Some of its advantages are: 00015 **Baird** special variable tuning condenser, which spreads your six **Baird** special antenna tuning condenser allows for efficient use with any type of aerial. Special volume control to prevent the usual awful squealings when tuning in a station. Cushion socket to eliminate microphonic troubles. A four-foot flexible lead for the plug in allowing ample working space. By special patent applied for method A. C. hum is entirely eliminated from A. C. models. Compact, size being only 9 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 4", 100 to 1 ratio vernier dial. Equipped with complete set of 4 **OCTOCOILS**, the finest and most efficient coils on the market, with a wavelength range of 16 to 225 meters.



Judge Fabyan of Brighton, Mass., logs G5SW and KGO practically every night. John Tee of Denver listens to Europe and South America. Ronald W. Brown of Stoughton, Mass., gets Australia occasionally. We do not guarantee that you will get consistent reception over five or ten thousand miles, but we do claim that with patience and careful tuning greater **Baird** distances can be obtained with the shortwave converter than ever can be had with the ordinary broadcast receiver. If you have not the patience to tune carefully, systematically and patiently, do not buy this converter, as you will be disappointed. An 8-page instruction booklet, together with the latest revised list of shortwave stations all over the world, furnished with each converter.



The No. 1-T Kit is a complete assembly of parts for the construction of a one-tube shortwave receiver. Can be assembled in 30 minutes. The chassis is all aluminum and the finest parts obtainable are included in this assembly. One complete set of 4 **OCTOCOILS** furnished with each kit.

Baird
Shortwave Converter
Complete with Four **OCTOCOILS** \$25.

Wavelength Range 16 to 225 Meters

OCTOCOILS are unquestionably the finest, most rugged and most efficient shortwave coils ever designed and have been built to a standard of efficiency and appearance seldom if ever attained in commercial production. The actual size of these coils is 3 3/8" high and 1 1/2" in diameter. With **OCTOCOILS** and the proper receiver or converter, distance means nothing in tuning your stations. Everything worth while has been logged, even Byrd in the Antarctic (from Schenectady, New York). We furnish diagrams gratis for one-tube shortwave receiver and converter with screen grid radio frequency, simply for the asking. The circuit is ideally simple for the fan who wishes to build his own shortwave receiver or converter. Within an hour he can be ready to tune in anything anywhere. **OCTOCOILS** are made in four distinctive colors, green, brown, blue and red, on genuine bakelite moulded forms and wound with Nos. 12, 14, 16 and 25 enameled wire. Will plug into the ordinary tube socket and has a rugged rim to grasp coils so that they will not break. If you are not satisfied with their appearance and performance, we will gladly refund your money.

Baird Shortwave Kit No. 1-T. Complete with 4 Coils. 2950



The No. 2-T Kit is a tuned antenna circuit, making it extremely desirable and simple to operate, it being only single-dial control. Will tune unbelievable distances and pull in stations one can never hope to get with the regular broadcast receiver. Remember that the stations you can get actually give you the same quality and type of entertainment as you can get on the long waves, with the difference that you might be listening to England or Holland or even further. This kit is composed of an all-metal chassis and panel and all the component parts are of the highest quality and fully guaranteed against defects. Simple to construct and can be built in one hour. Two complete sets of ten **OCTOCOILS** furnished with each kit.

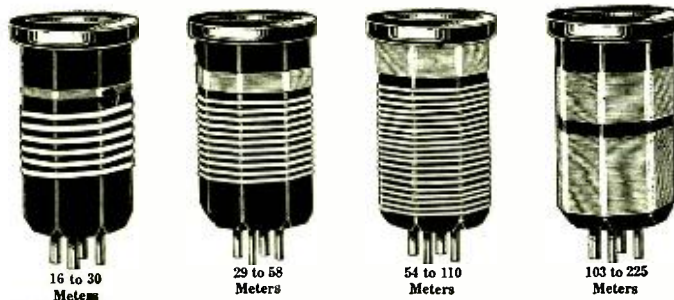
Baird Shortwave Kit No. 2-T. Complete with 10 Coils, 3950 16 to 550 Meters.....

Baird International Shortwave Kit No. 4-T

The **Baird** International No. 4-T Kit is composed of a detector, one stage of tuned screen grid radio frequency and two stages of audio amplification, using either 112 or 171 in the last stage. Will operate satisfactorily with loud speaker volume on practically any signal that can be pulled in. Get the thrill of hearing the chimes of Big Ben in your home every evening. All necessary parts for complete construction are included in this kit. Can be built in less than two hours. This kit is of all-metal construction. Two complete sets of ten **OCTOCOILS** furnished with each kit.

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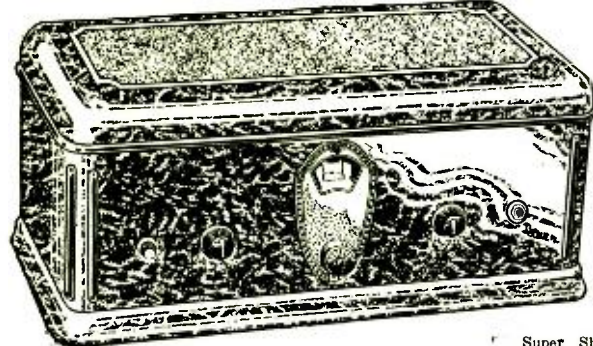


16 to 30 Meters, 29 to 58 Meters, 54 to 110 Meters, 103 to 225 Meters

gladly refund your money. Packed in individual boxes of the same color as the **OCTOCOILS** with wavelengths printed on each box. The entire set is in a special attractive container. Broadcast coil also furnished, list price \$1.25 each. These coils will also cover the 10 to 80-meter amateur bands if used with our special No. 5 condenser, list price \$1.25.

Set of Four OCTOCOILS Wavelength Range 16 to 225 Meters \$5 Per Set of Four

For those who desire the ultimate in a shortwave receiver we offer our No. 20 Super, which is composed of one stage of screen grid tuned radio frequency with power amplification for either battery or A. C. operation. This is a complete unit in itself, is built into a beautiful metal cabinet finished in green and gold and is equipped with National illuminated vernier drum dial. Not only will this receiver work on the aerial which you now are using for your broadcast set, but it will work at the same time on the same aerial without any interference. This is a single-dial control receiver and uses the screen grid tuned antenna circuit, which is accepted by leading engineers as the method of giving the greatest possible amplification of a signal. For those who want loud speaker reception on shortwave signals with wonderful quality and simple tuning, we sincerely recommend the **Baird** No. 20 Super Shortwave Receiver.



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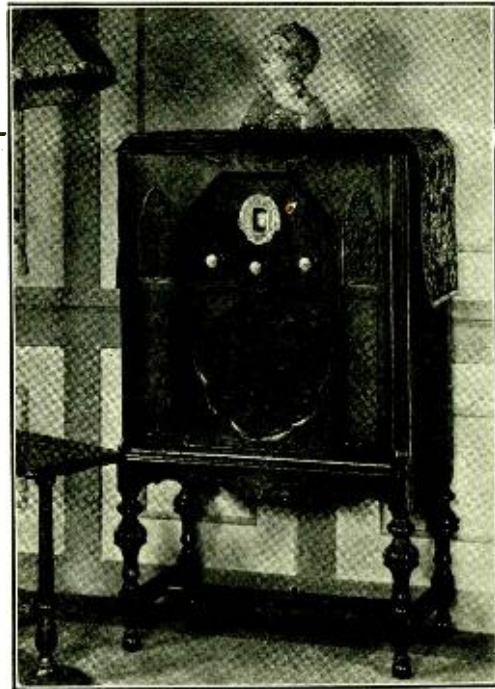
In addition, Browning-Drake cabinets are so attractive in design and so well built and finished that they will instantly appeal to your feminine trade—our small cabinet models (56 and 66) particularly will find enthusiastic acceptance.

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Model 56—(Screen-Grid) Small Console — (38x26x14), less tubes.....\$154.50

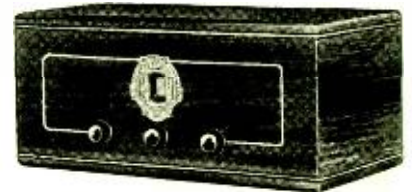
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Same prices East and West of Rockies*

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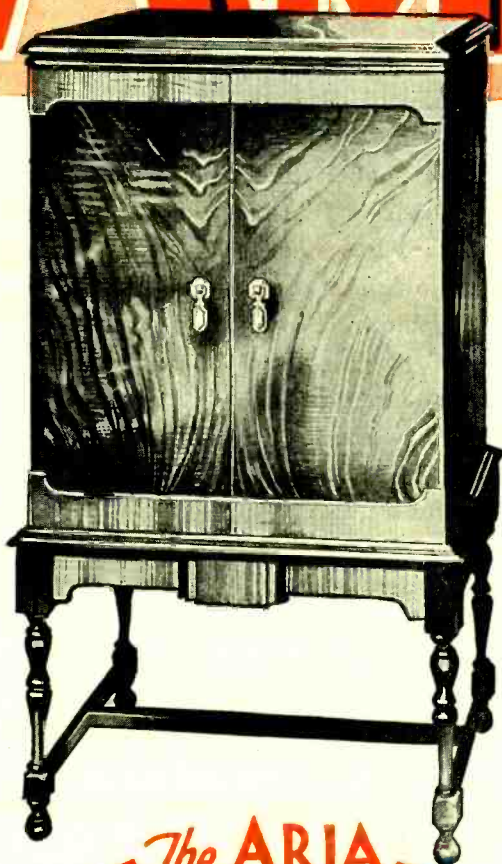
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Within the exquisitely beautiful, tastefully proportioned console cabinet, richly veneered in butt walnut and African walnut, is the Amrad standard Screen-Grid Chassis, using eight tubes, including THREE Screen-Grid tubes and two 245 tubes in push-pull.

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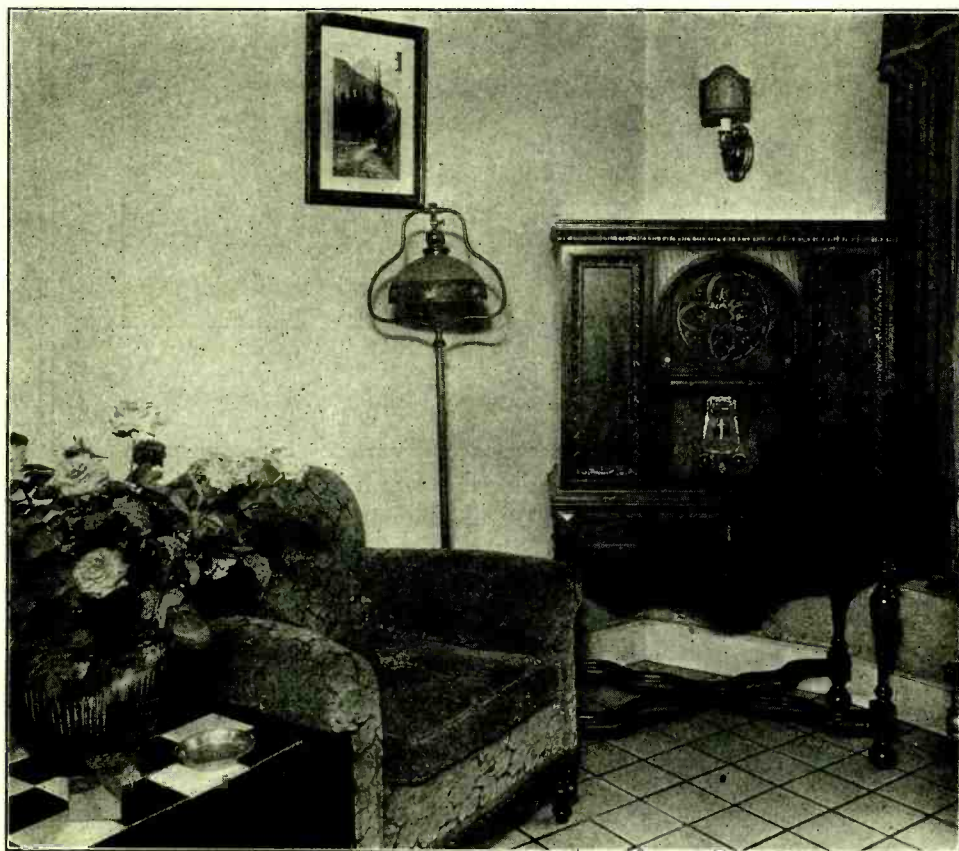
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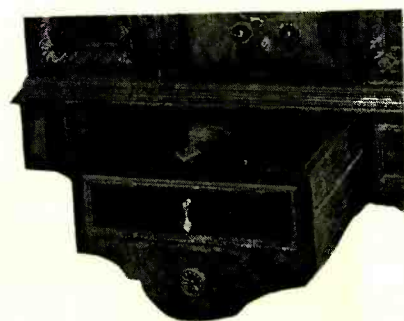
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Tubes
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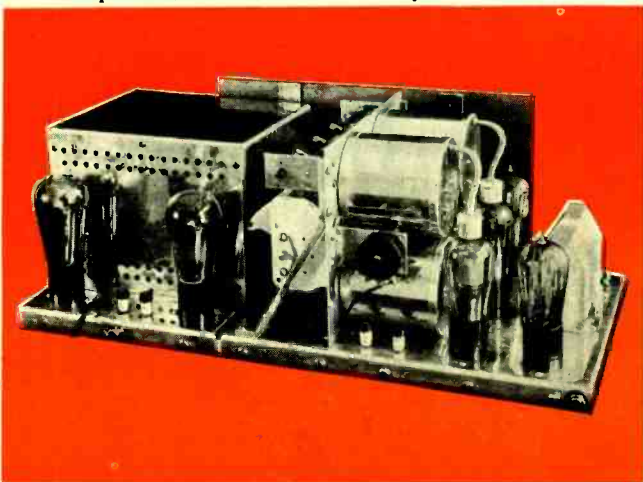
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CUSTOM SET-BUILDER'S PRICE

A combination short wave and broadcast receiver covering all wave lengths from 14 to 500 meters. Price of kit includes two sets of five interchangeable plug-in coils, full-sized blueprint, and complete assembly data.

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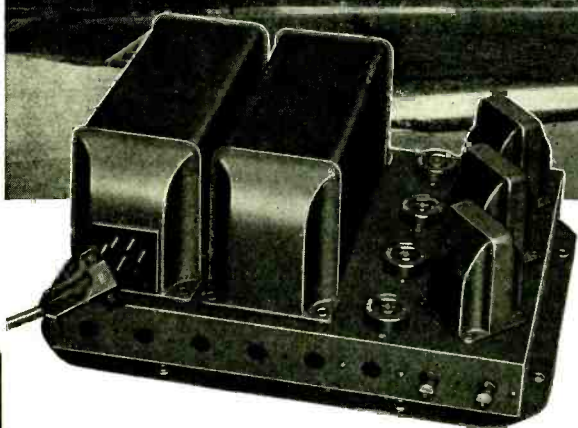
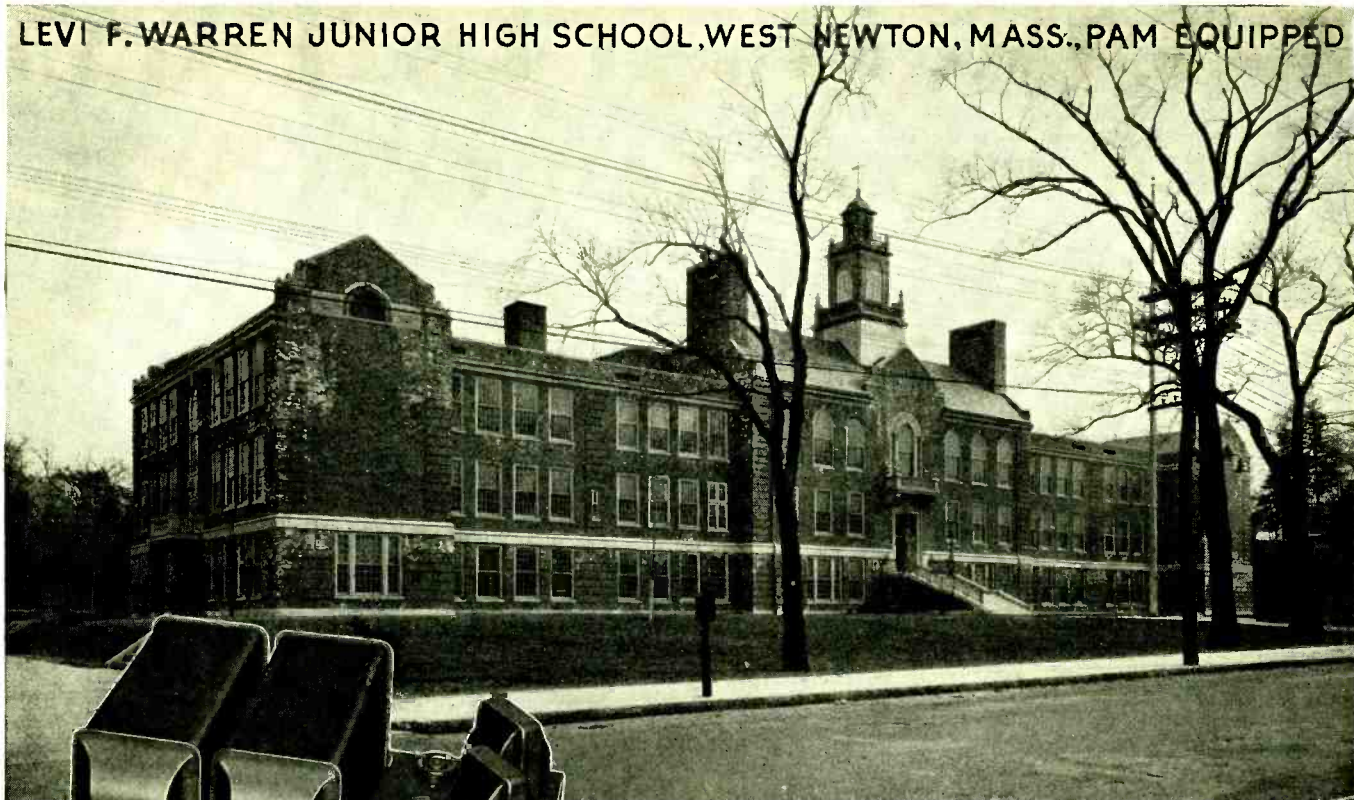
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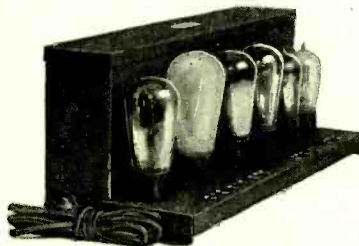
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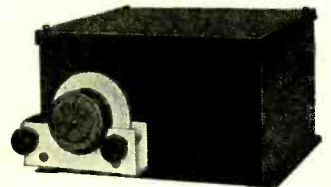
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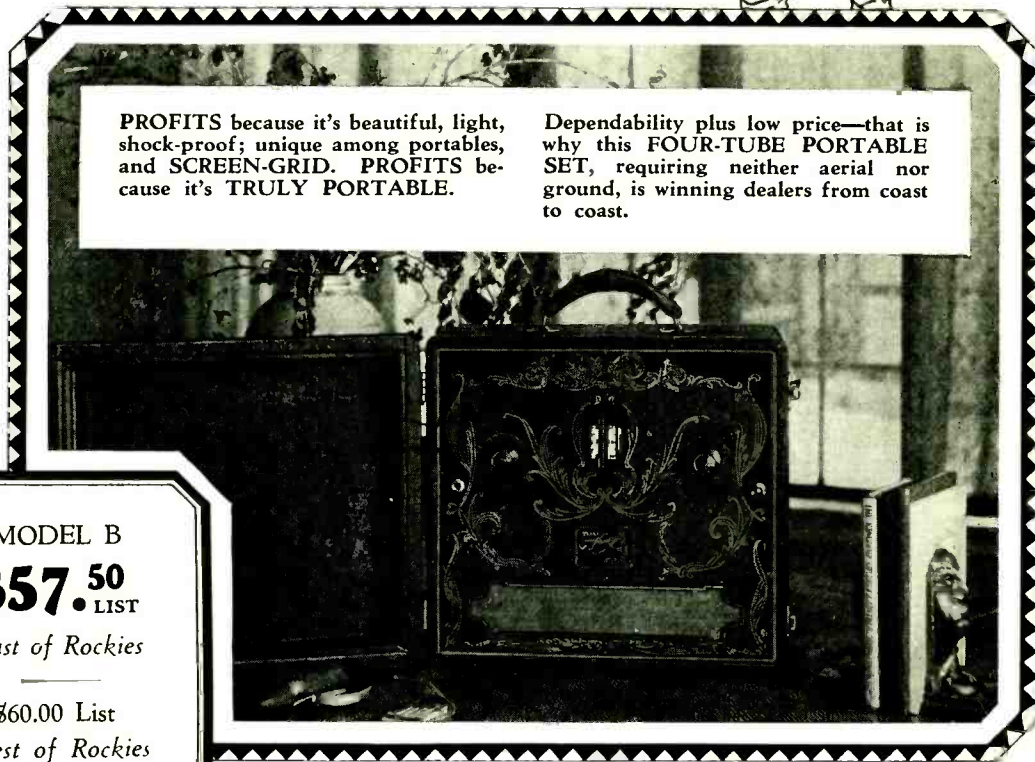
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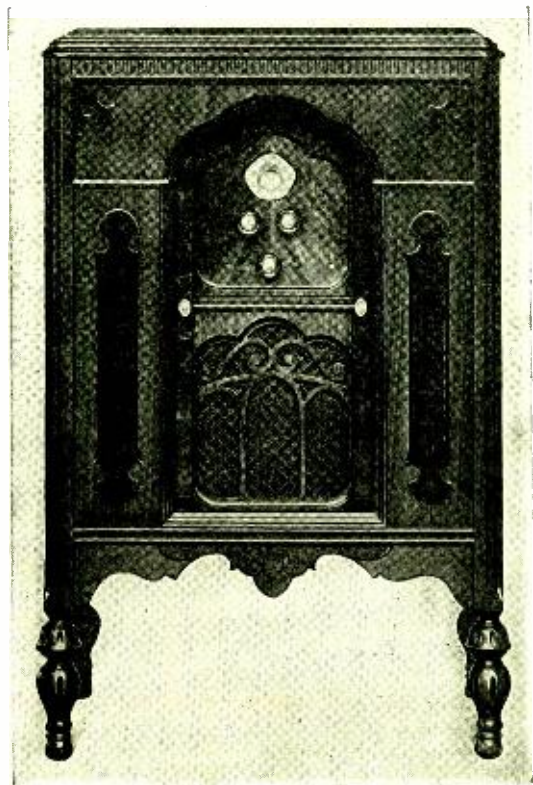
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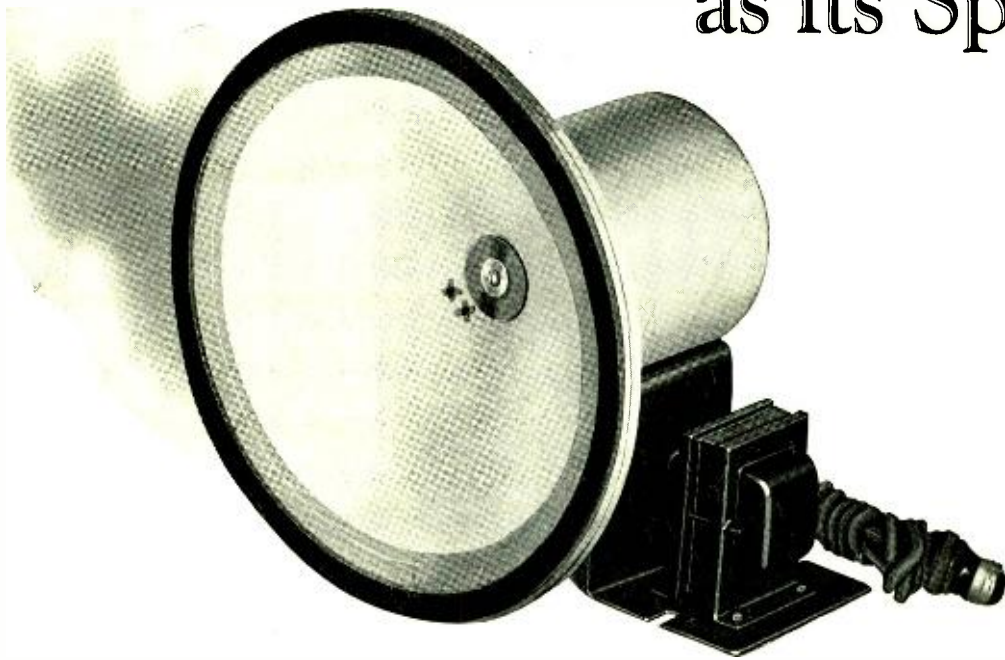
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equipped with Kylectron

are breaking all sales records

Look at this set-up from the standpoint of a radio dealer. In the first place, here's everything the public wants and expects to get in a fine radio. Add to that a feature found on no other radio made today — Kylectron, the greatest and most sensational development since the first tube set.

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description are prepared for your use. We're leaving *nothing* undone that will help you to sell Peerless and Courier Radios equipped with Kylectron.

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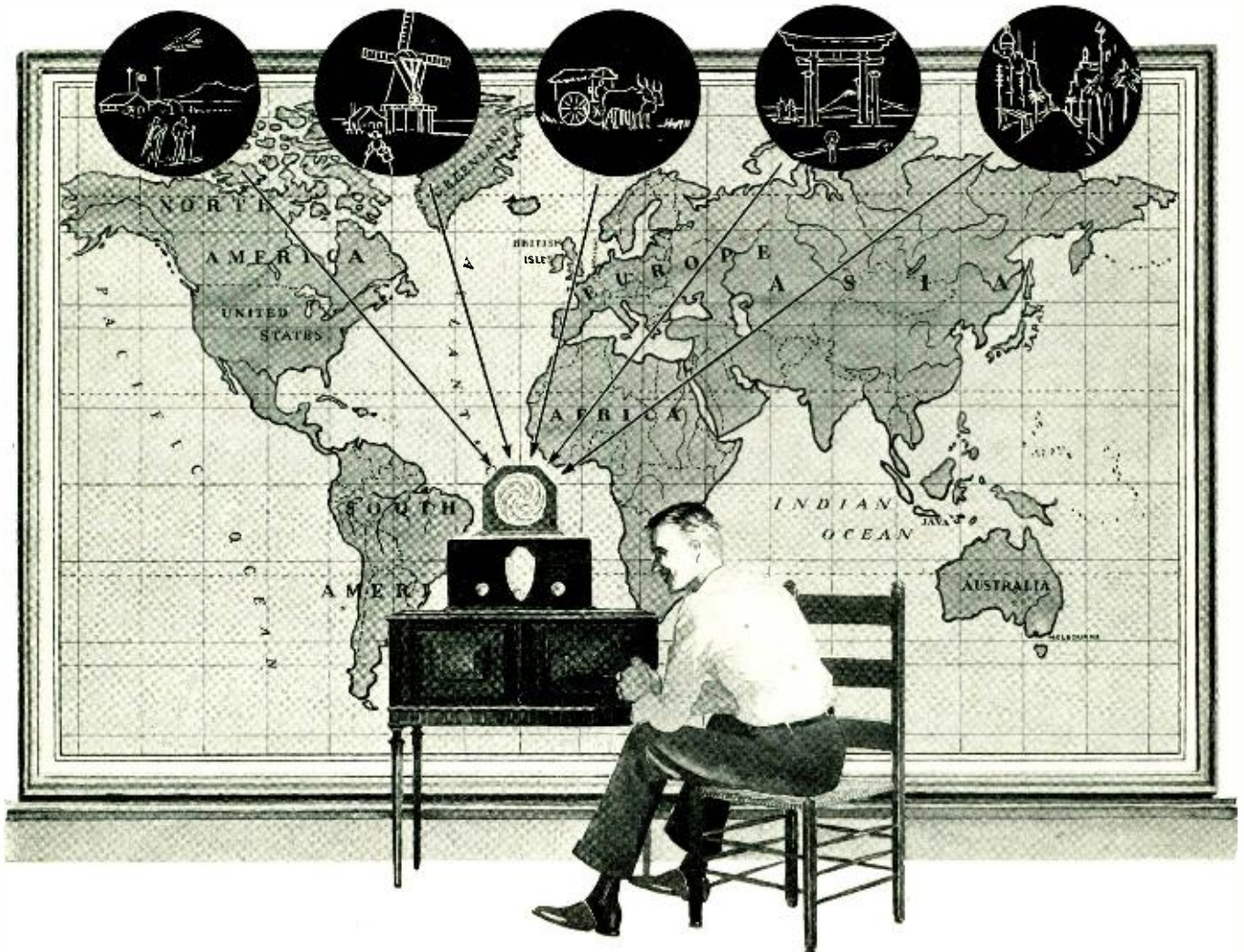
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YOU can hear words and music from Java, Australia, England, France—from all around the world,—with the NATIONAL Screen-Grid SW-4 THRILL BOX.

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Pacent new vitally improvements in

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THIS ADVANCED NEW SWITCH IS SUPPLIED WITHOUT EXTRA COST WITH THE SUPER PHONOVOX.

PACENT

Super Phonovox

announces two important pick-up operation

New Phonotrol Adapter Created for Screen Grid Tubes

The new Screen Grid radio sets, to get satisfactory tone quality and volume, from phonograph pick-up, require an adapter of a different type. The Phonotrol Adapter, by an entirely new method, enables the Super Phonovox to operate perfectly with screen grid tubes in sets such as Atwater Kent 55, 60 and 61, Crosley 41-S, 42-S and 82-S, and others. Simply remove the detector tube, insert the Adapter and replace the tube—a matter of a few seconds. And you need not touch it again.

Both the new Phonotrol Adapter for screen grid tubes and the regular adapter for other sets are supplied with the Super Phonovox at no extra cost.

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There is no finer pick-up to be had at any price. Has English 36% Cobalt Magnets — the most sensitive available. Balanced tone arm provides correct needle pressure. The Super Phonovox is famous for its marvelous tone and it is the fastest selling pick-up on the market.

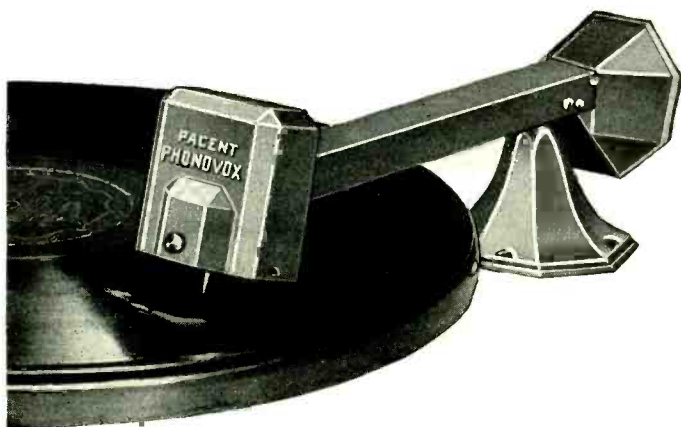
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The Capehart Organization is building its dealer organization carefully. It has a valuable franchise to award—one that is worth big money. It presents a *new opportunity for profit* to established responsible dealers who have the energy and ability to develop its tremendous possibilities.

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The Capehart Orchestrope actually *solves the problem of music* for hotels, restaurants, refreshment parlors, roadhouses — in fact any place of amusement or recreation that caters to the public in any way. The Capehart brings all the advantages and profit of music to establishments which never could afford it before.

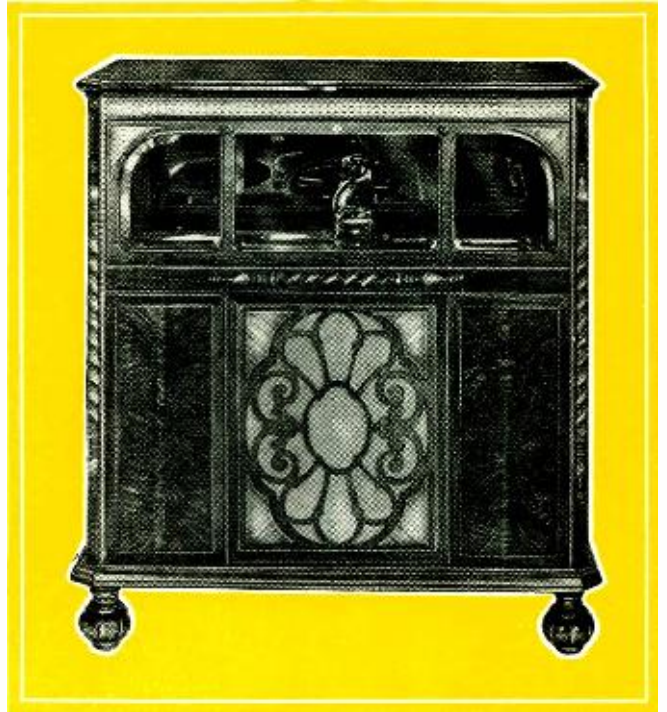
The great sale and tremendous enthusiasm which has greeted the Capehart is proof that the business establishments of the country have been waiting for just such an instrument.

Mail Coupon for Details

If you are interested in a new activity which will not interfere with your present business—one that is bringing a profit of \$2,000 to \$5,000 a month to others, one that will take out the gaps in your yearly sales curve, *one that has so large a dollar margin in every sale that it pays you well for every effort*—send the coupon at once for full details. Those who become identified with the Capehart organization now are getting in on the ground floor, with all that such an opportunity offers. Don't wait until the ground floor is taken. Please write us at once.

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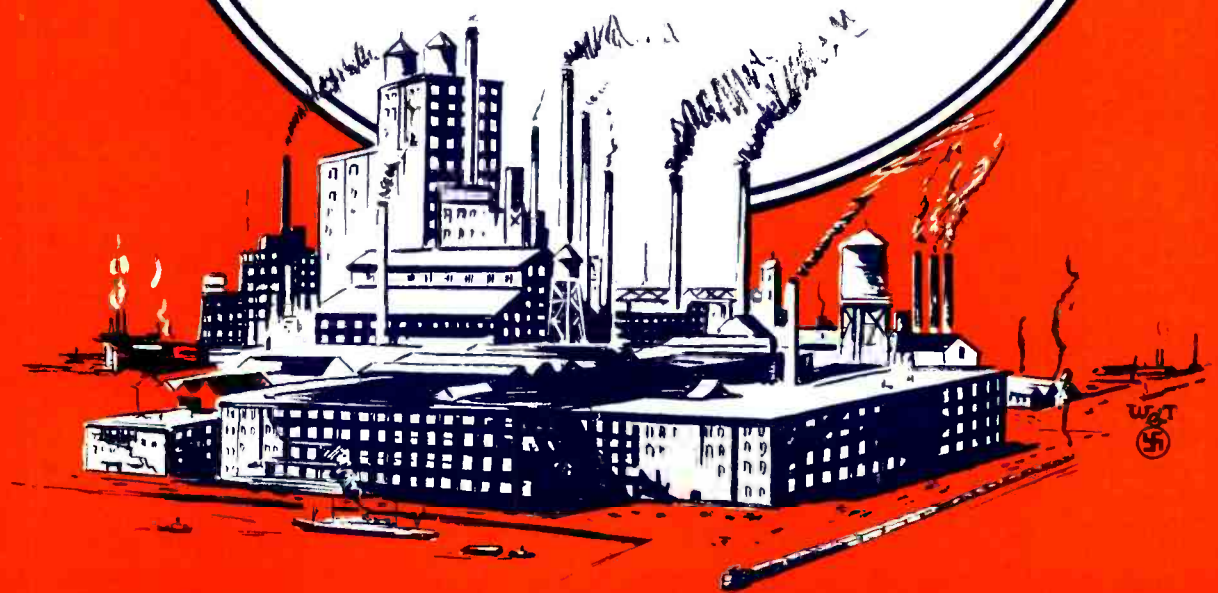
"RADIO'S" Price and Data Sheet service is increased to 16 pages monthly. More than 40 manufacturers announced new models and price revisions in September. "RADIO" — alone — publishes this data in complete form.

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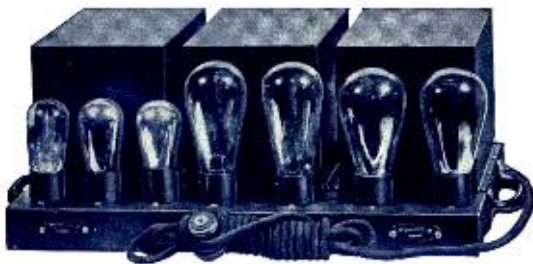
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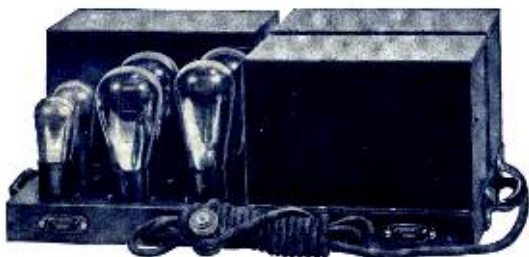
Price (less tubes) \$85.00



MODEL GA-20

A three-stage power amplifier incorporating dual push-pull. The tubes required are one 227, two 226s, two 250 power tubes and two 281 rectifiers. Will deliver approximately 14 watts of undistorted energy to the reproducers. Suitable for apartment house, theatre or other service requiring extreme volume reserve.

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MODEL GA-30

A three-stage power amplifier employing two 227s, two 250 power tubes in push-pull and two 281 rectifiers. Will deliver approximately 12 watts of undistorted energy to the reproducers. As in all other General Amplifiers, no output device is required.

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Up-to-the-minute radio tube information and dealer helps are furnished the trade by Cunningham dealer-men who constantly and consistently cover this eastern territory. Under able direction from sales headquarters these men acquaint the trade with Cunningham service and they endeavor in every way to be a real help to each and every

dealer in helping to solve his particular sales problem. A close-up of the modern facilities; the fully equipped testing laboratory; the expert packing and shipping methods and the rapid replacement service is brought forcibly to the dealers' attention by these Cunningham good-will ambassadors.

What is true of the New York territory is also true of every one of the other four strategic points of Cunningham Tube Service located at Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and Atlanta.

F. E. HARDING
District Sales Manager
Located at
Chicago, Ill.



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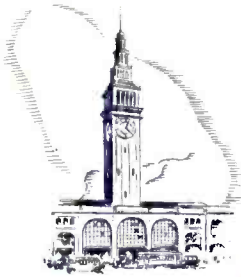
The Chicago sales territory covers the central states and is efficiently organized under able management. The spirit of Chicago's slogan "I will," is synonymous with the spirit of the Cunningham Chicago service. It's the "I will" of the Chicago sales team that counts for the remarkable score in recorded sales during this and past seasons. The co-operative effort on the part of Cunningham salesmen in helping dealers is keenly felt throughout the entire field.

H. A. EDWARDS
District Sales Manager
Located at
Minneapolis, Minn.

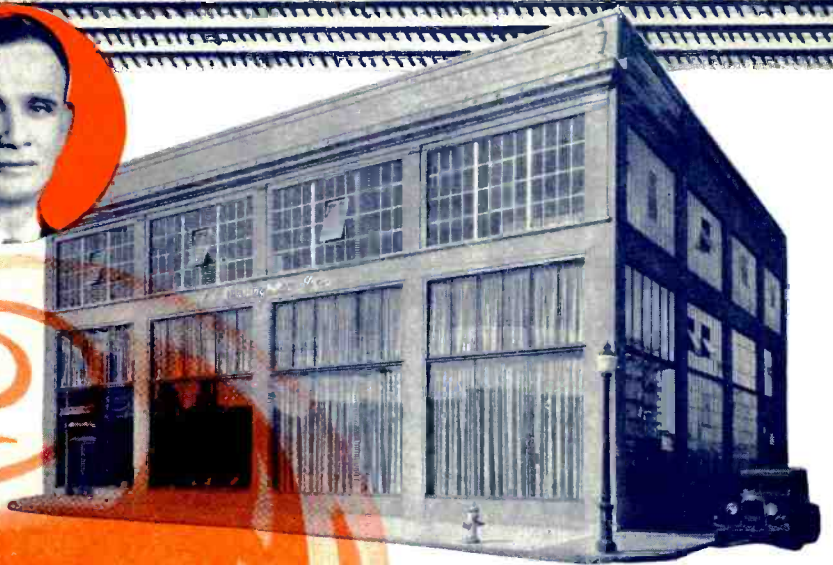


W. J. FLANNELLY
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Chicago, Ill.

E. L. SUTTON
District Manager
Located at
San Francisco, Calif.



SAN FRANCISCO



The San Francisco territory comprises all of the Western slope and is in every essential the Cunningham sales headquarters for the Pacific Coast states.

Cunningham Tubes and the service back of the name is not an unknown quantity in these parts; San Francisco being the birthplace of E. T. Cunningham. It is fitting that the building pictured here bears four square sides correctly proportioned, which is symbolic of a service that has spread across the country and is known far and wide for its square dealing since 1915.



J. W. COCKE
District Manager
Located at
Dallas, Texas



DALLAS

Dallas, the hub of the Cunningham Southwest territory is manned by a forceful and energetic sales crew that reflects the dynamic personality of the district manager. In this active and thriving territory Cunningham tube sales have blazed a trail that is characteristic of their remarkable staying quality. People in this territory are keenly alive to a good thing when they see it and southwestern dealers lose no time in convincing their trade that Cunningham Tubes are the choice of millions.



P. M. JEFFERYS
District Manager
Located at
Atlanta, Ga.



ATLANTA

The increasing population due to the industrial activities of this thriving community commands an important position in the sales set-up of Cunningham Radio Tubes. Keeping ahead on all essentials, the Cunningham Atlanta sales force is leading the way for many dealers to plan for quick sales by offering helpful merchandising suggestions and co-operating in sales helps pertinent to the Atlanta territory. Each territory in the Cunningham set-up is a sales unit in itself and yet benefits from the great fund of information gathered and distributed from headquarters.

The 5 Strategic Points of Cunningham Tube Service

Each one of the territorial sales points mentioned above bears record of sales strategy for Cunningham Radio Tubes. From these sales centers tube orders are filled, sales and merchandise material is furnished to the dealer. Each dealer is made to feel that Cunningham headquarters is near at hand.

Each sales center maintains a fully equipped testing laboratory; a live sales staff and modern facilities; expert packing and shipping department and a rapid replacement service—all for the trade's convenience.

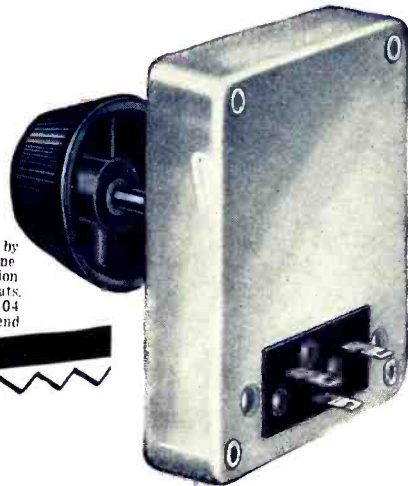
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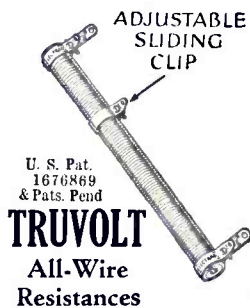
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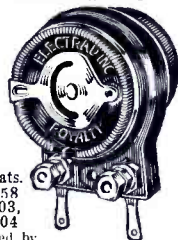
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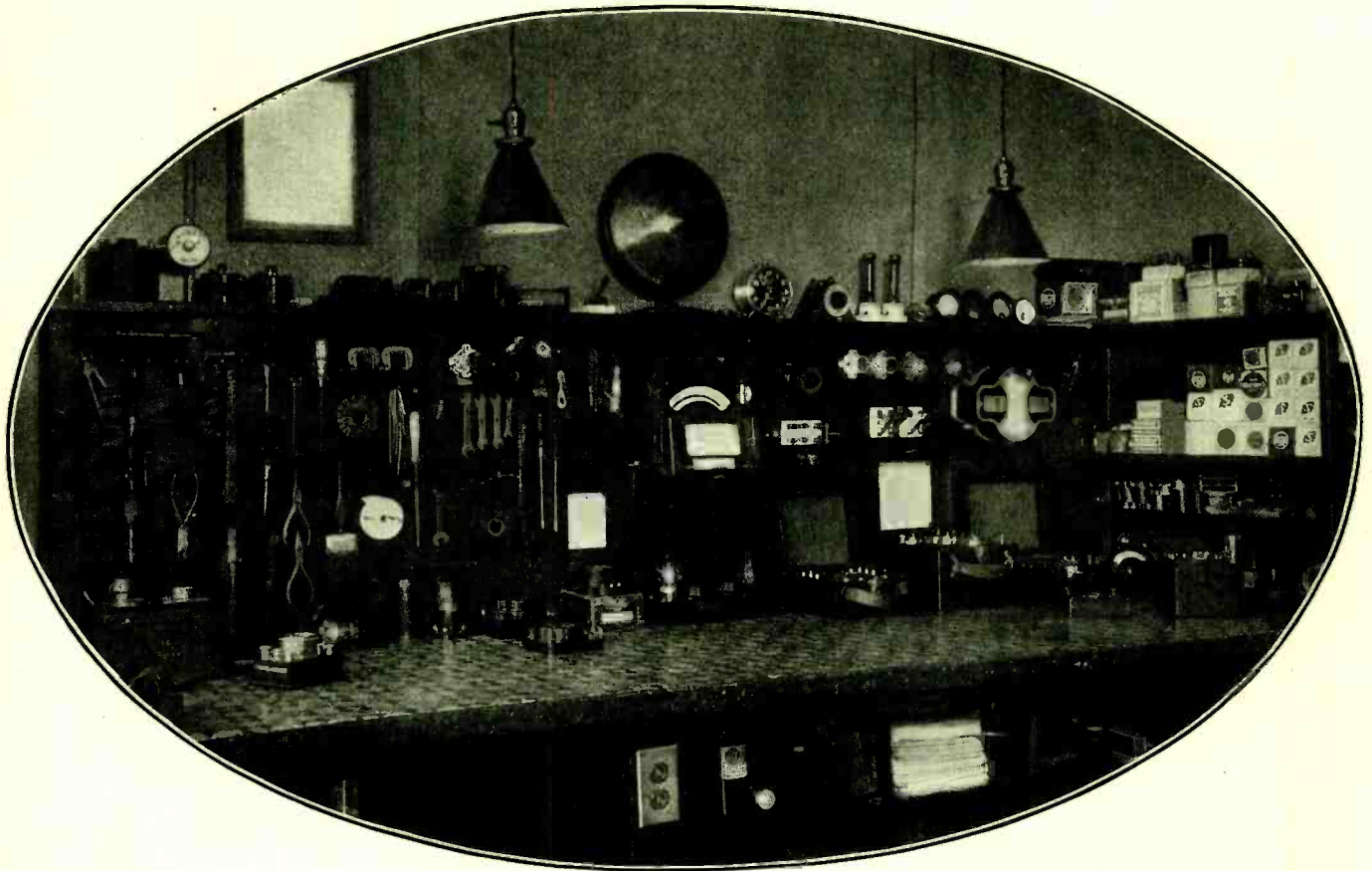


Fig. 1. A Convenient Shop Bench with Test Board

Winning the *Customer* by Efficient *Service* Methods

THE service man, if he is to be successful in his work and make friends for his employer, must be trained in his business. The day of "pick-'em-up-over-night" service men is over. No matter how high class a repair shop may be, the reliability of that shop rests on the efficiency of the service men it employs.

When such a shop is properly equipped and running it takes at least two men, one for outside work and the other an "inside" man, to do the repairing of sets after the outside man has brought them in. A single job usually consists of the following:

By D. A. BROWN

1. Phone call asking for service.
2. Service man makes out ticket and starts on call.
3. Service man arrives at house and checks antenna, ground and lightning arrester.
4. Checks wiring of set and batteries.
5. Makes a routine check of plate voltage, grid voltage, plate current, and filament voltage in their respective order. If they are O.K. he then tests the set and equipment in operation for volume, clarity and selectivity. After the set

checks O.K. the customer signs the ticket, stating that the service is satisfactory and complete. This frees the service man from any trouble that may arise in the set from other causes.

On the other hand, if the trouble cannot be repaired at the customer's house, it is brought into the shop and turned over to the "inside" man with the action of the set explained on a tag. After he has made the repairs it is again turned over to the outside man who completes the job.

Extensive repairs made at the house are not in line with good practice, as the sight of the dismantled set has a bad

effect on the customer and may cause dissatisfaction later. When a set is brought in it is put on the test bench and the same routine of testing used.

WHILE individual cases may arise calling only for common sense in the handling, the following troubles may be considered general.

1. *No plate voltage:* dead B batteries, defective power unit, open audio transformer winding, shorted condenser, or bad rectifier tube.

2. *No filament voltage:* power off, dead A battery, bad power unit, open rheostat, or corroded battery terminals.

3. *High plate current:* C battery reversed, or wrong connections on the B batteries.

4. *No grid voltage:* dead C battery, burned out or open audio transformer, open circuit in wiring.

The equipment for testing is purely a matter of personal taste. A lot of instruments make a good impression on the customer, yet is not necessary if such apparatus is well chosen. A small tool box or kit containing a number of carefully selected tools should be carried by the outside man. Usually two styles of long-nose pliers, a knife to scrape wire, long and short screwdrivers, and one especially with a bit about 1/8-inch wide to use on small set screws, a pair of tweezers, and two or three octagonal wrenches will be enough. A screwdriver made of fibre rod is used to neutralize sets and one of the regular screwdrivers is magnetized by pulling it across the ends of a good magnet. For testing purposes the set tester should carry a good set and tube checker, of which there are many on the market.

Some service men carry a lot of tubes for replacements, but in the case of the writer the right one was never in the kit, being used somewhere else and never replaced. So the practice was discontinued unless the call was some distance from the shop, when a complete replacement kit of tubes, transformers and supply parts was carried along.

IN THE shop the bench should be fairly well equipped both in tools and testing apparatus. It should be placed where there is plenty of daylight, both from a cost standpoint and for ease on the repair man's eyes.

The general wiring diagram of a satisfactory test board is shown in Fig. 2. The d-c meter in the center of the picture on the first page reads 0-1.5, 0-15, and 0-150 volts for continuity testing. The lamp banks to the right are used to test power units and to judge the approximate load of units under test. A source of 500 and 750 volts a-c is furnished by a step-up transformer under the bench. This is used to check condenser capacities and aid the repair man in testing condensers under actual operating conditions. A milliammeter equipped with flexible leads is used to cut in on the plate supply of a set under test to determine the current drain. The other instruments are to accurately measure a-c voltage and current loads of sets.

Instruments on the bench proper are of the portable type and include: r-f and a-f oscillator, set checker, combination volt-ammeter reading full scale 0-.5, 0-5, 0-50, 0-500, 0-1000 volts and 0-50, 0-500 and 0-5000 ma. The left side of the board holds the tools, all of which are within easy reach of the repair man.

A loudspeaker mounted above the bench is used to test the sets for volume and a large r-f oscillator (not shown) is used to improve selectivity by tuning the oscillator to a frequency slightly below the frequency of the station to which the set is tuned, and by adjusting the set to tune through this interference.

Testing Methods

IT IS OUT of the question for the writer to discuss all of the tests possible with the equipment described, but the most important ones used in set repair will be described.

Test for plate voltage: Touch the

plate and filament with the leads of a voltmeter, as in Fig. 3. If the meter shows a reading the circuit is O. K., provided the power is turned on.

If all of the sockets show a reading except two or three, the trouble is

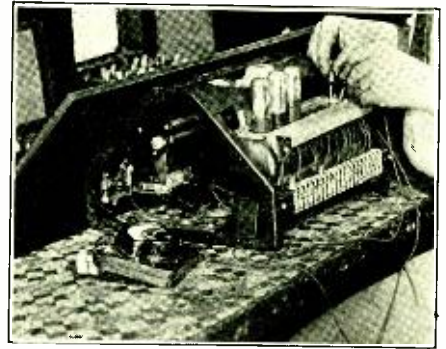


Fig. 3. Test for Plate Voltage

likely to be in the audio frequency end of the amplifier, the trouble being in an open transformer. The one that is defective may be traced by the wires leading from the socket in which there is no voltage reading. In the r-f stages preceding the detector tube, trouble is most likely to be in the volume control, condenser or open in the wiring. If no voltage reading is available at any of the sockets, look at the power unit. Tests on this part of the equipment follow later. If there is current at the power unit and none at the set, the trouble is in the cable connecting the two as this breaks with the constant moving around. This may be found by checking the voltages at both ends and

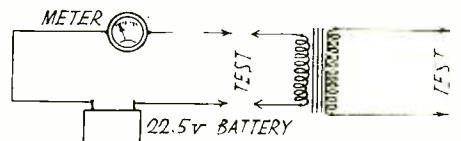


Fig. 4. Circuit for Testing Opens

then closing in to the place where the broken wire, or open circuit is located.

Open circuits may be tested with the circuit shown in Fig. 4, applying the test leads to each piece of the equipment, as shown in Fig. 5. Open circuits in transformers and coils may be located by placing a suitable meter in series with a 22.5 volt battery across the winding to be tested. If no reading is to be had the winding is open

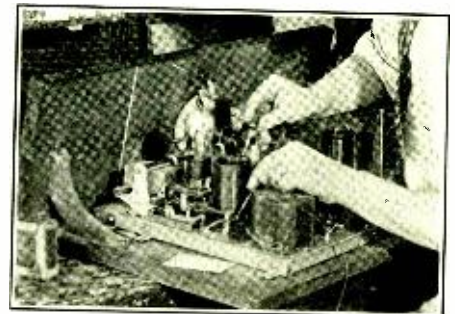


Fig. 5. Test for Open Circuit

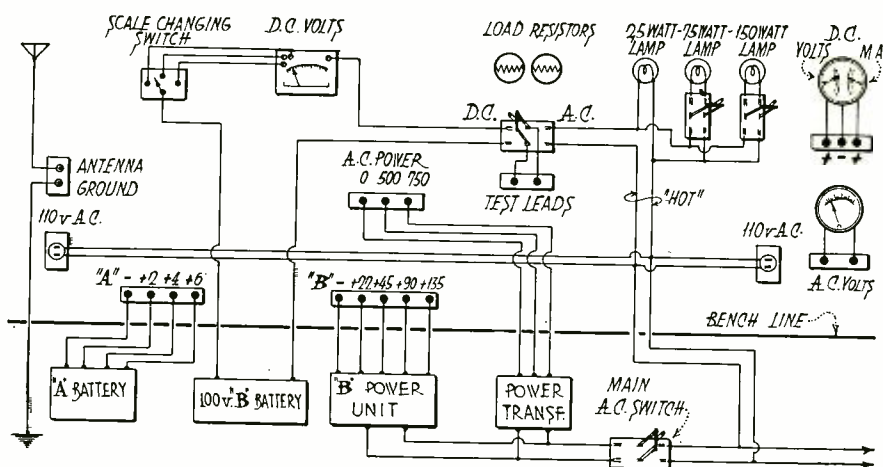


Fig. 2. Wiring Diagram of Test Board

and will have to be repaired or replaced. If a reading is to be had the winding is O. K., although this tells us nothing about a possible short circuit.

Short circuit tests depend upon the fact that any coil or part has resistance and should show a voltage drop unless there is a short. A lower reading will be had when testing through an unshorted coil than when the ends of the test leads are touched together. When the leads are touched together the full voltage of the battery is read, but when the coil under test is placed in the circuit the reading on the meter should be the battery voltage less the voltage drop in the coil. By this feature a voltmeter may be roughly calibrated in resistance by placing a resistance of known value in the circuit and calibrating the voltmeter accordingly for different resistances in the circuit.

Shorts in condensers may be tested by the same test as is used for open circuits. If the meter shows voltage the condenser is shorted and will have to be replaced. A condenser blocks d-c, allowing only a-c to pass. The best test for one that is thought defective is to apply a potential of 135 volts d-c to the condenser terminals, remove the wires, and after leaving it untouched for three minutes short the terminals with a short piece of wire. If there is a spark the condenser is O. K. Bad condensers are a possible cause of no plate voltage and will show up on test for zero plate and grid voltages.

Several good combinations of tube and set testers are on the market and it is an asset to the service man to have one in his equipment.

Fig. 6 is the circuit of the portable oscillator shown on the test bench. It provides signals to test sets during the

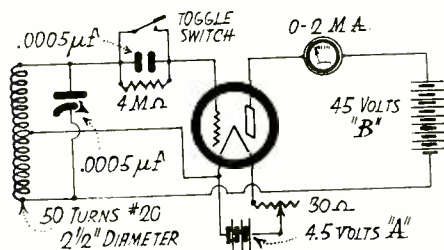


Fig. 6. Circuit of Portable Oscillator

hours when there is no broadcasting and also to align gang condensers.

Gang condenser alignment can be done either at the shop or on the job. The procedure is to loosen the lock-nuts holding the individual condenser units and, with the oscillator turned on, vary the condensers till the signal from the loudspeaker reaches maximum volume. At this point tighten the lock-nuts and reception will be much better. A slight error in one of the condenser units will cut the volume of the set tre-

mendously with a possibility of causing no reception.

If the oscillator is calibrated it may be used to check wavelengths and to calibrate receivers, which will enable the customer to find station frequencies more easily on the dial.

B eliminators are tested for shorted condensers by the following method.

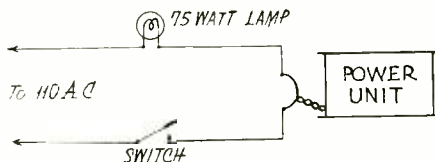


Fig. 7. Circuit for Testing Shorted Condensers and Transformers

Connect them to the power line in series with a 75 watt lamp, as shown in Fig. 7. If the lamp lights near its normal brilliancy there is a shorted condenser in the eliminator. By disconnecting the wires from the condenser bank, as shown in Fig. 8, the light will go out when the wire which is connected to the shorted condenser is re-

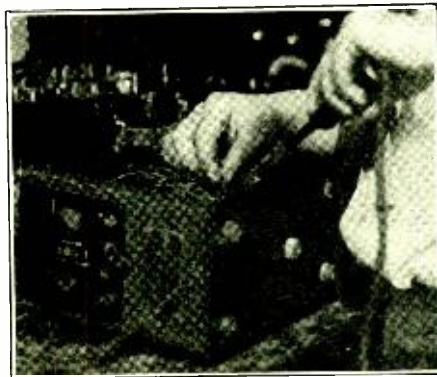


Fig. 8. Disconnecting Wires from Condenser Bank

moved. The condenser will have to be replaced.

Transformers are tested in the same circuit. A lamp of about the same wattage rating as the transformer under test, in the circuit will not light if the windings are O. K. If the lamp lights, part of the winding is shorted and repairs will have to be made.

In testing the plate, grid and filament circuits of a-c sets the same procedure is followed, except that the filament is checked with an alternating current voltmeter.

Dynamic speaker rectifier units are tested by inserting an ammeter in series with the field coil. If the reading on the meter compares with the current rating on the speaker nameplate it is O. K. If it is too low in proportion to its rating it should be replaced. Speakers using low voltage rectification can be checked with an ammeter reading 0-2.5 amperes full scale and those using the higher voltages should be checked with a milliammeter reading 0-250 ma.

This covers about all of the general

testing, although the repair man will occasionally run up against odd jobs. The combination of the methods previously outlined will enable him to drive the trouble to a restricted area and with the individual testing of the components in that area he will soon have the set in repair.

A SIMPLE AUTOMATIC VOLUME CONTROL FOR REDUCING STATIC NOISES

By BORIS S. NAIMARK

VARIOUS systems for the automatic control of volume from a radio set have been found also to be effective in minimizing the annoyance of static crashes and bursts of sound when a fading station comes back. Such a control also reduces any other noise, like the howls from a radiating receiver, so that they are no louder than the incoming signal.

The basis of a simple and inexpensive volume control is a neon glow lamp,

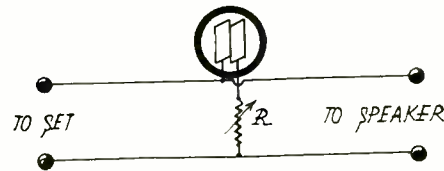


Fig. 1. Neon Tube Used as Static Minimizer

type T-14 rated at .1 watt and listed at 60 cents, and a variable resistor having a range of from about 10 to 10,000 ohms or more. This combination is connected across the leads from the receiver to the speaker as shown in Fig. 1.

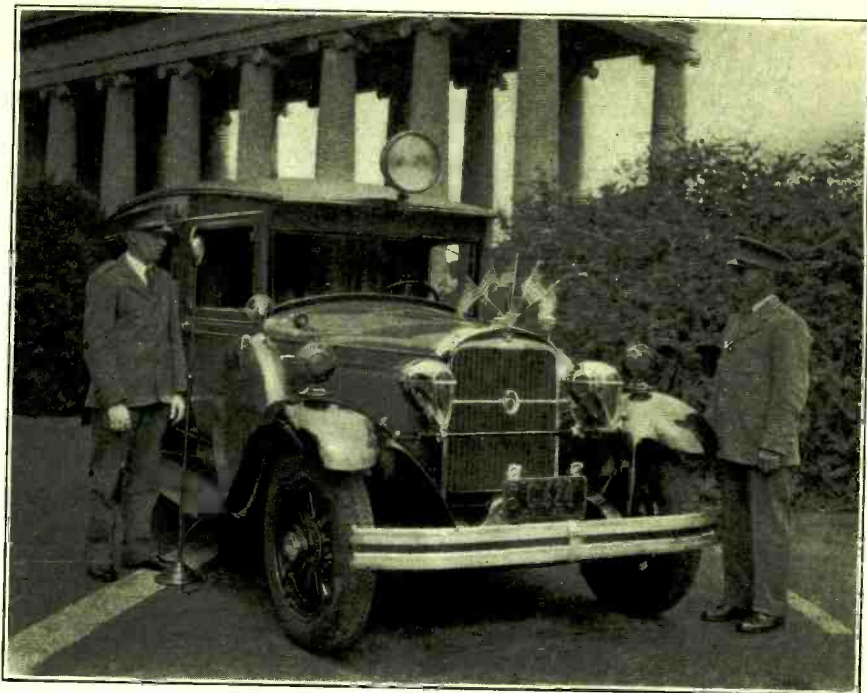
The screw base should be cut from the lamp with a pair of tin snips so that the resistance compound within the base can be removed, care being taken not to break the delicate glass bulb or fragile lead-in wires. After soldering extension leads on to the lead-in wires and cutting off the bottom of the base which has been removed, this base is used as a mold for a new base made of melted paraffin, rosin or sealing wax, which will harden and protect the glass and lead-in wires.

The volume control on the set is adjusted so as to give the desired loudness of sound from the speaker and the variable resistor is adjusted so that the neon lamp does not glow at all or only at brief intervals. Any interference which has a greater intensity than that of the received signal will "spill" through the shunting neon tube.

Static is thus reduced to ineffective "plunks" and the howls of a regenerator to an inoffensive squeal. The neon lamp acts as a safety valve which does not permit the noise to rise above the sound level of the signal. The only indication of the presence of an excessive noise is the glow of the neon tube.

A MOBILE *Public Address* Plant

How an enterprising radio jobber is capitalizing public interest in a novel application of radio equipment.



Automobile Which Carries Complete Public Address Equipment

Tis a far cry from the rig of the old-time itinerant patent medicine vendor, with his flaring gas lights and Indian assistant, to the scientifically designed and artistically constructed mobile public address plant here illustrated. Yet both represent an effective appeal to public attention. Furthermore, this outfit, as built by the Offen-

bach Electric Company of San Francisco, has many other novel uses such as assisting in the landing of airplanes after dark, fighting a fire, or entertaining an orphanage.

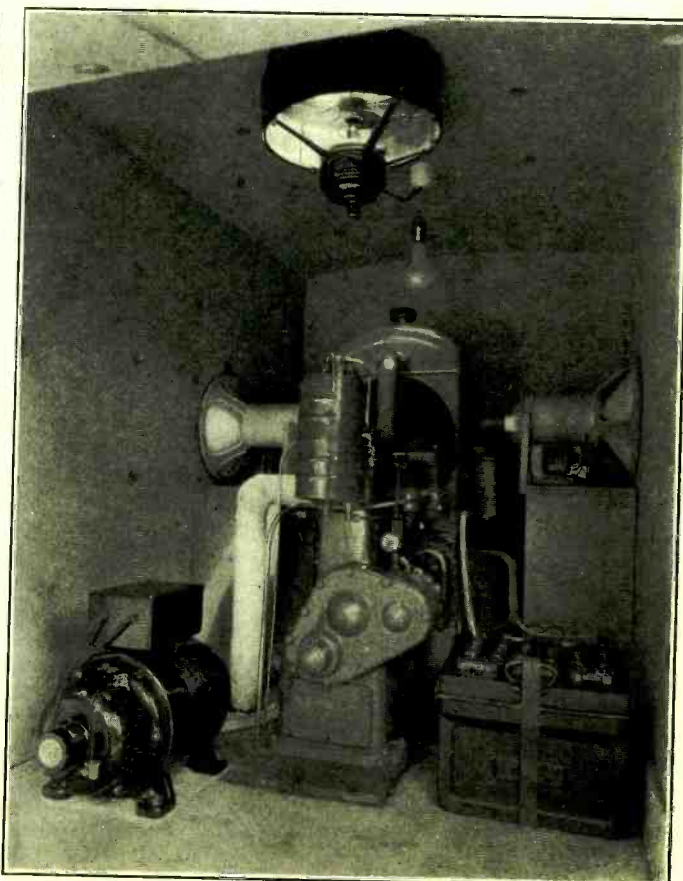
The equipment consists of a radio receiver, microphones, phonograph, and loudspeakers, together with a complete power plant and 500-watt floodlight, all

mounted in a custom-built automobile. Display signs may be placed in illuminated windows on each side of the body.

The power plant includes a 2 kw Kohler gasoline-driven electric generator and rotary converter which are mounted in the rear compartment. When the amplifier unit is turned on, the engine primes itself, kicks over, and



Amplifier in Forward Compartment



Power Plant in Rear Compartment

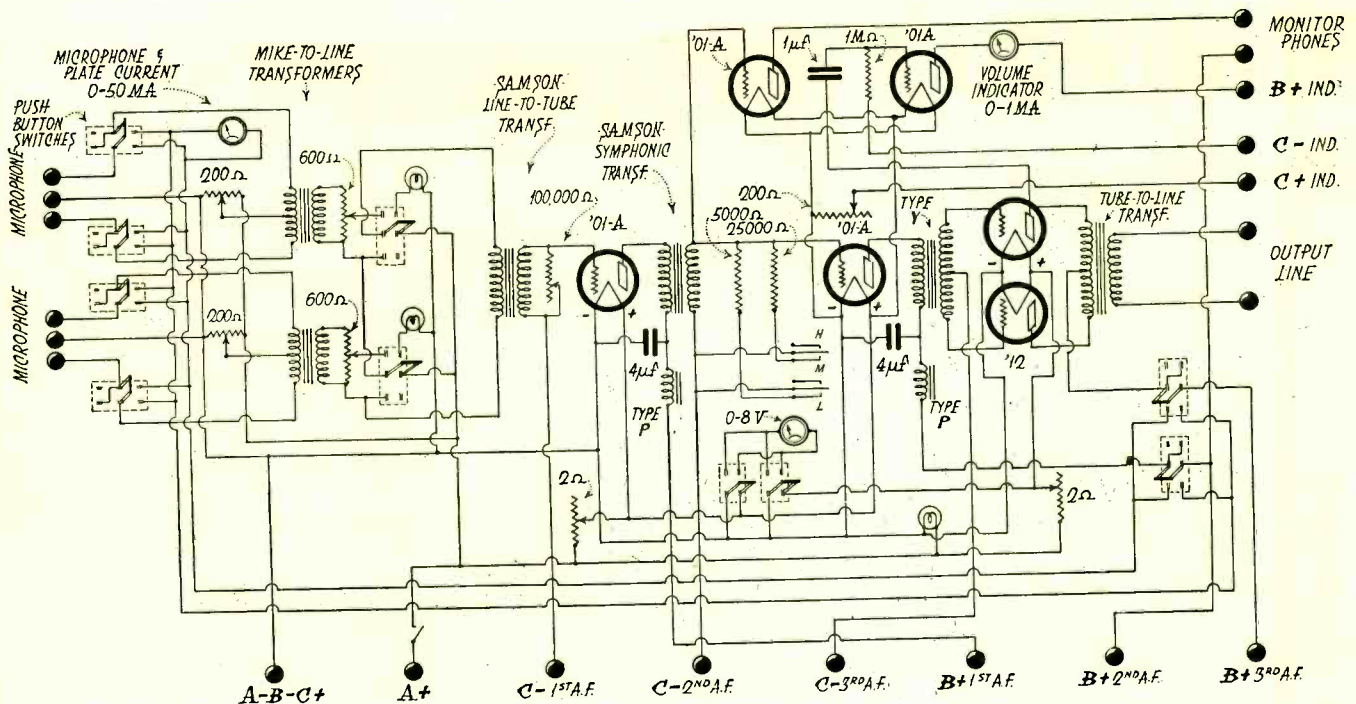


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Mixer and Amplifier Unit

gets under way. The speed is automatically regulated, allowing no variation in the output voltage. Part of the 110 volt d-c output is used to operate the flood light, the window lights, the lights in the two compartments and the fans, the remainder being employed to turn over the rotary converter which supplies 110 volts a-c to the amplifiers, phonograph motor, radio receiver and the dynamic speakers. An Allis converter is used, having a capacity of 10 amperes at 110 volts a-c. An auxiliary terminal is provided so that if external a-c is available it will not be necessary to run the power plant. The compartment housing the power plant is thoroughly sound-proofed and insulated with Celotex, the sides and walls and bottom having a double layer. The Celotex is covered with a heavy velour.

The forward compartment, which is just to the rear of the driver's and technician's seat, houses the phonograph, a Bodine motor and turntable being used, a cabinet for records, the radio receiver and the amplifier rack with the complete amplifying equipment. This rack contains five shelves with three control panels. Samson amplifying equipment is used throughout, the bottom shelf holding a "MIK 1" microphone amplifier unit, the second a "PAM 5" two stage input amplifier and the top three holding three "PAM 25" single stage pushpull output amplifiers. The output of the six CeCo '50 tubes amounts to a total of 45 watts, enough to operate a battery of 6 Wright DeCoster electrodynamic speakers or 125 magnetic speakers.

The lower of the three control panels is the gain control and volume indicator panel. The meter on the left is the volume indicator; that on the right indicates the microphone current. There

are three control knobs, one for the microphone gain, one for the microphone current and the third for phonograph volume. The outstanding feature seems to be the simplicity of control.

The middle panel is the switchboard, and contains one row of toggle switches with their pilot lights and two rows of anti-capacity telephone switches. From left to right on the bottom row are: 1, the microphone amplifier a-c switch; 2 the PAM 5 switch; 3, 4, 5, the three PAM 25 switches; 6, the two side dynamics; 7, 8, 9, 10, controls for the external dynamics. An outlet box on the left side of the car houses four jacks for this purpose. The pilot light above each toggle switch is a 110 volt a-c globe, connected directly across the a-c input to the unit it serves. In order to eliminate inter-reflection each lamp has been enclosed in a bakelite tube.

In the second row of switches the three on the left connect the output of the PAM 5 to the input of the first, second and third PAM 25. The four on the right connect all speakers in parallel. The switch on the left extremity of the third row, when down, connects the phonograph to PAM 5. When up, it throws the output of MIK 1 into PAM 5. The output of the phonograph, of course, is not amplified before it goes into PAM 5. The second switch in this row connects the first microphone to the input of MIK 1.

Switch No. 3 on the left of the third row from the bottom connects the monitoring headphones to the output of MIK 1 when thrown in the up position. When thrown down it connects the monitor speaker to the output of PAM 5. The fourth switch from the left connects the second microphone to the input of MIK 1. Either microphone may be used or both may be used simul-

taneously. Switches 5, 6 and 7 connect various speakers in series so that by manipulating these and the four parallel switches below them, any series or parallel or series parallel combination of speakers desired may be obtained.

The top row of toggle switches controls the fans in the rear and forward compartments, the lamps in all sign windows and the compartment lights. Also the outside a-c, and three outside d-c connections. There are three meters in this panel, reading the a-c voltage, d-c voltage and total current drawn from the d-c supply.

The car is also supplied with a portable remote control amplifier, designed and built in the Offenbach shops. The circuit used in this mixer and amplifier is shown in Fig. 1. The output of this unit is fed into the microphone amplifier, MIK 1, in the main amplifier rack. The output of this rack is supplied to any or all of the Wright-DeCoster electrodynamic speakers carried. These may be used with extension leads up to a length of 1,000 feet so that if the car cannot be driven to the exact spot or if the entertainment is in an auditorium the equipment will still serve its purpose.

An interesting feature of this installation is that over 1200 feet of shielded Duplex No. 14 flexible wire are used in making the connections. Shielded wire was necessary in order to eliminate inter-circuit feedbacks.

Although the car has been completed but a short time it has been received by Mr. Offenbach's dealers and other concerns with more than anticipated enthusiasm. Both the city dealer and the dealer in outlying towns have found it to have great sales appeal, especially when they wish to stimulate the interest in a new model.

Trouble Shooting A Power Unit

Without Using a Cold Chisel and Blow Torch

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How faults can be located by continuity tests with an ohmmeter; how to test and repair filter and bypass condensers, and how to take output readings.

FAULTS in *B* power units are ordinarily difficult to locate and repair because the complex wiring and parts are sealed in an insulating compound that can be removed only with the aid of a cold chisel and blow torch. Yet by means of the equipment here described it is possible to locate the exact position of the faults in the circuit without the necessity of opening the unit and to remedy the trouble without opening the entire unit, thus saving much time and expense in the diagnosis of the trouble.

The system consists essentially of a continuity test with a portable ohmmeter made from a milliammeter so as to have a range from 0 to 22,000 ohms. The ohmmeter may be mounted on a test panel which is equipped with meters for measuring the output of a power unit, the d-c voltage at the various taps, the a-c transformer voltages, and the capacities of the filter and bypass condensers. Or the ohmmeter may be mounted on a separate 7 by 6 in. panel. The procedure to be followed in making all of these tests is herein described in detail.

The ohmmeter not only indicates a

short or open, but gives direct readings so that the service man can tell whether he is reading a short through the 300 ohm resistance of a filter choke coil or the 3000 ohm resistance of some section of the voltage dividing system. A full description of its theory and calibration was given by Carl Joseph in the March, 1929, *RADIO* and will not be repeated here.

The instrument used in this particular case was constructed from a Jewell Pattern 54 0-20 milliammeter connected as in Fig. 1. A 22½ volt *C* battery with a 400 ohm rheostat in series with a 1000 ohm resistor is used to reduce the cur-

rent to 20 milliamperes. The 400 ohm rheostat allows the meter to be adjusted to full scale reading and compensates for any drop in voltage of the battery. The effective range of the ohmmeter with the above voltage is from zero to 22,000 ohms. The test leads are about 18 in. long, one with a small battery clip and the other with an insulated screw driver, the blade of which has been ground to a sharp point so that it is possible to pierce the insulation of the wiring while making tests. An extra scale reading directly in ohms was pasted over the original scale of the meter. This scale is made from the meter's calibration curve by calculating the values in ohms for the different scale divisions of the milliammeter. After the calibration curve is finished, the new scale is calibrated in ohms, first in 2,000, then

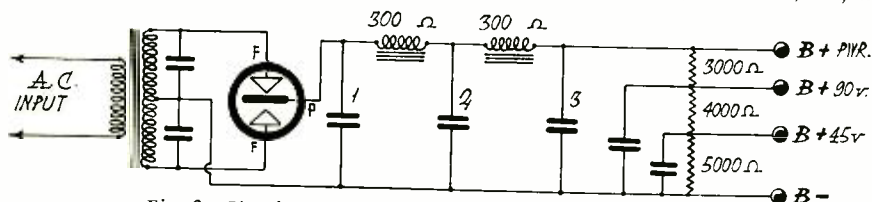


Fig. 2. Circuit of Typical Power Unit for Continuity Test

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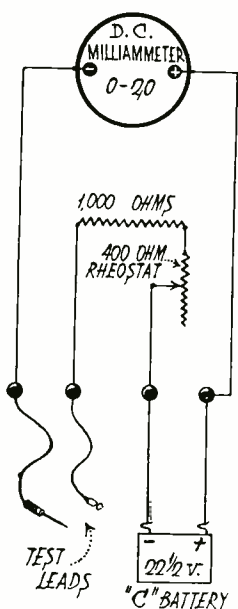
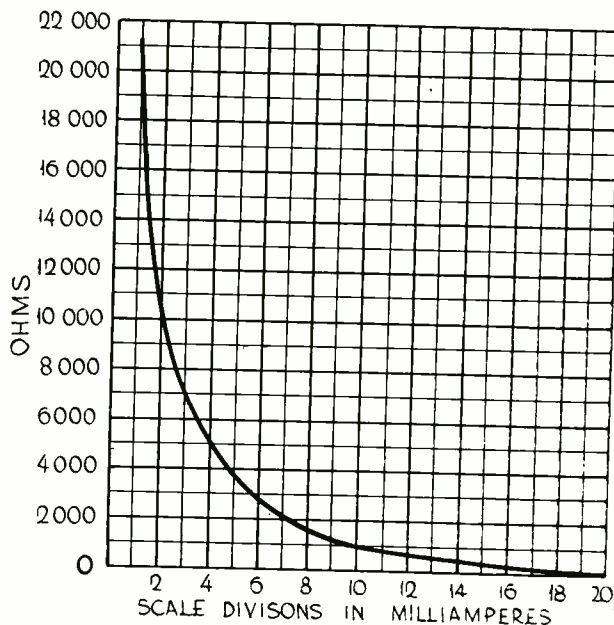


Fig. 1. Ohmmeter Connections and Calibration Curve

CALIBRATION CURVE



Continuity Tests

THE principle of these continuity tests can be understood by following the tests given in connection with the Raytheon *B* power unit shown in Fig. 2. After the circuit of a unit is thoroughly understood and a few tests have been made, the service man should be able to determine the fault in any unit within a few minute's time and without recourse to a continuity table.

The first step is to test the continuity of the voltage divider by clipping one lead of the ohmmeter to the *B* power terminal and testing to the *B* +90, +45 and *B* - terminals in turn by means of the test prod. The readings in ohms should be somewhere in the neighborhood of those shown in the diagram. In some units a loss resistor, such as is connected from *B* - to *B* 45 is not

used, in which case there will be no reading from *B* 45 to *B*—.

It will be noticed that the reading in ohms grows larger as the test prod is moved to the lower voltage taps. If the reading in ohms from the *B* power terminal to the *B* 45 or *B*— is less than that from *B* power to *B* 90, it is a sure indication of a shorted condenser somewhere in the circuit.

While the clip is still on *B* power, the test prod should be moved to the plate terminal of the rectifier tube socket so as to check the continuity of the filter choke coils. This reading will vary from 300 to 1000 ohms, depending upon the number of choke coils and their construction. Naturally, an open will show up as infinite resistance.

The clip is now moved to *B*— and tests made to *B* 45, *B* 90 and *B* power by means of the test prod. A reading of zero from *B*— to any of these terminals shows a shorted bypass condenser at that tap, or in the case of the *B* power tap, a shorted filter condenser. However, let us presume that when testing *B*— to *B* power we get a reading of approximately 300 ohms. That eliminates filter condenser No. 3, as it would indicate zero ohms if shorted, and as we have eliminated any possibility of the bypass condensers' being defective by our previous tests, the fault must be that either No. 2 or possibly No. 1 filter condenser is shorted and that the short is being read through the resistance of the filter choke coils. To check definitely, the test prod is moved to the plate terminal of the rectifier tube socket. If the ohmmeter now indicates zero ohms No. 1 condenser is shorted. If the reading were still around 300 ohms, No. 2 condenser would be the one that is shorted. Of course a choke coil which was shorted to the core might give a similar reading, but such trouble is very rare.

The next test is to check the buffer condensers connected across the high voltage secondaries of the power transformer. The clip is left connected to *B*— and the test prod is touched to one of the filament terminals of the rectifier tube socket. If the meter indicates infinite resistance, the secondary winding is open, if zero resistance the buffer condenser is shorted, and if in the neighborhood of 100 ohms, the circuit is correct, as the reading is through the resistance of the secondary winding. This test should be repeated by touching the test prod to the other filament terminal of the tube socket. The last test is the continuity of the primary winding of the power transformer, which can be made by testing across the lugs of the attachment plug on the cord of the *B* power unit.

After the fault has been located, the wiring to that particular part of the *B*

power unit can be traced and the trouble repaired without having to open up the entire unit or having to trace all of the wiring. When a filter or bypass condenser is shorted, it is quite often possible to cut the defective section loose from the circuit and to substitute sufficient capacity in the form of an external condenser, thus avoiding the discarding of the entire condenser block. This external condenser, if there is sufficient space, can be put inside the *B* power unit or can be left outside and the leads run to the correct point in the circuit.

If a number of *B* power units of similar design are to be tested a continuity chart can be made by taking from the manufacturers' service manual the value of the constants used in the unit and arranging them in a table of systematic tests such as outlined above. However, the most valuable asset in this work is the same as with any other part of the radio circuit, that is, a basic knowledge of the circuit used and of its constants.

Power Unit Test Panel

THE equipment for making the other tests on a plate supply unit includes three meters mounted on a test panel which is wired as shown in Fig. 3. A high resistance d-c voltmeter is connected to a four-point inductance switch

scale current of 6 ma, the resistance should be 50,000 ohms.

The milliammeter is a standard 0-300 ma instrument. It is connected in series with a compression type rheostat for measuring the current output of a power unit.

The a-c voltmeter has a range of 0-150, but may be used with multipliers to give maximum readings of 300 and 600 volts. On the fourth tap of the inductance switch the 150 volt scale is in series with the 110 volt a-c line so that the meter can be calibrated to read in mf when checking filter condensers.

The resistance used for the a-c voltmeter multiplier was a 25 watt Electrad Truvolt fixed resistor, which is provided with a sliding tap to adjust the value. The resistances required were 6100 ohms for the 300 volt scale and 18,300 ohms for the 600 volt scale. A 20,000 ohm resistor was used and taps placed at approximately 6000 and 18,000 ohms. Between each of these taps and the inductance switch is a 1,000 ohm resistor of the same type which is used to accurately adjust the meter to the correct scale reading. The scale is adjusted by first measuring the line voltage on the 150 volt scale. The switch is then set on the 300 volt scale and the resistor adjusted until the voltage indicated is exactly one-half of that

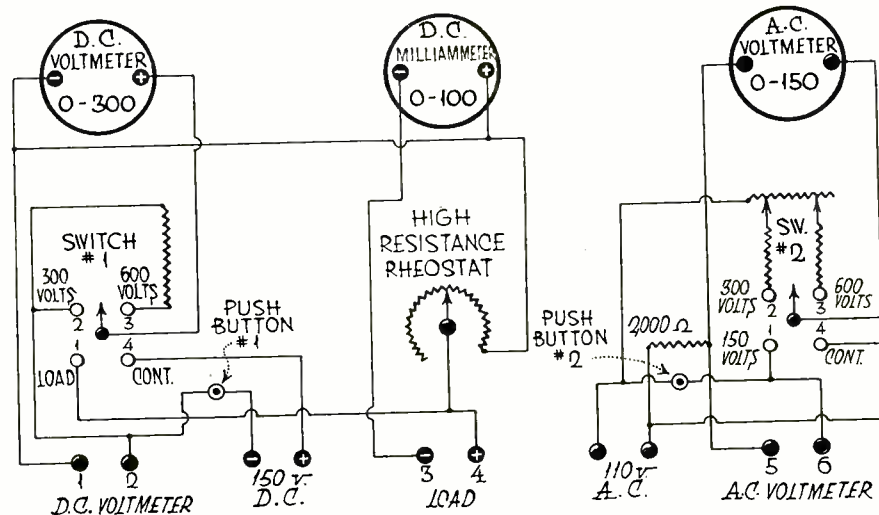


Fig. 3. Circuit Diagram of Test Panel for Power Units

so that it can be used as a voltmeter with a 300 or 600 volt scale, as a continuity tester for checking filter condensers, or to measure the voltage output of a unit under load. Heavy duty metallized resistors were used in making up the multiplier, their value being determined from $R = E \div I$, E being the desired voltage drop and I being the amount of current necessary to cause a full scale deflection of the voltmeter when it is connected in series with a low range milliammeter and a high voltage power unit whose voltage output can be controlled. For a voltage drop of $600 - 300 = 300$ and a full

indicated on the 150 volt scale. The switch is then set for the 600 volt scale and the resistance changed until the reading is one-quarter of that indicated on the 150 volt scale. The resistances of various a-c meters will vary, but the correct resistance for the multiplier can be found by taking the same value as the resistance of the meter for the 300 volt scale and three times the resistance of the meter for the 600 volt scale.

Output Tests

IN TESTING A *B* power unit for output, the *B*— and the *B* power terminals are connected to posts 3 and 4 (Continued on Page 72)

Get Onto Those Curves



A simplified explanation of how selectivity, sensitivity and fidelity curves are taken and what they tell about the performance of a receiver.



By P. S. LUCAS

AVOIDANCE of facts and figures which are presented in graphic form has become such a habit with the average radio man that he can dodge a set of curves just as quickly as Ty Cobb could steal a base. Curves, book-agents and charity solicitors are given the same welcome: "Back at midnight." The sad part of such side-stepping is that a curve, like Confucius' opinion of a good picture, will tell more in six square inches than will 10,000 words.

A curve is a path across a field of perpendicular lines. Any point on it intersects a horizontal and a vertical line, giving the value of the one with respect to the other. The curve itself tells nothing except the conditions under which the test was taken, e. g., the frequency. But it ties the horizontal and vertical scales together; points out an *unknown* place on one that corresponds to a *chosen* place on the other.

Of especial present interest are curves which tell about the performance of a factory-built radio receiver. RADIO has been publishing, and will continue to publish two or three sets of performance curves on as many different factory receivers each month. These curves are taken in RADIO's laboratory, under conditions that are alike for all sets. If they are filed by the dealer and service man they will increase in value, for by the end of a year the comparison to the ideal will be forgotten and a pretty fair average will have been established. Their greatest value lies in comparing them with each other and with the average; not with the ideal, for the latter is as far ahead of radio set design as it is ahead of automobile manufacture and cake-baking.

The practical value of performance curves for the dealer, salesman or service man is that they enable him to tell the inquirer just exactly what may be expected of that set in the way of selectivity, sensitivity and fidelity. Every experienced merchandiser knows that a reputation for accurate opinions will bring him more business than a dozen billboards and a silver balloon.

Selectivity Curves

THE selectivity curves in Fig. 1 were taken from a standard receiver which was set up in the laboratory and trimmed for satisfactory reception, just as if it were being installed in the home. Instead of connecting an aerial and ground, the output of a testing device was connected to its input. A vacuum tube voltmeter was connected to the output of the receiver and calibrated at one point to indicate 50 milliwatts (mw), and the receiver was tuned to 600 kc (500 meters). The oscillator in the test set, which was modulated to simulate the modern high class broadcast station, was adjusted to 600 kc also, and was set at 1 millivolt. Then the sensitivity control of the receiver was adjusted so that the output meter read the prescribed 50 mw, this being the standard established by the Radio Manufacturers' Association.

The frequency of the oscillator was then raised to 601 kc; the receiver being left untouched. Due to the fact that the two instruments were now out of tune, the output of the receiver dropped slightly. The input was increased until the output was back to 50 mw, a read-

ing of the input was taken and plotted on a line 1 kc to the left of the zero line.

Other points were taken at 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 kc above resonance then similar readings were taken below resonance. When points had been plotted up to 30 kc each side of the zero or resonance line with the receiver unchanged a line was drawn through the dots and the 600 kc curve in Fig. 1 took form.

The next step is to tune both the receiver and oscillator to 1,000 kc, set the sensitivity control of the receiver so that an input of 1 millivolt (mv) will produce an output of 50 milliwatts from the receiver and repeat the process of plotting. The curve for 1,400 kc is obtained in the same manner.

The 600 kc selectivity curve shows how much greater must be the field strength of an interfering station at some frequency off resonance to cause interference with the selected signal; or how much interference it will cause at any frequency off resonance. Suppose the interfering station is in the adjacent channel, 610 kc. Here the curve crosses the 10 kc positive line, i. e., 610 kc, on the horizontal line marked 36 mv, which means that the interfering station on 610 kc must have a field strength of 36 millivolts to cause 100 per cent interference, or to be heard with the same volume as the 600 kc station. Following the curve out still farther it will be noted that a station on 620 kc will require 270 millivolts field strength, or 270 times as much as is required by the chosen station.

This selectivity curve is unusually good; in fact it may be considered *too* good for reasons which will be taken up in their turn. The 1400 kc curve shows that the receiver is less sensitive and much broader at the higher frequencies. It will be noted that the curve passes the positive 10 kc line (1,410 kc) at 1.6 mv, meaning that when the receiver was tuned to 1,400 kc an interfering station on 1,140 kc would need a field strength of 1.6 millivolts to do the work that the 1,400 kc station could do with 1

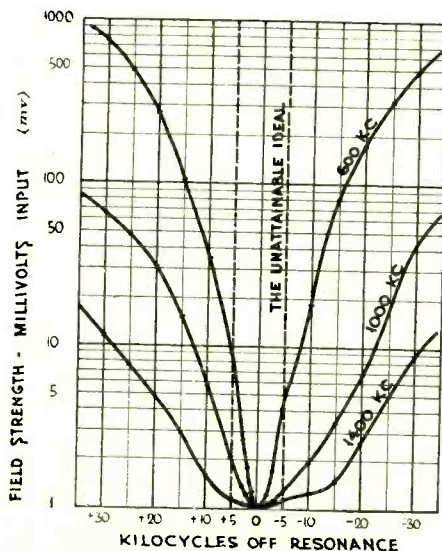


Fig. 1. Selectivity Curves Taken on a Standard Receiver at 600, 1,000 and 1,400 kc.

millivolt. The curve crosses the 20 kc line at 5.1 millivolts, so that the 1,420 kc interfering station would have to be five times as strong as the 1,400 kc station in order to have the same volume. A study of the 1,000 kc curve shows that it is intermediate between the 600 and 1,400 kc curves in broadness.

To give faithful reproduction of voice and music, radio apparatus should be able to pass with equal strength all frequencies between the lowest note of a sousaphone and the highest harmonic necessary to make up a full musical tone. Few broadcast stations are able to transmit frequencies much below 100 cycles per second, the notes we seem to hear below that figure being harmonics of the actual notes played by the bass instruments. Their upper limit is 5,000 cycles, being determined by the limitations of available broadcast equipment, receiving equipment, the absence of any real need for higher frequencies, and by legislation. Legislation has its say because the higher the audio frequencies the wider the required channel in the broadcast spectrum. That is to say if a carrier signal is modulated with a note of 5,000 cycles per second it will require a frequency band 10 kc wide; 5,000 cycles on each side of the carrier. To receive this signal the ideal receiver would amplify with equal gain all signals up to 5 kc each side of the zero line, cutting off abruptly at these points as shown by the dotted curve in Fig. 1. This is the ideal selectivity curve which may be considered the star to which the horse is hitched. It will never be attained, for it is perfection, and perfection in this old world is limited to advertising phrases.

A look at this ideal curve and another at the 600 kc curve in Fig. 1 make it clear what was meant by the inference that the latter was too sharp. This 600 kc curve intersects the positive 5 kc line at the 8.3 millivolt line, showing that 8.3 times as much voltage is required to reproduce a 5,000 cycle note as powerful as a 100 cycle note. In other words the high frequencies are reduced to one-eighth the voltage of the lows. This is called side-band cutting and is the result of carrying the quest for selectivity too far.

Sensitivity Curves

THE standard of sensitivity, as defined by the Institute of Radio Engineers and chosen by the Radio Manufacturers' Association, is the number of microvolts per meter ($\mu\text{v}/\text{m}$) required at the input of a receiver to produce an output of 50 milliwatts. The number of microvolts per meter means the field strength of the broadcast station at any particular location divided by the number of meters in the

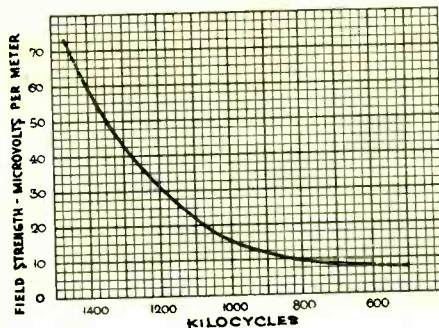


Fig. 2. Sensitivity Curve of the Same Receiver

height of the receiving antenna. To test for sensitivity, the receiver is set up with the same equipment and in the same manner as it was for the selectivity measurements, except for the fact that the sensitivity control was set at maximum. This measuring apparatus, which was described in the September issue of RADIO, contains a dummy antenna the characteristics of which are the same as an ordinary antenna 4 meters (13 feet) in height. Therefore all field strength measurements must be divided by 4.

In this case the receiver under test required a total field strength of 240 microvolts to produce the 50 mw output at 1,400 kc. Divided by 4 the sensitivity at this frequency is found to be 60 microvolts per meter ($\mu\text{v}/\text{m}$) and is plotted on the sensitivity curve in Fig. 2 where the 1,400 kc line intersects the 60 $\mu\text{v}/\text{m}$ line. Other points were made at each 100 kc and the curve was drawn.

To read the sensitivity curve is merely a matter of following the path of the curve to the desired vertical frequency line, then of following the intersected horizontal line to the left and reading the figure opposite it. The sensitivity curve of the ideal receiver will be almost horizontal, indicating that the sensitivity varies but slightly from one end of the dial to the other. The lower the values in the curve the greater is the sensitivity. Receivers have been built with 2 or 3 microvolts per meter sensitivity, although this degree of ex-

cellence has seldom if ever been attainable on a production basis. In truth, when reception is carried down below the 250 microvolt per meter level (depending upon the time and place), it is well down in the so-called "noise level," where static and kindred noises are present with greater field strength than the broadcast signal.

Fidelity Curves

FIDELITY curves are measured in audio frequency (cycles per second of the musical tone) and decibels (the unit of gain or loss). Because decibels are tainted with an odor of higher education is no reason why an ordinary human should be alarmed, for the use to which they will be put in this work is very simple and concrete.

A decibel (db) represents the minimum difference that the human ear can detect between two sounds. As an illustration, average conversation has 10,000 times the energy of the faintest audible sound, yet to the ear it is only 40 sound units louder. This conversation then indicates a gain or increase over the faint sound of 40 db. If an airplane motor, the purr of which is just perceptible to a distant listener, the sound energy is 1,000,000,000 times greater, yet to the person in the plane it sounds merely 100 sound units louder than to the distant listener. The gain is 100 db.

To be able to understand the fidelity curve it is not necessary to be able to work problems in logarithms. Suffice it to say that a decrease of 10 db between middle C and any other note does not make a great difference in the quality of tone reproduction. A loss of 20 db is more serious, while a 30 db loss indicates that the frequencies so reduced are pretty much out of the picture. The 1,000 kc curve in Fig. 3 is a sample of a fair fidelity curve. In this case the bass was slightly emphasized with respect to the middle frequencies and the high notes begin to drop off at about 1,000 cycles. At

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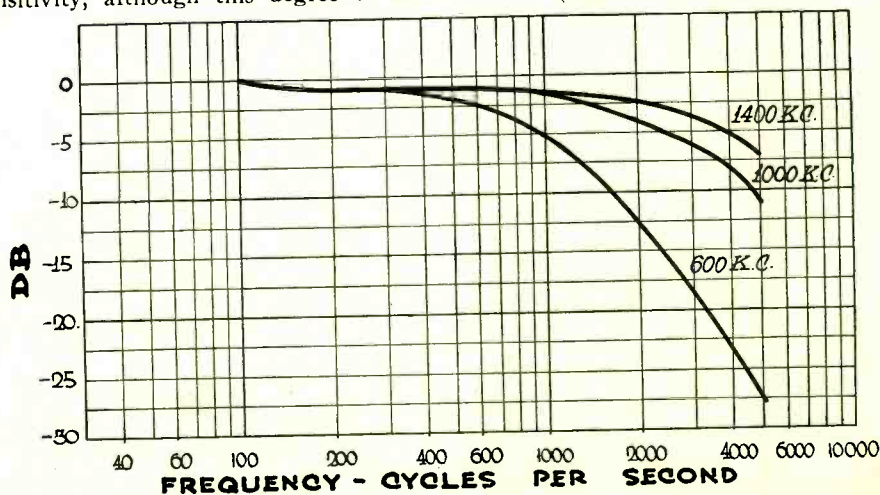


Fig. 3. Fidelity Curves on 600, 1000 and 1400 kc.

Translating Engineer *Language* Into *Customer* *Conversation*

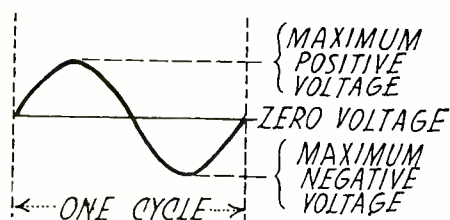
How to tell a prospective buyer why
and to what degree a receiver is better
or worse than the average set.

By ARTHUR HOBART

STRANGE and terrifying indeed is the language whereby some radio men conceal their knowledge or their ignorance, as the case may be. Weird and baffling is it to the radio salesman who is trying to explain the merits of a receiver as indicated in its performance curves. Vainly does he consult a list of definitions, for not only does he find that the subject changes so often that it holds no interest nor sequence of thought, but also is expressed in words which themselves require a definition.

Yet it is possible to arrange and explain even such a formidable document as the I. R. E. "Definition of Terms Used in Radio Engineering," so that a salesman can readily learn to use them glibly and even translate them into a language which the customer in the store can understand.

For instance, start with the definition of a *cycle* as "one complete set of the recurrent values of a periodic phenomenon." Don't be discouraged by the big words, for a "periodic phenomenon" is only another name for the common house variety of alternating current (a-c) wherein the voltage rises from zero to a maximum positive value, then falls back to zero and continues to a maximum negative value. "Recurrent" isn't



a new kind of electric current but means repeated. When a current is said to have a certain number of cycles, it means the number of "recurrent" cycles per second, this action repeating itself over and over again. Thus a 60-cycle current, such as is used for electric lighting, has 60 complete cycles per second.

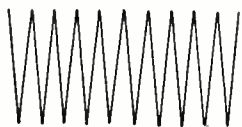
But radio deals with electric currents which have thousands and millions of cycles per second. To avoid these unwieldy figures they are called *kilocycles* (kc) and *megacycles* (mc) respectively, *kilo* meaning 1000 and *mega* 1,000,000. Thus a kilocycle is a thousand cycles per second and a megacycle a million cycles per second.

AFTER studying this article a salesman should be able to explain to a customer what is meant when a typical modern receiver is said to have a selectivity sufficient to reduce an interfering signal on a channel adjacent to a desired signal of the same strength by 30 db., a sensitivity of 20 to 50 microvolts, and uniform fidelity from 50 to 4000 cycles.

The *frequency* of a current is "the number of cycles per second." Audible, or audio frequencies (a-f) lie between 16 and 15,000 cycles per second, this being the extreme response range of the normal human ear.

Radio frequencies (r-f) include all of the frequencies which are used for the transmission of radio signals through space. This range of frequencies is a continuous band from 10 to 60,000 kilocycles per second.

A *wavelength* is "the distance traveled



A CONTINUOUS WAVE



A DAMPED WAVE



AN INTERRUPTED CONTINUOUS WAVE



A MODULATED WAVE

in one period or cycle by a periodic disturbance." This distance is usually measured in meters (1 meter=39.37 inches). As it is commonly used only in connection with radio frequencies which all travel at a speed of approximately 300,000,000 meters per second, and as it has introduced considerable confusion in the minds of radio listeners, this expression is gradually being replaced by its equivalent in kilocycles or megacycles.

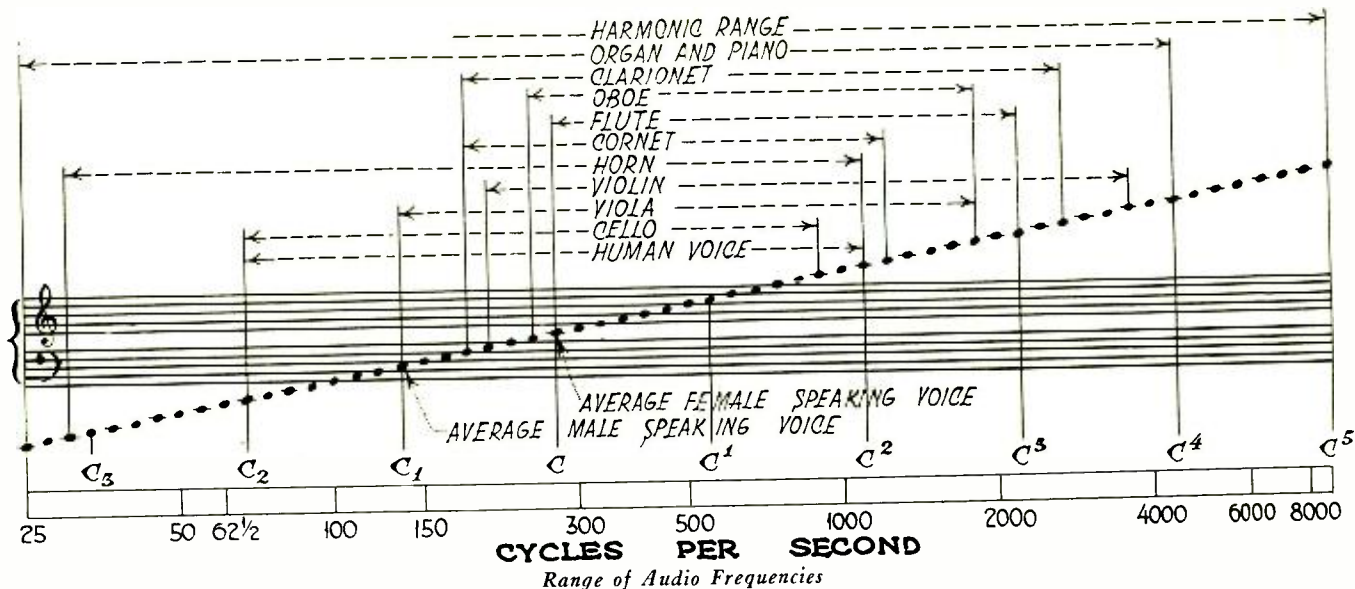
Continuous waves (cw) are "alternating electric waves in space of constant amplitude and frequency," such as are emitted from a vacuum tube or arc transmitter. *Damped waves* are "electromagnetic waves proceeding in wave trains in each of which the amplitude of successive cycles progressively diminish," such as are transmitted from a spark.

Interrupted continuous waves (icw) are "waves obtained by interruption at audio frequency in a periodic manner of an otherwise continuous wave," this being accomplished with a chopper.

A *signal* is "the intelligence, message or effect conveyed in transmission." A signal wave is "a wave, the form of which conveys a signal." *Modulated waves* are "continuous waves of which the amplitude or frequency is repeatedly varied in accordance with a signal wave." *Key-modulated waves* are "continuous waves of which the amplitude or frequency is varied by the operation of a transmitting key in accordance with the characters of a communicating code."

The dots and dashes of the International Morse code are transmitted by damped waves, interrupted continuous waves, or key-modulated waves. Voice and music are transmitted as modulated waves whose modulations are produced by an audio frequency amplifier. "The component of a modulated wave which has the same frequency as the original unmodulated wave," i. e., a continuous wave is known as the *carrier wave*. The *carrier current* is "an alternating current which is modulated by a signal." The *carrier frequency* is "the frequency of a carrier wave or a carrier current."

Sidebands are "the bands of frequencies, one on either side of the carrier frequency, produced by the process of modulation." This is the method of transmission ordinarily used by broad-



cast stations. Only one sideband is received, except in the older types of superheterodyne receivers where one station may be heard on two settings of the oscillator dial.

Single-side-band transmission is "that method of operation in which one side band is transmitted, and the other side band is suppressed. The carrier wave may either be transmitted or suppressed." In the case of *carrier suppression* the carrier frequency is supplied at the receiver. This method is used in transatlantic telephony.

A *radio receiver* is "a device for converting radio waves into perceptible signals." *Tuning* is "the adjustment of a circuit or system to secure optimum value of a desired current; commonly, the adjustment of a circuit or circuits to resonance," or condition of minimum opposition to the flow of the current of the desired frequency.

It is necessary to have a working knowledge of most of the foregoing definitions before trying to understand the three criteria of a radio receiver: selectivity, sensitivity and fidelity which are, respectively, the measure of a receiver's ability to cut out interference, to receive weak signals, and to give natural reproduction of speech and music. The explanation of the definitions as here given supplements a more detailed study of curves by P. S. Lucas in this issue.

SELLECTIVITY is defined as "the degree to which a radio receiver is capable of differentiating between signals of different carrier frequencies." This is determined by tuning the radio receiver to carrier frequencies of 600, 1000 and 1400 kilocycles in succession and measuring the field intensity necessary to give .05 watt output for various carrier frequencies on each side of resonance. These values are plotted on a graph which shows the signal in-

tensity required to produce the standard output at each frequency.

A receiver is considered to be tolerably selective if the output power of the desired signal is 1,000 times greater than the output power from an unwanted signal of the same field intensity in an adjacent channel. As power varies with the square of the voltage, this means that an interfering signal 10 kc from resonance must have a field strength 31.6 times that of the resonant signal in order to produce the same volume of sound. ($\sqrt{1,000} = 31.6$). So if an examination of a selectivity curve shows that the line of the curve crosses the + or - 10 kc line at a point less than 31.6 times the ratio of the field intensity of the interfering signal to that of the resonant signal, it is better than tolerably selective.

While this "tolerance" is actually measured in terms of input field intensity or output power it is really determined in practice by the relative loudness of the two signals. But until recently there has been no generally accepted scale of loudness. Radio opera-

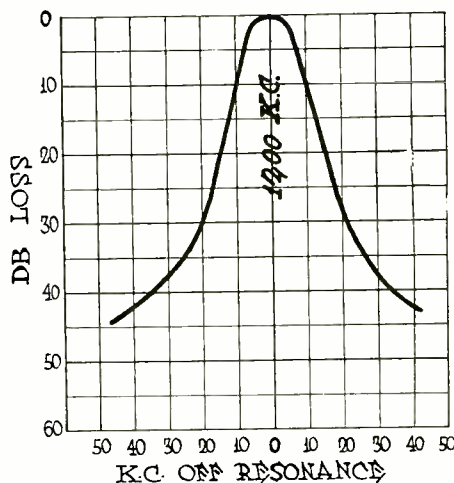
tors use a five-unit scale to express the strength of code signals where (1) is hardly perceptible, (2) is weak, (3) is fairly good, (4) is good, and (5) is very good, perfectly readable. Telephone engineers have adopted a more scientific scale which takes into consideration not only the electric field strength of the signal but also the response of the human ear.

The unit of the engineer's scale of loudness is called a decibel, just as the unit of the temperature scale is called a degree. Of the several thermometer scales which are in common use, the best is the Centigrade whose zero is the freezing point of water and whose 100 is the boiling point of water. In the old Fahrenheit scale the freezing point is 32 degrees and the boiling point 212 degrees. Naturally there are temperatures above and below zero in both scales.

In the loudness or decibel scale the zero point is a sound which is barely audible, just on the threshold of audibility, and the 100 decibel point marks the maximum sound intensity to which the ear can respond, the point where the human sense of sound passes to the sense of feeling. Between these two extremes it is found that the intensity of an average whisper is about 20 decibels, of quiet conversation about 40 decibels, of noise on a busy street about 60 decibels, and of the noise in an airplane about 95 decibels.

While all this is interesting, it becomes useful only when measurable in terms of the energy which produces the sound. So the engineers measure the amounts of power required to produce two different intensities of sound, find the logarithm of the ratio between them, multiply it by 10, and call the numerical result the number of decibels between the two sounds.

Although the decibel is thus seen to be an arbitrary unit, it fits very well



Typical Selectivity Curve in Terms of DB Loss.

into the scheme of natural things, since the ear hears logarithmically. A noise which sounds 20 decibels louder than another noise requires 100 times the energy to produce it. (Logarithm $100 = 2$; $10 \times 2 = 20$.) A sound which is 30 decibels louder than another requires 1,000 times the energy. (Logarithm $1000 = 3$; $10 \times 3 = 30$.)

Consequently, when a radio receiver is said to be tolerably selective if a signal of 10 kc off resonance requires 1,000 times the output power of a signal at resonance to be heard with the same volume of sound, there is a difference of 30 decibels between the two signals. But as it is customary to measure the input intensity of signals re-

quired to produce a standard power output and as signal intensities are measured in microvolts it is also necessary to express decibels in terms of voltage ratios instead of power ratios. As power varies as the square of the voltage, the voltage ratio is equal to the square root of the power ratio. So a voltage ratio of 31.6 also produces a difference of 30 decibels.

The relationship between decibels, power ratios and voltage ratios is graphically shown in the accompanying chart. The number of decibels from 0 to 20 corresponding to power ratios from 0-100 are shown by the slanting line and scale at the left of the chart. The number of decibels from 20 to 40

corresponding to power ratios from 100 to 10,000 are shown by the slanting line and scale at the right of the chart. The number of decibels from 0 to 40 corresponding to voltage ratios from 0 to 100 are shown by the central slanting line and the scale at the left. This chart is reversible so that it is also possible to find either the power ratio or the voltage ratio corresponding to a given number of decibels.

Most sets are inherently less selective at the high frequency end of the broadcast band than at the low frequency end. The sets tune more broadly on the short waves than on the long waves. In some of the later models the selectivity is more nearly equalized throughout the entire band.

SENSITIVITY is "the degree to which a radio receiver responds to signals of the frequency to which it is tuned." The passage of a radio wave across an antenna produces an electric field which is measured in microvolts per meter of antenna length. The sensitivity of a receiver is expressed in terms of the number of microvolts per meter required to produce a standard audio frequency power output of .05 watt under certain specified conditions. The lower the value of the field intensity required to produce the standard output, the more sensitive is the receiver. The average medium priced receiver requires a field intensity of from 20 to 50 microvolts per meter to give this standard output. In other words, it is said to have a sensitivity of from 20 to 50 microvolts.

All sets are more sensitive at high frequencies than at low unless special compensating means are adopted. Certain sets are at least fifteen times as sensitive at 1,500 kc as at 550 kc. In the better types of the more modern receivers the variation in overall sensitivity is less than three to one.

Since the general public is now more interested in good reception of local programs than in fishing for distant stations, the general tendency of manufacturers is to make receivers which have fidelity and distortionless volume rather than extreme sensitivity.

FIDELITY is "the degree to which a system, or a portion of a system, accurately reproduces at its output the signal which is impressed upon it." It represents the accuracy of tone reproduction. It is determined by tuning the receiver to each standard carrier frequency in succession, with the receiver in the same condition as in the sensitivity and selectivity tests and with constant standard radio field intensity, and then varying the modulation frequency from 40 to 10,000 cycles per second, taking measurements of relative output voltage at convenient modula-

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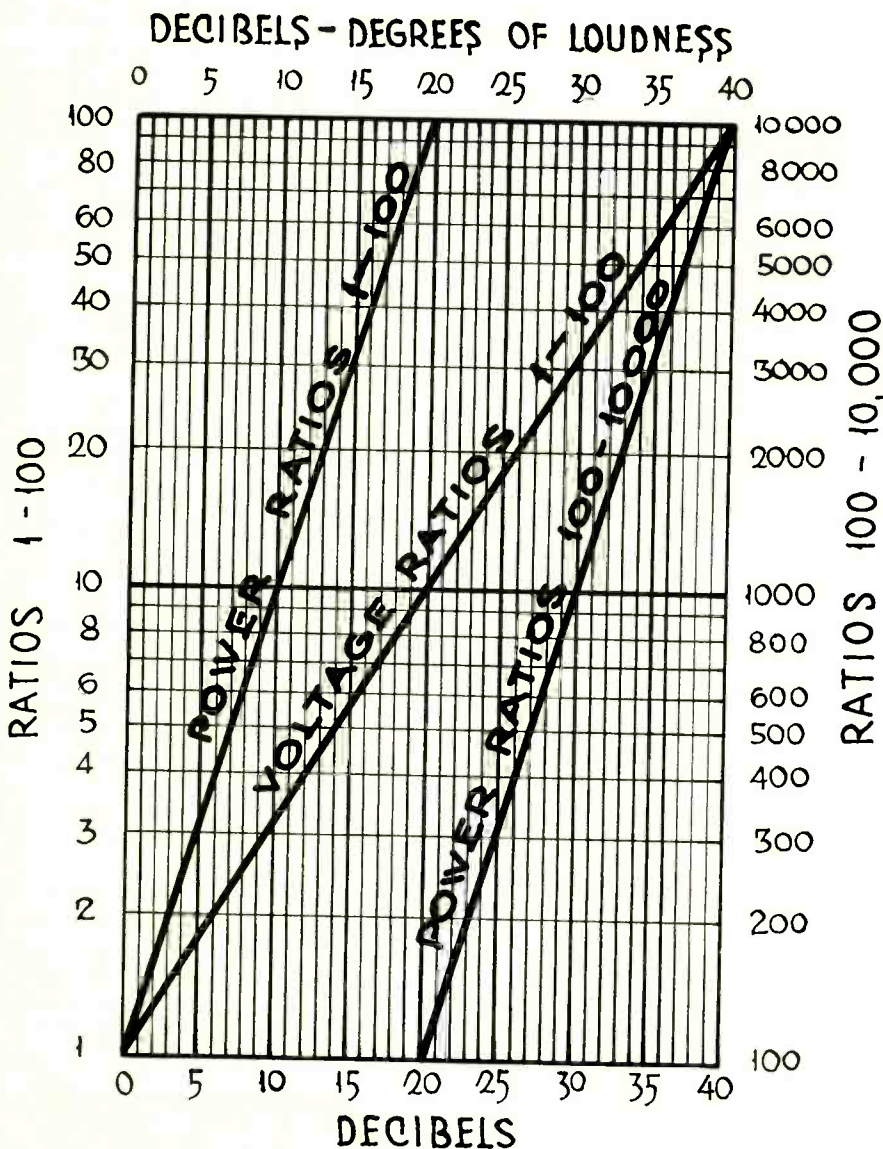


Chart for Converting Decibels to Ratios of Either Power or Voltage, and Conversely

Power ratios from 1:1 to 100:1 on left hand scale correspond to from 0 to 20 decibels; those from 100:1 to 10,000:1 on right hand scale correspond to from 20 to 40 decibels. To extend scales add 10 decibels each time that power ratio is multiplied by 10. Thus for a power ratio of 2:1 there are 3 decibels; of 20:1 there are 13 decibels; of 200:1 there are 23 decibels; of 2,000:1 there are 33 decibels; of 20,000:1 there are 43 decibels, etc.

Voltage ratios from 1:1 to 100:1 on left hand scale correspond to from 0 to 40 decibels; those from 100:1 to 10,000:1 on right hand scale correspond to from 40 to 80 decibels, that is, 20 decibels are added to the scale showing. To extend scales add 20 decibels each time that voltage ratio is multiplied by 10. Thus for a voltage ratio of 2:1 there are 6 decibels; of 20:1 there are 26 decibels; of 200:1 there are 46 decibels; of 2,000:1 there are 66 decibels.

Ability to Service Electric Phonographs

Opens Another Avenue for Profit

By CLINTON OSBORNE

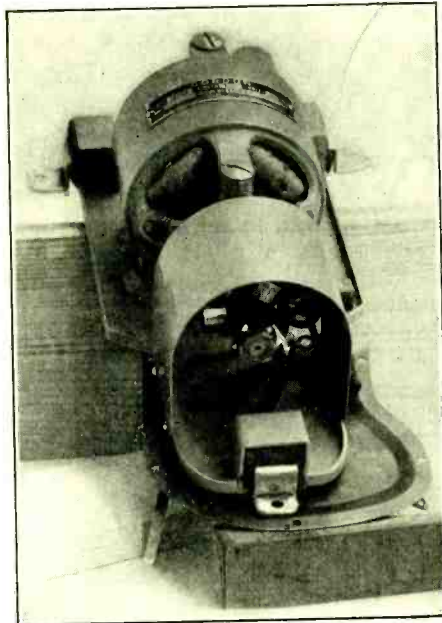
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- If a motor were stalled?
- If the *torque* were low?
- If the turntable were "hot"?
- If the speed were irregular?
- If the motor were noisy?
- If it should cause radio interference?
- If the volume should waver with each revolution?
- If needle scratch predominates?

THE alert radio fixer will not be insulted if a stupid owner of a phone-radio combination expects him to repair his or her phonograph motor or pickup as well as to replace the tubes. For, by being able to cope with such a situation, he will recognize an opportunity to expand his business without shifting from his beaten path. The results of a wider knowledge will be measured not only in dollars but in an increased prestige, with the accompanying expansion of his business.

The phonograph motor is a tricky little thing when it "goes democratic." However, in the great majority of cases it is merely in need of a cleaning and greasing job, which should always be the first treatment it should get. If the motor is stalled completely try twisting the shaft with the fingers. It should turn freely with a little pressure, its failure to do so indicating that the shaft is binding in the bearings or that something is blocking the movement of the armature. If the movement is free check for an open in the field of the motor or in the wiring circuit with the continuity tester.

If the torque is low; that is, if the motor does not pick up speed within two or three revolutions of the turntable, it is due either to excessive friction in the motor shaft or in the governor, or to shorted windings. Excessive friction in the motor shaft is usually caused by foreign particles in the bearing or by insufficient end play. In most cases it is impossible for the service man to get to the bearing so he should send the motor back to the factory. If the



The Gordon Induction Motor, which is suspended in sponge rubber. The guard around the governor is removable. The driving gear is at end of the motor opposite the governor.

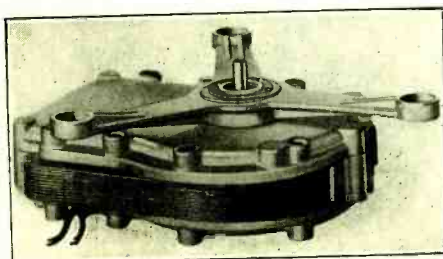
armature is binding due to insufficient end play, which in ordinary circumstances should be about 1-32 inch, there is usually a thrust bearing adjusting screw held in place at the end of the shaft by means of a lock nut. This may be loosened just enough to allow more freedom to the armature with the subsequent higher torque. If the friction is located in the governor chamber, release the adjusting screw which holds the torque spring against the end of the shaft.

Shorts may occur in the field windings, the armature windings, or between commutator segments. To remedy the last mentioned, it is merely necessary to clear all conducting particles from between the segments and polish the commutator with very fine garnet paper or sand paper. The age-old caution against the use of emery cloth is hardly necessary as it is almost universal knowledge that emery is a conductor. A resistance test is necessary to locate the shorted field or armature winding, which emphasizes the fact that it is well to build a direct reading ohm-

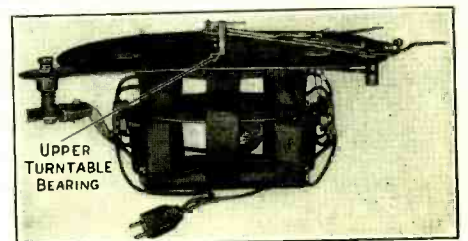
meter into the testing equipment. If one of the field or armature coils indicates a lower resistance than the others it can be considered shorted and should be removed and replaced with a new one. A loud, uneven hum usually accompanies a shorted winding. When replacing field coils care should be taken first, that the new coil is identical to the old one (some motors have two different kinds of field coils), and second, that when the motor is reassembled the air gap is uniform on all sides of the armature.

If it is possible to receive a shock from the turntable or pickup check for grounded windings or a defective filter circuit. A 110 volt light with a pair of wires from the socket may be used for this test. A grounded armature will necessitate replacement. A ground in the brush box may be eliminated by a cleaning job, while a field coil may be insulated from the ground by the insertion of a piece of empire cloth or other insulation.

Fluctuations in motor speed are often due to improper operation of the governor. This is ordinarily equipped with a torque spring which is supposed to compensate for line voltage variations. The screw holding the torque spring should be backed out as far as possible and adjusted with the turntable in operation and the pickup in place on the record. If stability is not achieved with this adjustment the screws holding the governor housing may be loosened slightly to see if the trouble is caused by distortion of the governor housing due to faulty machining. If this proves to be the case the motor



The Allen-Hough "Rotor," a synchronous motor without adjustments, advertised to revolve at 80 r. p. m. regardless of voltage fluctuation. It starts and stops with a push of the finger, no switch being provided.



The Panatrophe motor is of the induction disc type, having a closed core electromagnet or field coil on each side as shown. The governor is equipped with a bearing on each end.

should be returned to the factory for repairs. If the fluctuations in speed are incident to each revolution and they cannot be traced to the governor, check for opens in the armature with the continuity tester.

THERE are several causes for motor noise, the most frequent of which may usually be traced to a rattling governor. To stop this trouble put a little grease on the governor driving gear and worm and drop a little light oil on the felt brake shoe. If this is not effective try adjusting the torque spring. If the governor shaft is loose in its bearings it will be necessary to replace the governor assembly with a new one. An uneven hum through the cabinet or through the magnetic pickup may be caused by a turntable which doesn't run true. It is possible that turning the turntable to a different position on the shaft will correct this; although a replacement might be necessary. Be certain that there is no perceptible play in the bearing when the shaft is pressed from side to side with the fingers, as loose bearings will also cause a hum of this kind. Sometimes an eccentric air gap between armature and field will cause an uneven hum, and may be remedied by shifting the armature within the field, measuring the gap with a feeler gauge if one is obtainable.

As everyone familiar with electric motors knows, the usual causes of excessive sparking at the commutator are open armature coils, rough commutators and poorly seated or worn brushes. If the brushes are badly worn they should be changed; if not they may be reseated or tightened with a new set of springs. When installing a new set of brushes be sure that they are properly and thoroughly seated and that they have free movement in the brush boxes. It may be necessary to trim down the sides with a knife or file.

Most motors in phono-radio combinations are equipped with filters for suppressing radiation of spark discharge which is liable to be picked up by the radio set. This usually consists of a fixed condenser and a resistance of about 10,000 ohms. The condenser is connected between the power supply and the frame of the motor and the re-

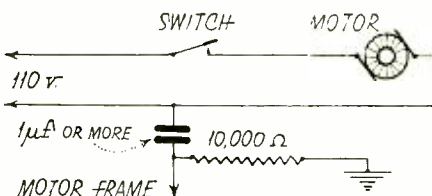
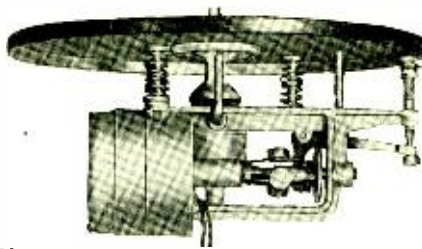


Fig. 1. Filter to Eliminate Sparking Interference in Radio Set

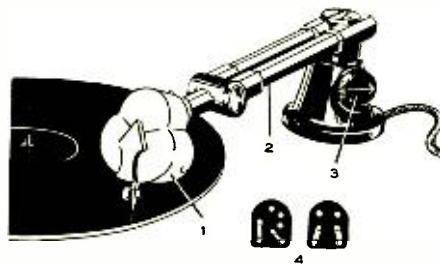
distance between the motor frame and ground as shown in the drawing. The condenser is designed to absorb spark discharges from the commutator and



The Pacent, a single phase induction motor, having no brushes, commutator or armature windings; normal speed 1326 r. p. m. which is dropped to 78 by means of reduction gears.

may be of any handy size from 1 μf up. The resistor is so placed to prevent the possibility of shocks from the turntable. It would be well to equip all motors with such a filter if not already equipped, and one should be carried by every service man in order that a demonstration might be given.

WITH the motor now operating in good shape listen carefully to the speaker to see if the pickup is working efficiently. If the music has the effect of an audible revolution counter, more business. The first thought that comes to mind is that the turntable is lifting and dropping with each revolution, and a look at it usually verifies this theory. However, many turn-



The Toman pickup is a new one on the market. It is equipped with two adapters for insertion into the detector socket. The volume control is mounted in the base.

tables do not run perfectly level, but rely upon the ease and freedom of movement of the pickup to offset this fault. If the volume drops with the low side of the turntable and raises when the high side passes under the needle the cause may usually be traced to one of three things.

First, the pressure of the needle on the record is not correct. It should be from 5 to 7 oz., depending upon the type of record played, and may be measured by a small letter scale, the tray of which is held at the level of the turntable. If this is found to be the case see that the bearings are free and well oiled. If there is a counterweight on the pickup readjust it for proper pressure. It may be that the cord inside the arm is too tight and binding the up and down movement of the arm.

Second, the armature, or small iron strip which vibrates between the two pole pieces of the pickup magnet may be jammed over against one pole. There are usually a couple of screws which

will release it if this is the case, and the adjustment of these will put the armature back in its place. It might be said that this is the most frequent cause of pickup trouble, and one which very few owners will be able to detect.

Third, the movement of the armature may be sluggish. If so, trace it down to the rubber buffer which protects the needle holder from the metal framework. If this has lost its elasticity it should be replaced with a similar piece of soft rubber.

A typical electromagnetic pickup consists of a U-shaped permanent magnet with soft iron pole pieces between which is centered a soft iron armature in which a phonograph needle is fitted. The armature is surrounded with a coil of fine copper wire in which electric oscillations are generated when the coil is moved by the needle so that it cuts the magnetic field between the pole pieces. These oscillations are amplified by vacuum tubes so as to give sufficient power to actuate a loudspeaker. The volume is varied by a variable resistance, which is shunted across the terminals of the moveable coil.

If the owner complains of excessive needle scratch look to the position of the pickup base. The arm should be at a tangent with the groove at the point the needle touches it. This, of course, is not possible for both the inside and outside grooves so a happy medium should be chosen. Care should also be taken to see that the axis of the needle, looking along the pickup arm, is perpendicular, for if it is tilted slightly to one side it will not only result in needle scratch but will wear down the lateral vibrations which have been cut into the grooves. The angle of the needle, looking at it from the side, should be about 60 degrees; otherwise it will cut deeply into the groove and the thicker shoulder will rub the sides of the groove. Try to impress the owner with the fact that a needle should be used but once.

If records are in such a condition that needle scratch is persistent, connect a filter across it as shown in the diagram. A choke of about 200 mh inductance having a little iron in its field and a .008 μf condenser will have a broad filtering effect on frequencies

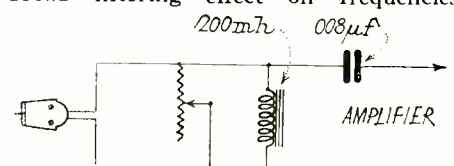


Fig. 2. Scratch Filter Designed to Cut Frequencies Above 5000 Cycles

above 5000 cycles. As the greater part of the needle scratch occurs at these high frequencies and as the musical tones above this figure will not be missed, this filter should be very effective.

Television In Natural Colors

A description and explanation of experiments in the Bell Laboratories which forecast the eventual accomplishment of this feat in practice.

By JOHN P. ARNOLD

THE reproduction of television images at a receiving station in the natural colors of the original scene has been recently demonstrated in the laboratory. Strange as it may seem, this was accomplished without great difficulty and with only a few additions to apparatus originally employed for monochromatic television.

The method of effecting color television is readily understood by one who has some knowledge of the process of three-color printing, where the first step is to make three identical photographs of an object, each photograph having been taken through glass or gelatin light-filters which are stained to correspond with the three primary colors, blue-violet, green, and red. From the photographic negatives thus obtained three halftone plates are prepared. The printing inks then used are the complementary colors of the several filters; i. e., light yellow ink is used on the plate prepared from the photograph which was taken through the blue-violet filter, crimson on the green, and peacock blue on the red. Impressions are made on white paper by superimposing the plates exactly upon each other. The natural coloring of the original is thus obtained, because with these inks, as is also the case with the primary colors, all colors can be produced by suitable mixture. In this case, the effect of mixing is secured by photographing through the filters.

Such a printing process may be adapted to phototelegraphic or still picture communication systems without any fundamental changes. Photographs are made of the subject and the negative (or positive) transparencies employed in the usual way to modulate a beam of light and thus give rise to electrical

signals. From the photographic duplicates obtained at the receiving station the color plates are made. Therefore, the problem is not much more complicated than the transmission of monochrome or black-and-white records. This method has been successfully developed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company over whose system, in the early part of 1927, color photographs were successfully transmitted from San Francisco to New York.

As far as basic principles are concerned color television is accomplished in the same manner, although photography does not enter into the problem. The idea of so doing is apparently not a new one. Anderson proposed such a system in about 1910. Baird in 1928 followed along the same lines, as did the engineers of the Bell System Laboratories in the last few months, but each have improved quite notably the methods of their predecessors.

Briefly, Baird employed the conventional Nipkow scanning disc and the glow discharge lamp. The scanning disc at the transmitting station had three sets of scanning apertures, each set being covered with light-filters—one red, the next green, and the third blue. At each revolution of the disc, the scene was scanned three times for each of the primary colors, thus corresponding to three photographs in the photo-engraving process described in the foregoing paragraphs.

To produce the three colors at the receiving station, two lamps were used, a neon lamp supplying the red, and a helium-mercury lamp the blue and green. A commutator evidently was used to shift the signals from one lamp to the other to correspond with the colors of the transmitting disc filters.



Subject in Transmitting "Cage"

It is easy enough to give a glib description of such systems, but it is also well to look into some of the difficulties encountered when employing such methods. These are often passed over in discreet silence. For instance, it may be recalled for monochromatic television quite a large disc is necessary for detailed scanning, the ordinary disc being about 48 in. in diameter. Such a disc with three sets of spirals, so arranged as not to interfere with each other, begins to assume elephantine proportions.

The problem of the disc, however, is a minor difficulty compared to the limitations in color sensitivity of the light-sensitive cells available. The potassium-hydride photoelectric cell, which is universally used for television on account of its rapidity of response to changing light values, responds to blue-violet light quite well, but from green to the red it is practically unresponsive. Thus the problem is how to get effective signals through a red filter which will operate a cell.

This problem of rendering the correct tone value of colored objects has been met through the work of A. R. Olpin and G. R. Stilwell, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, who have developed a sodium photoelectric cell which is sensitive to the entire spectrum from violet to red. Although full details of the method of preparing such cells is not yet forthcoming, it is said that the "active surface is sensitized by a complicated process using sulphur vapor and oxygen instead of by a glow discharge of hydrogen as with the former type of cell."

With this new type of cell and the original apparatus used in previous experimental work by these laboratories, the possibilities of color television were

recently demonstrated, particularly in the obvious improvement of the quality of reception, even though the scanning may be considered "coarse" when compared with the screens used for photo-engraving work.

It may be remembered that this system employs a novel method of scanning—usually called the "beam method"—which does not require that light-filters be used on the scanning disc, but three sets of signals must nevertheless be generated and three communication channels must also be employed. Here three sets of photoelectric cells are employed to collect the reflected light from the scene and the filters are placed directly in front of them.

The photoelectric cell container or transmitting "cage" is shown in Fig. 1. "In the new photo-cell cage twenty-four cells are employed, two with 'blue' filters, eight with 'green' filters, and four-

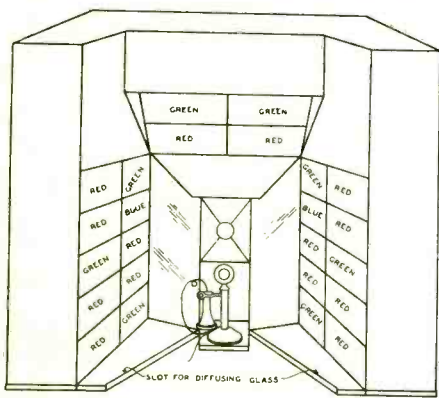


Fig. 1. Transmitting "Cage" Used in Experiments with Television in Natural Colors

teen with 'red' filters. These numbers are so chosen with respect to the relative sensitiveness of the cells to different colors that the photo-electric signals are of about equal value for the three colors. The cells are placed in three banks, one bank in front of and above the position of the scanned object, one bank diagonally to the right, and another bank diagonally to the left, so that the cells receive light from both sides of the object and above. In placing the cells they are so distributed by color as to give no prominence in any direction to any color. In addition, large sheets of rough pressed glass are set up in front of the cell-containers so that the light reflected from the object to the cells is well diffused.

"Thus far the television images have been received in a manner similar essentially to our method from monochromatic television. The surface of a disc similar to that used at the sending end is viewed, and the light from the receiving lamp is focused on the pupil of the observer's eye by suitable lenses. To combine the light of three lamps, they are placed at some distance behind the scanning disc and two semi-transparent mirrors are set up at right angles

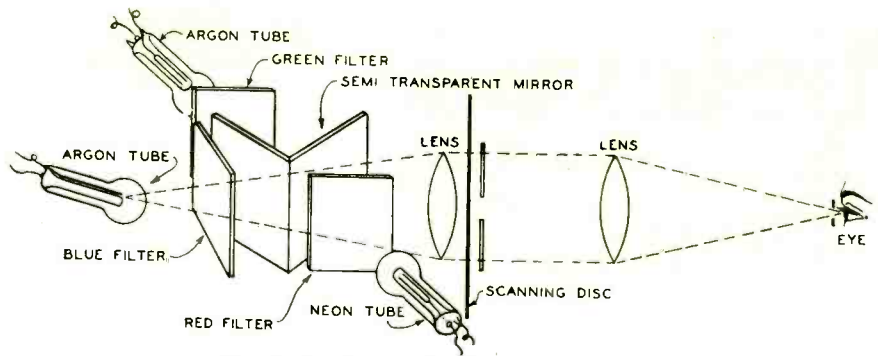


Fig. 2. Method of Viewing Received Image

to each other but each at 45 deg. to the line of sight. One lamp is then viewed directly through both mirrors and one lamp is seen by reflection from each, as illustrated in Fig. 2."

To obtain the three colors at the receiver three lamps were used. For the red, the usual neon-filled tube sufficed, but for the blue and green, two argon-filled lamps, one with a blue and the other with a green filter, were employed. The argon lamps were found to be less brilliant than the neon lamp and a special form of water-cooled lamp had to be designed to work at high current densities and special amplifiers were also required.

"The receiving apparatus at present consists of one of the 16 in. television discs used in our earlier experimental work. Behind it are the three special lamps and a lens system which focusses the light into a small aperture in front of the disc. The observer looking into this aperture receives through each hole of the disc as it passes by, the light from the three lamps—each controlled by its appropriate signal from the sending end. When the intensities of the

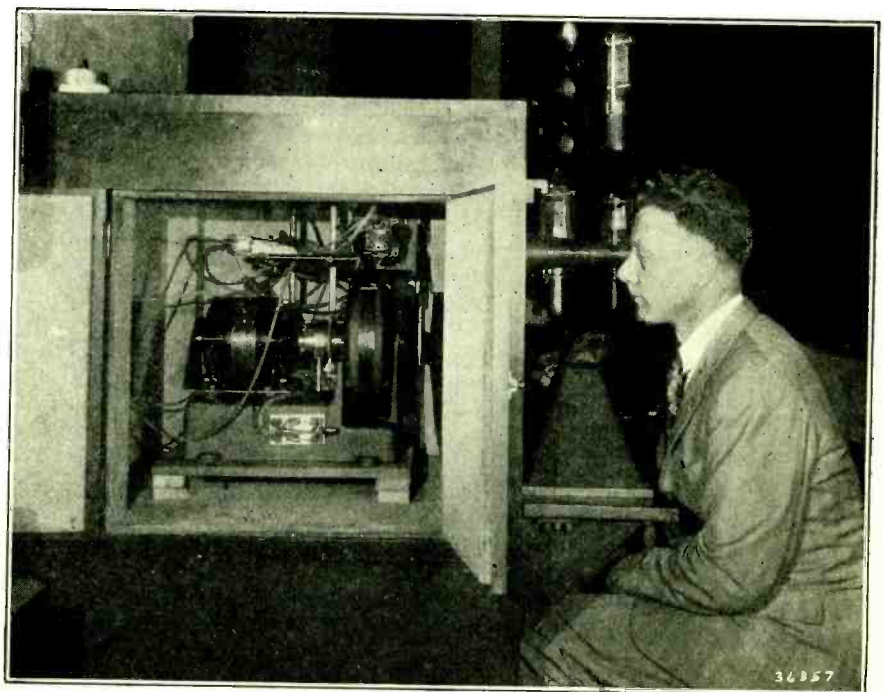
three images are properly adjusted he therefore sees an image in its true colors, and with the general appearance of a small colored motion picture."

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A separate air channel for a synchronizing signal for television experiments may be requested of the Federal Radio

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Side View of Receiving Equipment for Experiments with Television in Natural Colors

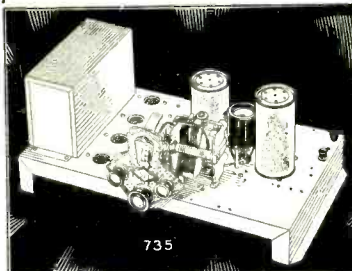
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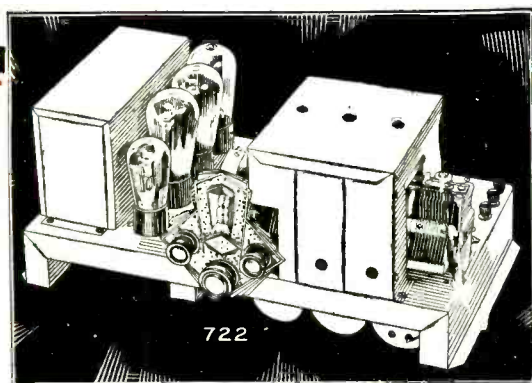


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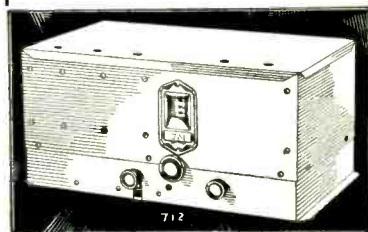
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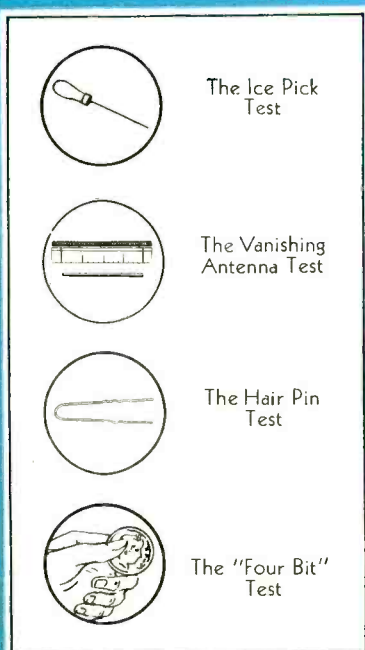
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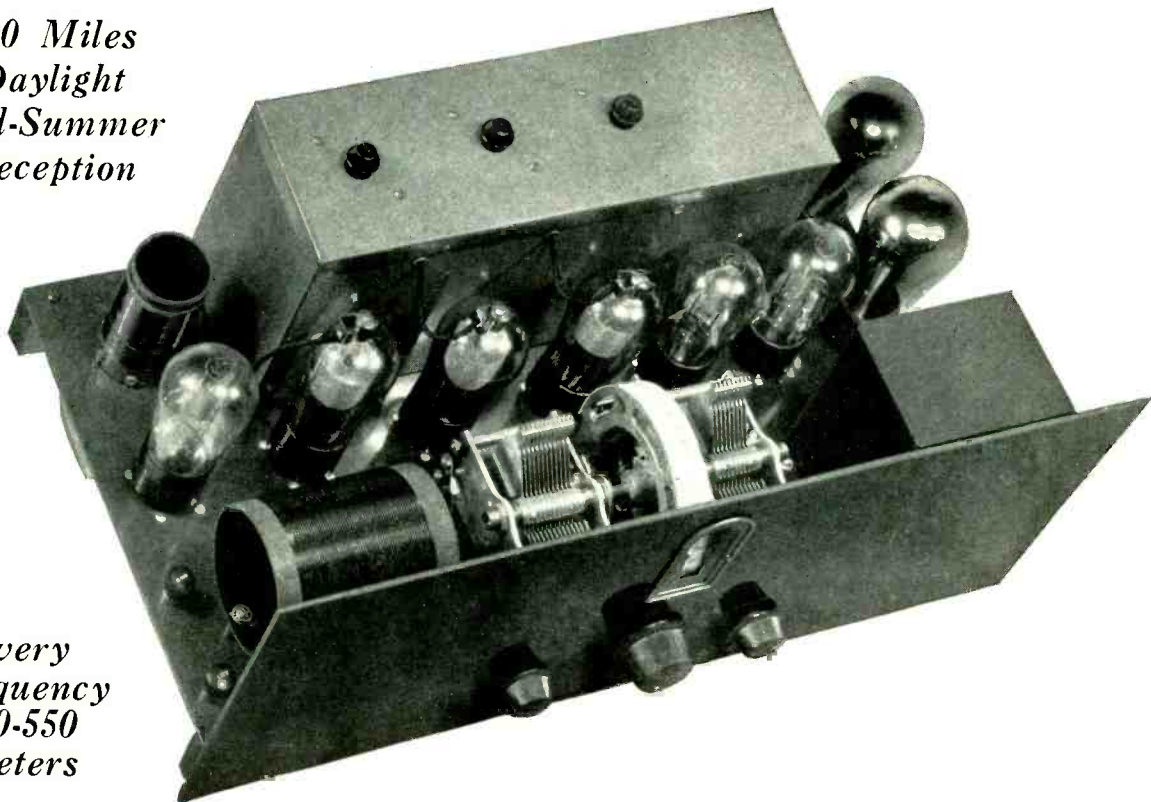
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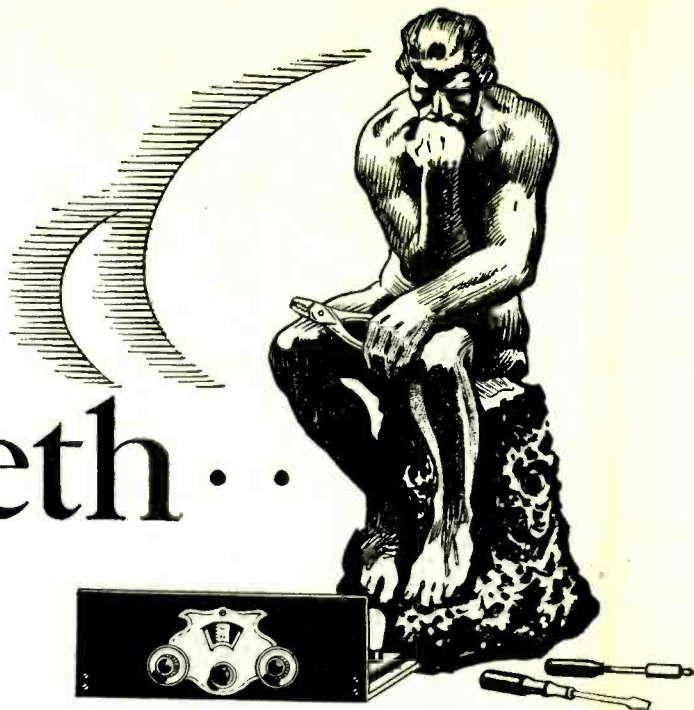
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"Every advance which has been made in the set manufacturing branch of the radio industry can be directly traced to the development of some new type of radio tube."

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"The radio manufacturer who fails to maintain the best laboratory and research personnel which his resources will permit is going to fade from the radio industry picture."

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"The necessity for rising from the easy chair or couch where one is comfortably resting for the evening, to cross the room and tune in a different station in order to hear a favorite program, will soon be as out-of-date as cranking a car."

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Manager, Pacific Coast District National
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"A radio receiver is like a three-legged stool, with the chassis, the loudspeaker and the cabinet forming the three supports. Unless the design of these three elements is harmonized, the results will be inferior. It is hopeless to expect the best tone quality from an assembly made of a high-quality chassis, an excellent loudspeaker and a cabinet which has not been treated acoustically to cooperate and harmonize with them."

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"No one appreciates the astounding progress of radio more than I do, for have I not seen this mass communication idea grow from my crude experiments of 1909 until the present national and international broadcasting system? Yet I venture to predict far greater progress during the next few years, due to our acceptance of organized research and engineering development as a means of guiding our radio future, rather than leaving it to chance invention and haphazard methods as in the past."

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Radiotorial Comment

By the Editor

SCIENTISTS predict that radio reception will be poorer during October of this year than it has been since radio became the favorite indoor sport of millions of Americans. This dire prediction is

Sun Spots and Radio Reception

based upon the expectation that there will be more dark spots on the sun than at any other time between 1923 and 1934. These spots are supposed to be the cause of magnetic disturbances which weaken radio signals. This should be a good healthy alibi when a new set fails to bring in a distant broadcast station.

HUGE sums have been spent by broadcast stations and their advertising clients in trying to determine what kind of a program is most acceptable to their listeners. While the prime purpose of

What Sells Radio?

these surveys is to increase the popularity of the broadcast station and to bring greater returns to the advertiser, they are also a guide as to the type of radio programs that will cause more of the American people to buy radio receivers. Consequently every man who sells radio sets is financially interested in the conclusions that are reached. For the sale of radio sets is fundamentally dependent upon the public's interest in what they can hear from the sets which are bought.

The conclusions, in general, show that different people are interested in different types of programs. Some want classical music and some want jazz. Some like speeches and some do not. Some follow the reports of sports and some prefer church services. Everybody is interested in the news of some outstanding event like the arrival of the Graf Zeppelin or the results of a presidential election. But there are not enough major news items to attract universal interest every day in the year.

So it is evident, to paraphrase Lincoln, that you can please all of the people part of the time and part of the people all of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time. Yet there is one acid

test that can be applied in determining the value of any program: It must be done well. A poor performance of any sort, no matter how popular the subject, creates the dissatisfaction that retards the sale of radio. A good performance of any kind, no matter how unpopular the instrumentality, arouses the enthusiasm that stimulates the sale of radio.

THE future of the business of conducting big radio shows for the general public is doubtful. Not that there is a lack of attendance, but that there is a question as to the value to the radio manufacturers

Future of Public Radio Shows

and jobbers who bear most of the cost. The crowds go to the shows not to see radio receivers but to be entertained at low cost by the radio artists who appear in person through the courtesy of various broadcast stations. The galleries are filled with listeners and lookers while the booths are empty of prospective buyers or crowded with the overflow of eyes and ears which are focused on the stage.

Of course all this tends to popularize radio in general. But the expense of such advertising seems greater than is warranted by the direct returns, especially when compared with other more effective advertising mediums. Consequently many manufacturers and jobbers have announced that they will withdraw their support from next year's public shows, leaving the dealer to hold the bag for the show promoter's profits. The slump in the stock of big public shows will probably be gradual but none the less certain.

These comments do not apply to the strictly trade shows nor to the radio exhibits in county and state fairs. These have an educational and sales value and can be conducted at a fraction of the cost of a public show where the radio industry assumes all the cost of attractions which draw a non-buying crowd. But really the best public showing of radio appears to be in the dealers' salesrooms or the buyer's home where pleasure is business and business is pleasure.

VARIOUS radio engineers differ in their opinions as to whether grid or plate rectification is better for use in a power detector. One man finds that a grid-leak detector is more sensitive, less subject to overload,

Grid or Plate Detection?

and causes less distortion than a plate detector. Another finds that the impedance or transformer coupling required, because of the relatively great current used in a power detector with grid-leak, changes the permeability of the core and introduces distortion in the phase and amplitude of the audio-frequency currents.

A third engineer states that the second harmonic distortion introduced by a plate detector followed by a single audio stage is only a little greater than that occurring with a grid detector of small signals, while a fourth man claims that doubling the voltage to the grid of the plate detector multiplies the second harmonic by four, the third harmonic by eight and the fourth harmonic by sixteen. This fourth man also states that one stage of audio-frequency amplification requires five times as much voltage on the grid of a plate detector as is required when two audio stages are used, the fourth harmonic then increasing 625 times.

"Who shall decide, when doctors disagree?" Surely not the dealer who has to sell receivers which employ different kinds of detector and audio amplifiers. Nor even the service man who has to shoot trouble on them.

Yet it is these honest differences of opinion that make for progress. They must be substantiated or disproved by laboratory tests. Nor should such tests be colored by any desire to prove that a particular opinion is well founded. They should be made over a wide range of identical input signal voltages, radio frequencies, percentages of modulation, output impedances, and other variables that may influence the results.

Furthermore, it will probably be found that distortions which are evident in computations on paper are not apparent to the ear and that both types of detection cause some frequency discrimination and amplitude distortion. In its present stage of development, plate detection gives good fidelity but less gain. With grid-leak detection a happy medium between gain and fidelity depends upon the proper choice of grid-leaks and condensers.

FROM time to time it has been suggested that radio broadcasting is a public utility and as such should be subjected to more vigorous regulation than can be given by the Federal Radio Commission. This

Broadcasting Is Not a Public Utility

idea is fostered by the "public convenience and necessity" clause in the radio law and implies the forced acceptance of any program for which the prescribed rate has been paid, regardless of quality, human interest or entertainment.

In arguing against such an interpretation of the service performed by radio broadcasting, John W.

Van Allen, R. M. A. legal counsel, likens this new means of providing information and entertainment to a newspaper, magazine or theater. All of these businesses must exercise discrimination in the selection of what they judge will please the public. Unlike a railroad, telegraph or telephone company, they cannot accept any and all traffic which is offered.

Mr. Allen's point seems to be well taken and is likely to forestall stricter governmental regulation if the broadcasters scrupulously follow the present regulations and also refrain from imposing tiresome sales talks upon their listeners.

RADIO interference, like the poor, is always with us. Since the advent of the multi-tube a-c set it has been more ubiquitous than ever, unexpectedly occurring anywhere. Formerly it traveled mostly through space from atmospheric discharges, station heterodynes, regenerative sets and electrical sparks. But now it also comes over the wires which supply power for the operation of the set. And it surely plays hob with reception when it comes, as every service man knows.

How to stop it is the biggest technical problem in radio today. This problem has two parts, one to find where it comes from and the other to prevent it from coming. It requires a detective to run it down and a straitjacket to confine it. A clever squad of sleuths go over the suspected district with surveying instruments for determining its direction and point of greatest intensity. Then when it is found, experiments are made with various electrical filter circuits until it is finally confined or killed. A radio trouble man is a combination of detective and jailer.

THE man who says that nine service men out of ten are crooks, is probably a man who does not pay them a living wage. Every man must eat. If his pay-check isn't big enough to cover the cost of the

Are Service Men Crooks?

bare necessities of life is he to be blamed if he practices a few tricks of the trade in order to knock down a few dollars? Morally—yes, but practically—no. The real blame belongs to the boss who forces his men to adopt such tactics for self-preservation.

Every radio service man knows lots of ways to fool the boss. He can service sets on his own time, he can sell tubes for unnecessary replacements, or he can dispose of many radio accessories at a profit. But no self-respecting man does these things unless he thinks that the boss is cheating him.

There is much idle prattle about loyalty. But loyalty cannot be given unless there is a corresponding assurance of protection against needless unemployment, unfair treatment, and a starvation wage. This is not socialism but common business sense. So the next time that the boss has to fire a man because of dishonesty, he should ask himself the question if he has treated the man right.

Simplified Formulas for the Design of R-F Transformers

IN NEUTRALIZED AND SCREEN-GRID CIRCUITS

By D. L. BEDINGFIELD

Some valuable suggestions for the factory engineer and radio experimenter.

RADIO frequency transformers are among the most vital elements in the satisfactory performance of a receiver. Upon their theoretical design and practical construction largely depend the selectivity and sensitivity which is attainable. The complicated design formulas which are ordinarily available to the engineer can be simplified by ignoring several somewhat negligible factors and by confining the discussion to transformers which are used in a neutralized circuit, thus avoiding the tube's regenerative contribution. Practical experience shows that it is necessary to neutralize even the screen-grid tube in order to obviate oscillation.

The first factor in the problem is the minimization of the coils' r-f resistance. The approximate r-f resistance of inductance coils may be calculated from the formulas and charts presented by the writer in January 1929 RADIO. While this might appear to be a matter of only academic interest, it will be shown that a knowledge of the r-f resistance of a transformer secondary is of paramount importance in designing a primary to secure maximum amplification.

In fact, most of the losses usually associated with an r-f circuit can and should be considered solely from their effect in increasing the effective r-f resistance of the secondary. By this means the primary can be calculated so as to be the best for that particular secondary in the receiver. Obviously this might be quite different when the secondary is disassociated from other apparatus.

Thus a tube-socket will increase the effective secondary resistance by a small fraction of an ohm. A serious increase in resistance may be introduced by screening which is not carefully arranged so as to be outside the dense portion of the coils' magnetic field. Even a carefully arranged screen may introduce 1/2 ohm increase in resistance. The losses due to a high-grade variable condenser are included in the author's estimates of percentage increase over calculated values for various types of windings listed in

January RADIO, since such a condenser was used in the measuring circuit.

In the formulas herein developed, the self and mutual capacity of windings will be neglected, since a consideration of them only serves to show the necessity of reducing them to truly negligible proportion. Furthermore, any error introduced by neglecting them is unimportant if certain of our suggestions are followed relative to reducing primary self-capacity and mutual capacity between primary and secondary.

Fig. 1 shows an r-f transformer circuit and its equivalent wherein a fictitious alternator develops a voltage $V = \mu v_g$, in series with a resistance ρ equal to the plate impedance of the tube under operating conditions. This combination feeds into a transformer comprising a primary which has an inductance

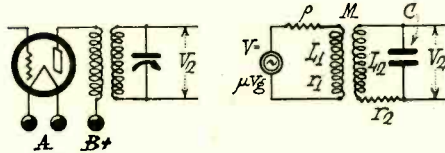


Fig. 1. R-F Transformer Circuit and Its Equivalent

inductance L_1 and resistance r_1 coupled to a secondary of inductance L_2 and resistance r_2 tuned to resonance by a condenser C ; the mutual inductance between the two windings is represented by M , and is equal to $k\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$ where k is the coupling factor (of which more will be said later) between the two coils; both r_1 and r_2 can, where appropriate, safely be neglected in comparison with ρ .

It can readily be shown that at resonance the secondary current will be

$$i = \frac{\omega M C V}{k^2 L_1 + \rho r_2 C} \quad (1)$$

Then, since the voltage applied across grid and filament of the succeeding tube is that across C , it will, at resonance, be

$$V_2 = \frac{i}{\omega C} = \frac{M V}{\omega C (k^2 L_1 + \rho r_2 C)} \quad (2)$$

Putting successively, $M = k\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$

and $\sqrt{\frac{L_2}{L_1}} = t$, this becomes

$$V_2 = \frac{t k L_2 V}{k^2 L_2 + \rho r_2 C t^2} \quad (3)$$

Then if $a = \frac{k}{t}$

$$V_2 = \frac{L_2 V}{a L_2 + \frac{\rho r_2 C}{a}} \quad (4)$$

By differentiation it will be found that V_2 is a maximum when the two terms in the denominator are equal, i. e., when

$$a L_2 = \frac{\rho r_2 C}{a} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{or } a = \sqrt{\frac{\rho r_2 C}{L_2}}$$

It is well known that at resonance the secondary winding comprises a dynamic resistance of value $R = L_2 / C r_2$ so that (5) can be written $a = \sqrt{\rho / R}$.

Now $a = k/t$, and since in practice k , the coupling factor, is usually determined by the type of construction adopted and is therefore constant, we can put $t = k\sqrt{R/\rho}$

$$\text{or } t(\text{opt}) = k\sqrt{\frac{L_2}{\rho r_2 C}} \quad (8)$$

Normally L_2 consists of an inductance of fixed value, so that C is fixed by the frequency of the station to be received according to the formula

$$f = 10^6 / 2\pi\sqrt{L_2 C}$$

where L_2 and C are expressed in microhenries and microfarads respectively.

Since both C and r_2 vary with the frequency to which the secondary is tuned, and since the product of the two is not constant, it will be clear from a cursory consideration of (8) that a given primary can only be an optimum at one particular wavelength; in other words, the transformer should be adjusted for operation at a particular frequency. It is desirable that this frequency should be towards the lower end of the broadcast frequency scale in order to counteract to some extent (although the possible variation is slight) the tendency towards greater amplification at the higher frequencies; 640 kilocycles (469 meters) seemed a suitable frequency to adopt for design and it is for this reason that the audio-frequency resistance of broadcast coils (r_2 in our present discussion) was given for that frequency in the article previously referred to.

The maximum possible amplification obtainable from our transformer-tube combination can readily be determined from (4) by substituting in that equation the values of a given by (6); remembering also that $L_2/Cr_2=R$ we have from (4)

$$V_2 = \frac{L_2 V}{L_2 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{R}} + \frac{\rho r_2 C}{\sqrt{\rho}}} = \frac{V \frac{L_2}{Cr_2}}{\frac{L_2}{Cr_2} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{R}} + \rho \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{\rho}}} = \frac{VR}{R \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{R}} + \rho \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{\rho}}}$$

$$= \frac{V}{\frac{\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{R}} + \frac{\rho}{R} \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{\rho}}} = \frac{V}{2} \frac{\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{\rho}} = \frac{\mu v_g}{2} \frac{\sqrt{L_2}}{\sqrt{\rho Cr_2}}$$

The maximum possible amplification is, then

$$\frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\sqrt{L_2}}{\sqrt{\rho Cr_2}} \quad (9)$$

It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to point out that, since at any particular frequency L_2 , C and r_2 are all fixed, the ratio $\mu/\sqrt{\rho}$ is an extremely useful basis for comparison of the amplification obtainable from tubes of various types when suitable transformers are used, since the maximum amplification obtainable will be directly proportional to this ratio. Neither is it, I think, necessary to go any farther to show that the conditions for maximum amplification require the dynamic resistance in the plate circuit shall be equal to the impedance of the tube under operating conditions; the method of design makes the satisfaction of this requirement (where it can reasonably be satisfied) a matter of necessity rather than choice.

Returning now to equation (8), it will be seen that in order to determine the optimum value of t (the square root of the ratio between secondary and primary inductances) it is necessary first to

know the value of the factor k , corresponding to the coupling between the two coils. The obvious and accurate method of obtaining the value of k for any two coils is to make use of an inductance bridge (certain types of which have been described in these pages before) to measure the inductance of the two coils in series aiding and in series opposing. The difference between the two readings represents four times the mutual inductance M ; knowing the mutual inductance, k is then calculated from the formula previously given.

Unfortunately we cannot in this instance adopt so simple and accurate a method, since our primary inductance is unknown until the transformer design is complete. Consequently it is necessary first to arrive at some approximation for k , the accuracy of which may be tested by measurement in the fashion outlined above when the construction of the transformer is commenced; any substantial difference between the approximation and the measured coupling factor can then be accommodated by a modification in design. Such an approxima-

tion applicable in the case of two coils mounted coaxially and concentrically

is the following: $k = \frac{DS^2 \times LS}{DL^2 \times LL} \quad (10)$

the symbols representing the dimensions shown diagrammatically in Fig. 2. It can be taken for granted that the two

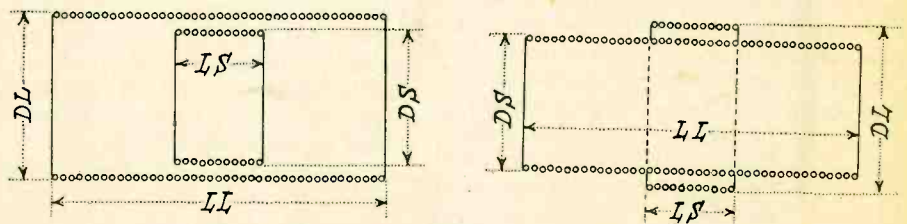


Fig. 2. Dimensional Symbols for Equation (10)

coils will always be mounted coaxially; it may, however, not always be desired to keep them concentric.

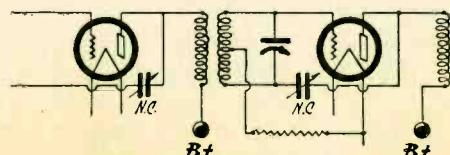


Fig. 3. Neutralized Circuit for Concentric Mounting of Coils

Where a neutralized circuit of the type shown in Fig. 3 is used, concentric mounting is ideal; this circuit, however, suffers from the disadvantage that a part out of the voltage developed across C is applied between grid and filament of the succeeding tube so that amplification is reduced.

Where a neutralized circuit of the type shown in Fig. 4, or an unbalanced

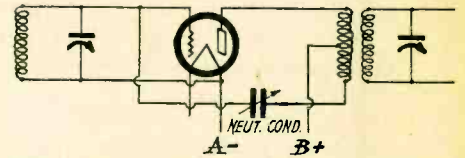


Fig. 4. Neutralized Circuit for Non-Concentric Mounting

circuit such as that commonly used with the shielded grid tube, is adopted, it may be advisable to move the primary down to the low-potential end of the secondary to reduce the effect of such capacity as exists between primary and secondary. It will be clear that this will reduce the coupling factor somewhat, but, with the relatively short coils in common use, the effect will not be marked; even in the somewhat extreme case where the centers of the coils are displaced by an amount equal to the radius of the secondary, the reduction in k is only some 20 per cent; a more probable reduction in most instances is 10 per cent and that figure is, in fact, what the writer usually assumes; where the secondary is very short, of course, this correction factor requires to be reduced accordingly, as it does when the primary is spaced over a considerable length of the secondary.

It may be noted, in passing, that owing to the flatness of the curve corresponding to amplification with an increasing transformer ratio, it is, for amateur design at least, permissible to rely wholly upon the approximation to k given above, provided the transformer is of the type generally used; that is, two

solenoids having diameters not greatly divergent, the primary being wound directly over or under some part of the secondary and having a winding length somewhere between one-quarter and three-quarters that of the secondary.

Furthermore, it should be pointed out that, by measuring the mutual inductance of two coils of known inductance having physical dimensions and coupling identical with those which the

component coils of the completed transformer will have, it is possible to obtain the coupling factor k with sufficient accuracy to dispense with the need for any subsequent measurement. The assessment, by measurement, of the coupling factor k for a representative series of coils simulating the component coils of an r-f transformer is a study which might be commended to the notice of any experimenter with the necessary time and patience, the more so since no great degree of accuracy need be attempted.

Having ascertained the approximate coupling factor k , equation (8) can then be applied to find t . While t , when ascertained, can as a rough approximation be regarded as not varying greatly from the turns ratio, to attain any degree of precision it is necessary to correct this ratio (which, it will be remembered, is that of the square roots of the

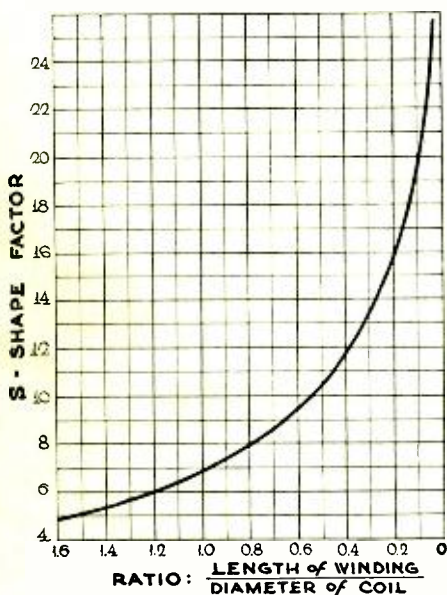


Fig. 5. Shape-Factor Curve

inductances of secondary and primary) both for the differing diameters of the two coils and for the differing shape factors; in the article previously referred to, the formula for the inductance (in microhenries) of a solenoid was given as $L = S N^2 D / 1000$, where N = number of turns, D diameter in centimeters, and S a shape factor to be read from a chart suitably extended in Fig. 5 to cover the very short windings sometimes used for primaries.

To correct for the variation in shape factor, the shape factor must be ascertained from the chart for both primary and secondary; it will normally be found that the shape factor for the primary is greater than that for the secondary, and the turns ratio will be greater than t according to the ratio existing between the square roots of the two shape factors; thus, supposing a secondary winding of 80 turns, for which we had calculated $t = 4$, while the shape

factor for the primary was 16 and that for the secondary 4, then since $\sqrt{16}/\sqrt{4} = 2$, the actual turns ratio of the transformer will be found by multiplying the ascertained value of t by 2, which gives a turns ratio of 8, or a primary winding of 10 turns. Similarly the transformer ratio should, strictly speaking, be greater or less than t according as the square root of the primary diameter is greater or less than that of the secondary diameter; in practice, however, the difference in diameter of the two windings is usually so small that no valuation in ratio need be made.

Notably in the case of the screened-grid tube, and also in cases where an exceedingly high degree of selectivity is required, it will not always be practical or convenient to use the optimum primary; in the case of the screened-grid tube in particular, difficulty is often encountered with double-hump resonance curves when the primary is made large enough to properly match the characteristics of the tube. In such cases it is advisable to work out from equation (3) a curve covering amplification with various values of t , the ratio between the square root of secondary and primary inductances. Such a curve will immediately show the point at which the reduction in amplification becomes so rapid as to render further reduction of the primary uneconomical.

For the sake of completeness, an example of the design of an optimum primary will be worked out. Assume a secondary design following the charts in the article previously referred to. A .00035 mf condenser will be used so that an inductance of 280 mh is suitable. Assume further that the winding will be of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter and of equal length, and will be wound with wire of the optimum diameter, which reference to the chart shows to be approximately No. 24; 80 turns will be required. The transformer design will be based on an optimum performance at 640 kc (469 meters) so that the r-f resistance of the secondary to be used in our design will be the resistance at that frequency, or, from the chart 4.5 ohms. Allowing 1.5 ohms as the equivalent increase in secondary resistance due to coil former, condenser, tube socket, screening, etc., our total equivalent secondary resistance is 6 ohms. The particular tube in use has a working impedance of 9000 ohms and an amplification factor of 7. The total capacity required to tune to 640 kc with an inductance of 280 mh will be approximately .00022 mf from the formula $f = 10^6 / 2\pi\sqrt{L_2 C}$.

We shall require to know in addition the approximate magnitude of the coupling factor k . Our primary, we will assume, is to be wound over the secondary on spacing strips $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick covering 1.5 in. at the low-potential end of

the secondary; then mean primary diameter is approximately 2.65 in. and from (10) $k = \frac{2.5^2 \times 1.5}{2.65^2 \times 2.5} = 0.534$. Since

the center of the primary winding is located $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from that of the secondary the coupling factor will be reduced by something between 5 and 10 per cent, so that we will assume k to be 0.5.

Then from (8) t (optimum)

$$= 0.5 \sqrt{\frac{280}{9000 \times 6 \times 0.00022}}$$

(since C and L_2 enter into this particular equation only as a ratio, it is permissible to express them in microfarads and microhenries rather than in farads and henries, but such a practice must be exercised with care, since in many equations it is not permissible)

or t (optimum) $= 0.5 \sqrt{23.57} = 2.43$.

Then the ratio of the square roots of the inductances must be 2.43; but the shape factor S is 6.8 for the secondary and 10 for the primary. Thus the turns ratio will be $2.43 \sqrt{10/6.8} = 2.94$, subject to a correction factor corresponding to the square roots of primary and secondary diameters, which, since the primary diameter is greater than that of the secondary, results in an increase in the turns ratio to $2.65/2.5 =$ approximately 3 to 1. Thus, since our secondary has 80 turns, our primary must have $80 \div 3 = 26$ turns. Under these circumstances, and applying equation (9) this is found

$$\text{to be } \frac{7}{2\sqrt{9000 \times 0.00022 \times 6}} = \text{approximately } 17.$$

If it were wished to increase the turns ratio and thus the selectivity, this could be done and the amplification ascertained from (3) or (4); the writer must admit that he is not altogether in agreement with those who adopt this means of enhancing selectivity, preferring rather to increase the efficiency of the secondary and thus permit an increase in transformer ratio (and consequently selectivity) while still loading the tube to secure its optimum performance. A great deal has been accomplished in this connection by the use of secondaries wound with r-f cable or Litzendraht, with the added advantage of flattening the amplification-frequency curve; particulars of these results, however, will have to wait for a future article.

In any case, too great a degree of selectivity in any one stage has the undesirable effect of clipping side-bands; the proper method of securing extreme selectivity is by means of a plurality of tuned circuits not too sharply selective rather than by means of one or two circuits of extreme selectivity.

It is, of course, recognized that the

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Inside FACTORY BUILT RECEIVERS...

By "RADIO" LABORATORY STAFF

MAJESTIC MODEL 90

THIS is a seven-tube receiver in which five type '27 tubes are used in the four r-f stages and detector and two '45 tubes in push-pull comprise the sole a-f stage. Short and long antenna posts are provided for local and distant reception. The antenna is connected to the grid of the first r-f tube through a tuned coil, the inductance of which is variable by means of a sliding metal cup which is fitted over it. This constitutes the antenna trimmer, or selectivity control. An r-f choke, shunted with a .001 μf condenser is connected across the antenna and ground connections and one of the units of the five-gang condenser is connected across both the tuned coil and the filter. The grid of the first tube returns to ground through the antenna

coil and the r-f choke, and is neutralized through a condenser and a section of the succeeding secondary inductance. The plate circuit is coupled inductively to the grid circuit of the second tube.

The first three cathodes are connected together and returned to ground through two variable resistors. The first is of 75,000 ohms and constitutes the volume control. The second is attached to the end of the gang condenser shaft and has a range of from 500 to 2,500 ohms. This resistor makes a slight change in the grid bias of the first three r-f tubes as the tuning dial is turned, tending to equalize the sensitivity of the receiver over the full scale. The effectiveness of this system is shown in the sensitivity curve in Fig. 4.

Two .5 μf condensers bypass the first three cathodes and the plates of the

first two tubes. Another .5 μf condenser bypasses the fourth r-f cathode while a fourth bypasses the plates of the third and fourth tubes. The cathode of the fourth r-f tube goes to ground through an 1,800 ohm resistor which supplies the grid with a negative bias of 9 volts.

The detector is truly a power detector. It operates on the plate rectification principle, with 270 volts on the plate and 30 volts on the grid. This grid bias is supplied from the drop through a 35,000 ohm resistor which separates the grid from the cathode. The latter is bypassed through a 1 μf condenser while the plate bypass condenser is of .004 μf capacity. An r-f choke in the plate circuit also helps keep the radio frequency out of the audio system.

The a-f stage is transformer coupled

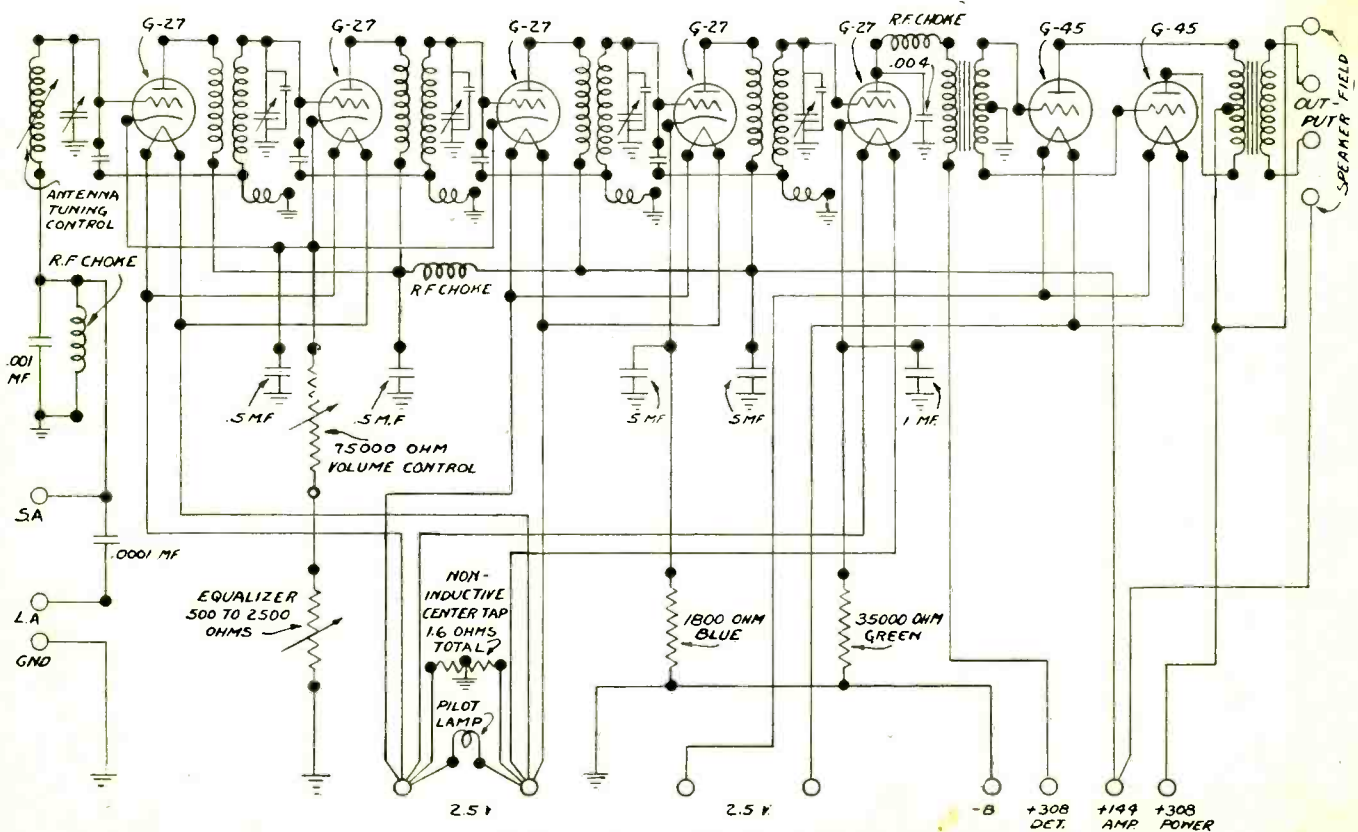


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Majestic Model 90

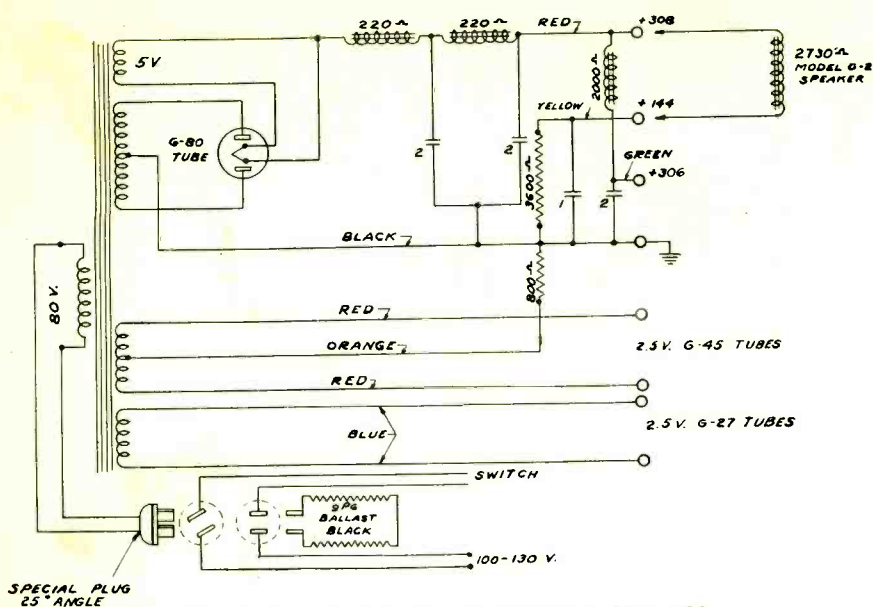


Fig. 2. Power Supply Circuit of Majestic Model 90

with 300 volts on the plate, 50 of which are dropped through an 800 ohm resistor in the power pack for use as the bias between the filament center tap and grids.

The power supply contains a single transformer with a ballast resistor in series with the a-c line and the primary. There are four secondaries: for the rectifier filament, high voltage, '27 filaments and '45 filaments. The high voltage is filtered through two chokes and two 2 μ f condensers. The speaker field reduces the voltage from 308 to 144 volts for use on the plates of the r-f tubes. The detector voltage is taken from the 308 volt tap, passed through a third choke and bypassed through another 2 μ f condenser. A 3,600 ohm resistor, shunted with a 1 μ f condenser, is connected across the 144 volt tap and ground for purposes of stabilization.

The receiver assembly consists of three units: one containing the r-f

transformers, bypass condensers, sockets and chokes; one consisting of the tuning condenser gang, dial and equalizer; and the third housing the power apparatus. The efficiency of the receiver

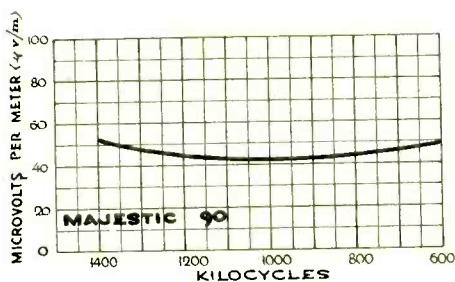
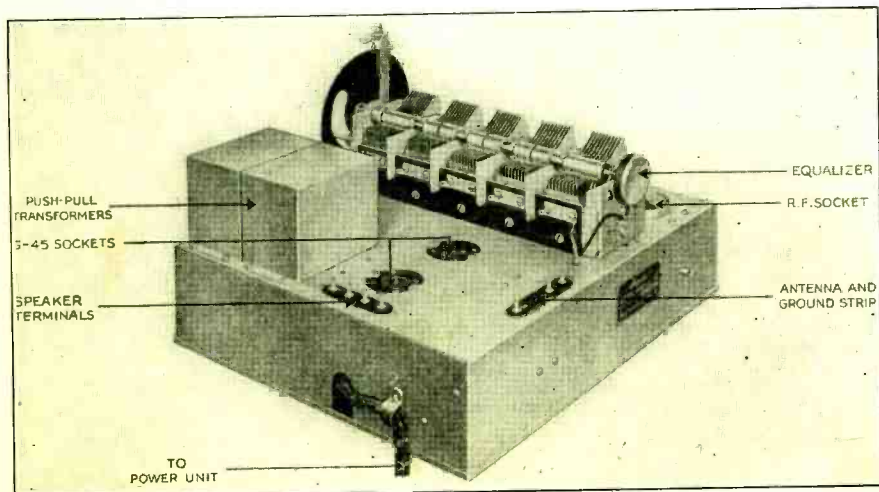


Fig. 4. Majestic 90 Sensitivity Curve

This sensitivity curve is unusually flat, showing a maximum variation of 11 microvolts per meter over the complete dial range. This is made possible by an automatic variation of the grid bias of the first three tubes. The curve shows the number of microvolts per meter of antenna height necessary in the field strength of a broadcast station to produce a 50 milliwatt output from the receiver.



Chassis of Majestic 90

has been measured in RADIO's laboratory, a stock receiver having been used. The curves in Figs. 3, 4 and 5 give the dealer and service man a good idea of what may be expected of the Majestic 90 models when set up under average conditions.

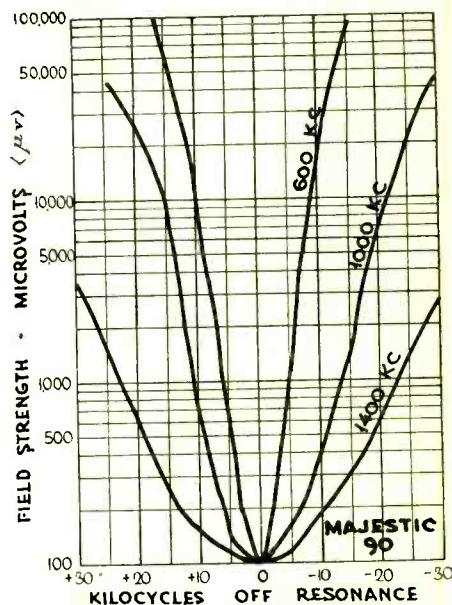


Fig. 3. Selectivity Curves of Majestic 90

Like most present day receivers, the Majestic 90 shows greater selectivity at the lower frequencies than at the high. The 600 kc curve shows that a station on 610 kc would have to have a field strength of 10,000 microvolts to deliver the same amount of power at the output of the receiver as the 600 kc station to which the receiver was tuned. At 1400 kc, however, only 150 microvolts are required by an interfering station 10 kc off resonance to equal the output of the station with the 100 microvolt field. If the interfering station were 30 kc away, on the positive side, it would require a field strength of 3500 microvolts to equal the 1400 kc station.

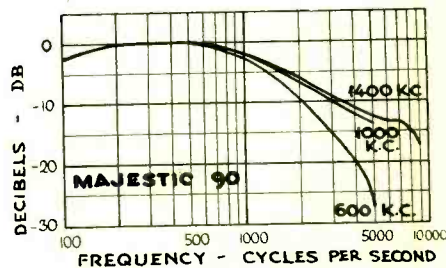


Fig. 5. Fidelity Curves of Majestic Model 90

These fidelity curves show a drop at both the low and high frequencies. The loss of 2 1/2 db at 100 cycles is not of importance, however, nor does the drop at the high frequency end of the scale take on serious proportions except in the case of the 600 kc curve. This one passes the 10 db mark at a point just above 2000 cycles, decreasing steadily until the notes and harmonics between 4000 and 5000 cycles are reproduced with less than one-twentieth the volume of the lower notes.

GILFILLAN MODEL 100

THIS receiver employs a rather unusual circuit, using '27 tubes in four tuned r-f stages, a '24 as a power detector, a '27 in the first a-f stage and a '45 power tube. The antenna is coupled to the first grid circuit in one of two ways: if a long antenna is to be used it is connected to a primary coil; if the antenna is short it is connected to a tap in the secondary coil. A specially designed variable resistor is connected across the primary to the cathodes of the four r-f tubes, the movable arm being grounded. This serves as the volume and sensitivity control, varying the strength of the incoming signal at the same time as it varies the grid bias on the r-f tubes. The resistance of this resistor is 15,000 ohms. A 450-ohm fixed resistor is in series with the volume control so that the r-f grids will never be operated without bias.

An 800-ohm resistor is included in each r-f grid lead for the purpose of suppressing oscillation, and a neutralizing condenser is connected between the primary circuit of each stage and that of the subsequent stage. The r-f cathode lead and the r-f plate lead are each bypassed to ground through a .5 μ f condenser.

Power detection is used, the plate of the detector being supplied with the same voltage as that fed to the r-f and first a-f plates. The detector grid receives its bias from the drop through a 25,000-ohm resistor. The detector screen-grid is supplied from the r-f high voltage line also, a 500,000-ohm resistor dropping this voltage to the required amount. Both the screen-grid resistor and the cathode resistor are bypassed by .5 μ f condensers.

The first a-f stage is resistance coupled and the second is resistance-impedance coupled. A .0001 μ f condenser and an r-f choke serve as an r-f filter in the detector plate circuit. The plate resistor is of .25 megohm and is coupled to a .5 megohm grid resistor through a .1 μ f condenser. The plate resistor in the second stage is of 20,000 ohms resistance and is coupled to the

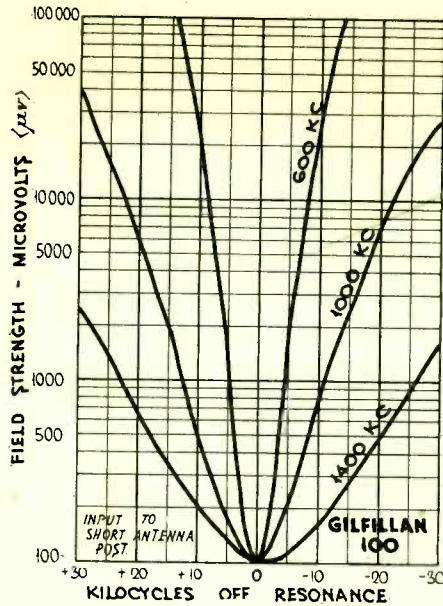


Fig. 2. Selectivity Curves of Gilfillan Receiver

These curves were taken with the receiver adjusted so that a field strength of 100 microvolts produced an output of 50 milliwatts. It will be seen in the 600 kc curve that at a point of 10 kc above resonance 20,000 microvolts were required from the testing equipment in order to give the 50 milliwatt output. The ratio of interference between a station at resonance and a station on 610 kc would therefore be 200:1. If it should be desired to know how much louder is the 600 kc station than the 610 kc station, the receiver being tuned to 600 kc and the field strengths of the two stations being equal, turn to Arthur Hobart's article in this issue and look up the number of decibels opposite the voltage ratio 200:1. The answer is 46 db; therefore the 600 kc station is 46 sound units louder than the 610 kc station.

When the receiver is tuned to 1,400 kc, however, it requires from the oscillator, at 1,140 kc, only 200 microvolts to produce the 50 mw output. This is just twice as much when the oscillator is 10 kc off resonance as when tuned to the same frequency as the receiver. At 1,430 kc 2500 microvolts are required.

grid impedance by another .1 μ f condenser. The output of the '45 tube is fed direct into the speaker input transformer.

The power unit employs a transformer with a tapped primary, high-voltage secondary, a five-volt secondary for the '80 rectifier tube and a 2 1/2-volt secondary for all other tubes. The filter

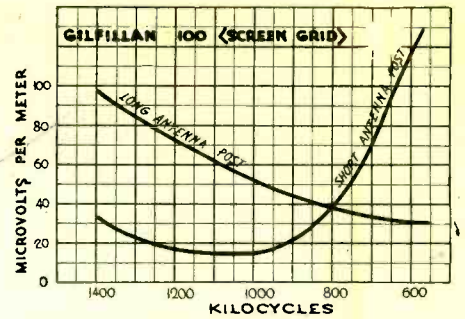


Fig. 3. Sensitivity Curves of Gilfillan Model 100

Here are two widely different sensitivity curves which should be of great value to the installer of a Gilfillan receiver. The dummy antenna used in the testing device was equivalent to four meters (13 ft.) in height. The curves show that the receiver is most sensitive at 1,000 and 1,400 kc when the antenna is connected to the short antenna post and that it is most sensitive at 600 kc when the long antenna post is used. If the set is to be installed near some high-powered stations on the low frequencies a sacrifice in sensitivity at 600 kc might be considered in favor of greater sensitivity in the higher frequencies.

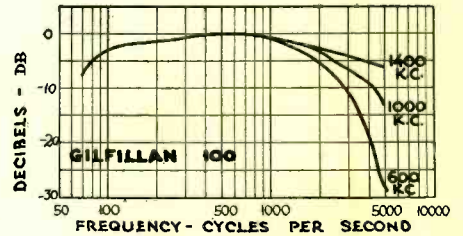


Fig. 4. Fidelity Curves of Gilfillan Receiver

This set of curves shows almost a straight line over a space of two octaves, from middle C (256 cycles) to C'' (1,024 cycles). The only fall that may give cause for concern is that of the 600 kc curve, which shows a loss of almost 30 db on the 5,000 cycle notes. This is due to sharp selectivity on 600 kc and seems to be a general characteristic of present day receivers.

includes two π sections and the field winding of the speaker. A 4,000-ohm stabilizing resistor is connected across the output. A 1,500-ohm resistor, shunted by a 1 μ f condenser, provides the grid voltage for the '45 tube, this being the only tube in the circuit in which the grid circuit is returned to the filament center tap. The negative side of the power supply unit is grounded.

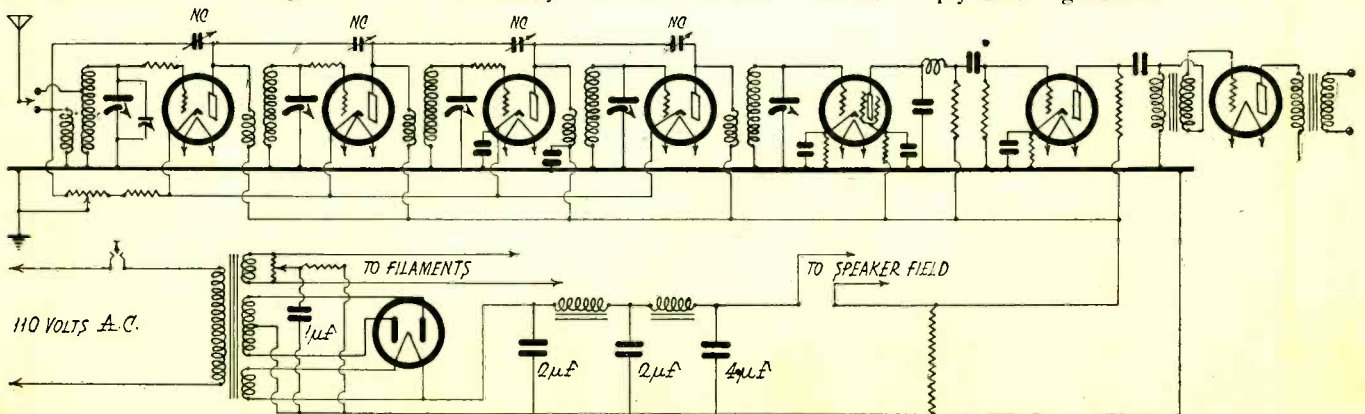


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Gilfillan Model 100 Receiver

Ideas for the Bench Man

By WALTER DOYLE

How to make an audibility meter and a tester for short circuits in tubes, and why silicon steel is still used instead of permalloy in audio transformers.

Audibility Ratio Meter

AROUND the test and experimental bench it is often desirable to test the audibility of radio receivers under certain operating conditions, also for checking and matching tubes in receivers to determine which will produce the greater output. Many experimenters judge the increase in volume by sound of ear, but at the best, this method is very uncertain as the imagination can realize many things that are not so. With an audibility ratio meter any set may be checked for volume output against another. For comparing signal strength of different receivers, this is a distinct asset.

The parts used in the construction of the instrument are: two 5000 ohm potentiometers, four binding posts, one 4 x 4 x

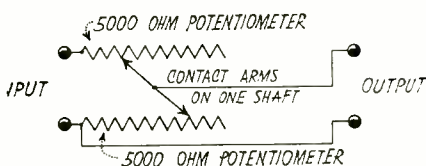


Fig. 1. Circuit for Audibility Ratio Meter

3/16-inch panel and a small cabinet to mount the completed instrument. These are connected as shown in Fig. 1, the two resistance units being connected with one common shaft, as shown in Fig. 2, which is brought through a hole in the panel and controlled by a dial on front. The scale of the dial can be calibrated in points of audibility or one can use the arbitrary reading of 0-100, or as many points as the individual builder desires.

The instrument is mounted in a small carrying case to permit taking on a

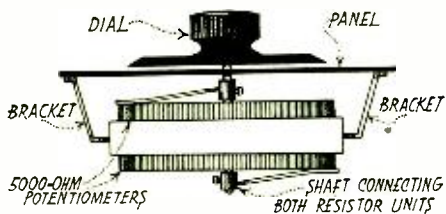


Fig. 2. Arrangement of Parts for Meter

trouble call where a set owner thinks his signal strength from a certain station is not on par with his next door neighbor.

By connecting the output of the receiver to the input of the audibility meter and a pair of headphones to output, then by varying the control knob, the signal can be reduced from maximum to a point where the signal is barely

audible and the dial reading noted. A similar procedure on a receiver at another location will ascertain whether or not the output signal strength is about the same, as it would be if the sound is barely audible in the headphones at the same dial setting.

This type of instrument can be used in many ways around the experimental bench and in field tests and is a great help in determining audibility ratios between units under such a test.

Testing Tubes for Short Circuits

TUBES can be easily tested for short circuits with a tester made from three flashlight cells, a tube socket and three flashlight bulbs. The parts are connected as shown in Fig. 3. It will quickly find short circuits between

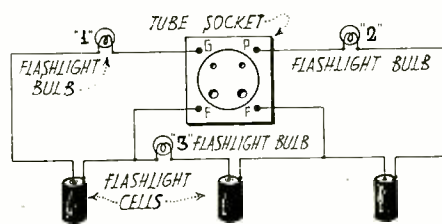


Fig. 3. Tube Tester for Short Circuits

grid-plate and grid-filament and open or burned out filament.

Upon inserting a tube in the socket, if lamp 3 burns, it shows the filament of the tube to be O.K. If not, the filament is probably burned out and no further tests are necessary. If lamp 3 burns, the other two should remain unlit if the tube is to be in perfect shape. Should lamp 1 light, the grid and the filament of the tube are touching and the best remedy is to discard the tube, as putting it in a receiver may cause serious damage. If lamp 2 burns, the grid and plate are touching in the tube and should be discarded.

Sometimes the short circuits causing lamps 2 and 1 to light can be remedied by gently tapping the tube in the palm of the hand when the elements may separate and clear the short, which will be evident should the lamp in the circuit under test fail to light.

This makes a small and convenient tester for tube shorts, as many of the commercial type of tube checkers have the grid and plate tied together for filament emission tests and there is no way to indicate the condition existing between the other elements.

Silicon vs. Nickel in Transformers

THE problem of designing audio transformers which will faithfully amplify 60 and even 30 cycles, corresponding to the tendency to thus extend the lower limit of broadcast transmitters and of loudspeakers, is primarily one of increasing the input inductance of the transformer, although an increase of the plate impedance of the tube is also effective. The inductance of the transformer depends upon the number of turns of wire on the coil, the size of the core, and the permeability of the core material. Adding primary turns causes a loss of high frequencies due to coil capacity, so high permeability nickel alloys are being used to an increasing extent. These alloys of nickel and iron have high permeability at low flux densities, the conditions encountered in audio transformer primaries.

However, these alloys have some disadvantages. The high permeability is maintained over a rather limited range of flux density, and falls off rapidly at higher or lower values. They saturate easily. This difficulty is becoming more important as the plate currents of the vacuum tubes are increased.

A more serious objection is that the transformer is permanently damaged by an increase in field strength, such as might result from accidental connection in a circuit without a C battery, or where a C battery is run down or where the plate current is abnormally high. Such temporary increase in flux through the core permanently changes the characteristics of the material.

On the other hand, silicon steel is not permanently affected by increases in flux. The frequency characteristic of the transformer is, of course, affected by core saturation while it exists, but the effect is not lasting. These considerations render the nickel alloy transformers particularly valuable for special laboratory work, or in commercial installations where care is taken to insure proper operation. All the electrical advantages of the nickel alloys may be obtained with silicon steel by adjustment of other factors in the design.

It has been found that when the lower end of the characteristic had been extended as desired, by changes in the coil and core, there was a tendency toward resonance at high frequencies as well as a falling off of amplification. These difficulties were overcome by changes in

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Radio Pickups

Items of trade interest from here, there, and everywhere, concentrated for the hurried reader.

Paul Ware, president of the Ware Manufacturing Corporation, is notifying other manufacturers as to their infringement on his patent wherein the use of selective shields in an r-f amplifier is claimed to prevent signal pickup through other means than the antenna system, his purpose being to arrange for licenses.

The De Forest 422 d-c screen-grid audion is being made with a rugged oxide-coated filament so as to avoid microphonic trouble and to give long life. Its filament current is .132 amp. at 3.3 volts. Its plate takes 135 volts, its screen-grid 45 volts and its control grid -1.5 volts.

Cornell Electric Manufacturing Company, Long Island City, N. Y., are making a Cub condenser in capacities from .0001 to .006 mf for grid and bypass uses. It is a non-inductive three-paper condenser designed to withstand a flash of 1,500 volts d-c. It is self-mounting with terminal controls rigidly fastened to a vacuum-dial and impregnated mandrel.

The Radio Announcers School of America has been opened at Indianapolis to teach English, enunciation, radio theory, program instruction, radio advertising, and sales.

A new cabinet, model 75 Concert Grand, has been added to the Model 60 Lowboy and Model 95 Highboy for housing the Silver Radio eight-tube, screen-grid chassis and a 10-inch electro-dynamic speaker.

The Van Horne Tube Company has developed a 280 rectifier tube with metal plates instead of screen plates. It is designed to prevent burn-out from heavy overloads or fluctuating line voltage and is intended for use with sets having 245 tubes. For other types of power tubes it is better to use a 280 tube having screen plates as it is less gassy.

An analysis by W. P. Bear of the exhibits at the Pacific Radio Show in San Francisco shows that of the 214 radio sets exhibited, 86 per cent were consoles, 98 per cent operate from 110-volt a-c, 93 per cent use tuned r-f or neutrodyne circuits (40 per cent having screen-grid tubes) and 60 per cent use '45 type tubes in push-pull in the last audio stage, 20 per cent using a single power tube, and the balance other power tubes in push-pull. The number of tubes per set is increasing, averaging 3.8 in 1925, 5.66 in 1926, 6.26 in 1927, 6.54 in 1928, and 6.95 in 1929, including rectifier tubes. Sets having seven or eight tubes are in the majority, 32 per cent having seven and 32.8 per cent having eight tubes. Six-tube sets come next with 19.8 per cent. Prices of consoles without phonographs range from \$84.25 to \$595, averaging \$241, which is \$61 less than the average 1928 price and \$31 less than the average 1927 price. These figures represent the exhibits of forty-five manufacturers.

Fada engineers state that two stages of audio amplification are necessary with a power detector in order to avoid distortion from detector overload. The detector and first audio stage should be capable of overloading the power stage before either of them reaches the overload point.

De Forest engineers have changed the rating of the screen-grid audion from 75 to 90 volts for the a-c screen grid and from -1.5 to -3 volts for the control grid, with 2.5 volt filament supply and 180 volt plate supply. This change prevents the tendency of the last r-f stages to draw grid current which results in broad tuning and modulation of the carrier wave. Under the new rating the amplification constant, plate resistance, mutual conductance, plate current and control grid current are essentially the same as under the old rating.

Figures compiled for NEMA indicate that May, June and July sales of radio totaled \$91,000,000, and for the year from June 30, 1928, to June 30, 1929, \$510,000,000. This means the sale of more than 3,108,000 sets, of which 13 per cent were battery operated. The regional analysis included in the July 1 quarterly survey places Illinois first, New York second, and California third in volume of sales. Reports show sales by firms and individuals, giving their principal lines of business as that of poultry raiser, harness shop, funeral director, court reporter, baby chick hatchery, pool room, optometrist, insecticide dealer, patent medicine dealer, etc.

Victor Radio Corporation of Chicago announces a new screen-grid set in a table and in a console model as being ready for distribution.

The Zenith 50 screen-grid chassis for use in Models 52, 53, 54 and 55, uses eight tubes and rectifier, three '24 tubes in the r-f amplifier, three '27 tubes in the power detector and first stage push-pull a-f amplifier, and two '45 tubes in the last push-pull audio stage. All models except the 52 have automatic tuning with volume control, station silencer, and station indicator, all auto-

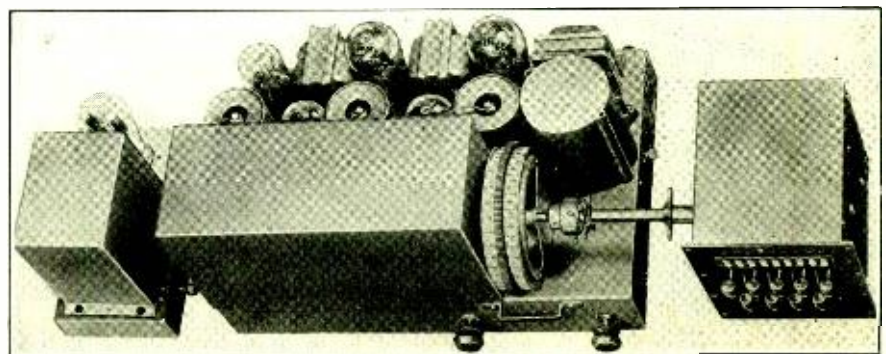
matic. The automatic tuner is at the right of the chassis, the right hand knob is for volume and "on-and-off" control and the left hand knob for vernier control. Model 55 is also equipped for remote control of automatic tuning and like Model 54 has a built-in antenna. All models are equipped with a 12 inch electrodynamic speaker and connection for phonograph pickup. The translucent dial for hand-tuning is calibrated in kilocycles and meters. The filter condensers are self-healing.

Bremer-Tully are using an automatic instrument for testing completed receivers for continuity of circuits and for breakdown and high resistance shorts. A radio set is placed in a fixture that makes all connections to the various circuits. When the operator presses a button a series of relays check the circuits, any fault being indicated by



Bremer-Tully Automatic Circuit Tester

lights on the instrument board. Thus light No. 1 indicates that something is wrong with the grid of the first a-f tube, light No. 13 shows trouble in the first '45 filament, or No. 19 tells of difficulty on the '80 plate. The device not only tests each individual circuit for continuity, but also applies a high potential between the various circuits. A complete and thorough test can be made in 15 seconds.



Zenith 50 Chassis with Automatic Tuner

A form of merchandising contract suggested by the Radio Retailers' Association of New York stipulates that the manufacturer shall provide the dealer with demonstrating equipment for which the dealer deposits 60 per cent of the list price. The dealer secures his future requirements with a similar deposit, due thirty days from delivery. The receivers remain the property of the manufacturer until sold, at which time the deposit is forfeited. By return of the merchandise to the manufacturer, the dealer is guaranteed full refund of his deposit. Thus the dealer is protected against overstocking, because the merchandise is fully returnable, and against price cutting since it sells at a uniform price through all competing outlets.

Sonora Phonograph Company has acquired the manufacturing facilities of the Federal Company, Buffalo, N. Y., which will be employed to produce Sonora sets housed in cabinets from the Sonora woodworking factory at Saginaw, Mich. All Sonora products are to be marketed through distributors exclusively. A competent staff of research and development engineers is to be maintained.

The feature of the new Grebe SK-4 is an equalized band-pass filter which consists of a variable condenser in the antenna circuit and two loosely coupled circuits preceding the first r-f amplifier. This tunes out all frequencies above or below a narrow band which is amplified and further filtered by three stages of screen-grid amplification. This is claimed to give equal selectivity and amplification of signals along the entire dial.

The Gulbransen Company of Chicago has arranged for a series of half-hour symphony orchestra concerts directed by Henry Hadley over the Columbia Broadcasting System, commencing Saturday night, October 8.

George A. Jacobs, founder and former president of the Dudlo Manufacturing Company, and his associates have organized the Inca Manufacturing Corporation at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to manufacture copper wire products for the electric, radio, automotive and kindred industries. Offices have been established and construction of a plant is under way on an eleven-acre factory site.

The R. M. A. Merchandising Committee plans to guard against over-production of radio products by recommending that manufacturers check their production schedules against present and prospective orders. Furthermore, the committee is securing and analyzing data on the distribution costs of all varieties of radio products in all localities.

The International Resistance Company states that the insensitive condition of an old radio set may often be traced to changed resistance values, usually upward rather than downward. Since the sensitivity of a radio circuit depends upon definite resistance values, it becomes evident that any serious change will materially affect the performance. The owner of an old set which is proving insufficiently sensitive will do well to obtain the resistance data from the manufacturer, and replace the old resistors with new metallized resistors of the proper resistance values. This will generally be found to restore the old radio set to the desired condition so far as sensitivity is concerned.

The American Bosch Magneto Corporation announces a complete line of Bosch radio tubes for d-c and a-c operation, including screen grid BX224 and amplifier BX245.

The Freed-Eisemann Radio Corporation has created the Joseph D. R. Freed Foundation in order to stimulate program artistry and to focus public attention on radio broadcasting. The method is to make annual awards for excellence as reported by non-partisan committees. The first award will be to the station which presents the outstanding program of the year; the second to the outstanding individual performer; the third to the outstanding program director; the fourth to the station which makes the greatest technical advance in handling programs; the fifth to the station whose programs best represent the educational value of radio in raising standards of morals, taste and manners, and the sixth to the advertiser who presents the finest advertising program.

The Daven Company of Newark, N. J., has purchased the physical assets of the Daven Corporation through receivership proceedings and announces that it will continue to manufacture and deliver Daven resistor specialties.

Roger M. Wise, for seven years chief engineer of E. T. Cunningham, Inc., now occupies a similar position with Sylvania Products Company, manufacturers of vacuum tubes, at Emporium, Pa.

The Crosley Radio Corporation announce production on the Monatrad, a six-tube set with a-c screen-grid tubes in the two r-f stages, heater type tubes in the power detector and first audio stages, and two '45 tubes in push-pull in the second audio stage, an '80 tube being used as a rectifier. This Crosley 30-S retails at the lowest price in history for an a-c screen-grid set. It is equipped with a triple range control device which is designed to give greater sensitivity on distant stations and better quality on near-by stations. It uses a completely shielded gang condenser with illuminated dial, a carbon-type volume control, and a Merphon condenser.

The report of the radio law committee of the American Bar Association recommends the repeal of that portion of the law which provides for equal distribution of radio facilities among the five zones into which the nation is divided. The report states that this provision of the Davis amendment "runs counter to well established engineering principles" and "in addition to the hardships which it brought about is distinctly wasteful and unsound."

The committee also advocates repeal of the "anti-monopoly" provisions of the law as they are "a constant menace to the foreign communications system of the United States." Senator Couzens' proposal of a Federal commission or communications is opposed on the ground that radio would thereby be thrown into a hodge-podge along with the control of cables, telegraph and power companies, and perhaps subordinated to them.

The Sylvania SX-280 rectifier tube may be operated with as much as 400 volts a-c on the plates, provided that the current drain does not exceed 110 milliamperes, thus giving considerably higher d-c voltages for operation of power tubes. If more than 110 ma is required it is best to limit the applied a-c to 350 volts per plate.

The new Brandes receiver is a seven-tube set with three tuned stages of r.f. amplification, detector and two audio stages; '27s are used in all but the last stage, in which two '45s are employed in push-pull. Types B-15 and B-16 are console models with built-in dynamic speakers. B-10 is a table model and is designed for either a dynamic or magnetic speaker.

NEW RADIO CATALOGS

Bud Radio, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, are distributing an interesting pamphlet on wiring a home for radio by means of convenience outlets which are supplied with a standard switch box containing loom clamps. The outlets provide for aerial, ground, speaker, and current connections as well as remote volume control.

Master Engineering Company, Chicago, Ill., are distributing a leaflet on the Master Voltage Control, which is an a-c plug for use in a baseboard outlet whereby voltage ranges of 110-115, 115-120, 120-125 or 125 and over may be mechanically reduced to the standard voltage for which a set is designed.

Electrad, Inc., of New York City, have published an interesting pamphlet about the Super-Tonotrol, a volume control which will safely dissipate 5 watts with one-tenth or more of the resistance element in the circuit. Wiring diagrams and data are given on the use of seven types of this device in various methods of volume control, including antenna input, screen grid bias, plate voltage of '27 tube in r-f stage, grid bias, plate voltage shunt and grid voltage from a-f secondary.

"Polymet Radio Essentials" is the subject of a 12-page booklet from the Polymet Radio Mfg. Co. of New York City. It contains an illustrated price list of paper and mica condensers for all radio uses and of wire-wound tubular and strip resistors, rheostats and volume controls.

"Television, the Eye of Radio," is an attractively printed 32-page booklet from the Jenkins Television Corporation of Jersey City, N. J., describing the experiments and equipment used in reproducing shadowgraph moving pictures.

Alden Mfg. Co., Brockton, Mass., in a 16-page booklet entitled "Something That Is Low-Priced Is Actually Better," tells how Na-Ald sockets and adapters are made, illustrating and describing fifty different types.

Specifications of PAM amplifiers for various types of installations are contained in a recent bulletin from the Samson Electric Company of Canton, Mass. The mechanical and electrical characteristics of two and three-stage amplifiers using '10, '45 and '50 tubes and of several microphone amplifiers are shown, together with illustrations of representative installations.

Bulletin No. 62 from the Shallcross Mfg. Co. describes the Super Akra-Ohm, a non-inductive wire-wound resistor having low distributed capacity and temperature coefficient. This unit is made in three types, which are calibrated to an accuracy of approximately 1, 1/2 and 3/4 per cent respectively for resistances from 5000 to 5,000,000 ohms. The units are designed to dissipate 1 watt.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSIONS REFUSING BLINKERS—WILL ACCEPT ONLY NON- INTERFERING TYPE

AN IMPORTANT disclosure to the effect that highway commissions throughout the country are universally refusing to accept any blinker which interferes with radio reception was recently made to the president of the Tobe Deutschmann Corporation by a representative of one of the largest flasher manufacturers in the United States.

"There is hardly a city or town in America today," explained the speaker, "whose street commissioners have not been hounded night and day by complaints from radio listeners whose reception was being spoiled by noises radiated from street blinkers. Evidently the word has gone around that this interference is wholly unnecessary, for harassed street commissioners are all insisting on non-interfering blinkers. Just try and sell an interference-radiating type of flasher signal today. They would throw you out bodily!"

While executives and engineers of the Tobe Deutschmann Corporation have long insisted that it was only a question of time before this situation would come about, they themselves expressed surprise at learning that such definite sentiment existed already. Much of this attitude they attribute to the enterprise of set manufacturers and dealers, who, with increased production, have been striving to place a radio set into every home in the country. The fact that they have been so successful, together with the excellence of the present day sets which they have been marketing, have combined to make a situation where we have now a larger number of listeners than ever before, all with sets that are delicate musical instruments in which the slightest flaw of reception is a

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George R. Walters, Static Nemesis

THE WORLD IS WATCHING HIM

Is interference legislation practicable? The Federal Radio Commission seems dubious. The N. E. M. A. urges manufacturer coöperation. A few power companies have intimated that the task is insuperable, and that legislation will cause more trouble than benefit.

The following quotation from *Radio Age* may throw some light upon the practical working out of this moot problem: "It is believed that this problem of interference is being handled better in Southern California than anywhere else in the United States."

George R. Walters, whose picture heads this column is the man responsible for this excellent work. And in response to the many who read of his success in the last issue of this magazine, we are glad to be able to publish his photograph.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRICIANS CONVENES AT BOSTON

Radio Interference Exhibit Feature of Show

THE interest displayed by manufacturers in the Tobe exhibit of Radio Interference Prevention at the recent show, in the Hotel Statler, Boston, of the International Association of Municipal Electricians, promises to result in unanticipated benefit to radio fans throughout the country.

While the Tobe Deutschmann Corporation has long been in correspondence with manufacturers of devices such as were featured at the show—fire alarm systems, police alarm systems, traffic signal systems, street and municipal lighting plants, airport lighting systems and radio for municipal use—this was for many of these manufacturers the first opportunity of meeting Tobe representatives and discussing the problem of radio interference face to face.

As a result of the meeting several important facts came to light, among which perhaps the most important was that these manufacturers, practically to a man, are desirous of ridding their products of radio interference, provided the cost of filterizing is moderate. They were very much pleased to learn that radio interference, of which they had been receiving so many complaints, could be inexpensively eliminated from their apparatus.

As the most recent member to be elected to this body, TOBE, the "baby" of the show, had a very timely exhibit. In addition to the various types of filterettes on display, there was also a radio set in operation, which, picking up as it did interference from the various signs and signal apparatus arranged about the ballroom, showed more con-

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Small Motor *Interference*

Radio Interference Created by Fractional Horse Power A-C and D-C Motors

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ONE of the most common and often overlooked types of radio interference is that caused by small motors. Contrary to general opinion, practically all types of motors are creators of radio interference. However, the worst offender in the small motor class is undoubtedly the series wound Universal type motor as shown in Fig. 1. This motor is largely used on professional and commercial devices, as well as on a great many types

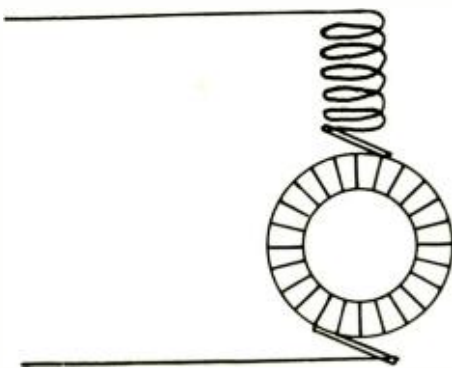


Fig. 1. Series-Wound Universal Motor

of household appliances. The interference, while severe, is, fortunately, not difficult to suppress.

The next worst offender in the small motor class is the repulsion starting induction running type of motor. Motors of this type may be divided into two classes; that in which all of the commutator bars are short-circuited when the motor is in running position, as shown in Fig. 2, and that in which the circuit across the brushes is opened

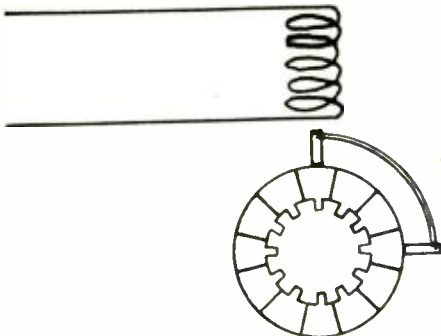


Fig. 2. Repulsion-Starting Induction-Running Motor. Commutator Bars Short-Circuited When Running

when the motor is in running position, as shown in Fig. 3.

It is generally thought that radio interference is created by either class of

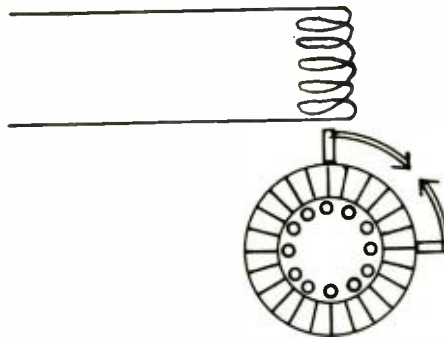


Fig. 3. Repulsion-Starting Induction-Running Motor. Brush Circuit Open When Running

repulsion - starting induction - operating motor only during the starting period; that is, while the motor is reaching its normal operating speed. Motors of the type shown in Fig. 2 are therefore seldom considered as creators of continuous radio interference. This, however, is true only as regards new motors. In practice, it has been found that after motors of this type have been in use for some time, due to the fact that the commutator short circuiting ring becomes oxidized or dirty and is thus prevented from completely short circuiting the commutator segments, they generally do become sources of continuous radio interference. Under these conditions, radio interference is caused by the continual arcing which occurs between the commutator short circuiting ring and the commutator.

Repulsion-starting induction-running motors of the class which open the circuit between the short circuiting brushes, as shown in Fig. 3, generally create interference only during the starting period, until the motor reaches its normal operating speed. However, this in itself is sometimes quite serious, as the motor is often used in circuits where it is being frequently started and stopped, thus causing an intermittent interference which is quite annoying.

Where several refrigerators or oil burners equipped with this type of motor happen to be located in the same apartment building or immediate neighborhood, sufficient disturbance may be created to classify this type of equipment as a source of serious radio interference.

In addition to this interference, it has been found that interference is frequently created by the action of the brushes on the commutator even after

the brush circuit is opened. However, the interference from this source is, in many cases, so slight as to be negligible.

The least offender among the commonly used types of small motor is probably the split phase induction motor, as shown in Fig. 4. This motor may use either the inductance resistance method of phase splitting or the condenser method. In either case, the interference created is due to the opening of the switch in the starting windings.

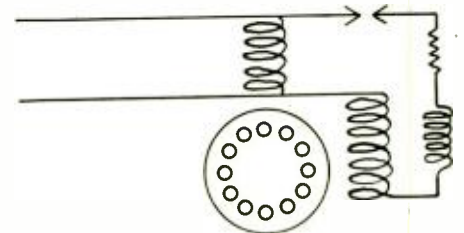


Fig. 4. Split Phase Induction Motor

This interference is, therefore, seldom severe enough to be objectionable. However, where several of these motors are operating in apartment houses or in the same vicinity, it is possible that the interference will be noticeable. We would not classify this motor, however, as a serious creator of radio interference.

In d-c districts, radio interference is created by all types of small motors. Fig. 5 gives the circuit of one of the most common types of d-c motors causing interference. The interference created by this type of motor is not so severe as that created by series wound motors; however, as it is continuous, it comes under the head of highly objectionable interference.

It may be said that while not all

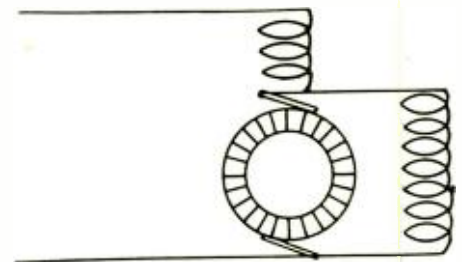


Fig. 5. Common Type of D-C Motor

types of induction motors cause serious radio interference, it might be well to consider them as offenders until they are proved not to be such. Series wound

motors, however, are consistent creators of radio interference. In view of these conditions, small motors of all description should be considered potential sources of radio interference, until proof to the contrary is obtained.

The general application of the small motors herein described is given below:

Application of Universal Motors

The appliances used in beauty parlors and barber shops are practically all equipped with these motors. Under this heading we have:

- Motor driven massage equipment
- Motor driven hair clippers
- Motor driven hair dryers
- Small electric fans

In modern offices many types of equipment are electrically driven:

- Calculating machines
- Addressing machines
- Stamping machines
- Dictaphones
- Adding machines

In optical and jewelry stores this motor is used to drive:

- Routing drills
- Small lathes
- Small drills
- Grinders

In the professional classification, series wound motors are used for operating all types of dental equipment:

- Dental grinders
- Dental lathes
- Dental engines
- Dental drills

In confectionery and drug stores and soda fountains, Universal motors are used for operating:

- Electric cash registers
- Juice extractors
- Drink mixers

In machine shops and garages, these motors are used to drive:

- Electrically driven gas torches
- Portable electric drills
- Grinding attachments

Under the class of household appliances using this motor, we have many devices already listed, with the addition of:

- Temperature regulators
- Vacuum cleaners
- Kitchen mixers
- Sewing machines
- Exhaust fans

In fact, this type of motor is so generally used that it would be impossible to give a complete description of its many applications.

Application of D-C Motors

As the application of D-C motors is practically the same as that given above for both the small series wound Universal motors and induction motors, it will not be necessary to enumerate the different applications where series wound and compound or shunt wound motors are used. In general, series wound or Universal type motors will be used on direct current in the same applications as those specified for alternating current. Compound wound direct current motors will be used in the same applications as those specified for induction motors. As all direct current motors are sources of interference, it is fortunate that direct current is generally used only in restricted areas in large cities.

Application of Induction Running Motors

Motors of either the repulsion starting induction running type as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or split phase induction as shown in Fig. 4, are in general use on all types of apparatus for which a constant speed motor is required. The apparatus listed below will generally be equipped with one or the other of these two types:

- Soda fountain refrigerators
- Commercial refrigerators
- Household refrigerators
- Clothes washing machines
- Dish washing machines
- Oil burning furnaces
- Ironing machines
- Blowers
- Shop equipment
- Garage equipment
- Electric pianos
- Coffee grinders
- Flashing signs
- Meat grinders
- Meat slicing machines

Character of Interference

THE interference created by Universal or series wound motors is readily distinguishable from other types of radio interference, due to the fact that it is heard in the loud speaker as a characteristic high-pitched, buzzing sound, either steady or undulating in character, depending upon the type of work for which the motor is used.

For example, if it is used on a vacuum cleaner, the pitch of the interference will change whenever the cleaner is moved off the rug or lifted from the floor. This change in pitch is due to the change in speed of the motor which takes place under varying conditions of load.

In the case of dental equipment or sewing machine motors, which apparatus is frequently run at varying speeds as well as varying loads, it is relatively easy to detect the type of equipment which is creating the interference. Interference created by dental equipment may usually be readily identified by its characteristic high-pitched, intense note. That created by sewing machine motors may be identified by the progressive changes in pitch as the motor speed is varied.

In general, the interference characteristics of all types of apparatus employing series wound motors may readily be ascertained by a study of the conditions under which the apparatus operates.

The interference created by repulsion-starting, induction-running motors, as shown in Fig. 2, is readily distinguishable, due to the fact that it is heard in a loud speaker as a short buzz of increasing intensity and rising pitch, generally of about two to five seconds duration, followed in the case of old motors by a steady crackling noise while the motor is operating.

In the case of repulsion-starting, induction-running motors, as shown in Fig. 3, the characteristic of the interference is practically the same as that for the motor shown in Fig. 2, with

the exception that usually no interference is created after the first five seconds, during which time the motor is starting, unless the motor is overloaded.

In the case of an overloaded motor of either the type shown in Fig. 2 or 3, there will be a continuous, low-pitched, buzzing and crackling while the motor is operating. In general, all types of induction motors, employing commutators for starting purposes, are likely to cause some radio interference, and should therefore be checked carefully if interference is in evidence.

As the only interference likely to be created by a split phase motor is due to the opening of the automatic switch in the starting winding, this is generally heard as a single click similar to that heard when a snap switch is opened or closed.

In the case of direct current motors, as shown in Fig. 5, there will be a steady, buzzing interspersed with a crackling noise during the entire operation of the motor.

To Suppress Interference

TO ELIMINATE or suppress the interference created by Universal or series wound motors used on either a-c or d-c, a simple capacitive type filter is generally found satisfactory. The best

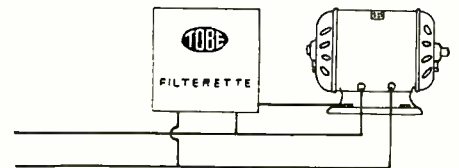


Fig. 6. Filterette Connection for Compound or Shunt-Wound Motor

type of filter to use is one that can be inserted directly in the line as close to the motor as possible, such as the \$3.50 Tobe Filterette Jr.

In the case of compound or shunt wound d-c motors, the filter should be attached in a similar manner to that shown in Fig. 6, a Tobe Filterette No. 10 listing at \$10. This same arrangement may be used with series wound motors. With some types of series wound motors which are operated at particularly high speeds, such as are used with dental equipment, it is generally necessary to use an inductive capacitive type filter, like the \$5 Tobe Filterette No. 1BPO or Senior, with the return wire from the filter connected to the frame of the motor.

To suppress the interference created by induction motors, it is generally necessary to use an inductive capacitive

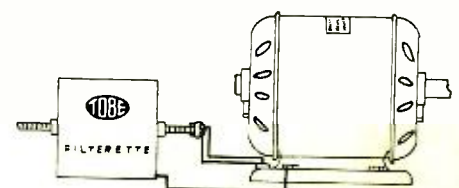
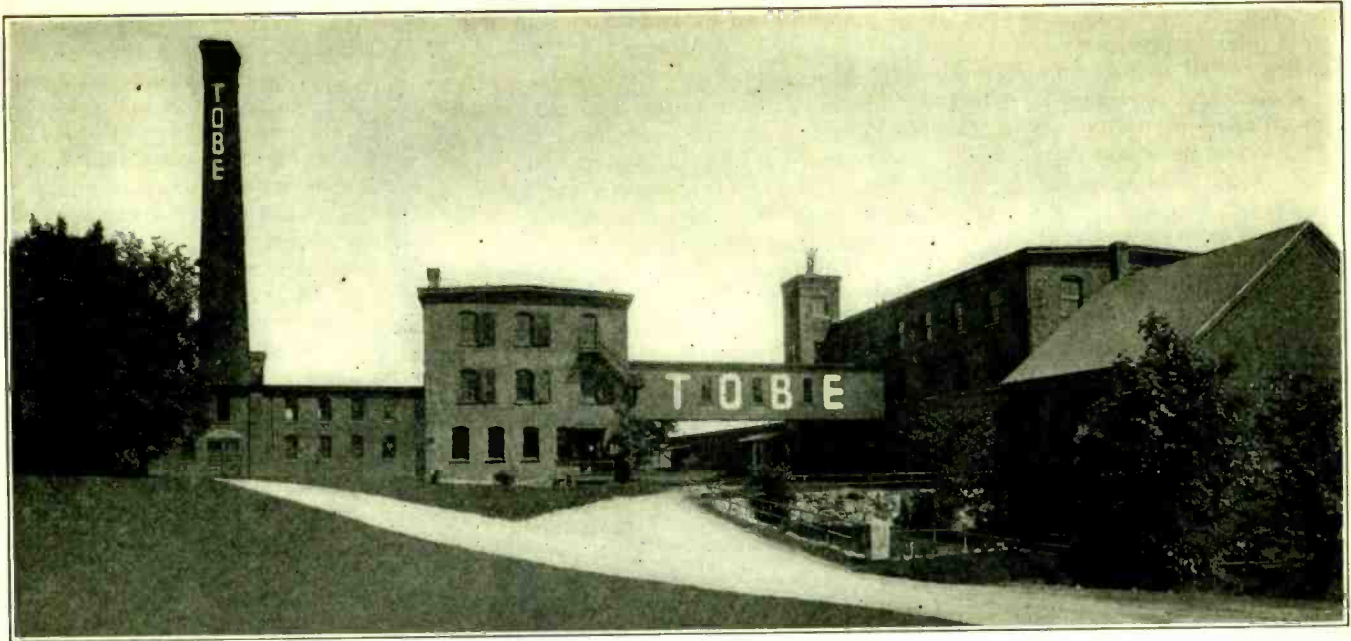


Fig. 7. Filterette Connection for Induction Motor

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Where Filterettes Are Made

type filter (Tobe Filterette No. 110, \$15), as shown in Fig. 7, as the capacitive type filter is usually of practically no use with this type of motor.

In using an inductive type capacitive type filter, it is important that the filter be designed to handle the current drawn by the motor, as otherwise the filter may be destroyed after the motor has been operated for a short time.

Type of Filter to Use

THE application of filters to all appliances which are operated from lighting receptacles or sockets is a comparatively simple matter provided a properly constructed filter is used. It is important, however, that the filter used be of correct design and be approved by the underwriters; otherwise, a serious fire hazard may be created.

Where it is necessary to cut into the supply lines to install a filter, it is found more important that the unit be approved by the underwriters. In general, the unit should be constructed in a standard cutout box and protected by fuses, and, of course, connected in this circuit according to the standard electrical code.

In installing filters of either the plug-in type or line type, it is important that the return wire with which most filters are equipped be connected to the frame of the apparatus and to the circuit enclosing the supply wires in the most direct manner possible; otherwise, satisfactory suppression of interference may not be secured. The standard practice of grounding to water pipes is not applicable in attaching filters.

In providing motors with capacitive type filters, great care must be given the choice of the condensers employed, as experience has shown that specially designed condensers are required for filter work, particularly when the filters

are to be used in a-c circuits. The use of improperly designed condensers will result in the production of a filter which will not only be inefficient, but will also have a short life. As has been previously stated, the use of correctly designed inductances is also important. Only by giving sufficient attention to these factors may a filter be constructed which, while ensuring the suppression of interference without affecting the useful operation of the motor, will meet the Underwriters' approval and will conform to the National Electrical Code.

I. A. M. E. CONVENTION

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clusively than any amount of talking could have done, the need for filterettes.

On the third day the convention was addressed by Mr. C. W. Metcalf of the Tobe Deutschmann Corporation on the subject, "Suppression of Radio Interference Created by Traffic Control Apparatus." As a result of this talk, which was illustrated with specially prepared diagrams visible to all in the audience, the two engineers in charge of the Tobe exhibit, Mr. Haskins and Mr. Metcalf, were kept busy the fol-

lowing day answering questions on the application of filterettes to municipal electrical apparatus.

Most of the manufacturers admitted frankly that on account of the comparative novelty of this problem they had not had either occasion or opportunity to study its intricacies. Here they had a chance to stand before a radio set, watch the flashing of various blinkers, and hear the crashing in the speaker with each winking of the light. The absolute uselessness of a radio set under such circumstances could not have been more conclusively demonstrated. It was a simple matter, after that, to show how completely free from interference a filterized blinker could be.

NON-INTERFERING BLINKERS

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marked annoyance. The result was inevitable.

With the public already educated to the fact that radio interference from blinkers is preventable, it is certain that there will be, this winter, an increased sales resistance against all electrical apparatus which interfere with radio reception. The tremendous impetus which has been given radio sales through the general excellence of the new receivers as well as the activity resulting from the increased stabilization of the industry will find electrical manufacturers, next winter, with a public markedly hostile to any type of electrical apparatus whose operation mars the perfection of the new radio sets' reception.

And it follows likewise, that the public is going to display a preference for electrical appliances, which, through proper design and filtering, may be employed without fear of annoying hums, roars or crackles in the new receiver.

ACORDIAL invitation is extended to all our readers to visit the Tobe booth either at the Chicago Radio Show, October 25-26, the Radio World's Fair, Madison Square Garden, N. Y., September 23-28, or the Boston Radio Show, to witness demonstrations of the various filterettes.

We welcome inquiries regarding interference from any reader, whether dealer, service man or listener. Remember that we maintain a complete engineering service for the convenience of our readers, and we are glad to have you make use of it.

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New Sets & Accessories Recently Announced. Changes in Models, Prices, Etc.

IN GENERAL

Dozens of new models were announced in September. Price reductions were made by a number of the large manufacturers. Many new additions were made to standard lines. The important developments of the month are chronicled on this page. The price sheets on the two following pages give all of the new prices of well-known sets. These prices are correct as of September 20. Both Eastern and Western List Prices are shown but these are on separate pages. This price sheet service appears in each issue of "RADIO." See next month's issue for additional data.

List of Manufacturers
Whose prices are same both East and West

- MAJESTIC
- RCA
- GRAYBAR
- COLUMBIA
- BREMER-TULLY
- BRUNSWICK
- VICTOR
- EARL
- FREED
- BROWNING-DRAKE (Console models only)
- SONORA (All models except A-36 and A-44)
- One EVEREADY Model No. 31, Table, priced same East and West

BALDWIN

Nathaniel Baldwin, Inc., announces a SCREEN GRID Console. List price, \$198.00, less tubes. Uses 4 '24 tubes; 2 '45 tubes; 1 '80 rectifier. Screen-Grid detection. Baldwin electro-dynamic speaker. Also High Boy at \$219.00. Chassis separately. Prices on request.

RCA

RCA announces PHONO-RADIO COMBINATIONS. Radiola 47. Combination. Screen-Grid chassis. Same chassis as Model 44. Uses 5 tubes, including rectifier. Electro-dynamic speaker, electric phonograph motor and pick-up. List price, East and West, less tubes...\$274.50 With tubes...\$293.00

RCA Model 67. PHONO-RADIO COMBINATION. Superheterodyne combined with phonograph. Eight tube receiver, not including rectifier. List price, both East and West, \$690.00 without tubes. \$733.00 with tubes. This new combination has a tone control to accentuate bass or high notes and a new method of volume regulation.

RCA Model 21—SCREEN-GRID battery type receiver. Table model. Using UX-222 tubes. UX-171-A power tube...\$69.50

RCA Model 22—Same chassis as Model 21 but in console. Uses Magnetic Speaker...\$135.00

RCA Model 62, PRICE REDUCTION. New price, less tubes...\$250.00 Former price, less tubes...\$350.00 A reduction of...\$100.00

RCA Model 33AC PRICE REDUCTION. New price, (with legs) but without tubes...\$54.00 Former price, (with legs) without tubes...\$77.50

RCA Model 33DC PRICE REDUCTION. New price, (with legs) but without tubes...\$64.00 Former price (with legs) without tubes...\$87.50

RCA Model 60 PRICE REDUCTION. New price, less tubes...\$130.00 Former price, less tubes...\$147.00

RCA Model 18 Receiver Discontinued
RCA Model 62 Superheterodyne Discontinued

Sears Roebuck "Silvertone"

Sold to consumers. \$110.00 cash price, complete with tubes, delivered and installed. Choice of 7 tube screen-grid set (including rectifier) or 8 tube neurodyne (including rectifier), electro-dynamic speaker. Initial announcement made in "SATURDAY EVENING POST," issue of August 24.

APEX 1930 MODELS

New Super Screen-Grid Sets. New High Gain Neurodynes.

Model 11—Super Screen-grid. 2 '24; 2 '27; 2 '45; 1 '80. Eastern list price...\$115.00 Western list price...\$124.50

Model 14—Super Screen-grid. Same chassis as Model 11. Eastern list price...\$140.00 Western list price...\$149.50

Model 24—Super Screen-grid. Chassis same as Model 11. Eastern list price...\$240.00 Western list price...\$249.50 This receiver has perfected remote control.

Model 115—Neurodyne. 5 '27; 2 '45; 1 '80 tubes. Eastern list price...\$115.00 Western list price...\$124.50

Model 140—Neurodyne. Chassis same as Model 115. Eastern list price...\$140.00 Western list price...\$149.50

Model 160—Neurodyne. 6 '27; 2 '45; 1 '80 tubes. Eastern list price...\$160.00 Western list price...\$169.50

APEX TABLE MODELS

Model 60—Neurodyne. Same chassis as Model 115. Eastern list price...\$60.00 Western list price...\$64.50

BATTERY OPERATED TABLE MODEL

Model 45—5 '01-A; 1 '71 tubes. Eastern list price...\$45.00 Western list price...\$49.50 (All prices are less tubes)

SPARTON "Equasonne"

New Model 931—Nine tubes, including rectifier. Deep black walnut console cabinet. Electro-dynamic speaker. Eastern list price, including tubes...\$179.50 Western list price, including tubes...\$189.50 Models 931 and 301 are now available in either D-C or A-C circuits without extra cost.

CROSLEY

"MONOTRAD" Chassis with panel. Model 30-8 (SCREEN-GRID). For installation into console cabinet. Book shelves, etc. Eastern list price, \$62.00, without tubes. Uses 2 '24 tubes; 1 '27 Power Detector; 1 '27 first audio; 2 '45 pushpull second audio; 1 '80 rectifier. MONOTRAD, 33-8 in Console, with Crosley Dynacoll Speaker...\$115.00

MANDEL Price Correction

SCREEN-GRID CHASSIS, list price \$115.00 and not \$110.00, as reported in these columns last month. This chassis uses 3 '24 tubes; 3 '27 tubes; 2 '45 tubes; 1 '80 rectifier.

MANDEL HEATER TYPE TUBE CHASSIS—List price, \$100.00. Uses 6 '27 tubes; 2 '45 tubes; 1 '80 rectifier. Operated from outside aerial and a ground. A new discount schedule on heater tube chassis is announced. These discounts are greater than those previously granted by the manufacturer.

FADA

FADA Model 22. Battery operated table model, 6-volt D-C. Eastern list price, less tubes...\$55.00 Western list price, less tubes...\$60.00 This model uses five 112-A tubes and one 171-A tube.

FADA Model 15-M. (Chassis only). This is a special chassis with electro-dynamic speaker for installation in consoles. SCREEN-GRID. This combination chassis and speaker is priced as follows:

Eastern list price, less tubes...\$115.00
Western list price, less tubes...\$120.00
Uses 4 '27 tubes; one '24 tube; 2 '45 tubes; one '80 rectifier.

FADA Model 15-MZ. Same as above but for 25-40 cycle operation. Same prices as Model 15-M.

FADA Model 18—110-volt D-C table model. 5 '12A and 2 '71 tubes.
Eastern list price...\$120.00
Western list price...\$125.00

SENTINEL Screen-Grid

Two new models. Phono-radio No. 666-C combination, nine tubes, including rectifier. Eastern list, \$149.50. Western prices slightly higher.

Model 666 Console, Screen-Grid, 8 tubes and rectifier, 4 screen-grid tubes. Same chassis as in phono-combination. List price, 666 Console, \$99.50, East. Slightly higher in the West.

New Sets & Accessories Recently Announced. Changes in Models, Prices, Etc.

RCA Tube Prices Increased

Seven types of RADIOTRONS have been increased in price, effective early in September. Other tube manufacturers report that a corresponding increase in prices have been made.

Type of Tube	New List Price	Old List Price
WD-11	\$3.00	\$2.50
WX-12	3.00	2.50
UV-199	2.75	2.25
UX-199	2.50	2.00
UX-120	3.00	2.50
UX-200A	4.00	3.50
UX-240	3.00	2.00

Eveready Announces New Prices

National Carbon Company's line of screen-grid models is priced, at factory, as follows:
52—8 tubes, including rectifier...\$157.50
53—8 tubes, including rectifier...\$195.00
54—8 tubes, including rectifier...\$225.00
Western prices:
52, \$167.50 53, \$205.00 54, \$235.00

CECO

DISCONTINUES CERTAIN TYPES OF "D-C" TUBES

Types 199, Type G Hi-Mu—01B 1/4 amp. 210—have been discontinued by the CeCo Manufacturing Co., to enable factory to concentrate entire production on other tubes.

VICTORY

GIANT SPEAKER PRICES ANNOUNCED

18-in. cone VICTORY GIANT electro-dynamic speaker, using '80 type rectifier tube for field current, list price...\$95.00
Known as Model AC80. Victory Model DC40, high resistance field electro-dynamic speaker, 8 1/2-in. cone, list price...\$22.50 (2500-ohm field.) Other type windings to specifications for manufacturers.

Model DC-63. Same as above but with 6000-ohm field. List price...\$23.50
Model AC-10 Concert. Same as above but with 110-v. A-C Elkon Dry rectifier. List price \$35.00

MAJESTIC

Effective September 17, MAJESTIC prices are same in West as in East. Model 91, both East and West...\$137.50
Model 92, both East and West...\$167.50
Model 92, combination, both East and West. Prices are less tubes...\$265.00

Mr. B. J. Grigsby, President of Grigsby-Grunow, Inc., makers of MAJESTIC radio receivers, has written all Majestic jobbers, informing them that, contrary to rumors, there will be no new Majestic models announced during the year 1929. Distributors have been instructed to advise their dealers accordingly.

BROWNING-DRAKE

New Model 56, SCREEN-GRID, 9 tubes. Eastern list price...\$154.50 Western list price the same. Model 56 Heater Tube type, 9 tubes. Eastern list price...\$149.50 Western list price the same.

Table Model 53 Screen-Grid. Same chassis as 56. Eastern list price...\$102.50 Western list price \$109.50. Table Model 63, Heater Tube. Same chassis as 56. Eastern list price...\$98.00 Western list price \$105.00.

SILVER

SILVER—New "Intermediate Model." SCREEN GRID. Eastern list price, less tubes...\$185.00 Western list price, less tubes...\$195.00 This model uses the same chassis as SILVER Models 60 and 95.

SILVER—Special cabinet models for Pacific Coast distribution only. Cabinets supplied to the dealers by SILVER JOBBERS on the Pacific Coast. Same chassis used as in other SILVER models. SCREEN-GRID. There are three cabinet styles, known as follows:

"THE PRINCESS," Western list price, less tubes...\$170.50
"THE ARISTOCRAT," Western list price, less tubes...\$195.00
"THE DE LUXE," Western list price, less tubes...\$216.00

These special cabinets for Pacific Coast dealers are merely an addition to the standard line of SILVER receivers in cabinets as supplied by the factory.

MILES

GIANT AIR COLUMN SPEAKER—An electro-dynamic giant air column speaker for outdoor and theater use. A combination of speaker unit, special output transformer and horn.

M-3 1/2 COMBINATION. Has 3 1/2 ft. trumpet, unit and output transformer. List price...\$170.00 Net price...\$75.00

M-9 COMBINATION. Same as above but with 9 ft. theatrical horn. List price...\$230.00 Net price...\$103.50

M-12. Same as above with special 9-ft. collared horn, 20x20x12-in. List price...\$185.00 Net price...\$83.25

M-10. Same as above but with Giant 10-ft. horn. 40-in. bell. List price...\$275.00 Net price...\$123.75

MILES REPRODUCERS are designed to operate any output of from 10 to 30 watts undistorted power. Field supply 1.1 amps at 6 volts D-C. Can also be operated from A-C by means of rectifier. Manufactured by Miles Mfg. Corp., 31 West 21st St., New York City.

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EASTERN PRICES OF SCREEN-GRID SETS

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MAKE	No. of Tubes	LIST PRICE	MAKE	No. of Tubes	LIST PRICE	MAKE	No. of Tubes	LIST PRICE	MAKE	No. of Tubes	LIST PRICE	MAKE	No. of Tubes	LIST PRICE
*ACME			ATWATER KENT			*CROSLEY			KOLSTER			*STEWART WARNER		
78	6	130.50	55-C, Chassis	6	84.00	30-S Chassis	6	62.00	K-43	7	235.00	Cabin't 35, M'd 900	7	142.50
88-SG	7	77.00	55 Table	6	88.00	31-S	6	72.00	K-44	7	325.00	Sher't'n 58, M'd 900	7	165.50
*ALL AMERICAN			25 Cycle Chassis	6	84.00	32-S	6	115.00	K-45	9	500.00	Consolette Ens'ble	7	123.25
LYRIC			25 Cycle Table	6	88.00	40-S	7	80.00				Table Model	7	89.75
94-SG	7	153.00	60 Chassis	7	96.00	41-S	7	85.00	*MANDEL			Model 47-900	7	154.50
95-SG	7	183.00	60 Table	7	100.00	42-S	7	135.00	Screen-Grid-9					
96-SG	7	Next mo.	Chass. DC, 61-C	7	96.00	82-S	7	160.00	Chassis	8	115.00	*STEINITE		
175-SG Comb.	7	Next mo.	Table DC, 61	7	100.00				PEERLESS			70	6	118.00
AMERICAN			Batt. Chassis 67	7	73.00	ERLA "TROPHY"			21	9	195.00	80	6	149.50
BOSCH			Batt. Table 67	7	77.00	31	7	150.00	22	9	245.00	*STERLING		
17	6	230.00	AUTOMATIC			30	7	169.50	23	9	245.00	Troubador	7	129.50
18	6	240.00	TOM THUMB			32	7	145.00	25	9	375.00	Serenader	7	149.50
19	6	280.00	PORTABLES			AR-3	7	134.50	25 Comb.	9	600.00	Imperial	7	187.50
"L"	6	230.00	B	4	57.50	EVEREADY								
"R"	6	280.00	DeLuxe	4	65.00	52	7	157.50	*LEUTZ					
Table 48	6	119.50	DC	4	87.50	53	7	195.00	7	7	410.00	*STROMBERG		
Table 48-A	6	168.50	AC	4	95.00	54	7	225.00				CARLSON		
"J"	6	240.00	BAIRD			*GRAYBAR			*PHILCO			641	5	155.00
AMRAD			PORTARADIO			Same prices and			65	5	99.50	25 cy. 641	5	155.00
Aria	7	198.00	Port.	4	60.00	styles as RCA			LoBoy	5	119.50	642	5	247.50
Duet	7	295.00	Port.	4	87.50	models.			Hiboy	5	139.50	25 cy. 642	5	247.50
Symphony	7	245.00	Port.	4	97.50	GREBE			HiBoy DeLuxe	5	205.00	846	7	347.50
Serenata (Comb.)	7	495.00	BALDWIN			21950-A	6	219.50	*PREMIER			*SENTINEL		
*ANDREA FADA			Chassis	6	On req'st	270-C	6	270.00	724	7	On Request	444	6	89.50
15-M Chass.	7	115.00	Low Boy	6	198.00	285-A	6	285.00	*RCA			666	7	99.50
15-MZ Chass.	7	115.00	High Boy	6	219.00	Comb. 450	6	450.00	Radio Victor			Comb. 666-C	7	149.50
(25-40 cycle)	7	115.00	*BROWNING			GULBRANSEN			44	4	110.00	*SONORA		
25	6	165.00	DRAKE			291	8	139.50	46	4	170.00	A-31	6	149.50
35	6	245.00	56	9	154.50	292	8	149.50	21 Batt.	5	69.50	A-33	6	174.50
75	7	360.00	53 Table	9	102.50	*HOWARD			22 Batt.	5	135.00	A-35	6	235.00
77 Comb.	7	675.00	COLONIAL			Same prices as Filam-			Comb. 47	4	275.00	*TEMPLE		
*APEX			Cavalier	7	235.00	ment tube sets. See			Comb. 47	4	690.00	8-60	8	149.00
11	6	115.00	Picadilly	7	235.00	other sheets.			SHAMROCK			8-80	8	189.00
14	6	140.00	Modern	7	270.00	KELLOGG			Console	7	139.50	Comb.	8	289.00
24	6	240.00	COURIER			523	8	250.00	Chassis	7	On req'st	WARE		
ARCO			65 Table	7	85.00	524	8	285.00	SILVER			Table	5	195.00
Chassis	8	75.00	651	7	140.00	525 Comb.	8	395.00	60	7	160.00	Cons. 10	5	280.00
*AUDIOLA			652	7	165.00	*KENNEDY			95	7	185.00	*ZENITH		
Chassis	6	85.00	653	7	165.00	220	7	159.00	Intmd.	7	195.00	52	8	175.00
						320	7	197.00				53	8	275.00

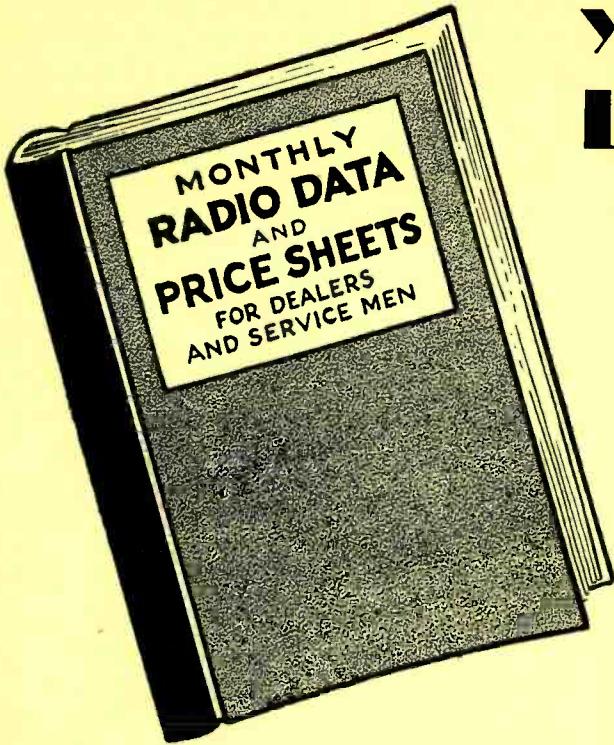
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*ACME			ARCO			*ERLA "TROPHY"			PEERLESS			STROMBERG		
78	6	130.50	Chassis	8	Plus frt. 75.00	31	7	158.50	21	9	207.00	CARLSON		
88-SG	7	77.00	*AUDIOLA			30	7	179.50	22	9	260.00	641	5	165.00
*ALL AMER "LYRIC"			Chassis	6	85.00	32	7	152.50	23	9	260.00	25 cy. 641	5	272.50
94-SG	7	166.00	AUTOMATIC			*EVEREADY			24	9	400.00	642	5	272.50
95-SG	7	201.50	TOM THUMB			52	7	167.50	25 Comb.	9	635.00	25 cy. 642	5	272.50
96-SG	7	198.00	PORTABLES			53	7	205.00	*LEUTZ			846	7	377.50
175-SG	7	243.00	B	4	60.00	54	7	235.00	7	7	410.00	*SENTINEL		
Phono Comb.	7	243.00	DeLuxe	4	67.50	GILFILLAN			*MANDEL			444	6	89.50
American			DC	4	90.00	Console	8	156.50	Screen-Grid-9			666	7	99.50
BOSCH			AC	4	99.00	Console	8	175.50	Chassis	8	115.00	Comb. 666-C	7	149.50
17	6	237.00	BAIRD			Console	8	187.00	*PHILCO					
18	6	248.00	PORTARADIO			*GRAYBAR			65	5	109.50	*SONORA		
19	6	290.00	Port.	4	60.00	Same prices and			LoBoy	5	129.50	A-31	6	154.50
"L"	6	238.00	Port.	4	87.50	styles as RCA			HiBoy	5	149.50	A-33	6	179.50
"R"	6	290.00	Port.	4	97.50	models.			HiBoy DeLuxe	5	205.00	A-35	6	240.00
Table 48	6	122.50	BALDWIN			GREBE			*PREMIER			*STERLING		
Table 48-A	6	172.50	Chassis	6	On req'st	21950-A	6	223.50	724	7	On Request	Troubador	7	139.50
"J"	6	248.00	Low Boy	6	198.00	270-C	6	274.00	*RCA			Serenader	7	165.00
AMRAD			High Boy	6	219.00	285-A	6	292.00	Radio Victor			Imperial	7	201.00
Aria	7	213.00	*BROWNING			Comb. 450	6	465.00	44	4	110.00	*STEINITE		
Duet	7	310.00	DRAKE			GULBRANSEN			46	4	179.00	70	6	125.00
Symphony	7	260.00	56	9	154.50	291	8	149.50	60	7	170.00	80	6	157.50
Serenata (Comb.)	7	510.00	53 Table	9	109.50	292	8	159.50	Intmd.	7	195.00	*TEMPLE		
*ANDREA-FADA			COLONIAL			*HOWARD			95	7	210.00	8-60	8	159.00
15-M Chassis	7	120.00	Cavalier	7	247.00	Same prices as filam-			Special Cabinets for			8-80	8	179.00
15-MZ (25-40 cy.)	7	120.00	Picadilly	7	247.00	ment tube sets. See			Coast only			Comb.	8	289.00
25	6	172.00	Modern	7	288.00	other sheets.			"Princess"	7	170.50	WARE		
35	6	255.00	COURIER			KELLOGG			"Aristocrat"	7	195.00	Table	5	210.00
75	7	370.00	65 Table	7	88.00	523	8	265.00	"De Luxe"	7	216.00	Cons. 10	5	295.00
77 Comb.	7	695.00	651	7	148.00	524	8	310.00	*RCA Radio Victor			*ZENITH		
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14	6	149.50	*CROSLEY			220	7	159.00	Batt 21	5	69.50	54	8	450.00
24	6	249.50	30-S Chassis	6	65.00	320	7	197.00	Batt 22	5	135.00	55 Comb.	8	750.00
ATWATER KENT			31-S	6	Price not yet an'cd	*KOLSTER			Comb. 47	4	275.00	Above prices include tubes for sets sold in West with tubes (9).		
55-C, Chassis	6	88.00	32-S	7	83.00	K-43	7	247.50	Comb. 67	8	690.00			
55 Table	6	92.00	40-S	7	88.00	K-44	7	340.00	*STEWART WARNER					
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60 Chassis	7	101.00	82-S	7	165.00				Consolette ens'ble	7	128.50			
Chass. DC, 61C	7	105.00							Table Model	7	92.25			
Tbl DC, 61	7	77.00							Mod. 47-900	7	159.25			
Batt. Chass. 67	7	77.00												
Batt. Tbl. 67	7	81.00												

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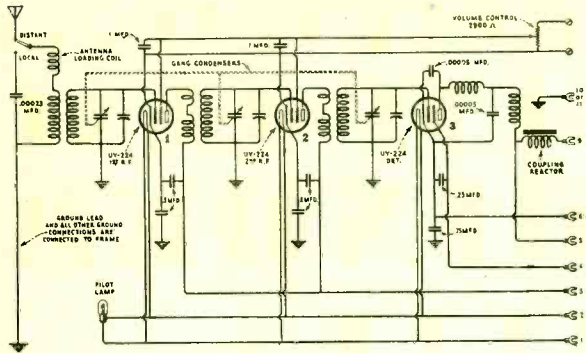
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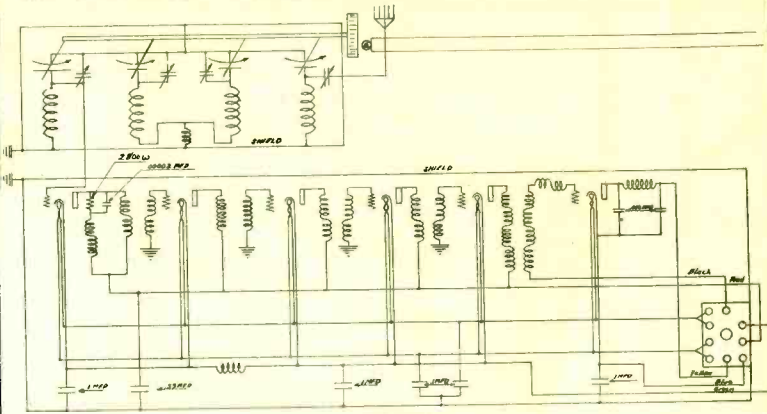
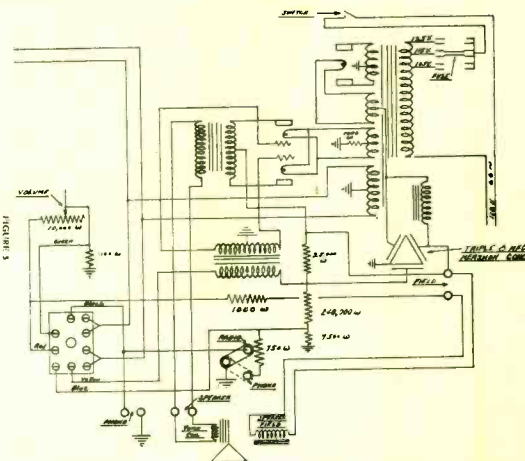


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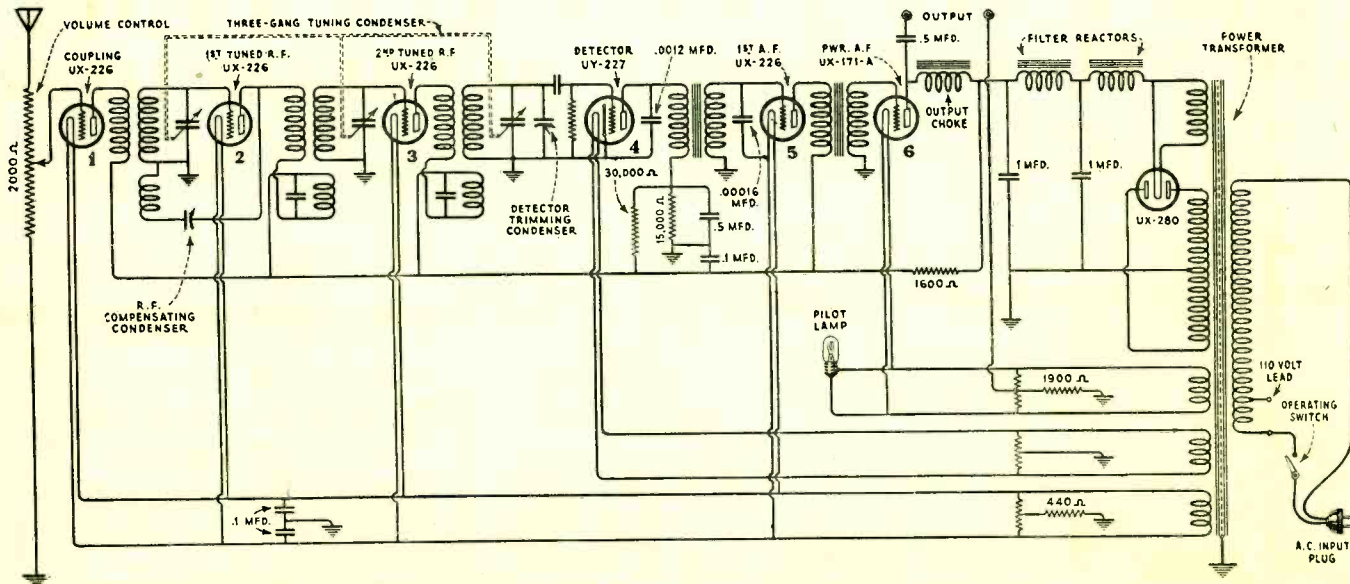
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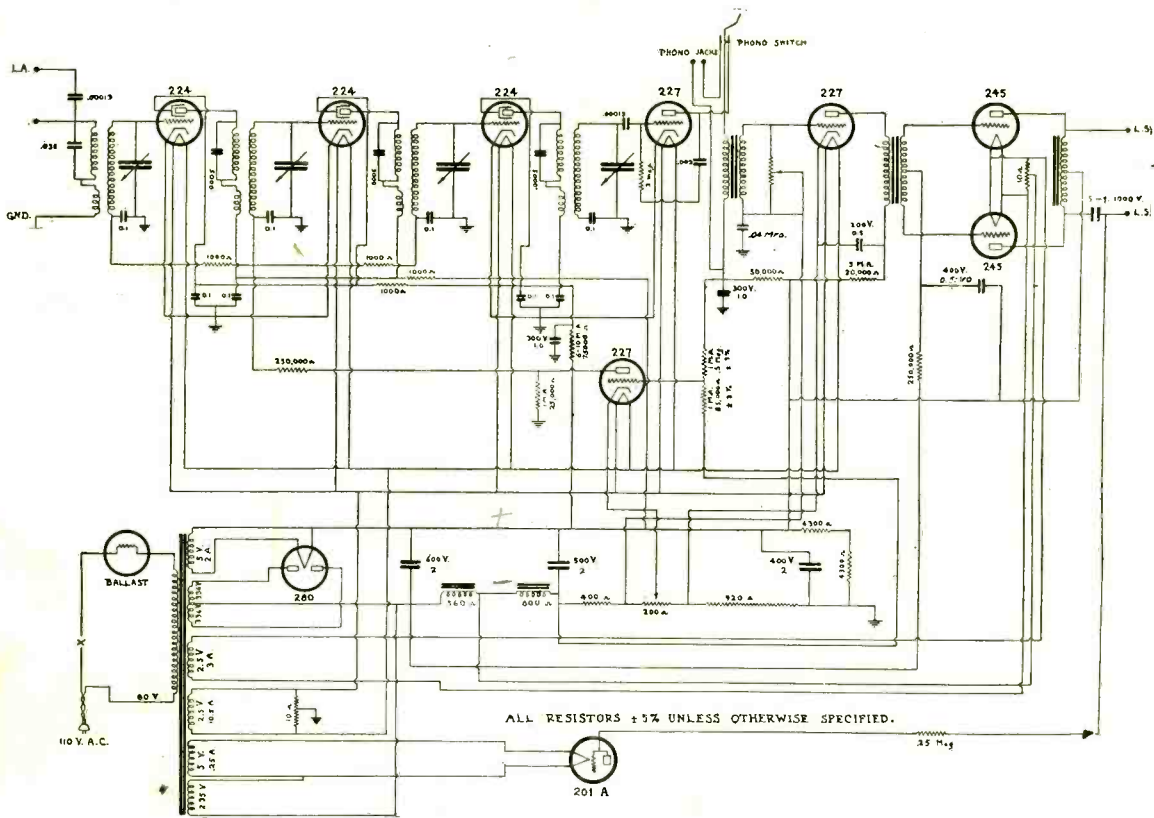
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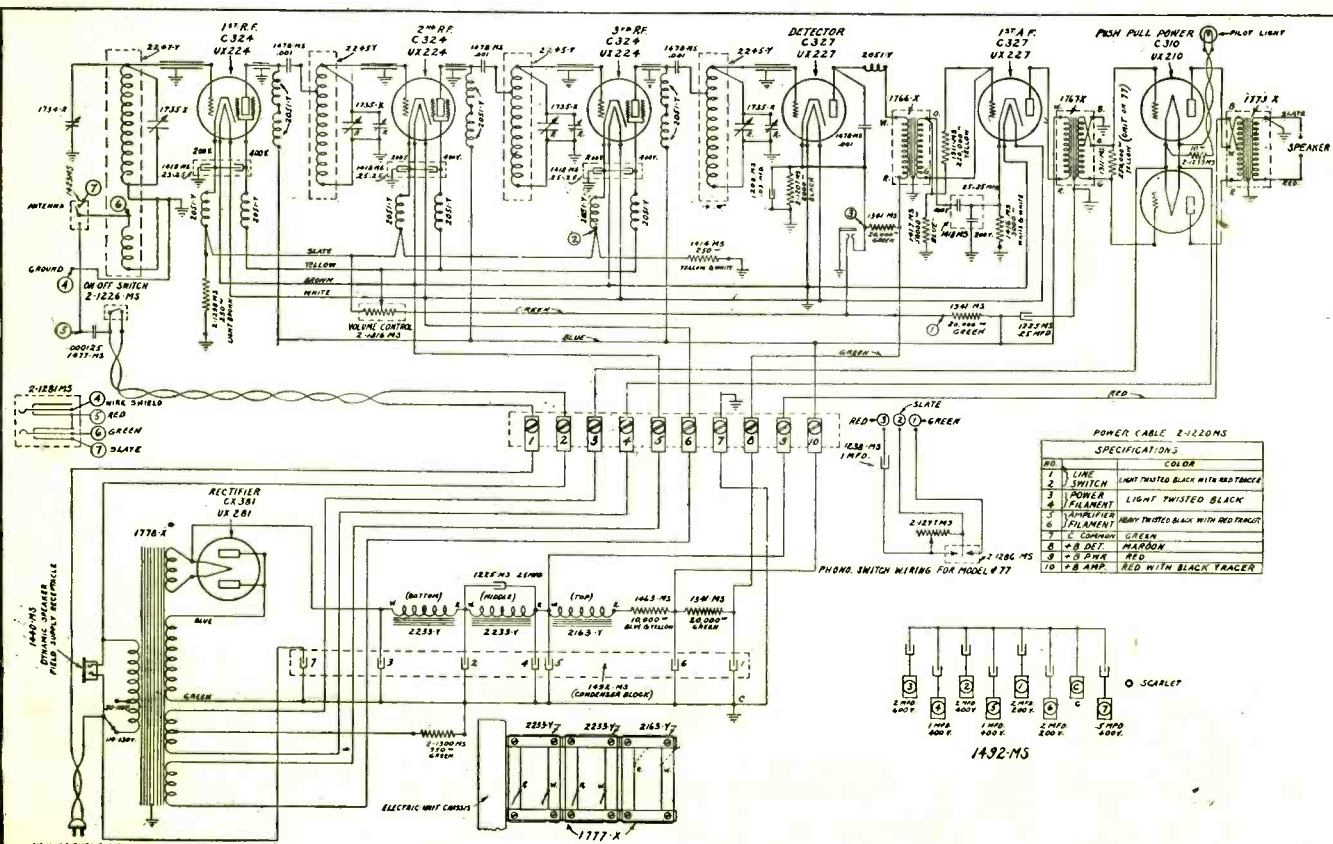
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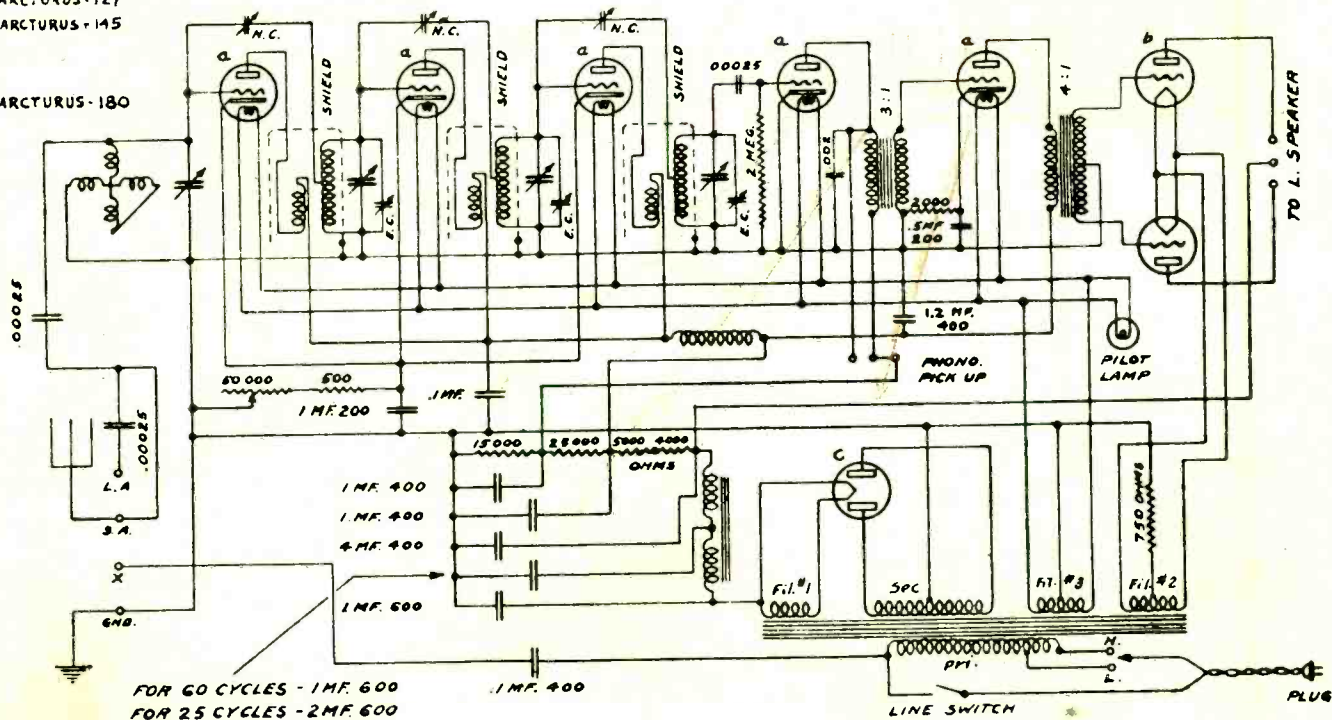


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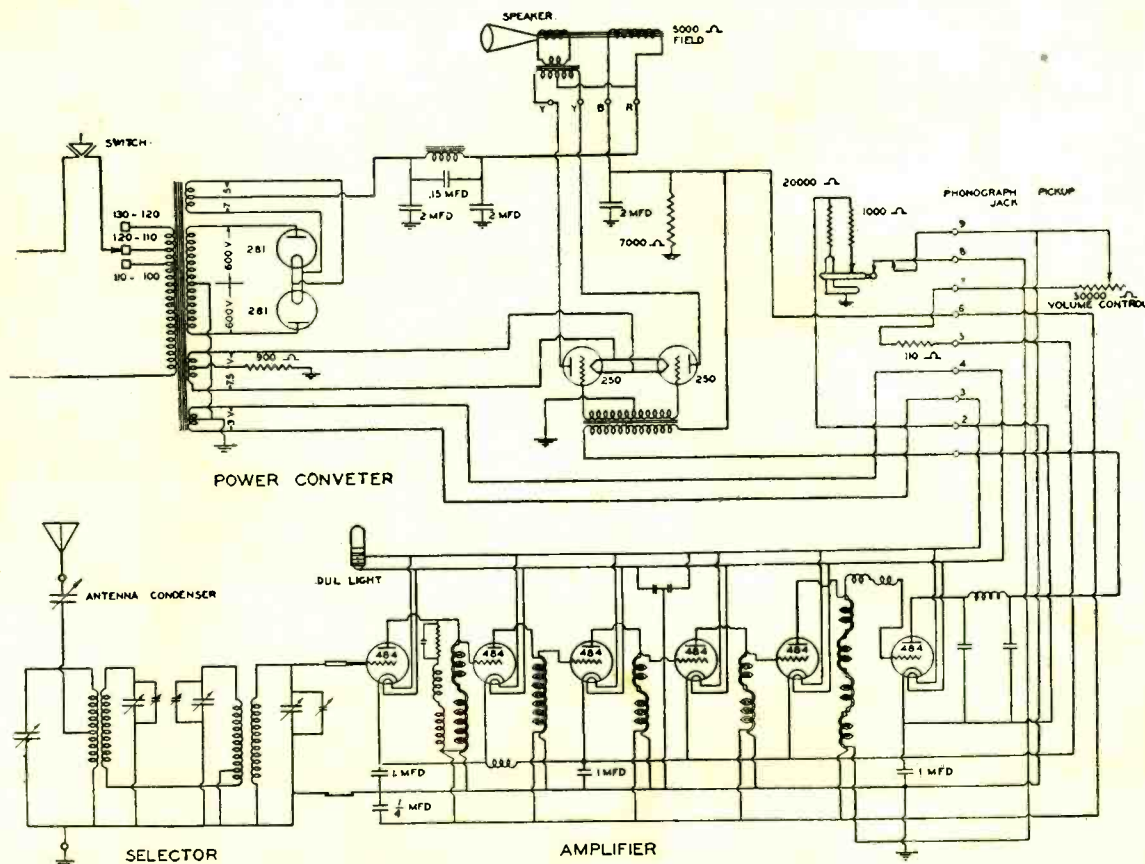
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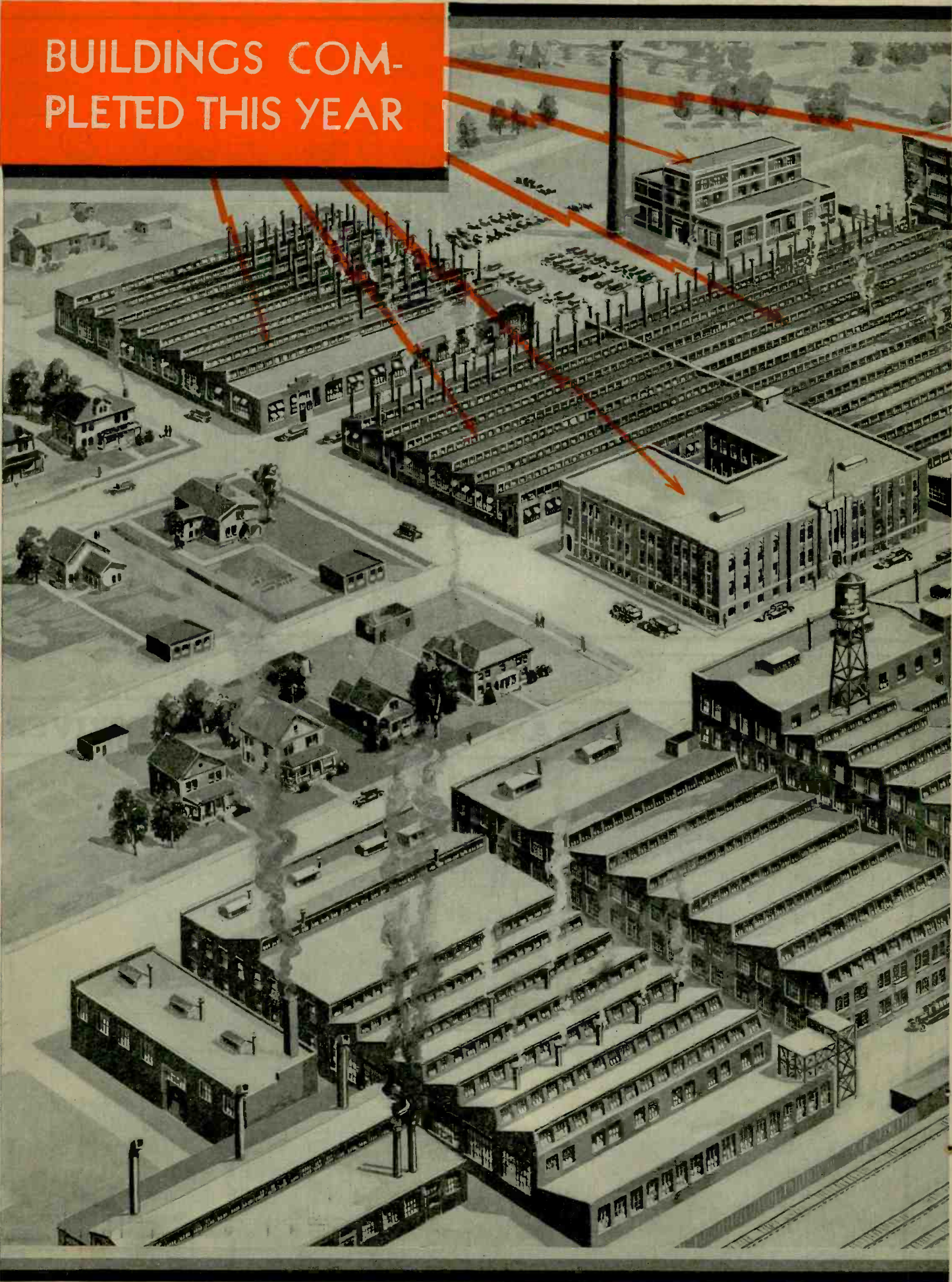


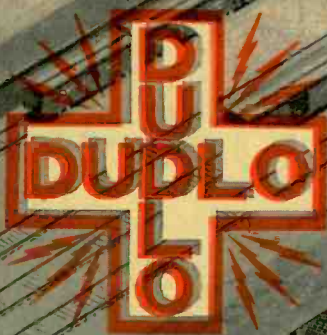
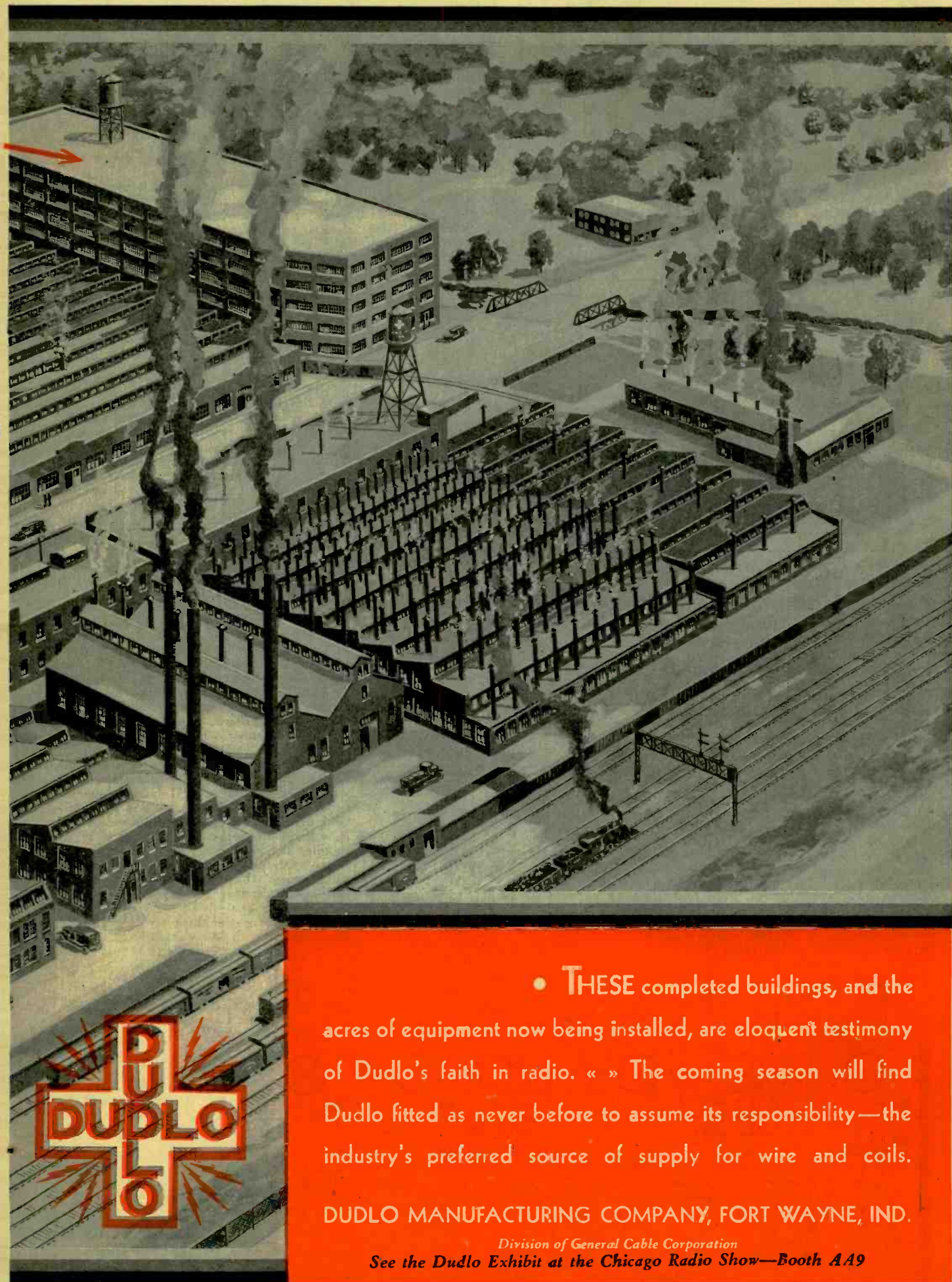
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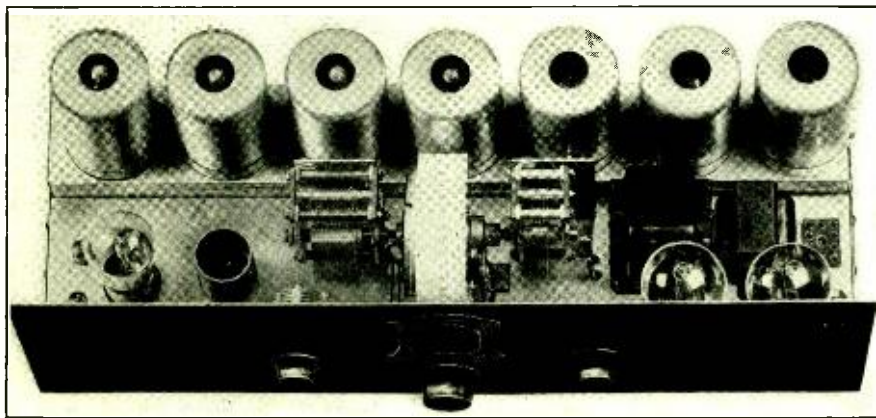
Kit Reviews

THE H-F-L MASTERTONE

THE new H-F-L Mastertone is a completely built a-c superheterodyne chassis wired by the High Frequency Laboratories ready for installation in a cabinet with a loudspeaker. The panel is 7 by 21 in. and the baseboard 7½ in. deep. It requires ten tubes, including five '24s, three '27s and

filter system is equipped with a heavy choke and 24 µf Mershon condensers. A 10-wire Jones plug-in cable connects the power plant to the receiver.

The input circuit is of the conductive tuned type, permitting the use of a short antenna, either the screen-backing of the console or a short length of wire. The receiver is claimed to give equalized gain over



H-F-L Mastertone Chassis

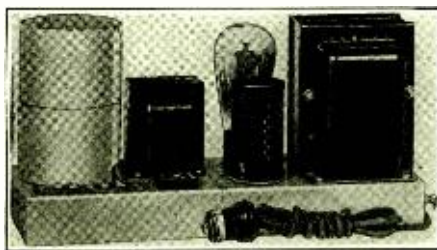
two '45s, together with an '80 rectifier. It has single-dial one-spot tuning.

The amplification system is built around the a-c screen-grid tubes, four of which are used in the intermediate frequency stages with five tuned circuits which are individually adjustable, and the fifth as a power detector with 175 volts on the plate. The three '27 tubes are used in the oscillator, first detector, and first audio stage, which is impedance coupled. This is followed by the two '45 tubes in push-pull in the second audio stage, this being transformer coupled and of the interspace type. The high voltage is fed through a center-tap push-pull impedance which enables the use of any type of loudspeaker. A plug-in jack provides for phonograph pickup connection to three stages of a-f amplification. All stages and tubes are individually shielded.

The power supply system is equipped with an automatic line ballast to take care of line fluctuations from 85 to 130 volts. The

entire frequency range and to have extreme sensitivity, good selectivity, and fine tone quality.

Tuning is accomplished with the single central knob with a vernier antenna tuner for fine tuning on distant stations. The right hand knob controls volume and is equipped with a line switch for tuning the set on or off. A ground wire is seldom necessary as the set is grounded through the power supply.



H-F-L Power Plant

THE LINCOLN 8-40 A-C SUPERHETERODYNE

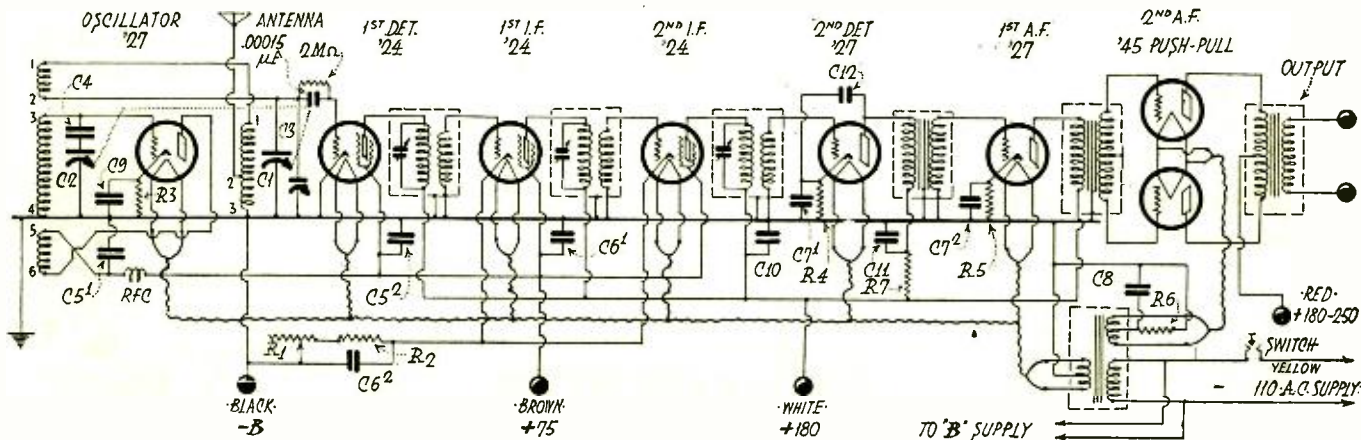
THIS kit employs a-c tubes throughout, with '27's in the oscillator, second detector and first a-f stage, '24's in the first detector and the two i-f stages, and two '45's in push-pull in the second audio stage. The intermediate stages are peaked at 475 kc; this being variable to some extent by the tuned primaries of the transformers; thus affording "one-spot" tuning, or the elimination of the bothersome harmonics to which the older types of superheterodynes have been subject.

The antenna is connected to a tap in the first detector tuning inductance, making an autoformer of the latter, of which the portion from 2 to 3 is the primary and the remainder is the secondary. The secondary, through the pickup coil, supplies the detector grid with the incoming signal. The pickup coil, being coupled to the oscillator grid coil, also provides the detector grid with the oscillations generated by the oscillator. These are of a frequency 475 kc away from those of the incoming signal. The output of the detector, or mixer, is at the beat frequency and is amplified by the i-f amplifier which is tuned to this frequency (475 kc). Then it is rectified by the second detector and further amplified by the a-f stages.

In order to make it possible to gang the oscillator tuning condenser with that of the first detector a fixed condenser was connected in series with it. The effect of this system is a slight increase in the minimum and a slight decrease in the maximum capacities in the tuning range. Bias is supplied to the oscillator grid by means of a resistor between cathode and ground. This is bypassed in the usual manner. A trimmer has been shunted across the detector tuning condenser in order to align it with the oscillator condenser. A .00015 µf grid condenser, shunted with a 2 megohm leak, is used in the detector grid lead. The cathode is grounded, grid detection being used. The screen-grid is connected to the 75-volt source which supplies the oscillator plate as well as the screen-grids of the i-f tubes. The three i-f transformers which couple the i-f tubes and the second detector are discussed in detail following the analysis of the circuit.

The plates of the three screen-grid tubes are supplied with 180 volts through a care-

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Circuit Diagram of Lincoln 8-40 A-C Superheterodyne

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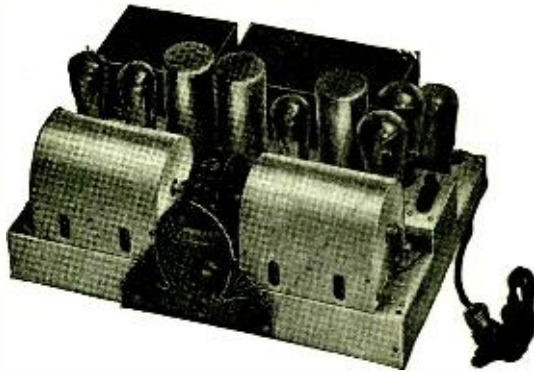
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The Intermediate Frequency Transformers

TRANSFORMERS have proved to be the most practical and efficient means of coupling vacuum tubes in the cascade amplifier. There are four variations of transformer coupling: untuned, tuned primary, tuned secondary, and tuned primary and secondary.

The untuned transformer is successful in low frequency amplifiers, but at high frequencies little gain can be obtained because of the short circuiting effect of the input and output impedance of the vacuum tube. A three-electrode vacuum tube has about the same capacity between the grid and the filament as between the plate and the filament. The effect of tuning either the primary or the secondary of a coupling transformer is to remove the effect of either the input capacity or the output capacity of the tube. The removal of either of these two capacities has a remarkable effect upon the gain of a stage, for the input impedance of a three-electrode tube at a frequency of 500 kilocycles is about 30,000 ohms.

When the primary is tuned, the plate to filament resistance of the tube, which is in parallel with the tuned circuit, has the effect of a small series resistance placed in the tuned circuit. This tends to reduce the sharpness of resonance or selectivity, as well as the gain of the stage. The effect of the parallel resistance increases as the plate to filament resistance decreases. Since the plate to filament resistance of a three-electrode tube is of the order of 10,000 to 20,000 ohms, the tuned primary transformer, coupled between three-electrode tubes, would have an equivalent series resistance of sufficient value to have a measurable effect upon the selectivity and gain of the transformer.

A tuned circuit has a very high impedance to the flow of a current of the same frequency to which it is tuned. At a frequency of 500 kilocycles it is possible to get an impedance of several hundred thousand ohms. This impedance increases with both the efficiency as well as the inductance of the coil. In a three-electrode tube with a plate to filament resistance of less than 20,000 ohms it does not take a very large impedance in the primary of the transformer in order to get a considerable portion of the generated voltage across the primary. This means that it does not take very close coupling between the primary and secondary of a tuned secondary transformer to get sufficient reflected impedance into the primary.

It is not possible to get all of the gain out

of a transformer when used between three-electrode tubes, for a condition of instability and a tendency towards oscillation appears when the gain reaches a certain value per stage. The maximum gain, of course, can only be reached with good shielding, bypassing of each stage to eliminate coupling by common impedance, and neutralizing. There would be no object in using a tuned primary and tuned secondary transformer for coupling three-electrode tubes because it is not possible to use all of the gain obtained by tuning only the secondary even with perfect shielding and neutralization. From these considerations, it is evident why it has been standard practice in designing transformers for coupling three-electrode tubes to use the tuned secondary method.

The four-electrode screen-grid tube has radically different properties from the three-electrode tube. The presence of a screen between the grid and the plate reduces the capacity between these elements. The screen does not materially change the input, or grid-to-filament capacity, but considerably increases the plate-to-filament capacity. This means that the short circuiting effect of the output capacity of a screen-grid tube is several times the short circuiting effect of its input capacity. Since tuning either the primary or the secondary of a transformer has the effect of removing either the output or input capacity, respectively, tuning the primary immediately suggests itself.

The effect of the screen is to greatly increase the plate-to-filament resistance from a value of less than 20,000 ohms to a value of the order of 500,000 ohms. With the three-electrode tube it was not difficult to get a primary impedance at least equal to the plate-to-filament resistance of the tube.

A tuned secondary transformer which was satisfactory for the three-electrode tube having a possible primary impedance of 50,000 ohms would allow very little gain when used with screen-grid tubes because of the very small proportion of the total plate circuit impedance which the primary of the transformer would represent. A tuned primary would, however, have a very high impedance and would make it possible to get a much larger proportion of the voltage generated in the tube across it. It is evident that if the primary impedance of the transformer were equal to the plate-to-filament resistance of the tube, that only one-half of the voltage would appear across the primary. From these considerations, it is easily seen that the primary of a transformer used with screen-grid tubes must be tuned.

In the case of the screen-grid tube, the plate-to-filament resistance is so high that its effect upon the tuned primary in producing an equivalent series resistance is negligible. This means that there would be no loss of selectivity in tuning the primary, but a considerable increase in voltage amplification would be effected.

After determining that the primary of the transformer must be tuned, there is still left one remaining possibility for improvement, namely, tuning both the primary and the secondary. Tuning the secondary, of course, would eliminate the short circuiting effect of the input capacity of the tube. When both the primary and secondary are tuned a maximum transfer of energy no longer takes place with close coupling, requiring instead, a very loose coupling. Since space limitations eliminate the possibility of separating the primary and secondary by a space of 6 inches or more, it is necessary to turn one of the coils so that it is practically at right angles to the other.

Although the transformer with tuned primary and tuned secondary is capable of the greatest gain it was found that the gain of the transformer in which the primary alone was tuned was more than could be successfully controlled. At 475 kc the gain

of the latter is 75 per stage; a gain that was found too great for stable operation even though the greatest care was used in shielding and bypassing.

Amplification is of little value unless it is accompanied by selectivity. The intermediate frequency of 475 kilocycles was chosen because the selectivity is much better at a higher frequency than at a low frequency, and because this frequency gives one spot reception. Selectivity is determined not only by the frequency of the intermediate, but by the ratio of the inductance of the tuned circuit to the tuned circuit resistance. At a frequency of 475 kilocycles it was found that a single layer solenoid has the highest ratio of inductance to effective resistance of any type of winding. For this reason solenoids for both primary and secondary are used. No wood or low dielectric substance is used. The primary winding is composed of 470 turns of No. 36 wire wound evenly on a bakelite tube having a clearance of 1 in. from winding end to case. Inside, and at the grid end of the primary winding, is placed another bakelite tube on which 100 turns of No. 36 wire are wound for the secondary. At the top of the transformer is mounted a .00007 μ f variable condenser which is connected across the primary winding. This condenser is similar in action to the Lincoln No. 101 I. F. transformer, and accurately tunes each stage to the exact frequency desired, at the same time compensating for all different tube capacities and characteristics.

The final conclusions were that for maximum usable gain the tuned primary transformer using single layer solenoids for both primary and secondary coils mounted in fully enclosed copper shielding and operating at a frequency of 475 kilocycles, gave maximum amplification combined with maximum selectivity.

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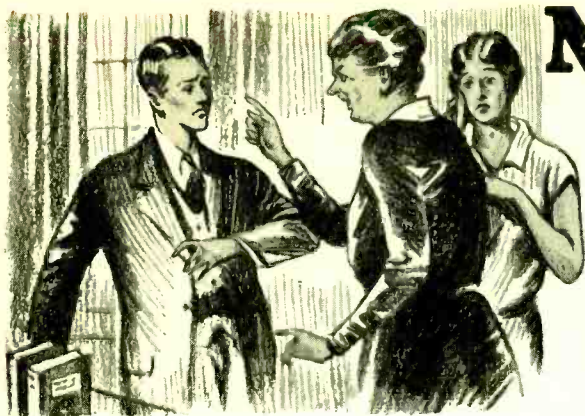
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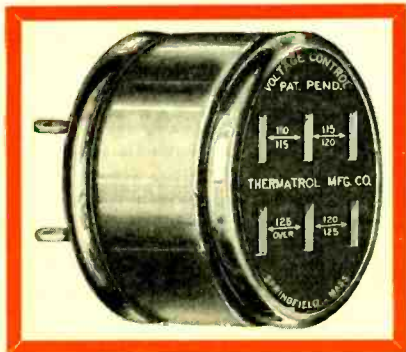
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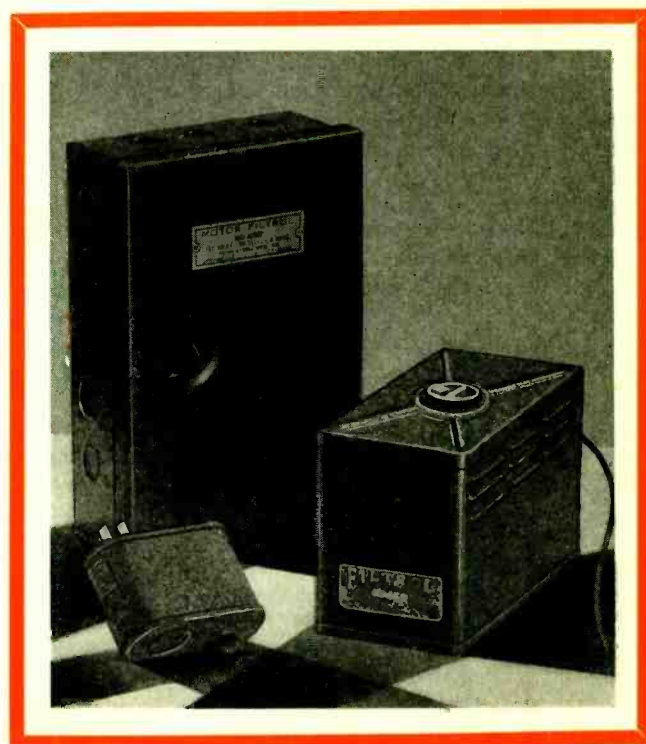
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DESIGN OF R-F TRANSFORMERS

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optimum value of t cannot always be used, notably in the case where the transformer is to follow a screened-grid tube. In such circumstances it would usually be found that the optimum primary would be such as to itself tune to some point in the broadcast band, with results that would be distressing.

For the benefit of those who find it necessary to rely wholly on the approximation to the coupling factor k , it has usually been found that the approximation errs rather on the low side, so that it is permissible to increase the transformer ratio a trifle over that calculated. Moreover, some compensation for any slight reduction in amplification resulting from a transformer ratio a little greater than the optimum is found in the enhanced selectivity secured thereby. Where a measurement of the mutual inductance can be made, k can of course be secured with fair accuracy and the ratio t altered in line with any alteration in k .

Since the equivalent primary dynamic resistance into which the tube feeds is equal to k^2/t^2 of the dynamic resistance of the secondary (calculated from the formula $R=L_2/Cr_2$) readers might find it interesting to calculate this resistance into which the tube feeds in the above example and see how exactly it fits the well-known requirement that for optimum performance the load shall be equal to the operating impedance of the tube itself.

It is not proposed to enter into a lengthy discussion on modes of construction, since these will readily suggest themselves to the reader and further experiment in this direction is highly desirable. Care should be taken, however, that the requirements developed from theoretical considerations are not overlooked, and it is with this in mind that the following suggestions are made:

(1) In order to maintain k at the highest possible figure and thereby gain enhanced selectivity while still loading the tube properly, the primary should be wound directly over or under some portion of the secondary and should not be wound spaced from the secondary on the same former.

(2) With the same object in view, the primary should be spaced over a considerable part of the winding length of the secondary. Browning, of course, advocates the use of a slot wound primary; if this construction should be adopted, the winding length of the secondary should be reduced to the point where increase in secondary resistance becomes serious, in order to maintain k at a reasonably high figure.

(3) The transformer ratio should be determined from equation (8) in the manner previously illustrated, and while

some increase in transformer ratio with the object of increasing selectivity is permissible, this should not be too great; in view of the writer's previous article, it is almost unnecessary to add that the secondary resistance should be as low as can be obtained with the dimensions permissible.

(4) A point which is not brought out in the simple theory given here is that the capacity between primary and secondary windings, as well as the self-capacity of the primary, should be reduced to the lowest possible limits. Advantage should be taken of the low dielectric constant of air to reduce this

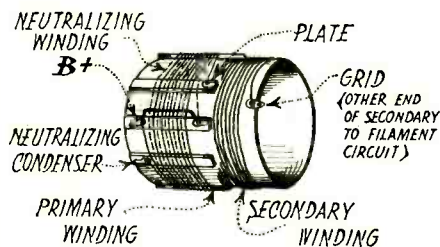


Fig. 6. Method of Winding Transformer

capacity. Thus the primary may be wound over eight hard rubber spacing strips (perhaps 3/16 in. wide by 1/8 in. thick) spaced at equidistant intervals around the secondary and held in position with rubber bands until the winding is completed; the ends of the winding may be soldered to tags held by bolts passed up from the underside of one or two of the spacing strips, the heads of the bolts being heavily countersunk so as not to come in contact with the secondary. Alternatively, the primary may be wound on a former of a smaller diameter than the secondary former, care being taken that there is a clear air space on all sides between the primary winding and the interior of the secondary former; where a slot-wound primary is used, the primary should not quite fill the slot, and it might even be advantageous to turn down the wall of the slot nearest the high potential end of the secondary a little in order to leave an air space here. The turns of the primary should be spaced (except where slot-wound) in order to reduce self-capacity, and since primary resistance is immaterial, should be wound with the finest gauge of wire which the constructor is willing to manipulate; No. 44 is not too small, and No. 34 should be regarded as the maximum permissible, except where extreme mechanical strength is necessary. The effects of such capacity as remains may be reduced to some extent by keeping the primary towards the low-potential portion of the secondary.

(5) It should be remembered that in cases where neutralization is effected by means of a center-tapped primary, the tapping being connected to $B+$ (a cir-

cuit of this type is illustrated in Fig. 4) the true primary is only the portion connected between $B+$ and the plate of the tube, and it is the ratio of the square roots of the inductances of the secondary and of this portion of the primary which is given by (8). The remainder of the primary, or, as it would perhaps be better termed, the neutralizing winding, is additional; with this circuit, where the primary and secondary are not concentric, it will be found that neutralizing is effected more readily when the primary and neutralizing windings are interwound, the beginning of the primary and the end of the neutralizing winding being connected together and to $B+$.

The description will be clarified by a reference to the illustration of Fig. 6, which also shows the method of winding the primary over strips of insulating material spaced around the secondary; the strips may be of hard rubber or formica, the latter material having the advantage of not softening under the heat of the soldering iron and so loosening the bolts securing the tags. Strips shaped to a knife edge might have some slight advantage, while production facilities would permit the adoption of a moulded skeleton former for the primary of such a size as just to slide tightly over the secondary winding.

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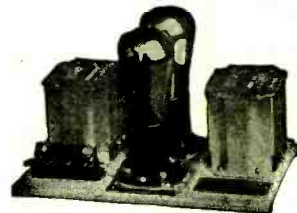
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TROUBLE SHOOTING A POWER UNIT

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respectively of the test panel. The high resistance rheostat is adjusted until some predetermined current, say 40 ma, is indicated. Switch No. 1 is then set on tap No. 1 and the voltage output at this load current will then be shown on the d-c voltmeter. If the current required by a receiver is known, it is possible to adjust the rheostat for this current and to then read the maximum voltage that can be obtained under this load.

The average unit should show an output of at least 135 volts while delivering a current of 30 ma. If the voltage reading is low, the trouble is probably due either to a defective rectifier or a shorted bypass condenser across some section of the voltage dividing resistance. The substitution of a good rectifier tube will determine whether the trouble is in the tube. If there is no output, there can be any number of reasons, the most likely being a shorted filter condenser whose location can be found as already described.

If it is desired to check the various voltage taps of the unit for output while it is under load, switch No. 1 should be set on point 2 and the insulated test prod lead connected to post No. 2 should be touched to the different voltage taps and the voltage read. If the voltage is over 300, the switch should be set on point No. 3 which will connect the voltage multiplier in the circuit so that the maximum range of the meter will be 600 volts.

Condenser Tests

TO TEST filter condensers for shorts, leaks or an open, switch No. 1 should be set on point 4 which connects 150 volts of *B* storage batteries in series with the 300 volt range of the high resistance voltmeter. A clip lead from post No. 1 is clipped on to one terminal of the filter or bypass condenser and the lead with the insulated test prod from post No. 2 is touched to the other terminal of the condenser. The push button marked "continuity" (No. 1) is pressed and if the condenser is good, the needle of the high resistance voltmeter will swing up and then return rapidly as the condenser charges up to the value of the d-c volts from the batteries. After this quick swing there should be no further indication shown on the voltmeter.

A reading will indicate a leaky condenser and the failure of the needle to either swing or indicate would show that there was an open between the condenser terminals and the condenser. When testing a condenser make certain that it is discharged first by shorting the terminals of the condenser.

The capacity of filter and bypass condensers can be measured with a fair degree of accuracy by setting the a-c voltmeter switch No. 2 on point 4. The lead from post No. 5 is clipped to one terminal of the condenser and the test prod from post No. 6 is touched to the other terminal. When push button No. 2 is pressed, it connects the a-c line voltage, usually 110 volts, in series with the condenser and the 150 volt scale of the a-c voltmeter. As the reactance of the condenser varies with the capacity, the amount of current flowing through the voltmeter will change with the capacity. That is, the highest capacity condenser will give the highest reading on the voltmeter.

A calibration curve of the a-c voltmeter as a capacity meter can be made by taking a number of high grade condensers of different rated capacities and plotting the voltmeter readings obtained through the condensers against their capacities.

It will be noted that whenever the switch is set for measuring capacity there is a 2000 ohm resistor shunted around the a-c voltmeter. The reason for this is that the voltmeter used was of the repulsion type and the resistance (6100 ohms) of the voltmeter was too high to give any appreciable change in the voltmeter reading with a change in capacity. When the 2000 ohm resistor is shunted around the meter, the current taken by the combination is large enough to cause an appreciable voltage drop across the reactance of the condenser.

Transformer Voltage Readings

THE HIGH voltage windings of a power transformer can be checked by reading its voltage. This voltage can be easily measured by clipping a test lead from post No. 5 to the *B*- terminal of the *B* power unit and touching the insulated test prod from post No. 6 to the plate and then to the grid terminals of the rectifier tube socket in a 280 type of unit, the plate terminal of the rectifier tube socket in a 281 type of unit or to each of the filament terminals of the rectifier tube socket in the Raytheon type of unit. Be sure that the insulated test prod is used because the voltage on some types of power units is high enough to be dangerous. The rectifier tube should be removed while making this test.

In conclusion it may be said that many of these troubles will never occur in a power unit if it is always connected to a load which will keep the voltage somewhere near the point for which the unit was designed. When the load is removed the filter and bypass condensers may be subjected to voltages perhaps fifty per cent greater than when operating with load.

TRANSLATING RADIO LANGUAGE

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tion frequencies. These measurements are plotted on a graph which shows, for each modulation frequency, the ratio of the output voltage at that modulation frequency to the output voltage at a modulation frequency of 400 cycles per second.

DISTORTION is "a change in wave form . . . when the output wave form is not a faithful reproduction of the input wave form." It is caused by the introduction of spurious frequencies which are not present in the input, but which appear in the output. Its effect on the human ear is highly variable and is frequently heard as an over-emphasis of certain notes, or as blurred or muffled tones. Consonants may also be suppressed.

These spurious frequencies may be introduced by the r-f amplifier, detector, or a-f amplifier and may be due to many different causes. If the r-f amplifier is tuned too sharply the side-bands are cut off and the high notes are not reproduced; if it is operated too close to the point of oscillation, the oscillating frequency will distort the side-bands and high notes. If the detector is overloaded by a strong signal so that its grid voltage becomes either too negative or too positive the sound is distorted. Insufficient grid bias or poor transformers in the audio amplifier also introduce distortion.

Modern practice recognizes that a certain amount of side-band cutting is desirable in order to eliminate the noise caused by heterodynes between modulated carriers on adjacent channels. In most receivers the output level at 5000 cycles is about 20 db less than the output at 1,000 cycles. Nor is there much object in a receiver's passing frequencies below 50 cycles, when "hearing" begins to become "feeling."

Power detection largely does away with the possibility of overloading the detector tubes. When used with one stage audio frequency amplification there is also less likelihood of the introduction of a-c hum into the output. Other refinements in receiver design, such as automatic volume control or automatic and remote tuning control, while they add to the convenience of operation and correspondingly increase the price, should have no effect on the three fundamental characteristics: selectivity, sensitivity and fidelity.

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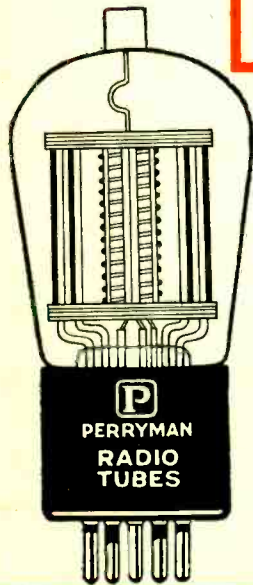


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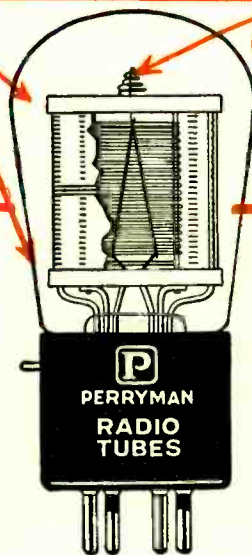
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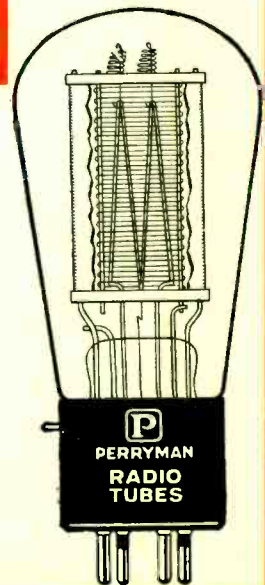
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TELEVISION
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Commission. The RMA Television Committee has recommended that the Commission consider the advisability and possibility of assigning a separate channel on which a standard synchronizing frequency may be broadcast. The use of such a frequency would be very broad, it is believed, in other scientific services. Standard recommendations relating to scanning are being retained for the present. The RMA recommends that scanning at the receiving end be from left to right, and from top to bottom in uninterrupted sequence, looking directly at the object.

Standard practices for television experimenters—not rigid standards regarding speed elements—are being recommended by the RMA Television Committee. Assuming that the first successful television probably will be from talking picture films, it is recommended that experimenters use discs to give 48 by 57½ picture elements, at speeds of 15, 20 and 24 frames per second, and also 60 by 72 at 20 and 24 frames per second. Most talking pictures are projected at 24 frames per second, and a slower rate, it is believed, would not bring as satisfactory results, although there is admitted difficulty in obtaining the higher speed with standard motors.

Television engineers are of the opinion that it is too early to adopt fixed standards for disc speed or hole arrangement of television transmitters, and that it is too early to impose rigid standards on the television art to which it is hoped and believed amateurs will make valuable contributions.

GET ONTO THOSE CURVES

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2,000 cycles a loss of almost 4 db is noted; at 4,000 cycles the loss is 8 db and at 5,000 cycles the volume drops a total of 11 db, just past the point where it begins to be noticeable. In this receiver, then, the critical ear should be able to detect a very slight attenuation to the high notes, while the best the ordinary ear could do would be to perceive the fact that the tones, especially in the human voice, were not as "full" as in a more faithful receiver. This is due to the fact that the fullness of a musical tone is dependent upon the harmonics of which it is comprised. These, being on the higher frequencies, of course, have been reduced in strength.

At 1,400 kc a better fidelity curve results, one in which the high notes show less loss. This is borne out by the broad shoulder of the 1,400 kc selectivity curve in Fig. 1. At 600 kc, just as we should have suspected from

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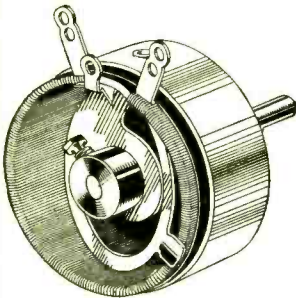
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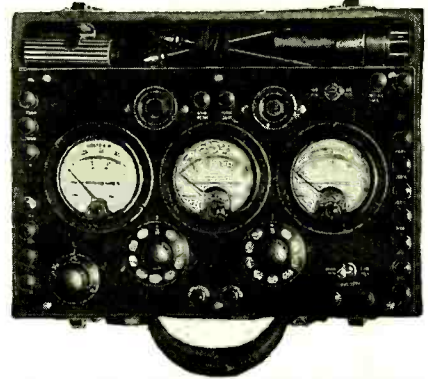
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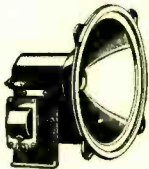
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IDEAS FOR THE BENCH MAN

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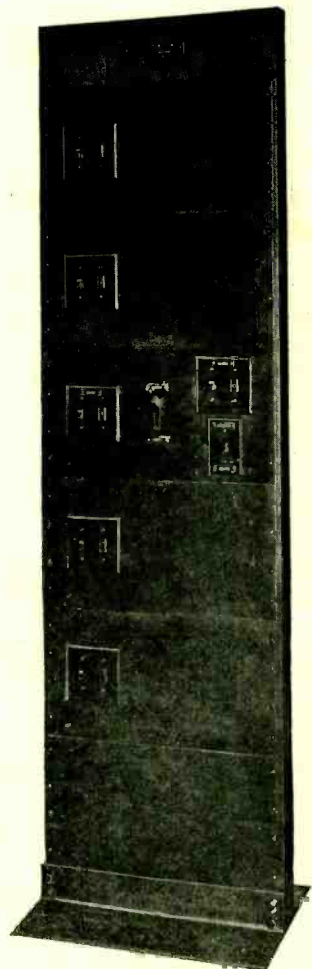
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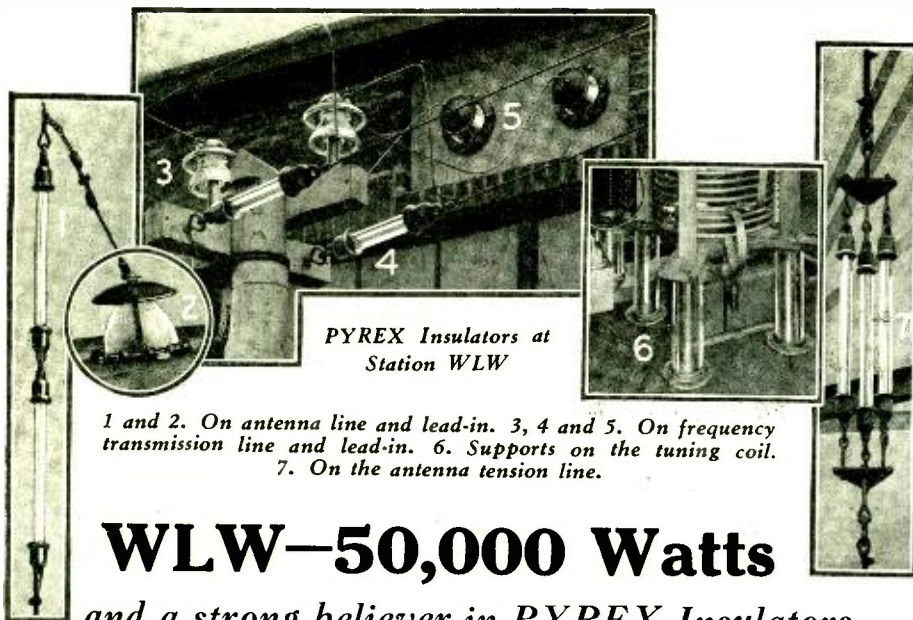
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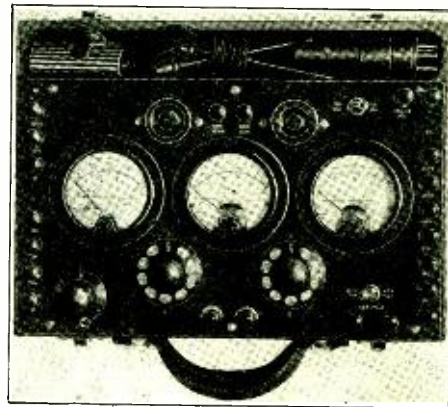
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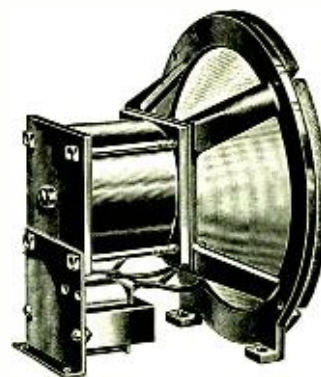
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for 4, 8, 16, 150 and 750 volt maximum readings. In addition to a four-prong tester plug with a five-prong adapter, there are two sockets on the panel, one for four-prong and the other for five-prong tubes. All voltages can also be brought in through binding posts. All the varied tests which can be made with this outfit are described in a complete book of instructions which also includes test data for many factory-built sets. The tester is contained in a bakelite case with a compartment for accessories and small tools; it is 12½ by 9 by 3¾ in. in size and weighs 10 lbs.

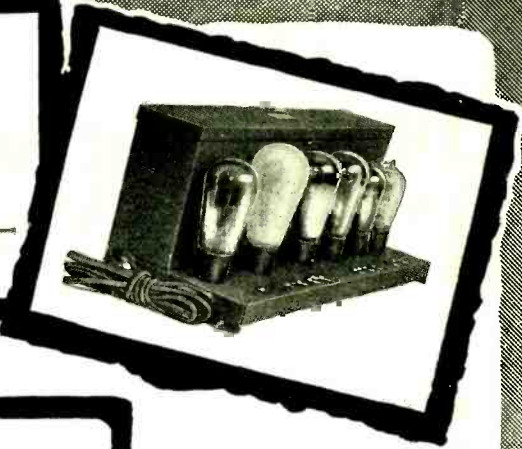
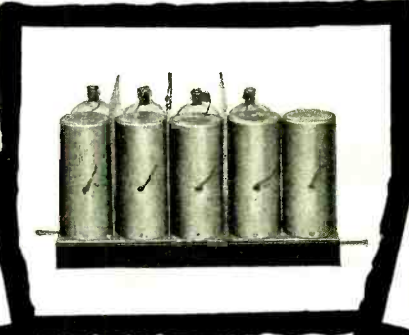
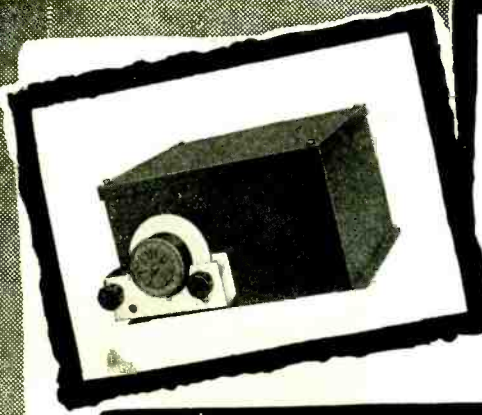
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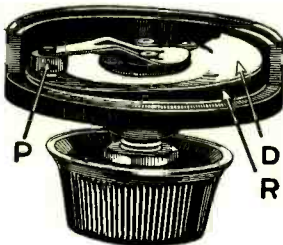
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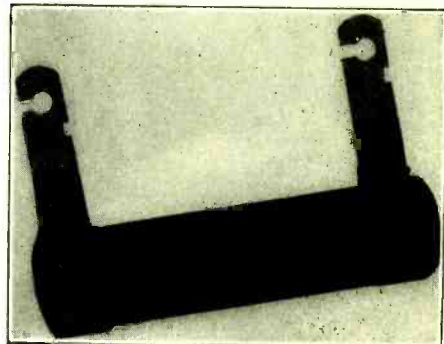
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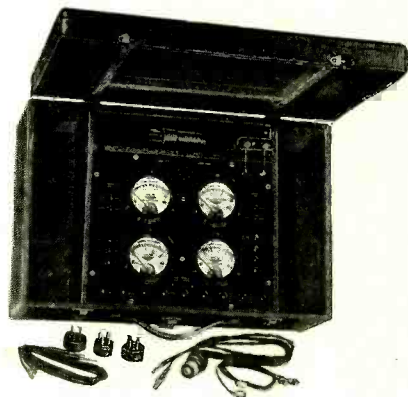
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of Nichrome wire wound in generously insulated layers around a refractory tube. The entire unit is covered with a heavy coating of moisture-proof enamel of unusual elas-



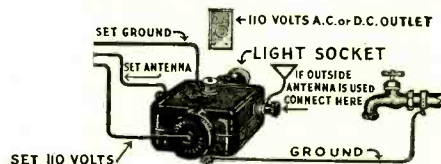
ticity, baked on at only 400 degrees to prevent loosened connections and fractured wire. Contact bands and soldering lugs are of Monel metal. The lugs are solder-dipped for easy soldering. All parts expand equally under load.

Pattern 408 Jewell set analyzer contains a tube merchandising case in addition to the four instruments and test equipment contained in Pattern 409. It gives plate volt-



age, plate current, filament, and grid voltage readings simultaneously. The new kit has two compartments, size $4\frac{1}{4} \times 11\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and a drawer, size $11\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{3}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, for the purpose of carrying tools and replacement tubes.

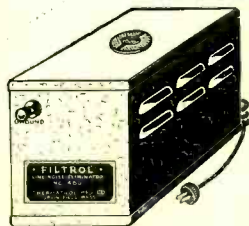
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cludes a condenser it increases the capacity of the aerial circuit and often improves reception. It is designed to give complete protection against lightning which may enter either through the aerial or through the 110 volt service wiring.

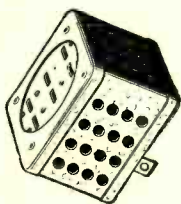
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Therm-A-Trol Filtrals consist of a balanced combination of capacitance and air-cooled inductance designed to eliminate interference from motor-operated appliances. No. 458 is built for installation in the line circuit at the interfering motor and No. 460 either at the



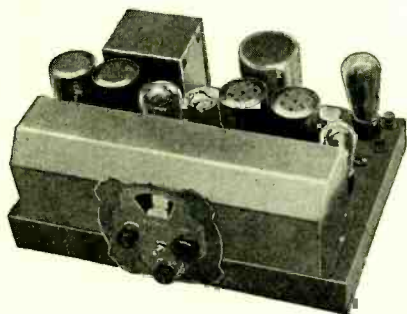
motor or at the radio set. The former has a housing like a standard cutout box and the latter is housed lacquered metal box with 5 ft. plug-in cord and outlet into which the cord from the radio set can be plugged.

Therm-A-Trol No. 210 voltage control consists of a ventilated wire-wound resistance element with four taps designed to protect a-c



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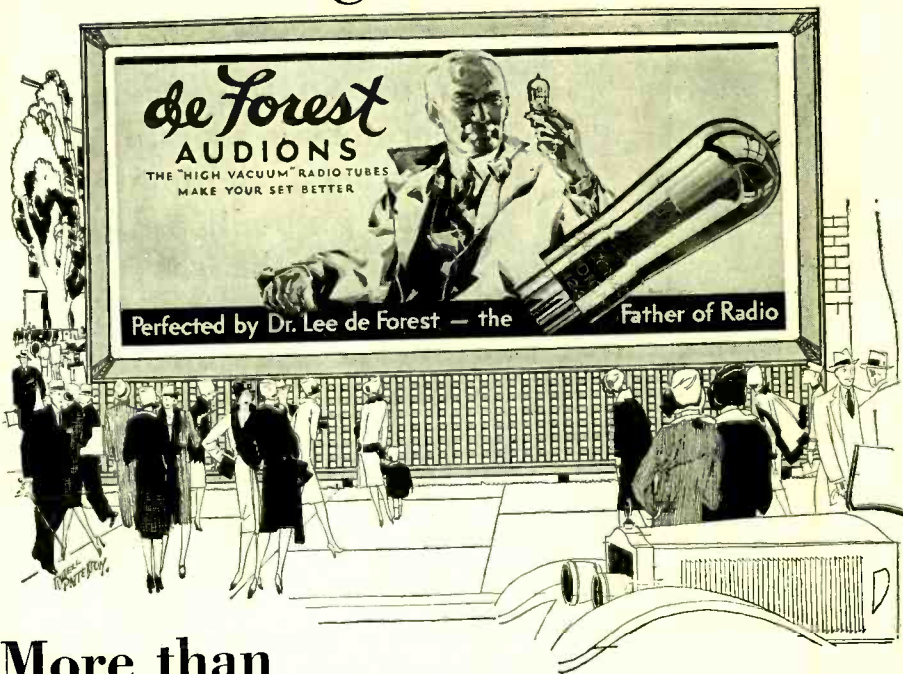
The new Premier Model 724 is a seven-tube chassis which uses four '24 tubes in the three r-f stages and power detector, a '27 tube in the first audio, and two '45 tubes in push-pull in the second audio stage, together with



an '80 tube as rectifier. The circuit has been specifically designed to use screen-grid tubes. A Mershon condenser is used in the power plant which has field coil terminals for a d-c dynamic speaker and has a phonograph pick-up. The chassis is of all-metal construction and thoroughly shielded.

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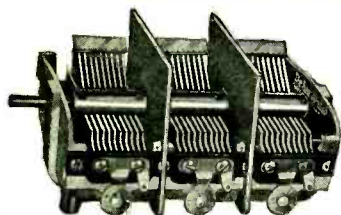
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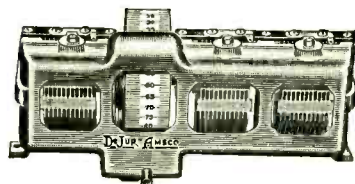
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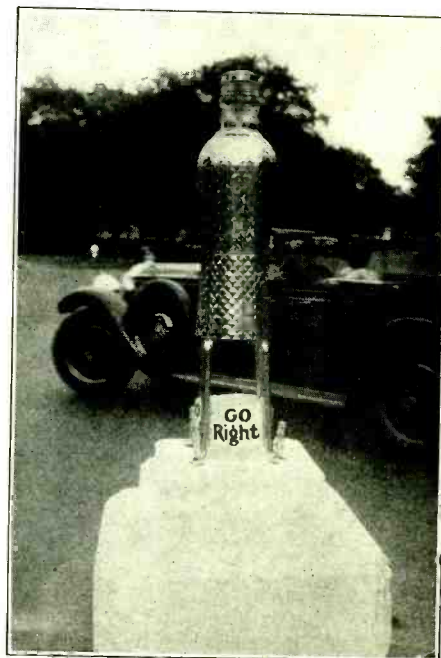
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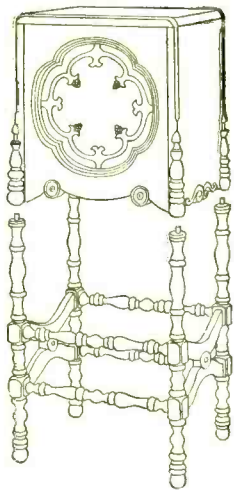
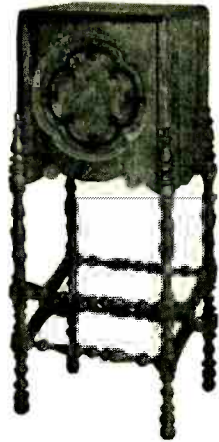
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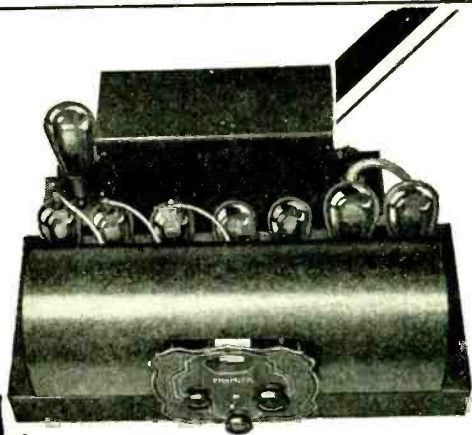
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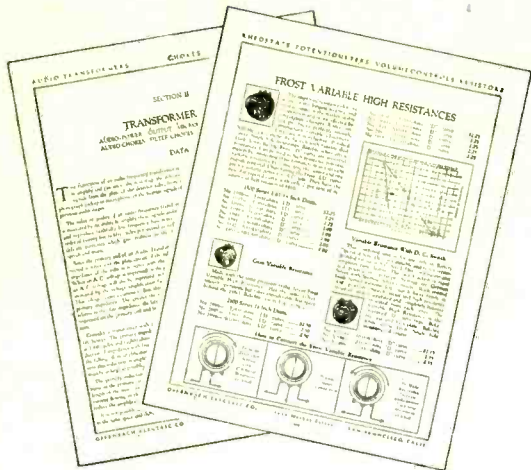
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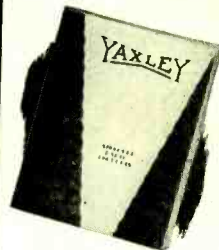
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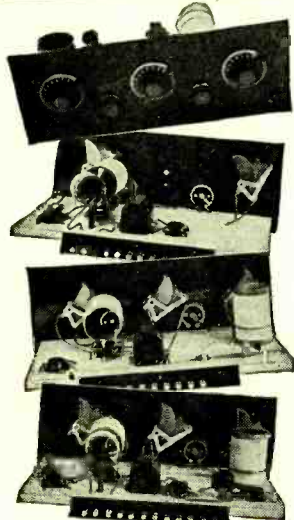
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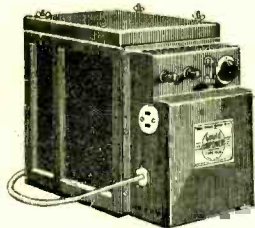
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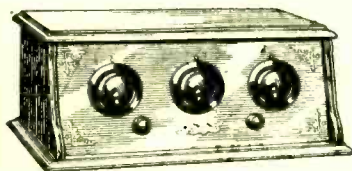
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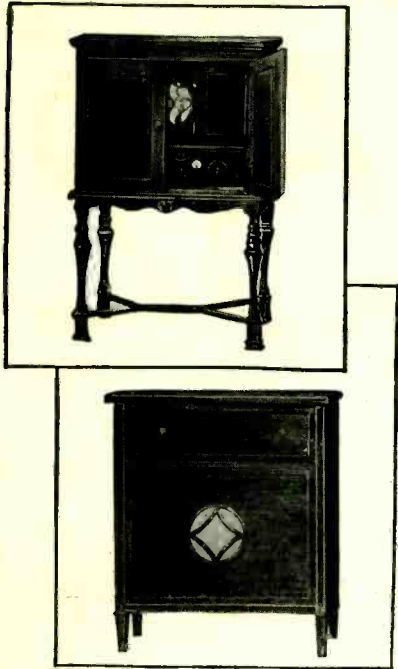
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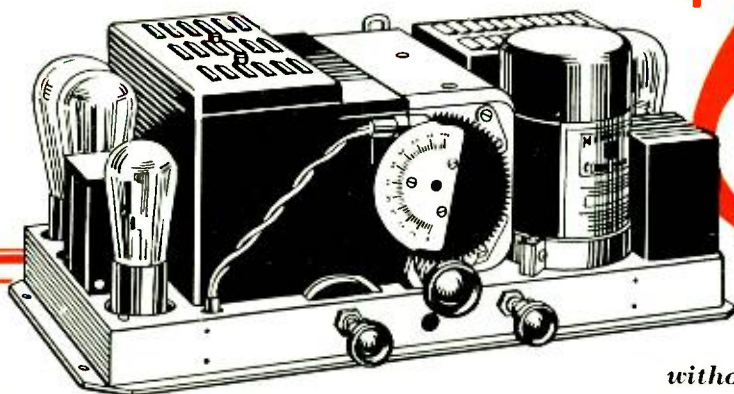
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