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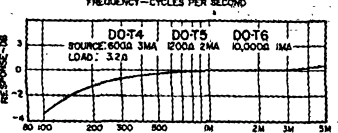
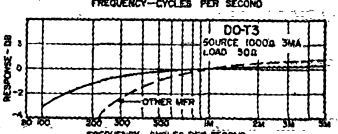
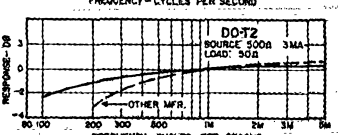
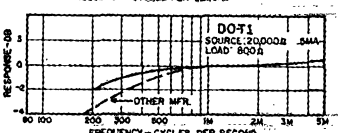
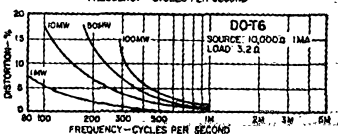
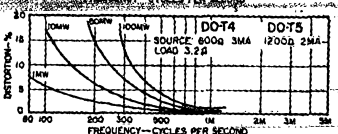
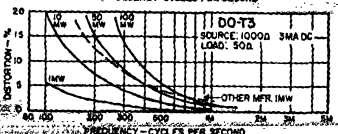
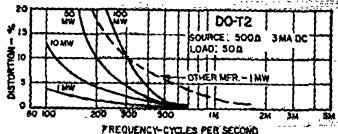
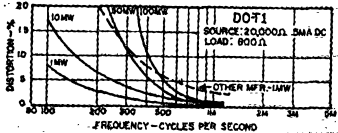
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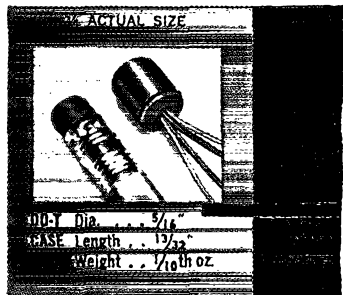
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DO-T1	TF4RX13Y	Interstage	20,000 30,000	5	800 1200		850	50
DO-T2	TF4RX17Y	Output	500 600	3	50 60		60	100
DO-T3	TF4RX13Y	Output	1000 1200	3	50 60		115	100
DO-T4	TF4RX17Y	Output	600	3	3.2		60	100
DO-T5	TF4RX13Y	Output	1200	2	3.2		115	100
DO-T6	TF4RX13Y	Output	10,000	1	3.2		1000	100
DO-T7	TF4RX16Y	Input	200,000	0	1000		8500	25
DO-T8	TF4RX20Y	Reactor 3.5 Hys. @ 2 Ma. DC					630	
DO-T9	TF4RX13Y	Output or driver	10,000 12,500	1	500 CT 600 CT		800	100
DO-T10	TF4RX13Y	Driver	10,000 12,500	1	1200 CT 1500 CT		800	100
DO-T11	TF4RX13Y	Driver	10,000 12,000	1	2000 CT 2500 CT		800	100
DO-T12	TF4RX17Y	Single or PP output	150 CT 200 CT	10 10	12 16		11	500
DO-T13	TF4RX17Y	Single or PP output	300 CT 400 CT	7 7	12 16		20	500
DO-T14	TF4RX17Y	Single or PP output	600 CT 800 CT	5 5	12 16		43	500
DO-T15	TF4RX17Y	Single or PP output	800 CT 1070 CT	4 4	12 16		51	500
DO-T16	TF4RX13Y	Single or PP output	1000 CT 1330 CT	3.5 3.5	12 16		71	500
DO-T17	TF4RX13Y	Single or PP output	1500 CT 2000 CT	3 3	12 16		108	500
DO-T18	TF4RX13Y	Single or PP output	7500 CT 10,000 CT	1 1	12 16		505	200
DO-T19	TF4RX17Y	Output to line	300 CT	7	600		19	500
DO-T20	TF4RX17Y	Output or matching to line	500 CT	5.5	600		31	500
DO-T21	TF4RX17Y	Output to line	900 CT	4	600		53	500
DO-T22	TF4RX13Y	Output to line	1500 CT	3	600		86	500
DO-T23	TF4RX13Y	Interstage	20,000 CT 30,000 CT	5 5	800 CT 1200 CT		850	100
DO-T24	TF4RX16Y	Input (usable for chopper service)	200,000 CT	0	1000 CT		8500	25
DO-T25	TF4RX13Y	Interstage	10,000 CT 12,000 CT	1 1	1500 CT 1800 CT		800	100

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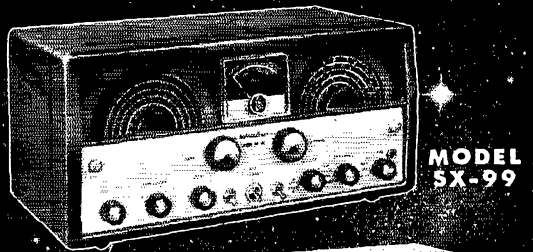
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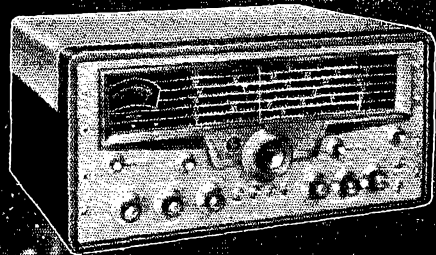
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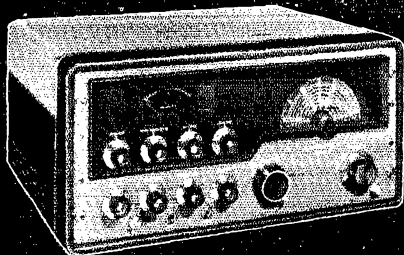
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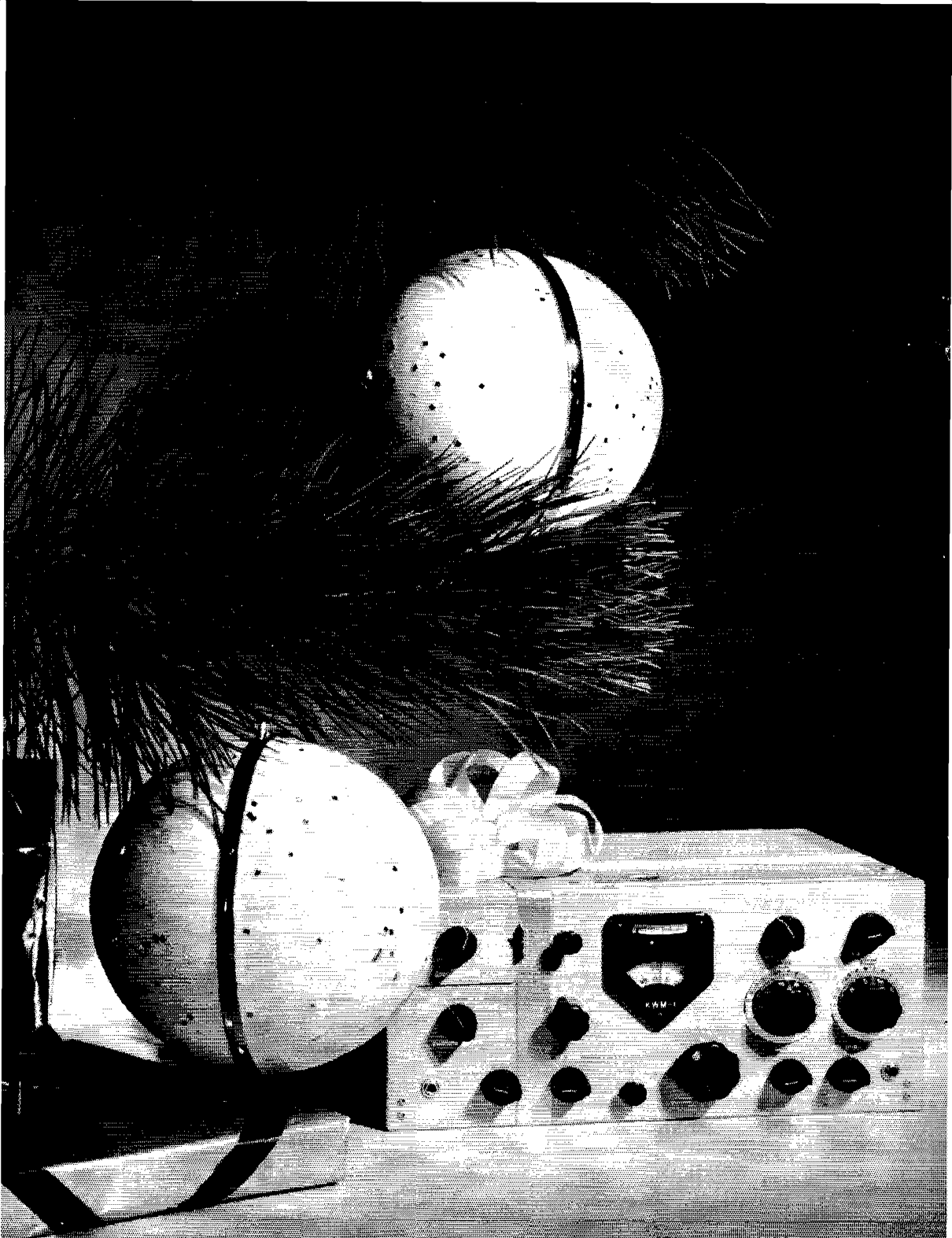
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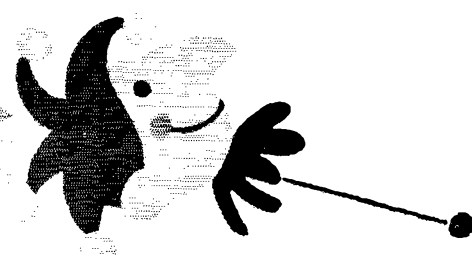
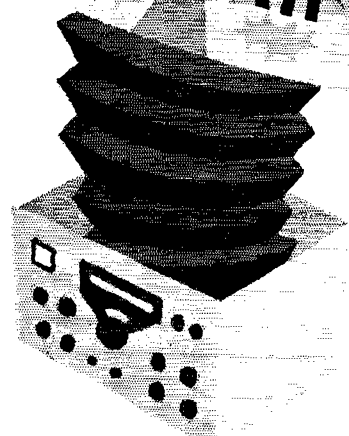
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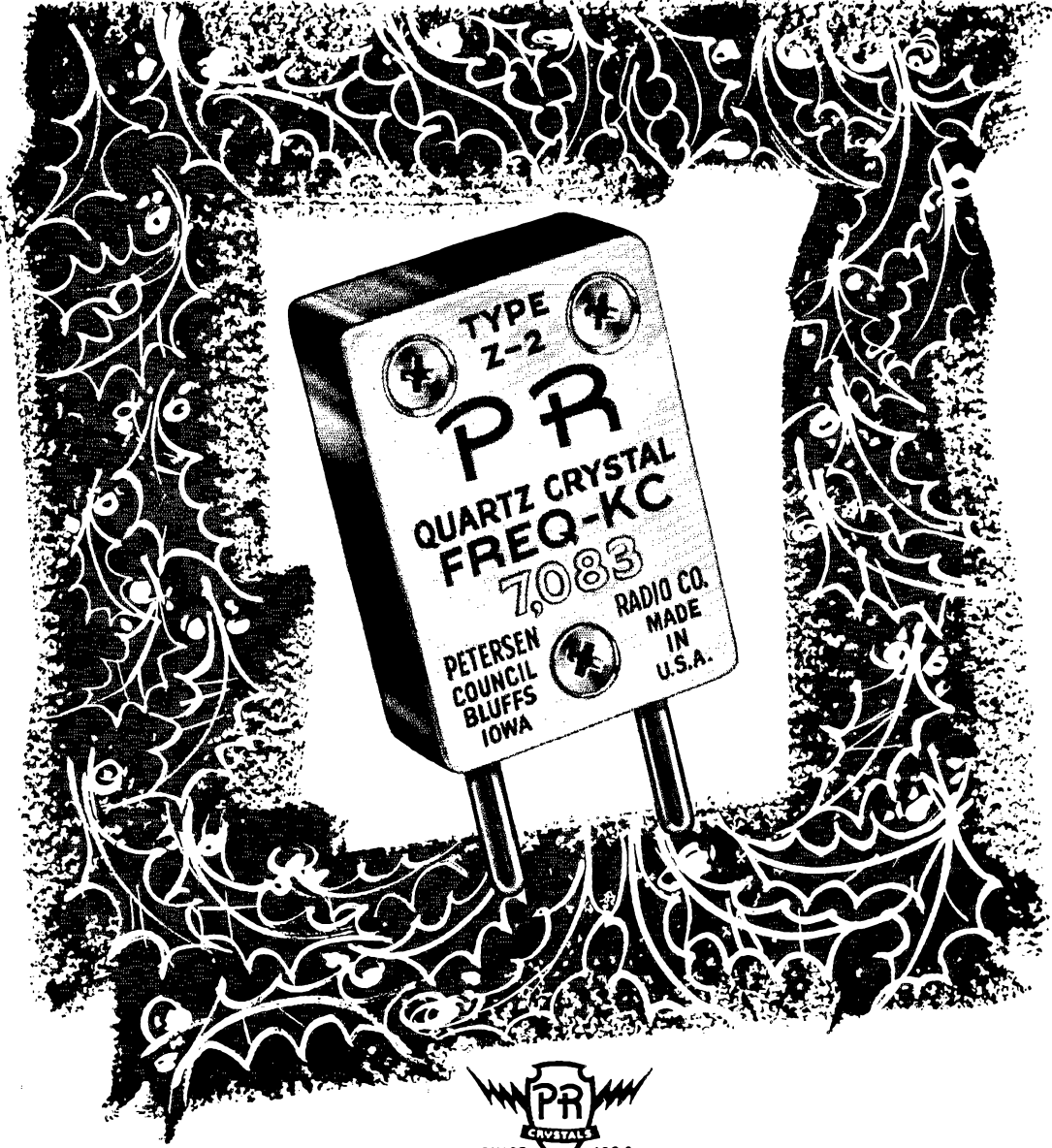
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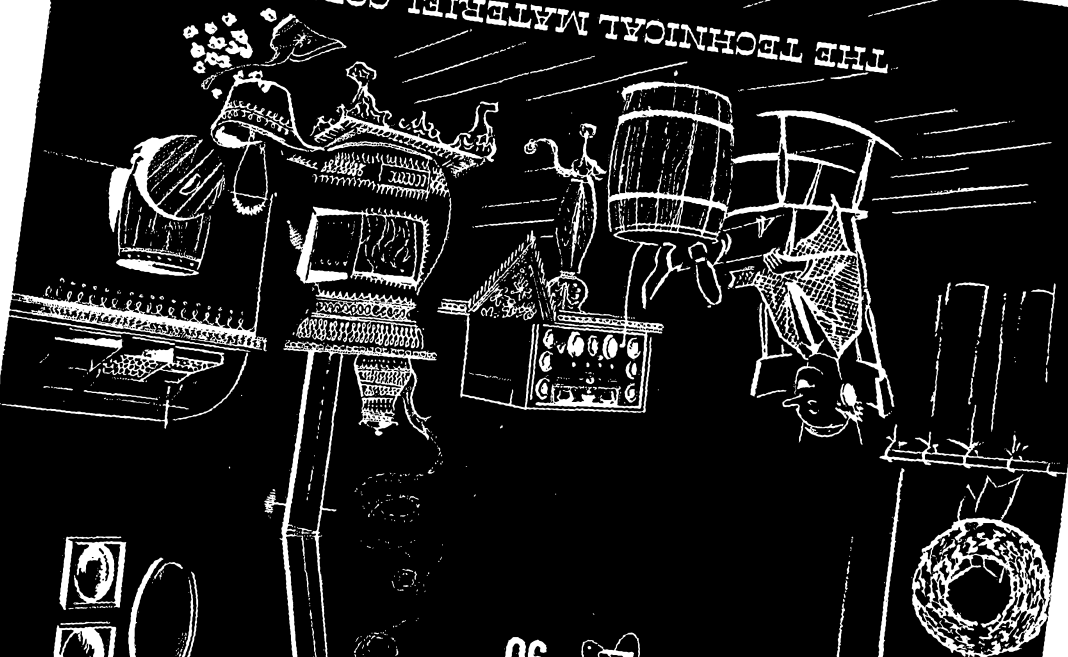
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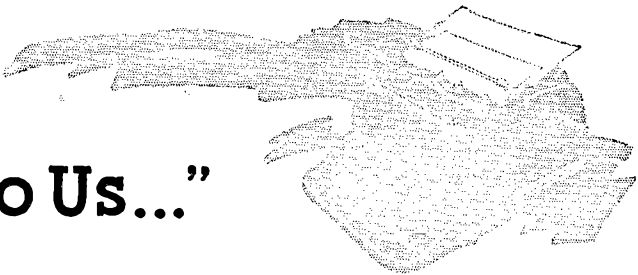
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DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

It seems to us that many organized amateur groups in the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service are overlooking one of the most useful tools provided by the Federal Communications Commission in the field of emergency communication. It is the Disaster Communications Service, which operates on fourteen channels in the 1750-1800-ke. band and is set up under a unique set of rules which make it valuable for liaison between the various services interested in emergency communications. Police, fire departments, the Red Cross, RACES, organized amateur groups in AREC, hospitals, the forestry service and other groups can communicate directly with one another on this band. Anyone eligible for a radio station license under any other part of the Commission's rules is eligible in DCS. The holder of any grade of commercial license and any amateur except a Novice or Technician may operate in DCS, though only to the extent they can operate in other services. A third-class licensee, for instance, is not permitted to make adjustments to the transmitter.

Not only can amateurs secure licenses to operate in DCS, but cross-band communications between amateurs operating in the ham bands and stations in DCS, when the latter are properly activated, also are permitted. Government stations, too, can secure authorization either to operate in DCS or to operate cross-band with DCS stations.

The equipment rules are not too severe. No particular types of equipment are specified, but the frequency tolerance is 0.015% of the channel in use, bandwidth allowable for an a.m. signal is 6 ke. with not over 100% modulation, and power inputs are up to 500 watts. It is seen, then, that amateur equipment used in the 1800-2000 shared segments can be adapted to use in DCS with little or no modification.

Automatic alerting devices are also permissible, as is automatic retransmission of other stations in the network. This makes many refinements to the art of emergency communications possible.

Application can be made by any responsible group presenting an integrated disaster plan

for a community or larger area, approved by competent local authority. Where a civil defense organization exists, an official of the group will be accepted as competent authority. A disaster communications service can be established even where CD has not been organized, however, with the consent of the local authorities.

The rules can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for five cents; ask for Part 20 — *Disaster Communications Service* — of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

SPUTNIKS AND MOUSES

Publicity for amateur radio has had many high points over the years, and at the risk of evaluating history which is quite recent, it seems to us that one of the outstanding by-products of the Russian Sputnik was the great amount of favorable publicity which resulted for amateurs. As soon as the news was announced Friday evening, October 4, and after the special WIAW bulletin had gone out, amateurs throughout the country tuned in 20 or 40 Mc. and monitored the now-familiar beep-beeps. The satellite was front-page news for days, and newspapers and broadcast stations turned to amateur radio men for feature-story material. Almost every press and radio report mentioned the monitoring activities of amateurs. The Russians may have struck a propaganda windfall, but U. S. amateurs came in a close second!

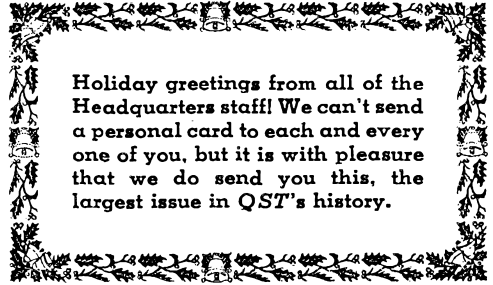
In recent weeks official IGY circles have been evaluating the technical results of Sputnik I as background for possible modifications of procedures for the next Sputnik and our own MOUSE (Minimal Orbit Unmanned Satellite of Earth). At meetings in Washington and Boulder, Colo., ARRL Technical Director Grammer has investigated fields in which amateurs can perform useful functions. The record shows that early amateur observations of Sputnik were highly useful to Project Vanguard radio-tracking headquarters at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington; NRL has expressed its thanks for the splendid cooperation provided by amateur and other volunteer observers. Such observations, however, were

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useful only during the first few hours of the satellite's life; once the general flight path was determined from early, though rough, observations, precision-measuring equipment took over the job. The role which the average amateur — i.e., short of participation in a group Minitrack or Microlock project — can play is outlined in an article in this issue of *QST*.

Also in following pages of this issue you will find details of a 40-Mc. converter whipped up by W1DF to aid in getting useful information from the Russian satellites; a description by W1HDQ of simple monitoring antennas; and an economy version of a previously-described 108-Mc. converter, by W1VLH. And don't pass up the article on Microlock — maybe *your* club would like to get started on this kind of a project, or the Minitrack system described in earlier issues.

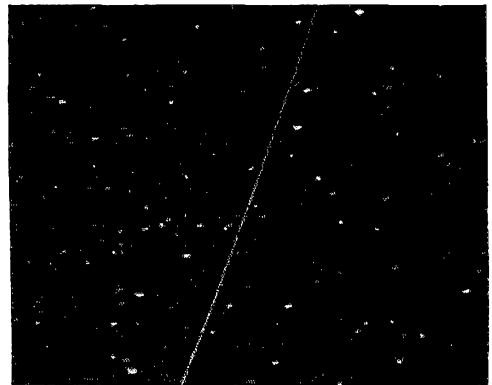
The League has received a great number of reports of the activity both of individuals and club groups since the launching of the first space satellite, and we regret that — despite the fact that this is the largest issue in *QST*'s history — there is not sufficient space to record more than a few high lights on the following pages.



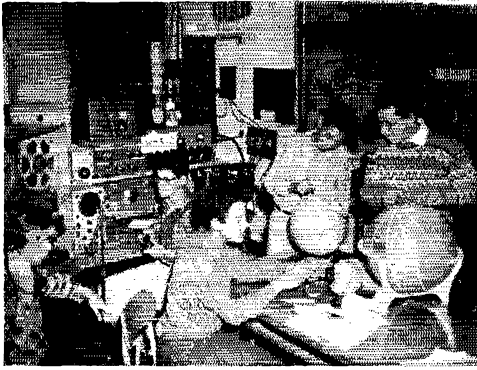
A Brief Report

Pictorially, on What Some Hams Did During Sputnik I's Early Travels

Down in Redding Ridge, Conn., about six A.M., W1DBM recorded the rocket high in the sky with his camera.

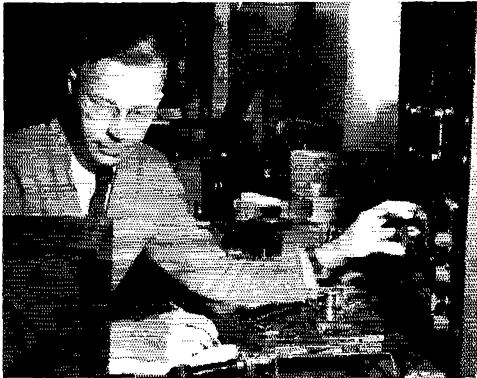


Even shaving was no interruption for W1IUC as he listens to the signals from outer space. At the left is W1MWB and at the right is W1BPV. The QTH is that of W1MWB.



The St. Joseph Catholic High School Radio Club (Cleveland, Ohio), led by Brother Michael Stimac, W8KTZ, spent numerous hours and some 20,000 feet of magnetic tape keeping tabs on the satellite. And they had considerable success in predicting the times that the satellite would next come through on the frequencies. Left to right are KN8EVB, K8DTS, KN8EGZ, KN8GKB, and W8UYZ. Information forwarded to us by the club demonstrates what a large amount of excellent publicity they generated for ham radio and what an excellent job they did in tackling this project.

Dr. John Sharp, K5AKR, and "Space" Duane, K5BSD, both of El Paso, heard about the satellite early in its flight and proceeded to monitor it at great length. Using the announced (by the Russians) information that the satellite's orbit was inclined 65° to the equator together with a few computations of their own, these two were able to plot its estimated orbit. Here we see K5AKR (right) and K5BDS (left) looking over a graph of time vs. signal strength which they prepared from their recordings. They too got a considerable amount of excellent local publicity.



A couple of modest Hq. staffers managed to get their pictures in the paper. Technical Director George Grammer, W1DF, was besieged by phone calls from the local papers and press associations and radio-TV stations as soon as the first announcement of the satellite came through from Moscow. George spent the next week issuing "public statements" on the day-to-day health of the satellite.

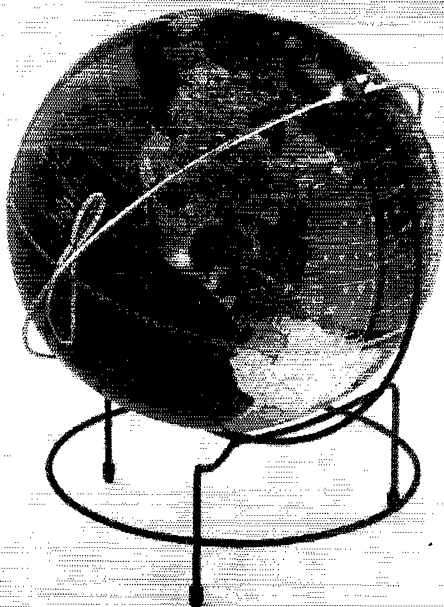
Phil Simmons, W1ZDP, ARRL's Assistant communications manager for c.w., recorded a considerable amount of tape and got this picture in the West Hartford News. The headline, however (Local Monitor Loses Satellite) left something to be desired!





Even the Fort Monmouth Signal Laboratory announcements concerning the satellite had a ham flavor. Harold Jaffe, W2TQC, had designed a v.h.f. radio direction finder for use in pin-pointing enemy ground stations, but when Sputnik came along the r.d.f. was pressed into service as a satellite tracker—with great success.

There was much good ham radio publicity in the Lexington, Ky., area, with both W4ODK and W4OEE being prominently mentioned. Col. John Rider, W2RID, well-known publisher of the Rider Manuals, happened to be a house guest of W4ODK that weekend of Oct. 4, and here we see him tuning in on 20.005 Mc. as W4ODK looks on.



We built an "orbit" for our lab globe so that we could more clearly visualize what the satellite and its rocket were doing. This construction is not completely accurate, for it does not take into consideration the angle with respect to the sun, but it does tilt the orbit at the correct angle of some 65° above the equator. The adjustable clamp will enable us to shift the "orbit" as necessary for future Sputniks and MOUSEs. All we have here is a ring of aluminum wire ('cause it was nice and shiny) and a brass clamp which holds the two ends of the aluminum wire at the desired angle.

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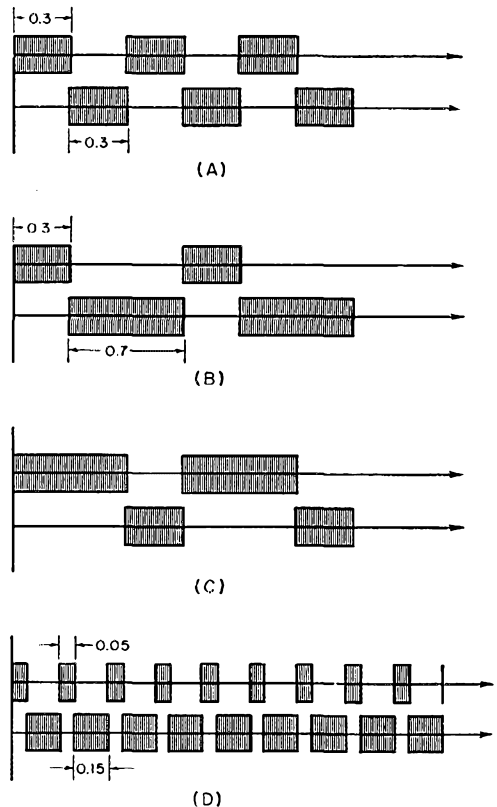
Note on Satellite Monitoring

FROM some of the so-called "Sputnik" logs we've seen, it is apparent that what some fellows were hearing definitely was not the satellite. Observations reporting the wrong signal not only are worthless, but may waste valuable time for those who have to analyze the data. So before you send any reports as described elsewhere in this issue, make absolutely certain that what you are reporting is actually a satellite signal and not some commercial circuit working near 20 Mc. — or even WWV!

Assuming that, as is likely, future Russian satellites will use approximately the same frequencies as the first Sputnik, those who plan to monitor 20-Mc. should spend some time familiarizing themselves with what normally goes on near that frequency. Locating WWV is the obvious first step, and getting familiar with its various forms of modulation, times of changing from one form to another, and so on, is the second (not forgetting that WWV is silent for about four minutes each hour beginning 45 minutes after the hour). A little time spent in checking the activity in the 10 kc. above WWV at various hours of the day should go far toward reducing the chance that some stray signal will be misidentified as the satellite.

A good deal of the confusion with Sputnik I arose from the fact that for a large part of the time the signal was simply a continuous carrier. When there is keying, identification should be relatively easy — although some types of keying aren't *too* different from what occasionally comes out of a point-to-point commercial transmitter. The accompanying chart shows some possible forms of keying on Russian satellite signals. The article in *Radio* (U.S.S.R.) from which this chart was taken does not explain what the various forms might mean; it merely says that signals of this type would be used to indicate "internal conditions" in the satellite — i.e., telemetry.

The Doppler effect is another excellent means for identifying a satellite. Although an exceptionally stable receiver is required for actual measurement, it can be observed in a qualitative way on any reasonably stable set if the beat oscillator is on and all controls are left alone during the



Forms of keying stated as possibly to be used on Russian satellite signals. Numerals refer to duration of pulse in seconds.

satellite's passage. As described in the Russian article in November *QST* (page 22) the maximum total shift amounts to about 1000 cycles on 20 Mc. and 2000 cycles on 40 Mc. Because it sounds as though the transmitter (or receiver) frequency is drifting there is a strong temptation to keep retuning, but if you resist it the Doppler stands right out. No ordinary signals, even unstable ones, have anything quite like it.

U. S. Satellites in December?

There may be experimental satellite launchings from this country during December — both in the just-authorized Army project and as part of the regular Vanguard program. These satellites will have orbits at an inclination of 35 degrees and will have radio equipment operating on 108 Mc.

The 6-inch "preliminary" Vanguard satellites will have two transmitters, according to present plans, one on 108.00 Mc. and one on 108.03 Mc., with tolerances of ± 4 kc. in each case. Each

transmitter will have its own antenna. The lower-frequency crystal will be mounted at the center of the satellite so the temperature will be as nearly constant as possible, but the crystal for the higher frequency will be temperature-sensitive and will be mounted on the satellite's skin. Thus the difference between the two frequencies will indicate the skin temperature. The sensitivity is of the order of 100 cycles per degree C. and the accuracy is expected to be ± 5 degrees.

Let's get those 108 Mc. converters built!

What To Do About Satellites

WITH A MIGHTY "Whoosh!" a giant rocket leaves the ground, trailing fire as it tears upward to surmount the atmosphere. Minutes later, an instrument-loaded, oversized basketball is given a final superpowered shove, putting it into a predetermined orbit where it will stay indefinitely, its radio transmitter signaling its presence as it starts its innumerable journeys around the Earth. Radio tracking stations, previously alerted, get their "fixes" as it passes by; in a matter of hours, the object's future position at any time has been approximated, in a matter of days, the orbit is known with all the accuracy that is possible by radio measurements. Thus another man-made satellite is successfully launched, and science begins making the measurements that, it is hoped, will unlock some of Nature's secrets.

A nice picture, to be sure — but what if it doesn't work out quite that way? What happens if the ball starts out in a wrong direction, out of range of those tracking stations that were set up so painstakingly for accurate bearings? What if it stays up for only a few hours, or for only a day or two? Is it lost with no clue? Did anybody hear its signals while it was flying? If so, where and how?

The radio amateur can be a handy fellow to have around during a satellite launching. The precision measurements that must be made, during the long pull, for results of real scientific value are beyond the capabilities of his equipment, in all but a handful of cases. But in those vital first few hours it may turn out that what he hears from the satellite is of inestimable importance. And whether or not the flight turns out ultimately to be a success, those early observations help to fill in gaps, help to give a more complete picture of the path before enough accurate bearings have accumulated to make its plotting a routine matter.

Almost every amateur, anywhere, can take part in this phase of Project Moonbeam.¹ Satellites to be launched from both the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R. are involved, with the announced frequencies of 108 Mc. for the U. S. satellites and 20 and 40 Mc. for the Russian ones. Nearly

everyone can listen on 20 Mc., and by this time nearly everyone has had a little practice at it on Sputnik. Comparatively, not nearly so many are equipped for listening on 40 and 108, but it doesn't take a world of trouble to get there, as the articles elsewhere in this issue show.² The thrill of participating in one of the great scientific experiments of all time ought to provide ample incentive to get going.

What To Do at a Launching

The first satellite was launched completely without warning, and there may be little or no advance notice of some of the future ones. So keep your ears open and your equipment in readiness. Keep your clock on time with WWV. When the word comes, as it will pretty quickly through news sources and also WIAW, start monitoring 108 if it's a U. S. satellite, and 20 and 40 if it's Russian. If you hear the signal, record the *accurate* times at which it came in and went out. Note the character of the signal — strong, weak, steady, flutter fade, and so on — and the form of modulation, if any — keying, tone, or other.

Observations of this type will be useful during the first 24 hours of a satellite's flight if they are transmitted immediately to the Vanguard Control Center, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C. The information may be sent by telephone or telegraph (not collect) or by amateur radio. Washington amateur stations will be on the job to take satellite traffic and will be monitoring the frequencies shown in the accompanying table. Make your message concise, giving these items of information:

- 1) Your station call and location.
- 2) Date.
- 3) Frequency on which the signal was heard.
- 4) Time in (specify CST, MST, etc.).
- 5) Time out.
- 6) Strength.
- 7) Character.
- 8) Modulation.

A typical message might have the following form:
"K7ZZZ TUCSON ARIZ DEC 3 SAT 108
MC. IN 2048 OUT 2057 MST S5 SLOW
FADE TONE MOD."

After 24 hours this elementary information will not be needed unless called for. Watch WIAW for such a call, and if one goes out, mail your data to the Vanguard Control Center.

In general, observations at this stage will have greater utility if the signal is of "line-of-sight"

¹ Pickering, "Project Moonbeam," *QST*, November, 1957. The installation and operation of Minitrack Mark II and Microlock stations will be possible only for a comparatively small number of amateurs and is not discussed here because the organization of this phase has been going on separately for more than a year.

² Grammer, "Satellite 40-Mc. Converter"; Southworth, "Cutting Costs in the 108-Mc. Converter"; Tilton, "Antennas for Satellite Monitoring on 108 Mc.," all in this issue.

Is highly accurate direction-finding equipment such as the Mark II Minitrack necessary in order to contribute anything of value in the earth-satellite program? Or can the ordinary amateur without specialized equipment make himself useful, too?

Read this and see where you can fit in. You can help not only by supplying information that is wanted, but by not supplying data that no one can use.

character. In the case of Russian satellites, therefore, the 40-Mc. frequency is to be preferred. However, 20-Mc. observations are better than none, and may be equally as satisfactory as those on 40 Mc. late at night after the m.u.f. has dropped below 20 Mc.

Call "CQ DCS" for a Washington Contact When You Have Satellite Traffic

The following Washington area nets will be on the air for the 24-hour period immediately following news of a satellite launching:

C. W.	PHONE	
MDD 3650 kc.	Maryland Emergency Phone Net	3820 kc.
VN 3680 kc.	VFN	3835 kc.
TCRN 7042 kc.	Cracker Barrel Net	28,600 kc.

Washington stations also will be monitoring the following National Calling and Emergency frequencies during the same period:

C. W.	PHONE
3550 kc.	3875 kc.
7100 kc.	7250 kc.
14,050 kc.	14,225 kc.
21,050 kc.	21,400 kc.
	29,640 kc.

Afterward

Observations during the second and third days of a satellite's flight can be used, although not on an urgent basis, provided more extensive information can be included. This might take the form of a bearing with direction-finding equipment, or precisely timed and reasonably accurate Doppler shift measurements. Unless the equipment is available to make such measurements, observations made after the first 24 hours cannot contribute anything of enough significance to be of assistance in establishing the satellite orbit and therefore are not needed. If these more extensive observations can be made, they should be mailed to the Control Center after the three-day period.

After the third day, only observations made with Minitrack Mark II equipment will be useful.

So much for the No. 1 phase — establishing the orbit. Everyone can help during the first few hours, very few of us after that.

Telemetering

The second phase of Project Moonbeam begins simultaneously with the first, but is of a different character — tape recording of the satellite signals. The principal object here is to make records of the modulation on the signals — that is, of telemetered data — chiefly in the role of back-up for the official stations that will be doing such recording. Any amateur who has a tape recorder and can hear the satellite signals can take part. Record the satellite's passing whenever you can, but don't send the tape to Washington, Hartford, or anywhere else. Keep it for at least 48 hours, during which time word will go out if a recording from a particular section of the country is needed. If you do not get such word within the 48-hour

period, the tape may be erased and used over again. This procedure will save effort, time and money for everyone concerned, since it is expected that it will be necessary to call for recordings only in the case of emergencies.

This phase obviously calls for some organization, particularly with respect to advising participants when tapes are needed. Details are now being worked out. It seems advisable for amateurs in the same locality to work as a group, if possible, both for better coverage (dividing observing time among a number of stations, for instance) and for ease of communication. In the meantime, if you want to take part please advise ARRL Headquarters to that effect, giving a list of the pertinent equipment available and some indication of the time you might have free for making observations.

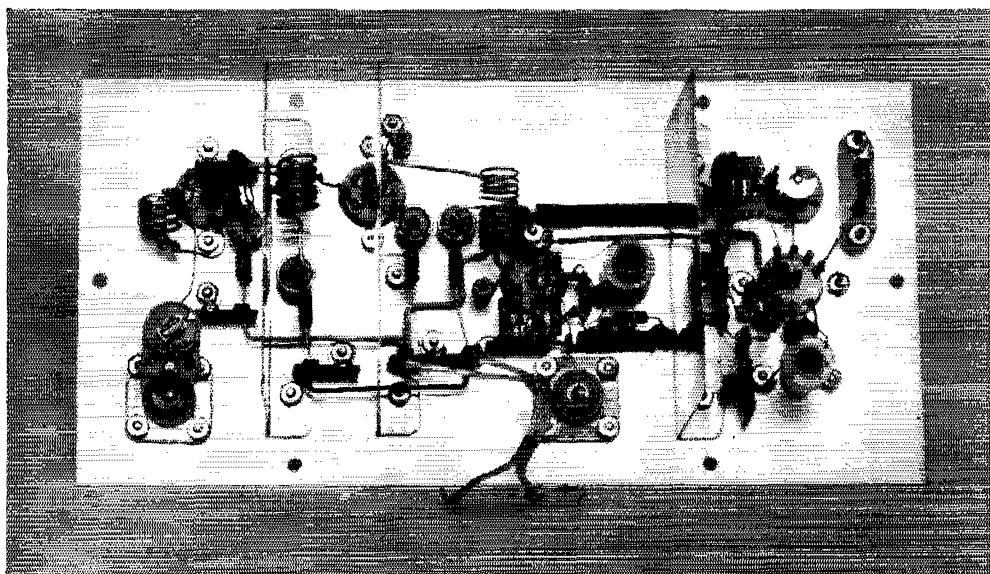
Besides the pure back-up feature, tape recordings can be useful in the case of unusual propagation conditions such as may occur during solar flares. The same 48-hour notification procedure will hold.

Experiments

Phase 3 of the program is the collection of amateur observations on the radio signals from satellites for such use as various scientific groups might be able to make of them. This part of Project Moonbeam is very much in the initial stages at present. The various Panels of the IGY have been invited to suggest (to the Panel on satellites) the types of observations they would like to have. Since at this writing these invitations are just going out, it will be some time before we have anything definite to pass along.

Nevertheless, time is short, and it seems only prudent for us to do immediately whatever seems likely to be useful and is within our capabilities. Since our own satellites will not be transmitting in the frequency range where long-distance ionospheric transmission of the ordinary type is generally possible, the 20-Mc. frequency used by the Russians offers an otherwise unavailable opportunity to observe phenomena associated with c.w. signals coming from outside the ionosphere and from a source moving at extraterrestrial speed. Some interesting things have shown up already. We therefore suggest that logs be kept that will tend to bring out any peculiarities in the behavior of the 20-Mc. signal. Such a log should be accurately timed, with significant points like time of appearance of the signal, time of disappearance, times of temporary fadeout and reappearance, and so on, recorded to the nearest second. This is not difficult, since an electric clock (one having a secondhand should be used) will ordinarily not have appreciable drift during a period of ten minutes or so, and can be checked against WWV immediately before and after the passage of the satellite to find the proper correction to apply to the clock reading. The log also should indicate the approximate variation in signal amplitude during a passage; this does not have to be highly detailed,

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Bottom view of the modified 108-Mc. converter. The new 6AJ4 r.f. amplifier stage is at the extreme left. Vertical "lines" are three copper shield plates for interstage isolation. For additional details refer to the original description in *QST* for November, 1956.

Cutting Costs in the 108-Mc. Converter

A Less Expensive Version for General Satellite Monitoring

BY MASON P. SOUTHWORTH, * W1VLH

OCTOBER 4, 1957 and the Soviet launching of little Sputnik are history now. Suffice to say that "satellititis" proved every bit as catching as the Asian flu, and that every sort of wireless set imaginable which could be tuned to 20 or 40 Mc. was pressed into service for moon-listening. We suspect that many ham-bands-only communications receivers came in for their first cussing from once proud owners about this time!

The more forward-looking victims of "satellititis" began to think about equipment for listening in on the various Project Vanguard spheres due to be sent aloft shortly. Looking back through the pages of *QST*, we found little to recommend in the way of 108-Mc. receiving gear that wasn't a bit more than most of our pocketbooks could stand for such a side project. About a year ago, the writer described in these pages a very low-noise converter design which could be built for either 108 or 144 Mc.¹ The 108-Mc. version was intended to be used with the Minitrack Mark II system for obtaining accurate information about the orbits of U. S. artificial earth

satellites during the IGY. Since the cost of a converter represents a very minor item in the budget of a Minitrack setup, we felt no pangs about making use of a relatively expensive first r.f. amplifier tube, the 417A, in our design, especially since over-all system performance of a high degree was certainly required. Little thought was given to the fellow who might want to do a little casual listening—just to say he'd heard the thing.

Clearly, there was need for a less expensive design than the November, 1956 unit. The obvious answer was to modify the original unit right where it hurt—that is, in the 417A stage. However, by replacing the 417A tube with, say, a 6AJ4, good performance could be retained and the price could be cut.

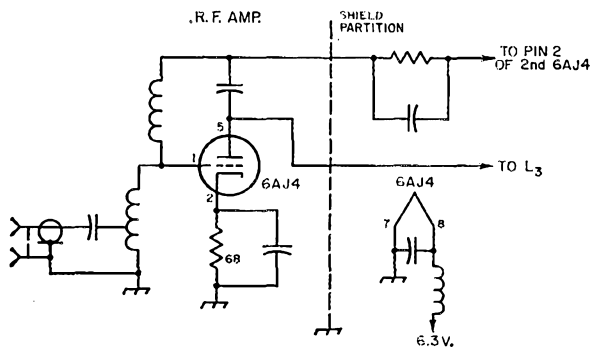
The modification was tried, and worked out to be both simple and successful. The 6AJ4/6AJ4 lineup had a noise figure of about 5 db. as soon as power was applied. A little time invested in optimizing the various tuned circuits yielded nearly a db. of improvement. No instability was experienced, and you should have no trouble equalling these figures with any well-constructed unit built according to our diagram and layout.

Mechanical changes from the original design

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¹Southworth, "A Low-Noise 108/144-Mc. Converter," *QST*, Nov., 1956.

Fig. 1—Circuit of the modified r.f. amplifier stage. Except for the 6AJ4 and the cathode resistor, components are the same as in the circuit on page 12, November, 1956, QST.



are mainly the result of the 6AJ4's different pin connections. For best layout, the tube socket should be turned 180 degrees from its 417A orientation. This will make for short leads to the various element connections. The only electrical change consists of substituting a 68-ohm cathode resistor for the higher value one used previously. The other resistors and capacitors, and the various coils, can be the same as for the 417A.

Rather than labor any further over such simple changes, we refer you to the detailed construction and adjustment sections of the original article.

Careful following of the former will considerably simplify the latter, and you should come out with a good, usable design which can later be converted to two meters, either with or without the 417A. Of course, you may become so taken with the "music of the spheres" that you will want to leave the set right on 108 Mc. — particularly in view of new developments which make it possible for a ham with only a receiver and a recorder to take a useful part in the IGY satellite program.²

² See "What To Do About Satellites," this issue. — Editor.

Strays

Outer space being in the headlines so much these days, it is only fitting that we consider amateur awards which transcend the difficulty and romance even of WAS. For many years there has reposed in the offices of your Headquarters this handsome cup shown at the right. It was donated by Fred Elser, now W2GVU but who has held many, many calls throughout the world, and by S. M. Mathes, who at one time was SCM of the Philippines and was KA1CY. This cup, or whatever it is, is to be awarded to the first amateur (on Earth) who establishes two-way contact via amateur radio with the planet Mars.

So, you who aspire to contact outer space, remember that one of your rewards may be this impressive Elser-Mathes trophy!



ANTENA SYSTEMS for tracking the satellites to be launched as part of the United States IGY program have been described in *QST*.¹ But these were for the Minitrack installations, which are admittedly beyond the scope of individual workers, and all but the more advanced amateur groups. How about the fellow who merely wants to listen for the satellites, and perhaps record his reception, once it is achieved? This now seems the most likely opportunity for the average amateur to contribute to Project Vanguard.

If he is in a part of the country where the satellite orbits will pass overhead he may need something special in the way of arrays, but a large number of U. S. amateurs will be well to the north of the path. They will see the satellites, if at all, only low on the horizon. Thus the antenna requirements will not be unlike those of normal v.h.f. reception and communication. Low-angle arrays having not too sharp a pattern in either the vertical or horizontal planes will be needed. For this work the conventional Yagi array appears a logical choice.

The Easy Way

Probably the simplest and very likely the least expensive way to provide for 108-Mc. reception with some gain and directivity is to revamp a TV antenna. There may be arrays on the market for the 88-108-Mc. f.m. band in some areas, but TV arrays are everywhere, and cheap. The spacing of the elements on the boom is not particularly critical, so if a TV antenna for Channel 6 is available it will be necessary merely to cut the elements down for 108 Mc. The conical type of TV array being a broadband design, will work fairly well with no modification at all. The Yagi array, with element lengths adjusted for maximum gain at 108 Mc., will be better by several decibels, however.

Most TV antennas are made with elements that fold back against the boom for compact packaging and quick assembly. With this type of construction it is necessary to cut off both ends of

each element. Dimensions for up to 5-element beams should be as follows:

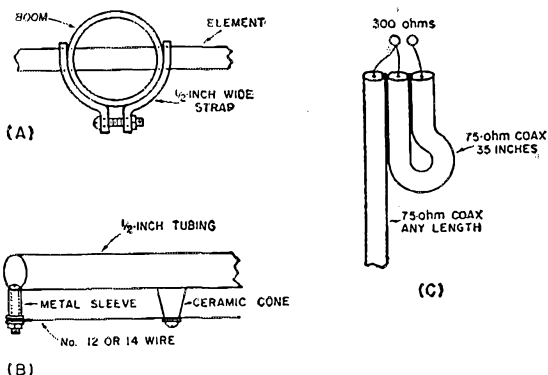
- Driven element — 51 inches
- Reflector — 53.5 inches
- First director — 48.5 inches
- Second director — 48 inches
- Third director — 47.5 inches

Dimensions for optimum performance tend to be more critical as the number of elements increases. For conversion of long TV Yagis it might be well to scale the manufacturer's element lengths and spacings down from the TV channel for which the array was designed to 108 Mc.

Antennas for Satellite Monitoring on 108 Mc.

¹Easton "Radio Tracking of the Earth Satellite," *QST*, July, 1956, p. 38.

Fig. 1 — Mechanical details of 108-Mc. Yagi antennas. A simple but effective way of holding elements in place is shown at A. Boom material can be metal, wood or bamboo. One end of a folded dipole for stepping up impedance is shown at B. The main section of the dipole is 1/2-inch tubing, running through the boom as shown at A. The fed portion is wire, supported on small cone insulators. Electrical connection is maintained by the metal sleeve, bolt and nut at the end. A balun for feeding the center of a 300-ohm antenna with coaxial line is shown at C. A 200-ohm array could be fed similarly with 50-ohm coax.



Matching

TV antennas are designed for 300-ohm transmission lines, ordinarily. If the element spacing is left the same as in the original, altering the array for a higher frequency will tend to raise the feed impedance somewhat. Where the change is merely from Channel 6 to 108 Mc., this is not likely to cause a serious mismatch. If you are match-conscious, and you give the TV antenna designer credit for having been the same, you may want to scale the spacings of the elements down from the original, to keep the relationship between the elements the same, in terms of wave length.

The revised array may be fed with 300-ohm Twin-Lead. Or, if the coax is preferred (and it is desirable from the standpoint of keeping down spurious signal levels at the receiver) a balun may be inserted at the array. The feed line can then be 75-ohm coaxial line. Dimensions and construction of the balun are shown in Fig. 1.

Making Your Own

Making antennas for v.h.f. applications is easy, and if materials are on hand that can be adapted to the purpose you can probably save some money by doing the work yourself. The range of usable materials and possible mechanical designs is almost infinite. Wooden or even bamboo booms may be used, if suitable metal tubing is not at hand. Round poles such as rug or closet poles are fine. The elements may be almost any kind of metal rod or tubing that will stand up with only a center support — or there is nothing to prevent putting on supports, if they are necessary mechanically.

Regardless of the boom material, the elements need not be insulated from the boom. Rod or tubing about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter or larger is fine for elements, except the driven one. If the boom is of wood the elements may be run through it and held in place with wood screws. If hollow tubing (bamboo, fiber or metal) is used for the boom a very simple clamp arrangement, shown in Fig. 1, will hold the elements firmly in place. These clamps may be made of sheet metal, preferably the same as that of the elements to prevent electrolysis.

Element lengths may be as given above. These dimensions are optimum for an element spacing of about 0.2 wave length, or 21 inches at 108 Mc. This may be the same between all elements, but if it is desirable, in order to get the greatest number of elements on a given available boom length, the reflector spacing may be pulled in to as little as 15 inches.

The simplest way of matching the home-built Yagi, particularly where it is to be used for receiving only and no power source can be used for matching adjustments, is the folded dipole, a portion of which is shown in Fig. 1. Here the fed portion of the dipole is made of smaller material than the main portion, the relative sizes of the parts and the spacing between them determining the impedance step-up obtained.

A 4- or 5-element array with the dimensions given will have a feed impedance of roughly 25 ohms. If we are to use 300-ohm line, or 75-ohm coax and a balun, we will need to step this up 12 times. A main element of half-inch tubing and a fed portion of No. 14 wire, mounted $\frac{3}{4}$ inch away from it, will just about do it. If 50-ohm coax and a balun (dimensions same as in Fig. 1) are used the wire may be No. 12. In either case it may be held at a fixed distance from the larger portion by soldering to small lugs fastened to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch cone stand-off insulators.

Stacking

More gain and a lowered radiation angle, if the latter can be used, may be obtained by stacking two arrays one above the other, at spacings of a half wave length (53 inches) or more. If half wave-length separation is used, two 300-ohm arrays can be phased with a line of about 400 ohms impedance. TV-type line of the open-wire variety is suitable, or a better line can be made of No. 12 wires spaced about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch apart. The feed impedance of such a stacked array, at the midpoint of the phasing line, is then about 300 ohms.

Higher gain may be obtained with increased stacking dimensions. Optimum for 5-element arrays is about one wave length, or 107 inches. The wire size and spacing of the phasing line are not important in this case. The feed impedance at the midpoint is about half that of each array alone. Not too serious a mismatch is thus obtained if 50-ohm coax and a balun are used at the midpoint, when the individual arrays are designed for 300-ohm feed.

Height

If the array is mounted above wires and other metallic objects by 8 feet or more they will not affect the performance to a large extent, but preferably the array should "see" a clear field in the direction of reception. Wires, trees or buildings in the line fire may not have a serious effect, but getting above them is certainly desirable. Other than permitting a clearer view, great height is not of major importance. Where higher ground lies along the path the antenna should be high enough so that the normal pattern of the array clears the obstacle, if possible. A high mountain range across the path may not be a deterrent to reception, if it is a single range, and at such a distance that the antenna pattern grazes the top of it or clears it completely. In some locations the mountains may even provide a degree of refraction of the "knife-edge" variety that will give stronger signals than would be obtainable over open terrain.

— E. P. T.

FEEDBACK

The 12-volt heater circuit in Chambers' latest mobile converter, *QST*, November, page 17, is incorrect as shown. Pins 4 and 5 of V_2 should be connected to Pin 4 of V_1 . Pin 9 of V_2 should be connected to S_{1C} .

Microlock

A Tracking Receiver for Satellite Communications

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This article describes a technique recently applied to communications. The receiver described has been built by the San Gabriel Valley (California) Radio Club for use in tracking the earth satellite and for receiving telemetering from the satellite. Using a phase lock-loop system with very narrow band width, the receiver has been designed for reception of signals approaching or below the noise threshold of conventional receivers.

• DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD interest in amateur radio participation in the IGY and the possibility of amateur satellite tracking, a receiver has been developed by the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club which will be useful for both tracking the satellite (as it passes through the antenna pattern) and for recovering information which may be placed on the carrier of the satellite transmitter. Fig 1 is a block diagram of the system. As has been described before (Reference 1) the satellite transmitter will operate on 108 Mc. Several satellite experiments and pay-loads are contemplated, involving different types of scientific measurements. Some of these experiments will place continuously telemetered information on the carrier, some will place information on the carrier only when interrogated by an official Minitrack ground station, and others will have continuous transmission of information, plus transmission of data stored during the previous orbit upon interrogation.

• The receiver as designed is capable of tracking the satellite with an accuracy of two or three milliradians of arc.¹ It will also detect either f.m. or a.m. modulation of the carrier frequency and hence will be useful for recording information telemetered from the satellite. Three antennas serve as an interferometer system to get either east-west or north-south position data. A fourth antenna is used as a reference antenna and could also be used for communication purposes. The pattern of the antenna system is broad and the satellite can be tracked from horizon to horizon. The satellite would hence be "visible" for some ten minutes on a pass that went directly overhead.

The Microlock Receiver

The receiving equipment described in this article is a simplified version of the Microlock tracking and communications system developed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the Califor-

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¹ A milliradian is 1/1000 radian — 0.0573 degree or 3 minutes 26 seconds of arc. — Editor.

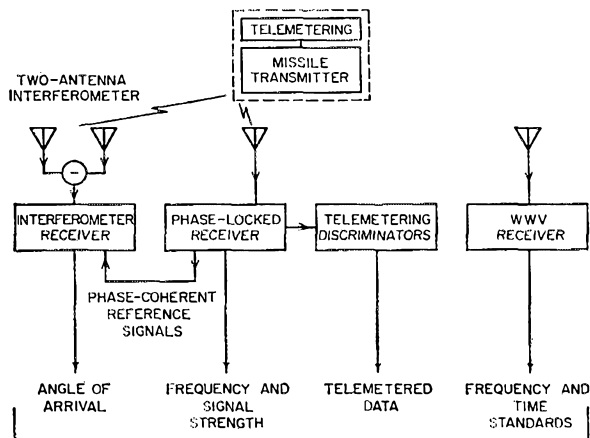


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the Microlock system.

nia Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, under contract with the United States Army Ordnance Corps (Reference 2). The original receiver has a sensitivity of -150 dbm., corresponding to a sensitivity of 0.007 microvolts in 50 ohms. This high sensitivity is achieved by use of a narrow band width receiver system tracking the carrier frequency in phase. The receiver described has a radio frequency tracking band width of 10 cycles. A phase-locked system is used so that the 10 -cycle band width always includes the carrier frequency. The receiver is able to shift this 10 -cycle band automatically to follow such changes in carrier frequency as would be expected from the satellite Doppler shift or the transmitter frequency drift. The tracking rate of the narrow band width of the receiver is limited by the received power. Under conditions of threshold input signal (-150 dbm.), the maximum allowable tracking rate is something on the order of 25 cycles per second per second. At higher input signal levels the tracking rate can be quite rapid. The communications system was intended for use in tracking minimum-power transmitters at the extreme range line-of-sight distances attained by modern missiles.²

The main part of the receiving system shown in Fig. 1 is the phase-locked receiver which will demodulate the information on the carrier as well as supply phase-coherent signals to an interferometer receiver. A system of frequency and time standards has been worked out to measure both the carrier frequency of the satellite transmitter and to provide reference timing for the various recorded data.

The basic phase-locked loop is shown in Fig. 2.

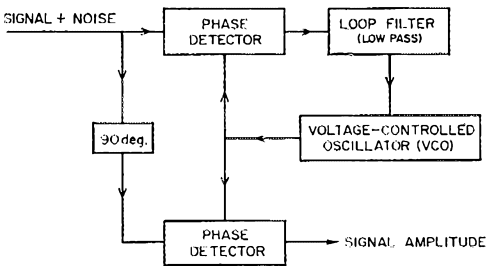


Fig. 2—Basic phase-locked loop.

A detailed explanation is contained in the appendix at the end of this article. The operation of this device is similar to that encountered in horizontal oscillators used in television receivers,

² Another measure of the sensitivity is the following: Assuming isotropic (unity gain) antennas, the receiver has a capability of tracking a device radiating 1 milliwatt of power at 108 megacycles to a line-of-sight distance of over 3000 miles. With typical modulation indices, the corresponding information (or message-sending) band width for the threshold signal is one bit (or cycle) per second. Such a system would be useful for very slow c.w., but is hardly applicable for phone use. One way of looking at the one cycle per second information band width is to specify that information may be sent on events occurring no faster than one per second. The actual modulation-frequency range is a function of the receiving system itself.

which “lock on to” and reproduce a frequency indicated by a sync pulse.

Reference Channel

The full block diagram for the receiver developed by the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club is shown in Fig. 3. The phase-locked servo system is composed of blocks 2 through 6. Block 1 is a wide-band preamplifier located at the antenna to aid in overcoming cable losses. Block 2 is a mixer stage which is used to heterodyne the 108 -Mc. signal to 19 Mc. using the 127 -Mc. voltage-controlled oscillator (block 6). A stable communications receiver (block 3) is used as an i.f. strip. Block 4 is a phase detector, similar to that shown in Fig. 2, that compares the output of the receiver (455 kc.) with a 455 kc. signal generated by a reference crystal-controlled oscillator (block 7). If the 455 -kc. output from the receiver does not agree exactly in frequency and phase with the reference oscillator, the phase detector produces an output proportional to the sine of the angle of phase difference between the two signals. This output is filtered (block 5) and applied to the voltage-controlled oscillator (block 6). The filtered phase-detector output will then control the 127 -Mc. local oscillator to make the doubly converted input signal precisely 455 kc.

The loop filter (block 5) is in the circuit so that the voltage-controlled oscillator (v.c.o., block 6) will not follow rapid frequency or phase fluctuations of the signal. Thus the voltage-controlled oscillator output is a true replica of the input signal (removed 19 Mc. in frequency, however). The phase-locked servo system has a tracking band width of 10 cycles. This implies that changes in the carrier frequency that occur more rapidly than 10 cycles per second are not tracked. Any frequency or phase modulation of the input signal occurring at a rate faster than 10 cycles per second shows up as an error signal from phase detector 4, but since the error is not cancelled by frequency or phase shift of the v.c.o., the detector output contains the phase or frequency modulation of the signal. This output can be amplified and placed on a tape recorder for the purpose of recording frequency or phase modulation of the incoming carrier.

Phase detector 8 is included as a detector of signal strength or amplitude modulation. A 90° phase relationship exists between the inputs to phase detector 4 and phase detector 8. This is for the purpose of changing phase detector 8 from a sine function to a cosine function (which is not affected by changes in angle near zero degrees). The output of phase detector 8 is therefore not sensitive to small differences in phase between the reference oscillator and the converted incoming signal, but instead is proportional to the amplitude of the weaker of the two. The output of phase detector 8 thus contains amplitude modulation information; this output is filtered (block 9) for the purpose of obtaining signal strength information. A system is arranged so that the audio amplifier can select

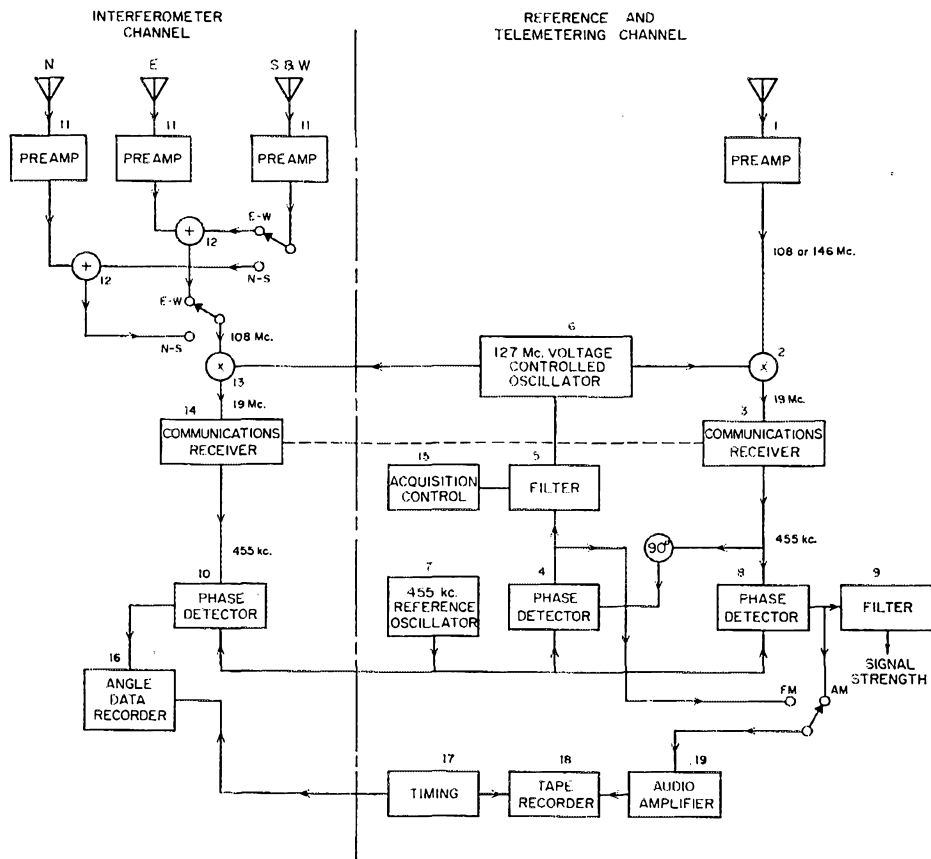


Fig. 3—Microlock receiver built by the San Gabriel Valley Radio Club.

outputs from either the f.m. or a.m. channels for the tape recorder.

When the converted incoming signal is not far in frequency from the reference oscillator, the voltage-controlled oscillator, depending on the signal strength, will move in such a direction as to acquire phase lock with the signal. However, if the signal is too far away for this to be accomplished some other means of "acquiring" the signal is required. Here the technique is to use an "acquisition control" circuit which slowly sweeps the frequency of the v.c.o. by introducing a small current into the capacitor in the loop filter (block 5). The frequency of the v.c.o. is slowly swept through its range until the phase detector output takes over and controls the v.c.o.

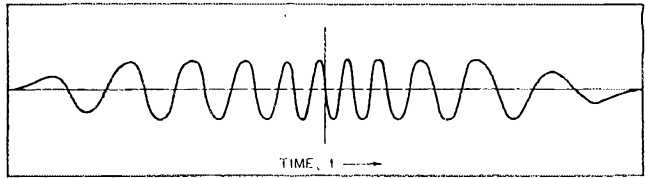
Interferometer Section

The section of the receiver to the left of the dotted line in Fig. 3 is the interferometer channel used for making measurements of the angle of arrival of the radio waves from the satellite. The principles governing the use of interferometer antennas have been well described previously (References 1 and 3). Several alternates are possible. Three antennas are involved for this

channel, two of which are used at any one time. The antennas are arranged in the form of a right triangle so that one antenna serves as a common point and an east-west or north-south base line can be used depending on which of the other two antennas is selected. This is indicated in Fig. 3 with the switch in the east-west direction. As the satellite passes through the antenna pattern (a 200-foot base line gives 40 nulls in the antenna pattern) a varying signal is produced which is a combination of the satellite motion over the field of view, and the antenna pattern. As the satellite passes into an antenna null, the signal strength becomes very low. In a manner similar to that just described for the measurement of signal strength of the incoming signal (phase detector 8) another receiver channel and phase detector (blocks 10, 12, 13, and 14) is used to measure the strength of the signal from the combined interferometer antenna system. (Phase detectors 8 and 10 operate on the same phase in that they are signal-strength indicators; the quadrature relationship is necessary only so far as the relative phase of the signals entering phase detector 4 and phase detectors 8 and 10 is concerned.)

The record produced by the satellite passing through the antenna pattern is somewhat dif-

Fig. 4—Typical ink-recorder trace of satellite signal during transit.



ferent from that described in Reference 1, in that, since phase coherence is retained, the trace is of the type shown by Fig. 4. For the same reason, polarity of the angle-of-arrival data exists so only 20 ambiguous nulls (from a 40-null antenna) are obtained. The output of phase detector 10 is recorded on a pen-recording device for the purpose of rapid reduction of angle data. The timing channel is also put on the angle data recorder for the purpose of determining precise meridian-plane crossing time.

The interferometer channel of the receiver works similarly to that described for the reference channel. A preamplifier (block 11) is included in each antenna location. The antenna cabling system is arranged so that the output can be taken from either of two hybrid networks (block 12). The 108-Mc. signal is introduced into a mixer stage (block 13) which is also fed from the 127-Mc. v.c.o. (block 6). The output of this mixer will again be at 19 Mc. and is sent through a communications receiver (block 14) in the same manner as before (block 3). The signal is taken from the communications receiver at 455 kc. and introduced into a phase detector (block 10) which is also referenced by the 455-kc. reference oscillator (block 7). Signal strength is detected as described above. Since each of the communications receivers has a local oscillator, and since phase coherence must be retained between the two channels, the local oscillators of the two receivers must be locked together (dotted line between 3 and 14). Any drifts in the local oscillator in communications receiver 3 will be compensated since the servo loop is closed around this receiver. However, the other receiver (block 14) cannot introduce any phase or frequency deviations to the incoming signal, or the 455-kc. output will not be in phase synchronism with the reference oscillator.

The relative phasing of any two antennas of a given interferometer pair is accomplished by adjusting cable lengths. The antenna systems are balanced in amplitude by adjusting the gain of preamplifiers (block 11). This system is not as applicable to radio star calibration as the Mark II Minitrack system described previously (Reference 1) since the antenna system here is such that it sees from horizon to horizon. Several radio stars are usually simultaneously present in the sky, and discrimination cannot be made between them unless the antenna pattern is considerably narrowed.

It should be emphasized that although the interferometer antenna system mentioned here has a base line of 200 feet and an accuracy of 2 milliradians of arc, a much more precise system

could be used (Reference 3), provided a very wide beam antenna were used as the reference antenna. The 200-foot system was used because of available space and because radio astronomers report random shifts of about 1 milliradian in the arrival direction of the signals from radio stars (which was used as a criterion of meaningful accuracy here).

Conclusion

The receiver just described uses two highly stable communications receivers complemented by several auxiliary circuits. A system using only one receiver will provide an indication that the satellite is present in the sky and will receive telemetering using a single antenna of low gain. However, the receiver as described provides both a telemetering receiver and an interferometer receiver for angle-of-arrival measurements of the satellite signal. Auxiliary equipment is needed which has not been discussed in this article: namely, a precision timing source and a calibration oscillator. Details of these pieces of equipment can be obtained directly by writing to the author. It is also requested that any amateur radio groups that are interested in building satellite-tracking stations of this variety communicate with the author to assure that they be kept up-to-date with the latest circuits and plans.

Although the sensitivity of the Microlock receiver is greater than that required to detect an 80-milliwatt satellite transmitter 300 miles overhead, this sensitivity will be required to track a satellite if either (1) the satellite transmitted power is decreased (as it may be for later satellite experiments to increase operating lifetime), or (2) it is desired to track the satellite in an orbit that is much farther than 300 miles from the earth or which does not pass much above the radio horizon.

Experiments are being started to explore the use of this receiver for amateur communications at 146 Mc. A system is presently being devised to permit the use of the two sections of the receiver to listen independently on the Russian satellite frequencies of 20 and 40 Mc. Since it has been indicated that the Russian satellites will use a one-way transmitter, a receiver of high sensitivity will not be required.

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Appendix

Basic Lock-Loop Circuit — The basic phase lock-loop circuit is illustrated in Fig. 2. There are a number of ways explaining the operation of this circuit, and there are a number of names applied to it, such as asynchronous detector, linear detector, phase locked-loop, tracking filter, and others. The operation of this device makes use of previously known information about the input signal. For example, it is known that the signal from the satellite transmitter will be a coherent sine wave. The side-band power will be reasonably low. The rates at which the carrier frequency will shift are known and the approximate frequency of the carrier is known. The phase-sensitive detector in Fig. 2 is a device

for comparing two signals.

The output of the phase-sensitive detector is proportional to the sine of the phase difference between the two signals applied. In this case the two signals are, first, the input consisting of signal plus noise, and second, a local estimate of the signal generated by a stable sine-wave oscillator. The output of the phase-sensitive detector is filtered, and the loop closed to the local oscillator, which in this case is a voltage-controlled device. If the two input signals are approximately, but not exactly, equal in phase, an output will be produced by the phase-sensitive detector which will correct the local oscillator frequency and phase. By means of the closed servo loop just described, a tracking device is produced whereby the local oscillator is made to follow the applied signal not only in frequency but also closely in phase. The closed servo loop is a null-seeking system which operates in such a manner that the sine wave produced by the v.c.o. is 90° removed from the input signal. This results in the phase detector output being proportional to the sine of the phase difference between the input signal and the v.c.o.

The output of the phase-sensitive detector contains the product of the input and the locally generated sine wave and can be represented $(S + N)S^* = SS^* + S^*N$ (where S^* is the locally generated signal, S the input signal, and N the input noise). The output from a conventional square law or product detector (which multiplies the signal by itself using a nonlinear device) is mathematically $(S + N)^2 = S^2 + 2SN + N^2$. The advantage of the linear detector can now be seen when these two equations are compared. If S and S^* are much larger than N , the two equations reduce to S^2 . However, when N becomes comparable with or greater than S , then the advantage of the linear detector becomes clear (the N^2 term in the latter equation becomes predominant).

The lower phase detector in Fig. 2 has an input signal shift of 90° from that entering the top phase detector. As was just mentioned, the upper phase detector is in quadrature with the voltage-controlled oscillator. The 90° phase shift introduced in the signal going to the lower phase detector is in such a direction as to bring the incoming signal into zero phase relationship with the v.c.o. The output of the phase detector, being proportional to the cosine of the phase difference between the two applied signals, now becomes proportional to the amplitude of the weaker signal.

Silent Keys

IT IS with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

W1EK, Raymond D. Brewer, Newton, Mass.
 W1LM, Frank E. McMaster, Chelmsford, Mass.
 W1OHO, Willis M. Rayton, Hanover, N. H.
 W1YGN, Clarence F. Sawtelle, Jr., Littleton, Mass.
 W2AA, Harold Bunker, Merrick, N. Y.
 W2KYJ, Charles W. Judge, Clinton, N. Y.
 W2TOA, Martin M. Dwyer, Utica, N. Y.
 W3CCH, Stanton L. Bast, West Reading, Pa.
 ex-W3LYV, Allen B. Reppert, Silver Spring, Md.
 W3MLU, George P. Kraft, Altoona, Pa.
 W4EKX, Chloe A. Ragsdale, Tampa, Fla.
 W4QEA, Maurice D. Corson, Sarasota, Fla.
 K6JAL, Robert A. Richards, Van Nuys, Calif.
 K6JFD, Roger H. Decker, Concord, Calif.
 W6LVW, Henry F. Newbauer, Sonora, Calif.
 W7CKH, Frank F. Deane, Anacortes, Wash.
 W7DVD, Joseph R. DeCordova, Miami, Ariz.
 W8BYF, Raymond E. Weaver, Akron, Ohio
 ex-W9CVR, Albert B. Marshall, Louisville, Ky.
 W9EHL, John F. Curd, Mill Shoals, Ill.
 K9GAR, Albert V. Martin, Glenview, Ill.
 W9TPG, Rex H. Eyer, Monroe, Wis.
 VE7CC, Raymond G. Bishop, North Burnaby, B. C.

Quist Quiz

Here is another problem from Ken Redick, ex-IDY of Newington, Conn. You would like to be able to obtain any value of resistance between 1 and 1000 ohms in 1-ohm steps (to use in a bridge or to compare with unknown resistors or to calibrate an ohmmeter). What is the minimum number of resistors that will permit you to do this and what are their values?

If you redrew last month's problem correctly, you found that it turned out to be a balanced bridge circuit in which the 3-ohm resistor is inactive. As a result it can be disregarded, and the net resistance works out easily to 2 ohms.

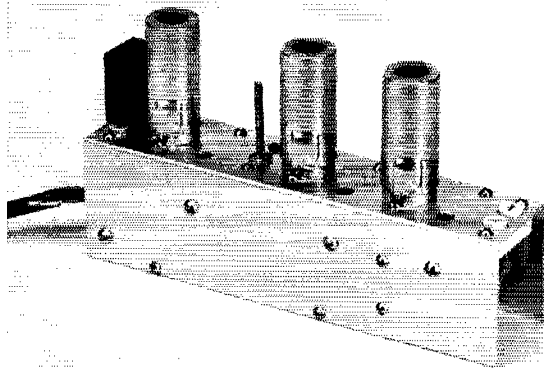
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Amateur-Band Receivers*

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The chassis for the converter is made with simple folds in sheet aluminum. The crystal socket at the right is for a line plug for antenna input. Tubes, left to right, are the oscillator, mixer, and r.f. amplifier. Trimmer capacitor screws are reached through the small holes to the right of each tube.

Peering at man-made satellites by radio will probably be the coming year's No. 1 sport. For the 40-Mc. frequency to be used by the anticipated series of U.S.S.R. satellites, crystal control is a practical necessity. Here is a converter circuit that doesn't involve a major construction project, but which provides the sensitivity and stability necessary for good satellite observations.

FOR a good many observation purposes the 40-Mc. frequency used by the U.S.S.R. satellites has a number of advantages over 20 Mc. It is comparatively free from pronounced ionospheric effects, except occasionally in the daytime. This means that the times of appearance and disappearance of the signal at a given location can be tied in more accurately with a known orbit or, conversely, that observations of these times in the initial hours when the orbit is just being determined are very much more useful than observations made on a frequency that may carry halfway around the world. For the same reason, signal-strength observations have a relatively clean-cut meaning. Furthermore, the frequency is a better one for measuring Doppler shift, since the shift in cycles is twice as great at 40 Mc. as at 20 Mc. For all these reasons, should 20-Mc. observations also be made they become more meaningful in terms of propagation when compared with simultaneous observations made on 40 Mc.

Only a few types of communication receivers in amateur stations are capable of receiving the 40-Mc. signal. Of those that do, it is highly doubtful that the stability is good enough for

even rough Doppler measurements. Crystal control of all of the oscillators in the receiver that could affect such measurements would seem to be a minimum requirement. (Even crystal control of the conventional type is not good enough for some experiments that depend on measuring deviations of the order of one cycle per second from the theoretical Doppler shift.) A crystal-controlled converter is certainly indicated, not only for these reasons but also for relieving the very real problem of finding the signal at the instant the satellite comes over the horizon — a thing that tends to become rather difficult at 40 Mc.

All-Crystal Frequency Control

Crystal control in the converter alone adds nothing to the stability of the receiver with which it is used, of course. For Doppler measurements, high stability has to be maintained right through to the final beat note so the only frequency variations to show up will be those actually in the signal itself. The question of receiver stability can be neatly solved by side-stepping it entirely — by using a frequency standard to supply the necessary beat frequency. The ordinary 100-ke. crystal-controlled standard will do very well.

In the case of 40 Mc., an obvious method would be to introduce the 40-Mc. harmonic of the standard into the front end of the converter. The frequency of the 100-ke. oscillator can be "swung" enough, if necessary, to give a satisfactory beat — say, 1000 cycles — with the mean frequency of the received signal. Such a beat is completely independent of the receiver stability; the receiver merely serves as an amplifier, and any drift or other instability of its internal oscillator or oscillators does not affect the beat frequency. The amplitude of the 40-Mc. harmonic from the frequency standard should be at least equal to the signal amplitude, for best results,

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but should not be so strong as to tend to cause overloading anywhere in the receiver. Probably in most cases, with simple frequency standards, the problem will be to get a sufficiently strong harmonic rather than the opposite.

A convenient variation of this method is to beat the output frequency of the converter against a low-frequency harmonic of a 100-ke. standard. In order to bring the system within range of amateur-band-only receivers, the converter's nominal output frequency can be set at, for example, 7000 kc. The converter crystal frequency then must be chosen to produce an output frequency of approximately 7001 kc. from the mean frequency of the satellite signal. Introducing this along with the 7000-ke. harmonic of the frequency standard into the front end of the receiver still means that the ultimate audio beat-note output of the receiver is determined completely by the two crystal oscillators. The receiver's beat oscillator is not used.

Converter Circuit

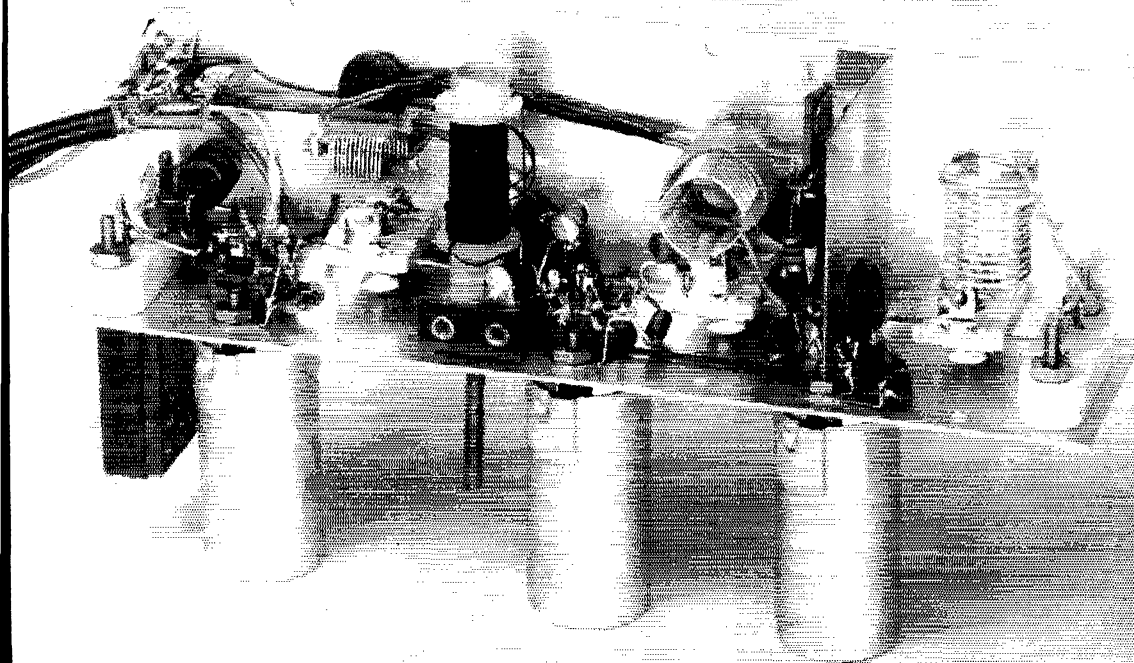
The converter shown in the accompanying photographs was designed along these lines. The r.f. and mixer circuits are basically similar to those used in the 50-Mc. crystal-controlled converter described in the *Handbook* (page 390, 1957 edition), the principal change being to substitute a tightly-coupled untuned primary (L_4 in Fig. 1) for the double-tuned interstage

coupling arrangement used in the *Handbook* circuit. This was done in the interests of simplification.

The oscillator circuit is quite different from that in the *Handbook* unit. It is a grid-plate oscillator on the crystal side and a frequency quadrupler on the output side. Choice of this circuit was partly for simplification — only one tuned circuit is needed — and partly simple expediency; we had a handful of 8250-ke. surplus crystals available, just the right frequency to put the converter output frequency on 7000 kc. with four-times multiplication. There was some doubt when the unit was laid out as to whether such an oscillator would have enough fourth-harmonic output for good conversion, but the amount of 33-Mc. energy that could be coupled into the mixer grid circuit turned out to be ample for good sensitivity. An advantage of the circuit is that the oscillation frequency is not affected by tuning the plate tank circuit (L_8C_3) and so in turn will not be affected by any temperature drift in the constants of this circuit. As a further aid to stability the oscillator screen is fed from a 150-volt regulated source. C_4 should be a capacitor having a low or zero temperature coefficient, since the capacitance at this point does affect the frequency.

Returning to the crystals, there are still plenty of 8250-ke. surplus units available at low prices. In fact, there are several frequencies,

All components are mounted on a single aluminum piece having a cross section in the shape of an L. The r.f. amplifier grid circuit is the right-hand section in this view. The mixer grid circuit is just to the left of the vertical partition that straddles the r.f. tube socket. The crystal oscillator-quadrupler is at the left.



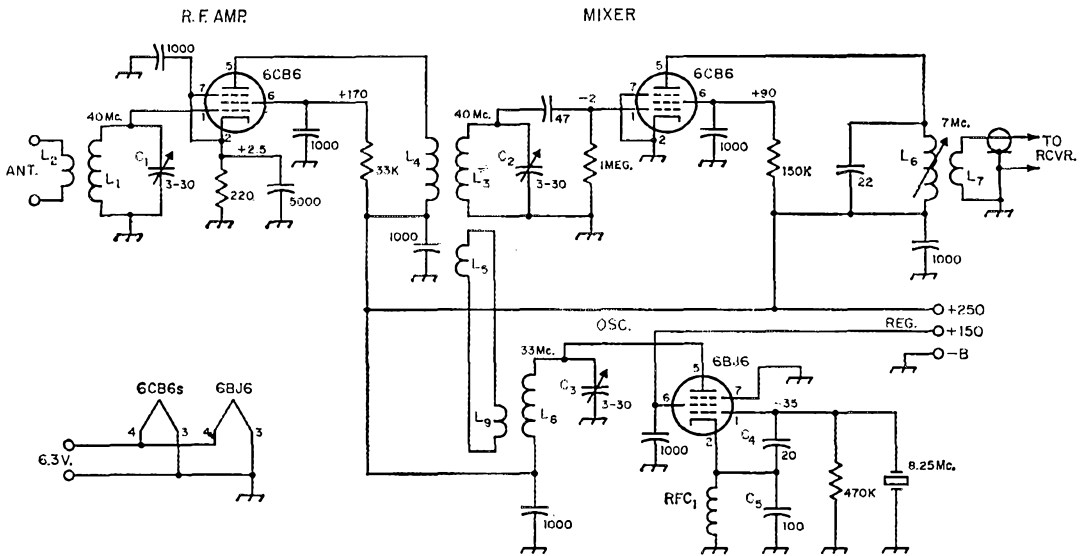


Fig. 1—Circuit of the 40-Mc. crystal-controlled converter. Unless otherwise indicated, capacitances are in $\mu\text{mf.}$, resistances are in ohms, resistors are $\frac{1}{2}$ watt. Capacitors not listed below are ceramic, disk type if 1000 $\mu\text{mf.}$ or more. Voltages indicated at test points are measured with v.t. voltmeter, 11 megohms.

C_1, C_2, C_3 —3-30- $\mu\text{mf.}$ mica compression trimmer.
 C_4 —20- $\mu\text{mf.}$ ceramic, preferably low temperature coefficient.
 C_5 —100- $\mu\text{mf.}$ ceramic.

L_1 —12 turns No. 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., 16 turns/inch.
 L_2 —2 turns hookup wire at cold end of L_1 .
 L_3 —14 turns No. 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., 16 turns/inch.
 L_4 —6 turns hookup wire wound starting at cold end of L_3 .
 L_5, L_9 —2 turns hookup wire approx. $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch diam., cemented inside L_3 and L_8 , respectively, at cold ends.

L_6 —No. 30 enam., close-wound to length of $\frac{7}{8}$ inch on $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diam. slug-tuned form (National XR-91).
 L_7 —15 turns No. 30 enam., close-wound over cold end of L_6 .

L_8 —13 turns No. 24, $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diam., 32 turns/inch.
 RFC_1 —Pie-wound, 500 to 750 $\mu\text{h.}$, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch long (Millen 34300 or National R-33).

[L_1 and L_3 are B & W Miniductor No. 3003 or Air-Dux 416T; L_8 is B & W No. 3004 or Air-Dux 432T.]

all ending in multiples of 25 kc., available in this region. Any of these can be used, since multiplying by four will give an output frequency that is an even multiple of 100 kc., if the second of the two methods described above is to be used for getting an audible beat. (That is, the output frequency will be some multiple of 100 kc. in the 7-Mc. region, depending on the crystal frequency.) With the first method the crystal frequency does not matter so long as the converter output is within the tuning range of the receiver. However, the output frequency should not be too far above 7 Mc. or there may be some difficulty in getting sufficient injection voltage to the mixer grid with the method of coupling used.

The output circuit, L_6L_7 , is connected to a length of RG-58/U which goes to the antenna input connections on the receiver. This circuit as specified tunes much more broadly than is necessary for a fixed-frequency converter, but there is no great need for high selectivity at this point. A shielded output cable is essential for eliminating stray pickup of 7-Mc. signals, and there should be no exposed wiring connected to the receiver's antenna post. A coax input arrangement at the receiver would be quite desirable for this reason. With such a receiver, we have had no trouble at all from 7-Mc. pickup when using the converter.

Layout

All components are mounted on a folded piece of aluminum as shown in one of the photographs. The length is 7 inches, and the side on which the tube sockets are mounted is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. The remaining side is 2 inches deep. The trimmer capacitors are mounted on the latter side, using the outside-plate connection tab as a mounting foot. The adjusting screws are reached through $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch holes drilled in the other side.

The interstage shield partition that cuts across the r.f. amplifier socket is made of thin copper sheet so it can be soldered to the socket center post and to the No. 3 socket pin, which is grounded to the chassis through a soldering lug. The partition has a lip along one edge so it can be bolted to the vertical side of the chassis.

The tuned-circuit coils are mounted by their leads on the trimmer capacitors. Single insulated tie points are used for anchoring d.c. leads.

In general, r.f. leads should be kept short, particularly when bypassing tube elements. Leave just enough leads on the ceramic disks for making soldered connections. The cathode and suppressor-grid pins on the r.f. amplifier socket are connected together at the socket, but each pin is bypassed on its side of the socket. This double bypassing seemed to be of some benefit in "cooling down" the amplifier.

The second vertical side of the chassis is simply a piece of aluminum 7 inches long, 2 inches high, and having a small lip which is fastened under the top of the first piece by machine screws. There is also a bottom plate which does not show in the pictures, but which is just wide enough to fit between the vertical members and extends between the oscillator end of the chassis and the copper partition. This has folded edges which are fastened to the two sides with machine screws, two of which can be seen at the lower edge in the outside view.

Other layouts may be used, of course, just so long as normal v.h.f. considerations are observed. A principal point is to prevent stray coupling between the input and output circuits of the r.f. stage and thus reduce the chances of instability.

Alignment

The circuit will take about 20 ma. at 250 volts and 2 or 3 ma. at 150 volts. (If a 150-volt regulated source is not available, the screen of the oscillator may be fed from the 250-volt line through a 47K $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor.) Voltages measured with a v.t. voltmeter at various points are shown on the diagram.

Probably the best way to start out in aligning the circuit is to use a grid-dip meter to set L_1C_1 and L_3C_2 to 40 Mc. and L_8C_3 to 33 Mc. Then apply power and use the grid-dip meter as an indicating wavemeter tuned to 33 Mc., coupling it loosely to L_8C_3 while a fine adjustment is made to C_3 to maximize the oscillator output on that frequency. Then set the receiver to the expected output frequency at or near 7 Mc., short the r.f. amplifier grid to ground, and adjust L_6 for maximum noise. Similarly, adjust C_2 for maximum noise, and then touch up C_3 with the same object. Since there is a small amount of interlocking between these two circuits, repeat C_2 and C_3 a few times for maximum output.

Finally, connect the antenna to the converter, remove the short from the amplifier grid circuit, and adjust C_1 for maximum noise. The proper settings for all three trimmers should be toward the low-capacitance end.

If reasonable care is used in isolating the r.f. and mixer grid circuits there should be no trouble from oscillation in the r.f. stage, even with the antenna disconnected. There should be a marked decrease in noise when the antenna plug is pulled out, and a still further decrease when the amplifier grid is shorted to chassis. The noise in normal operation should completely mask the residual noise with the amplifier grid shorted.

Like many others, the writer was without any means for listening on 40 Mc. when Sputnik was launched. There was no opportunity to do anything about it until the following week end, when this converter was built. It was expected that the surplus 8250-ke. crystals might have to be ground slightly to get the desired a.f. difference when the converter output was beat against 7000 ke. from the frequency standard, but this turned out to be unnecessary. In the ten days following, until the satellite's transmitter failed, the beat was right there on every pass at which we had a chance to listen.

It seems as though almost anything in the way of a random length of wire will bring in the 40-Mc. signal, but better results will be obtained with an antenna put up especially for the purpose. A simple folded dipole made from 300-ohm Twin-Lead is adequate, and the antenna input circuit of this converter was adjusted for use with such an antenna. The dipole length should be between 11.5 and 12 feet. If there is any choice, running the antenna on an east-west line would seem to be the optimum direction for receiving from a satellite having north-south as the principal direction component in its orbit.

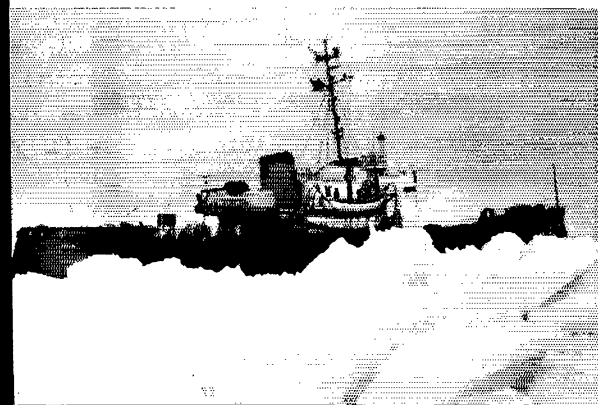
Strays

WITGD and W1MUL, both of the Bristol County Radio Ass'n (R.I.) maintained schedules with W1WIN aboard the USCG Spar, which is normally based in Bristol. As recently reported in QST, the Spar was engaged in the attempt to use the Northwest Passage (which was successful), and was one of several ships on board which the Director of Naval Communications authorized amateur radio stations.

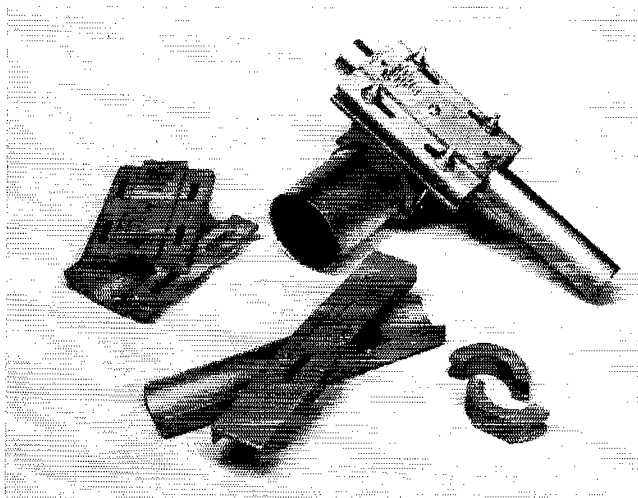
If you savor the Sweepstakes, the W/VE Contest and such, chances are you've heard or worked 17-year-old Tony Rogers, W3BFW. Two years ago (p. 57, February 1956 QST), he gained coast-to-coast publicity when Vice President Nixon dropped over to chat with Tony's Dad, his long-time friend, then decided to spend the night. According to the story, Mr. Nixon got precious little shut-eye as Tony pounded out contest contacts through the wee hours. Now the Rogers household is again prominently in the headlines. Mr. William P. Rogers (Dad) has just become U. S. Attorney General and, at 44, is the youngest member of President Eisenhower's Cabinet. Hearty congratulations, W3BFW Senior!

What's in a name? C. W. Code works for the telephone company. Too bad he's not a ham!

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• *New Apparatus*



Antenna Hardware

FOR those who like to build their own antennas and beams, the Continental Electronics and Sound Co. of 6151 Dayton Liberty Road, Dayton, Ohio, offers several pieces of hardware which will greatly facilitate the operation. A series of oxen yoke clamps will accommodate elements and booms up to three inches in diameter, and the selection of intermediate sizes appears rather complete. These oxen yoke clamps are made of cast aluminum, and then machined as necessary. Samples of these yokes are shown above. These yokes can also be used as boom mounting plates for water pipe masts.

Also available are a different type of clamp for smaller beam elements and for gamma-match construction (Fig. 1) and a fitting to be used with a coax-fed dipole (Fig. 2).

For further information, write directly to the manufacturer, at the address given above.

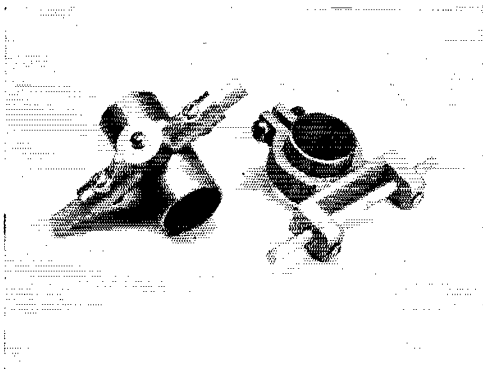


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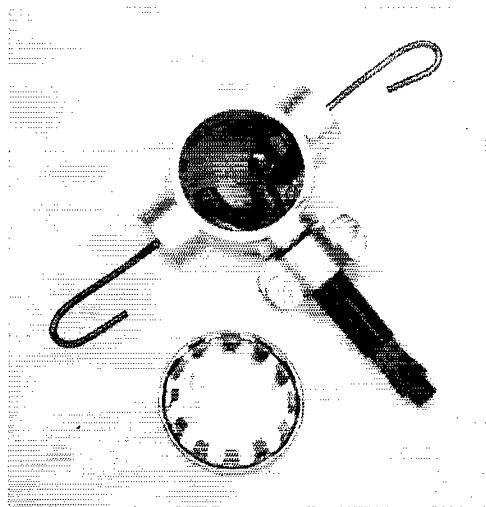
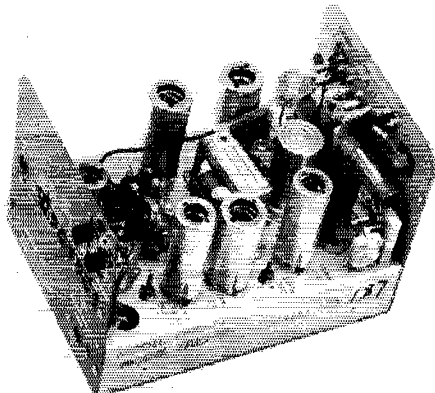
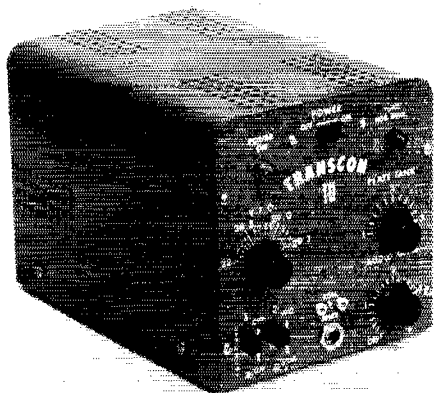


Fig. 2

Strays

KH6IJ, who pounds a mean key himself, refers to the Stray on page 39 of October *QST* and to the McCoy article on page 28 of November *QST* — and tells us that he has 200 “Navy knobs” to give away. He asks only that those who desire these genuine Navy knobs send him a stamped, self-addressed airmail envelope with 6¢ postage affixed. His QTH is simply Katashi Nose, Lihue, Kauai, T. H., and you'll probably hear him in the DX Test!

• Recent Equipment —



Left: View of a "Transcon 10". The zero-beat control, v.f.o.-crystal switch, microphone jack (with crystal socket directly above) and the audio gain control are in line across the bottom of the panel. The v.f.o. tuning knob is below the power-on indicator at the left side of the panel, and the amplifier plate circuit control is below the amplifier tuning indicator at the right. The power on-off switch is centered at the top of the panel. A hole in the left side of the cabinet provides access to the v.f.o. padder capacitor. A similar hole in the right side of the cabinet permits screw-driver adjustment of the link capacitor.

Right: Receptacles for the coaxial input and output cables are mounted on the rear wall of the unit along with the power terminal board. The microphone switch and the external power-supply switch are also located on the rear panel. The regulator, 12AX7 and oscillator tube are in line below the changeover relay and the modulation choke in this view. The v.f.o. main-tuning and padder capacitors are in the right-hand corner below the oscillator grid coil. V_6 and V_7 are between the rear wall and the relay. The modulator tube and r.f. output tube are near the amplifier plate coil at the upper right. Decoupling capacitors for the speech amplifier are in the metal can beside the modulation choke.

"Transcon" Mobile Converter-Transmitter Models 6 and 10

THE "Transcon" Models 6 and 10, made by Creative Electronics Corp., 94 Lincoln Ave., Stamford, Conn., are compact converter-transmitter units for 50 and 28 Mc., respectively. Both types include a complete phone-c.w. transmitter and a fixed-frequency converter that uses a car broadcast receiver as the tunable i.f. amplifier. Power may be obtained from the vibrator pack of a typical car receiver, thus eliminating the cost and bother of a special mobile supply. However, provision also is made for using a standard supply delivering up to 350 volts if it is desirable to operate the power amplifier and modulator tubes at maximum ratings.

"Transcons" have a built-in v.f.o. that can be switched to crystal-controlled operation. A zero-beat switch permits oscillator frequency checking with the car receiver while the r.f. amplifier and audio stages are turned off. The speech amplifier is designed for either carbon- or crystal-microphone input. Push-to-talk control of an internal antenna and power relay, terminals for keying and the control of an external relay, a tuning indicator and a calibrated v.f.o. dial are other

features. The cabinet measures 5 by 5 by 7 inches. Models 6 and 10 are available for either 6- or 12-volt operation.

The Transmitters

The oscillator tube is a type 6AQ5 as shown in Fig. 1. The grid circuit for the Model 10 oscillator tunes 14 to 14.85 Mc., and the plate circuit is slug tuned to the center of the 28-Mc. band. Grid-circuit range of the 50-Mc. unit is 25 to 27 Mc., and the plate circuit is self-resonant at approximately 52 Mc. A regulator tube, V_5 , stabilizes the screen voltage for the 6AQ5.

The final amplifier operates straight through and uses a parallel-tuned plate tank, link coupled to the antenna. A capacitor for tuning the link circuit is provided. Type 5763 and 6417 tubes are used in the 6- and 12-volt versions, respectively, of the amplifier. A neon lamp (NE-2) is coupled to the amplifier plate tank to indicate resonance.

A type 12AX7 dual triode is used in the speech amplifier circuits. The input stage may be coupled to either a carbon or a crystal microphone, and the audio gain control is in the grid circuit

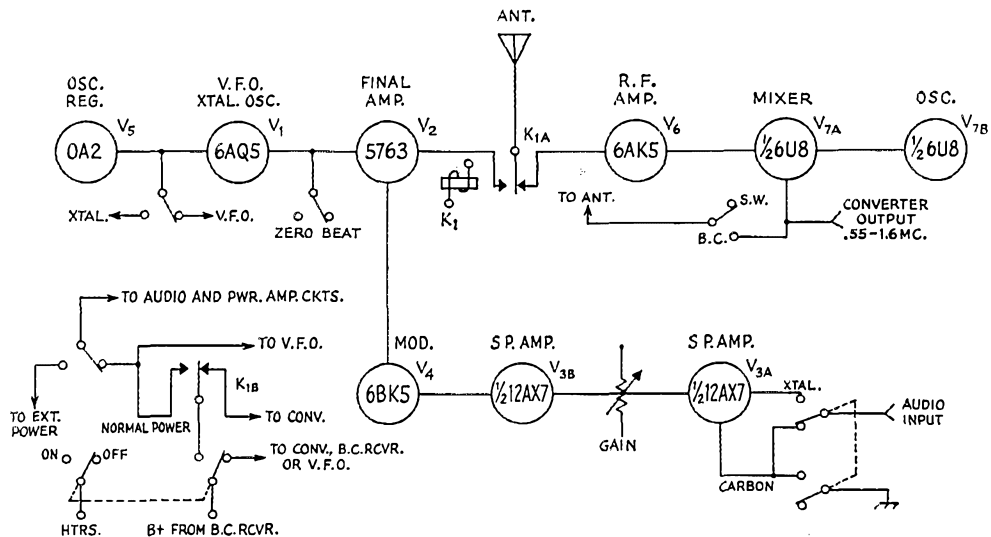


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the "Transcon". The tube lineup is the same for the 28- and 50-Mc. units.

of the second amplifier. The 6BK5 modulator tube (12BK5 for 12-volt operation) operates as a Class A amplifier coupled to the r.f. amplifier through a tapped choke.

The Converter

The r.f. amplifier tube, V_6 in Fig. 1, is usually a type 6AK5 (6BH6 in a few units) and has slugged coils in both the grid and the plate circuits. Inductive coupling is used between the antenna and the grid circuit. The amplifier, as well as the other converter circuits, requires no adjustment as the associated broadcast receiver is tuned through the i.f. range.

The pentode section of a type 6U8 is used for the mixer and the triode section is in a Colpitts oscillator circuit that operates on the low side of the signal frequency. Oscillator voltage is coupled to the mixer through the interelectrode capacitance of the tube.

With the tuning range of the average broadcast receiver limited to 1.05 Mc. — 0.55 to 1.6 Mc. — the converters will not cover an entire amateur band with one swing of the receiver dial. Factory adjustments of the oscillators provide coverage of 50 to 51.05 Mc. with the Model 6, and 28.55 to 29.6 Mc. with the 10-meter unit. The effective tuning range of either converter may be shifted higher or lower in a band by resetting the frequency of the local oscillator.

Control Circuits

"Transcons" have a power-control system that permits feeding the output from a car-radio power supply either to the converter and broadcast receiver, to the transmitter, or directly back to the car radio for normal use. A d.p.d.t. relay controlled by a microphone push-to-talk button switches the plate voltage from the converter to the transmitter, and also performs the antenna change-over operation. Another switch permits

connection of a separate power supply for the audio and the r.f. amplifier circuits: it removes these circuits from the car-radio pack, but allows output from the latter to be fed to the converter and the v.f.o. circuits. A switch that connects the antenna to either the converter or the broadcast receiver is operated by the audio gain control. A d.p.d.t. slide switch makes the necessary circuit changes when going from one type of microphone to the other. The v.f.o.-crystal and the zero-beat controls are s.p.s.t. panel-mounted switches.

Power Supply

Although satisfactory results can be secured with the transmitter powered by the few watts that a BC receiver supply will deliver, more "sock" can be obtained by using a separate supply for the audio and r.f. output tubes. A supply for this purpose should deliver approximately 110 milliamperes at no more than 350 volts. The v.f.o. and the converter are still operated from the broadcast receiver power pack when a separate supply is used for the final and modulator.

General

The instruction book supplied with each unit shows a method of connecting to a typical car radio vibrator supply. However, some of the modern BC receivers take plate and screen voltage for the audio output stage ahead of the supply filter and, as a result, the method suggested — opening the supply circuit *after* the filter — does not relieve the power pack of the audio tube current drain when the transmitter is turned on. This may be avoided by opening the +B circuit at the cathode of the rectifier, ahead of the tap running to the audio stage. This makes the full output of the supply available for the transmitter, but has the disadvantage that an outboard filter must be used. A 20- to 40- μ f. 350-volt electro-

lytic capacitor usually will provide adequate filtering.

The manufacturer has received one or two reports of low modulation, apparently caused by the use of carbon microphones having less than

normal output. In each case, the remedy was to increase the audio gain by connecting a 10- μ f. 25-volt electrolytic capacitor in parallel with the 100-ohm cathode resistor in the modulator circuit.

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The Telecom 2D11 Transistor Power Converter

THE Telecom 2D11 power converter brings to amateur service, particularly the mobile branch, another practical application of transistors. The 2D11 is a plate supply using a pair of power transistors in an oscillator-transformer-filter circuit to convert 12.6 volts d.c. (storage battery) to simultaneous power outputs of 500 volts at 200 ma. and 250 volts at 100 ma. The unit has no vacuum tubes, vibrators or moving parts. Conversion efficiency is approximately 80 per cent, with the pack drawing only 12.5 amperes when operated at the full rated output of 125 watts. Over-all measurements of 4 by 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches and a total weight of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds are physical properties that will interest nearly every mobile fan.

The 2D11 is basically a transistor multi-vibrator using two Delco type 2N277 transistors operated at a frequency of approximately 1000 cycles per second. Fig. 1 is a schematic of the primary section of the supply. The power transformer has two special primary windings, A and B, that alternately provide properly phased feedback voltage for Q_1 and Q_2 . Oscillatory conduction by the transistors switches the current in the main center-tapped primary winding in much the same way that the current is switched when a vibrator alternately connects the input voltage to one side and then the other of the transformer primary.

Output from the transformer secondary is applied to a standard half-wave voltage quadrupler circuit using four selenium rectifiers. The rectifier circuit uses typical values of filter capacitance and is tapped for 250-volt output.

The unit is self-protecting in the presence of short circuits or overloads since under such conditions there is not enough feedback for oscillation, thereby causing the transistors to return to the quiescent state in which they take a current of 500 milliamperes. Furthermore, there is

no starting surge — a battery-saving feature that will be appreciated by those familiar with dynamotor operation — since the current build-up is gradual over a fraction of a second and never exceeds the full load value.

As is the case with most pieces of gear using power transistors, the 2D11 has definite limitations as to operating temperature. It is rated for

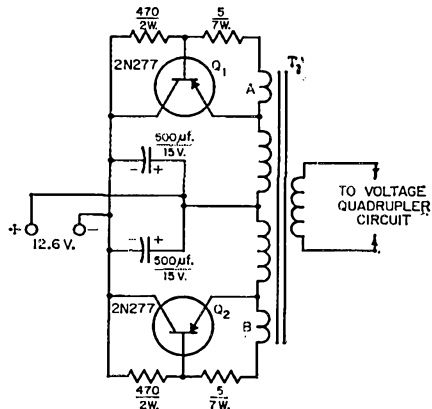
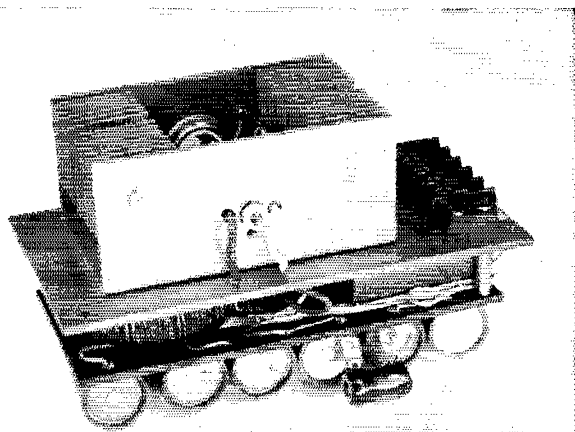


Fig. 1—Schematic of the primary circuit used in a type 2D11 transistor power converter. Resistances are in ohms. Capacitors are electrolytic. T_1 is a special transformer with feedback windings, A and B, for maintaining oscillation in the transistor circuit. The rectifier system, not shown here, is a conventional half-wave quadrupler circuit similar to that shown in the power-supply chapter in *The Radio Amateurs' Handbook*.

continuous duty at full output in the temperature range from -20 degrees Fahrenheit to $+104$ degrees Fahrenheit. Operation at temperatures above 104 degrees should be on an intermittent basis, but is not so restricted as to hamper amateurs using the pack in warm climates. Operation, mounting and performance data are



Dust cover and housing have been removed in this view of the 2D11 transistor power converter. A heavy U-shaped aluminum bracket supports the selenium rectifiers and serves as a heat radiator for the transistors. The special toroidal-wound plate transformer is partially visible in between the two phenolic base plates. Input and output terminals are at the right end.

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supplied with each unit.

Although the 2D11 does emit a rather faint audible tone of approximately 1000 cycles per second, it does not radiate the electrical hash or whine normally associated with dynamotors or vibrator-type supplies. When testing one of the transistorized packs in a typical mobile installation, we found that the sound from the unit was completely masked out by car noise and

other background sounds, and that it did not modulate either the received or the transmitted signal. An interesting feature is that the voltage at either output terminal is almost completely unaffected by varying the load connected to the other tap.

The 2D11 is made by Telecom, Inc., 1019 Admiral Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

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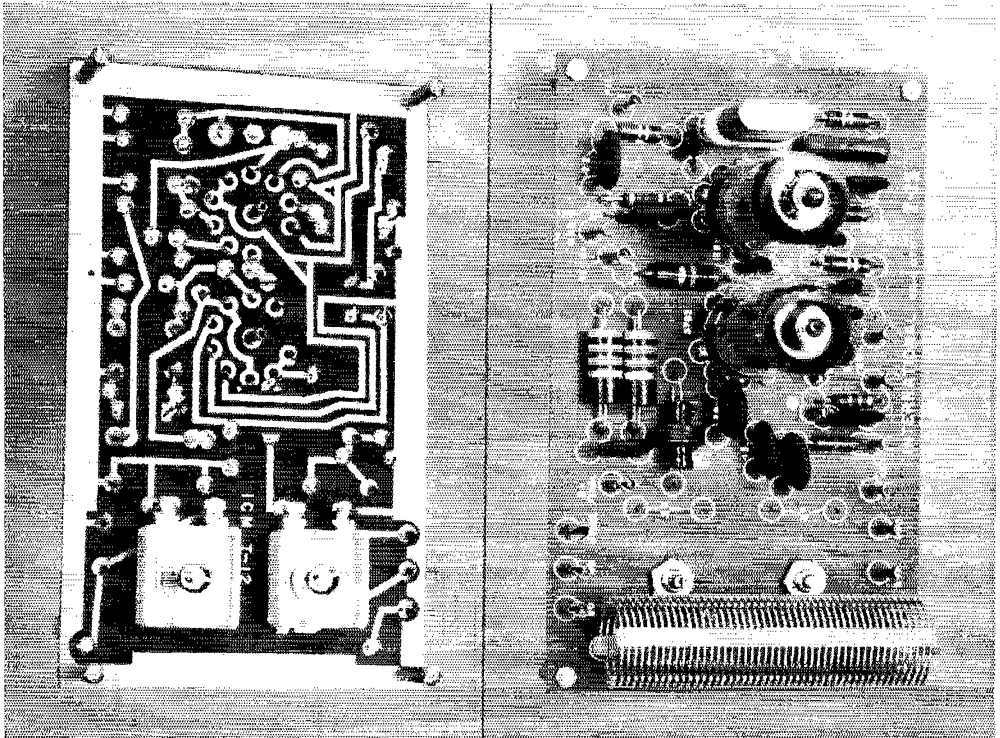
The T-12 Transmitter

FOR SOME TIME now the International Crystal Manufacturing Company, 18 North Lee Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla., has been promoting the sale of its crystals by offering, in kit form, 100-ke. calibration oscillators and v.h.f. converters and transmitters. Simplicity and low cost were features of these units, made possible through the use of etched circuits.

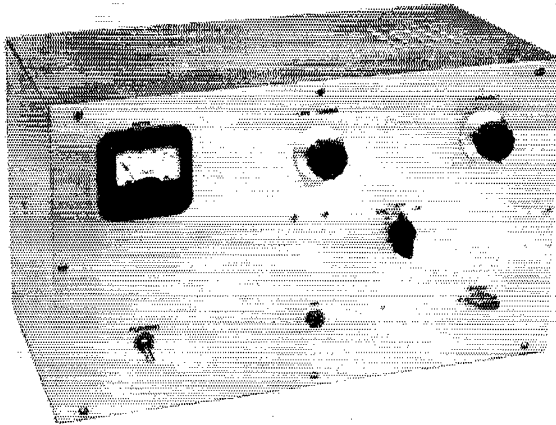
The T-12 is the first venture by the company into the field of low-frequency kits. This small transmitter covers the 80- and 40-meter bands and, although it can do this with 80-meter crystals only and frequency multiplying, the recommendation is that the transmitter be operated "straight through" with no frequency doubling. A 12BH7 dual triode serves as crystal

oscillator and buffer stage to drive a 5763 output amplifier. The plate circuit of the 12BH7 buffer is tuned by screw-driver adjustment of a small coil, and the pi-network tuning of the output amplifier is handled by screw-driver adjustment of two mica compression capacitors. The power supply requirements are 350 volts at 60 ma. and 6.3 volts at 1.35 amperes; to put the rig on the air an operator needs a power supply that can handle these requirements, an antenna, key or modulator, and a multimeter of some kind. Test points are provided at the buffer and final cathodes (these stages have cathode bias) to make it a simple matter to check cathode currents by taking voltage readings. To change bands the operator changes two jumper wires;

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These two views of the T-12 transmitter show how the etched-circuit technique contributes to the simplicity of the equipment. The compression-type mica capacitors tune the pi-network output circuit; the driver-stage tuning slug is partially visible to the right of the lower vacuum tube.



This 30-watt three-band Novice transmitter is enclosed in a 7 × 9 × 15-inch aluminum box (Premier AC-1597) which furnishes adequate TVI shielding. A group of 1/4-inch-diameter holes should be drilled in the top of the box over the oscillator and also in the back panel to provide ventilation.

A Three-Band One-Tube Novice Transmitter

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An inexpensive transmitter
covering the three lowest-frequency
Novice bands.
Power supply and a
keying monitor are included.

THE NOVICE TRANSMITTER described in this article has many features that make it especially appealing to the newcomer. First, and most important to the beginner, it is very easy to build and get working. The transmitter is a crystal-controlled, one-tube oscillator capable of running at 30 watts input on the 3.5-, 7, and 21 Mc. Novice bands.

All of the components for the rig, including the power supply, are mounted on a 2 × 7 × 13-inch aluminum chassis that is enclosed in a 7 × 9 × 15-inch aluminum box. Enclosing the rig in a metal case practically eliminates the problem of TVI harmonic radiation. In addition, the tank circuit is a pi network designed to work into 50- or 75-ohm loads so it is a simple matter to install a low-pass filter if one is needed.

Another feature of the transmitter is a built-in keying monitor. The keying monitor permits the operator to listen to his own sending regardless of where his receiver is tuned. Special considerations were made in the design to insure the best keying characteristics. One of these is the use of regulated voltage on the screen of the oscillator. By doing this there is no supply voltage change between key-up and key-down conditions. Regulating the screen voltage minimizes frequency shift of the oscillator which is the cause of chirp. A look at Fig. 1 shows how the screen is regulated. In addition, a small amount of cathode bias is used on the oscillator (R_4). It has been found by experiment that using cathode bias tends to improve the keying characteristics in a cathode-keyed simple oscillator transmitter.

Circuit Details

The oscillator circuit used is the grid-plate type, and the tube is a 6DQ6A pentode. In a grid-plate oscillator where a screen-grid tube is used, the screen of the tube becomes the oscillator

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plate. The power output from the oscillator is taken from a separately-tuned tank circuit in the actual plate circuit of the tube. The 6DQ6A is an excellent tube for our purpose because it requires very little voltage, reducing the danger of fracturing the crystal.

For operation on 80 meters, an 80-meter crystal is needed. On 40, either 80- or 40-meter crystals can be used, although slightly more output will be obtained by using 40-meter crystals. To operate on 15 meters, a 40-meter crystal is used. A 10.5-Mc. crystal was tried in the circuit for 15-meter operation and although it worked O.K. there was no apparent advantage over a 40-meter crystal.

The tank circuit is in the form of a pi network. The plate tank capacitor is the variable C_6 , and

the tank inductance is L_2L_3 . C_5 is a two-section variable, approximately 365 μmf . per section, with the stators connected together to give a total capacitance of about 730 μmf . This range of capacitance is adequate for loading into 50 or 75 ohms on 7 and 21 Mc. When operating on 3.5 Mc., an additional 1000 μmf . (C_7) is added to the circuit to furnish the needed range of capacitance. L_1 and R_2 are essential in suppressing v.h.f. parasitic oscillation.

Keying Monitor

The keying-monitor circuit is similar to the unit described in an earlier article.¹ A neon bulb (type NE-2) audio-frequency oscillator is connected to the cathode of the 6DQ6A at the key

¹ McCoy, "A \$1.69 Keying Monitor," QST, Sept., 1957.

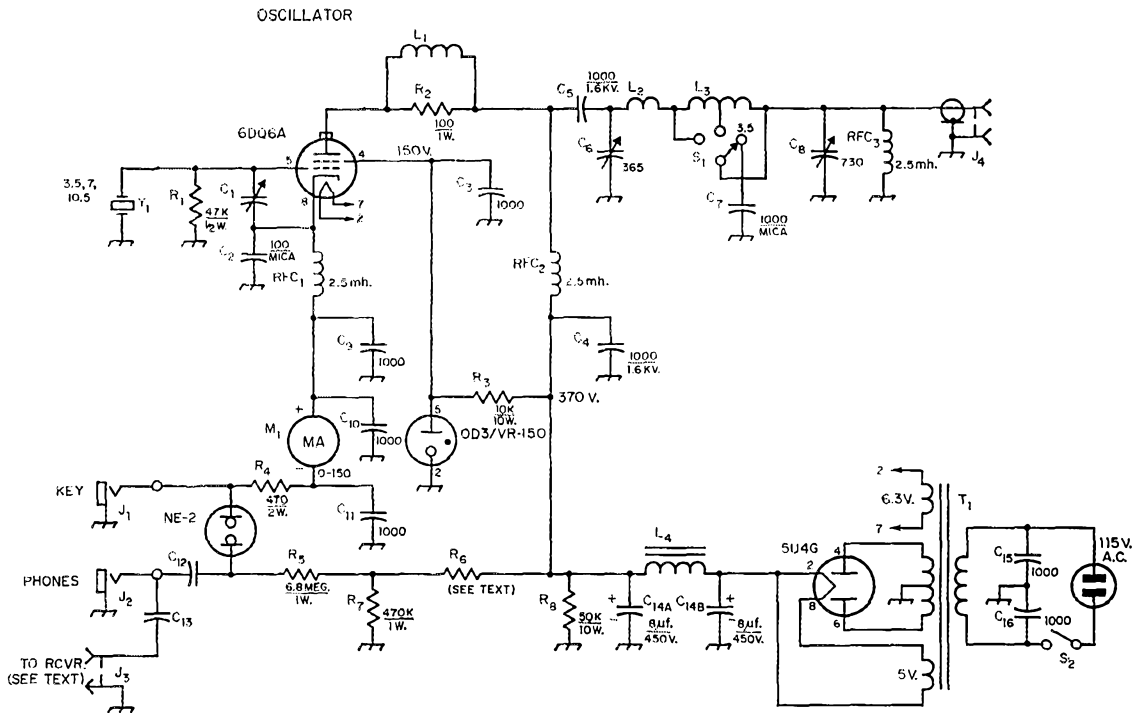


Fig. 1—Circuit diagram of the three-band transmitter. Capacitances are in μmf . Unless designated otherwise resistances are in ohms (K = 1000).

- C_1 —3-30- μmf . trimmer.
- C_2 —100- μmf . mica.
- $C_3, C_9, C_{10}, C_{11}, C_{15}, C_{16}$ —0.001- μf . disk ceramic.
- C_4, C_5 —0.001- μf . 1600-volt disk ceramic.
- C_6 —365- μmf . variable capacitor, single section, broadcast-replacement type.
- C_7 —0.001- μf . 600-volt mica.
- C_8 —365- μmf . variable capacitor, dual section, broadcast-replacement type.
- C_{12} —500- μmf . mica or ceramic.
- C_{13} —0.01- μf . disk ceramic.
- C_{14} —8/8- μf . 450-volt dual electrolytic capacitor.
- J_1, J_2 —Open-circuit phone jack.
- J_3 —Phono jack, RCA type.
- J_4 —Coaxial chassis connector, SO-239.
- L_1 —10 turns No. 18 wire spaced on a 100-ohm 1-watt resistor.

- L_2 —6 turns No. 16 wire, 8 turns per inch, 1 1/4 inches diam. (B & W 3018).
- L_3 —23 turns No. 16 wire, 8 turns per inch, 1 1/4 inches diam. (B & W 3018). The 7-Mc. tap is 18 turns from the junction of L_2 and L_3 .
- L_4 —8-h. 150-ma. filter choke (Thordarson 20C54).
- M_1 —0-150 ma. (Shurite Model).
- R_1 — R_8 —As specified.
- RFC_1, RFC_2, RFC_3 —2.5-mh. r.f. choke (National R-50).
- S_1 —Single-pole 3-position switch (Centralab 1461).
- S_2 —Single-pole single-throw toggle switch.
- T_1 —Power transformer: 360-0-360 volts, 120 ma.; 6.3 volts, 3.5 amp.; 5 volts, 3 amp. (Stanco PM-8410).
- Y_1 —Crystal (see text).

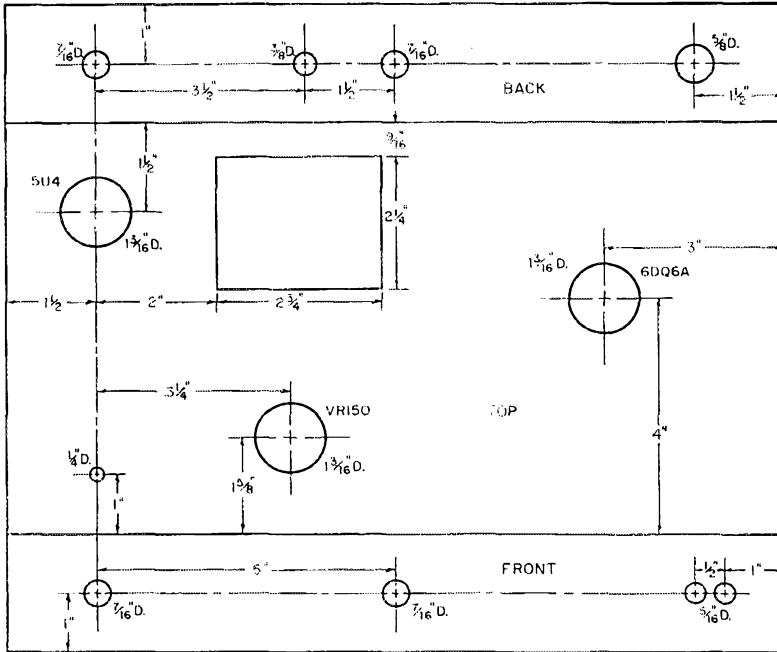


Fig. 2—This drawing gives the important dimensions for the holes on the top, front, and back of the 2 x 7 x 13-inch aluminum chassis

jack, J_1 . When the key is open, the audio oscillator is silent, but when the key is closed an audio note is heard in the headphones. The headphones are plugged into J_2 which is a jack that is mounted on the back of the transmitter chassis. Another jack, J_3 , is used as a connection terminal for one end of the lead that goes to the headphone jack on the receiver.

Power Supply

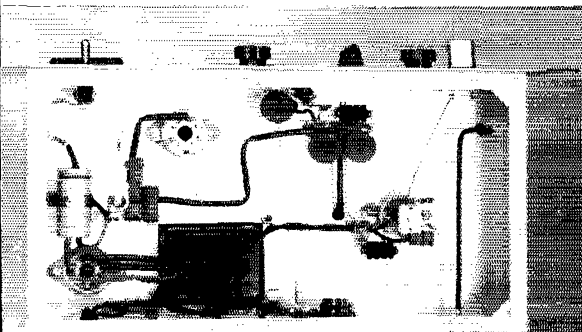
The power supply uses a 5U4G in a full-wave rectifier circuit. A capacitor-input filter is used and the output voltage is approximately 370 volts d.c. with a transmitter cathode current of 90 milliamperes. A 0-150 millimeter reads cathode current. The screen and grid currents are approximately 4 ma. when the oscillator is loaded. This figure should be deducted from the total current reading to determine the amount of plate current.

Construction

Before drilling any holes in the chassis, spend a little time studying the photographs, circuit diagram, and the dimension drawing, Fig. 2. Once you have familiarized yourself with the component layout you are ready to drill and punch out the necessary holes in the chassis.

If this is your first construction job you may not know how to make the rectangular hole for mounting the power transformer. There are two methods of doing the job with ordinary tools. The first consists of drilling a row of small holes along the inside dimensions of the hole and then knocking out the center piece with a cold chisel. A flat file can be used to clean up the edges. Another method consists of drilling $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch holes at diagonally opposite corners of the rectangle and then cutting out the piece with a back-saw blade.

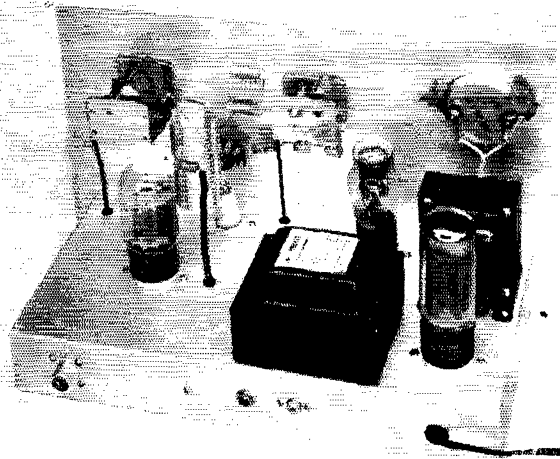
When the chassis holes are drilled, you are then ready to make up the front and back panels of the box. The box has a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lip around both openings, so the chassis must be mounted high enough on the panel to clear the lip. Lay the front panel on a flat surface and place the chassis front on the panel. The bottom edge of the chassis should be placed one inch from the bottom of the panel. The sides of the chassis are also one inch from the sides of the panel. Take a pencil or scribe and mark off the locations of the holes for S_2 , Y_1 , and J_1 , using the holes in the chassis front for a guide. There is nothing critical about the placement of the meter or the shafts for C_6 , C_8 and S_1 . The arrangement shown in the front-view photograph can be followed to



All of the power-supply components are mounted at the left-hand side of the chassis and the oscillator section is at the right-hand side. Mounted on the back wall of the chassis is the keying monitor. Although not visible in this view, the monitor components are mounted on a four-terminal tie point.

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This rear view of the transmitter clearly shows the placement of all components above chassis. The loading capacitor, C_8 , is at the left, L_3 is the vertical coil and L_2 the horizontal one. Rubber grommets are used to prevent chafing and to furnish additional insulation on the leads coming from below chassis.



give a balanced appearance. A procedure similar to the above should be followed for making the back panel. Dimensions from the bottom and sides of the rear panel are the same as at the front.

When all the holes are drilled you are ready to mount and wire the various components. There are several different types of broadcast-replacement variable capacitors on the market. Some of these have holes tapped in the front of the frame so that they may be mounted directly on the panel using machine screws and spacers. Others have mounting holes only in the bottom. In this case, the capacitor can be mounted on a pair of L-shaped brackets made from strips of aluminum.

Both L_2 and L_3 are supported by their leads. One end of L_3 is connected to the stator of C_8 and the other end to a junction on top of a one-inch-long steatite stand-off insulator. L_2 has one end connected to the stator of C_6 and the other end to one of the terminals on S_1 .

Wiring

If this is your first construction job, there are a few points about soldering that will bear mentioning. Use rosin-core solder — not acid-core. Apply the tip of the soldering iron to the work, and let the work get hot enough to melt the solder. If you apply the solder to the end of the iron it will melt and get around the contact being soldered but may not make a good connection. The work should be hot enough to melt the solder. Always be sure that the contact or point being soldered is clean. (Many beginners make the mistake of trying to solder enameled-covered wire without first removing the enamel!) Never use more solder than necessary to cover the connection. Large gobs of solder are unsightly and contribute nothing to the connection and may cause shorts between wires or terminals.

In wiring gear, most builders start off by first wiring the power-supply circuit, including the filament wiring and the heater circuit. After that, it is a case of starting at the crystal and continuing through toward the output until the unit is wired.

The voltage-dividing network consisting of R_6 and R_7 provides the correct voltage for operating the keying monitor obtained at the junction of R_6 and R_7 . R_6 is 1.65 megohms, and this value is obtained by using two 3.3-megohm 1-watt resistors in parallel. These resistors and other small components can be mounted most easily on insulating lug strips.

Adjustment and Testing

When the unit is ready for testing, a 15- or 25-watt electric light will serve as a dummy load. One side of the lamp should be connected to the output lead and the other side to chassis ground. An appropriate crystal should be plugged into the crystal socket, and a key connected to the key jack. S_2 may now be closed and the transmitter allowed to warm up.

Set C_8 at maximum capacitance (plates completely meshed) and close the key. Quickly tune C_6 to resonance, as indicated by a dip in the cathode-current reading. The reason we say "quickly" is because it is easy to damage a tube by running it out of resonance for too long a time. Gradually decrease the capacitance of C_8 and retouch the tuning of C_6 as you see the loading increase. The loading will be indicated by the lamp lighting and by larger values of cathode current. Once the load lamp lights up, you merely tune for maximum brilliance. The cathode current should read between 90 and 100 milliamperes when the oscillator is fully loaded. C_1 should be adjusted for best keying characteristics.

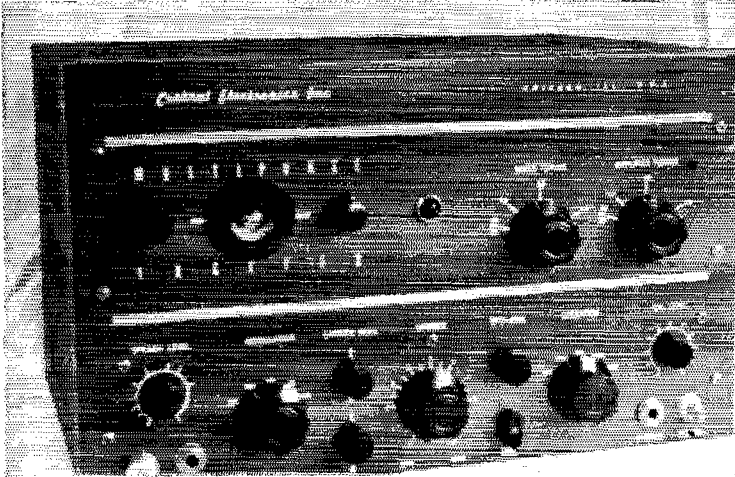
When you have satisfied yourself that the transmitter is working on each band, you are ready to put a signal on the air. The author has described some coax-fed antennas that are easy to construct and which present no problems in getting them to work properly. A one-element rotary for 15 meters was described in January, 1955, *QST*² and also appears in the 1956 and 1957 *Handbooks*. Another system which can be used for 80, 40, and 15 meters was described in February, 1957, *QST*.^{3,4} When either of these antenna systems is substituted for the dummy load, the adjustment procedure is the same, and the cathode current at resonance will rise in the same manner as the loading is increased. If the builder lives in an area that has television channels where harmonic TVI is a possibility, a low-pass filter should be used with the transmitter.⁵

² "A One-Element Rotary for 21 Mc.," *QST*, Jan., 1955.

³ "A Novice Three-Band Antenna System," *QST*, Feb. 1957.

⁴ "The Evils of Multiband Antenna Systems — and The Cure," *QST*, March, 1957.

⁵ McCoy, "The Tin-Can Low Pass," *QST*, Sept. 1954.



Something new has been added to this 10B; notice the tuning eye and the two knobs at the upper left.

Improved Control for C.W. Operation of 10B Exciters

THE ABILITY to make and keep a contact on today's crowded amateur bands can be quite a problem at times. A few moments spent listening to the majority of side-band stations on 20 or 75 meters, however, should prove to the doubtful how much of a help good break-in can be. This advantage can be obtained with a.m. and c.w. transmission as well if used properly.

The Central Electronics 10B is an excellent and quite versatile piece of equipment, having been designed for several modes of transmission. However, the control circuit for relay K_1 (voice-controlled on side band) is activated directly by the key on c.w. and, although this gives true break-in, it was felt that operation on c.w. would be more comparable to the other modes of operation if K_1 and circuits or switching relays controlled by it were not made to follow the keying directly. The circuitry to be described here results in two modes of operation on c.w. rather than one and greatly improves the convenience of station control.

Although designed mainly with the owners of 10B equipment in mind, this circuitry is simple enough that adaptation to other types of existing or homemade equipment is quite feasible.

In designing this circuitry several things were kept in mind: control must be a positive quick action achieved with the existing relay, one triode tube and a minimum of new parts, and it must in no way detract from the existing control functions.

As can be seen from Fig. 1, one half of a triode is used as a d.c. amplifier to develop the control voltage for the existing relay amplifier tube.

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This article describes two simple modifications of the 10B side-band exciter that will make it more versatile and convenient. One removes the keying function from the control relay to give a type of control on c.w. similar to voice-operated break-in on phone. The other involves the addition of a rectifier and tuning eye as a help in tuning the exciter.

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Simple Additions to a Popular Transmitting Unit

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When the relay is deenergized, because the relay amplifier is being biased to cutoff, -100 volts is also applied to the grid of V_{1A} and cuts it off. When the key is closed, the d.c. amplifier grid is grounded and V_{1A} conducts, developing in its cathode circuit control voltage for the relay

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amplifier. This of course causes K_1 to pull in, putting the carrier on the air by removing the blocking bias on the r.f. stages.

When the key is opened, the control voltage decays slowly, depending on the time constant of the d.c. amplifier cathode circuit. The RC circuit is constantly being recharged during

and was used because it was on hand at the time.

Incorporation into the 10B is quite simple and makes maximum use of the original layout. The "Operation" switch of the 10B has two "Standby" positions, and the ground was removed from one so the contacts could be used with the new circuitry to retain a "Manual" mode of operation.

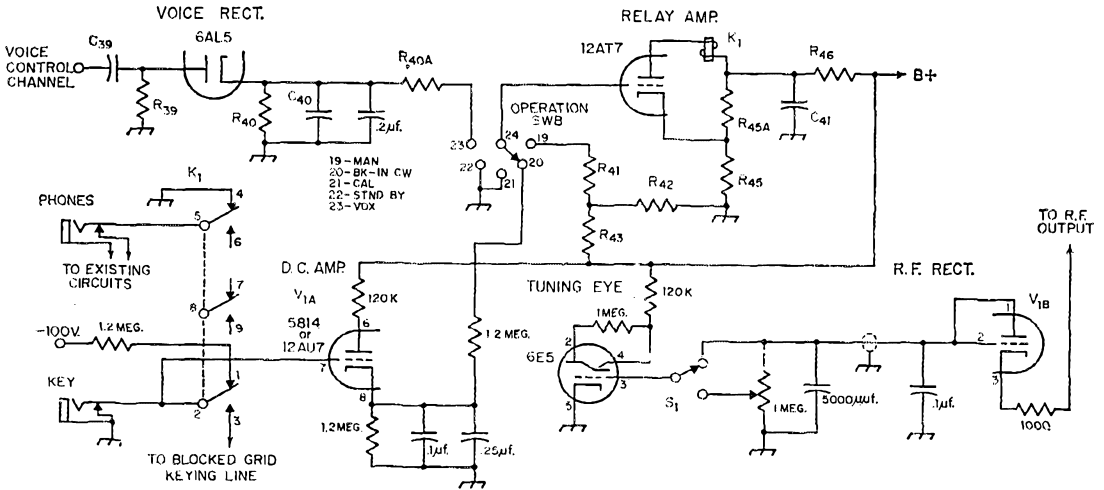


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the revised 10B. Resistors are $\frac{1}{2}$ watt. Where values of components are not given, the designations are those in the original 10B unit. S1—S.p.d.t. rotary switch

keying and will keep K_1 energized long enough to be used with slow as well as fast sending speeds.

Because the action is extremely fast and positive upon activation and does not depend upon the amplitude of rectified speech waveform for control, as during the VOX mode, there is no noticeable time lag in producing an r.f. output. Thus we have a "voice control" for c.w.

The -100 volt bias referred to is supplied by a built-in supply that is part of the 10B equipment. This voltage is available at several points, depending upon individual wiring practices.

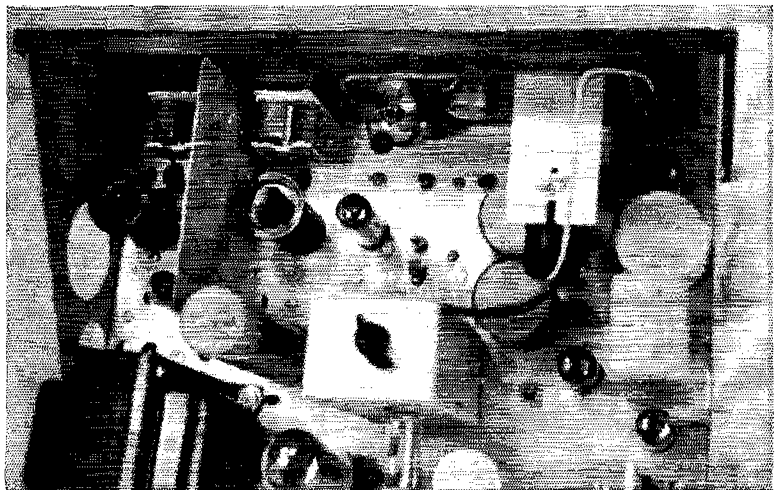
Although a type 5814 dual triode is shown in Fig. 1, it is similar to the more common 12AU7

Reference to Fig. 1 and the accompanying photographs will indicate possible placement of parts. The dual-triode tube socket can be mounted by using an existing hole that is near the 6AG7 final. Resistor R_{44} (68K) can be removed as it is no longer needed and C_{42} (0.25 μ f. from terminal 7 of the rear strip to ground) must be removed to prevent sparking at the key contacts. It will then be impossible to feel voltage across the key.

The 0.2 μ f. capacitor in parallel with C_{40} was added in order to keep VOX relay K_1 energized for a slightly longer period of time when using the

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The tuning-eye assembly is in the upper right in this picture, flanked by the 1-megohm potentiometer and the rotary switch. The additional tube (5814 or 12AU7) is at the left, between the power transformer and the output coil.



Frequency Changing and Mobile Antennas

A Symposium of Current Methods

FOR some time now there have been a number of band-switching mobile transmitters and receivers available to the ham fraternity. Armed with his new rig and visions of quick frequency changing, the new mobileer finds that the transmitter frequency can be changed quickly but the antenna won't take the power. However, progress is being made along the line of antenna tuning, and this article will review some of the methods. These will be methods that can be accomplished while you are moving; we suspect that everyone is familiar with the methods when the car is not in motion.

Those who haven't been interested in mobile work up to now may wonder why there is a special antenna problem in mobile work; after all, an antenna is an antenna, isn't it? To review the problem quickly, there isn't any problem with a full-sized antenna. This means that a quarter-wave-length whip on 10 or 6 meters or below behaves pretty much like any other quarter-wave antenna working against ground (car body). It looks like 30 or 40 ohms at the resonant frequency, and this value doesn't change too rapidly with frequency. The 30 or 40 ohms isn't too bad a load for a piece of 50-ohm coaxial line.

Limiting the antenna proper to an 8-foot whip, as we go to the lower-frequency bands, we have to resort to tricks to make the antenna effective as a radiator and as a good termination for the line. These tricks consist of using base- and center-loading inductors; the base loading isn't too bad on 15 and 20, but center loading is generally acknowledged to be more effective on 40 and 75. Unfortunately, by the time that little old 8-foot whip has been loaded to resonate in the 75-meter band, it has become a fairly selective

proposition, and tuning that will work on 3990 kc. is far from right for 3850 kc.

The Johnson "Bi-Net"

One of the first methods for multiple-band operation involved the use of a center-loading trap in the antenna that made the antenna resonant at two harmonically-related frequencies. Called the "Bi-Net" by the manufacturer, it permitted operation on 10 or 20 meters without touching the antenna system in any way. Described in *QST* some years ago,¹ the two-band antenna uses the circuit shown in Fig. 1. A 29-Mc. whip can be broken in the center and short-circuited by a resonant series circuit, L_1C_1 , with no change in performance. The same 29-Mc. whip requires a loading coil, L_2 , to operate properly at 14 Mc. L_1C_1 shows capacitive reactance at this frequency, but an inductance, L_3 , can be found that forms a parallel-resonant circuit with this capacitive reactance. The parallel-resonant circuit across L_2 has no effect. In a practical circuit, L_2 and L_3 are lumped in an equivalent inductance L_2' . L_2' has no effect at 29 Mc. because it is short-circuited by the series-resonant circuit formed by L_1 and C_1 . The *QST* article pointed out that the principle can be extended to include still more bands, but no commercial application of the principle has been made beyond the two-band Bi-Net.

Motor Tuning

At least two companies that we know of offer motor tuning of the antenna for getting optimum

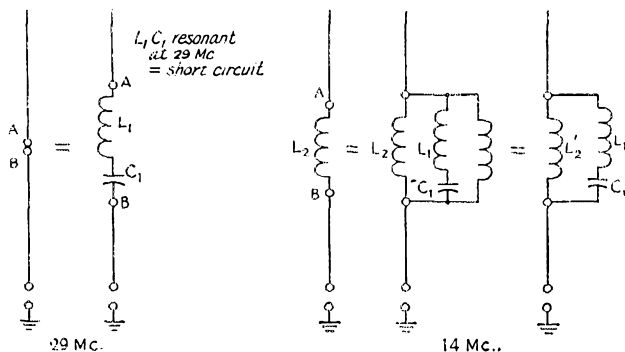
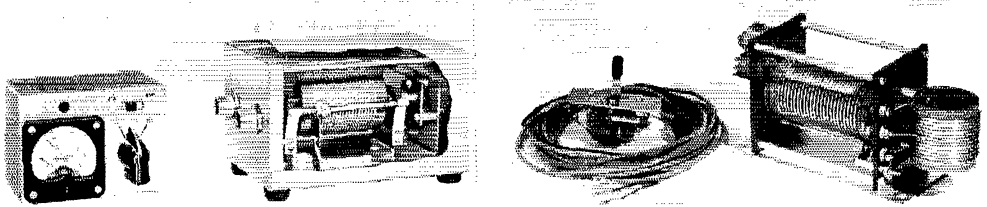


Fig. 1 — The principle of the two-band "Bi-Net" antenna is illustrated here. At the left, a 29-Mc. quarter-wave-length antenna can be opened at the center and reconnected with a series-resonant circuit, L_1C_1 . The 29-Mc. quarter-wave-length antenna can be operated on 14 Mc. by using a center loading coil, L_2 . L_3 tunes the net capacitive reactance of L_1C_1 out of the circuit, and L_2 and L_3 can be combined to form L_2 .



Two examples of motor-tuned base-loading coils. The Master Matcher (left) includes a field-strength meter with the control box. The MLV-50-A (right) incorporates the motor-tuned base-loading coil and the shunt matching inductor (coil outside end plate).

performance over a low-frequency band. The Master Mobile Mounts "Master Matcher" is a motor-driven adjustable inductor intended to mount in the trunk close to the base of the antenna. A loading coil is used in the center of the antenna to bring the antenna to resonance at the high-frequency end of the band (80 or 40), and additional inductance is added at the base as the operator shifts to a lower frequency. Part of the Master Matcher package is a control switch and field-strength meter; the f.s. meter connects to the regular broadcast antenna of the car and indicates maximum radiation from the transmitting antenna. Shifting frequency within a band merely involves setting the transmitter frequency, turning on the transmitter, and holding the control switch on until the base loading coil is brought to the proper inductance value. The output stage tuning is then touched up if required. A separate device, the Micro-Z-Match, is available to provide a shunt matching inductor to provide a better match between the coaxial line and a base- or center-loaded antenna.

The Morrow MLV-50-A is a somewhat similar unit and is used in the same manner. It differs slightly, in that a matching inductor is included that helps to transform the base impedance up to 75 ohms on 75 and 40 meters. The package includes the control switch and cables (15 feet) but no field-strength meter. A field-strength meter, the FS-1, is available as a separate item.

The motor-driven base-loading inductors serve a very useful purpose at the lower frequencies where it is difficult to use a given center-loaded antenna effectively over much of the band without retuning. On the higher-frequency bands

they are merely run down to their minimum-inductance setting so that they are effectively out of the circuit.

Motor-Driven Band Changing

A third approach to remote antenna-frequency changing can be found in The "Autenna" manufactured by Rafred Enterprises. This is a center-loaded antenna with a linear switch running up the center of the coil. The switch is motor-driven from *inside* the antenna, and it progressively shorts out the coil. Three inductance values are used to cover the 80-meter phone band, and the 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-meter bands are each covered by one position of the switch. The operator knows what band the antenna is on by reading a meter on the dashboard-mounted control panel, although if he is very far off the deadness of his receiver is a good indication as well.

The photograph on page 162 will give a fair idea of the drive mechanism. Unfortunately, we didn't have a photograph of the switch that runs up the center of the loading coil. The movable arm of the linear switch is connected to a string connected to the motor, as shown in Fig. 2. Running the motor in one direction moves the switch arm up into the coil and running it in the opposite direction pulls the switch arm out of

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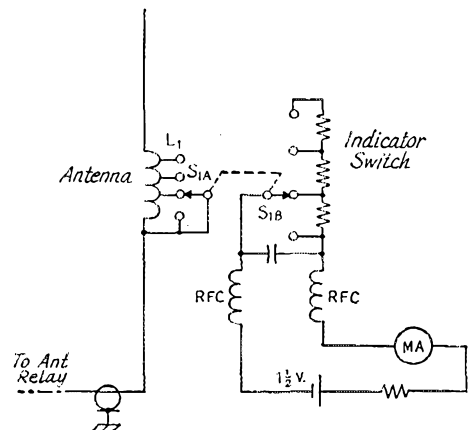


Fig. 2—Electrical diagram of the Antenna. The switch on the loading coil and the indicator switch are ganged and motor driven. The milliammeter reading shows what band the antenna is tuned to, and reads nothing unless the switches are stopped at spots that make contact.

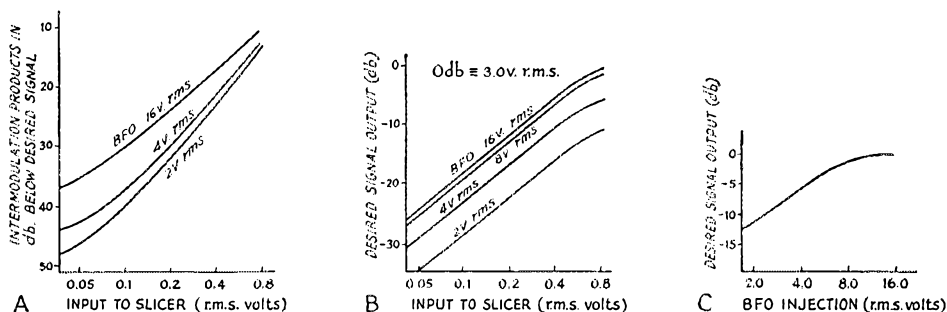


Fig. 1—Product-detector characteristics as observed by varying the signal input to a "Poor Man's Signal Slicer."

SEVERAL local hams have shown considerable interest in the "Poor Man's Signal Slicer,"¹ and many have reported improvement in receiver performance when using this device. After examining the original article, I concluded that the performance might not be as good as should be obtained, due primarily to excessive signal input. In addition, there has arisen a difference of opinion between certain hams as to whether W2CSY's circuit² is any better than a heterodyne detector (e.g., diode and b.f.o.).

When W3GKM constructed the circuit provided by Canter the opportunity was taken to make a few simple measurements to determine

what demodulation characteristics are obtained.

An input signal of 455 kc., amplitude-modulated at 400 c.p.s., was applied to the input of the slicer, and the b.f.o. was adjusted so that the difference frequency between it and the signal carrier was 1000 c.p.s. A wave analyzer was used to measure the output of the slicer. If true product detection occurs the only output frequencies will be 600, 1000, and 1400 cycles per second. Non-linearities of the type producing even harmonic distortion result in intermodulation components at 400 cycles per second and 800 cycles per second.

Intermodulation components occur in heterodyne linear detection, but they are primarily related to the size of the b.f.o. signal relative to the incoming signal and not to the detector characteristic.

Fig. 1 shows the results of the measurements. Fig. 1A shows the intermodulation components resulting from the a.m. signal side bands beating with the a.m. carrier and beating against one another. It is obvious that the signal input to the slicer must be maintained at a low level if such distortion is to be kept low. The b.f.o. signal likewise should be small for low distortion.

Fig. 1C indicates that the output is proportional to the b.f.o. signal when the b.f.o. signal is small; at maximum b.f.o. injection the demodulator is operating as a cathode-coupled heterodyne detector rather than as a product detector. Referring to Fig. 1A it is observed that product-detector operation produces about 10 db. less distortion than the heterodyne detector operation. When straining for QRP Europeans on 3.5 Mc. this 10 db. can be significant (if the receiver is linear up to the slicer).

The gain between the slicer input and the signal grid of the demodulator was $6\frac{2}{3}$ for this particu-

Notes on the Product Detector

Measurements on "The Poor Man's Signal Slicer"

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This is an article describing some experiments with the product detector, and the conclusions may benefit your present or future receiver. Here again is a good demonstration of the fact that in radio the circuit isn't everything; it's the way that you use it.

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¹ Canter, "The Poor Man's Signal Slicer," *QST*, Dec., 1956, and *QST*, Jan., 1957, p. 26. (The "slicer" is connected just ahead of the detector in an ordinary receiver's 455-ke. i.f. amplifier. A crystal-controlled 6BE6 converter in the slicer heterodynes the signals to 50 kc., where they pass through two tuned circuits and then go to a product detector. Resultant audio output is fed back to the receiver's audio amplifier. — Ed.)

² Crosby, "Reception with Product Detector," *QST*, May, 1956.

lar unit. Inputs to the product detector on the order of 2 volts r.m.s. for the b.f.o. and 0.1 to 0.3 volts r.m.s. for the signal are suggested. These voltages are somewhat lower than those recommended by Crosby, but are of the same order of magnitude. The corresponding level of the 455-kc. signal applied to the slicer will be 0.015 to 0.045 volts r.m.s. When proper input signal levels are employed the "Hybrid Detector" position of the slicer will not be of much use.

The usual communications receiver is designed to operate on a.m. with a normal signal level of 2 to 10 volts at the detector. An HRO-50 was to be used with the slicer. With the a.v.c. on, the voltage at the detector of the HRO was measured as 5 volts r.m.s. on strong signals. With the b.f.o. on, the a.v.c. is disconnected and the voltage exceeded 20 volts r.m.s. when the manual gain control was left at maximum. The b.f.o. injection voltage, however, was only 2 volts r.m.s.

At the plate of the last i.f. stage the voltage was between 10 and 20 volts r.m.s. on strong signals as the receiver was tuned across the 14-Mc. band. A 10 μ mf. capacitor couples the i.f. signal from the last i.f. tube to the n.f.m. socket. The voltage at the n.f.m. socket was 3 to 6 volts r.m.s.; the reduction was due to the v.t.v.m. capacitance as well as the coax cable between the socket pin and the 10- μ mf. capacitor. A shunt capacitor, C_2 , was added to the input to the slicer to reduce the voltage, as shown in Fig. 2.

When this is done the receiver can be operated with the r.f. gain full on and a.v.c. "on." To avoid cross modulation caused by adjacent signals operating the a.v.c., the crystal filter should be used along with the signal slicer.

The a.v.c. circuits in the HRO are not entirely acceptable for s.s.b. and c.w. reception, but they do work to some degree in conjunction with the slicer when receiving such signals. A worthwhile modification to the HRO a.v.c. would be the cir-

cuit described by Luick.³ This was not put in the HRO, but probably will be added at an early date.

One disadvantage of operating the signal slicer as a product detector is that the audio output is small. This results from the fact that the device is an inefficient converter, but this is the price paid for the low distortion. Crosby indicates that the conversion gain of his unit is unity.⁴ However, for low distortion the conversion gain that was realized in W3GKM's unit was -16 db.

As noted on Fig. 1B, 0 db. was equivalent to 3 volts r.m.s. With the desired operating conditions for the slicer the audio output would only be about 60 millivolts for a 1000-cycle audio tone. With such a small signal hum problems may be encountered, and it is wise to add additional filtering on the voltage applied to the grounded grid amplifier. If the cathode capacitor in the grounded grid stage is increased in size, a worthwhile increase in audio is obtained.

In the plate of the grounded grid stage the 5000 μ mf. filters the b.f.o. signal and i.f. signal components so that they do not saturate or introduce intermodulation distortion in the audio stages which follow the slicer. Such a capacitor, however, destroys the audio response. An increase in the size of the cathode capacitor reduces the the output impedance of the grounded grid stage so that a wider audio band width is obtained. Alternatively, some of the b.f.o. signal may be fed into the grid of the grounded grid stage⁵ if still wider audio response is desired. The audio response, however, will be limited by the selectivity of the 50-kc. i.f. transformer.

B.F.O. Injection

The maximum b.f.o. signal obtained with 250 volts plate supply was 13 volts r.m.s. If a linear

⁴ Telephone conversation following MARS Technical Net broadcast on 7635 kc.

⁵ Tech. Topic, "Transformerless Balanced Modulator for Single Side Band," *QST*, February, 1957.

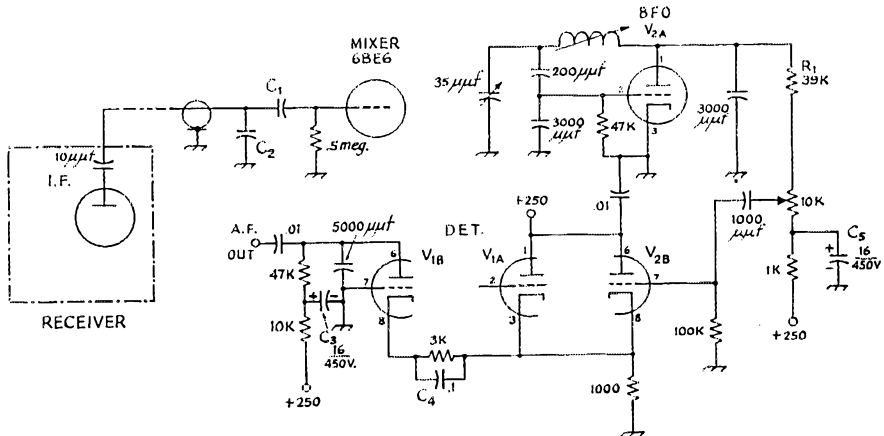
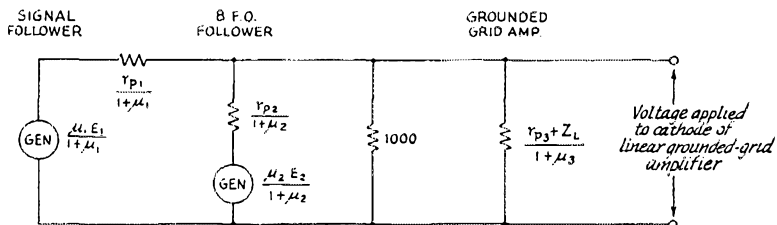


Fig. 2—Pertinent portions of the slicer discussed in the text. Values changed from the original are R_1 and C_1 through C_5 . Unless otherwise indicated, capacitances are in μ f., resistances are in ohms, resistors are $\frac{1}{2}$ watt.

C_1 — 100 μ mf.

C_2 —1000 to 3000 μ mf. Larger value will reduce distortion but also reduces output level.

Fig. 3—The equivalent diagram of the product detector. The subscripts 1, 2 and 3 refer to the signal cathode follower, the b.f.o. cathode follower and the grounded-grid amplifier stage, respectively. Z_L is the plate load for the amplifier stage.



potentiometer is used for b.f.o. injection then about one eighth rotation will give the suggested injection voltage. If desired, an additional resistor, R_1 , can be connected between the b.f.o. and the potentiometer, as shown in Fig. 2.

Operation of the Product Detector

If one signal is applied to a pair of resistors in series, and if the other signal (b.f.o.) varies one of the resistors so that its resistance is directly proportional to the instantaneous value of this signal (b.f.o.), the signal appearing across the variable resistor will be a modulated signal. If both signals are sinusoidal and if the variable resistance is very much lower than the fixed resistance, the resultant modulation will be distortionless. The product detector operates in such a fashion. The modulated signal consists of the i.f. signal modulating the b.f.o. signal. Side bands are generated, and if for simplicity we assume a single frequency in the i.f. signal, two side frequencies only are generated. One is the sum of the b.f.o. frequency and the i.f. signal; the other is the difference between the b.f.o. and the i.f. signal. The former is filtered out in the plate of the grounded grid stage, and the latter is the desired audio output.

An equivalent circuit for the product detector is shown in Fig. 3. The quantities r_{p3} and μ_3 are constant. r_{p1} , μ_1 and r_{p2} , μ_2 depend on the in-

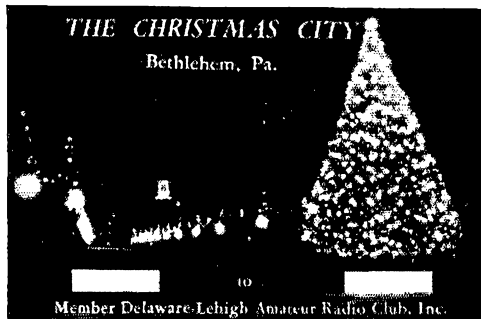
stantaneous values of the b.f.o. and i.f. signal respectively. At the positive peak of the b.f.o. signal r_{p2} is a minimum, and because of the additional bias appearing on V_1 due to the b.f.o. signal r_{p1} is a maximum. Similarly, at the negative peak of the b.f.o. signal, r_{p2} is a maximum and r_{p1} is a minimum. μ_1 and μ_2 also change slightly, but their effect is trivial. The i.f. signal also varies the r_p of the b.f.o. cathode follower, but its effect in the modulation process is much smaller than that of the b.f.o. signal. It is this variation of the plate resistance of one of the cathode followers by the signal from the other cathode follower that results in modulation. A linear variation in plate resistance with grid voltage implies that the relationship between the plate current and the grid voltage is square law. By critical adjustment of the operating point of the tubes in the product detector it is possible to realize this condition more closely and obtain somewhat greater efficiency for the same distortion.

Admittedly, this is an inefficient detection process, but it does result in low distortion.

It is hoped that this note might result in a somewhat better performance of many of the "Poor Man's Signal Slicer" units that have been built. The measurements reported here have convinced the writer that the receiver to be used in the 1958 DX test should incorporate the triple triode detector.

Strays

What's in a name, or call? K0GUM is Carl Stamps.



W3LEZ finally qualified for the WAVE certificate, by working W9NLJ/VE1 in Prince Edward Island. Even more remarkable, W9NLJ was operating from the same QTH, building, room, and operating table that W3LEZ used when he was there in 1956.

One morning K6TRG worked K6RPJ. On the next morning at the exact same time, exact same frequency, entirely by chance, he worked K2RPJ.

Straight man: "What are you doing?"
 W8SSA: "Adjusting my key."
 S. m.: "Why don't you have it connected?"
 W8SSA: "You don't have to connect it — it's a wireless key."

THE San Bernardino Microwave Society is perhaps unique, in that it was established especially to promote interest and activity in the amateur bands above 1000 Mc. Most of the members are technicians or engineers working in the electronics field at defense plants in the Los Angeles area.

One of our objectives has been to develop amateur-type communications systems for our microwave bands that could be duplicated without great expense by the average amateur. We have recognized for some time that interest in the microwave region was low because so many potential enthusiasts feel that a fully-equipped microwave laboratory is a prerequisite to successful amateur communication above 1000 Mc., even for short-distance work. One of our simpler microwave stations, now being used successfully, has only five tubes, including two rectifiers. It can be built for less than \$30.00.

A Duplex System for 3300 Mc.

At present, members of the society use a duplex system, with a frequency difference of 30 Mc. The klystron runs all the time, serving as transmitter and local oscillator. Effort is concentrated on the 3300-Mc. band, because oscillators for it are readily available on the surplus market. The 726A and 2K28, with their cavities, are most easily obtained, and they are the least expensive. Cylindrical wave guide for 3300 Mc. can be made from an ordinary beer can. The half-quart size has adequate length for our purpose and it will pass frequencies between 2700 and 3500 Mc. in the $TE_{1,1}$ mode only.

One of our earliest efforts, and one of the best, was the "pola-plexer" shown in the photograph on page 46. This allows duplex communication with a 30-Mc. frequency difference, using mutually perpendicular wave guide feeds for transmission and reception.

Polarization is neither horizontal nor vertical, but is at a 45-degree angle. The transmitted energy from each station is polarized 45 degrees to the right, looking down the line of propagation from the transmitter. The received energy is then polarized so that it may be received with maximum strength by a receiving probe at right angles to the one used for transmitting. A more detailed explanation of our pola-plexers follows.

A 726A klystron is mounted a quarter wave-length from the closed end of the beer can. A probe projects into the can through a small hole, and its length is adjusted for maximum radiation. It would be desirable to place the receiving probe at the same distance from the end, but this is not possible mechanically, so the receiving probe is mounted $\frac{3}{4}$ wave length from the closed end. This gives electrically identical results. These two probes are at an angle of 90 degrees, as may be seen in the photograph.

A third probe is placed between the transmitting and receiving probes in a vertical position. This is a convenient adjustment for local-oscillator injection. The receiving probe is tuned for

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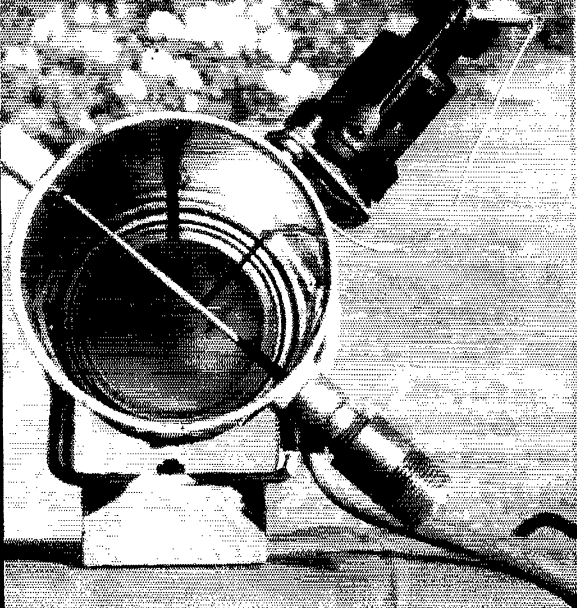
A Radio Club for Microwave Enthusiasts

*San Bernadino
Microwave Society
Specializes in Work
Above 1000 Mc.*

BY W. H. BAIRD,* W6VIX

Below: The 1200-Mc. antenna is shown here mounted in the same dish as was used at 3300 Mc. This arrangement was also employed in setting the 190-mile record on both 1200 and 3300 Mc. in 1956.





Above: Close-up of one of the San Bernardino Microwave Society's 3300-Mc. pola-plexers. Receiving probe and crystal mount show nearest the open end of the can. The klystron probe is perpendicular to the receiving probe, at a quarter wave length from the closed end. Vertical probe between the other two is local oscillator injection adjustment. Right: W6VIX operates beer-can pola-plexer on 3300 Mc. feeding a 4-foot dish. This equipment was used in making the 190-mile contact in June, 1956, that still stands as the world's record on that frequency. Below, right: Microwave mobile antenna mount used by W6VIX on 3300 and 10,000 Mc. in setting the 124-mile record on the higher frequency. Dish is 8 feet in diameter. Two-meter antenna showing over the top of the paraboloid is for liaison use.



optimum length, and a crystal connected at the upper end. The crystal mount may be seen at the upper left of the picture. Energy at an intermediate frequency of 30 Mc. may be taken off the crystal if the frequency separation of the two transmitters is maintained at 30 Mc. This i.f. energy is then amplified and detected by conventional methods.

The beam width of the pola-plexer is about 160 degrees, making it suitable for use with most parabolic reflectors. Use of one in this way is shown in another photograph. Constructional details of various types of pola-plexers, klystron power supplies and i.f. amplifiers will be provided at a later date by Dale Bredon, W6BGK.

124 Miles on 3300 and 10,000 Mc.!

The ARRL V.H.F. Parties provide excellent opportunities for field-testing new equipment. During the June V.H.F. Party we had such good results on 10,000 Mc. that we decided to try a longer path at the earliest opportunity. The equipment used had not been designed especially for DX work, but was merely an assembly of parts we had on hand, put together to gain additional multipliers and contacts in contest work.

On June 23, W6BGK went to the Green Valley Lake cabin of W6IHK, near San Bernardino, at



an elevation of 7200 feet. I went to Mt. Pinos, elevation 8800 feet, near Bakersfield. The air-line distance between these two points is 124 miles. The path is just barely line-of-sight, skimming Mt. Frazier 10 miles from Mt. Pinos by 150 feet, and another hogback near the middle of the path, also by 150 feet.

Dale used a 27-inch paraboloid, with a standard X-band Cutler feed. The oscillator was a Varian X-13, feeding a magic T coupled to the *H* arm. The *H* arm was coupled to a tunable crystal mount, feeding a 30-Mc. i.f. system. My equipment was similar, except that I used a 2K39 klystron and a horn-fed 8-foot dish. Two-meter equipment was used for a liaison circuit.

Contact was established at noon on 144 Mc., and we went directly to 10,000 Mc. After about a half hour of panning with the dishes and much tuning, we gave up. The beam widths and equipment adjustments at 10,000 Mc. were just too critical to make the grade without some preliminaries on a lower microwave band. Accordingly, we removed our 10,000-Mc. feeds and replaced them with beer can pola-plexers on 3300 Mc. Using accurate compasses and levels to orient our dishes, we turned on our 3300-Mc. oscillators and within a few minutes had established good S9 communication on that frequency.

It was then possible to aim our antennas precisely for maximum signal, adjusting both in azimuth and elevation. There was plenty of time, so we talked for about an hour on 3300 Mc. to check signal quality. There was very little fading. We then changed back to 10,000 Mc., and after about 10 minutes I heard Dale calling me frantically. He had been trying to let me know that he heard me on 10,000 Mc. the moment I applied

the voltages to the 2K39.

Signals faded quite a bit at first, but after half an hour of tuning at both ends we attributed most of this to klystron drift. Dale's signals peaked about S7, and he gave me a maximum report of S9. Later we calculated the signal paths and concluded that we were as close to the calculated signal strength as could be expected. Recalling the old polarization argument, we changed from vertical, which had been in use up to that time, to horizontal. After about the same length of time on both polarizations we concluded that there was no observable difference between them at this frequency.

Microwave Propaganda in Preparation

As the purpose of the San Bernardino Microwave Society is to promote greater interest in amateur work above 1000 Mc., we are getting together slides and talks on amateur equipment for microwave communication and will present this material before radio clubs of the Los Angeles areas. Another current project is construction of gear for the 5600-Mc. band.¹

We plan to continue along these lines, building and improving equipment and promoting interest among the technically-inclined. Meetings of the San Bernardino Microwave Society are held the first Thursday of each month at the Chaffee College Annex in Ontario, at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in the frequencies above 1000 Mc. is welcome. Note that our society has nothing whatever to offer those interested in lower bands!

¹ Later word from W6VIX: On Oct. 13 W6VIX/6 and K6MBL (a Technician licensee) worked 2-way over a 34-mile path on 5650 Mc. This is the first amateur work reported on this new assignment. Previous work was done in the old band at 5250 Mc., the temporary postwar allocation.

FEEDBACK

W6CO has asked us to correct a number of typographical errors in connection with his "Foreword" to various volumes of *QST*.

a) October, 1954, *QST*, p. 43, line 6 — change the date to read August, 1915.

b) October, 1954, *QST*, p. 43, line 10 — change the date to read August 7, 1915.

c) October, 1954, *QST*, p. 43 — expand footnote 4 to read as follows:

"43 to 4, December 1915. The August 7th date (with no year mentioned) appears in the reply of Sec. Daniels on 4 December 1915. The year must have been 1915. Maxim's letter stated that the League (as of the time of writing) had been in operation one year. Sec. 3, December 1915. See, also, Clinton DeSoto's book, *Two Hundred Meters and Down*, at page 45 . . . in the autumn of 1915 Hiram Percy Maxim addressed letters to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy offering the services of the A.R.R.L. and its members in case of emergency. . . ."

d) October, 1957, *QST*, p. 70 — the Editor's Note at the bottom of the first column is incorrect. The reference to footnote 66 in July 1957 *QST* should have stated that the correct call was 2FP.

e) October, 1957, *QST*, p. 72 — first column, line 12 and line 16, correct the call to 2FP.

f) October, 1957, *QST*, p. 72, footnote 119 —

change the call 2PF to 2FP, in three places.

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Robert F. Tschannen, W9LUO, reports that he has been swamped by letters and telephone calls regarding his "Club-Saver Portable" 2-meter station described in October *QST*. Several errors were drawn into the schematic diagram as published. Corrections are as follows:

Add a 10- μ f. 450-volt electrolytic capacitor to ground from the junction of the audio gain control and the 10K resistor. This capacitor is one section of the Mallory Type FP376.1 assembly used in the rig.

Coil L_9 is center-tapped. This is indicated on the drawing, but not mentioned in the cut label.

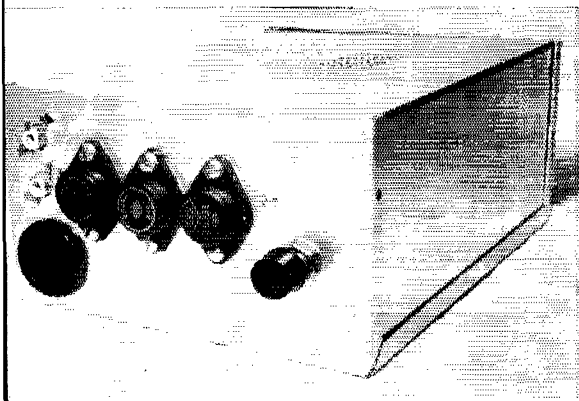
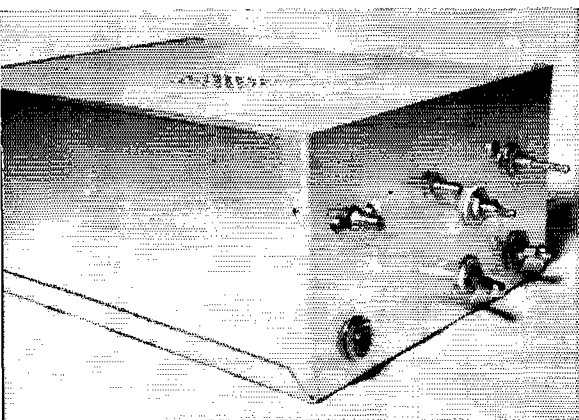
The 3000-ohm resistor in the oscillator plate lead, and the 2200-ohm resistor in the tripler plate lead will have a more satisfactory safety factor under mistuned conditions if the wattage rating is increased to 2 watts.

The two lower terminals of the microphone jack, J_2 , should be connected together. This will give a somewhat better bias condition on the 6AQ5 when the microphone is not connected.

Transistor Audio for Mobile Rigs

A Compact 6-Meter Unit

BY JOHN O. GALLOUP, *W8PYQ



Top view:

Controls along the top, from left to right, are for C₂ and C₁, and the slugs of L₂ and L₁. The microphone jack and the two toggle switches are at the bottom.

Bottom view:

The three power transistors are mounted externally on the rear end of the aluminum enclosure. The phono connectors are for receiver input and antenna, with the r.f. power-supply connector below. The control to the right is for audio gain.

Although the 15-watt transmitter described here by W8PYQ is a 6-meter mobile job, the advantages of the 10-watt transistor modulator may be applied to any rig running up to 20 watts input. In mobile installations, power for the audio section is obtained directly from the car's 12-volt storage battery, leaving the power unit free to supply the r.f. section only.

ONE OF THE MOST immediate applications for transistors in ham radio is in mobile equipment where compactness is of more than ordinary importance. The practical possibilities have become definitely significant since transistors capable of handling 10 watts of audio were made available. Not only do the transistors themselves occupy little space, but the size of the power supply can be reduced since the transistors obtain their d.c. input power directly from a 12-volt car storage battery. An example of what can be done in the way of miniaturizing is illustrated in the photographs which show the details of a 15-watt 50-Mc. transmitter with an all-transistor audio section. The whole thing is contained in a 3 × 5 × 9-inch aluminum box (a 3 × 5 × 9½-inch aluminum chassis makes a satisfactory substitute). In my installation a Heath 200-volt 60-ma. vibrator unit supplies the r.f. section.

Circuits

The r.f. circuit shown in Fig. 1 is straightforward, beginning with a 25.1-Mc. third-overtone crystal and the first triode section of a 12AT7. The plate is slug-tuned to 25.1 Mc. and the output is fed to the grid of the other triode section of the tube which doubles frequency to 50.2 Mc. Ample drive is obtained at the grid of the 6417 for proper Class C operation. A balanced tank circuit is used in the output of the final so that neutralization may be easily added if found necessary. The output link circuit is tuned with a 100-μmf. variable.

The audio section is a modification of a design suggested by one of the transistor manufacturers for loudspeaker drive. The speech amplifier, which has three stages using 2N107s, has enough gain for a crystal or high-impedance dynamic microphone. The Class B modulator using a pair of 2N256s is driven by a 2N255. The third 2N107 is used with the collector grounded to match the low-impedance input of the 2N255.

*68 Garrison, Battle Creek, Mich.

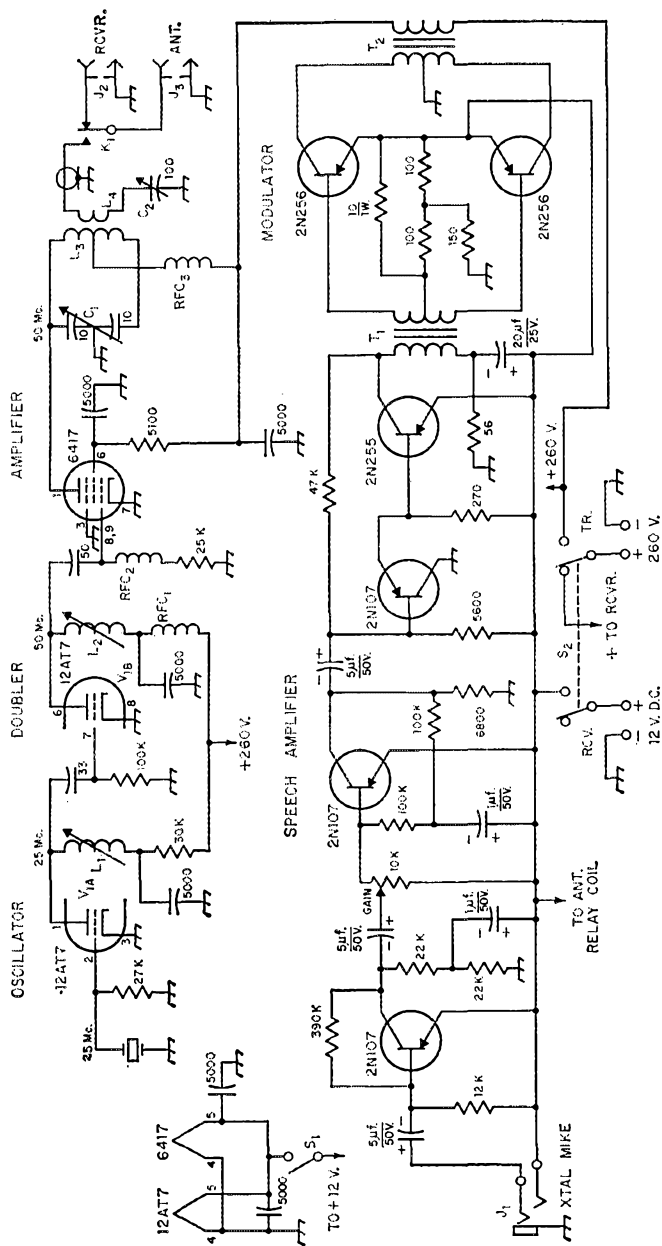


Fig. 7—Circuit of the 15-watt mobile rig with transistorized audio section. All r.f. bypasses are disk ceramic. R.f. coupling capacitors may be mica or ceramic. Capacitors marked with polarity are electrolytic. All resistors are 1/2 watt.

- C₁—Miniature butterfly, 11 μmf. per section (Johnson (1160-211)).
- C₂—Midjet variable, 100 μmf. (Hammarlund WAFPC-B-100).
- J₁—3-circuit microphone jack (see text).
- J₂, J₃—Phono jack.
- K₁—Midjet antenna relay (Advance AM2C or similar).
- L₁—18 turns No. 18 enameled close-wound on 1/2-inch iron-slug form.
- L₂—5 turns No. 18 enameled close-wound on 1/2-inch iron-slug form.
- L₃—4 turns insulated hookup wire around center of L₂.
- RFC₁, RFC₂, RFC₃—Approx. 7 μh. (Ohmite Z-50 or equivalent).
- S₁—S.p.s.t. toggle switch.
- S₂—D.p.d.t. toggle switch.
- T₁—Transistor driver transformer (Triad TY61-X).
- T₂—Modulation transformer—see text (Thoradson 24571 speaker transformer in reverse).

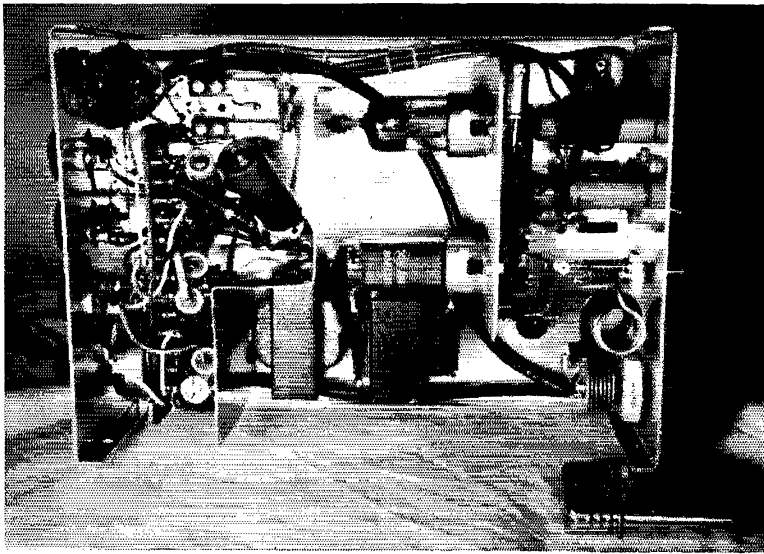
Construction

Most of the constructional details will be evident from the photographs. There are doubtless some who will want to do a fancier job. The r.f. section is at the front, with the tubes mounted horizontally from an aluminum partition. This partition is spaced just far enough to the rear to make room for the slug-tuned coils and the output tank circuit. The crystal is soldered directly to the oscillator tube pins.

The audio section occupies the remainder of

the space. Small components are supported on a terminal board. The two audio transformers are mounted alongside the 6417 with their windings at right angles. A Z-shaped shield separates them from the other audio components.

The three power transistors are mounted externally to provide as much cooling as possible. Since the collectors of the 2N255 and 2N256 are connected to the metal shells, these transistors cannot be mounted directly on the chassis. I insulated them with sheets of asbestos packing



Looking down into the transmitter enclosure. The r.f. section is to the right. The 12AT7 oscillator-doubler (above) and the 6417 final (below) are mounted horizontally from a shielding partition. The crystal is soldered directly to the oscillator-tube socket prongs. The antenna relay is in the upper left-hand corner.

about $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch thick. They could also be mounted on insulating studs to space them from the chassis. It should also be noted that both sides of the microphone circuit must be insulated from ground. The shield of the microphone cable is connected to the second insulated terminal of a "three-way" microphone plug.

A speaker transformer connected in reverse is used as the modulation transformer.¹ The 5000-ohm tap on the primary is used for the secondary. The 16-ohm secondary is used as the primary. The winding has taps at 4 and 8 ohms, and it should be noted that since the impedance ratio is proportional to the square of the number of turns the center tap will come at the 4-ohm tap, not the 8-ohm tap.

Adjustment

I did not include a meter, but adjusted the r.f. section for best output with a field-strength indicator. The oscillator and doubler can be checked by listening on a receiver while adjusting the slugs. There will be an increase in signal

¹ Triad now makes an output transformer suitable for this purpose—the Type TY65Z—Ed.

strength when the slug is adjusted through resonance. If there is any fundamental-frequency instability in the final amplifier, a small neutralizing capacitor made with twisted wire can be connected between the lower end of the tank and the grid of the tube. I didn't find neutralizing necessary.

Depending on the rating of the supply, the final may be loaded up to a plate current of 50 ma. The modulator should draw about 10 ma. idling and swing up to peaks of about 1 ampere on voice. It supplies more than adequate power for 100 per cent modulation of the final at full loading. It is important that the change-over switching system provide for turning off the 12-volt supply to the transistors during stand-by periods so that the transistors will have an opportunity to cool off. With the arrangement shown in Fig. 1, no difficulty from overheating has been experienced.

Using a vertical antenna on the car, ground-wave contacts as far as 20 miles have been made with S9 reports. The rig will fit neatly under the dash of most cars and will give many miles of mobile v.h.f. fun.

Strays

One of the gals on our staff has looked at so many cards from the six continents that she says it is driving her WAC-ky!

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W6LHY reports that on a recent trip to Cuba by ferry from Key West he could not get his station wagon equipped with mobile gear through customs. He had to remove every piece of ham gear from the car and the car was searched thoroughly before he could proceed. The amateur gear was not returned to him until he arrived at

Key West on the return trip. He suggests that amateurs making the trip should remove their gear before embarking.

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K6EIH, among others, sends us this one from the San Francisco *Call-Bulletin* — "Mrs. Lucille Morrison, a Los Angeles marriage expert, recommends husband-seekers to take up ham radio as a hobby, move away from home and family, and go to Wyoming where there is a woman shortage.

**HAM
CROSSWORD**

*By
Terry Griner,
W4ECP/3*

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Across

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5. probably most popular award
7. finger used mostly on a straight key
11. HZ is this type of country
12. prefix of seven countries around Europe
13. to do or commit wrongly
15. used on all hi-fi record players
16. weep
17. an award very popular throughout the world
19. usually around 14,280 Mc.
21. letters placed on a lot of tubes
22. prefix to "Little America"
23. was mainly a headache to old timers
24. prefix to country U. S. hams can now work
25. united auto workers (abbr.)
27. symbol for calcium
28. Ham's abbr. for sorry
30. to approve of
32. he does not need a xmtr
33. similar to pitch used in dry cells
34. prefix of Aves Island
37. doubleplay (abbr.)
38. Chemical symbol for thulium
39. Abbr. for switch
40. its prefix contains more dots than any other prefix
42. all licensed hams have had at least one of these
44. American Red Cross (abbr.)
45. all active hams must have one (usually bought)
47. their famous saying "Pse QSL"
48. used in KL7's country
50. electrically charged particles
52. abbr. for ocean
54. prefix of country whose name is same as a fowl
55. chemical symbol for tantalum
56. represented by a sine curve
57. word hams use in place of "for"
59. one of three prefixes used by this country
61. DX
62. probably most used abbr. by hams
63. 5Y3
66. for of transportation (abbr.)
67. central America republic (prefix)
68. undesirable to see in a xmtr
69. a social group
70. Roumania
71. Cancel Nr — (Q sig.)
72. Kenya is a —

3. No
4. a c.w. goodbye
5. popular award requiring 6 QSLs
6. popular contest for W and VE hams (abbr.)
7. part used in all ham units
8. District Attorney
9. one dyne • centimeter
10. abbr. for one of a ham's main units
12. in being
14. Hawaii
17. W3 (abbr.)
18. undesirable characteristics in a sig.
20. type of a coil
23. group of Spanish Islands
26. would be happy if we did this in FD
27. code
29. wave length which lies between .01 cm and 30 km
30. Ampere Hour (abbr.)
31. abbr. for weights
32. a nice European catch
35. standing wave ratio
36. —'s experiments or his modulus
40. general destruction
41. governmental agency controlling interstate commerce (abbr.)
42. QRT
43. a headache for hams
46. — beam
49. 57.3 degrees
51. — hand fm
53. handles traffic
56. coulomb passing through given point in one second
57. forms of all radio regulations
58. second word in KP4's country
60. past part. of lend
62. its symbol is Greek letter omega
63. certain rodents
64. a stage in history
65. it is sweeping the country, hams included

(Turn to page 202 for solution)

11th V.H.F. Sweepstakes, Jan. 4 and 5

New Scoring System Adopted; Certificates to ARRL Section, Novice, Technician Winners; Gavel to Top Club

THE ELEVENTH ARRL V.H.F. Sweepstakes, open to all amateurs able to work 50 Mc. or higher, will bring excellent opportunities for new DX records, additional states, and making new v.h.f. acquaintances. The contest begins at 2:00 p.m. your local time Saturday, January 4, and continues until midnight Sunday, January 5.

Just call "CQ Sweepstakes" or "CQ SS" to get in touch with other contestants, then exchange SS information as shown in this announcement. This data is similar to a message preamble, with the ARRL section (see page six of this QST) substituted for the city and state, and the signal report replacing the "check." You can rework a station for credit on each v.h.f. band, so ability to work 50, 144, 220, etc., pays off in additional score points.

With one exception, the rules this year are the same as in previous contests. The exception is in computing the multiplier, which has formerly been the number of sections worked and now will be the number of sections worked plus 10. E.g., if 7 different ARRL sections are worked, the multiplier is 7 plus 10, or 17. The objective is to reduce slightly the advantage of more populated areas, such as the East Coast, in being able to

work more nearby sections within normal (i.e., without a band opening) communications range. While it is impossible to set up rules for an amateur operating activity guaranteeing equal scoring opportunity for each part of the country, the ARRL Contest Committee does feel that this rules change is a desirable step in that direction. Because of the additional multiplier credit of 10, all scores will be higher, but scores from stations with a smaller number of sections worked, such as 4 or 5, will rise proportionately higher than those with a higher number of sections, such as 10 or 12. (An entrant interested in comparing his 1958 performance with previous years can easily do so by computing, for his own information, a comparable score using the former method.)

Here is a specific example to explain the new system of scoring. W8LPD, using 50, 144 and 220 Mc., makes 100 contacts in 17 different ARRL sections. He figures his total as follows:

100 QSOs
 × 2 (if all SS data exchanged in both directions)
 200 (QSO points)
 × 27 (17 sections plus 10)
 5400 (claimed score)

SUMMARY OF A.R.R.L. V.H.F. SWEEPSTAKES EXCHANGES

Station..... Class License..... ARRL Section.....

Freq. Band (Mc.)	SENT (1 point)				Time ..ST	Date (Jan.)	NR	RECEIVED (1 point)				Time	Date (Jan.)	Number of Each Different New Section as Worked
	NR	Stn.	CK-RST	Section				NR	Stn.	CK-RST	Section			
50	1	WIAW	57	Conn.	4:15 P.M.	4	3	W1PHR	17	Conn.	4:18 P.M.	4	1	2
50	2		43		4:35 P.M.	1	7	W1QAK/1	59	Conn.	4:40 P.M.	4	2	2
50	3		58		9:09 P.M.	1	6	W1KCS	359	R. I.	9:11 P.M.	4	2	2
144	4		49		9:30 P.M.	1	32	W1OOP	58	E. Mass.	9:36 P.M.	4	3	2
144	5		57		9:50 P.M.	1	15	KN1CAK	58	Conn.	9:46 P.M.	4	2	2
50	6		54		11:30 P.M.	4	11	K2EIJ/2	48	N. Y. C.-L. I.	11:32 P.M.	4	4	2
420	7		58		11:35 P.M.	4	30	W1PHR	57	Conn.	11:35 P.M.	4	2	2
144	8		57		11:45 P.M.	4	21	W3CGV	59	Md.-Del.-D. C.	11:56 P.M.	4	5	2
144	..		..	..	..	..	18	W9WOK	149	Ill.	12:34 A.M.	5	6	1
144	9	WIAW	34	Conn.	8:50 A.M.	5	7	W1RFU	59	W. Mass.	8:47 A.M.	5	7	2
50	10		479		9:18 A.M.	5	12	W6AJF	379x	S.F.	6:20 A.M.	5	8	2
50	11		589		10:10 P.M.	5	20	VE3DIR	569	Ontario	10:35 P.M.	5	9	2

Claimed score: 23 points × 19 (9 + 10) = 437.

Bands Used: 50, 144 and 420 Mc.

9 sections worked

Names and calls of operators having a share in above work.....

Participating for club award in the.....(name of Club), of which I am a member.

I hereby state that score and points set forth in the above summary are correct and true.

Tube line-up.....

Signature.....

Number of QSOs.....

Address.....

EXPLANATION OF V.H.F. SS CONTEST EXCHANGES

<i>Send Like Standard NR Msg. Preamble</i>		<i>Call</i>	<i>CK</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Date</i>
Exchanges	Contest numbers 1, 2, 3, etc., a new NR for each station worked	Send your own call	CK (Readability and strength or RST of station worked)	Your ARRL section	Send time of transmitting this NR	Send date of QSO
Purpose (example)	QSO NR tells how you are doing (NR1)	Identification (W1AW)	RS or RST report (589)	See page six for section list (Conn.)	Time and date must fall in contest period (8:55 P.M. Jan. 4)	

Certificate awards will go to top-scorers in each of the 73 ARRL sections from which entries are forthcoming. In addition, a certificate will be given to the top Novice and Technician in each section where at least three such licensees submit valid logs. Clubs are invited to get their members on the air from their individual stations to compete for the certificate issued to the leading operator in each club. The club whose members pile up the top aggregate score will also receive a handsome cocobolo gavel with a sterling-silver band engraved with the name of the winner.

Contest reporting forms are now available from the ARRL Communications Department on request. If you don't use these log sheets, please follow the log arrangement shown. ARRL welcomes all contest reports to assist in the checking and to make complete results in QST possible. *Novices and Technicians*: be sure to report your totals, large or small, so that the license-class leader in your section can qualify for a certificate.

The 1957 V.H.F. Sweepstakes smashed all previous records with 837 stations reporting, and the 1958 version will probably be even bigger. Why not give your gear and antennas a real contest-type check on this January week end? Plan now to take part!

Rules

1) *Eligibility*: Amateur operators in any ARRL section (see page 6) operating at home, or mobile or portable under one call on or above 50 Mc. are invited to take part.

2) *Object*: Participants will attempt to contact as many other stations in as many ARRL sections as possible.

3) *Contest Periods*: The contest starts at 2:00 P.M. your local time, Saturday, Jan. 4, 1958, and ends at midnight, Sunday, Jan. 5, 1958.

4) *Exchanges*: Contest exchanges, including all data shown in the sample, must be transmitted and received for as a basis for each scored point.

5) *Scoring*: (a) Contacts count one point when the required exchange information has been received and acknowl-

edged, a second point when exchange has been completed in both directions.

(b) Final score is obtained by multiplying total contact points by the sum of different ARRL sections worked (the number in each of which at least one SS point has been credited) plus 10.

6) *Conditions for Valid Contact Credit*: (a) Repeat contacts on other bands confirmed by completed exchanges of up to two points per band may be counted for each different station worked. (Example: W1HDQ works W1RFU on 50 and 144 Mc. for complete exchanges of 2 points on each band; 2 + 2 gives 4 points but only one section multiplier.)

(b) Cross-band work shall not count.

(c) Portable or mobile station operation under one call, from one location only, is permitted.

(d) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under more than one other call during the contest period.

(e) Contacts with aircraft mobiles cannot be counted for section multipliers.

7) *Awards*: Entries will be classified as single- or multi-operator, a single-operator station being defined as one manned by an amateur who neither receives nor gives assistance to any person during the contest period. Certificates will be awarded in each ARRL section to the top-scoring amateur in the single-operator classification. In addition, a certificate will be awarded to the top Novice and Technician in each ARRL section where at least three such licensees submit valid contest logs. Multioperator work will be grouped separately in the official report of results in QST.

When three or more individual club members compete and submit logs naming the club with which they are identified, an ARRL certificate will be issued to the leading club member. When less than three individual logs are received there will be no club award or club mention.

A gavel with an engraved sterling-silver band will be offered the club whose secretary submits the greatest aggregate score, provided such scores are confirmed by receipt at ARRL of the individual co-test logs from such members. Only the score of a bona fide club member, operating a station in local club territory, may be included in club entries. Claims from federations, radio club councils, or other combinations of radio clubs, will not be accepted, nor can special memberships granted for contest purposes be recognized.

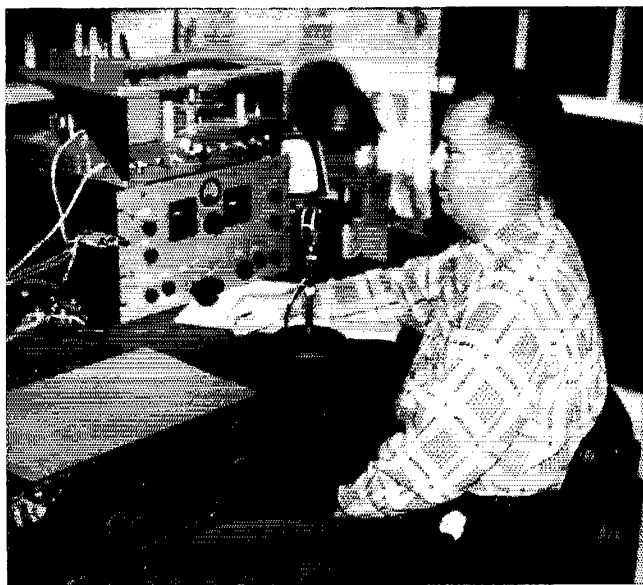
8) *Conditions of Entry*: Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, the regulations of his licensing authority, and the decisions of the ARRL Award Committee.

9) *Reporting*: Reports must be postmarked no later than January 20, 1958, to be considered for awards.

Strays

W2BZN says he has switched to safety by using three-wire grounding cords on his transmitters and receivers and on his power tools. He was bitten once, and so has seen the light.

We still don't have the most southerly ham in the United States spotted, but VE3AJR claims to be the most southerly in Canada, being 35 miles southeast of Detroit, Mich.



Leading the league is nothing new for W1RFU, Wilbraham, Mass. Bill did it again in the September V.h.f. Party, turning in the country's highest score for a single-operator station. Using 50, 144 and 220 Mc., W1RFU made 227 contacts, with a section multiplier of 44, for 10,868 points.

September

V.H.F. Party

Results

Auroral and Tropospheric Openings Send Scores Soaring

BY EDWARD P. TILTON,* W1HDQ

WE'VE always wondered what a really good aurora would do to a v.h.f. contest. The week end of September 21-22 gave us a chance to find out. It didn't help stations in the southwest, but almost everywhere else section multipliers bounded to a new high for a full v.h.f. operating activity. In between auroras on Saturday and Sunday, tropospheric conditions were good, to boost scoring still higher.

The aurora proved to be a great equalizer, for the operators who were equipped to take advantage of it, and scores throughout the Middle West came close to overhauling those of the populous and small-section East. Portable opera-

tion from choice locations was in evidence almost everywhere, and as always these portable and multi-operator stations were a considerable factor in the overall picture.

Top score in the country by a single operator was posted once again by W1RFU, Wilbraham, Mass., who made 227 contacts on 50, 144 and 220 Mc. His multiplier of 44 gave him 10,868 points. He was followed closely by W1HOY, Medfield, Mass., who made the country's top contact total for a single-operator station, 294, on 50, 220 and 420 Mc. Helen thus once again earned a Technician award with one of the contest's best efforts.

The mountains of West Virginia were the scene of some stiff competition in the group category. The Aero Amateur Radio Club of the Baltimore area pushed W3PGA/8 to the top spot in the contest with 395 contacts on 50, 144 and 220 Mc. With a multiplier of 43 this brought in 17,329 points. K2CEH/2 topped them all in the multiplier department, knocking off 54 sections on three bands. Their 244 contacts gave them 13,824 points. Both these scores were records for their respective ARRL Sections, West Virginia and Western New York.

W7VMP/9, Lafayette, Ind., W9ZIH, Chicago, and W8URO, Drayton Plains, Mich., showed what a propagation break can do for Middle Western stations. The Fenwick triplets, W7VMO-P-Q, tossed a coin and the operating privilege fell to Charlie, W7VMO. Using 50, 144, 220 and 420 Mc., he worked 154 stations, mostly on 50 and 144 Mc. A section multiplier of 36 gave him 5724 points. He says that if a higher percentage of the gang had been using c.w. during the aurora openings his score could have been much larger. W9ZIH ran up the country's highest 144-Mc. score by working the aurora to the limit. He had 117 contacts in 21 sections for 2457 points. W8URO also caught 21 sections on 2, with 105

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contacts and 2205 points. W2ORI, Lockport, N. Y., with only a few hours to work the contest, concentrated on sections, working 23 on 144 Mc. only.

Some colossal scores were made on 50 Mc. only. W4UCH, Sterling, Va., worked 284 stations in 23 sections on 6, for 6523 points. K6UHS worked 203 different stations on 6, though with no break to distant sections his total score was lower. W8LXT, Mansfield, Ohio worked the aurora intensively on 6, catching 21 sections in 140 contacts, for 2940 points.

Top home-station score was made by the Taylor brothers, K2ITP-Q, who worked 309 stations on 50 and 144 Mc. from K2ITQ, River-ton, N. J. A multiplier of 36 gave them 11,124 points.

At this point we'd like to correct two errors made in the report on the June V.h.f. Party, published in September QST. We gave W1HOY credit for having made the country's top competitive score, whereas Helen was just nosed out by W1KCS, Providence, R. I., 8730 points to 8652. And we slighted W8RMH and W8NOH by declaring W8SDK to be the top man in the Michigan Section. Our apologies to all hands.

SCORES

In the following tabulation, scores are listed by ARRL Divisions and Sections. Unless otherwise noted, the top scorer in each section receives a certificate award. Columns indicate the final score, the number of contacts, the section multiplier, and the bands used. A represents 50 Mc.; B, 144 Mc.; C, 220 Mc.; D, 420 Mc.; and E, 1215 Mc. or higher. Multiple-operator stations are shown at the end of each section tabulation.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

E. Pennsylvania

W3TDF, 7092-197-36-AB
W3OLV/3
1180-118-10-B
W3JCT, 302-82-11-B
W3SXD, 816-68-12-A
W3JLU, 810-90-9-B
K33ALJ, 752-94-8-B
W3FKI/3, 700-70-10-A
W3YNC, 660-65-10-A
W3YWW, 660-65-10-A
W3AMO, 488-61-8-A
W3FEY, 368-46-8-B
W3MFT, 351-27-13-B
W3UBO, 350-35-10-A
W3OSA, 200-40-5-B
W3JUZ, 160-16-5-A
W3CBH, 30-10-3-B
K3GVB, 9-9-1-A
W3FKJ/3, 8-8-1-A
W3ARW/2 (W3s ARW LKI)
842-144-52-ABC
W3LXM/3 (5 ops.)
624-223-28-AB
W3HZU/3 (7 ops.)
3674-167-22-AB
K2LXL/3 (K2LXL, K5IBY)
346-14-7-A
W3MUM (W3s AZQ JOH
KAZ)....1218-87-14-AB

Mid-Del.-D. C.

W3IHU, 2800-140-20-A
W3CGV, 2226-101-21-ABCD
W3PYW, 1976-104-19-B
W3KMW, 1358-97-14-A
K33ALB, 1188-108-11-B
W3UCR, 1001-86-11-ABC
W3VAM, 804-67-12-AB
W3OTC, 420-42-10-A
W3GKP, 286-22-13-B
W3JUT, 228-38-6-A
W3JUG, 156-13-6-C
W3LCC, 122-11-6-C
W3TFA, 130-22-5-BC
W3AKP² (8 ops.)
8148-269-28-ABCD
W3CJL/3 (W3s BZT CJK
K33ALN)
2159-127-17-AB

W3BPD (5 ops.)

1261-97-13-AB

S. New Jersey

W2HLV, 4452-153-28-BD
K2VX, 2940-140-21-AB
W2ORA, 248-89-7-A
W2ADA, 594-33-14-AB
K2CRX, 57-19-3-A
K2ITQ (K2s ITP ITQ)
11,124-309-36-AB

Western New York

W2ORI, 2070-90-23-B
K2ERQ, 1232-88-14-AB
K2MNE, 1204-86-14-AB
K2APS, 680-40-17-B
K2JLR, 627-57-11-B
K2LTV, 600-60-10-A
W2QNA, 511-71-7-ABC
K2JWE/2, 407-37-11-A
W2ELX, 387-43-9-B
W2YIK, 319-29-11-A
W2GBN, 272-34-8-B
W2ROA, 240-40-6-B
W2BLN, 156-18-7-A
K2QV, 125-10-5-A
K2AXA, 90-45-2-B
W2MYN, 60-30-2-B
K2CUQ, 56-14-4-A
K2IXB, 44-22-2-A
K2CZH, 21-21-1-B
K2QPC, 17-17-1-A
K2CEH/2 (W2s ALL JTE
K2s CEH HIT)
13,824-244-54-ABC
W2SPU (1 ops.)
5148-156-33-AB
W2JGJ/2 (W2JGJ K2CVX)
330-133-30-ABC
W2MAU/2 (W2WZRI
K28ZM) 1012-92-11-A
K2YCU (W2s ICZ EPP)
672-96-7-AB
W2RAS (W2s K2YNNW)
600-55-12-A
K2MUI/2 (K2s MUI OAP)
356-56-9-A
K2ODL (K2s ODL EKB)
203-29-7-AB

W. Pennsylvania

W3OMY, 2668-116-23-A
W3RUE, 884-52-17-AB
W3WU, 284-44-6-A
W3TIF, 188-24-7-AB
W3EFW/3, 21-7-3-A
W3KX/3 (5 ops.)
4191-118-33-ABC

CENTRAL DIVISION

Illinois

W9ZIH, 2457-117-21-B
W9ROS, 1992-158-12-AC
K9OST, 1240-155-8-A
K9ANC, 1140-114-10-A
W9EET, 671-61-11-AB
K9G/K9HW, 476-68-7-AB
W9DRN, 430-41-10-ABC
K9EYV, 300-75-4-A
W9KYS, 219-73-3-A
W9EOT, 250-51-4-B
W9ZKQ, 174-58-3-A
K9JFN/9, 144-48-3-A
W9PPW, 128-64-2-AB
K9BEO, 111-37-3-A
W9RVG, 84-42-2-A
K9AOF, 260-3-3-A
K9HLA, 81-27-3-A
W9DYX, 44-22-2-A
W9CX, 22-11-2-B
W9RSU/9, 13-13-1-A
K9NIRG (K9FE, K9NIRG)
144-36-4-B

Indiana

W7VMP/94
5724-154-36-ABCD
W9APY, 1104-69-16-A
K9FEK, 264-44-6-A
W9EKO, 192-48-4-A
W9MHP, 136-34-4-A
W9OZQ, 130-26-5-B
W9MJJ, 50-25-2-A
W9JRP (5 ops.)
592-74-8-AB
K9ADJ (2 ops.)
41-41-1-A

Wisconsin

W9JFP, 644-92-7-A
W9VZP, 256-32-8-A
W9TQ, 225-25-9-AB
K9HCT, 96-24-4-B
K9HUI, 8-8-1-A
W9JCI/9 (W9s JCI VBQ
K9s AKI JSA)
2145-165-13-A
W9OYR (W9s BZU GXD
RKT)
48-12-4-B

DAKOTA DIVISION

Minnesota

W9UBA, 5-5-1-B

DELTA DIVISION

Tennessee

W4HHK, 912-48-19-AB
K4DNG, 371-53-7-A
K4KYS, 240-48-5-A
W4IKK, 147-21-7-A
W4YRM, 66-14-4-A
K4OSF/4 (K4s EFK OSF)
483-69-7-A
W4YSB/4 (7 ops.)
182-26-7-B

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

Kentucky

W4KZF, 120-24-5-A

Michigan

W8RMH, 3944-116-34-AB
W8URO, 2205-105-21-B
W8EPU, 169-83-20-B
W8PT, 1512-70-21-BC
W88DK, 1414-101-14-A
W8NOH, 1292-76-17-AB
W8ARR, 1280-75-16-ABD
VE3ANY/W8
960-80-12-A
W8HJR, 720-80-9-A
W8CVQ, 670-67-10-AB
W8UML, 155-31-5-A
W8NPN, 98-22-4-B
W8PYQ, 18-6-3-B

Ohio

W8HXT, 2940-140-21-A
W8SRW, 3704-104-26-AB
W8ARM, 1988-104-18-ABE
W8BAN, 1806-81-21-ABCD

W8EPW, 1616-101-16-AB
W8WRN, 1050-63-15-ABCD
W8GHL, 698-58-12-A
W8KDW, 680-60-11-AB
W8LOP, 584-54-11-AB
W8GPN, 558-62-9-B
W8BMO, 546-76-7-ABCD
W8SVW, 460-92-5-A
W8NFE, 432-65-6-ACD
W8UMF, 410-82-5-A
W8LDP, 384-46-15-AB
W8IFX, 164-41-4-AB
W8IPT, 138-46-3-B
K8B8C, 135-45-3-A
W8MVL, 128-64-2-AB
W8AAE, 124-3-3-AB
W8N2E, 106-53-2-B
W8PLQ, 100-25-4-AB
K88UG, 82-41-2-B
W8KSE, 27-27-1-A
W8QDI, 21-21-1-B
W8KOT, 13-13-1-B
W8RLY, 9-9-1-B

HUDSON DIVISION

Eastern New York

W2WHX, 3105-115-27-AB
W2HBC, 912-62-14-ABCD
W2B9/2, 472-37-3-AB
W2IP, 324-36-9-B
K2QIX, 160-40-4-B
W2CJS, 92-23-4-B
W2HZZ, 90-15-6-B
W2TMM, 36-9-2-B
W2LW1/2 (6 ops.)
8401-271-31-AB
W2NQW (4 ops.)
6390-213-30-AB
W2MSJ/2 (W2MSJ K2DLB)
K2KXE/2 (W1OQC K2YRZ)
100-25-4-B

N. Y. C.-L. I.

KN2/K2VX
E100-140-15-AB
W2AOC, 316-34-12-C
K2AZT, 792-72-11-A
K2UZA, 702-78-9-A
W2AOD, 576-41-12-BD
K2BAP, 347-35-11-B
K2VDR, 400-80-5-B
K2TGR, 342-57-6-A
K2HFO, 165-33-5-B
K2MYS, 80-20-3-B
K2CTK, 18-9-2-B
W2MNFN/2 (W2MNFN K2s
IFJ WLC) 7761-199-39-AB
W2WYM (K2s IDD KFV
WN2HLL)
1946-137-14-ABD

Northern New Jersey

W2DZA, 2232-70-24-ABCD
W2BDL, 1950-75-26-AB
K2FRB, 1030-103-10-B
K2ER, 85-75-11-B
K2ICE, 370-37-10-B
W2JSU, 364-52-7-A
WN2NKB, 329-47-7-B
K2VZP, 318-53-6-AB
K2DIG, 308-32-7-AC
K2HPT, 278-31-7-B
K2BHQ, 155-31-5-B
W2CBB, 150-15-10-B
W2HDT, 135-45-3-B
W2EQC, 30-15-2-B
W2PRF (7 ops.)
10,461-488-39-ABCD
W2AFU/2 (4 ops.)
1742-106-17-AB

MIDWEST DIVISION

Iowa

K0EMQ, 780-52-15-B

Kansas

W0CIC, 64-16-4-AB

Nebraska

W0BTC, 279-31-9-AB
W0RYG, 192-21-8-B
W0WRT, 168-28-6-AB
W0FCN, 5-5-1-A

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

Connecticut

W1RJA, 7095-215-33-AB
W1HDD, 3270-109-30-AB
W1LGE, 3171-151-21-A
W1RAN, 1745-105-17-B
W1VSE, 1328-83-16-B
KN1CRQ/1092-91-12-B

WITCJ...900-60-15-B
 WIGKR...854-61-14-A
 KNIBWC...890-69-10-B
 WIMEX...600-50-12-B
 KNICAE/1
 520-65-8-B
 KN1DAY...336-48-7-B
 WYDB...330-55-6-AB
 WIAW...154-22-7-AB
 W1JJO/1...119-17-7-B
 KNICAK...66-33-2-B
 WIANE...65-31-5-A
 KNIDCX/1
 39-16-2-B
 WIRFJ...38-14-2-B
 WICUTS...21-12-2-AB
 W1QAK/1² (8 oprs.)
 12,240-340-36-AB
 WILAS/1 (7 oprs.)
 2884-122-22-AB
 K1BML (2 oprs.)
 2033-107-19-AB
 W1ORS (11 oprs.)
 1218-87-14-AB
 KIAPP/1 (W1FBD KIAPP)
 280-35-8-B

E. Massachusetts

W1HOY...10,164-294-33-ACD
 W1OOP...7315-184-35-ABCD
 W1AQW...350-146-24-AB
 W1QXX...2516-140-17-ABC
 W1EJ...1830-102-18-AB
 W1AAL...1168-73-16-B
 W1DDN...1040-80-13-A
 W1JBM...869-62-14-B
 W1KBN...420-81-7-AB
 W1WEW...405-45-9-B
 W1MEG...378-42-9-AB
 W1LMZ...310-62-5-B
 W1LUW...288-36-8-AB
 W1NYL...200-50-4-B
 W1BCN...152-19-8-B
 W1LMU...124-31-4-A
 KNICZP/1
 108-36-3-B
 K1AIO...84-28-3-B
 W1KVV² (4 oprs.)
 1750-125-14-AB
 W1LLW/1 (10 oprs.)
 504-63-8-AB
 KN1AIU (KN1B AIU AUR
 BTP)...244-61-4-B

W. Massachusetts

W1RFU...10,868-227-44-ABC
 KN1ACI/1
 1414-101-14-B
 W1ZWL...975-75-13-A
 W1UCB...36-12-3-A
 W1OAZ/1 (multiopr.)
 5918-269-22-AB

New Hampshire

W1AZK...2324-72-28-BC
 W1HGV/1 (6 oprs.)
 7992-296-27-AB

Rhode Island

W1KCR...7524-162-44-ABCD
 W1UHE...1088-57-16-AC

W1FVZ...330-33-10-A

Vermont

W1MMN...731-43-17-B
 W1MWP...636-53-12-AB
 W1EXZ...60-10-6-A

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

Oregon

W7HBH...87-29-3-AB
 KN7BED...30-15-2-B

Washington

W7BJW...288-48-6-A
 W7RDP...128-32-4-A
 W7UGV...12-12-1-B
 W7PUA/7 (6 oprs.)
 856-97-8-ABCD

PACIFIC DIVISION

Hawaii

KH6EE...5-5-1-B
 KH6OS...4-4-1-B

Nevada

K6KFF/7 228-38-6-A
 W6GCG/7 186-31-6-B
 W7JU...10-5-2-B

Santa Clara Valley

K6DTR...1708-116-14-ABD
 W6ASH...330-65-5-B
 W6AOP/6 265-53-5-B
 K6JKQ...115-23-5-A
 K6HYX...18-9-2-B
 W6VMY/6 (W6VMY
 K6TAO)...1904-130-14-ABD
 K6JFS (K6S ERN HHL
 HYW JFS)714-102-7-A

Enat Bay

K6ITN...560-70-8-AB
 K6AOM...415-83-5-B

San Francisco

W6AJF...1680-100-15-ABD
 K6VXL...320-64-5-A
 W6BAZ...140-28-5-A
 W6CQC...104-26-4-A
 K6GOW (K6S EOW GOV)
 1342-122-11-AB

Sacramento Valley

W6BUR/6
 1703-131-13-AB
 K6GIJ...312-52-6-A
 W6LSK/6 (W6S LSK MLN)
 1918-132-14-ABD

San Joaquin Valley

W6GQZ...440-40-11-AB
 W6FZA/6 (W6S FZA K6S

CRO ZEH)
 598-46-13-AB
 K6RPL/6 (5 oprs.)
 360-72-5-B

ROANOKE DIVISION

North Carolina

K4EUD...64-16-4-B

South Carolina

W2BHS/4 154-22-7-AB
 W4AID...128-16-3-B
 W4TLD...72-18-4-A
 K4KSU...44-11-4-A

Virginia

W4UCH...6523-284-23-A
 W4ZZ/4...210-30-7-AB
 W3MSR/4 104-26-4-B
 W4WSP/4...18-6-3-B
 KN4LL/4 15-5-3-B
 W4JCI/4 (W4S CCI JCI
 SRD)...2358-131-18-AB

West Virginia

K8AON...270-54-5-A
 W3PGA/8³ (8 oprs.)
 17,329-395-43-ABC
 W3MPT/8 (8 oprs.)
 8250-238-33-ABC
 W3KLA/8 (W3S BAG KLA
 YQD)...15-5-3-AB

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Colorado

W0TIL...51-17-3-A
 K0CLL...14-14-1-A

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

Alabama

W4CTG...488-61-8-AB
 W4AZC...96-32-3-A
 K41QU...87-29-3-A
 K4GQK...80-16-5-AB
 K4KQH...18-9-2-A
 W41BN...8-1-1-A
 K4BEI/4 (W4AKX K4BED)
 220-55-4-A

Eastern Florida

W4LTU...150-30-5-B
 W4RMU...105-15-7-A
 W4GJO...52-26-2-AB
 K41XG...51-17-3-AB
 W4KKU...26-26-1-AB

Western Florida

W4MS...3-3-1-A

Georgia

W4GIS...115-23-5-AB

¹ Technician award winner; ² Multioperator award winner;
³ W2YLM, opr.; ⁴ W7VMO, opr.; ⁵ Hq. Staff, not eligible for award;
⁶ Novice award winner; ⁷ W1QIS, opr.

W4VZR...110-22-5-AB
 W4LNG...64-16-4-AB
 K4DLE...64-16-4-A
 W4ABP...18-6-3-B

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

Los Angeles

W6NLZ...1168-60-16-ABCD
 K6UHS...812-203-4-A
 W6SDW/6

128-32-4-AB
 K6SVL...116-29-4-A
 K6KCN² (W6OJN, K6KCN)
 1378-913-ABCD
 W6GQB/6 (W6S GQB MLA
 PFE SDR)

1351-193-7-AB
 K6GHLJ/6 (8 oprs.)
 460-92-5-AB

Arizona

W7JBX...24-24-1-A
 K7BAM...12-12-1-A
 W7QLZ...4-2-2-A

San Diego

K6COE/6 876-146-6-AB
 W6ZOF/6 856-107-8-AB
 K6TJJA...123-61-3-A
 K6VOR...61-17-3-A
 K6UJM...14-7-2-A

Santa Barbara

W6WRQ/6 (6 oprs.)
 536-67-8-A

Northern Texas

K5DCQ...12-12-1-A

WEST GULF DIVISION

Oklahoma

W5DFU...95-19-5-B
 W5PZ...57-19-3-B

New Mexico

W5LEF...4-4-1-B

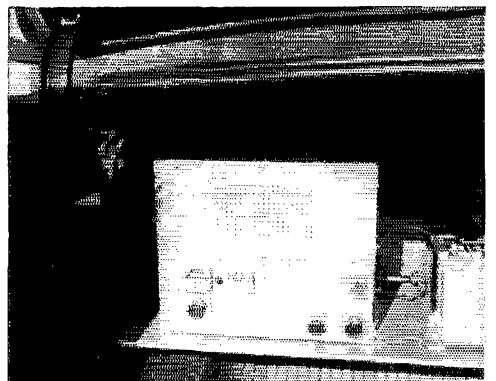
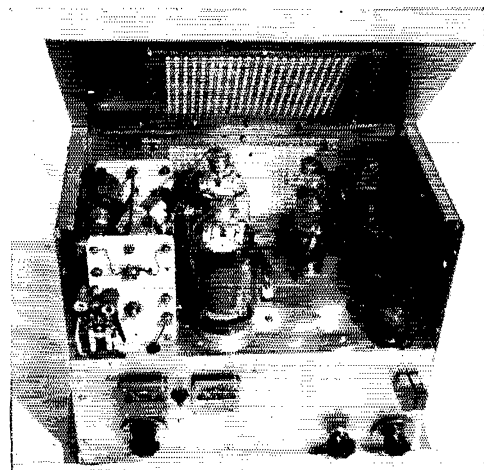
CANADIAN DIVISION

Ontario

VE3AIH 2208-91-23-ABC
 VE3DSU 2125-85-25-AB
 VE3BQN 2020-96-20-ABC
 VE3HW...150-50-9-B
 VE3AQ...366-61-6-B
 VE3BPR...259-37-7-A
 VE3DTU 120-30-3-B
 W9NLJ/VE3
 12-6-2-B

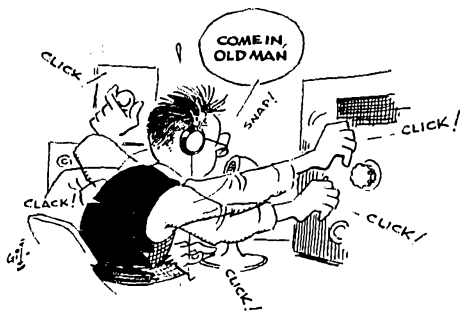
Strays

W6NFH has a mighty slick mobile rig that puts out a lot of power without taking up too much of the trunk. In a package 8 x 11 x 12 he has constructed a crystal controlled job using parallel 813s in the final, modulated with push-pull 811s. Although W6NFH has on occasion loaded it to one kw, he normally holds the input down to about 600 watts maximum. For around-town operation one 813 is removed and the rig run at 300 watts. High voltage comes from dynamotors and a 12-volt primary source. Operation is limited to 75- and 40-meter phone at present.



THE WORD "break" or "break-in" as used in amateur radio has become, during the past several years, an accepted part of our jargon. Numerous articles have been written on break-in and keying systems of one sort or another using tubes, relays, t.r. switches, and other monitor keying systems.¹ One section of the ARRL *Handbook* deals with break-in and gives several simple systems for setting up this type of operation.²

Yet a great number of amateur operators know little of how full break-in works and indeed there is little information available on how to use the numerous systems, or for what purpose an amateur would wish to set up a break-in



operation, if you operate on the same frequency as you receive, and this is true in much amateur operation today and especially of traffic nets, it is not possible to have both the transmitter and receiver on at the same time, without the resulting squeal and blocking by the proximity of the transmitter to the sensitive receiver. When an amateur first gets his ticket and goes on the air, if it is on c.w. or phone, in many cases his first station has a transmitter and receiver, both of which have a B+ switch. When the operator wishes to listen he turns the transmitter B+ off and the receiver B+ on. When he wishes to transmit he reverses the process. In many cases he may even have to throw an antenna switch and even have two or three power supply switches on the transmitter. This can be tiring, and soon the operator will try to set up a relay system whereby he needs only one switch for the whole operation.

In phone operation, such a system is called a "push-to-talk" system. *It is not break-in.* Since an ordinary a.m. phone transmitter runs all of the time while the transmitting operator talks, the receiving station cannot break-in until the transmitting station turns it over. This is not normal conversation, thereby introducing some inconvenience especially for the uninitiated. Voice control, especially adaptable to s.s.b. but also possible with ordinary a.m., can obviate most of this difficulty, but even with voice control the system is seldom sensitive enough to permit mid-sentence interruption, so real break-in on phone is impossible, and "break" and "break, break" are misnomers of a sort.

In c.w. operation, however, full break-in is entirely possible. It can be done only when the receiver is in full operation at all instants that the key is not pressed. Break-in on your transmitter frequency additionally is not possible unless the transmitter emits no key-up signal strong enough to interfere with the one being received. In other words, you must be able to hear the other signal even between your own dots and dashes. Only this is full break-in.

The first major use of such a system comes from the fact that long calls are not necessary. Instead of having to turn on the transmitter and give the other fellow's call a dozen times, a station with full break-in need only give a short call if the other station is listening on that

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BREAK,

BREAK,

BREAK!

What "Break-In" Is and How To Use It

BY JEAN A. GMELIN,* W6ZRJ

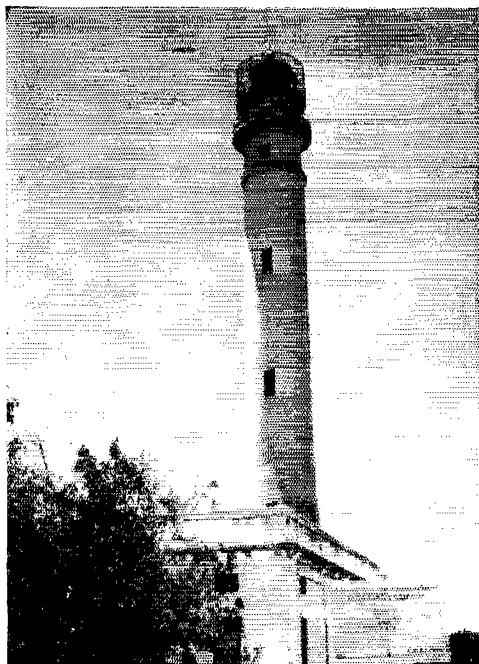
system. Many amateurs have misconceptions of how break-in works in actual practice. A listen on many of the amateur phone bands leads one to believe that "break" or more often "break, break" is rapidly replacing the traditional "over" or "go ahead."

As the expression signifies, break-in is the ability to cut in on someone who is talking, just as we do in normal conversation. But in radio

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¹ Sabaroff, "A Novel Electronic Transmit-Receive Switch," *QST* June 1957; Leslie, "Combined Keyer and Control Circuit," *QST* February 1957; Herzog, "The Cathode Follower T-R Switch," *QST*, May 1956; Campbell, "Little Oskey—A Monitoring Oscillator and Keyer," *QST* October 1955; Puckett, "A CW Man's Control Unit," *QST* February 1955.

² *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, 1957 Edition, Chapter 8, "Keying and Break-in,"



The lighthouse on Navassa is maintained by the U. S. Coast Guard. The island is strategically located in the middle of the shipping lanes between the Panama Canal and the East Coast of the United States.

Navassa—1957

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After encountering and solving many problems concerning the choice of a location for a DXpedition and the means of transportation to that location, the authors chose Navassa, a tiny island in the Caribbean one hundred miles south of Cuba and forty miles west of Haiti.

THE MEANS of our transportation to Navassa was to be a United States Coast Guard cutter that makes a trip from Miami to the island every six months in order to maintain the lighthouse there and refurbish its supply of acetylene gas. Upon receiving permission to accompany the *USCG Walnut* on its June 1957 cruise to Navassa island, we were informed that the Coast Guard considered our request completely out of order and entirely extraordinary, and that permission was granted only under the provision that we interpret it as such.

We spent the few days before going down to Miami, where the cutter was stationed, collecting the needed equipment. The equipment had to be as small, light, and efficient as possible in order to scale Navassa's cliffs. With the help of friends and the aid of our club, the Order of the Boiled Owls, we succeeded in working out our equipment problems. From Bil Harrison we obtained two Globe Scouts, fifty watts, fone and c.w., small and light; and a one-hundred pound, 350-watt generator. Hammarlund offered two of their new HQ-100 series: sensitive, compact, and ideal. Since we had agreed to operate 20 c.w. and 15 fone, we decided to use 14,024 and 21,378, answering all calls 10 kc. and up on 20 and below 21,350 on 15.

Before we left for Miami, all gear was set up to simulate conditions on Navassa. After the usual "field day" malfunctions were cleared up, everything fired beautifully, and all the equipment was piled into our car. The evening before leaving for Miami we contacted the skipper of the cutter, Captain Eaton, who spoke gravely of the treacherous waters of Navassa and tried his best to dissuade us from going. The captain described the complete landing procedure and, as a result, we cut our equipment back to include only one transmitter and receiver.

On June 3, we arrived at the Coast Guard base at Miami Beach and boarded the *Walnut*. The gear was brought aboard and stored down below. At 2100 GMT, June 4, the cutter departed from Miami Beach on its way to Navassa.

On the morning of June 7, we got our first look at Navassa. The island is two miles long with a uniform elevation of about 400 feet. The shore consists exclusively of 60- to 80-foot sheer walls of coral rock, which rise to a plateau some 125 yards wide that rings the island, similar to a running track. With this kind of shoreline landing was treacherous, to say the least. A small boat was lowered and the crew went over to the mainland, six at a time, ascending the rock walls by a Jacob's ladder that hangs suspended from a platform over the cliff. We followed, dragging our equipment behind us. Slowly and cautiously we sealed the ladder and at last planted our feet on Navassa island. It took 45 anxiety-filled minutes with the help of the crew to hoist the radio gear up the rock wall.

We set up our operating position some 100 feet back from the landing platform, in an open,

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semi-level area. The station was set up on a table-like slab of coral, and the generator was placed under some low-hanging trees. Our first call brought an immediate reply from W2HMJ, who had been monitoring regularly. After a ten-minute QSO with him, the following were worked in rapid succession: KV4AA, W5ABY, W8FGX, W5LUU, W6ADP, W8EWS, W6NZW, W6OME, and W4MLL. Within 5 QSOs the band broke loose and it seemed that everyone was calling W2HQL/KC4. The band was beginning to move out but the W6s still had terrific signals. The generator for a while gave indications of quitting and our signals at that time were unreadable, but after a few kicks and curses it returned to normal. All of our brother members of the Order of the Boiled Owls were able to pick up Navassa.

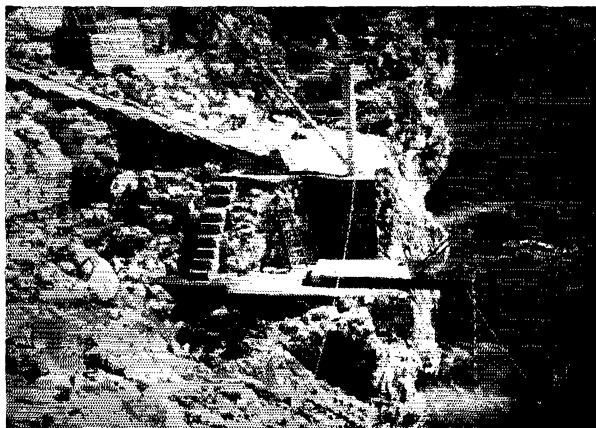
Once on the air, preset tactics of operating were employed: A CQ or QRZ 10U would be sent, we would tune 10 kc. up, and grab the first station whose call we could read and who broke us the quickest. The station was then answered by repeating his call twice, his report sent twice, followed by his call again once and then BK; our own calls were sent only after 10 QSOs or so; or if business was good, they were forgotten. This procedure in operating is superior to any other either suggested or asked, for it makes definite what station is being worked with minimum confusion and maximum speed. When we sent BK, everyone knew who was being worked because of the call sent once after the report; hence we weren't bothered by the "who me?" type of query. After receiving our report, a simple QSL was sent followed by 10 U and BK; the procedure then started again.

As one can see, tail-enders couldn't fare with this technique. Since, however, this practice is so common in DXing today, we were quite interested to view it from the other end.

Here is what we found: If only one station sent DE as the station worked signed, the procedure would be fine. But when anywhere from five to fifty guys have the same idea, the frequency is sliced to ribbons and no call can be distinguished, least of all the fellow sending TU 73.

In regard to the stations worked who did use the tail-end process, the ideal happened; they were the only stations who broke. This occurred exactly three times in 307 QSOs! For those reasons we believe DE to be unusable, but since many foreign stations continue to use it, it remains one of the banes of DXing. Stations can be worked just as rapidly by picking up a new one each time. The procedure we used could have handled 70 to 100 contacts per hour with ease. Our rate of approximately 35 per hour was only due to the fact that everyone was at work, the band was closed to all but the States, there were periods when no stations were heard calling, and long CQs had to be used to drum up business.

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Navassa's "shore" consists of walls of coral rock. Ascent to the mainland is made possible by the Jacob's Ladder that hangs suspended from a platform over the cliff.



The operating position was set up about one hundred feet back from the landing platform in an open area with no protection from the sun, and the station put on a slab of coral.

With the help of the crew, we managed to get all our equipment safely on the island.



Heavenly Reward

BY DALE L. HILEMAN,* K9JNY

"Name?"
"Leopold Bedfellow."
"Age?"
"Thirty-six."
"Marital status?"
"Single."
"Family?"
"Living."
"Lifelong ambition?"
"To TVI-proof a command set."
"Oh, you must be an amateur radio operator," said St. Peter. "Report to Gate 13."

Gate 1, where St. Peter was stationed, bore the inscription "ORIENTATION." Each of the succeeding gates was labeled with the name of a hobby or occupation. Gate 3, for example, was labeled "PHOTOGRAPHY," and many of the applicants carried their favorite cameras. Gate 9 was labeled "HOT RODDERS." There stood a line of teen-agers; one was carrying a defunct carburetor; from the hand of another dangled a broken steering wheel. Still another carried a plastic gearshift knob containing a photograph of Marilyn Monroe.

Each of the lines was quiet and orderly, but as Leo approached Gate 13, he noticed considerable activity. A p.a. system was blaring, "Your last chance to sign up for the All-Heaven Hamfest! Free of charge — sponsored by the All-Heaven Amateur Association — ten big door prizes, including a 75A-4, an HRO-60, and two BC-610s! Many more valuable prizes! Sign up now!"

Off to one side of Gate 13 was a desk marked "WELCOMING COMMITTEE." Here a winged gentleman was serving coffee and donuts to a group of newcomers engaged in a vigorous



— A WINGED GENTLEMAN WAS SERVING COFFEE AND DONUTS TO A GROUP OF NEWCOMERS

single-side-band bull session. Leo heard one of them cry, "How can you have anything at all without a carrier?" Another replied, "What good is a carrier? It doesn't say anything — it just whistles!" Someone else shouted, "Yeah, but what are you gonna do for a.v.c.?"

Another group surrounded a table at which a demonstration was being conducted. "Sixty milliwatts," shouted the demonstrator as he held a

tiny gadget above his head. "With this transistor rig all you need is sixty milliwatts to the final and you can work all corners of Heaven on six meters — and look here." He withdrew another object from his coat pocket and held it up for the inspection of the crowd. "A dynamotor no larger than a matchbox."

As Leo walked into the crowd at Gate 13, a man carrying a transceiver grasped his hand and said, "Welcome to Ham Heaven, OM. My name's Marconi. What's your handle, your call, and where do you hail from?"

"Leo Bedfellow. W6CRUD. Los Angeles."

Mr. Marconi smiled broadly. "Well," he said, "same district as the Old Man. Just a minute." He slapped the transceiver to his head, pushed the button, and said, "Say, Al, got a guy here from W6 land — Leo Bedfellow — See if you can get him in without red tape. He's an O.K. guy."

"Are you really Guglielmo Marconi . . . himself?" asked Leo hesitantly.

"No, my name's Sam Marconi — out of Pittsburgh — used to work 160 a lot. Gug is Chief Engineer up here. You'll probably meet him one of these days. Well, got to be getting along. If you need anything, drop in on me. I'm district QSL manager. Cloud 463. Seventy-three, OM. Be seein' you!"

Just to the right of Gate 13 was a desk marked "CALL LETTER BUREAU." Leo notified the Bureau of his call. He was informed that his new call would be assigned when his wings were issued.

On his way to the main desk, he was intercepted by a little man with a red face and horns. "Hey, bud, c'mere a minute," said the little man, "You been overmodulating lately? If you have, my boss would like to see you."

"I use low-level clipping and high-level low-pass filtering," replied Leo emphatically, whereupon the little man vanished in a cloud of sulphurous vapor.

At the main desk, a bewhiskered angel wearing headsets peered over the top of a control board and said to Leo, "Oh, yes. Sam spoke to me about you. What brings you here, my lad?"

"About 2100 volts," said Leo. "Guess the bleeder must've opened up."

"Won't you people ever learn not to trust bleeders? Always short the filter capacitors before you work on a power supply," admonished the aged angel. "Oh well, it's too late now."

The old man then opened a large book and ran his finger through a column of names. "Hmm," he said. "Leopold Bedfellow. Your record is pretty clean. Wait — it says here that you caused TVI for two weeks during the month of March, 1951. Can you explain that?"

"Poor front ends in the TV receivers," said Leo. "Cleaned it up with a bunch of high-pass filters. My own expense, too."

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"All right," said the aged angel. "I think we can let you in. Sir Heathekit Featherblossom will show you around."

Leo shook hands with Sir Heathekit, who escorted him through the Pearly Gates (except that Gate 13 was not pearly — instead, it was decorated with miniature tubes, pilot light jewels, transistors, plugs, jacks, and nickel-plated hardware).

"We don't use ordinary ether waves for communication," said Sir Heathekit as he preened his left wing. "We use ethereal waves. Avoids QRM to Earth stations, don't you know."



The two men stopped at a cloud in which was mounted a display cabinet. Inside the cabinet was a 304TL and a sign which read:

THIS 304TL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
SAVING 3400 LIVES DURING THE
GREAT 'QUAKE OF 1952

"Do you really have earthquakes in Heaven?" asked Leo.

"Gad, no," said Sir Heathekit. "It was a cloudquake. We stage a 'quake annually just to test emergency communication. No one is ever hurt."

"Then how can it be an emergency?" asked Leo.

"Pity, it isn't," said Sir Heathekit as he preened his right wing, "but so many of us continually anticipate emergencies, that we can hardly be disappointed, can we now? Are you interested in emergency communications, old chap?"

"Indeed I am."

"Shame — if we knew you were coming, we'd have faked a quake."

Featherblossom then led Leo to cloud 223, upon which rested a 28-foot work bench equipped with a multitude of 'scopes, v.t.v.m.'s, signal generators, grid-dip meters, and bins filled with resistors, capacitors inductors, tie points, and other small parts. Gathered around the table was a group of 10 men, each industriously at work on some item of ham gear.

"I rather want you meet the fellows," said Featherblossom, whereupon he introduced Leo to each member of the group. He then told Leo, "You'll work about two hours a day, during which time you may build whatever gear you need. Rest period lasts one hour, and there'll be

tea and crumpets — or-ahem — coffee and donuts, if you prefer." When you're not working, you may do whatever you like; the test equipment and tools are always at your disposal."

Featherblossom then escorted Leo to the Stockroom, which was located in a pink cloud two blocks long and about 200 feet wide, as nearly as Leo could estimate. Fifteen aisles running the length of the stockroom were flanked by rows of parts bins, each bin stacked with a different kind of electronic component from germanium diodes to 1-kw. plate transformers. "Take whatever you need," said Featherblossom.

Leo and Sir Heathekit then returned to the work table. "If you can't think of anything else you'd like to do," said Featherblossom, "you might finish up this power supply." He peered through his monocle at a unit containing a power transformer the size of a small television set and two gigantic rectifier tubes each the size of a two-quart beer bottle. Leo remarked about the size of the rectifier tubes and Featherblossom said that we don't drink beer in Heaven but that sometimes he wished we did on those warm summer nights when hot convection currents invaded the Ham Section from the Politicians' Section.

"Just when I was ready to wire this ruddy power supply," continued Featherblossom, "I was promoted to the Administrative Division of the Ham Section, and the power supply was left quite unfinished."

"I'd be glad to finish it," said Leo, "but what is it for?"

"A no-side-band rig," replied Featherblossom as he adjusted his halo. "We've been hearing odd signals from what we think to be Mars' Heaven, and we've concluded that they're using no-side-band transmission. We've been trying to communicate with them, but we've been completely unable to do so with conventional single-side-band operation; not enough effective power. So we decided to run about 5 kw. no-side-band. The power supply you're about to work on will provide filament and plate potentials for the no-side-band rig."

"I see," said Leo, although he really didn't.

Eager to see a no-side-band rig in operation, Leo worked overtime on the power supply, working even during rest periods. Sir Heathekit warned Leo not to overwork, that one hour a day was quite sufficient.

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Antenna Farmer — That's Me

BY W. R. CARRUTHERS,* VE3CEA

IT WAS VERY easy! Let me tell you about it. I started in the old wireless days of 1912 when spark coils were wound by hand — no one had enough money to buy one of Mr. Gernsbach's products — and carborundum detectors were quite the thing. The green color was nice too.

Over the years I grew up, without the aid of Wheaties and became one of the early members of the ARRL and read with awe in *QST* about the new Audions — oh boy! By working after school and on weekends I finally saved enough to buy one, scrounged enough batteries to operate it and I remember the thrill of building loose couplers and loading coils.

The house is very quiet now — the kids are grown up and there was nothing much to do but garden, read and watch TV. I got itchy. So I bought the latest (1955) *Handbook*, scrounged parts from my friends and built the little 1 tube receiver. My code was as rusty as last year's chrome but the ARRL code sessions came to my rescue and I was soon up to 10 words per minute. Had a session with the Radio Inspector one day, sent, received, answered questions, wrote papers. After a bit he allowed as how I passed — gave me some call letters very close to those I'd had 30 years ago and a long official looking diploma and a nice certificate with a beautiful red seal on it. I was back in business! That's how I started in the antenna farm business. It was that easy!

By this time I'd graduated to a surplus receiver and had got myself a Viking Adventurer and a v.f.o. I was in business or I thought I was. The book on the transmitter said to hang up a wire 75' long, load it up and call Australia.

I envy these fellows with back yards 300' deep or who have acres and acres of space. They put up ideal antennas and sound like it. But I live on a corner lot. By the time the house takes up its space there is a clear distance of 35' from my chimney to the neighbor's chimney. By speaking nicely to him (the box of cigars helped) he gave me permission to hang up a wire. With the aid of the local painter and his 30' aluminum ladder we put up the wire and it seemed to load fairly well. Its direction seemed a bit off though — it put a pretty good signal to the North Pole but there aren't many people up there so I was a bit disappointed. In the other direction it went out to sea somewhere. One lobe seemed glued on Kansas.

So like little Albert — "seeking further amusement," I tried a dipole — lovely little thing but same results. North Pole and the sea — looked nice though, I could sit out in the garden and admire it and think of those fellows in Texas with 60' towers and rotary beams. My little farm had

now grown to two antennas — one single wire, one dipole. See how easy it was? (Fig. 1).

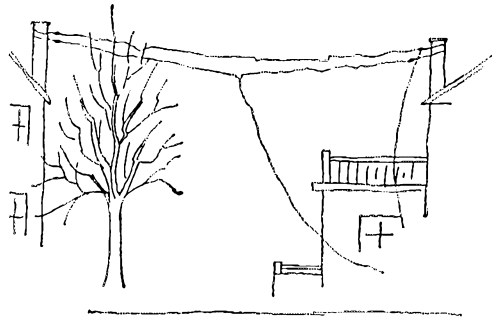


Fig. 1

About this time I read about the vertical. Ah! Solution to the corner lot problem. Brother-in-law didn't mind me borrowing his old TV mast and I got some aluminum pipe through the back door of — well you know — coupled it together with pipe fittings and hoisted it up. It was 45' high and my wife never seems to be around when a hoisting event takes place. It didn't cost me much to have the TV aerial repaired when the mast fell on it but I thought the pipe couplings could have done a better job and not broken in the middle when the mast was nearly up. Finally I did get it up. Found a use for one of my friends — he had a post hole auger and dug the hole for the post which carries the box that houses the loading coil. This antenna didn't work too well and the experts said it needed a good ground. My wife says the back yard is wired for sound, but I will admit the grass looks better now since its grown over all the trenches I dug for the radials. But they did make the vertical work better and I was now getting out several hundred miles. My wife gets kind of sticky at times, won't let me cut down the trees which I claim absorb most of the signal.

Then I heard about how a trap was the very latest thing. So down the big mast came, in went a trap and added to the top was a 15' whip. My, it did look nice waving around in the breeze up there 55'. The neighbors were impressed but the dog-gone thing didn't work worth a hoot. (Fig. 2).

Someone put in a plug for ground plane antennas and I thought — "just the thing for me." So I got some nice cheap aluminum TV ground wire, sharpened up my pencil, pored over the *Handbook* section on ground planes, made marks on paper, ordered a piece of pine 2" x 2" x 16' and I was in the ground plane antenna business. Seems like the boys have something there — first

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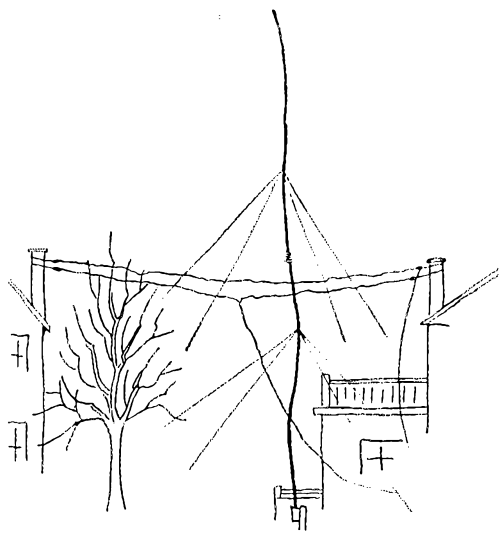


Fig. 2

time I fired it up a chap in Oklahoma gave me an S9 report so I had to dash up to my wife to tell her at last I was getting some DX. Next week got some heavy stranded Air Force copper wire, took the antenna down and put it up again exactly the same but using all copper. Fired it up and by pure coincidence got the same fellow in Oklahoma and he gave me a 20 over 9 report. For my \$3.70 expense for the 15 meter ground

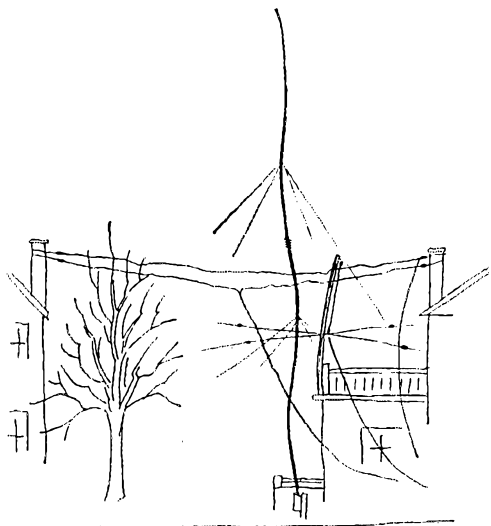


Fig. 3

plane antenna, I sure did feel good. Even got down into South America. (Fig. 3).

Broke down and bought a grid dipper (my, how the art has changed — got to have a lot of test equipment around, these days). The g.d. said the frequency was too high so had to lengthen the vertical a little until the frequency came out O.K. Worked better than ever!

My wife says even a butterfly has trouble getting through our back yard and I do notice there are a lot of tired robins sitting around on the various wires. A helicopter certainly could never land in our back yard. The 15 meter ground plane is such a tidy little item, even if I did have to hang the guys on a tree on the street, the clothesline pole and I got the bricks in the house repaired, that got cracked up, putting in the guy hooks —

The little 15 meter job works so well, S8 in Europe, that I decided I should have a 20 meter ground plane job. The *Handbook* showed a neat job which sat on the roof of a single garage. I was out of luck there because our garage is built into the house. I decided to try it anyway. So down came the big vertical (it did give the place such an air) out came the hacksaw and presto, we have a 20 meter ground plane. Looks like a cross between a taxi radio transmitter and some sort of DEW line equipment. I give everything a professional look though, such as painting the 2"x4' wood that holds the vertical, a nice shade of brown. (Fig. 4)

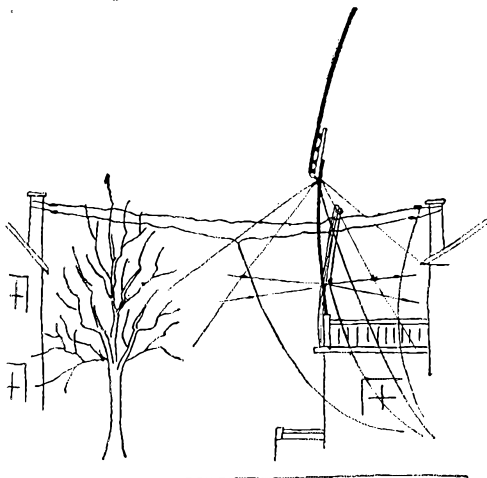


Fig. 4

Fired it up, fair results. Got out the grid dipper and it says the resonant point is 16.0 Mc. My, how far can you get away from what you want? Now I'll have to get it down, inch by inch, I suppose — that's the way I got it up. I can't afford one of those derrick things so I'll just have to take it slow and easy and hope for the best.

By this time you see how easy it was to get to be an antenna farmer — I've got four antennas right now — it doesn't cost much either — except for the additional hazard insurance.

I see in the *Antenna Book* where there is a nice design for a rotatable dipole. Let's see now, who do I know who has two lengths of $\frac{1}{2}$ " thin wall steel conduit? I'll also need four standoff insulators and about 18' of $\frac{1}{8}$ " copper tubing to make the coil. I have some 2" x 2" pine . . .

Editor's Note — Since this article was written, he did build the rotatable dipole. It's attached to the pipe holding the 20 meter ground plane. That makes five pipe antennas on his "farm"!

Strays

If anyone heard the *first* USSR satellite after midnight (EST) Friday, October 25, please let us have the details.

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The South East Amateur Radio Club of Cleveland, Ohio, has started a radio library of Braille transcriptions and tape recordings of electronics literature. A sightless person may obtain stock items on loan, or for a nominal charge the library will read any electronics article on the applicant's tape. For further information send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Warren Sladky, Librarian, SEARC Radio Library for the Blind, 11519 Parkview Ave., Cleveland 4, Ohio.

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What's in a call? K4LEG is a YL. (And the FCC keeps insisting that these calls are assigned by random!) — *K2QHT*.

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What's in a name? The fellow who sent in the above Stray about K4LEG being a YL is named Freud!

KOREA OFF BANNED LIST

As of October 18, FCC announced receipt of notice from the International Telecommunications Union that Korea has withdrawn its objections to international amateur communication. Contacts with HL stations are now permissible. Remaining on the banned list are Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, and Viet Nam.

HAMS AT HEADQUARTERS

W1AW, ARRL Headquarters Station

The following calls and personal sines belong to members of the following Headquarters gang:

W1BDI	F. E. Handy, "fh"
W1BUD	A. L. Budlong, "bud"
W1CUT	E. Laird Campbell, "tex"
W1DF	George Grammer, "gg"
W1DX	Byron Goodman, "by"
W1FGF	Ronnie Gann, "ron"
W1HDD	E. P. Tilton, "ed"
W1ICP	L. G. McCoy, "lew"
W1IKE	Richard L. Baldwin "ike"
W1JEQ	C. V. Chambers, "ve"
W1JMY	J. A. Moskey, "joe"
W1LVQ	John Huntoon, "jh"
W1NJM	George Hart, "geo"
W1QIS	Murray Powell, "mp"
W1TS	D. H. Mix, "don"
W1TUW	David Cabaniss, "dave"
W1UED	Perry Williams, "pw"
W1VG	L. A. Morrow, "pete"
W1VLH	Mason P. Southworth "ms"
W1WPO	R. L. White, "bob"
W1WPR	C. R. Bender, "er"
W1WRV	Edward White, "ed"
W1YYM	Ellen White, "ln"
W1ZDP	Phil Simmons, "phil"
W1ZIF	Kenneth Lanson, "ken"
W1ZIM	Miriam Knapp, "kp"
W1ZJE	Lillian M. Salter, "lil"

K0DDB's dad is a funeral director. The day that K0DDB's ticket arrived he rushed upstairs and put out a CQ. Unfortunately, his message came in loud and clear over the p.a. system downstairs, drowning out the organ music being played during a funeral service!

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The Black Diamond Radio Club has two members named Bennett — one is K8GEP and the other W8GEP.

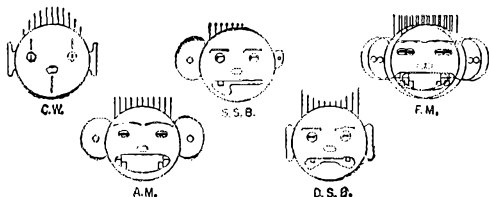


How many of these cards have you been able to collect? As of early this fall, this display represented all of the hams at Headquarters, except for W1CUT. This collection belongs to W1CUT, who succeeded in working all of the other members of the Headquarters staff. It wasn't an easy trick, he tells us, for he had to use all bands from 80 to 2 meters, on phone (a.m. and s.s.b.) and c.w. One contact should have been easy to arrange — W1CIE is Mrs. W1CUT!

Strays

If you have an unusual hobby or occupation (something *really* out of the ordinary), drop a line to ARRL, describing briefly the nature of your livelihood or hobby. For example, K4INN is Flash Gordon, TV wrestler. W1FGF is a Judo instructor. What's odd about *you?*

K6CCT called CQ Ft. Smith, Ark., and raised K5DET. The K6 wanted someone with a phone patch, but K5DET doesn't have one and W5EUQ (also of Ft. Smith and who was standing by) couldn't get his working. K5DET then asked the K6 if he (K5DET) could be patched through to his brother, whose temporary QTH was only five miles away from the K6. However, K6CCT had a phone patch but no phone. Now, if you'll read this through again you'll be as confused as we are!



No explanation needed.

Winzen Research Inc., of Minneapolis, advised us in early November that it was planning a transcontinental manned balloon flight, starting from San Diego about Nov. 15. So, unless the departure was delayed, this word is too late. However, a W1AW bulletin will have brought you the word that one of the crew members is Major Simons, W5ZRZ, who set the recent balloon altitude record at 101,000 feet. W5ZRZ will be working on 3831 kc. for general contacts and for QSOs with Winzen's chief electronics engineer W0SYN.

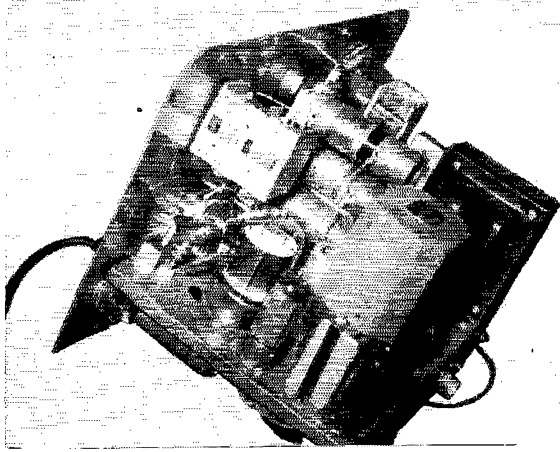
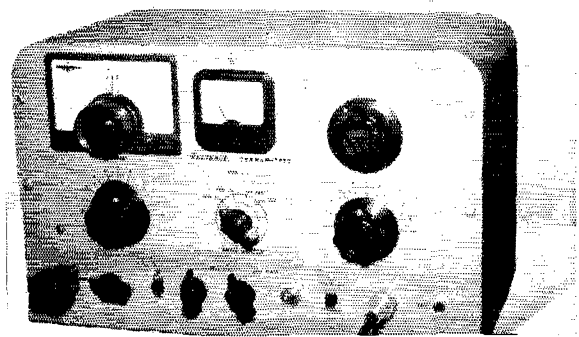
W6VS is the sort of man who likes to take a good thing and make it better. He took a Heath AT-1 kit and modified it to include a neutralized 6146 final, a multiple crystal and v.f.o. switch, an auxiliary filament transformer, a v.f.o., a three-stage speech amplifier, a 5763 Class B modulator, and an antenna relay with receiver silencing circuit. And he did all this without adding anything outboard. The photos show the new W6VX AT-1.



W2RUF (above, left) has been instrumental in helping young Lynn Nichols, KN2DGU, get his Novice license after he suffered a most unfortunate accident last July. Both arms had to be amputated after he came in contact with a high tension line while putting up a ham antenna. The photo above shows some of the hundreds of cards that have been sent to him by sympathetic fellow amateurs. Anyone else who wishes to send him a word of encouragement may do so to 63 Larch Road, Eggertsville, N. Y.

Some ingenious BCL tied a wire for his crystal set onto one end of K2UEJ's 80-meter dipole. The additional 50 feet of wire completely fouled up the loading. K2UEJ figures this character was just practicing up for Hallowe'en!

This'll teach 'em to leave the transmitter door open! W9YCR's transmitter went off the air with a puff of smoke, and investigation showed that a mouse had crept in and got lodged between the plate switch and the push-to-talk switch.



Official Observers

FOR the benefit of the erring amateur the ARRL maintains the Official Observer program. The avowed aim of the OO is to identify and notify the ham of his shortcomings before the FCC does. This can save the amateur a good deal of embarrassment if he takes the notification in the spirit in which it is sent.

Over the past few years I have concentrated on the problem of Novice harmonics. This is probably the greatest problem we amateurs face today in upholding our "self-policing" policy. It is a never-ending one because as soon as the OOs run through one crop of new Novices and start them down the straight-and-narrow, another crop of Novices with still newer calls comes along and the same rat race starts all over again.

If you are interested in doing OO work, here's what to look for and a few suggestions as to what to do. The most fertile band of all is the 7400-7500 kc. segment. Here, assuming normal conditions, one can find at least a few Novice harmonics at any hour of the day. And, unless the OOs are hard at work, the same calls, day after day. Here, on an average winter evening, despite the heavy commercial QRM, one can pick out from 25 to 30 identifiable calls, plus probably an equal number which cannot be positively identified.

Another good band to monitor is 20 meters. (Hunt DX at the same time.) You can watch 14,060 to 14,160 for those who are using 40-meter rocks and *think* they are tripling to 21 Mc., and from 14,300 to 14,600 kc. to catch the 2nd harmonics of the 40-meter Novice and 40 fone gang. You can, of course find harmonics on other bands, but the ones mentioned are the most productive.

It serves no good to notify a ham of his harmonic one night, then notify him of the same one three nights later. However, should you hear him two or three weeks later, another notice is justified. This tells him, in effect, "That didn't work; try again!" Or, "You didn't do anything yet, and I still hear you."

Normally, when working the 40-meter harmonic band (7400-7500 kc.), it is possible to locate a half-dozen readable calls working at once. Since they are Novices, the irregular, uneasy, faltering fists will stand out against the commercials. I normally pick out a few, log their frequencies and start swinging the dial back across until I hear one of them start the inevitable closure, "Nw Bk u OM hw epy AR KNØ — de de KN5 — KKK." I listen on the frequency or within a few kilocycles of it for about 10 seconds to see if his buddy has a harmonic, too. If so, I stick around to confirm his call. It's not good practice to depend on the copying ability of another Novice to identify a new harmonic. If you do, you're in for trouble. In about 10% of the Novice QSOs I hear, one of the stations

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Fellows Who Devote Their Time to Helping You

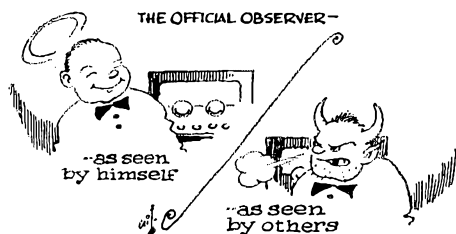
BY DAVIS A. HELTON,* WØPME

at least is sending the other's call incorrectly. (For you Novices, here may be the reason that the fellow in state #17 never replied to your QSL. You may have sent it to the wrong station.) After knocking off this group I shift to the next frequency and see if the "bk to u . . ." has started. If it hasn't, I go on to the next group, and so forth. Due to the slow working speed of the Novices and the greater length of their transmissions, this is quite the easiest method, and, I hope, the most efficient. It is not at all unusual to hear both sides of a QSO. On several occasions last winter I heard half the stations reporting in to one of the Novice nets in this region. I know I had half of them because the NCS had the strongest harmonic signal in here and I could check the others off as he did.

For those of you who wonder how OO cards are delivered when the Novice call is too new for the *Call Book*, ARRL aids the OO by taking these cards and forwarding them when and if they can from their own files. In the case of brand new calls, they may be stumped, too, but I get enough letters from brand-new Novices to know that most of the cards are going through. If it weren't for this help, the OO would often fail to reach the very class of ham that needs the most help.

Although they prove by far the greatest problem, Novices aren't the only villains. Some of

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CONDUCTED BY EDWARD P. TILTON,* WHDQ

IF THERE IS one thing that is guaranteed to raise the temperature of the true v.h.f. enthusiast it is use of the term "all-band" to describe transmitters and receivers that cover 80 through 10 meters. How many amateurs who use the expression so glibly have any conception of the bands that lie beyond the range of their expensive band-switching talk-boxes?

Do they realize, for instance, that our three v.h.f. bands provide more than three times as many kilocycles of high-priority territory than all the bands from 1.8 to 30 Mc. combined? Did they ever stop to think of the potential for future amateur occupancy that the 420-Mc. band holds? Here we have, in one amateur band, more frequency spread than the entire spectrum from d.c. through the top of the 10-meter band! With amateur radio growing the way it is, this is an asset that should not be taken lightly.

Above 1000 Mc., where pressure for more frequencies for services never dreamed of years ago is as high as anywhere in the radio-frequency spectrum, we have 2210 megacycles of amateur assignments. Can you even name our microwave bands, without recourse to the *Handbook* or the *License Manual*?¹ Probably not one ham in a hundred could, but there are people outside of amateur radio who know them well. In fact, there are proposals before FCC right now that would eliminate or seriously cut at least two of these bands.

Are you one of the vast majority of hams who think that we would never miss all the bands above 500 Mc.? Or even 30 Mc.? If you are so inclined, think again. Every indication shows that amateur radio is growing at an ever-increasing rate. We have about four times as many hams as we had before World War II, when congestion in the amateur bands was already reaching intolerable proportions. Where has the new growth gone? Where will the thousands of new hams of years to come turn for space in which to enjoy our hobby?

Much of the postwar increase was absorbed by the v.h.f. bands. We have far more activity on both 50 and 144 Mc. today than ever before, and it is spread much more evenly across the country. The 220- and 420-Mc. bands are also showing significant gains. All these bands are fine beginner's territory, but they became attractive to the newcomer only when a high level of activity was established there, so that the neophyte could find someone to talk to. The Technician Class license was designed to help populate our higher bands, but Technicians will

not and cannot do the job alone.

We have done well enough in all our bands below 500 Mc. so that we can make a good case for retention of them, in the inquiry into frequency usage now being conducted under FCC auspices. The record of amateur pioneering in the world above 50 Mc., particularly in connection with the discovery and exploitation of new forms of long-distance propagation, is one in which we may take some pride.

But how about the bands above 1000 Mc., also currently being subjected to intensive study by FCC, with a view to establishing new and more realistic allocations for the many services now clamoring for frequency assignments there? Fortunately for a generation of amateurs yet to come, we may not have done too badly there, either. In terms of numbers, our employment of the 1215-, 2300, 3300- 5650-, 10,000- and 21,000-Mc. bands has not been impressive — but all those bands have been used for amateur communication, and in most instances rather well.

Look down through the table of DX records reproduced herewith and you'll see that, with the exception of the 5650- and 21,000-Mc.

50 Mc. Opens to Europe—EI, LA and SM Work Ws.

The earliest in the fall it ever happened, the 50-Mc. band opened to Europe Oct. 25. G3COJ heard American 50-Mc. signals on that date, but the first transatlantic 50-Mc. work was done the following morning, when SM5CHH worked W4UMF at 0928 EST. This was the first SM — W 50-Mc. QSO, and the first two-way work across the Atlantic on this solar cycle. K2ITP was worked immediately after. On the 27th SM5CHH worked many Ws on 6, and LA9T joined the fun, for the first contacts between America and Norway on 6. EI2W is worked W2JTE, W2UTH and W8CMS two-way, and numerous European stations were working crossband. Calls heard working American 50-Mc. stations crossband from 28 Mc. included OH5NW, PAØFM, F9BG, G3s COJ F1H FXB IUD IKG XC, G4LX, G4HIQ and G5BD. Commercial signals of European origin were heard in the 50-Mc. band as early as 0642 EST on the 27th, the earliest transatlantic opening on record. The band remained open for nearly 5 hours.

¹Or see Nov. 1957 QST, p. 70.

bands, every amateur assignment has been used for two-way communication over distances in excess of 100 miles. When the nature of equipment available for use on these frequencies is taken into account, this is no mean accomplishment.

An outstanding example of amateur effort in the microwave region is the work of the San Bernardino Microwave Society, whose program and current accomplishments are described else-

where in this issue by W6VIX, one of its founders. It will be seen that while the equipment used by these fellows bears little resemblance to that employed on 3.5 to 30 Mc., it is still true ham gear. Much of it was picked up on the surplus market, but making it serve amateur purposes involved plenty of typical ham improvisations. Take that beer-can "polaplexer" for example. Beer cans, it seems, are good for something other than 40-meter vertical antennas. Look over the mobile microwave station of W6VIX. Bill adapted a house trailer mount for his purposes and equipped it with an 8-foot parabolic reflector. The antenna has gear drives for changing its position in either azimuth or elevation. R.f. units can be changed at will to utilize the various microwave bands. Is this the first "all-band" microwave mobile?

Activity on our microwave bands is no one-shot proposition. It is unlikely that we shall soon reach the point of being able to call CQ and tune the band for answers in many of our microwave assignments, but they are being used effectively and frequently. With the single exception of the 21,000-Mc. band, the DX records have changed hands many times, the distances having been stepped up gradually from a few miles to as much as 190. In several cases the records are well beyond line-of-sight, something we didn't look for in the microwave region. Ham history on lower frequencies is repeating itself.

That history, being written by today's pioneers in the bands above 1000 Mc., may well assume an importance that few of us have accorded it thus far. In 1920 the frequencies above about 2000 kc. were so lightly regarded that hams could roam them at will. In the early '30s everyone looked down his nose at the "useless" frequencies above 30 Mc. Let nobody think that the same mistake will be made about the frequencies above 1000 Mc. Many people want them, and for many purposes, but even now their full potential is far from being realized. There is gold in them thar hills, too, and if we are to live up to our reputation we'd better get about finding it!

We like the punch line in W6VIX's little story: "Please note that our society has nothing whatever to offer hams interested in lower frequencies!" That spirit is a good omen for the future of amateur radio in that vast territory that too many hams have hardly more than heard of!

50-Mc. DX Starts Early

You'd never have been looking for it if you relied on the *CRPL Predictions*, but *F₂*-layer DX generally started earlier this fall than in 1956. Though the predicted m.u.f. for work between the East and West Coasts was only 41 Mc. for October (42 Mc. for November and December), the first transcontinental contacts of the 1957 season were made Oct. 20. The first similar contacts in 1956 were made Nov. 3. South American DX got under way this year early in September; last year's first break was Sept. 30. Nothing has been reported across the North Atlantic as we write, but the first transatlantic work from South America (first ever) was done Sept. 19, when LU3EX in Argentina worked CT3AE, Madeira Islands, around 2215 LU time.

South America continues to enjoy 50-Mc. DX of greater

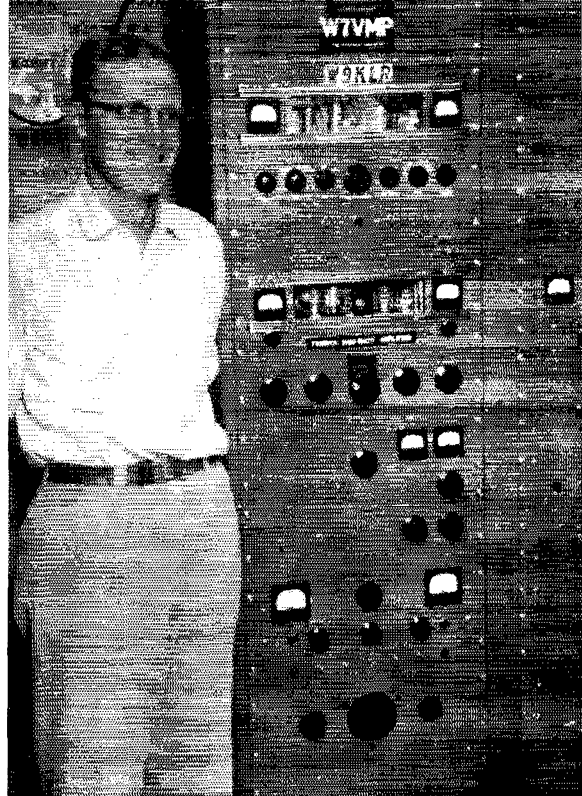


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4 W5AJG	11 W2IDZ	18 W7ERA	25 W8CMS
5 W9ZHL	12 W1LL	19 W3OKU	26 W6MVG
6 W9OCA	13 W6DZM	20 W6TMI	27 W6CNM
7 W6OB	14 W6HVW	21 K6EDX	28 W1VNH

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W2QVH 38	W5VY 43	W8SQU 46	K6RPM 35
K2HRB 37	W5FXN 43	W8HKT 46	K6CLJ 35
K2LTV 37	W5JME 42	W8NQD 45	W6IJR 35
K2YWH 34	W5CVW 41	W8UZ 45	
	W5FAL 41	W8RFP 45	VE3AET 46
W3TFP 47	W5HEZ 41	W8LPD 44	VE1EF 38
W3KKN 45	W5BXA 41	W8HIR 44	VE3AIB 37
W3KMY 44	K5ABW 40	W8WPD 43	VE3BBX 33
W3RUE 42	W5EXZ 38	K8ACC 43	VE1QY 32
W3NKM 41	W5EUQ 38	K8CIC 42	VE2AOM 31
W3MQU 41	K5ABW 38	W8EVH 42	VE3DER 31
W3MXW 41	W5HFF 38	W8YLS 41	VE3RH 30
W30TC 41	K5CYK 38	W8INQ 40	XE1GE 27
W3PFH 40	W5FRK 38	W8PCK 38	CO2ZX 24
W3LFC 40	W5NSJ 36	W8NOH 34	VE1PQ 23
W3AMO 38	W5WZF 33		VE3OJ 22
W3TDF 36	K5AJW 33	W6BRN 48	VE1WL 21
W3JBA 34	W5ZUL 33	W8ZFB 48	CO6WV 21
W3UJQ 32	K5EWB 32	W9QVU 48	VE4HS 20
	W5ZVF 31	W9VZP 37	LU9MA 16
W4EQM 47	W5LFM 26	W9RQM 47	PZ1AE 15
W4FBH 46		W9QJM 47	CO2WL 10
K4DUO 46	W6WNN 48	W9JFP 47	KL7VT 9
W4UMF 46	W6UXN 48	W9AAG 46	J1A1UH 5
W4EQZ 45	W6BAZ 47	W9UIA 45	VQ2PL 5
W4ACZ 45	W6BJI 46	W9UNS 45	

Calls in bold face are holders of special 50 Mc. WAS certificates listed in order of award numbers. Others are based on unverified reports.

proportions than almost any other area of the world, unless it be Japan. LU3EX and LU4FBN raised another new country in FP8AP, French West Africa, Oct. 7, around 2220 LU time. Some idea of what 50-Mc. work is like for the LUs can be drawn from the PRP report of LU3EX for the latter half of September. In five days, he worked ZP5EA, Paraguay, KP4ACH, Puerto Rico, CO2XZ Cuba, CE1AH, Chile, several JAs, XE1GE, Mexico, PY6HT, Brazil, W4KKU, W4BLW and W4GJO. OA4C, Peru, TG9JW,



The broad smile on the face of W9KLR is the result of his having worked State No. 36 on 144 Mc., thus tying with W8KAY in the race for a 144-Mc. WAS. Rig is the "Fenwick Kilowatt" built by W7VMO-P-Q, brought east when the Fenwick triplets enrolled at Purdue University. The powerhouse works into a 64-element array, 85 feet above ground.

Guatemala, YV5BI, Venezuela, PJ2AO, Aruba, T12CV, Costa Rica, and KH6s CCZ NS and PP, Hawaiian Islands. There are 16 countries there, and they do not include LU and CX, both local in category!

No African contacts have been reported by U. S. stations as we write, but K8CUC and K8AHX both heard FP8AC on Oct. 3, at 1118 and 1002 EST, respectively. Here are African countries known to be active on 50 Mc.: Northern and Southern Rhodesia, VQ and ZE, South Africa, ZS, Tanganyika, VQ3, Kenya, VQ4, Uganda, VQ5, Southwest Africa, ZS3, and the FF8 and CT3 already listed.

MP4BBL and MP4BBW, Bahrain Island, and ZC4IP, Cyprus (both count for Asia for WAC purposes) are working crossband from 28 Mc. Transequatorial scatter of amazing reliability is reported by ZC4IP. Working on 28 Mc. he has had daily QSOs with many African 50-Mc. stations, often duplex. His list includes VQ2PL, ZEs 1JN 2JV 2JE 2JK 5JB, ZS3G and ZS5s and ZS8s. This transequatorial scatter peaks around 1700 to 1800 GMT, and seems to work equally well on 28 and 50 Mc. Several African stations report very high m.u.f. for the TE mode, and there is some hope that the 72-Mc. band may be open on peak days. ZE2JV and F9BC, Toulon, France, are reported to be checking for DX possibilities on 72 Mc.

Australian stations, moved out of the 50-Mc. region by the imminence of television in that band, are being allowed to operate on 6 again, where such operation will not cause interference to commercial services. One now working on 6 regularly is VK4NG, who is on 50.24 Mc. for the duration of IGY, barring interference. He is having daily success with Japan. VS6CJ, Hong Kong, is sending in PRP reception reports, and should be on 50 Mc. before this appears in print.

Other DX calls appearing in the PRP file include KZ3JS,

2-METER STANDINGS

U.S.			U.S.		
States	Areas	Miles	States	Areas	Miles
W1REZ	28	8 1080	W5NDE	8	3 520
W1FZJ	21	6 1120	W5FEK	8	2 580
W1KFS	21	7 1150	W5VY	7	3 1200
W1RFU	21	6 1120			
W1AZK	21	6 1150	W6NLZ	9	3 2540
W1HDQ	20	6 1020	W6DNG	7	3 1030
W1AJR	20	6 810	W6WSQ	5	3 1380
W1OAX	19	6 800	W6AJP	5	2 640
W1MMN	18	6 800	W6RRZ	4	2 360
W1IZY	17	6 750	W6PJA	4	3 1380
W1LIZ	17	6 690	W6VZ	3	2 1400
W1BCN	16	5 650	W6BAZ	3	2 400
W1KHL	16	5 540	W6MMU	3	2 388
W1AFO	16	5 810	W6ORS	3	2 365
			W6LSB	2	2 360
W2CXY	34	8 1200	W7VMP	11	5 1280
W2NLY	33	8 1380	W7LEE	6	3 1020
W2ORI	33	8 1200	W7JRC	4	3 1040
W2AZI	28	8 1050	W7LHL	4	2 1050
W2BLV	23	7 1020	W7JIP	4	2 900
K2GGQ	23	6 935	W7JU	4	2 353
K2IEJ	23	7 1060	W7YZD	3	2 240
W2SMX	22	6 905			
W2AMJ	21	6 860	W8KAY	36	8 1020
W2RIR	21	6 890	W8WXV	35	8 1200
W2DWJ	21	6 720	W8LOF	30	8 1060
K2CEH	21	8 910	W8RMH	29	8 800
K2IXJ	21	6 925	W8PT	28	8 985
W2AOC	20	7 770	W8SRW	27	7 850
W2OPQ	20	6 970	W8SFC	26	7 850
W2PAJ	20	6 880	W8LCL	25	8 800
W2CBB	20	6 740	W8LPD	25	8 750
W2UTH	19	7 880	W8DX	25	8 720
W2AZP	19	7 650	W8EHW	24	8 860
W2RGV	19	6 720	W8WRN	24	8 690
W2LHL	18	6 620	W8BA N	23	8 675
W28HT	16	6 650	W8SVL	22	8 725
W2PCQ	16	5 650	W8JWV	22	8 710
			W8LCY	18	7 610
W3RUE	29	8 950	W8EP	18	7 800
W3BGT	28	8 740	W8ZC	17	7 970
W3TDF	27	8 880	W8RWW	17	7 630
W3GRP	27	8 1020			
W38GA	26	6 550			
W3IBH	23	7 650	W9KLR	36	8 1160
W3FPH	21	8 —	W9WOK	32	9 1050
W3KCA	21	7 7 —	W9REM	27	8 850
W3LNA	20	7 720	W9UCH	27	8 750
W3LZD	19	7 720	W9FJ	26	8 850
W3KWL	19	7 740	W9ZIB	26	8 830
W3NKM	19	8 660	W9EQC	26	8 820
W3BNC	18	7 750	W9ZBL	25	8 760
			W9GAB	24	7 1100
W4HHK	33	9 1280	W9EHN	24	7 725
W4HJQ	30	8 825	W9BPV	23	7 1000
W4AO	29	8 1100	W9UJL	22	7 960
W4UMF	26	8 1110	W9KPS	21	7 690
W4LTU	24	8 1160	W9PBP	20	8 820
W4MKJ	24	8 725	W9MUD	19	7 640
W4JJC	22	6 660	W9LFL	19	6 —
W4EQM	21	8 900	W9ALU	18	7 800
W4DWJ	20	6 675	W9JJA	18	6 720
W4OLK	19	6 730	W9MBI	16	7 660
W4TLV	18	7 1000	W9DDG	16	6 700
W4JFV	18	7 850	W8JYL	15	7 560
W4IKZ	18	6 720	W9LEE	15	6 720
W4VLA	17	7 825	W9DSP	15	6 760
W4WNH	17	7 750			
W4CLY	15	5 720	W9IHD	27	7 890
W4ZBU	14	5 800	W9GUD	25	7 1065
W4AIB	14	5 705	K9DOK	22	8 930
W4TOR	14	5 720	W9TGC	20	7 860
W48OP	13	5 680	W9INL	20	6 830
W4CPZ	12	5 650	W9UOP	18	6 —
W4UDQ	11	5 850	W9QNG	17	6 1000
W4MDA	11	5 860	W9SMJ	16	6 1000
W4KCC	10	4 860	W9USQ	14	6 750
W4LNG	9	4 800	W9LES	14	5 —
W4GIS	9	2 335	W9OAC	14	5 725
			W9RYG	14	5 600
W5RCI	30	9 1200	W9QAC	13	5 650
W5DFD	25	6 1300	W9TJF	13	4 —
W5AJG	19	8 1280	W9ZJB	11	4 650
W5JVL	18	6 1150			
W5HEH	15	7 830	VE3DIR	26	8 915
W5MMW	14	5 700	VE3AIB	26	8 910
W5PAC	12	5 1390	VE3BQN	17	7 790
W5ABN	12	5 780	VE3DER	16	5 820
W5PZ	11	4 650	VE3RFP	13	6 715
W5QNL	10	5 1400	VE2AOK	12	5 550
W5CVW	10	5 1180	VE3AQF	11	7 800
W5SWV	10	3 600	VE1QY	11	4 900
W5ML	9	3 700	VE7EJ	2	1 365

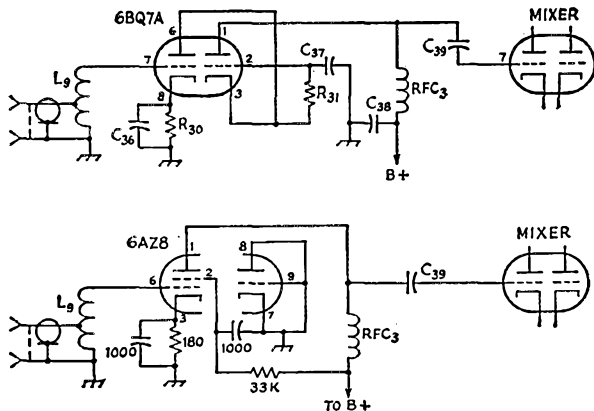


Fig. 1—Circuit changes for converting the 6-meter Communicator to a pentode front end. Upper circuit is the original.

Canal Zone, KL7TOB, Anchorage, Alaska, and representatives of practically all South American countries. Is this the "World Above 50 Mc." or How's DX?"

Just how widely the band was open for east-west DX on Oct. 20 is not known as yet, but here are some contacts reported: K2CBA, Troy, N. Y., and K6RNL, Oakland, Cal.; W4UCH, Sterling, Va., and W6BAZ, Santa Rosa; W6ABN, Long Beach, and VE1EF and W1QCC/VE1. W6NLZ, Palos Verdes Estates, made what may be the first two-way s.s.b. contact on 6 between W6 and VE1 with W1QCC/VE1. W6ABN's QSO was also s.s.b. both ways. VE1EF was also worked by W6BJI, Fresno. The band was open between W1 and W6 again briefly on Oct. 25, around 1130 EST.

Aurora Breaks Out All Over

The aurora of Sept. 22-23 will not soon be forgotten by 2-meter DX enthusiasts. Visible observation of this one was possible in just about every part of the United States, and v.h.f. coverage was the widest on record. Coming as it did near the closing time of the September V.H.F. Party, the aurora found more stations ready for business than perhaps any previous late-evening session. Some reports have it starting as early as 2200 EST, and it ran through the following morning almost unabated.

The visible display was reported as directly overhead south of the Washington area, and 2-meter DX was heard as far south as Orlando, Fla., where W4LTU tried vainly to raise several stations he heard. New Mexico was represented for probably the first time in aurora history, by W5VWU. DX was worked on 50 Mc. as far south as Fresno, Cal., but no 2-meter DX was reported from California, though the aurora was seen as far down as Los Angeles. Could it be wrong polarization in some instances? All aurora DX is worked with horizontal, though vertical would probably work equally well if vertical arrays could be found anywhere else in the country.

W4UMF reports reception of every state east of the Mississippi except Florida, plus Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. W8WXV lists 26 states heard during this one session. W6RYG, Lincoln, Neb., heard signals from as far east as W2BLV, Haddonfield, N. J., and W2OPQ, Amsterdam, N. Y., and as far southwest as W5VWU Albuquerque, N. Mex. W7LHL, Kirkland, Wash., worked W7JLP and W7WSB in Oregon, but could hear no other DX, despite the most brilliant visible display he'd seen since 1947. W8IC, ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director, Denver, heard W9KLR, W4HHK, W0MVG and W5VWU, but could attract no attention. Colorado contacts going begging on 144 Mc.!

Aurora of similar magnitude developed again Sept. 29. K21TP, Riverton, N. J., says that this was the longest continuous session he's seen, running through almost the entire day, from 0000 to 2040 EST. This one is something special, in that it was observed simultaneously in Europe. Aurora openings on 144 Mc. have been rather rare in Europe heretofore, but this one was widely observed. PA0FB reports contacts with G, GM, OZ and SM stations, and he says that HB, GW, ON, DL, GI and F were also active.

G5YV is reported to have worked two Swiss stations. Peak times were 1415 to 1630 and 2245 to 2340 GMT.

Aurora DX was workable in both Europe and this country at the same time, raising the question of the east-west limit of working range. PA0FB is going to concentrate on attempting reception of W and VE signals whenever he hears aurora activity again. On the 29th, at 2040 GMT, he heard an S5 aurora signal signing TF2GD. We have no call-book listing for this station. Does anyone have information on him? Iceland would be a nice haul from Holland, and also a fair indicator of potential DX across the Atlantic. We should not overlook directions east of north during aurora openings, now that we know there will be European activity. Don't forget the RSGB beacon, GB3-IGY, on 145.5 Mc.

Many newcomers to the game have written to ask if there is any way to tell when aurora openings are due. There are many ways. Since aurora outbursts are associated with ionospheric disturbances, you merely have to know when such disturbances are expected. WWV is one source of such information. W1AW is another. Nightly propagation forecasts are given on all amateur bands from 144 to 1.8 Mc. on W1AW, immediately following the usual bulletin transmissions. (See W1AW schedule published regularly in *QST*.) Just listening on lower frequencies gives good clues. If there is a disturbance developing, the frequencies above the broadcast band develop poor transmission characteristics, with weak signals and lots of flutter fading. The 75-meter phone band is an excellent indicator, particularly in the late afternoon, when auroras so often develop. If you hear 75 going to pot, there may be no more than a few minutes time lag before aurora DX begins to show on 50 or 144 Mc.

TV signals provide strong evidence of aurora under certain conditions. If your TV array has any directivity at all, turn it north. If the picture on any of the low channels shows grey streaks, and the audio is distorted, you should be chasing aurora on 50, 144 or 220. Strong aurora reflections are often visible with the TV antenna in any position, particularly if the TV signal is relatively weak under normal conditions.

W3TDF, Langhorne, Pa., has a special method. The telephone company measures earth potential on east-west lines on a 50-mile path. This is an unfailing indicator of aurora, when the reading is more than 8 to 10 volts. On Sept. 13 it reached 90 volts. When it is over 30 an automatic alarm is set off, and this is a good time to go to work on the v.h.f. bands, too. All you need is a friend posted near the alarm system.

Cutting Down Overloading in the 6-Meter Communicator

The front end of the 6-meter Gonset Communicator has a good noise figure, but it is fairly susceptible to overloading from strong local signals. This can be corrected, to a considerable degree, by replacing the dual-triode r.f. amplifier with a single pentode stage. Fortunately, there is a tube

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Hints and Kinks

For the Experimenter



MODIFIED RECEIVER TUNING RATE FOR S.S.B. RECEPTION

IN converting conventional receivers for improved s.s.b. operation, it is desirable to effectively reduce the bandsread tuning range. This is often done by substituting a large diameter knob for the original bandsread control knob. However, in receivers such as the S-40 series, a neater and superior job will result if the bandsread shaft is removed from the set, and the central portion in which the dial cord rides is further reduced in diameter to about 1/16 inch. This is best done on a lathe, or (with care) by placing the shaft in the chuck of an electric drill and using a small flat file, with the drill running. The reduction of shaft diameter decreases the contact area between the shaft and the dial cord, so it may be necessary to wrap the cord around a few extra turns to prevent slippage.

— Richard A. Schomburg, W7WUM

CONTROLLED CHARGE-UP TIME FOR HIGH-VOLTAGE FILTER CAPACITORS

MANY high-voltage supplies using large values of filter capacitance draw a heavy surge of current from the line and through the rectifiers when the supplies are turned on. Should this condition be serious enough to warrant remedy, it may be almost completely eliminated by installing a simple *time-delay* circuit in the supply.

Fig. 1 shows how three time-delay components, C_1 , K_1 and R_1 , are connected into a typical 1000-volt choke-input supply. For the sake of simplicity in the diagram, the primary windings of the transformers and the control switches are not shown. Notice that R_1 is connected between the plate-transformer (T_1) center tap and ground, and that it is in parallel with the contacts of K_1 . K_1 is connected between the bottom end of the bleeder resistor (R_2) and ground and is shunted by the 100- μ f. capacitor, C_1 .

In operation, K_1 does not close until after the

supply has been turned on and C_1 has charged through the bleeder. With the 200-ohm relay and the other supply-components used here at W2LYH, the actual *delay-time* is approximately one half second. With K_1 open, R_1 is effectively in series with the filter capacitors (C_2 and C_3) and, as a result, the capacitors charge at a relatively slow rate. Just as soon as K_1 closes, the limiting resistor is shorted and the supply is back in normal operation.

— R. V. McGraw, W2LYH

[Caution: The bleeder circuit becomes *inoperative* if the relay winding opens up! — Ed.]

SOLDERING TAPS ON SMALL SPACE-WOUND INDUCTORS

IT is always a nerve-racking chore to solder taps on small space-wound inductors without soldering adjacent turns together. Since commercial air-wound coils are widely used, the following hint may be of value to many.

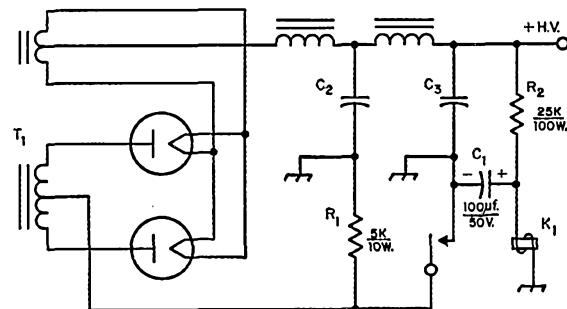
The idea is to isolate the selected turn on which the tap is to be attached. This can be done quite effectively by inserting 1/2-inch wide strips of Reynolds Aluminum Wrap on either side of the tap point. The aluminum foil keeps the solder where you want it, protects the supporting bars by rapid dissipation of heat, and prevents that *messy* appearance that usually goes hand in hand with the operation. The strips can be removed with ease after the solder has hardened.

— Ray Naab, W9GNX

Editor's Note: Although W9GNX got here first with the above hint, we wish to thank Ralph Steinberg, K6GKX, for submitting the idea at a somewhat later date.

USING THE GRID-DIPPER AS A CONELRAD MONITOR

HERE is another conelrad idea that puts a piece of test gear to work almost "full time." I've been using my B & W grid-dipper as an audible/visual conelrad monitor and find that it works



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Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram showing W2LYH's controlled charge-up-time arrangement installed in a typical 1000-volt power supply. K_1 is a s.p.s.t. normally-open relay having a 200-ohm winding.
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quite satisfactorily when tuned to a local broadcast carrier of reasonable strength.

The only work involved in preparing the meter for conelrad operation is the winding of a broadcast-band coil. The tuning range of the meter is not wide enough to cover the complete band, but will cover better than 700 kc. with one swing of the main-tuning dial. An inductor of fair size — both in value and physical shape — is required. A form similar to the now obsolete National type XR-6, having a diameter and winding length of $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, respectively, is ideal for the job after all but two of the prongs have been removed.

The inductor-meter combination used here at W2TJX rides the local 1210-ke. channel for continuous monitoring. It takes only a second to slide up to the 1240-ke. conelrad frequency whenever the shift is warranted.

— Wilbur C. Stevens, W2TJX

(To assist anyone who wishes to try W2TJX's idea, we made some capacitance checks on Barker & Williamson, Heathkit and Millen grid-dip meters. Approximate values of minimum and maximum tuning capacitances for the three meters tested are as follows:

Type	Min. $\mu\text{f.}$	Max. $\mu\text{f.}$
B & W 1600.....	6	55
Heathkit GD-1B.....	8	75
Millen 90651.....	7	50

[From the above, and with the aid of an ARRL Type A "Lightning Calculator," it is a simple matter to determine that any one of the three meters will cover the 700- to 1600-ke. range with a 1-mh. inductor in use. And a few seconds more with the Calculator shows that the 1-mh. coil may be made with 215 turns of No. 32 enameled wire, close-wound to a length of $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches on a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter form. — Ed.]

USING THE BC-459 WITH THE V.H.F. OVERTONE OSCILLATOR

ALTHOUGH USING THE BC-459 (7 to 9 Mc.) as the v.f.o. for a 50-Mc. transmitter may be old stuff to many v.h.f. men, it is possible that some newcomers to the World Above 50 Mc. may not realize how easy it is to couple one of these Command transmitters to the ever-popular overtone crystal oscillator.

Fig. 2 shows the method of coupling a BC-459 to the grid of a triode overtone oscillator. The oscillator portion of the circuit (components to the right of the dashed line) is identical

to that used in simple transmitters described in the V.H.F. Transmitters chapter of recent editions of the Handbook. To the left of the dashed line, we see the coaxial line from the v.f.o., a 220- $\mu\text{f.}$ coupling capacitor and the connections to the transmitter crystal socket. All connections at the transmitter end of the coaxial line should be as short as possible.

One interesting feature of the arrangement is that the overtone circuit takes on an entirely new look merely by replacing the crystal with the v.f.o. connections. The instant that the crystal is removed and a ground connection provided at the crystal socket, the circuit becomes that of a frequency multiplier. In this case the stage becomes a frequency tripler using 8-Mc. excitation for 25-Mc. output. Incidentally, the stages that follow the 12AT7 oscillator are also of Handbook design.

The required v.f.o. range for covering the entire 50-Mc. band is 8.333 to 9 Mc. Stable output throughout this range is obtained here at W9DRY by operating with only 105 volts applied to the oscillator and both the plates and screens of the amplifier tubes of a BC-459. The Heathkit v.f.o. also works well with the arrangement after the 7-Mc. range has been pulled up into the 8-Mc. region, but does not offer the advantage of oscillator-frequency calibration.

— Ray L. Sherwood, W9DRY

NOVEL PUSH-TO-TALK CIRCUIT

IMPULSE or latching relays are a handy means of providing push-to-talk operation without need for holding the talk button down during transmissions. The button, in such applications, is pushed momentarily to turn the transmitter on and pushed momentarily again to turn it off. The main disadvantage of such relays is the price tag, which generally starts at about eight dollars and goes up. However, a simple counting circuit using two surplus relays can be employed to achieve the same end.

Fig. 3 shows the circuit with the two relays energized. Here's how it works: When the button is pushed, K_1 is grounded through the normally-closed contacts of K_2 . When K_1 operates, the transmitter control circuit is completed through contacts K_{1B} and the top end of K_2 is grounded through contacts K_{1A} . Notice that the bottom end of K_2 is permanently grounded and that the return supplied through K_{1A} does not cause the relay to close. Nothing further happens until the push button is released.

Releasing the button removes the ground

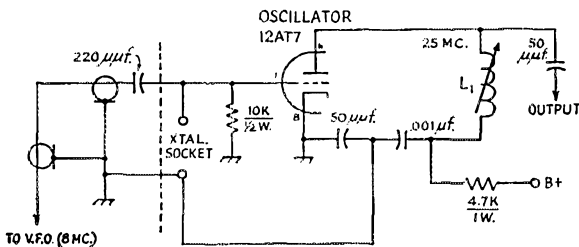


Fig. 2 — Circuit diagram of a v.h.f. overtone oscillator driven by a Command transmitter. W9DRY uses a BC-459 (7 to 9 Mc.) as the v.f.o. and drives a 50-Mc. frequency multiplier with 25-Mc. excitation obtained from the 12AT7. L_1 is 24 turns No. 30 enam. close-wound on a $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch slug-tuned form (National XR-91).

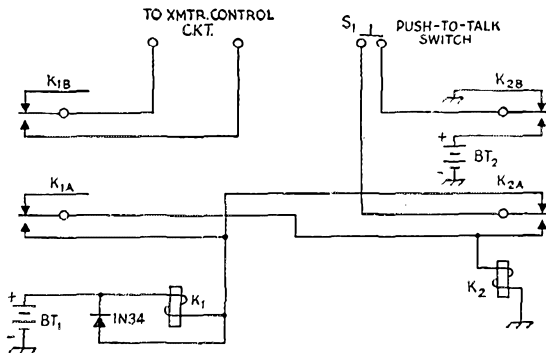


Fig. 3—Schematic diagram of W0LOV's push-to-talk circuit. See text for component specifications. S₁ is the push-to-talk switch or microphone button of the momentary contact type.

from the junction of K₁ and K₂, leaving the two relays in series across battery BT₁. K₂ now operates. Contacts K_{2A} transfer one side of the button to the coil of relay K₂, while contacts K_{2B} connect the other side of the button to battery BT₂. Nothing comes of this since both relays are locked in the "operate" position and the push-button is released.

When the push-button switch is again closed, voltage from BT₂ is applied to both relays through contacts K_{1A}, K_{2A} and K_{2B}. K₂ will "hold," but K₁ will open because it now has plus-voltage at both ends of its solenoid. When the button is released, voltage from BT₂ is removed from K₂, the relay opens and the circuit is ready for another complete cycle.

Proper operation of the circuit necessitates that both relays have the same coil resistance and current rating, and that the supply voltage be twice the rated voltage of a single relay (24 volts for two 12-volt relays, 12 volts for two 6-volt relays). One other requirement is apparent from close examination of the circuit: with the button released after having turned the transmitter on, it is essential that contacts K_{1A} must maintain a voltage path (from BT₁) for K₂ long enough for the current to build up to the point where the resultant voltage drop will hold both relays closed. Should K₁ open before this happens, K_{1A} will remove voltage from K₂ and both relays will open. This means that relay K₁ should have a reasonably long time constant, which most relays have. If both relays drop out after the button is released, the release time of K₁ is too short and the effect can be remedied by connecting a crystal diode across the coil. Also, the spring tension can be reduced for increased "hold" time.

For the purpose of description, it was assumed that d.c. relays would be used. A.c. relays would do just as well as long as the above requirements are met.

— Robert S. McMullen, W0LOV

MODIFIED "LITTLE MONSTER" AUTOMATIC KEY

BEING an ardent "Goat" (an endearing term traffic men know each other by) in the National Traffic System explains why I wish to pass along a suggestion concerning the "Little Monster" automatic key.

The idea is that of eliminating need for the

second winding on the relay for the W1GQJ circuit (*QST*, Nov., 1956). After one of the RN6 operators reported difficulty in winding the second coil—and to make matters worse, the eventual burn-out of same—I decided that a *single-winding* arrangement such as shown in Fig. 4 might appeal to some of the gang.

The circuit uses two type 1N34A crystal diodes, a pair of electrolytic capacitors, a sensitive relay, and a battery supply as did W1GQJ's

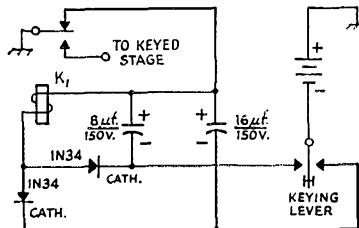


Fig. 4—Schematic diagram of W6IPW's "Little Monster."

circuit. In connecting the components be certain to observe the polarities indicated on the diagram. A surplus BK-35 relay in the 10,000-ohm class works well in the circuit, but other types may be satisfactory after adjustment of the spring tension and contact spacing.

— Gene Dotsin, W6IPW

[Just in case you missed the Stray on page 72, *QST*, December, 1956: Sigma makes several dual-coil relays that may be used in the original "Little Monster." — Ed.]

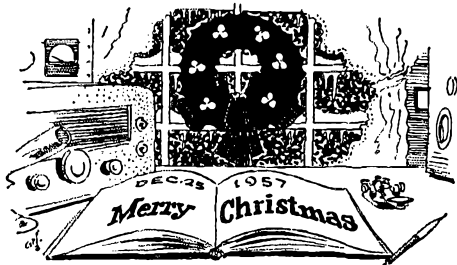
ADAPTER SOCKETS FOR RECEIVING MODIFICATIONS

OWNERS of old receivers using metal or glass tubes sometimes get the urge to replace one or more of the tubes with modern miniature types. The job of changing the sockets can be simplified by using Amphenol 78-A7P or 78-A9P adapter sockets for the 7- or 9-pin miniature tubes. Be sure to ground to the inner retaining ring and the inner shield tube; I ran into serious regeneration and oscillation effects in my HRO-5 until these connections were made.

— William Bringier, K5CSJ

YL News and Views

BY ELEANOR WILSON,* W1QON



YL CLUBS

RESPONSE to the request for information about the various YL clubs, which appeared in the August 1957 column, was very good. For further particulars on any of the clubs listed below, please write directly to the club presidents.

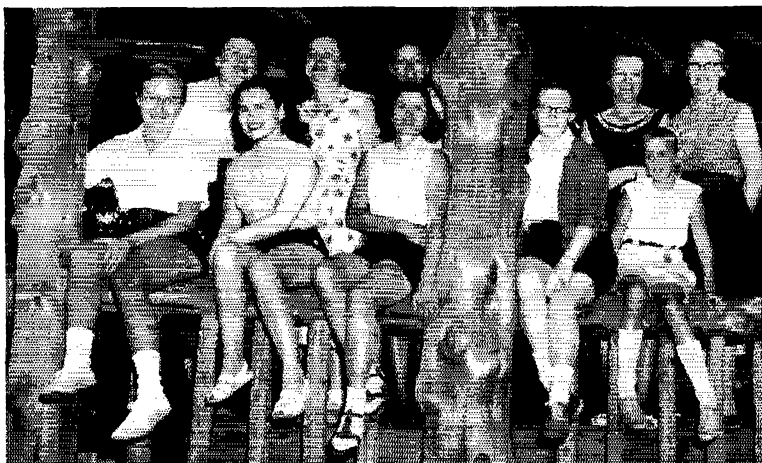
Replies to the query, what is the purpose of your club? were varied and interesting. Generally, however, the purpose of most of the clubs, as set forth in the various constitutions, is to stimulate friendship and cooperation among women amateur radio operators, to develop efficiency in operating, and to promote greater interest in amateur radio. To assist with emergency communications, to participate as a group in various events and activities, and to assist newcomers obtain licenses were additional purposes stated. Certainly all are commendable reasons for forming a club.

*YL Editor. QST. Please send all news notes to W1QON's home address: 318 Fisher St., Walpole, Mass.

The spirit of enthusiasm and helpfulness and friendliness underlying all of the clubs is reflected in the words of the President of the Texas YL Round-Up Net, Doris Anderson, K5BNQ: "We do feel that we give the newly-licensed YLs a warm welcome to the air and an indoctrination into this wonderful hobby of amateur radio. All too often the OMs, after coaching, coaxing, and coercing their XYLs into getting their licenses, relax the moment the licenses arrive and leave the poor girls feeling bewildered and wondering what they are going to do with said licenses. We take them from there. The girls are invited to check into the net and to meet other women with similar interests. Thursday is the day we just drop everything and get together and visit on the air. We have a wonderful time, get to know each other, and learn a little bit about operating procedure, we hope."

International

Young Ladies Radio League — organized 1939;



All of the YL clubs schedule at least one "social" a year, formal or informal. The annual outing of the Rhode Island Young Ladies Radio Club calls for casual clothes, preferably shorts. Here are ten of the eighteen club members who enjoyed a full day of ragchewing at a Lincoln Woods, R. I. picnic site: (front row, l. to r.) W1s VXC, WED, KN1???, WIZOK, KN1CBK; (back row) W1s CEW, JHY, KN1AAK, WN1OTI and WN1JJH.

has a number of affiliated clubs; approximately 600 members, all licensed women amateurs, including novices; dues \$2.00 per year; Pres. for 1958 — Beth Taylor, W7NJS, Manzanita, Oregon; publishes *YL Harmonics* bi-monthly; sponsors YL-OM Contest and YLRL Anniversary Party annually; conducts phone and c.w. nets (see complete schedule); issues YL-WAS, YL-WAC, and YLCC certificates; sponsors international YL conventions.

YLRL Nets

Here is the new schedule of nets registered with the YLRL for the 1957-58 term. Please address inquiries direct to Vice President Kay Anderson, W4BLR, 5210 Raleigh Road, Richmond, Virginia.

PHONE

Freq. (kc.)	Day	Time	NCS
3980	Mon.	3:00 P.M. PST	W7HHH Monday YL Net
3900	Tues.	8:30 A.M. EST	K4CZP Blue Ridge Net
3838	Tues.	9:00 A.M. EST	W0KJZ Pi-Net
3900	Wed.	8:30 A.M. EST	WITRE Yankee Lassies
3900	Wed.	9:30 A.M. EST	W8ATB
3915	Wed.	9:00 A.M. PST	W6PJF Ironing Board Net
7215	Thurs.	9:00 A.M. EST	W3UUG Friendly Forty
14,240	Thurs.	2:00 P.M. EST	W0RUV Tangle Net
21,390	Fri.	2:30 P.M. EST	KZ5VR Cross Country Net
23,800	Mon.	8:00 P.M. EST	W1RLQ
29,000	Tues.	1:00 P.M. EST	K6EXQ Hair Pin Net

C.W.

3610 Wed. 9:00 P.M. EST W1YPH East Coast YL Net

East

Women Radio Operators of New England — organized 1955; approximately 60 licensed members; meets two or three times annually; dues \$1.00; Executive Committee: Barbara Harrington, WITRE, Haverhill Rd., Topsfield, Mass., Chairman; W1s QON, RYJ, SVN, VOS, members; conducts net Mon. 8:00 P.M. EST 28,800 kc., W1RLQ NCS; Wed. 8:30 A.M. EST 3900 kc., WITRE NCS.

Rhode Island Young Ladies Radio Club — organized 1955; approximately 16 licensed members; meets four times annually; 50¢ dues; Pres. Mary Hinterland, W1CEW, 187 Garden St., Cranston, R. I.; conducts R. I. YL C.W. Net Wed. 1:30 P.M. EST 3743 kc., W1VXC NCS; also Two Meter Phone Net Thurs. 8:00 P.M. 145.3 Mc., W1WPX NCS; issues R. I. YLRC certificate.

New York City Young Ladies Radio League — a YLRL affiliate; reorganized 1942; 21 licensed members; meets once a month; dues \$1.00; Pres. Ruth Kalish, W21GA, Wingate Rd., Parsippany, N. J.

Penn-Jersey YL Club — organized 1956; approximately 21 members; meetings the second Friday each month; dues \$2.50; Pres. Evelyn Wikoff, W4VCB/3, 941 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Washington Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club — organized 1955; YLRL affiliated; approximately 20 licensed members; meets bi-monthly, the second Saturday, at Rector's Restaurant, Washington, D. C.; dues \$1.00; Pres. Irene Akers, W3RXJ, 5943 St. Clair Drive, Washington, D. C.; a member of The Foundation of Radio Amateur Clubs, Inc. of the Washington area; sponsors YL programs at local hamfests and conventions.

Georgia Peaches — organized 1957; 17 licensed members; dues \$1.00; Pres. Peggy Butterfield, K4KKR, 2203 Terry Mill Rd., Atlanta, Ga.; club net meets Thurs. at 9:00 A.M. EST, 3935 kc.; all YLs invited to check into the net altho only YLs residing in Georgia are eligible for club membership; offers Georgia Peach YL Certificate to YLs and OMs.

St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club YLs — organized 1954; a YLRL affiliate; meets first Wednesday each month; 14 members; Pres. Catherine Seeds, W4BAV, 829 21st Ave. North, St. Petersburg; dues \$1.50; conducts Bustle Net Fri. on 29,000 kc.; sponsors foreign YLs.

Floridora YLs — organized 1957; dues \$1.00; Pres. Fran Foley, W4BIL, 3726 19th St. North, St. Petersburg; conducts net Mon. at 9:00 A.M. EST on 7225 kc. and c.w. net Wed. at 2:00 P.M. EST on 7104 kc.; offers Floridora YL certificate.



Kay Anderson, W4BLR, of Richmond, Virginia, is the new Vice President of the YLRL for 1958. Licensed in 1953, Kay was YLRL fourth district chairman in 1955 and 56. Her certificates include an A-1 Op., CPC-30, and YLCC/150. Kay and her OM W4BVB have four jr. ops, ages 8, 7, 6, and 2.

Mid-West

Ladies Amateur Radio Klub — organized 1952; a YLRL affiliate; meets first Wed. monthly at Austin YMCA, Chicago; dues \$3.00 for active members, \$2.00 for out-of-state members; 44 members; Pres. Evelyn Tibbits, 1329 Walnut St., Western Springs, Ill.; conducts phone net Fri. at 10:00 P.M. CDST, 29,640 kc. and c.w. net Wed. at 1:00 P.M. CDST, 3750 kc.; issues LARK certificate; publishes *Pin-Feathers* newspaper monthly; participates in RACES; conducts code and theory classes for beginners.

Chicago Young Ladies Radio League — a YLRL affiliate; organized 1953; 16 members; meets fourth Saturday monthly at Club room, 4222 West Foster Ave., Chicago; dues \$1.00; Pres. June Todd, K9CQF, 601 Elsie Drive, Melrose Park, Ill.; assists prospective amateurs; operates club station W9DEQ; publishes *Queen's Key*.

During the annual training period of the National Guard three Vermont YLs maintained daily contact with an amateur station at Camp Drum, New York. Handling personal messages between guardsmen and their families were Muriel Moreau, W1KDY, Marlene Preston, W1DAP, and Marion Lauzon, W1CMT (left to right in the picture). The girls plan a repeat of their activities next year. Photo courtesy Burlington Free Press and W1KJG.



Hoosier Amateur Woman's Klub — organized 1957; a YLRL affiliate; approximately 10 members, Pres. Adah Elliott, W9RTH, 721 Centennial St., Seymour, Indiana.

North Star Young Ladies Club — organized 1955; 14 members; meets second Tuesday monthly at members' homes; Pres. Nell Coil, W0MSW, 1664 Thomas Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; conducts Pi-Net Tues. 9:00 A.M. CST, 3838 kc., W0KJZ NCS.

Texas

Texas YL Round-Up Net — organized 1954; 77 net members; dues \$1.00; Pres. Doris Anderson, K5BNQ, 509 East Elgin, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; meets on air each Thurs. at 8:00 A.M. CST, 3880 kc. and at 10:00 A.M. CST, 7235 kc. with K5BNQ, NCS; conducts annual get-together in November; requirement for membership is five consecutive check-ins to one of nets.

Women Ham Operators of Texas (Dallas) — organized 1956; meets second Friday monthly at members' homes; dues \$1.00; Pres. Hazel Thompson, W5KEC, 7018 Pasadena, Dallas; active in local C. D. and RACES programs.

Women Ham Operators (Ft. Worth) — organized 1957. (Information incomplete.)



Jeanne Pavek, W9OMZ, was awarded her DXCC certificate at the recent National Convention by W1WPO of ARRL Hq. W9OMZ, whose OM is W9FDX and quite a DXer himself, is the only gal in Wisconsin to make DXCC.

West

Portland Roses — organized 1955; approximately 11 members; meets first Monday monthly at members' homes; dues \$1.00; Pres. Jean Lucas, W7SPC, 708 S. W. Maplecrest Court, Portland, Oregon; conducts local get-togethers.

Young Ladies Radio Club of San Francisco — a YLRL affiliate; organized 1954; approximately 25 members; dues \$4.00 annually, pro-rated quarterly; meets third Friday monthly at members' homes; Pres. Kathleen, MacGillivray, K6HIW, 2183 44th Ave., San Francisco; conducts classes for beginners.

Los Angeles Young Ladies Radio Club — a YLRL affiliate; organized 1946; approximately 75 licensed members; meets second Saturday monthly at Schabers Cafeteria, 720 S. Hill St., Los Angeles; dues \$2.00; Pres. Gladys Eastman, W6DXI, 735 Glen Ave., Glendale, Calif.; issues Lads 'N Lassies Certificate; sponsors annual YL-OM Valentine Dinner; club net meets Wed. at 7:00 p.m. PST on 146.1 Mc.

Young Ladies Radio Club of San Diego — a YLRL affiliate; organized 1947; approximately ten members.

Alaska and So. Africa

Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska — organized 1955; meets monthly at members' homes; dues \$1.00; 24 members, with membership restricted to Alaskan YLs; Pres. Geraldine Nichols, KL7ALZ, The Alaska Railroad, Anchorage; offers certificate to all amateurs.

South African Women's Radio Club — organized 1952; approximately 100 members; Pres. Pat Woodland, ZS1MU, QRZ, Tiberton Rd., Plumstead, C.P.; publishes *YL Beam* bi-monthly; conducts nets; issues Worked ZS YL certificate; welcomes overseas members.

KEEPING UP WITH THE GIRLS

The 20 meter YL SSBandettes have resumed their net at 10:30 A.M. EST on 14,269 kc. W8RIR says that if sufficient interest is expressed in an afternoon net, one will be started. . . . OM JABAA looks particularly for YLs on 14,080 kc. daily at 1500 GMT. Takeo has worked 47 YLs in the past few months (item via K6DV). . . . Lenore, W6NAZ, whiled away a slow trip by freighter to KH6 land and back by taking a few turns as the ship's radio operator. . . . While dashing to the transmitter to answer an unexpected call on 75, K5DVE, Lou, collided with a chair in her trailer and broke a toe. . . . OM W4ZMC has WAC-YL certificate No. 93. . . . Evelyn, W6NZP, and her OM left Sept. 17th for Samoa, where they expect to operate 20 meters for two or three months with a K56 call. . . . W6UHA, assisted by K6BUS and W6AKE, entertained travelers Prince Talal, HZ1TA, and his wife, Princess Mona, of Saudi Arabia, at a luncheon at her home. Maxine reports that her guests were "most interesting and very keen about amateur radio". . . . W5SNL, Fran, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was voted the title "Mrs. Ardmore of 1957" in the Mrs. America contest. . . . Graduates of W9SJR's code and theory classes presented Bernice with an engraved charm bracelet as a token of their appreciation. . . . EX-XE1MM, Marina Marquez, has moved from Vera Cruz, Mexico, to Chicago. . . . From the 15th of October to the middle of January 1958, W6GAI expects to be operating maritime mobile aboard the S.S. Flying Enterprise II, commanded by W2ZXM, Captain Kurt Carlsen, during an around the world cruise. Fran promises to QSL 100%. . . . In September KN9JEC left for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to assume a post on the staff of the U. S. Embassy there. Barbara reported to Ed Collins of QST that Haile Selassie's government encourages amateur radio, and she expects to use a Collins KWM-1 for numerous QSOs. . . . Wedding bells chimed recently for W5CXM, Phyllis, and W5HUX, Don. Ushers at the ceremony were W5HTS and W5VWF, with K5CUY as best man. The guest list included YLs K5ALF, K5BJU, and W5ZPD. . . . We regret to report the death by automobile accident of Mrs. Nettie Grady, KN6VCC, of Hemet, California. A picture of KN6VCC, who was 81 years old, appeared in the May 1957 column.

NEW BOOK

Isle Royale Calling by Helen H. Cloutier, W8GJX. Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. 215 pages, 5½ by 8 inches, cloth cover. Price, \$2.75.

This novel should appeal to teen-agers, particularly boys. It follows the publication a few years ago of the author's other teen-age novel designed primarily for girls, *Sim Barton Calls C.Q.* Action and humor enliven the story of a Forest Ranger and his three young sons who share interesting experiences in the lonely wilderness of Isle Royale in Michigan. Seventeen-year-old Jim St. Cyr encounters kind but firm parental opposition to his plans to carry his hobby of amateur radio over into a future career.

For her tale, the author draws upon twenty-seven years of experience as an amateur radio operator herself. Licensed in 1929 she became the first woman member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association in 1954. She operates phone and c.w. on several bands, fixed and mobile, from her home in Escanaba, Michigan.

A free-lance writer and photographer, Helen Cloutier has published a variety of articles and has engaged in several

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How's DX?



CONDUCTED BY ROD NEWKIRK,* W9BRD

Whew:

What a year *this* has been! Man-made moons, a sunspot record, Asian flu, Milwaukee's Braves—what next? . . .

Hamdom's happy wanderers, the DXpeditioners, must be captivated by volcanic Azores fireworks which began September 29. Well covered in the daily press, a brand new island was born almost overnight near Fayal. Not a bad radio location, either, after things cool off; the newcomer already is some 150 feet above sea level.

Just another chunk of CT2, this one, but such geological outcroppings occur in other regions from time to time. One of these days we may have a truly *new* one for the List—hi! The Azores, by the way, aren't far from the guestimated vicinity of Plato's Lost Atlantis. With terra not so firma lately we'd better keep an eye on the place.

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JT1AA makes the largest Mongolian noise since Genghis Khan rode out after DXCC some 750 years ago, so far as DX men are concerned. This station's activation appears to leave Wrangel Island and the Aldabras as the least-worked entities on your ARRL DXCC Countries List. Wrangel QSO possibilities exist; the island is known to be the site of U.S.S.R. meteorological studies. The Aldabras? A different matter.

Cocos Island has its treasure lure, Nepal has its growing tourist trade, and the Vatican has its hopeful accessibility. The Aldabras, however, have nothing to attract attention but the academic significance of unusual geology, flora and fauna. The first DXpedition to reach the place will find an atoll of reddish hue whose vitrified coral limestone sings when walked upon, a flock of strange giant turtles and a wealth of peculiar birds. So disregarded are the Aldabras that their generally accepted population figure of 101 natives derives from a census taken over 25 years ago.

DXpedition departure date, anyone?

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Time not only flies — it goes *pf!* The caboose of this particular DX digest confirms that Jeeves and his current sidekick now enter their second decade of monthly "How's" perpetrations. (If we had to sit right down and dream up those 120 cartoon plots all over again — yikes!)

Glancing back a bit, we discern with little pride our biggest booboo: running a pictorial eulogy of DXdom's foxiest hoax, PX1A. (Remember? He was finally triangulated and brought

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to book in Mexico.) W1CJD's most provocative Jeevesie: the guywire-splice deal in December 1949 *QST*. (No one seemed to care whether or not the poor guy escaped alive, but more than a few inquirers demanded to know how he got into such a fix in the first place.)

Ah well, *nil desperandum*, Jeeves. The first fifty years are the rough ones, they say. Lead on, DX! . . .

What:

The world-wide DX crowd periodically turned s.w.l. under the spell of that celebrated October-launched Muscovite moon. And what a switch to hear some rare DX without a pile-up! For the record, W9JJN hit the "How's" desk first with reports of satellite reception shortly after the beans were spilled. And if you have a fine radio location like W1EKU's quiet Vermont QTH you might have logged "Sput" all the way around its orbit as Vern did more than once (20 Mc.). Good sport! *Now* how about a space job remotely keyed for cross-band two-ways? . . . Between those thrilling 20- and 40-Mc. listening stints the gang managed a smattering of somewhat less spectacular terrestrial DX. First let's check booming

10 phone, whereon antennas are short and the skip is long. Check-off lists are delightfully long, too. For examples, *W1ECH*: CN2AK, CR7IT, GD3UB, HP3FL, SV0WP, 4X4FV, 5A1ITJ 4TT on a new 4-element Gotham. *W2EKU*: DU6IV, HA5DG (28,550) 1 GMT, KA7LB, KH6CV/KW6, UA1BE, UB5 FG UW, VP8BM (425) 21 of Grahamland, VQ6ST (350-450) 12-14, ZC4IP, ZD4s CH CN; heard CT3AN, VR1A (450) 11. *W1PWK*: dates the season's first real 28-Mc. breakthrough as early September; since then several WACs, GC2RS, KA2KS, HI7LMQ, IS1ZDT, SV0VS VQ4ASC, 5A3TH were worked; GR5AC, FF8AP, KA5CM, LX1DC, MP4BBL, VQ2GR, VR2BC, UC2KAB, ZD3BFC were heard. *W2VCZ*: EA8BF (255), OE1BB, SV0WQ, UB5KAA (501) YU1AG (330), UA UC2. *K2BZT*: EA8AI 14, OQ5BK 22, VQ4AQ 20, 4X4IX 15, GD UA UB5, Crete. *W3LUD*: KL7BXS, *W4VH*: ZB1BQ (380) 12, ZC4JU (310) 11, *loses* those 28-Mc. morning sessions. *W4YQB*: leaped to 94/69 via EL2F, FA3OA, HE9LAA, IT1SMO, KG1CH, OQ5AG, TP2WCK, VQ4EF VQ5GJ, ZS8I, PQ8 UC2 VQ6 ZC4, Crete, uses Viking II and 4-el. spinner. *W5ERY*: CT3AE, KA2JO, KG6NAC, KJ6BU, KX6AF, PI1RRS in



Holland, VP8 8BF of Grahamland, 9DM, YU1FC, 4X4CW, HA HE LX UC2 Z8S, Crete, W6ZZ: HC2AGI, KR6BH, numerous VKs. K6SRZ: KX6, W9PTL, EA8CC, FO8AC, HC7WK, KW6CA, VE8PB, VQ4RF, U9JCN, ZE6JY, 5A5TE, FP8 HE KA LX on DX-100 and 4-el. rotary for 70 worked. K9GZK: KX6, W0ETV: CN8FV, EA9AZ, HP2TP, KG4AL, CN2 FP 8 5A all 15-17 for a 90/65 total. W0QGI: Z8S, K6ZY: HP2ON, VP6s UN US, YN1MAC.

10 c.w.'s tide is in for sure. W1ECH: OA8B, OQ5GU, UA1AU, W1PWK: CX9AJ, F9QV/FC, FA8JO, HA5s AM BW, LZ1WD, UA3AC, 4X4IH; heard CR7LU, FA8RJ, F88AJ, VS9s AG AI, K2BZT: CR6AI (50) 14, VQ2RG (111) 15, CR7, K6QHC: JA3AB, UQ2AF, Z8S, W7DJU, VP7NM, W8GKB: CR6CS, OK1KCF, W8IBX: OA4BP, ZL4MK, CN8 JA, K9GZK: YQ2KAB, EI, W0ETV: JA1CO, OQ5RU, SPs 2AP 8CK, UAs 1AU 1DZ 3AC, VP7NO, Y08MS, YU2DU, 3V8AB, F8 CR7, Crete, has Viking I and 3-el. beam. K0BQM: CX ZS, Euros, heard FO8AC, K6GZY: CN8CR, GE4AD, DM3s KCI KML, HA5DU, SPs 2EQ 6EG, CR7 OA OE YU Z8s to near the 50 mark.

15 phone tidings are at flood stage, too. Reversing the line-up, first K6GJD: HC1s OW RY, HIs 7LMQ 8RM, HP1LO, KG1HL, TI2RLA, YV5FR, 5A1TA, reached 73/52, W9FPZ: EL2F, K9GZK: CE3AE, CN8DT, VP5RS, W6ZZ: VKs 2AKV 3A1Z 4TN, ZK1BS, ZLs 1HA 2AHZ 4HE 4KE, K6KYH: GE2HX, K66BH, OA4DZ, PJ2AP, 3V2RC 6, YN1JW 4, now 72/43, K6SRZ: W6NZV/MM on the Pacific-plying *Ludine*. W4HKJ: F88AR, W4IIV: nifties VQ6ST (210) 7, long-path ZD6RT (230) 16, W4ZMC: two-way a.s.b. with CX5AF, KA2MA, KC4USW, KR6DR, K0HJK/KL7, VP2AZ, ZL3IA, K4HQD: HI7LS, KGs 1CB (340) 18, 1JA 4AM, OQ5HM (240) 21, SV0FR, VP6ZX, ZD4BV (200) 21, has all continents on phone with his 50-watter. K4KHG: CN8 OY, W3LUD: VP6US, K2IVB: CN8s GS CX, W2SIL/EL, YN1CJ, 4X4FQ, 5A5TV, VP6: nailed W5EMB, K2SEX and K8EPH all slant-V01 up north. K2SIF: tried his DX-100 and new beam on VP6 2GC 7NM 9DM, 5A1TA and F88AR, HR1JH: CN2AK (375), HC2s AF KU, ZP5CF (230), KL7CDF: gorgeous VS4JT.

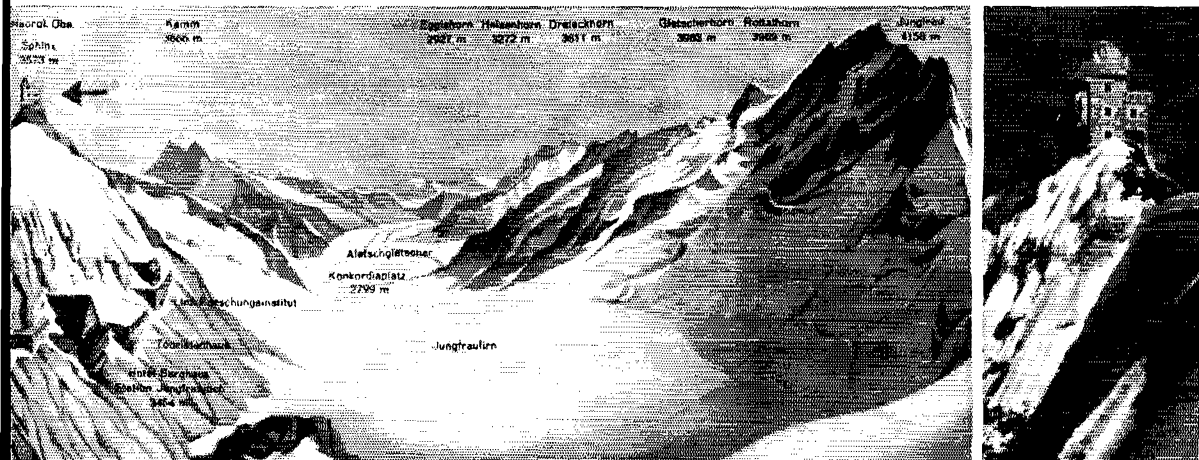
15 c.w. sees almost everybody getting into the act, and W6RZS says that "Fifteen opens up like a hungry clam" out his way. Around the circuit we find, at W0QGI: Crete's SV0WQ for No. 196 via his single-2E26 final. W0WHF: CR4AS, EA8BF, FE8AH, FQ8AG and curious VR6EC for 108 bagged. K0DMY: cleaned up on CR6AI, EA9BK, F9QV, FC, ET2US, KG6IG of the Bonins, OX3AY, TF3SG, UA9CR, UO5AA, VRI1A, ZS3AG, EA8 VR6 UAs UB5s to make it 118. K6GJD: GD4VH, HA5BW, OQ5GU, VQ4CC, Y03RF, 9S4CM, ET2, W9FPZ: CN2AQ, SV0WP, 4X4FR, K9GZK: CXs 1FB 2FD, F2BV (just France), HA8WS, OA4FA, OY1R, SPs 1KAA 3PI, 5KAD, TI2LA, W7ZCZ, KL7, WH6CIZ, YU3ET, 9S4CH, finds 17-18 GMT period frightfully fruitful. K9HCP: WH6CCK, Europeans. W8CSK: hit 51/21 on CE2s 2DH 3RE, CN8JX, YU2DU, ZLs 1MQ 2GS 4BO, W8IBX: OE8KI, UA9CM, W8YGR: F2AN, HC1RY c.w.-to-phone, HE9LAC, OE6HV, SPs 2CX 6EG, UA1DH (55), UB5UW (10), ZB1BJ (60), ZL1FS, CE VP2, W7GYR: JA7AD, LA1K, W7YAQ: DM2ABE, PJ2ME (40) 1, SM1BBSA (30) 21 for Sweden certification, SP5AA, SV0WY (15) 19, UA01F (50) 3, VQ4GR (90) 21, CN2 CX PD8 ZS, W6RZS: PJ5AA (see "Whence"), XW8AG, GD, Crete, Liechtenstein, W0UQF: UA0 KFG 2, W6ZZ: DU7SV, SP, K6QHC: JA2UW, KW6CA, K6SRZ: JA, W4GSI: 77/46, thanks to GD3FXN, SP8CK, TF

UO5 9S4 and other Euros, now QRL with college chors. W4HKJ: FC FP8 UO5, K4DRO: CE9AE of Chilean Antarctica, VQ2RG, UA1 SP ZS, Aland, K4HMS: OA4IGY, OE5 5GD 6HV, PZ1AQ, UA9CM, ZL2PG, CN2 SP, Aland, K4HQD: OA4FU (75) 3, VK3TX, ZL1NX, GD, heard UA6KOB (25) 18, K4IEJ: F2BC (125) 21 claiming QTH as Corsica, W3GRO: DM2AMN, OA4EY (30) 18, OE5PV, UA4KCE (29) 17, VE8MA, YV5HR (100) 16, OA SP for 44/27, W3LUD: concentrates on 21 Mc, because of such game as CN8FM, SP6KBE, SV1AB, TF3KG, VE8OW, ZG1P, 4X4IM, 9S4DL, CE KW6 PJ HE VQ2 and Crete, likes new triband quad, W3WPG: CP1CJ (57) 20, plus Crete, K2PTS: HA5BW, ZS6AJO, GD, K2RQC: FA9VJ, VP6GC, K2SIF: HA1KSA, HI7LMO, UAs 1AW 0SK, UC2CB, ZB1CR, ZD1PW, 4X410, HE SP, K2UPD: FA3OA, HA5KBP, LZ1KPZ, OQ5EH, PJ2ME, UB5KIA, UQ2AS, UR2AM, 3V8CX, 5A2TY, CE OH0 SP UC2 VP2, Crete, W1ETV: DU6IV, SP6KA, UG2AX, UR2KCA, 9S4CH, DM OA UB5, EA9EH, HR1JH: KG4AI (65), J1ER: three dozen Yanks in all W/K call areas, JA1CO, VK3ZM, KL7BPK: CE LU and PY, a tough path from Alaska, KL7CDF: CX6CM.

15 Novice competitors look forward to a DXtraordinary Christmas school vacation on 15 but those books come first. Anyway, KN1CCA's Adventurer and SX-99 caught up with HB9CQ, PA0ZV, SM5DX, UO5AA and other Continentals. . . . WN2HSG's first long-haul trophy is WP4AIL. . . . "I'm now all-out for DX!" . . . KN2UPD (now N-less) collected EA8BF, GM3KDT, HB9s J and K, SP6KBE, UA1s BE DZ KAP, YU 1AG 3KS and Z6EJY to make it 48 Novice countries. . . . DM2ACM, KL7FAR, WP4AKP, YV 2AM and 5HL bounced back to the 25-watter and 40-meter doublet of KN3AXR. . . . KN5AGQ (now K5AGQ) clicked with CE3s DZ RE, HC1LE, KH6A1K/KG6, KZ5KK, VKs 2AM 2QL 3TX 7CH, XE1RM, WH6BXZ, ZLs 1APM 2PG and 3AB. That ZL1APM certainly gets a kick from the WN/KN trade. . . . From W2EQS (FP8AS): "Trying desperately to scrounge up just a few more contacts to make it an even 800 I even QSY'd down into the 15-meter Novice band to answer a CQ by WN3KJN. I imagine he's still getting over the shock of having a rather rare DX station QSY to his frequency and call him! He happened to be the only signal coming through on any band at the time." Get that man's antenna!

20 c.w., the DX world's amazing amalgam of Times Square, the Rose Bowl and the U.N. General Assembly, turns temperamental after fulfilling its fall promise. Our Canadian confederates commence the roll call with VE1PQ: JT1AA (60) 0, one MP4KAC (320) 23, UJ8AG (25) 1, UPOL6 (75) 11, VK9XK (70) 11, VR4CW (15) 10, VU2CK (45) 1, 4X4DH (50) 0, hears HL2AM (35) 10, made it 200/173, VE8EGG: GD3UB, SP2BE, VP9DB, VE8OJ: EA8BF, FB8XX, FF8AC, FK8AS, TI2WR, UN1AE, VS2DW (no change in DXCC List status by the way), ZK2AD, ZM6AS, ZP5AW, 9S4AZ, had fun in U.S./Canada Contest, W1BDI: FY7YE (70) 22-23, 3V8CY (80), Crete, W1DBA: CE9AE (20) 1, DM3KEN (45) 23-0, ZL1s AH KPZ, OX3DL (60) 1, PJ2SA (50) 2, SPs 5GX 9EU, SV0WZ (40) 20, TF3AB (40) 20, UA8 1CC 10E 6UG 9OK (40) 2, UQ2s AH (60) 22, BA (20) 23, VP6AF (15) 23, 4X4II (35) 1, only 12 prints short of DXCC, W2HAM: UI8s KAA (70) 2-3, KAE (42) 3-4, UJ8AF (87) 12, UN1AA (109) 3-4, Vs8s 1JF (15) 11, 2EV (24) 11, VU2CR (73) 11-12, ZD4CM (28) 21, ZKs 1AS (56) 9-10, 2AD (45) 20, ZM6AS (155) 9-10, now 239 verified, awaits JT1 pasteborder, W2KAN: HA5BZ (90) 7, K2BZT: nice bag in CR6AI (21) 21, FQ8AP (88) 3, HE9LAC (5) 3,

Our QTH of the month—and there's certainly something DXotic about Valais canton in Switzerland's majestic Alps. HB9CZ thinks so, too, for he regularly sets up HB1CZ/vs in the Sphinx observatory (arrow and right) at the 11,723-foot level of craggy Jungfraujoch. In this year's May Helvetia-22 DX contest Hans scored 209 contacts, including 100 W/K QSOs, from this location using the neat 7-watt portable outfit pictured on page 67 of your November 1956 QST. (Pictures via W1BDI and W3GHS)



JA3AF (68) 22, KA3JL (40) 11, KW6CA (10) 12, MP4BBE (6) 4, OD5LX (50) 3, UAs 9KJB (42) 0, 9VB (50) 0, 6KJA (75) 11, UF6s AE (40) 2, AM (82) 23, KAC (42) 3, ZB2I (79) 22, ZC4AM (40) 23, 4X4GS (22) 23, FP8 HE JT1 UIB, Crete, a Saba P12. **K2QXG:** FK8AS (35) 4; VK9VM (40) 6-7, ZC4BX (20) 15-16, now giving s.s.b. a whirl. **K2RQC:** EA9AP (26) 0, HK3TH (7) 20, KV4AA (80) 20-23, VP8 2LU (10) 21, 6PJ (25), SP8 YUs on 150 watts and trapper. **W3CAZ:** CE5DT, CN8HK, CX7CK, JA2AT (20) 13, HK3LS (75) 24, KR6QW (56) 12, OE6RF, SP8HU, VK8AB (32) 13, FP8. **W3IZI:** VP8 5BL 9Y, YU3EI, YV5HL. **W3LUD:** tried new tri-band quad on CE3CU, HA5DH, SP2CJ, T12PZ, UA2KAW, UB5KIC, XE1B, Y08CF, ZS3Q, FP8 ZC4, Crete. **W3WPG:** DU7SV (82) 2, F9QV, FC (25) 1, FK8AT (10) 9, JA8AA (60) 11, KG6AAY (60) 11, UA0s FR (25) 11, KAR (80) 2, KJA (60) 11, KQB (90) 10, Caicos VP5AB (60) 2, VSIHU (25) 11 ZM6 FP8 KW6, now 149/135 and setting up at new acreage. **W4GSP:** UB5AQ 6. **W4HAK:** LU5ZD (90) 0-1, UO5PK (63) 4, enjoyed LABRE and Pan-Am tests. **K4DRO:** OR6HV, UA8OM (who, says W4CYY, pleads for an Alabama QSO to complete WAS), VE8PB, FC HE. **K4HQD:** K2QOO, VE8, K4LEX, SP7HX, UB5KCA (84) 2, YU4ML, ZSs. **K4JGD:** CN8FI, DM3AEB, EL2P (40), FY7YF (4), HC1HL (105), OE6F1D, PJ2ME (14), SP6HY, XE1H, VE8NS (122), 4X4FA (84), FP8 YO, has fun with aeronautical-mobile 20-meter work now and then. **W6KG:** CN8FW, CR7FC (60) 16, Japan's antarctic entry JA1JG (14) 16 at Syowo Base. **K6GAD** (40) 9, PJ5CA (29) 5 and see "Whence", SV0WR (99) 3, UC2AX (80) 4, VP8CW (25) 8-9, VR3A (40) 4, VU2JA (25) 16, ZP5HK (77) 3-4, FP8 FP8 HE ODS SP ZM6, Caicos VP5, took time out for a jaunt to KH6. **W6RLP:** pegged 152/118 by way of FA8RJ, IS1FIC (43) 15, UL7s FA KAD KBK, UM8KAA, VU2s JG RM, W4FCB/KS4, FQ8 JT1 U18 U3J UN1 ZM6, Crete. **W6RZS:** FO8AG, UR2AK (35) for 120,107, hears daily dogfights over HSISR (60). **W6UQP:** KA4TF 10-15, W6ZZZ: CE2DH, F08s AC (18) 4, AO (330) 4, JA7BO, KA9RQ, KR6AC, OA4FT, SP8AG, UA9KYE (21) 16, UB5KAG, UO2BA (92) 7, YV5BX, 3V8AB (342) 8, 9S4CI, FP8 FP8 KS6 PJ5 YO, added a baker's dozen (is to his tremendous British collection. **K6QHC:** JA8GC, V8s 4FC 6AE, DU UA9. **K6SHJ:** CE1AD, EL2S (40) 2-3, UAs 1AS 3AH 31X, KV4. **K6SJK:** CN8BK, KA2OZ, KG6AHA, UAs 1CG 3KAA, VE8CA, OE5 SP, plus a W9 on Prince Edward. **W7DKH:** CE9, W7PEL, XZ2TH, ZDs 2DCP 4CM to reach 192, hears AG6 3SS (21) 5, 41P (16) 5, W7GYE: JA5 1B1G, 2KC 6AO 6AMV 8BL, W7Y4Q, UA0s KAD (90) 7, KKF (40) 7, U18 ZSs. **W7GKB:** rose to 74 with CN8ID, FP8AP, GD3FBS, HK3s AE JC, KC4USA, UA3EK. **W7IBA:** UA4E, EA8 PY7 OA, W7IFG, SP3PL, UA3 3KNB 41P, UB5ND, Y02KAB, 5A2TY, EA8 FKS KS4, Prince Edward Isle. **W7YGE:** W0MXU (45), SP. **W8ZNH:** HA5DH, 9S4CM (110), **W9P1Z:** Liechtenstein. **W9JIN:** LZ1WD (65) 4, FY7, **W9M4K:** UA1KAP, FC OE OH6, K0DMY, EA6AW, FP8 VR3. **W9JJE:** JA5 1AL 2NX 6MW, KA2UV (43), F01GZ, UA ZM6. **J1ER:** all Yank call areas save No. 1. **K7CDF:** must have Alaska's hottest radio spot because of BV1US, CE9AH, DU1CV, FA9HV, FB8s BC ZZ, FK8s AH AS, HAs 1KSA 2MF 5AL 5DR 5KBP 5DQ 7KLZ 8CZ 8WZ, HIR8E, HP1B, HRI1H, KH6BZZ, KJ6, LZ1s AH AI KBA KNB KPC KSZ UR, LZ2s KAC KBA KBR KDK KST, OA4AQ, OQ6V, P21AP, SV0WS, J40Y, UB5s, UC2s AD AF AR AU KAB, UD6KAB, UF6AE, UG6AB, UH8s BA KAA, UJ8KAA, UL7s DA GN HB KAA, UO5PV, UP2AT, UP0L7, VR9s AT HT NM, VK6s AS CJ, VQ4s AQ GP KRL, VR4JB, VS1s BR GL GX GY HJ, VSGDX, XZ2AD, XW8AB, YV4AU, ZC5AL, ZL5AA of New Zealand's antarctic, 4X4s CJ HK IL, now at the 135-country mark after 4.5 months of operation. **K7BPK:** KA8RA (72), LU VK ZL, **K8GCM:** K2ILQ and K4AQL both kstant-KG6, KA4AS, KC4USA, KP6AL, KR6RY, UA9KCE, UA0s JF KDA KOA, VSs IHX 6DV, VP8CC, XE1AX. . . . GR8AC (49) 12, 10, ZD8JP (21) 19-21, CR10AA, FW8AA, FB8CD of the Comoros and VQ9HAY eluded W2HML's big net. . . . The c.w. trend to 20's high end is noticeable in this month's mail sack — but there are an awful lot of 14-Mc. beams painstakingly pruned and tuned for the low side.

20 phone's share in this monthly "How's" Bandwagon trek could stand enlargement. But for the following reports we'd draw a blank — **K2BZT:** K56AF (225) 12, SP7HX 2, SV9WQ of Crete fame, **K2QXG:** tuned around one morning with the b.f.o. on and logged s.s.b. proponents KA2NY, KC4s USA, USH, KG6NAA, KH6s AHQ AW, KL7SLA, KR6s IL SW Yks and ZLs. **W4HAK:** HK6AI (170) 20, 3ABF (185) 5, **W6OBH:** UB5WF, VE3AHU/SU, ZB2I, K6K YB, CN8FQ 1, H1H5GR 6, KR6CP 16, VK9YT (180) 14, VSs LEW 1HC 6A 14-15, **W7YIN:** wrapped his s.s.b. HT-32 around AP2BP 1, FP8AR (W2ITI), OH2OM OH0, SV0WE of Rhodes 18-20, VR2BC, K66, wants to work 100 on side band, reports Canberra's VK1BP nouring in on 2.5 watts of s.s.b., hears that MP4KAC is putting an HT-33 on the air, has 227'214 all told. **W0QGI:** s.s.b.er KA8SC (305) on Iwo for 139 on phone. **HRI1H:** ZC4CN (160), **K7CDF:** BV1US, KC6UZ, KG6IG of Bonins-Volcanoes, KX6s BQ RU, VR2s CV DA DC



PJ2AX is a familiar landmark on 21 and 28 Mc. with his Globe Champion, HRO-50T/DB-23 and Globe Spanner spinner. Pop also shoots for 6- and 2-meter "firsts" from San Nicholas and he frequently splashes about in a home-built speedboat when DX is slow. (Photo via K2LHW)

Our September DXhortation re single-side-band reports paid off moderately. Let's have more!

40 c.w. has interesting possibilities this time of year although digging deep between the locals is an arduous ordeal. Here and there, luck at **W1EVT:** VP9DL, W2HG: IT1AG, OK1BM, LZ1KRU, TI2VA, VE81X, YQ2BA, YU3DB, KH6s PYs VKs, heard KR6AK, VE3AHU/SU, opines that "October conditions seemed poorer than July and August." **W2BL:** OK3AL (15), TI2LA (13), VE8s OJ PB, personally visited ARRL's WIWFO for DXCC certification. **K2LJTS:** DM2AGB, OK1GV, PY, other Euros. **W3GR0:** VP9MM (36) 21, **K4HMS:** LU1ZE of Argentina's far south, **K5BGT:** broke the ice with CO2QR. **W6UQP:** JA5 8AE 14, 9BB 13, K7LTK in the Pribilofs 9, KR6, heard CE9AH 9, **K6GHC:** DU7SV, JA5 1ABA, IEF 1M9 3AEB, **K6RGO:** JA5 2UW 3TT 71W on a mere but potent AT-1. **K6SHZ:** JA4HM c.w.-to-s.s.b. VE8W, XE6ED 2, XE2P 25, other JAs, KR6, **W7DJU:** DU VKs, **W8GKB:** heard UB5KFF, **W9P1Z:** SM8AIG MM, OK, **X4XZ:** logged W6s HIZ MOJ RNC UF, K6s HQF JBP KMR from 14 to 15 GMT, calls CQ W6 on 7020 kc, every Saturday around that time with new multiband vertical radiator. . . . Notice Fives like 40: here's KNSLNN hooking W4V4B W10 with (Globe Scout, S-85 and folded dipole, and KN5FT grabbing KH6BLP and XE2F. . . . **Forty** phone helped K6QHC to DU7SV and JA1EF, while K6RGO vocalized with KH6CAG by cathode-modulating his AT-1. **W7DJU** raised ZL4IE on 80 c.w. and that's about it for late fall 3.5-Mc. contribs. **KN2LBZ** (now K2LBRZ) was pleasantly surprised to receive an LZ1KNV s.w.l. report for his QSOs with WNs 1EGX and 9PSB on 3710 kc. in May. Don't sell OM Eighty short!

160 c.w. DX efforts become systemized this month by announcement of 1957-58 160-Meter DX Test dates as chosen by WIBB and friends. Special efforts will be made for transoceanic 1.8-Mc. contacts between 0500 and 0730 GMT on the following dates: December 9th and 23rd, January 6th and 20th, February 10th and 24th. Stew writes, "Most W/VK VEs will operate in the 1800-1825-kc. segment (1975-2000 west of the Mississippi) and most DX will be found between 1800 and 1900 kc., especially 1800-1835. It is suggested that the first five minutes of each hour, the third five-minute period, etc., listening in the alternate periods. This procedure applies only when no DX is being heard or worked — when the signals are coming through, work them regardless of timing. The second W/VK WAU on 160 is yet to be made [W1BB has No. 1 — Ed.]. You'll find DX on 160 challenging and very interesting. Static, BC harmonics, Loran, QRM, etc. require patience, perseverance, a top-notch station and first-class operating techniques." These annual affairs — not contests, mind you — have adorned our DX scene since 1932 and all amateurs are invited to participate. WIBB will appreciate notification of your results. . . . "One-sixty was a great surprise, 22 QSOs with 16 different stations," writes FP8AS (W2EQS) of his September St. Pierre session. "They were W1s BB JNO LYV PPN VDB WY, W2s QHH UWD, W3RGQ, W4KVM 3, W8s ANO GDQ KIX, W9s NH PNE and K9DCF. All stations heard on 160 were worked. Too bad no Europeans were on during the morning of September 16th as conditions were terrific — not even one burst of static. W9PNE peaked at RST579,

a tremendous signal!" KH6CMM desires U. S. A. schedules with stations in the 1975-2000-kc. range, cross-band as necessary. Any candidates?

Where:

Oceania — ZM6AS's present assignee, Hip Fenton, desires it clarified that the call's previous holder, Les Reid, now is in New Zealand. Also, that surface mail reaches Faleolo almost as expeditiously as fortnightly air mail W4TAJ commendably offered QSL-chores assistance to VR6TC. If the deal goes through we'll clew you up From KH6CMM: KB6AQ becomes KB6AQ, KH6 on Lanai for the present, intending to catch up on Canton QSL matters directly Reference our July listing, ZK1BS tells W8EKW that he also replies to QSLs received via his Call Book address VS4JT's QSL output averages around 300 per month, 500 at peak. At the end of each month his backlog is cleared. "If I receive a card with return postage my QSL is returned in the appropriate fashion." WGDXC has it that a 15-cent U. S. stamp accompanying your QSL to VK9AD will earn reply by air.

Africa — Old French Togoland now is the Republic of Togo, and Uncle Sam's P. O. would appreciate that your mail be addressed accordingly. No specification of an FD-supplanting prefix as yet VE3BQL/SU, via W1YBH, assures that "100-per-cent QSL will be the policy for all stations worked." "I suppose that most DX countries adopt the system of waiting for cards before sending them, as I do now," comments ZD6RM. True — but it's an economic peck-order proposition; ZD6s can wait out W/K cards confidently but not, say, ZD7 or ZD8 QSLs! Through W7FBD, ELIR promises a fat shipment of outstanding QSLs immediately if not sooner.

Europe — From G6LX, who has been doing his best to keep the 3A2 QSL business solvent: "Phonics again are at work and many QSLs are coming in to the Monaco government or to 3A2AH and myself, for stations that are unlicensed or inactive." G6LX now suggests that all cards for 3A2s be sent via 3A2AH who will ensure that QSLs for genuine Monaco stations are relayed and that cards for uncodies are returned to senders Several HA5s have specified P. O. Box 185, Budapest 4, as QSL ingress. You might give this address a try in cases of unavailable Hungarian QTH As you may know, operators of Russian and most satellite "K" club stations are assigned serial numbers. W6RLP and others stress that the inclusion of such op-serials on your QSLs to these stations will enhance your chances of speedy reply.

Asia — W6UF advises that OK1MB is QSL manager for YK1AT. Cards should go via the CAV (Czechoslovakia) bureau marked for Beda's attention After 21 recent mailings ZC4IP tells WGDXC informants that his QSL hook is clear Hint-hint from KR6BW: "Air mail takes about six days to reach Okinawa, surface mail from three to six weeks." "IRCs are of no use to me here," writes AP2BP from Hazara. "The local post office does not recognize them. Maybe if I sent them on to Karachi or some other civilized place they could be used, but not here."

Hereabouts — St. Pierre QSLs are sagging mailbags from Turkey to Albuquerque upon conclusion of the FP8 tourist season. K2CPR (FP8AA) fully accounted for his 1020 July QSOs, finding it necessary to mail about two dozen W/K-destined cards via bureaus for lack of Call Book listings W2EQS (FP8AS) whipped 792 QSLs into circulation via bureau routes except where s.a.s.e. and/or IRCs occasioned direct replies "If you want to see some high-speed QSLing try HP1GP, KA2KS,

KOREA OFF BAN LIST

Effective October 18, 1957, FCC-licensed amateurs are free to engage in communications with amateurs in Korea (HL prefix).

Under this country's treaty obligations and on formal notice received from other nations, FCC-licensed amateurs are warned to engage in no communications with stations in the countries listed below. This is in accordance with FCC Public Notice of December 21, 1950 (p. 23, Feb., 1951 QST), and as since revised.

Cambodia (F1R, XU), Indonesia (PK, YB-YH), Iran (EP-EQ), and Vietnam (FTB, XV, 3W).

For those whose QST files do not go back to 1950 we will gladly supply, upon request, literature describing the circumstances of this prohibition.

OA4DW, OQ5EI and 5A3TH," enthuses WIPWK. "All came through within one week of QSO, 5A3TH in three days. Man, do we need more of these types!" KH6CMM is given to understand that a large batch of VP8CC confirmations will depart for the outside world next month. Summertime down south is mail-boat time — got all your VP8, LU-Z, CE9, KC4, etc., QSLs on the road? W4FCB/KS4's QSL credo is clear enough: "Mail boats are slow coming and going down here so it will take a long time to handle the QSL situation. I will QSL W/K/VE stations after receiving their cards, DX stations as soon as possible." A bumper QTH crop comes to us through the good offices of W1s BDI EKU UED VG WPO YBH, W2s HMJ JBL SUC, K2QXG, W3s SOH WPG, W4s HKJ PNK, K4s IEX IGD, W5ERY, W6s QNA RLP RZS ZZ, W7s FBD YAQ, W8s CSK EKW FPR YGR YIN, W9s JIN MFY, K9AXE, W0QGL, K0DMY, H18BE, H11JH, KL7CDF, OH2XK, VE1PQ; clubs — ISWL, JDXRC, MARTS, NCDXC, NNRC, SCDXC, WGDXC, WVDXC and WIA: AC4AX (to VU2AX) AP2PR (via AP2AD) GE9AF, E. Ossa, Lyon 3296, Santiago, Chile GN8GR, S. Allen, Det. Alpha, VP-5, FPO, New York, N. Y. GN8ID (to K2DNW) GN8IF (to W2SGC) CR8AC, 32 Vasco da Gama, Goa, Portuguese India F2AN, J. D'Arsonval, 13 Pl. Leon-Bourgeois, nr. Melon, nr. Reims, France F9LT/MM (via F9TB) FG7XG, c/o G. Serge, 4074 Scotten, Detroit 10, Mich. HA5DG, P. O. Box 185 Budapest 4, Hungary HC1HL, P. O. Box 691, Quito, Ecuador HE9LAC, Schaen, Liechtenstein HK6AI, Victor Abraham, Isla San Andres, Colombia ex-JZ6PC, E. Walsh, c/o Decca Navigator, Wymondley House, Little Wymondley, Herts., England K2UPD/VE1, P.E.I. (to K2UPD) KA2DE, D. Faton, 35th TAC Hosp., APO 328, San Francisco, Calif. KA8JT, 39th Air Divn., APO 919, San Francisco, Calif. ex-KC6RK, Fr. R. J. Keek, S. J., Woodstock, Md. KG1AJ (to K6JCE)



Roumanian club-collective station YO2KAC of Timisoara is well manned and widely worked on DX bands. An e.c.o.-f.d.-p.a. transmitter runs 80 watts c.w. and 60 watts phone, the antenna is a long-wire, and that receiver you'll recognize as a BC-348. YO2KAC's staff ranges in age from 12 to 16 years and are all out to add more trophies to that impressive wall display.

One doesn't work much s.s.b. these days without encountering HR2WC of La Lima. That HT-32 drives an out-of-view final, a 75A-3 receives, and doublet skyhooks are preferred. Formerly W6EWC for 27 years, Wayne busies himself as radio engineer for Tropical Radio and now approaches the two-way side-band 100-country mark.



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KL7CCF, J. Mundy, Federal Electric, Box 487, Fairbanks,

Alaska

KL7CEQ, W. Beakley (via KL7CCF)
KR6BW, F. A. Reed, Jr., 51st Comm. Sqdn., APO 235,
San Francisco, Calif.
KR6LB, H. LaBritto, 6318th A&E Sqdn., APO 239, San
Francisco, Calif.
KV4BY, P. O. Box 788, Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I.
LU5ZD (via RCA)
LZ1KBA, Box 547, Sofia, Bulgaria
OA4IGY, Tracking Station, U. S. Embassy, Lima, Peru
OX3DL (via EDR)

PJ5s AA AC, L. Varney (G5RV), Box 3964, Caracas,
Venezuela

PY3AOF, E. Grochau, Vitor Barreto 2958, Canoas, Rio
Grande do Sul, Brazil

SM8FK (to SM5FK)
SV6WE, Box 564, Athens, Greece

UB5DU, A. Chieko, Box 58, Kiev 1, Ukrainian S.S.R.
VE3BQL/SU, Sgt. E. C. Veale, 56th Canadian Signal
Sqn., CAPO 5049, UNEF (or via VE3QE)

VE8NS, Alert Weather Stn., c/o Eastern Arctic Patrol,
RMS, Ottawa, Ont., Canada

ex-VE8OJ, J. Brabner, VE7CQ, 2890 W. 11th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

VK9DX, Rabaul Amateur Radio Club, Park St., Rabaul,
T.N.G.

ex-VO6N (to VO2NA)
VP5AB, c/o PAA, South Caicos, B.W.I.

VP8BM (via RSGB)
V99DB (to W1EOL)

V99DL, J. R. Swainson, P. O. Box 275, Hamilton, Bermuda
VQ2VG, V. Gough, Box 21, Pvt. Bag. Nchanga Mine Club,
Chingola, No. Rhodesia

VQ3GC, N. Jackson, OIC, Songea Airport, Songea,
Tanganyika

VO6ST, S. W. Townsend, Collector of Customs and Excise,
Berbera, British Somaliland

VR4CW, Box 49, Honiara, British Solomons

VSIHZ, P. H. Rich, 4 Court Rd., Serangoon Estates,
Singapore 19

ex-VS6DA, S. Green, 18 Gloucester Rd., Newbury, Berks.,
England

V86DV (via HKARTS)
V86DX (via HKARTS)

ex-VS9AS-G3ANK, VK3AKQ, 5 Olive Grove, Pascoe
Vale, Melbourne, Vic., Australia

W4FCB/KS4, W. T. McClain, Box 235, Tamiami Stn.,
Miami 44, Fla.

WG6AHL, D. M. Stevenson, Lot No. 2112A, Guam, M. I.
WG6AHJ, W. W. Repper, PH-73, Fleming Hts., Guam,
M. I.

YK1AT (see text preceding)
YO2KAB, A. Sahleanu, Str. Bogdanestilov 11, Timisoara,
Roumania

YO2KAC, G. Pataky, Pioneer's Palace, Timisoara, Rou-
mania

YV5ABH (via RCV)
ex-ZB2R, G. C. Wallis, 91 Swiss Ave., Chelmsford, Essex,
England

ZC4CD, C. Barrett, c/o Police Hq., Paphos, Cyprus
ex-ZC4FB, E. H. Ross, FIDS, via Port Stanley, Falklands

ex-ZC4II (G3IIL, via RSGB)
ZD1NWW (to ZD2NWW)

ZD2WCP (via ZD2DCP)
ZD4CP, K. F. Oxley, P. O. Box 971, Accra, Ghana

ZS3AG (to DJ3KP)

3A2BT (G3FPK or via 3A2AH)
3V8CY, Box 303, Tunis, Tunisia
ex-5A2TL (to F7AX)

Whence:

Africa — VE3BQL/SU fires up from Gaza Strip, re-
placing popular VE3AHU/SU. "Fifteen- and 20-meter
phone and c.w. traffic skeels with Canada and the U. S. A.
will be maintained, as well as DX sessions. All stations are
requested not to call during traffic contacts." VE3BQL/SU
looks forward to a solid year of Levant activity.

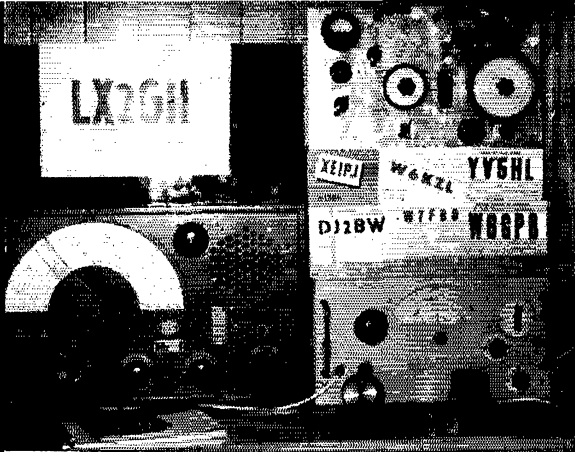
ZD6RM of Blantyre collected his DXCC credentials from
W1WFO & Co. after rolling up a 185/122 record. "As you
may guess, it is easy meat working DX with a call like
mine, but collecting the cards is an entirely different
story." ZD6RM, formerly GM3EAK, states that he works
phone and c.w. on 3.5 through 28 Mc., mostly phone on
favorites 21 and 28 Mc.; neighbor ZD6JL likes phone and
c.w. on 7, 14 and 28 Mc., mostly phone on 10 meters, but
anticipates more 15-meter A3 action; and friend ZD6DT
prefers phone on 14 through 28 Mc. Phased rotaries are
spun at all three stations. . . . W3SOH finds that

ZD1NWW was transferred back to Lagos and becomes a
Two once more. ZD2NWW often hits 20 c.w. around 1800-
1900 GMT. Sierra Leone activities include ZD1s PW on 10
and 15 meters, AE on 10 phone. . . . CN8ML of WAK

(Worked All Keels) fame, is twisting knobs as F9GN.
W1BDI reports that another Keel, HB9P, paid a fall visit
Stateside. . . . Busy ZS4PB is only eleven tickets shy
of DXCC membership with 120 worked. Peter's Vryburg
90-watt 814 rig and SX-42 inhaler already have scored
WBE. You'll hear a lot from ZS4PB with 10- and 15-meter
African paths in such fine fettle. . . . WGDXC sources
hold that VQ9HAY prospects will brighten with the arrival
of a new 75-watt sender. . . . FE8AK intends to keep
his 25-watter and 2-element whirler active in the Cameroons
well into 1958. SCDXC informants find him most workable
on 21 Mc. during week ends around 2300 GMT.

Asia — CR8s AC and AD vigorously stir the DX stew
from Goa airport on 20 meters. W2HMJ learns they're
CR4s AL and AG using a 14,049-ke. rock supplied by W6YY
. . . . W3SOH has it that revised ham regs in Iraq will
result in the issuance of new HN-prefixed call signs. . . .

"YK1AT will be found every morning on the low edge of the
14-Mc. band, 0400-0600 GMT. His power is 500 watts." This
from a CAV (Czechoslovakia) release. Like JT1AA, Bohous
is a roving Czech with a hot electronic bug — and a distinctive
note. . . . W6RPL, and lines from OK1JX to
W1BDI, imply that JT1AA will be available from the
M.P.R. at least until September of next year. Ludvik has
an aversion to the "listen for my phone" genre and, un-
familiar with English to begin with, may cling to c.w. for
some time to come. . . . W6PWQ expects to sign
KR6BW for several years on 20, 15 and 10 meters, voice
and code, plus some 40-meter c.w. The XYL will help with
the pitch. "QRM from commercial stations here is quite
bad at times and makes operating on 40 almost impossible."
. . . . AP2BP writes, "Today I received another dollar
bill for a QSL and I'm beginning to wonder whether I am
in fact still an amateur. . . . I'm afraid I'm old-fashioned
enough to view this as charity, especially when the value is
about three times that of postage required." Bob, who is ex-
G3ECH-SU1VL, is among the majority of overseas hams
who understandably object to being treated as mendicants
. . . . MARTS's *Malayan Radio Amateur* reports that
C3WH is a college proctor in south China; also that VS2s
RD EC EN and EP have left Malaya. . . . Club Asian
diggings: (WGDXC) VS1HX is expected to follow in
VS1HJ/VS9s Maldives footsteps. . . . (SCDXC) At this



More than a few North American DXers owe their Luxembourg DXCC credits to the interesting nonprofessional layout at LX2GH. This Esch-sur-Alzette installation, active on 10, 15 and 20, is one of those rare c.w. exceptions to the current LX phone rule. (Photo via W1VG)

time XW8 is the only Asian element available for REF's DUF-4 certification.

Oceania — ZK2AB returns to Niue this month from his New Zealand holiday and W6ZEN hears that Charles will display a rebuilt transmitter with heftier sock and modulation. ZL1PA assisted in the modifications and ZK2AB also plans the addition of beam antennae for 21- and 28-Mc. business. . . . VR2BC, ex-VP1GG, closes in on DXCC with a 110.87 tally and still needs Del., Me., N. H. and N. Dak. for WAS on each of 21 and 28 Mc. "The trip to Rotuma will come off in the next few months, delayed by the stranding of one of our boats on a reef. Gear will be taken for 10, 15 and 20 meters. A trip to VR5 also is in prospect but not in 'final date' shape as yet. . . . VR2s BC and DA got pats on the back for helping in some Pitcairn Island SOS doings a few weeks back." Greg and W6UOU had a dandy transceive QSO during Ted's recent Samoa DXcursion, and W6HS also dropped in. . . . KH6a CMMI and CNU keep their heads together, bent on Johnston Island action next month. KH6CMMI describes the tribulations of Hawaiian hams who try to hook a little rare stuff on the side. The swarms of heckling W.K./VEs are much more bemusing than amusing. . . . K2QXG says that brieche KS6AF is about to wrap it up.

Europe — In this year's PACC DX Contest, sponsored by VERON (Netherlands) it was PA8LZ by a mile on c.w., PA8LBO by several lengths on phone. C.w. highs by continent: DL2PJ, VE1EK, LU6DXJ, FA9VN, 3W8AA (1) and ZLACK. No North American phone entries showed. . . . WIBDI learns that mariner VP2VB is readying a 50-foot diesel yawl in the British Isles for another solo try at the Magellan trick. . . . SV8WQ put Crete on the 14-Mc. October menu, receiving repeated entreaties to serve Rhodes with the cuisine. W8NGO describes the SV8WQ chef's special as a 500-watter feeding an end-fed 135-foot wire about 15 feet high. . . . G6LX adds his amen to our September s.a.b. prologue which agitated for a higher competitive spirit among suppressed-carrier protagonists. . . . HB9RS joined the 1957 DX pilgrimage to Liechtenstein as HB1RS/FL in October. Max catered mainly to 14-, 21- and 28-Mc. voice customers, according to W6ZEN. . . . OH2s XK and YV plan to conclude their Alands visit on the 2nd of this month after giving OH2YV's 150-watter quite a workout on 3.5 through 28 Mc., phone and c.w. A Gelooso sender and receiver also are on hand, plus the clipper-filter unit described by W1CUT in the December 1956 QST. . . . G3FPK made his successful October 3A2BT sortie with a flexible c.w.-n.b.f.m. 100-watter. . . . Don't forget that Czech DX contest which runs for 12 hours beginning 0000 GMT on the 8th of this month, gang. It's a c.w.-only affair in which the bands 80 through 10 (less 11) meters are to be used. Call "CQ TEST OK" and swap the customary 579001, 449002, etc. exchanges. Logs go to Czechoslovak Central Radio Club, Box 69, Prague 1. . . . Yank call-area toppers in the 1956-'57 DARC (Germany) WAE DX Contest, c.w. section, are Ws 1JYH 2WZ 3FYs 4TM 5KC 6YMD 7PQE 8RQ 9ZTD and 0IUB, with VE3IR the Canadian leader. Ws 1FZ and 8NW0 headed the sparse North American phone turnout. DL1FF scampered off with homeland c.w. honors, while OK1FF, W2WZ, PY2OE, CR6AI, OD5LX and VK2GW scored continental highs.

Hereabouts — DX stations hungering for South Dakota QSOs are hereby informed that WarWhoop, an organization of S. Dak. net control operators, is sponsoring a South Dakota DX Day for January 24-26, 1958. DXdom's juiciest U. S. Zeroes will infest the lower 25 kc. of each band

on c.w., and the lower 25 kc. of each phone subband on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters from 2300 GMT on the 24th to 2300 on the 26th. South Dakota W6 KOs will name their state on CQs and will hearken for weakies calling CQ South Dakota. ARRL Dakota Division Director W0PFR and member L. R. Lauritzen are behind this contribution to the overseas WAS cause. . . . W0LNI, Sioux City, Ia., Central High, scheduled a similar enterprise for late November. Club advisor W0DSP writes that a Viking-500 was moved across the border into South Dakota for the purpose of supplying overseas WAS-hunters with a batch of W0LNI 0 pasteboards. W0DSP also mentions that his gang of DX diggers quadrupled their 1955 ARRL DX Contest score in this year's scuffle. . . . W4FCB/KS4 maintains CAA gear on Swan Isle and expects to finish the assignment this month or next. While mostly on 20 Mac hopes to hit all bands 3.5 through 28 Mc. before leaving (no authorization for 160). "It seems to me that some hams would cut their granny's throat for a new country and I have pleaded with certain DX hogs to no avail. So I've decided to put outstanding offenders on a list and refuse to QSO them while I'm here." W4FCB/KS4's coolness under fire moved W6RLP to dub Mac the "Smartest DX op I've heard so far." . . . More commentary on the status of the swine market from here and there: "Lids surely take the fun out of DX chasing these days, calling CQs on the frequency, calling and calling while the rare one is on, *ad nauseam*." — W3NGO. . . . "Would have caught VU2CR's full QTH if the boys with itchy fingers hadn't climbed on before we finished. I'm making a list of fellows who 'can't wait' and I'll make sure I don't QSO them." — H18BE. . . . "Operating courtesy on 14 Mc. certainly doesn't compare with that on 21 Mc. It's hard to complete a QSO on 20 meters

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3rd European (WAE) DX Contest

Via DX Manager DL7AA, Germany's DARC invites worldwide participation in its 1958 WAEDC Contest, scheduled for (c.w.) 1800 Jan. 3 to 2400 Jan. 5, and (phone) the same hours April 4-6, all times GMT. Europeans will contact non-European stations on 80-40-20-15-10 c.w. and 20-15-10 phone, trading the usual five- and six-digit control numbers, RST001, RST002, etc. The general call is CQ WAE. Each station may be worked once per band in each contest section. **SCORING** (for non-European entries): Each completed contact counts one point, except that 3.5-Mc. exchanges count two points. **Additional points** can be earned (on c.w. only) by transmitting "QSO reports" to European stations, these designated as "QTC" at one point each. Each QTC consists of three parts: (1) time in GMT, (2) station call, and (3) QSO number, of any previous WAE Test QSO. For example, W9XXX lands DL7AA and earns a contact point; W9XXX previously worked G5RI at 1207 for G5RI's 86th Test QSO. So, besides the QSO point for his DL7AA contact, W9XXX garners another point if he sends 1207/G5RI/086 to DL7AA. As many as ten QTCs can be sent per QSO but each QTC can be sent but once. Therefore, the more QSOs you make, the more you have available to parlay into additional points. **Multipliers**, which stem from DARC's WAE Country List, are as follows: CT1 CT2 DL/DJ/DM EA EA6 EI F FC G GC GD GI GM GW HA HB HE HV I IS IT LA LX LZ M1 OE OH OH0 OK ON OY OZ PA PX SM SP SV TF UA1-6 UB UC UN UO UP UQ UR YO YU ZA ZB1 ZB2 3A, GM Shetland, LA/P Jan Mayen, LA/P Spitzbergen, LA/P Bear Island, SV Crete, SV Rhodes, TA/Europe, UA Franz Josef Land. **For final score**, multiply combined QSO and QTC points by the combined numbers of multipliers collected on all bands. **Awards** will be given to the highest scoring amateur in his continent, country or district; where there is sufficient participation, second and third place awards will also be considered. For DARC log forms, send one IRC (airmail, five IRCs), stating the number of sheets needed, to DARC DX Bureau, Fuchsiweg 51, Berlin-Rudow, Germany. After the shindig, mail your contest logs to the same address, making sure c.w. reports are postmarked by Feb. 28 and phones by May 31.



Correspondence From Members-

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SPUTNIK . . .

RFD #8, Box 743-B
Charleston, S. C.

Editor, QST:

I hope I wasn't the only ham to get one thrill after another while that out-of-this-world UA/Space Mobile was going 'round on 20.005 Mc. The DXer in me did a double-take with my discovery I could hear it for up to 40 minutes at a stretch, an 11,000-mile trip that meant at least 5,500-mile DX. And what a kick to hear the signal come up out of the noise with that badly scattered sound, then in a few minutes bloom into a pretty peachy T9 tone. Oops, I forgot the key clicks! When overheard, the making contacts resembled those of an earthbound ham I know down the street.

While listening to several millions of those beeps, some thoughts occurred about getting more out of the next satellite. Besides a good receiver for all possible frequencies, have something around to help locate exact channels quickly. Obtain a tape recorder of reliable speed to preserve the reception for later detailed study and talk the correct time right onto the tape for reference. And, for accurate Doppler observation, arrange for a reference signal of crystal-standard stability with which to beat the incoming signal. Then you know any drift is Doppler, assuming the satellite has a perfect frequency control.

I have some beautiful tapes showing transmission oddities, but I'm coming back for more!

— David W. Jefferies, W4ZQ/W3PA

. . . AND A DONKEY

448 Hazel St.
Lynchhurst, N. J.

Editor, QST:

This is directed to the fool that loaded up on 20.005 Mc. Oct. 7 at about 5:28 P.M. E.DST, and let go with such lidisms as "This is the moon speaking," sending the safety signal, and signing UA3ABD, etc. I hope that donkey realizes that he is on tapes all across the country.

— Dave Harris, K2RRH

CQ-CQ-CQ-CQ

Box 101, MCSC
Albany, Georgia

Editor, QST:

Please, please fellows, stop those cotton-pickin', long-winded CQ calls. You *must stop* and *listen* once in a while and see if someone is answering you. So it would be much better to make short calls and listen more. Let me cite you an example: The other night I was tuning the 40-meter Novice band looking for a rag chew with someone. I heard a KN9 calling CQ GA. I thought I would give him his new state and have a rag chew at the same time but would you believe it, he called CQ GA 76 times and signed his call about 19 times before he signed K. That was before I started counting them. So I called him 8 times, signed my call 4 times and K. I listened and there he was calling CQ GA again — good gosh! So I checked my v.f.o. setting and patiently waited until he signed again, called him, and there he was still calling CQ GA.

Apparently he never did move his receiver setting. So I gave up. Then I heard another KN9 calling CQ near the frequency I was on. He called 6 times, signed 4 times, then K. I gave him a call and we had a rag chew. Honestly men, something must be done.

I enjoy working in the Novice part of the band, but golly I get exasperated when half my operating time is spent listening to a bunch of jokers calling CQ.

— Merle D. Fleming, K4KVY

60 DB. OVER S9!

1000 Overlook Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Editor, QST:

Webster's definition of "extreme" being what it is I would assume an "extremely strong signal" is a real doozy, perhaps cracking the plaster and knocking the membership certificate off the wall. At least, I would say that greater strength couldn't be tolerated and we would shut the box off and get under the bed until the skip changed.

Nevertheless, it is common to give and receive reports of 40 to 50 over 9 and if you tell some fellow he is putting in an S-7 (moderately strong) signal he goes outside to see what happened to his antenna.

Now, you can't supply new scales for all the greswry S-meters so let's give up that outmoded chart in the log book. Instead, I recommend that we officially adopt the reporting system originated several years ago by the Confederate Signal Corps: "You are loud and clear, Old Man," (If he isn't loud and clear you wouldn't bother to work him.)

For those meticulous persons who insist upon a graduated scale ranging from non-existence to an overpowering and terrifying level of sound presaging total destruction of the universe we might adopt a set of indices something like that shown below. In using this system you apply the reports yourself, based upon the results obtained from operation of the transmitter. You are spared the embarrassment of having your reports revealed to everybody who happens to be listening and it might promote honesty in putting the dope in the log.

- S-1 Transmitter under construction; will be on air in two weeks.
- S-2 Tubes light up, but no plate current.
- S-3 Some r.f. in tank but no soup in antenna.
- S-4 Weak signal heard by ham across town.
- S-5 Gets into your own picture but no complaint from next door.
- S-6 Neighbors become offensive.
- S-7 Guy in Montana comes back, but gets call fouled up.
- S-8 Worked two stations same evening.
- S-9 Got promise of card from Pennsylvania.
- 10 over 9 Guy took message with only 14 repeats.
- 20 over 9 Had solid QSO; encouraged, decide to make payment on receiver.
- 30 over 9 NCS with BC-348 explains importance of tfe he is trying to copy 50 kc. from your frequency.
- 40 over 9 GI in Unter-Snitzzen on Blieweis, near Hoopenhollerblatz. Bavaria, wants to talk on patch to Mathilde Auckvardsnootzen in Cul-de-sac, Manitoba.
- 50 over 9 Guy asks if you will sell 301-TLs you gave up when you raised power.
- 60 over 9 Neighbors cut down your wire.

— Colonel Ward, W4QT

ANY DX RAGCHEWERS?

18 Landing Trail
Denville, N. J.

Editor, QST:

I have just recently returned to the 20-meter c.w. band. After a few months of operation on this band, I would like to ask why the average DX c.w. operator apparently finds it more satisfactory or exciting to have 25 or so rubber-stamp QSOs with W stations when he could have some interesting rag-chews with assuredly less W stations. At least when he signed off he would have some idea of what the other guy was like. If I was operating from some DX location, I would get mighty bored after 20 or 30 stereo-

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I.A.R.U. News



TOURIST OPERATION IN MEXICO

Amateurs of the United States and other countries touring Mexico may secure mobile licenses with XEØ calls by following certain procedures. Application must be made through the *Liga Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores*. Visitors have to be members of LMRE before their application can be forwarded to the Director of Telecommunications; dues are 50 pesos a year. Documents required include photostatic copies of the amateur's home license, and title of ownership to the automobile in which the equipment is installed. A letter in which the amateur renounces the protection of his country's laws, in matters of radio communication, and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Act of Mexico must be attached, together with the tourist permit or permit of the Mexican Department of State certifying

his status as visitor. The amateur also must attach a money order made out to the "Dirección General de Telecomunicaciones" in the amount of 100 pesos. Amateurs interested in operating mobile in Mexico should get in touch with LMRE, Liverpool 195-A, Mexico City 6 D.F., Mexico.

THE PHILIPPINES

Amateurs in the Philippines ordinarily are permitted to work foreign amateurs only in the fourteen countries which have treaties of friendship and amity with the Republic of the Philippines. We now have information that communications are henceforth permitted between amateurs in the Philippines and those in Australia. Others who can be worked by DUs include: W/K, BV, HC, AP, EA, II, F, PK, HS, VU, CO, TI, TA, and SV.

QSL BUREAUS OF THE WORLD

For delivery of your QSLs to foreign amateurs, simply mail cards direct to the bureau of the proper country, as listed below. Cards for territories and possessions not listed separately can be mailed to the bureau in the parent country; e.g., cards for French Cameroons (FES) go to REF in France; cards for VP8s go to RSGB in England. W, K, VE and VO stations only may send foreign cards for which no bureau is listed to ARRL.

For service on incoming foreign cards, see list of domestic bureaus in most QSTs under "ARRL QSL Bureau."

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Angola: L.A.R.A., P.O. Box 484, Luanda
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Australia: W.I.A., Box 2611 W, G.P.O., Melbourne
Austria: Oe. V.S.V. P.O. Box 15, Klosterneuburg, 2
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Barbados: Arthur St.C. Farmer, Storms Gift, Brandons, Deacons Road, St. Michael
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Bermuda: R.S.B., P.O. Box 275, Hamilton
Bolivia: R.C.B., Casilla 2111, La Paz
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Cook Islands: Ray Holloway, P.O. Box 65, Rarotonga
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Hungary: H.S.R.L., Postbox 185, Budapest 4
Iceland: Islenskir Radio Amatorar, Box 1058, Reykjavik
India: P.O. Box 534, New Delhi
Indonesia: P.A.R.I., P.O. Box 222, Surabaya, Java
Israel: I.A.R.C., P.O. Box 4099, Tel-Aviv
Italy: A.R.I., Via San Tomaso 3, Milano
Jamaica: QSL Bureau, 5 Braemar Ave., Half-Way-Tree P.O.
Japan (JA): J.A.R.L., Box 377, Tokyo
Japan (KA): F.E.A.R.L., P.O. Box 111, APO 500, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
Kenya: East Africa QSL Bureau, Box 1313, Nairobi
Kuwait: William N. Burgess, MP4KAC, % Kuwait Oil Co., Kuwait, Persian Gulf
Lebanon: R.A.L. B.P. 3245, Beyrouth
Libya: 5A2TZ, Box 372, Tripoli
Liechtenstein: via Switzerland
Luxembourg: G. Berger, 40 Rue Trevires, Luxembourg
Macao: Via Hong Kong
Madagascar: P.O. Box 587, Tannarive
Madeira Island: P.O. Box 257, Funchal
Malaya: QSL Manager, Box 777, Kuala Lumpur
Malta: R. F. Galea, ZB1E, "Casa Galea", Railway Road, Birkirkara
Mauritius: V. de Robillard, Box 155, Port Louis
Mexico: L.M.R.E., Liverpool 195-A, Mexico, D.F.
Montserrat: VP2MY, Plymouth
Morocco: A.A.E.M., P.O. Box 2060, Casablanca
Morocco: (Tangier International Zone only): Box 150, Tangier

Mozambique: Liga dos Radio-Emissores, P.O. Box 812, Lourenco Marques
Netherlands: V.E.R.O.N., Postbox 400, Rotterdam
Netherlands Antilles (Aruba): Postbox 392, San Nicolas, Aruba
Netherlands Antilles (Curacao): Postbox 383, Willemstad, Curacao
New Guinea: Via Papua
New Zealand: N.Z.A.R.T., P.O. Box 489, Wellington C1
Nicaragua: YN1RA, Apartado Postal 555, Managua
Northern Rhodesia: N.R.A.R.S., P.O. Box 332, Kitwe
Norway: N.R.R.L., P.O. Box 898, Oslo
Okinawa: O.A.R.C., P.O. Box 739, APO 331, % Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.
Pakistan: Box 4074, Karachi
Panama, Republic of: L.P.R.A., P.O. Box 1622, Panama
Paraguay: R.C.P., P.O. Box 512, Asuncion
Papua: VK9 QSL Officer, P.O. Box 204, Port Moresby
Peru: R.C.P., Box 538, Lima
Philippine Islands: Elpidio G. DeCastro, Philippine Assn. for Radio Advancement, 2046 Taft Ave., Passy City
Poland: Polish QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 320, Warsaw 2
Portugal: Rua de D. Pedro V., 7-4, Lisbon
Roumania: A.R.E.R., P.O. Box 95, Bucharest
Saar: P.O. Box 310, Saarbrucken
Salvador: YS10, Apartado 329, San Salvador
Singapore: P.O. Box 2394, Singapore, Malaya
South Africa: S.A.R.L., P.O. Box 3037, Capetown
Southern Rhodesia: R.S.S.R., Box 2377, Salisbury
Spain: U.R.E., P.O. Box 220, Madrid
St. Vincent: VP2SA, Kingstown
Sweden: S.S.A., Stockholm 4
Switzerland: U.S.K.A., Knutwil
Syria: P.O. Box 35, Damascus
Trieste: P.O. Box 301, Trieste, F.T.T.
Trinidad: John A. Hoford, VP4TT, Box 554, Port-of-Spain
Tunisia: Francois DeVichi, 5 Rue Can Robert, Tunis
Uganda: P.O. Box 1803, Kampala
Uruguay: R.C.U., P.O. Box 37, Montevideo
U.S.S.R.: Central Radio Club, Postbox N-88, Moscow
Venezuela: R.C.V., P.O. Box 2285, Caracas
Virgin Islands: Richard Spenceley, Box 403, St. Thomas
Wake Island: T. D. Musson, P.O. Box 127
Yugoslavia: S.R.J., Postbox 48, Belgrade

Strays

W8CUP, QST author of "Simplified CRPL DX Predictions," in the July, 1957 issue, is now offering expanded instructions and maps for \$2.00 per set.

On the day that KN3BTM received his ticket, W3CHC moved in on one side of him and W3MTF moved in on the other side. It is reported that all three are happy neighbors and that they all have solid QRM-free QSOs — with each other!

K2QIJ, at Burlington (N. J.) Senior High School, has had lockers numbered 220, A3, 160, and 75. He also reports that K2QPN and WN2JUG occupy locker A2. (Say, fellows, are you sure you didn't assign these locker numbers yourselves?)

The Radio Amateur Mobile Society, Inc., of Sacramento, Calif., meets in the Marconi School, on Marconi Ave., just east of Watt Ave., north-east of Edison School.



Uncledave W2APF made a special landing at Okinawa, on his recent round the world trip, where he was presented an honorary membership in the Okinawa Radio Club together with an award for being the first ham to work five stations there. On the left is Sgt. Stroker, secretary of the club, making the presentation to coolie Uncledave 'midst the exotic atmosphere of the Tea House of the August Moon



Operating News



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Fixed Text Messages and Christmas. Each year amateur radio accomplishes some wonderful personal services at the Christmas Season by the exchange of domestic greetings by amateur radio. Above and beyond the personal contacts that take place between separated members of families having radio enthusiasts, the message files of netters become jammed with the formal exchanges filed appropriate to the season. Besides all this, there's the communications to and from overseas-GIs transferred between military and amateur frequencies, and there can be direct relaying with amateurs in the nine countries having special agreements under the telecommunications treaties that permit such, i.e., Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru.

The volume of Christmas traffic is the problem for our networks. To cut down on the amount of transmission required is very important where several message relays are involved. To help accomplish this ARRL has a complete list of fixed or standardized texts. These are all on a sheet bound into each ARRL log book (or ask for a CD Form 3, gratis from ARRL). This is the month when a refresher on the use of this fixed-text procedure should be useful.

ARL? means, "Do you have the list of ARRL Numbered Radiograms, and are you ready for such a message?"

ARL (reply) then means, "I have the ARRL Numbered Radiogram list. I am ready for such a message."

A sample message illustrating the use of the indicator ARL (in check and text) follows:

NR 215 K6GZ CK ARL 6 San Mateo Calif 2100 Dec 12
To Jack E Smith AA
21 Apple Blossom St AA
Paducah Fla BT
ARL FIFTY ONE ARL SIXTY SIX BT
Esther AR

The given message, expanded for delivery purposes (always the amateur operator's responsibility) would read "Love and best wishes. Most sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity on this Christmas Day." Most such messages refer to a single numbered text and therefore have a check of two or three instead of six. Some originators will want to send individual messages, even though we have several good greeting type seasonal message texts so that a choice of one should do the job. Always spell out any numerals or punctuation. It is not essential or desirable to send punctuation marks in text,

except for necessary clarification. The use of code and ciphers is prohibited in texts or casual work by FCC Section 12.105. Our ARRL fixed-texts are a list of abbreviations in common distribution and known to FCC. They are to facilitate communications rather than to obscure meanings and are therefore entirely permissible — and at this season desirable in messages on heavily loaded circuits.

In the above please note that each fixed text is identified as such by putting the key designation ARL ahead of it. If there were no such indicator, different texts identified by a single numeral might mistakenly be run together. An incorrect text might as a consequence be delivered! Accuracy first must be the aim always. Whenever in any radio operation there is a condensation or shortening by use of abbreviations, numbered texts, or figures not spelled out, it becomes more important to use every precaution to insure accuracy. Spelling out numerals is always the best way to get them over the hurdles of poor radio conditions or the hazards of phonetic similarities. The fixed-text type of messages have been found helpful for years. Should you drop some names off your Christmas card list, it still may not be too late to send friends some of the greeting and seasonal messages in our list (50-70); such amateur provisions can help you. Usually we all use these means to help others . . . with a side thank you earned for amateur radio.

IGY and PRP. July 1st marked the formal start of the International Geophysical Year. If you were present to hear W1VLH's talk at the National Convention, you will know all about the ARRL Propagation Research Project. Or you may refer to page 15, September 1956 QST for information. It is not too late to make an individual enlistment in that operation, if you can operate and make v.h.f. notations with fair observing consistency. A card to W1VLH will bring you the forms, and a sample copy of the monthly "PRP News."

OES Appointments for All Active VHFers. Quite separate from IGY considerations there's an Official Experimental Station ARRL-SCM appointment for every active experimenting amateur working v.h.f. Any operator consistently active and having something to report on his progress each month ought to be lined up with his SCM (address page 6 QST) for an OES appointment. Having the appointment often brings you a card-notice from headquarters relative to new records, band openings, special transmissions to listen for, etc. Then from time to

time there's a special bulletin showing what other OES are doing. To be an OES you have to be operating on one or more bands *on or above 50 Mc.* ARRL recommends IGY-enlistment to OES. The observations of propagation phenomena on the part of active operators are equally valuable in either group. An overlapping in the personnel of the two programs is indicated in that in certain sections we find 25% to 33% of the OES also are IGY reporters. Numerous OES are listed in the 2-meter and WAS standings published with "The World Above . . ." 150 stations have now worked over 40 states on 6 meters; 67 stations have over 20 states confirmed on two meters. This v.h.f. part of our spectrum is capable of fine day to day work. So ARRL provides full recognition as OES for active v.h.f. members working toward definite objective results. If interested get more information or an OES application form from your SCM today.

Fraternity above Group Interests. "In 25 years on the air I have had many RCC-type contacts. Sure would like to find a way to get all hams to realize they are radio amateurs first, and proud of it. Wonder if there'll be a time when one will say over the air "I'm an amateur using c.w." or "I'm a ham working s.s.b." instead of trying so hard to be exclusive. Personally I have no favorites. I work phone, a.m., s.s.b. and n.b.f.m. as well as c.w. and v.h.f. up to 220 Mc. I like to be known as a ham, *not* by what type equipment I happen to be running. . . . Just because I have s.s.b. I'm not dropping old friends like hot potatoes. I like equally to have them work me on a.m. . . . or *any* way they happen to be operating." — W8BJD.

Amateur Calling Practice. *Ham Fax*, edited by W8OPC, is issued monthly by the South East Amateur Radio Club of Cleveland. In a recent number, W8CTZ reviewed several operating problems and the pertinent FCC regulations. Some excerpts may be found helpful. Judgment in *calling* in order to save transmission time when calling mobiles, a note on use of the separator sign, and how to give your call properly to keep out of FCC trouble are covered in his following remarks.

(1) "If the station you're calling is on your frequency or right close to it, why use a 30-to-40 second call when 10 seconds will just as easily

do the job? . . . Also, how many times have you heard operators waste breath and time calling a mobile or portable station 'W8LJI mobile, W8LJI mobile, this is . . .'? It is required *only* that mobile stations in answering indicate *their* status as mobile, or portable. In the call up to the mobile, operators with experience seldom, if ever, transmit such indications. Save the slant signs and mobile indications until *you* are mobile and it is required.

(2) "FCC specifies only two phone equivalents of DE, mainly, THIS IS or FROM. Use of the separator sign is necessary to separate the called from the calling station. About identifying: Your call signal and that on every license consists of prefix letter(s), numeral and additional identifying letters. These letters and numerals are what FCC requires and others expect to hear in identifying your call. Don't therefore phoneticize to the exclusion of correct identification. FCC has cited amateurs for omitting letters and substituting phonetics, for transmitting 'double' or 'triple' (a certain letter) instead of *naming* the letter as it appears, repeated more than once as part of a call signal. When you sign with someone be sure to indicate in positive fashion (and abide by this) that your contact is finished, whether you will listen for a final transmission or are closing station. 'Signing off and over' or 'signing and by for your final' both correctly indicate that you are expecting some final comments. 'Signing off' or 'signing clear' spells out that the contact is finished. If the other operator then comes back to you for a final-final, *you owe it to the listening operators to check the band for calls.* If *not* planning to tune, say 'signing clear and leaving the air' or 'signing off and closing station.' "

Perhaps it should be added also that you have to identify the station or net you are working in, as well as your own call . . . as covered explicitly on page 9, June *QST*.

More About ARRL's Code Proficiency Certifications. The League's Certificate Awards and endorsement stickers for *increases from the original word speed* are available to all those who care to follow the daily tape-sent code practice and once-a-month qualifying runs, sending copy to ARRL for correction. *QST* each month also gives the advance list of certain texts to be used

On August 31 and Sept. 1, 28 amateurs assisted in communications for the Sports Car Race at the Akron, Ohio, Municipal Airport. Operation was under the direction of Walter Ermer, W8AEU, Cuyahoga County EC. These are the hams and their mobile units lined up near the start-finish line after the race.





One of the Oklahoma Weather Net's sparkplugs is Sandy, W5AZO. At a meeting of the Net on Sept. 29 attended by 70 amateurs, Weather Bureau Chief John Hamilton surprised Sandy with a special certificate of appreciation for his service in the net. (Daily Oklahoma staff photo by John Gumm)

on some of the practice runs. This is to make it possible to directly compare one's own fist and tape-sending. Besides helping the new man get the hang of perfect spacing of characters by listening, it is possible for you to arrange a setup to do some sending at the same time. It is an additional learning technique to try to superimpose your own sending on the tape-sent copy that is being received. See *QST* references to locate what copy will be sent on given dates.

Consistent practice is the essential ingredient in acquiring the proficiency-level for our ARRL certifications or to pass FCC's license examinations. In submitting copy, we ask participants in our program to mark the *particular one minute of solid copy* which it is believed is qualifying. For five-character words and spaces between them qualification requires (for ten-to-35 w.p.m.) 59, 89, 119, 149, 179 or 209 consecutive correct characters-and-spaces. After certification we are occasionally asked to duplicate lost or damaged certificates and we are glad to do this from our records of those issued. However, this is an extremely popular program and we deal with such a volume of papers that we can check and certify copy only at the highest perfect speed (where several speeds of copy are submitted). The stickers are given *only for advancement* from a given speed at which you first qualified and which speed is written into the basic certificate you receive on qualifying. Copy cannot be checked on *practice* runs, only on monthly *qualifying* runs from W6OWP or W1AW.

The surest way to qualify for an FCC ticket, we think, is to be able first to get our certificate at one (or preferably two) speeds above the FCC

examination speed you are out for. This will take care of any initial nervousness. Some 30,000 amateurs have now been certified in this ARRL program. If you or any reader hasn't been certified or endorsed *all* the way up to the top of this CP program, we cordially invite you to try every W1AW and W6OWP monthly qualifying run as these come along until you have our very-top, 35 w.p.m.

On Calling CQ and Good Operating. The Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Radio Operator Club's September bulletin includes suggestions on operating for maximum results. K4LPW (ex-W3DGM) points out that if we want another station to hear our CQ, we must send clean signals at a comfortable speed and make the transmission short. Analyzing his own CQ, he finds that a 3×3 K4LPW CQ advertises his desire for general contact but 36% of the sending time. A 5×2 CQ, for him, works out to give 55% CQ and 45% identification, close to the desirable 50-50 ratio. He writes further: "If we send this (five by two) combination twice a minute we are sending 11 w.p.m.; three times a minute is 17 w.p.m., four times 23 w.p.m. Take your choice. Don't make calls of over one minute duration. Listen. If there are no answers, call again. Additionally 'How can I become a good c.w. operator?' is a question often asked. The answer is *practice*. There are no short cuts. A new general class operator would do well to join a traffic net. Here he can hobnob with good operators, and some of that stuff is bound to rub off."

A Word to Newcomers. Most all amateurs will tell you that falling in love with the idea of amateur radio is not enough. It takes a bit of industry on your part to get the ticket. To get that code or CP award will take some practice and patience. But worthwhile results in all branches of amateur radio reflect effort, study and sacrifice. For superior results on some bands you should put up a simple beam instead of a dipole, for example. You can take honest pride in your achievement when you get that ticket. From there we want to help you go on to greater results, such as come from the ability to operate in nets and work traffic and DX. The use of leisure time palls, for one thing, unless put to worthwhile ends. For those who have just received the General Class License, we want you to look forward to continuing accomplishment and proficiency. Earning an appointment post, a BPL award, a Net certificate, becoming part of an emergency-dedicated group (AREC-RACES) will all help establish your stature and expand your ability to do things. Whatever your kind of operating, send a concise report of your over-the-air results direct to your SCM each month in accordance with his invitation on page 6 of *QST*. There's a whole array of regular and special operating things to be done. More information about this in January *QST*. We hope to work you in some of the coming activities.

Looking ahead a couple of months we are going to devote the first half of February to another *Novice Roundup*. This is an activity in

which you can more quickly work other novices to expand your number of states worked, and at the same time get good on-the-air practice preparatory to going up for the General Class ticket and full amateur privileges. Elsewhere in these pages we present a listing of affiliated radio clubs that have study courses covering theory and code. We hope that helps. Get next to such instruction if you can. Also drop a line to ARRL for the list of amateur stations that have volunteered to send over-the-air code practice or for Navy and press stations also listed in CD-139. We want to send what photo-lith information we have in that line to help you. We want you to use the W1AW-W6OWP program too.

— F. E. H.

NATIONAL RTTY CALLING AND WORKING FREQUENCIES

3620 kc. 7140 kc.

These frequencies are employed throughout the United States by amateurs using radioteletype.

NET DIRECTORY INFO

We were going to call this "Net Directory Rules," but decided against it. We have too many too complicated rules already. The purpose of this column is simply to acquaint you with some of our procedures in getting up the net directory, both the bi-monthly *QST* listings (from November through May) and the annual cross-indexed printed directory. Knowing this will help you know how to submit your registration info, and how often and when to submit it.

First of all, we'd like to mention that we have a card file. This file is divided into five parts, marked "By name," "By Freq.," "By State," "Inactive Nets" and "Obsolete Nets." The first part is alphabetical by the name of the net, containing a card for each active net. On this card we have the following information: the name of the net, its common designation (e.g., CN for Connecticut Net), its frequency in kc., the days of the week on which it meets, the time of meeting both in local standard time and in GMT, its area of coverage, the length of time in minutes it remains in session, the call of the net manager, the net's purpose (traffic, emergency, or both), the call of the person submitting the information and the date on which it was entered on the card.

The second part, "By Freq.," has a card for each frequency on which a net has ever been registered, starting with 1800 kc. and going all the way through 148 Mc., and even a card or two in the 220-Mc. range. The frequency appears on the upper left corner of the card, and below are entered the name of all nets on that frequency and information on the meeting days and time of each in abbreviated form. Naturally, since we do not change cards each year, we have to have some way of knowing which of the nets on each frequency card are active or current, and which are old listings — so we simply put a code mark of some kind after each listing, changing the code mark every year. These cards are very useful because a glance at any particular frequency card will show which net or nets operate thereon, if any, and the days and times they meet; if further info on any listed net is needed, you can refer to the "By Name" listing.

The "By State" listing contains a card for each state, each Canadian province and each U. S. possession. Nets whose operations are confined within state, provincial or territory boundaries are listed on the proper card, as are nets whose names indicate their connection with one particular state, province or possession; for example, the "Wyoming CW Net" would be listed under Wyoming even if its coverage included several other states, but if its name included other states it would not be listed under any state.

On August 1 of each year all nets are automatically transferred to the fourth listing, labeled "Inactive Nets," and there they remain until they are reregistered. Thus, every net must register every year if it is to remain in the active list. Also on August 1, nets already on the "Inactive" list are moved to the fifth listing labeled "Obsolete Nets." Cards for nets already in the "Obsolete" part of the file are discarded.

The maintenance of this card file is quite a chore, especially during the reregistration period from August 1 to the end of the year. *QST* net lists in the November, January, March and May issues are supplementary (i.e., each list contains nets not listed in previous issues or corrections from previous listings) and are taken directly from the card file. Because of the *QST* publication lag, deadlines for each issue are nominally Sept. 15, Nov. 15, Jan. 15 and Mar. 15 respectively. On about the first of November we will start compiling the annual printed cross-indexed net directory (what a job!), and hope that this task can be finished, put on stencils, printed, collected and made ready for distribution by the first of December. This has to be sandwiched into regular work and sometimes has to be delayed. This year we have high hopes of getting it out on schedule. By the time you read this, it *should* be in distribution.

The net directory seems to serve a very useful purpose, and we want to continue and even improve on it. You can help make it a complete directory of information on all nets if you will register your net completely, promptly and accurately next year. If you have not yet done so you probably have missed the printed directory, but you can still get into the March or May lists in *QST*. Information just received at ARRL causes us to reverse the disqualification of W1MXX; we therefore take pleasure in reinstating his E. Mass. phone score of 39,615 points.

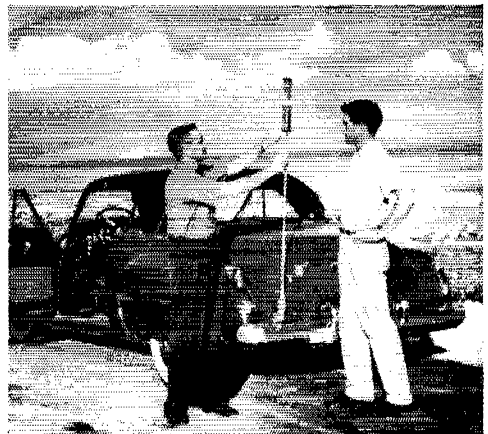
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CONTEST CORRECTIONS: In the summary of the June V.H.F. QSO Party, September *QST*, K6UJL should have been identified as Technician award winner, San Diego Section.

In the Field Day results in the October issue, these two scores were inadvertently omitted: the Class D entry of W6LS, Lockheed Employees Amateur Radio Club, 202 points; the Class E entry of K2MWK, 200 points.

In the final standings of the 1957 ARRL DX Competition, last month's *QST*, the phone score of KH6PM should have been shown as disqualified, not that of KH6MG.

To all concerned, our sincere apologies for the slips.



Bill Snider, W6HQN, watches as Robert Richardson, K5EXZ, adjusts antenna loading coil during ARRL's 1957 Field Day. Under the call K5EXZ/5, the pair joined forces to lead all mobile entries with 4131 points and 281 contacts, 60 per cent of which were registered on c.w. The QTH was an El Paso mountain-top, elevation 4500 feet. Equipment in the rolling ham shack included a v.f.o.-driven Commander and a Super-6 into a Super-ceiver, all of Gonset design.



During the SET, while we were copying a few messages addressed to ARRL and wondering why there weren't more, we got to thinking up some ways in which the SET could be made more popular and thus better attended. Look at the Field Day, for example. Phil's write-up in October *QST* showed a participation of 10,284 souls (some lost, probably, but still souls). Last year's SET showed participation by 2276 amateurs. Field Day logs received go over a thousand, but SET reports have never hit 300.

What's the difference? Well, it's not too hard to find. The Field Day, once an emergency exercise, has been expanded in scope and size principally through glamorization, through addition of a combination of the fraternal aspect and cut-throat rivalry and competition. Even more than that, FD is an exercise, if you want to call it that, in which amateur groups can go where they please, set up their equipment however they please, and in which the group has no one to serve but itself, in addition to having a good time. In other words, the principal difference is that FD is *fun*, the SET *work*.

Don't get us wrong. We're not running down FD (we should live so long!). Neither are we about to propose that the SET be made the second ARRL FD of the year — although many FD enthusiasts would go for the idea (the *real crazy ones!*). We're just wondering if some of the

Aside from this, what other incentives do we have? Certificates to participating groups? Individual acknowledgments of messages received? An "honor roll" *QST* listing or bulletin listing of stations who sent messages? There must be plenty of ways in which our SET can be made more popular without detracting from its primary objective. What are a few of them?

Is there a psychiatrist among the readers? Please sign me up for an early consultation. Here I am making more work for myself!

Another Hurricane Audrey supplement. Members of the Orange (Texas) Amateur Radio Club who cooperated with civil defense and handled traffic with the Cameron area during the June storm included K5s BJB and HNB, and W5s JMX NNV LJJ and QLE. We just want to give these boys credit on the record.

Orange ARC amateurs also operated with the civil defense organization during Hurricane Bertha in August on 40 and 6 meters. Those listed by EC K5BJB as having been active: K5s HNB LNV and W5ND with operators K5BJB K5EVE W5JMX and W5NMV.

Amateurs of the Orange (Texas) AREC assisted in the search, on Aug. 26-27, for Dianna Burch, age 5, who was lost during a picnic at Evadale, Texas. W5NMV operated the club control station (W5ND) at Orange while W5JMX and EC K5BJB were mobile on 6 meters. W5EXK brought along four hand-carried units, one to each of three search parties which reported to him who in turn maintained contact with the mobiles. The mobiles put up a fixed antenna and kept contact with W5ND. W5SON served as a relief operator at W5ND. Although the search had a sad ending (the little girl was found drowned on Aug. 27), the amateurs did an effective job of organizing and operating the communications facilities. The hand-carried units were supplied by the Navy through W5EXK, a Navy chief, and 160 Navy men participated in the search. — K5BJB, *EC Orange, Texas.*

Amateur operators in the New Bedford, Mass., area turned out on Sept. 15 when an airliner carrying 24 passengers crashed in a swamp just short of the New Bedford municipal airport. Mobile units were in continuous operation until 0330 Sept. 16, located at the scene of the crash and at various other key points throughout the area. W1CZW was NCS from the fixed station and the following mobiles participated: W1s CNT AZY DIR TZU UID HXA AGG ZHC YDF DIY ONK and K1BBE. Rescue information was passed to W1DXQ in Quincy who had direct telephone communication with the airline office in Boston. Traffic was handled for civil defense, municipal officials and the Red Cross. Information was also relayed from the mobile units to the local radio station for rebroadcast to the public. — W1CZW, *EC New Bedford, Mass.*

While driving from Haddam to Middletown, Conn., on his way home on Sept. 20, W1DEX saw the glow of a fire. He fired up his mobile rig on 29,580 kc., the local established calling frequency, and put out an emergency call. He was answered by W1WRO and W1QMB, who immediately summoned the fire and police departments. W1DEX then broke out a red signal lantern to flag down approaching fire apparatus and aroused the neighborhood in which the fire (which turned out to be a big one resulting in two deaths) was raging. A good night's work for amateur radio!

During the APCO convention in Daytona Beach, Fla., on June 26-29, amateur radio facilities were installed and operated by the Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association. A rig was installed overlooking the exhibit room at the convention hotel and operation was maintained on 75, 40 and 20 meters. W4SDR began operating at noon the day before the convention began, funneling traffic into the Florida Midday Traffic Net and the Tropical Phone Net, and the facilities were available for individual rag-chew sessions on 14,250 kc. at other times. Completely unscheduled was the emergency traffic handled by W4SDR/4 in connection with Hurricane Audrey; the station handled Red Cross traffic into the disaster area and inquiries from those in attendance at the convention. Altogether, W4SDR/4

NATIONAL CALLING AND EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES (Kc.)

3550	3875	7100	7250
14,050	14,225	21,050	21,400
28,100	29,640	50,550	145,350

During periods of communications emergency these channels will be monitored for emergency traffic. At other times, these frequencies can be used as general calling frequencies to expedite general traffic movement between amateur stations. Emergency traffic has precedence. After contact has been made the frequency should be vacated immediately to accommodate other callers.

The following are the National Calling and Emergency Frequencies for Canada: *c.v.* — 3535, 7050, 14,060; *phone* — 3765, 14,160, 28,250 kc.

things that make FD so popular could not somehow be injected into our annual SET to increase its attractiveness to the community AREC group and bring out increased participation both in terms of groups and individuals, without detracting from the service aspect which is our primary *raison d'être*.

The first possibility that comes to mind in this connection is a competitive scoring system. We have always emphasized that the SET is not a competitive activity, except that each group competes with its own previous years' scores. But experience has shown that the more competition is emphasized, the greater is the participation. Of course it also leads to abuses, opens the field for loophole lawyers and brings in some types of participation that are not especially desirable from a service standpoint. If our present SET participation is comparatively low, at least what we do have is dedicated. Our thought revolves primarily around the scoring of points on the basis of proof of the ability to render service — to the Red Cross, civil defense, or other community agencies. Such a scoring system will be difficult, if not impossible (in which case it will take longer), to devise, but we'd like to give it a try if you like the idea and will give us some help on how to do it.

logged 19 hours and 37 minutes of operation, handled 47 messages, used nine operators.

On July 4 the AREC of Northern Kentucky assisted the Northern Kentucky Auxiliary Police by providing communication to direct parking at a large festival near Cincinnati. Automobiles had to be directed quickly to several small lots on the grounds, and by using the amateur facilities police were able to cut off traffic when a lot became full and divert it to another lot. The net was in operation for almost 7 hours; five stations participated. The idea proved very successful and will probably be continued next year. -- W4BZY.

Worcester County amateurs participated in the communications aspects of the North Medford Relay Runners Club race on September 7. Runners were tracked all the way from Mt. Tom to Waltham by amateur radio. The race began at 0720 and lasted until 1420 when the net was secured. Mobiles followed the various runners to keep WISPF informed of their positions, relaying information on availability of police escorts and condition of the runners. Operation was mostly on 10 meters, with some six meter crossband operation taking place.

We hit the jackpot with August SEC reports, recording a total of 27, the highest in history, representing 7006 AREC members. This is ten more reports than August 1956 and over 2000 more AREC members. A new section, Nevada, was represented among the August roll call, making our total sections so far this year 35, just half of all ARRL sections. August reports: Ala., Ga., W.N.Y., Conn., N. Mex., Minn., Colo., San Joaquin Valley, Iowa, E. Fla., Santa Clara Valley, Santa Barbara, Ont., Wash., Ore., NYC-LI, Wis., Md.-Del.-D. C., Maritime, Mont., Nebr., S. Texas, Mo., R. I., N. Texas, W. Va., Nevada. Things are looking up, fellows. Let's keep that total climbing.

Don't know how it happened that W3PKC's Maryland-Del.-D. C. reports were omitted for two consecutive months, but they were and it wasn't his fault, so we apologize to John, whose reporting record is 100 per cent for this year, as it was in 1956.

RACES News

Our thinly veiled threat to discontinue the RACES column produced some copy this month, so we won't chop it off yet. But don't relax. Keep the stuff coming. Let's begin by summarizing some of the short items. FCDA tells us that there are now 950 RACES plans on file or pending; of this total, 250 are new plans filed since January 1. Got your plan in? The new RACES RO at FCDA Region 4 is John Galloup, W8PYQ. W6EBK informs us, as RO for Baldwin Park, Calif., that that city received its RACES approval on Sept. 9. Another state, Georgia, has joined the United States Civil Defense Amateur Radio Alliance; the delegate will be Jack Farr, W4TJS, who is state radio officer.

New York State Radio Officer W2BGO has announced that certificates of commendation are being issued to amateurs by the State Civil Defense Commission in recognition of "Outstanding Dependability and Contribution to

Civil Defense." Handsome certificates, too, with a background of an atomic explosion over which is printed the RACES emblem. About 75 such certificates have been awarded in the first issue, and more will undoubtedly follow.

Radio Officer (and EC) W8HUF of Howard County, Ind., reports on the results of a civil defense simulated bombing at Greentown called "Operation Eastern" on July 24. The Ground Observer Corps issued an alert at 1600, and at 1810 a two-engine bomber dropped a bomb and flare, then another bomb at 1815. The RACES net was activated at 1816. Operation was on 75 and 6 meters. All operation was mobile to mobile, the noise level being too high at the control center to allow fixed station operation on 75 meters. Mobiles were parked two blocks away to act as relay to the control center. Other mobiles were dispatched to various locations in the bombed area to relay messages from field units to the control center. All calling in of outside units from assembly points to the bombed area and all dispatching of fire trucks, ambulances and rescue trucks on each individual run were handled by the RACES network. All e.d. units were in Greentown by 1915, the total demonstration period lasting another two hours. Howard County RACES furnished 11 stations, Miami County 2, Cass County 1 and Madison County 2. Although the operation was not perfect, W9HUF says he is proud of the job done and particularly of the help given by other counties.

ELECTION RESULTS

Valid petitions nominating a single candidate as Section Manager were filed by members in the following Sections, completing their election in accordance with regular League policy, each term of office starting on the date given.

East Bay	B. N. Southwell, W6OJW	Oct. 14, 1957
San Diego	Don Stansifer, W6LRU	Oct. 15, 1957
Western Florida	Frank M. Butler, jr., W4RKH	Dec. 15, 1957
Quebec	C. W. Skarstedt, VE2DR	Dec. 15, 1957

In the Utah Section of the Rocky Mountain Division, Mr. Thomas H. Miller, W7QWH, and Col. John H. Sampson, jr., W7OCX, were nominated. Mr. Miller received 60 votes and Col. Sampson received 35 votes. Mr. Miller's term of office began Oct. 28, 1957.

ELECTION NOTICE

(To all ARRL members residing in the Sections listed below.)

You are hereby notified that an election for Section Communications Manager is about to be held in your respective Section. This notice supersedes previous notices.

Nominating petitions are solicited. The signatures of five or more ARRL full members of the Section concerned, in good standing, are required on each petition. No member shall sign more than one petition.

Each candidate for Section Communications Manager must have been a licensed amateur for at least two years and similarly a full member of the League for at least one continuous year immediately prior to his nomination.

Petitions must be in West Hartford, Conn., on or before noon on the closing dates specified. In cases where no valid nominating petitions were received in response to previous notices, the closing dates are set ahead to the dates given herewith. The complete name, address, and station call of the candidate should be included with the petition. It is advisable that eight or ten full-member signatures be ob-



Fifteen of the 32 regular members of the New England Weather Net got together for the net's first person-to-person meeting at the home of W1YCR in Framingham on Sept. 28. Standing (l. to r.) we have W1s MSF ATX YCR NR WXI UZX OJM UHI FTB; kneeling: W1SDX W1RPK W2LIY W2FTV and W1RJL. (Photo by K1BEN)



tained, since on checking names against Headquarters files, with no time to return invalid petitions for additions, a petition may be found invalid by reason of expiring memberships, individual signers uncertain or ignorant of their membership status, etc.

The following nomination form is suggested: (Signers will please add city and street addresses to facilitate checking membership.)

Communications Manager, ARRL. [place and date]
38 La Salle Road, West Hartford, Conn.

We, the undersigned full members of the
..... ARRL Section of the
Division, hereby nominate
as candidate the Section Communications Manager for this
Section for the next two-year term of office.

Elections will take place immediately after the closing dates specified for receipt of nominating petitions. The ballots mailed from Headquarters to full members will list in alphabetical sequence the names of all eligible candidates.

You are urged to take the initiative and file nominating petitions immediately. This is your opportunity to put the man of your choice in office.

— F. E. Handy, Communications Manager

Section	Closing Date	SCM	Present Term Ends
Yukon*	Dec. 10, 1957	W. R. Williamson	Mar. 17, 1949
Virginia	Dec. 10, 1957	John Carl Morgan	Feb. 11, 1958
North Carolina	Dec. 10, 1957	B. Riley Fowler	Feb. 15, 1958
Maritime*	Dec. 10, 1957	D. E. Weeks	Feb. 15, 1958
Georgia	Jan. 10, 1958	William E. Kennedy	Mar. 18, 1958
Washington	Feb. 10, 1958	V. S. Gish	Apr. 15, 1958
Tennessee	Feb. 10, 1958	Harry C. Simpson	Apr. 15, 1958
Arizona	Feb. 10, 1958	Cameron A. Allen	Apr. 15, 1958
Alberta*	Feb. 10, 1958	Sydney T. Jones	May 1, 1958
Louisiana	Mar. 10, 1958	Thomas J. Morgavi	May 31, 1958

* In Canadian Sections nominating petitions for Section Manager must be addressed to Canadian Director Alex Reid, 169 Logan Ave., St. Lambert, Quebec. To be valid, petitions must be filed with him on or before closing dates named.

TRAFFIC TOPICS

Somewhere in the Ham Ads section of this issue of *QST* you will find a paid announcement of a Traffic Hounds Roundup on January 1, sponsored by the Traffic Hounds Morning Watch. The sponsors have asked us to mention this and to urge all traffic men to take part. We are happy to do so. Traffic handling, in its pure form, can be a pretty impersonal, sometimes dull, sometimes actually monotonous pursuit if the fraternal element is not encouraged in its proper place. Ordinarily, this place is not when there is traffic to be handled, and oftentimes newcomers to traffic find us a somewhat unsociable lot and soon leave us for the glamor of DX or the chumminess of casual ragchewing.

But there is no group more fraternal, in the end reckoning, than a group of individuals who are proud of themselves and proud of each other in the realization of a service performed. Such a group are the traffic men. Let's all take the

first day of the year to gather in the neighborhood of 3540, 7080, 14,090 and 21,090 kc. for a bit of fraternalism among the traffic gang. Regarding phone, W4IA says "No special phone frequencies are suggested, since concentration of activity in already crowded phone bands would bring unfavorable reaction from non-trafficers. When using phone, spread out and try to avoid concentration of QRM."

K4BVX suggests that we cover the topics of receiving for messages, the proper way to report into a net and methods for sending stations up and down with traffic. Okay, let's cover them:

Receiving for messages: all the sending station requires is some indication that you received the message. You don't have to make a project of it. Experienced c.w. operators will simply hit their key once and produce a dit or a dah, or maybe a couple of dits; this is especially useful if a string of traffic is being sent. Nothing wrong with saying "QSL UR NR 5 QRV," but it's a waste of time and always unnecessary. When full break-in is used, it is necessary to indicate receipt only at the end of the string of messages. AARS operators before the war used to rap out as many as 40 or 50 messages at a time with nary a break, then have them acknowledged by the receiving station with a single dit. This is probably a little extreme for our normal crop of traffic handlers today, but in any case the greatest necessity is to say "R K" or just "R" if the sending station has no more. On phone, any vocal acknowledgement is sufficient, the shorter the better, such as a "roger" or, if you prefer, a (ugh!) "romeo." Just remember one important thing: you don't receipt for a message unless you received it, in full.

Reporting into nets: First, wait until the net control calls you (if a roll-call net), or until he indicates he wants stations to report in (QNI on c.w.). Then call him very briefly, sign your own call. On c.w., where complete break-in is used, it is often convenient just to call him, then wait until he indicates he has heard you before you sign your own call, but this depends to a great extent on adopted net procedure. Give (1) your location or the place or area for which you will accept traffic, and (2) the list of traffic on your own hook, broken down in accordance with net procedure. Procedures for reporting in vary with different types of nets. CD-24 outlines the procedure at all three levels of NTS nets.

Clearing traffic off frequency: The first rule to observe is not to use adjacent frequencies unless the volume of traffic reported requires it. The second is not to use adjacent frequencies that are occupied by other nets at that time. Net control should indicate which two stations are to QNY, where they are to go, and what traffic they are to clear. The frequency or deviation from net frequency can be only approximate, of course, since stations may find the exact designated spot occupied by a rock-crushing signal, in which case they would make their contact a little to one side or the other of him. Who calls first? The Virginia Net has a rule that the station to receive traffic should call first, the sending station to zero on him; this is because the receiving station, being the one to do the copying, should be the one to pick the exact spot. If both stations have traffic to send, the one in the lowest call letter numeral or designated call letter alphabetical sequence should call first. For example, K1XYZ should call W2ABC, but W1ABC should call K1XYZ. After clearing traffic return at once to the net



The Ohio Buckeye Net (BN) had a picnic on August 30. Some of these are the same faces you saw in November *QST* (p. 98), but also there are a few new ones. Top row: W8s HXB, CSK, CGF, VTP, WE, DSX (8RN mgr.), VWX; bottom row: K8BFX, K8DDG, W8AL (SCM), W8OPU and W8VDA.

frequency and report back in. If for any reason all traffic was not cleared, inform the NCS because he has to keep track of it.

A lot of little "gimmicks" are used on many nets to speed up the procedure. No room to go into detail here. If you are thoroughly familiar with a particular net's procedure, you'll know just what to do when reporting in. If you aren't, it is best to listen a while and see if you can figure out how they operate before you QNI.

During a July session of the MDD Net (Md.-Del.-D. C. section), W3WV received a message for Chile. Having previously worked CE3DZ on several occasions, Leo went down to 20 meters, squatted on the approximate frequency of their previous QSP and gave CE3DZ a blind call. CE3DZ answered the first call, QSP'd the message; seems he just happened to have his receiver tuned to that frequency. If this were fiction, we'd have tossed it out as too ridiculous.

Miscellaneous net reports: TCPN reports that the first call area handled 1265, second call area 1298, 4th, 9th and 9th call areas 1065 for a grand total of 3626. North Texas/Oklahoma Net had 30 sessions, 970 check-ins, traffic total of 265. Early Bird Transcontinental Net reports traffic total of 366.

National Traffic System. Once in a while we receive a complaint that although we say that section nets are the foundation of NTS, we devote most of our space to regional and area nets and the TCC in this column. We can't deny that. There are fifty-odd section nets, with a potential of over a hundred, but only fourteen nets at regional and area level. If we started giving details on section net operation, there just wouldn't be enough room. For example, 27 section nets reported this month. Such coverage can be effected in the SCM's column at his discretion. Regional and area nets, which transcend section boundaries, are dependent on the amount of coverage that can be afforded them right here in this column. While it is true that section nets are the foundation of the system, this is not to say that a section net is more important than a regional net. All parts of the system are important, just as are all links of a chain, be they big or little, so let's not get into any ridiculous discussions about whether your net is more important than mine or vice versa.

Nevertheless, when a section net comes up with a good idea that has a national application, there is no reason why we cannot present it here. A particular case in point is the Washington Section Net (WSN) which is a real live-wire setup under the direction of RM W7AIB. WSN elects its manager each year from among regular participants who have three minimum qualifications: (1) Been an active amateur of general class or higher for at least three years. (2) Been active on an NTS net not less than 2 years. (3) Been an active member of WSN for at least one year. W7AIB has also put out a detailed instruction manual for new members, giving full information on the purpose of the net, its NTS status, and complete instructions for reporting in, handling traffic, frequency tolerance, closing the net, traffic policy and operating aids available. It's an admirable job that many section nets could do well to emulate, and maybe if you'll ask W7AIB real nice he'll send you a copy.

The point he makes in a letter of transmittal is that ARRL should have some similar kind of manual for section nets. It is quite true that CD-24 does not cover all the above details and in that respect might be considered to fall short in giving full info. But consider this: even in the excellent WSN manual, the details of net operation do not agree entirely with those given in CD-24. There is no slightest doubt that other section-prescribed procedures would disagree in other respects. So in order not to be disagreed with at least 90 per cent, your headquarters has always limited its suggestions, for the most part, to broad general principles and let individual organizations adopt their own details using the general principles as a guide. Sure, we could get out something showing in detail one way in which it could be done, but most of the nets who already have established operating procedure wouldn't do it exactly this way and moreover would strongly disagree with our recommendations. Each net has a tendency to think that it is the best in the country and that its procedures should be universally adopted; but each net has some slightly different circumstance which will make its procedure differ from any or most others. This is truer of section nets than of regional nets, truer of regional nets than area nets, but even at top echelon there are differences in procedural detail.



This is Vi, W0ZWG, a regular on the Nebr. Morning Net, the Nebr. CW Net and the Tenth Regional Net. She is one of an all-ham family, the OM being W0VGH and the junior op. being W0ZWF.

No, the section net must devise its own procedure. General principles of net operation are given in *Operating an Amateur Radio Station*. A few recommendations on NTS section net operation are given in CD-24. The section level takes it from there. There seems to be no other practical solution.

September reports:

Net	Ses-sions	Traffic	Rate	Aver-age	Repre-sentation %
EAN	19	664	.692	39.7	97.6
CAN	29	763	.448	29.3	100
PAN	28	995	.344	35.5	100
1RN	24	279	...	11.6	89.8 ¹
2RN	44	294	.263	6.7	87.1
3RN	42	265	.268	6.3	88.9
4RN	42	259	...	6.2	45.2
RN5	50	531	.355	10.6	86.1
RN7	39	159	...	4.1	...
8RN	29	185	...	6.4	88.5
9RN	50	583	.291	11.7	76.5
TEN	90	1397	.431	15.5	51.0
ECN	17	80	...	4.7	76.5 ¹
Sections ²	639	4110	...	6.4	...
TCC Eastern	45 ³	115	...	...	...
TCC Central	...	668	...	...	...
TCC Pacific	75 ³	1012	...	...	...

Total/Summary	1142	12369	EAN	9.3	CAN/PAN
Record	1142	12369	...	15.4	100

Late reports:					
RN7 (July)	43	198	...	4.1	...
RN7 (Aug.)	47	187	...	4.0	...

¹ Regional net representation based on one session per night. Others are based on two or more sessions.

² Section nets reporting: ILN (Ill.); GSN (Ga.); S. Dak. 75 Phone & S. Dak. 40 Phone; CN & CPN (Conn.); Iowa 75 Phone; OSN/PQN (Ont.-Que.); AENB, AENP & AENT (Ala.); SCN (Calif.); TLCN (Iowa); NJN (N. J.); QKS, QKS SS & QRN (Kans.); KYN & KPN (Ky.); WVN (W. Va.); WSN (Wash.); Minn. Noon Phone; MSN (Minn.); Tenn. CW; SCN (S. C.); STS (S. Texas); MDD (Md.-Del.-D. C.).

³ Transcontinental Corps functions reported, not counted as net sessions.

W1EMG did a fine job as acting 1RN Manager during W1BVR's absence. W2ZRC reports 2RN now on 3000 kc. for both sessions. W4SHJ is the new manager of 4RN, replacing W4LAP who has resigned; thanks to W4AKC for holding the net together. The morale of RN5 has improved under new manager W5RCF. Congrats to 8RN Manager W8DSX on birth of a new baby boy. TEN certificates have been earned by K0DGW, W0EGQ and W0QXF; W0EGQ uses braille for all copy. Honorable mention to W0ZJF for a perfect NCS record during the past couple of years. VE3AUU has taken over the ECN reins from VE3GI.

Transcontinental Corps. There are still some vacancies which slow down transcontinental traffic flow through the system. Any interested traffic men can get full information from W3WG (Eastern Time Zone), W0BDR (Central Time Zone) or W0KQD (Mountain and Pacific Time Zones).

Area	Functions	% Successful	Traffic	Out-Of-Net Traffic
Eastern	45	82.2	588	115
Pacific	75	89.3	2014	1012

The TCC roster: Eastern Area — W1s AW BDI EMG NJM TYQ, W2s HDW ZRC, W3s COK WG, W4ZDB, W8ELW, W9CXY DO. Central Area — W9s CXY DO, W0s BDR LCX LGG SCA. Pacific Area — W6s ADB GIW VZT PLG EOT BPT HC, K8s DYX GZ ORT, W7GMC, W0KQD.

BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE

Winners of BPL Certificates for September traffic:

Call	Orig.	Recd.	Rel.	Del.	Total
W7BA	20	1116	1079	34	2249
W2KEB	89	870	995	201	2161
W3CUL	151	844	841	271	1807
W0BDR	26	887	834	2	1749
W0SCA	2	592	587	1	1182
W3WIC	165	410	540	35	1150
W5RCF	4	544	487	57	1092
W4PLC	10	528	489	12	1039
W0LQ	27	445	468	33	1013
W0CPI	5	473	429	44	951
W0BJP	10	445	433	12	900
W7PGY	29	414	373	39	855
W8ELW	10	380	369	8	767
W9NZZ	228	259	0	258	743
W9CXY	6	368	354	12	738
K4EZZL	81	331	273	5	690
W6GYH	359	167	140	17	683
W0PZO	7	321	312	3	643
W1ARE	58	280	254	13	605
W0KQD	19	297	270	19	605
W9DO	24	278	261	41	604
K6SXA	59	265	193	86	603
W9JOZ	15	293	299	5	602
K6GZ	464	60	45	13	582
W9IDA	12	283	278	2	575
W0CZ	4	280	240	40	564
W7VAZ	28	258	202	56	544
K0BCQ	4	324	208	4	540
K6GK	15	230	230	58	531
W3AFF	29	251	203	42	525
W1UEQ	3	252	221	35	509
K6OZJ	9	249	225	23	507
W0GAR	4	251	249	1	505
Late Reports:					
W3AFF (Aug.)	623	207	62	1	893
K2PHF (Aug.)	109	276	214	50	649
W7TLC (Aug.)	187	200	104	86	577
W3AFF (July)	407	108	57	2	572
W7VAZ (Aug.)	23	257	232	25	537

More-Than-One-Operator Stations

Call	Orig.	Recd.	Rel.	Del.	Total
K5WAB	62	810	730	80	1682
W3PQT	21	580	559	12	1172
K5PFR	54	321	287	24	686
K9JSN	87	279	260	2	578
K8MCA	163	265	206	0	634
KGLDT	146	234	1	216	597
K7FAE	55	229	200	29	513
Late Report:					
K5WAB (Aug.)	58	710	659	51	1478

BPL for 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries:

K9GDF	174	W5SMK	102	Late Reports:	
W8FGB	173	K6OQD	102	W9PCQ (May)	121
W8SCS	126	W0VPC	102	W9PCQ (June)	104
W9ETM	119	VE2ATL	102	W3WHK (May)	102
W9EJW	110	K6YBV	101	W3WHK (Aug.)	102
K9CLS	106				

BPL medallions (see Aug. 1954 QST, p. 64) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: WITYQ, K2MMM, W8CSE, W8FWQ, K9CVD.

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada, Cuba and U. S. possessions who report to their SCM a message total of 500 or more, or 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt, in standard ARRL form.

RTTY RADIO BULLETINS

ARRL bulletins are sent on both phone and c.w. twice each evening from WIAW, the full detailed schedule as given in November QST. Additional radio bulletins of ARRL and FCC information are addressed to amateur attention by six to seven Official Bulletin Station SCM-appointees in each of the 73 ARRL Sections. These for the most part use either A-1 or A-3 emission and put out

information on v.h.f. bands as well as h.f. In the past year the growing group interested in RTTY likewise includes several SCM-appointed OBS, RTTY is of course an ideal method, with data received in a nice form all printed and ready to post or file as desired. The regular RTTY Nets that operate on the East Coast, midwest, far west etc. usually have a bulletin period conducted by an appointee, during weekly sessions. The setup at OBS W6VPC for RTTY operation was pictured in a recent quarterly CD Bulletin. We summarize herewith some RTTY OBS-schedule information that may be of interest and should especially benefit amateurs with newly acquired teletype equipment who would like to get the bulletins.

W6VPC (Oakland)	8 P.M. PST Wed., 3620 kc. and 147.29 Mc.
K6KFF (Berkeley)	8 P.M. PST Wed., Six meters.
W6VPC	5 P.M. PST Fri., 14,330 kc. and 147.29 Mc.
W6ASJ (Piedmont)	2 P.M. PST Sat.-Sun. 7140 kc. and 147.29 Mc.
W6FZC (El Cerrito)	1 P.M. PST Sat., 14120 kc. 11 A.M. PST Sun., 14120 kc. 11:30 A.M. PST Sun., 144.27 Mc.
W6ITH (Moraga)	10 A.M. PST Sun., 7140
VE7KX (Vancouver BC)	8:15 P.M. PST Tues.-Fri., 3624, 7144 kc.

SCMs (addresses on page 6) welcome applications from active member-stations who can volunteer a reliable service and good OBS coverage for modes or bands not now covered by appointees. Station power, number of times each week OBS information can be sent, and the proposed frequency and mode, all have to be considered by an SCM in connection with each application. In general the OBS system is full-up. To extend coverage in new bands or replace vacancies as they occur, SCMs of course will consider OBS applications.

A.R.R.L. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- Dec. 4: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
- Dec. 20: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW
- Jan. 2: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
- Jan. 4-5: V.H.F. Sweepstakes
- Jan. 11-12: CD QSO Party (c.w.)
- Jan. 18-19: CD QSO Party (phone)
- Jan. 20: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW
- Feb. 1-16: Novice Round-up
- Feb. 5: CP Qualifying Run — W6OWP
- Feb. 7-9: DX Competition (phone)
- Feb. 11: Frequency Measuring Test
- Feb. 18: CP Qualifying Run — WIAW
- Feb. 21-23: DX Competition (c.w.)
- Mar. 7-9: DX Competition (phone)
- Mar. 21-23: DX Competition (c.w.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following lists date, name, sponsor, and page reference of QST issue in which more details appear.

- Nov. 23-24: 21/28 Mc. Telephony Contest, RSGB (page 75, last month's issue).
- Dec. 6-8, 13-15: QCWA QSO Party, Quarter Century Wireless Assn., Northwest Chapter (page 110, this issue).
- Dec. 7-8: OK DX Contest (c.w.), Czechoslovak Central Radio Club (page 82, this issue).
- Dec. 8: Wisconsin QSO Party, Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (page 116, this issue).
- Jan. 3-5: WAE DX Contest (c.w.), DARC (page 82, this issue).

A.R.R.L. CLUB CLASS INSTRUCTION

The following is a list of radio clubs holding code and/or theory classes. Further details can be obtained by contacting the individual club through the address given in the "information" column.

Location	City	Radio Club	Information	Code	Theory
Alabama	Anniston	Anniston Radio Club	Hubert Feazell, c/o P.O. Box 489, Blue Mountain	X	X
	Birmingham	Birmingham Amateur Radio Club	Aubrey White, Jr., Box 603	X	X
	Florence	Muscle Shoals Amateur Radio Club, Inc.	Don Smith, 300 Robbins St., Tusculmbia	X	X
	Gadsden	Gadsden Amateur Radio Club	D. W. Byneem, Moragne Park	X	X
California	Culver City	Hea Amateur Radio Club	Ruth Wentworth, P.O. Box 1133	X	X
	Dunsmuir	Dunsmuir Amateur Radio Club	Raymond Rains, c/o Box 692	X	X
	Red Bluff	Teahama Co. Amateur Radio Club	W. K. McIntosh, 1855 Douglass St.	X	X
	Sallinas	Monterey Bay Radio Club	Harold Ebury, 1151 Alma Ave.	X	X
	San Gabriel	Ramona Radio Club	Tom Casacky, 605 S. Del Mar Ave.	X	X
	San Jose	SJCARA	D. T. Burbank, P.O. Box 6	X	X
	South Gate	Southeast Radio Club	J. Larsen, 10370 Alexander Ave., Lynwood	X	X
	Stanford	Stanford Radio Club	H. Deley, Box 2137	X	X
	West Valley	West Valley Radio Club	Mrs. J. Cecelo, 8921 Geysler Ave.	X	X
Colorado	Northridge	Kfo Hondo Radio Club	Lee Heath, 10560 Ceres Ave.	X	X
	Boulder	Boulder Amateur Radio Club	J. V. Walsh, 2825 11th St.	X	X
	Denver	Denver Radio Club	H. L. Waters, 730 Hooker St.	X	X
	Fort Collins	Larimer Co. A.R.C.	Irma Michaud, 312 Park St.	X	X
Conn.	Manchester	Manchester Radio Club	H. Ketchenbach, 406 Woodland St.	X	X
	Minden	Meriden A.R.C.	A. Jankowski, Oregon Rd.	X	X
	Stamford	Stamford A.R.C.	C. Salzman, 28 Knollwood Ave.	X	X
	Storrs	University of Conn. A.R.C.	P. Paul, Engineering Bldg.	X	X
	Torrington	CT Radio Club	P. Edlstein, 39 Park Dr.	X	X
	Wallington	Choate School Radio Club	J. Underwood, Choate School	X	X
Florida	Daytona Beach	Daytona Beach A.R.C.	C. Mashburn, 520 Chantreville Blvd.	X	X
	Eglin AF Base	Eglin Amateur Radio Soc.	F. M. Butler, 28 South Elliot Rd., Port Walton Beach	X	X
	Ft. Lauderdale	Broward Amateur Radio Club	F. Sultan, 2024 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Fla.	X	X
	Gainesville	Gainesville A.R. Soc.	D. C. Hunting, 2038 NW 3rd Ave.	X	X
	Lakeland	Lakeland A.R. Soc.	W. E. Prescott, Jr., 2410 Lakeview St.	X	X
	Leesburg	Lake Amateur Radio Assn.	R. O. Martin, P.O. Box 1023, Tavares	X	X
	Miami Springs	Miami Springs Radio Club	Elizabeth Clark, 41 Lenape Dr.	X	X
Georgia	Augusta	A.R.C. of Augusta	H. Frizzell, 1304 Monte Savo Ave.	X	X
	Bloomington	Central Illinois R.C.	L. E. Hill, 1304 West Jackson St.	X	X
	Chicago	Hampsters Radio Club	A. Mascolo, 8908 S. Constance	X	X
	Hillsboro	Montgomery Co. A.R.C.	R. Hoover, 401 East Wood	X	X
	Joliet	Joliet Amateur Radio Soc.	G. H. Bones, 2320 N. Raynor Ave.	X	X
	Kankakee	Kankakee Amateur Radio Soc.	E. Flowers, 545 S. Lincoln Ave.	X	X
	Moline	Quad City A.R.C.	Janet Stoebe, 1711-6 Ave., Rock Island	X	X
	Monmouth	Knox Warren A.R. Assn.	G. Salter, Box 1012, Galesburg	X	X
	Rochelle	Rochelle High School R.C.	D. Hayes, c/o Rochelle High School	X	X
	Springfield	Sangamon Valley Radio Club	F. Metzger, P.O. Box 572	X	X
	Sturgis	VRAD Club	E. Fisher, 508 7th Ave.	X	X
	Urbana	Synton Radio Club	D. Beckman, Electrical Eng. Bldg., U. of Illinois, Urbana	X	X
	Zion	Midway Radio Club	J. Green, 2218 Gilboa Ave.	X	X
Indiana	Richmond	Richmond Amateur Radio Club	C. Ruth, 2012 Nat'l Rd. W.	X	X
	Terre Haute	Wabash Valley A.R. Assn.	L. Tossier, 4310 S. 12th	X	X
Iowa	Decorah	Luther College A.R.C.	R. Ruen, c/o W9BQC, Box 139, Luther College	X	X
Kansas	Atchison	Atchison A.R.C.	G. Park, Jr., 416 N. 2nd St.	X	X
	Coffeyville	Coffeyville A.R. Soc.	Virginia Bonham, 1104 W. Second	X	X
	Dodge City	Root Hill A.R.C.	K. Burrell, Rte. 2	X	X
	Kansas City	Jayhawk A.R. Soc.	C. Smith, 3151 Delavan Ave.	X	X
	Topeka	Kaw Valley Radio Club	J. Oberg, 432 Wedgwood	X	X
	Wichita	Wichita Amateur Radio Club	C. Wallace, 835 Porter Ave.	X	X
Kentucky	Lexington	Blue Grass Amateur Radio Club	L. Echols, 2000 S. Lime	X	X
	Louisville	Amateur Radio Transmitting Soc.	A. Gilbert, 427 Fairlawn Rd.	X	X
Maryland	Anne Arundel Co.	Anne Arundel Radio Club	N. Bull, RFD #1, Box 63, Annapolis	X	X
	Hagerstown	Antietam Radio Assn.	R. Knubb, Rte. 4	X	X
	Bedford	Bedford Radio Club	L. Porter, RFD #1, N. Billerica	X	X
Mass.	Fall River	Fall River A.R.C.	Ruthe Flagg, 120 Third St.	X	X
	Framingham	Framingham Radio Club	G. Dewey, 34 Lockland Ave.	X	X
	Newburyport	Seacoast Amateur Radio Club	A. Plouff, 11 Forrester St.	X	X
	North Adams	Hoosac Valley Radio Club	W. Estes, c/o State Teachers College, Church St.	X	X
	Southbridge	Quinebaug Valley Radio Club	R. Knubb, Rte. 4	X	X
	Wakefield	Quannapowitt Radio Assn.	Mrs. E. Daly, 20 Willow St., Wilmington	X	X
	Waltham	Middlesex Amateur Radio Club	E. Tougas, 111 Cedarwood Ave.	X	X
	Worcester	Waltham Amateur Radio Assn.	P. Bay, 24 Riverside St., Auburndale 66	X	X
	Worcester	Central Mass. A.R.A.	Vie Boisseau, Box 932	X	X
Michigan	Battle Creek	Calhoun Area Radio Club	D. Hershfield, RFD #3, Box 561-A	X	X
	Benton Harbor	Hossonland A.R. Assn.	Marle Rutz, P.O. Box 292, Saint Joseph	X	X
	Detroit	Detroit Amateur Radio Assn.	L. Nathanson, 3780 Kendall	X	X
	Detroit	Detroit Mike & Key Club	S. Jones, 17514 Anglin St.	X	X
	Hastings	Harry Amateur Radio Assn.	R. Taylor, P.O. Box 9	X	X
	Iron Mountain	Iron Mountain A.R.C.	Dr. C. Steinke, 517 Stephenson Ave.	X	X
	Jackson	Jackson Amateur Radio Assn.	T. Wilson, 132 W. Wilkins St.	X	X
	Port Huron	Brass Pounders A.R.C.	G. Hayner, 1925 Lapeer Ave.	X	X
	Roseville	South Eastern Michigan A.R.A.	M. Connel, 23140 Soeta Blvd., St. Clair Shores	X	X
Minnesota	Mankato	Mankato Area Radio Club	R. Beck, 1501 Fair St.	X	X
	Minneapolis	Minneapolis Radio Club	Eunice Nordenfoss, 2924 Alabama Ave.	X	X
	Rochester	Rochester Amateur Radio Club	K. Williams, 1013 NM 2nd St.	X	X
	Stillwater	Stillwater High Radio Club	R. Gilie, Senior High School	X	X
Montana	Hillman	Yellowstone Radio Club	E. Williams	X	X
	Harlowton	Harlo Radio Club	V. Phillips, Box 971	X	X
	Missoula	Heligate Radio Club	F. Nickerson, 820 Byron St.	X	X
Nebraska	Crete	Crete Amateur Radio Club	J. Jacobs, Box 68	X	X
	South Sioux City	Tri-State Radio Club	R. Clark, 1218 15th	X	X
N. H.	Berlin	Cos Radio Club	J. Murphy, 37 Glen Ave.	X	X
	Nashua	Nashua Mike & Key Club	P. Morley, 9 West Glenwood St.	X	X
N. J.	Avenel	Avenel Radio Club	A. Elster, 53 Commercial Ave.	X	X
	Cedar Grove	Kearfott A.R.C.	R. Pelletier, 29 Fair Hill Rd., Clifton	X	X
	Westfield	Watchung Valley R.C.	C. Hopkins, 128 Hillcrest Ave.	X	X
N. Y.	Auburn	Auburn Amateur Radio Assn.	G. Hippisley, Jr., 58 Third Ave.	X	X
	Clayton	Clayton Radio Club	L. Calhoun, 522 Alexander St.	X	X
	Dunkirk	N.C. Amateur Radio Club	P. Dean, 43 Albany Ave.	X	X
	East Hampton	Bonac Radio Club	Dr. A. York, c/o East Hampton High	X	X
	Levittown	Amps Radio Club	T. O'Donohue, 137 Old Farm Rd.	X	X
	Monsey	State Line Radio Club	W. Sanderson, Box 512	X	X
	New York City	Central Queens Radio Club	M. Seitelman, 153-32 73rd Ave., Flushing	X	X
	New York City	City College Amateur Radio Soc.	Dorothy Schlager, 139 St. & Convent Ave.	X	X
	New York City	Kniekerbocker Amateur Radio Club	C. Cool, 163 W. 13th St.	X	X
	New York City	Fordham Radio Club	M. Grossman, 1665 Monroe Ave., Bronx	X	X
	Rochester	Rochester Amateur Radio Assn.	P.O. Box 1388	X	X
	Sidney	Sidney Amateur Radio Club	D. Frembes, Masonville, N. Y.	X	X
	Staten Island	Staten Island A.R. Assn.	R. Link, 190 Oakdale St.	X	X
N. C.	Greensboro	Greensboro Radio Club	J. Markham, 1421 Garland Dr.	X	X

Location	City	Radio Club	Information	Code	Theory
N. D.	Kinston	Kinston A.R. Soc.	I. Palmer, 1233 Ferndale Lane		
	Rocky Mount	Coastal Plain A.R. Soc.	J. Allred, Jr., 1609 Gay St.	X	X
	Jamestown	Jamestown A.R.C.	J. Martin, 814 3rd St.	X	X
Ohio	Camfield	Mahoning Valley A.R.A.	D. Grensow, R.D. #1	X	X
	Cincinnati	Greater Cincinnati A.R.A.	P. Wolf, 741 Delta Ave.	X	X
	Cincinnati	Northern Hills A.R.C.	L. Drake, 1536 Clovernoil	X	X
	Cleveland	S.E. Amateur Radio Club	S. Koehl, 3653 E. 114 St.	X	X
	Cleveland	Case Tech Radio Club	Box 6, Yost Hall	X	X
	Cleveland	Westpark Radiops	J. Bamberg, 680 Moore Rd., Avon Lake	X	X
	Dayton	Dayton Amateur Radio Assn.	E. Bonnet, Box 44	X	X
	Hamilton	F.H.A.R.A.	W. Schneider, 625 Clinton Ave.	X	X
	Tiffin	Seneca Radio Club	R. Eklberry, 306 Ohio Ave.	X	X
	Van Wert	Van Wert A.R.C.	B. Anderson, 607 Leeson Ave.	X	X
Oklahoma	Carter	Northfork A.R.C.	C. Smith, Carter, Okla.	X	X
	Lawton	Lawton-Ft. Sill A.R.C.	C. Hogzatt, Box 892	X	X
Oregon	Astoria	Astoria Amateur Radio Club	R. Scott, 1068-11th St.	X	X
	Bandon	Bandon High Ham Club	O. Denniston, R. #1, Box 200	X	X
	Grants Pass	Southern Oregon Radio Club	P. Heydenburk, Box 349	X	X
Penn.	Pendleton	Pendleton A.R.C.	A. Hummel, 304 S.W. 16th St.	X	X
	Portland	Oregonian A.R. Soc.	D. Manning, 2466 N.E. 58	X	X
	Portland	Portland Amateur Radio Club	R. Mayer, P.O. Box 1335	X	X
	Pillamook	Pillamook Radio Communications Club	D. Christie, Box 135, Rockaway	X	X
	Alicetown	Lehigh Valley A.R.C.	Filse Oberdoester, 647 E. Juniata St.	X	X
	Lancaster	L.R.T.S.	138 Springdale Rd.	X	X
	Meadville	Crawford Co. Amateur Assn.	R. Graham, 898 Ernst Place	X	X
	Philadelphia	Mic Amateur Radio Club	C. Goetz, 335 E. Price St.	X	X
	Pittsburgh	Steel City A.R.C.	N. Firestone, 673 Loretta St.	X	X
	Sharon	Mercer Co. Radio Assn.	G. Emelko, c/o WPIC, P.O. Box 541	X	X
R. I.	Stroudsburg	Pocono Amateur Radio Klub	F. Notz, 5 Grandview St.	X	X
	Washington	Washington Co. A.R.C.	E. Beull, R. D. #1	X	X
	Waynesburg	Waynesburg College R.C.	c/o Miller Hall	X	X
	Wilkes-Barre	Wyming Valley A.R.C.	J. Pugh, 23 E. Hoyt St., Kingston	X	X
	Newport	Newport Co. Radio Club	Mrs. T. Semlich, Seaman's Institute	X	X
	Providence	Providence Radio Assn.	67 South St., Saylesville	X	X
	Warren	Bristol Co. Radio Assn.	J. Antonucci, c/o Warren C/D Hq.	X	X
	Woonsocket	Blackstone Valley A.R.C.	R. Giguere, 383 S. Main St.	X	X
	Greenville	Blue Ridge Radio Soc.	G. Smith, Taylors, S. C.	X	X
	Lead	Signal Hill A.R.C.	Dorothea Adams, 51 Third St.	X	X
Tenn.	Sloux Falls	Sloux Falls A.R.C.	J. Sikorski, 1900 S. Menlo Ave.	X	X
	Chattanooga	Frye Amateur Radio Club	O. Smith, c/o Curle Radio, Broad St.	X	X
	Dallas	Dallas A.R.C.	J. Jones, 9559 Wigham	X	X
Texas	El Paso	El Paso A.R.C.	W. Baldwin, 1504 Golden Hill Terr.	X	X
	Houston	Houston Amateur Radio Club	C. Dougharty, P.O. Box 907	X	X
	Waco	Central Texas A.R.C.	W. Wittman, P.O. Box 1032	X	X
Utah	Salt Lake City	Utah Amateur Radio Club	J. Erickson, 2756 Adams St.	X	X
Vermont	Burlington	Burlington A.R.C.	Helen Dean, P.O. Box 81	X	X
	Petersburg	Petersburg A.R.C.	S. Eitelman, 174 Monticello St.	X	X
Virginia	Richmond	Richmond A.R.C.	W. Bell, P.O. Box 1985	X	X
	Roanoke	Blue Ridge Amateur Soc.	C. Sisler, Box 2002	X	X
	Aberdeen	Grays Harbor A.R.C.	Dorothy Ferris, 2309 Simpson Ave.	X	X
Wash.	Prosser	Lower Yakima Valley Radio Amateurs	Jean Larson, Box 466	X	X
	Fuyallup	Valley Amateur Radio Club	Box 12	X	X
	Seattle	West Seattle A.R.C.	H. Johnston, 2727 Belvidere Ave.	X	X
W. V.	Huntington	Tri-State A.R. Assn.	J. Smith, 3071 Wallace Rd.	X	X
	Wisc.	Four Lakes A.R.C.	W. Aspinwall, 302 E. Washington Ave.	X	X
	Milwaukee	Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club	V. Fabishak, 4185 South 57th St.	X	X
Wisconsin	Waukesha	Waukesha Co. Radio Amateur Club	Mrs. E. Koepf, 1525 Lone Oak Rd., Brookfield	X	X
	Sheridan	Sheridan Radio Amateur League	R. Miller, 362 E. Loucks St.	X	X
	Edmonton	Northern Alberta Radio Club	M. Alton, Box 163	X	X
Alberta	Hamilton	Hamilton A.R.C.	D. Williams, 5 Stinson Ave., Burlington, Ont.	X	X
	St. Catharines	Niagara Peninsula A.R.C.	K. Priestman, 54 Linden St.	X	X
	Stratford	Stratford Amateur Radio Club	A. Taylor, 40 Britannia St.	X	X
Ontario	Timmins	Norquebont A.R.C.	A. Godin, P.O. Box 263	X	X
	Toronto	Nortown A.R.C.	D. Oldford, 2 Deerfield Rd., Scarboro	X	X
	Quebec	Quebec Y's Radio Club	920 Saint Vallier W.	X	X
Bahoa	St. Lambert	South Shore A.R.C.	G. Montgomery, 396 Labonte Ave.	X	X
	Canal Zone	Canal Zone A.R. Assn.	M. Cappa, Box 407	X	X
Hawaii	Kahului	Maui Amateur Radio Club	A. Balto, 314 W. Nihau St.	X	X
	Honolulu	Honolulu A.R.C.	A. Char, P.O. Box 2368	X	X

CODE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Twice each month special transmissions are made to enable you to qualify for the ARRL Code Proficiency Certificate. The next qualifying run from WIAW will be made on December 20 at 2130 Eastern Standard Time. Identical texts will be sent simultaneously by automatic transmitters on 1885, 3555, 7080, 14,100, 21,010, 28,060, 50,900 and 145,600 kc. The next qualifying run from W6OWP only will be transmitted on December 4 at 2100 PST on 3590 and 7128 kc.

Any person can apply. Neither ARRL membership nor an amateur license is required. Send copies of all qualifying runs to ARRL for grading, stating the call of the station you copied. If you qualify at one of the six speeds transmitted, 10 through 35 w.p.m., you will receive a certificate. If your initial qualification is for a speed below 35 w.p.m., you may try later for endorsement stickers.

Code-practice transmissions are made from WIAW each evening at 2130 EST. Approximately 10 minutes' practice is given at each speed. References to texts used on several of the transmissions are given below. These make it possible to check your copy. For practice purposes, the order of words in each line of QST text sometimes is reversed.

- Date Subject of Practice Text from October QST
 Dec. 2: Six Elements on 6, p. 18
 Dec. 5: A Window-Sill Antenna, p. 21
 Dec. 10: Let's Increase V.F.O. Stability, p. 40
 Dec. 12: A Simple Conelrad Alarm, p. 43
 Dec. 18: Audrey and the Hams, p. 50
 Dec. 23: Contests, p. 56
 Dec. 27: 1957 Field Day Tops 'Em All, p. 60



WINCLES of the Bristol County Amateur Radio Association smiles approvingly over his group of prospective "General Classes." BCARA maintains one of the most active code and theory classes in the east. They employ a multiposition code-instruction table (see Learning the Radiotelegraph Code, page 34) and a TG-10 keyer for their code instruction. A fine instructor, a few hours a week, and good construction exercises for their theory class makes for a well organized group. (Photo by W1FVZ)

A.R.R.L. AFFILIATED CLUB HONOR ROLL

In accordance with the Board's provisions for special recognition of all affiliated clubs whose *entire membership* consists of members of the League we are pleased to present the second Honor Roll listing for 1957. See page 75 of June *QST* for the earlier listing of additional active clubs with 100 per cent ARRL membership. Our honor list is based each time on analysis of data received in clubs' early '57 Annual Reports. In early '58 a new survey form will be sent each active affiliate for the filings on which continued affiliation and new Honor Roll listings will be based. These following clubs will also now receive "100% ARRL Club" certifications following this listing in *QST*:

Adirondack Radio Club, Glens Falls, N. Y.
Amateur Transmitters Association of Western Pennsylvania, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ancient & Magnificent Propagation Society, Levittown, N. Y.
Batavia Amateur Radio Association, Batavia, N. Y.
Central Alberta Radio League, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Decatur Amateur Radio Club, Decatur, Ala.
The DX Club, Spring City, Pa.
The Fifty Club of California, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.
Gadsden Amateur Radio Club, Gadsden, Ala.
Hi-Plains Amateur Radio Club, Plains, Kansas
Kingsport Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Kingsport, Tenn.
McKeau Radio Club, Bradford, Pa.
Northeast Radio Club, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pampa Amateur Radio Club, Pampa, Texas
Pittsburg County Amateur Radio Club, McAlester, Okla.
Rappahannock Valley Radio Club, Fredericksburg, Va.
Sandusky Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Fremont, Ohio
Skagit Amateur Radio Club, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.
Suburban Radio Club, Inc., St. Louis County, Mo.
Sunrise Radio Club, St. Albans, N. Y.
Sussex County Amateur Radio Association, Newton, N. J.
Tehama County Amateur Radio Club, Red Bluff, Calif.
The Thirteen Amateur Radio Club, North Burnaby, B. C., Canada
Totah Amateur Radio Club, Farmington, New Mexico
Valley Radio Club of Eugene, Ore.
Windblowers VHF Society, Paterson, N. J.

DXCC NOTES

Announcement is hereby made of the addition to the ARRL Countries List of Rodriguez Island. This island is located in the Indian Ocean approximately 375 miles east of Mauritius. Addition is made by virtue of point two as explained in May 1955 *QST*, page 68.

DXCC credit will be given starting February 1, 1958 for creditable confirmations dated on or after November 15, 1945. This is to permit foreign amateurs to start receiving credits at the same time as those in the U. S. A. Confirmations received prior to February 1, 1958 for this country will be returned without credit.

In future ARRL International DX Competitions, those making contact with amateur stations located on Rodriguez Island may claim credit for a separate country in accordance with DXCC rules.

CLUB COUNCILS AND FEDERATIONS

The Cleveland Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Henry Bormann, Secy., 4345 West 50th St., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Federation of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Associations, Ernest A. Coons, W1JLN, Acting Chairman, 25 Atlantic Terrace, Lynn, Mass.

Indiana Radio Club Council, Inc., Joseph A. Chasey, W9HIV, Secy., 5613 E. 21st St., Indianapolis 18, Ind.

The Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Inc., Dorothy E. Williams, W6QLM, Secy., 361 Marie Ave., Los Angeles 42, Calif.

Michigan Council of Clubs, Roland R. Beineman, W8QBA, Secy., 136 Guild St., N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ohio Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Ralph E. Cramer, W8VHO, Secy., 3989 Indianola, Columbus 14, O.

Ontario Amateur Radio Federation, G. Moes, VE3BV, Secy., 226 North Shore Blvd., Burlington, Ont., Canada.

SCM W6LRU >>

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At KSB47 of the Illinois State Police, Chicago: on watch (left to right, seated): Richard Nowak, K9HGM, operating c.w., and George Hallam, W9CEE, at phone position. Standing behind consoles (l. to r.): Phil Simmons W1ZDP, ARRL Asst. Communications Mgr., C.W., winner of National Convention high-speed code contest at 52 w.p.m.; Ero Erickson, W9HPJ, Supervisor of the Illinois State Police station; George Schreiber, W9YIX, ARRL SCM of Illinois and Chicago Trib City Editor; Wayland "Soupy" Groves, W5NW, ARRL First Vice-President; Robert White, W1WPO, ARRL DXCC Awards; Charles Thompson, W9GLT, on first day of retirement after 43 years with telephone company; police op Orval Wingate, W9EDH; operator Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, also QST DX Editor; Ed Hart, W3NF; George Hart, W1NJM, ARRL National Emergency Coordinator. In town for the 9th ARRL National Convention, the W1s, W3NF and W5NW were treated to a tour of the Illinois Police setup by Supervisor W9HPJ.

(Chicago Tribune Photo Courtesy Weldon Whisler, W9GAS)

MEET THE SCMs

Donald H. Stansifer, W6LRU, recently elected to serve another two-year term as SCM of the San Diego section, has been a licensed ham since 1934.

An active member of the Helix Club, the San Diego DX Club, the Southern California DX Club and the San Diego Council of Radio Organizations, SCM Stansifer also assisted in the organization of the Silver Gate Club. Don is an Official Bulletin Station appointee as well as a Class I Official Observer, has earned DXCC-201, WAC (phone and c.w.), WAS, WBE, RCC and BERTA certificates and prides himself on DX accomplishments with QRP (for a W6) in the land of kilowatts. He participates in ARRL Sweepstakes and DX Contests, having been 1953, 1954 and 1956 section winner in the latter.

W6LRU's transmitting equipment is an ARC-5 80-meter VFO, four 6L6 doublers, parallel 807s final into a pi network output, covering 10 through 80 meters, phone and c.w. For receiving, a 75A-1 is used and the regularly-used antennas are a 33-ft. vertical for 7 and 3.5 Mc., a three-element rotary for 14 Mc., three elements for 21 Mc. and four elements for 28 Mc.

Don is employed by the San Diego City Schools as a teacher in radio and electricity. He enjoys baseball and fishing and is a busy church member, but his main hobby is amateur radio.



DX Century Club

The following list contains the call letters and countries totals of all holders of the Postwar DX Century Club award as of October 15, 1957. The calls of new members as well as those receiving endorsement credit during the period September 15 through October 15, 1957, are included in this listing.

- 273 W1FH
- 272 W6AM
- 271 W8HGW
- 270 W6ENV
- 269 W9NDA W3GHD
- 268 W6MX PY2CK
- 267 W8NBK W8BRA
- 266 W6DZZ W6SYG KV4AA W2AGW
- 265 W6RW W6CUQ W3KT W3JNN
- 264 ZL2GX W6TT W7AMX W2HUQ G2PL W3BES W8KIA
- 262 W2BXA W3JTC W5ASG W6BBI W6SAT
- 261 W6SN W6TS
- 260 W6VFR W8DMD W9RBI ZL1HY
- 259 W1CLX W1ME W5ADZ W6MEK W9FV LU6DJX
- 258 W6GFE W6VE G3AMM G4CP
- 256 W6ADP ZS6BW
- 255 W4TM
- 254 W3EVW W4TO W7GUV
- 253 W1TW W4MR W8KML
- 252 W2VZ W9PID W0AIW G6ZO
- 251 W8JB1 W8UAS W9IUZ G6RH
- 250 W8GAU W6TI W8BKP W0XO CE3AG PA0UN
- 249 W8DAW W0DAE SM6LL
- 248 W1BH W2QH W5JUF W5MIS
- 247 W6NTR W0ELA
- 246 W2JT W6GPB
- 245 W8JIN VK2DI
- 244 W1ADM
- 243 W1HX
- 242 W3IYE W5KC W7GBW
- 241 W4BPD W5EGK W9ABA W9FKC HB9J ON4AI
- 240 W1GKK W1JYH W3EPV W6BPD W6HX W6NNV W6UHA W8SX W9LNM VK2ACX
- 238 W6YY
- 237 W3CPV W4MR W8KML
- 236 W2QKS W3EGR
- 235 W0NLY
- 234 W8JBI W8UAS W9IUZ G6RH
- 233 W6BZE W6DI F8HS VE7GI
- 232 W2HJM W5BFP W5FPW W6LDD W8EWS W8TMA G6YQ
- 231 W1AXA W2DS W4KFC W7HXG
- 230 W1HA W2TQC W3DRD W4OM W4HA W4LZF W8UPN W9AMU W9FJB CE3DZ DL7AA F8HLS G3HLS KH6IJ
- 229 W3OCU W6GRL W6JQU W6ZCY
- 228 W7AC W8QVZ VE7ZM
- 227 W5ABY W5BNO W8DHC G3F 4X4RE
- 226 W3OP W4LNV W5AFX W5LXY W6LW SM5ARP
- 225 G3DO
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• All operating amateurs are invited to report to the SCM on the first of each month, covering station activities for the preceding month. Radio Club news is also desired by SCMs for inclusion in these columns. The addresses of all SCMs will be found on page 6.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA—SCM, Richard B. Mesirov, W3JNQ—PAM: TEJ. RM: YAZ. E. Pa. nets: 3610 kc. (meets at 1830), 3850 kc. (meets at 1800) and 3997 kc. New appointments: AFF and GYP as ORSS, WPG as OES, FCI as OPS. The Pottstown ARC meets the 1st Thurs. and 3rd Tue. of each month at the Science Bldg. of the Hill School and reports new officers are K3AOH, pres.; HOG, vice-pres.; ZVY, secy.; YDY, treas.; ARK, act. mgr. Officers of the Lancaster Radio Transmitting Society are KKW, pres.; UMX, vice-pres.; OY, secy.; HXY, treas. The club has a monthly paper edited by CMN. In addition, the LRTS conducts code classes in the McCaskey High School under the direction of VBI, and has secured the call W3AD for a club station as a memorial to a former member. Election results of the Delaware-Lehigh ARC are NF, pres.; FKE, vice-pres.; RUY, treas.; FVT, secy. The Frankford Radio Club continues its expansion and has had more than 50 in attendance at its last several meetings and noted that its club entries broke QSO records in both the one transmitter (HES/3) and three transmitter (PKY/3) groups in the last Field Day. AXA returned to the fold with a traffic total and report of DX activity. CXJ has a new SX-101 and an 80-meter dipole and is QRV for all traffic. LEZ continues with DX by working VSI for a new country. OK and BBS are both using vertical antennas. PYF continues his travel with a jaunt to W5-Land. While he is gone KN3AFW minds his store, but reports the going is tough in handling traffic on the Novice bands. CUL complains that the National Convention was too short in duration and also reports rubbing elbows with all of the brass. TEJ reads Official Bulletins every evening just before the PFN meets on 3850 kc. NOH entered the F.M.T. and also readied his 2-band squad for launching. ALU passed the General Class exam and is on with a DX-100. The Short Skip Radio Club meets at 28.8 Mc. every Sat. night at 2330 and passed its 29th Consecutive session! JNQ was QRT rebuilding but is now back in action. To those who applied for membership in the AREC—have patience. We have no SEC at present, and your applications will be taken care of as soon as possible. In one year JBA has worked 468 6-meter stations in 3493 QSOs. Many E. Pa. stations will disappear in monthly reports and this column will disappear without information. Traffic: (Sept.) W3CUL 1807, AFF 525, WHK 218, TEJ 232, CXJ 132, HFF 125, BNR 37, EPL 32, PDJ 26, FVT 20, FCI 15, AXA 13, AMC 9, NQB 8, FAW 6, JNQ 4, PUY 3, ADE 2, CNO 2, KN3AFW 1. (Aug.) W3AFF 893, WHK 462, NF 63. (July) W3AFF 572. (June) W3WHK 249. (May) W3WHK 355.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—SCM, Louis T. Cronberger, W3UCR—Asst. SCM Delaware: Philip R. de Courcelle, 3DQZ. SEC: PKC. Section nets: MDD 3650 kc. 1915 EST M-S, MEPN 3820 kc. M-W-F 1830, Ssn 1300 EST. New appointments: ZZZ as EC for St. Marys Co. and HIZ or ORS. The Foundation of Radio Amateur Clubs' Hamfest was a big success in spite of rain. The affair, chairmanned by OMN, was held in the two auditoriums at the Gathersburg Fair Grounds. First prize, a GRP-90, was won by ex-WN3GQI, second was a Gonset Communicator for 2 meters, won by INC, and third an Eldico Automatic Key won by 4BGV, a c.w. man. The mobile contest was won by CQH, with K4JEL runner-up. The v.h.f. transmitter hunts were won by NUT on 6 and SST on 2 meters. The CARCS meetings on Sept. 9 and 23 featured movies, "The History of the U. S. Air Force." KLA reports a fine score for PGA in

the September V.H.F. QSO Party. The club journeyed to West Virginia, as did the National Capital V.H.F. Society, and gave many that state on 50, 144 and 220 Mc. The Area ARC has code classes started under HXN. YAG presented AF films, "The Thunderbirds," "Aeronautical Charts" and two others at the RCARA meeting on Sept. 27. WMRC and Philmonts' half-way mobile trip to Havre de Grace proved to be a big success with a large turnout from both clubs. The CSRC started its fall-winter season with a talk on receivers by UN. Mr. Schultz, Chief of Communications, U. S. Weather Bureau, presented a history of the Weather Bureau Communications and 4R1X introduced his recorded history of telegraph. "The Saga of The Telegraph," at the District Heights Radio Club meeting on Sept. 27. The speaker at the WRC meeting of Sept. 20 was Bill Grenfell, 4GF, Chief of the Amateur Division of the FCC. He spoke on the proposed revisions of the amateur regulations. New officers of the WAYLARC are RXJ, pres.; 4T7T, vice-pres.; TSC, secy. and CDQ, treas. K4DKG/3, Rockville, is now KR6HN and is on 20-meter s.s.b. from 0630 hST. SLS and DVO reported the birth of Ray III, BGF and ex-WN3HEX passed the General Class exam. PQT handled traffic from EJW/3 at St. Mary's Co. Fair. K2DAB is a new General Class licensee and an operator at PQT. WV received, finally, worked 1950, an AC5RF QSL making WAZ, ECP vacationed in New York and New Jersey and used a BC-474 to keep schedules. VAE, Montgomery, Pa. EC, conducted a Washington Area AREC meeting. CQ, ECP, K4LMB, 4TNQ, PBW, BKE, PZA managed RPE and UCR were in attendance. MHW at O4IGV is keeping schedules with MCG and MSK at the U. S. NRI and VJL operator UJU was very active in the Sept. V.H.F. QSO Party on 6 meters. GKP worked Georgia and Mississippi for No. 24 and No. 25 on 2 meters during the Sept. Aurora. PZW our new RM, issued a nice printed bulletin. Activities and traffic reports are due at the SCM's by the 5th of each month. The ARRL National Convention will be held in Washington Aug. 15, 16 and 17, 1958. Traffic: W3PQT 1172, UE 273, NNM 173, K3WBJ 132, W3HIZ 127, PQ 104, WV 100, RV 98, COK 94, BUD 68, UCR 65, ECP 35, EUG 32, AHQ 10, PKC 9, MCG 7, OYX 6, KA 2, WSE 2, MSR 1.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY—SCM, Herbert C. Brooks, K2BG—SEC YRW. PAM: ZI. New appointments: K2CIQ as OES and K2SOZ as ORS. We wish K2ERC a speedy recovery from his illness. The SJRA Picnic was a big success with nearly 700 attending. K2KTS received his WAC on 20-meter phone. K2CEA, TE and ZK are the leading SJRA DXers. K2CK (RG's son) is doing a fine job handling traffic. K2CFR is still silent in his new QTH. K2PPT, Burlington, received the VA-JC award. K2DSL (Trenton) has increased power. At school, Bunny is president of the Student Council. K2PGC is now president of the Bucknell U. Amateur Radio Club (3RPH). RG continues to add states and countries QSOed with his QRP transistor rig. ZI spent part of his vacation visiting 8HX and the Ford Museum in Detroit. K2JGU, Glassboro, is heard regularly on NJF, TCPN, V3N and also MARS nets. WN2SXV, Brigantine, QSOed 20 states his first month on 40 meters as a Novice. K2BNU, Audubon, is a radio operator aboard the M/S *Dynafuel*. HZJ, Pennington, is back on the air. PTJ, Pennsauken, has many new antennas and seems to favor 6 meters. SJRA membership is nearing the 250 mark. 5VCI/2 is technical editor of *Harmonics*. The Burlington Co. Radio Club meets in Moorestown the 1st Fri. The SJRA meets in Erlton the 4th Thurs. Reports from clubs are solicited, especially with regard to plans and projects. At this writing 2UA and daughter K2INQ expect to sail for Europe early in November, returning after Christmas. Seventeen Form 1 reports were received this month. Keep up the fine work and keep me advised of your activities. Traffic: W2HDW 203, K2OOK 185, W2RG 130, K2JGU 71, W2ZI 48, K2PPT 37, W2BZJ 34, K2EFA 33, DSL 20, PGC 16, K0HEX/2 9, K2SOX 4.

WESTERN NEW YORK—SCM, Charles T. Hansen, K2HUK—SEC: UTH/FRL. RMs: RUF and ZRC. PAMs: TEP and NAL. NYS C.W. meets on 3615 kc. at 1800, ESS on 3590 kc. at 1800, NYS phone on 3925 kc. at 1800, TAR on 3570 kc. at 1700, NYS C.D. on 3509.5

and 3993 kc. at 0900 Sun., TCPN 2nd Call Area on 3970 kc. at 1900, SPHN on 3980 kc. at 1000, LSN on 3970 kc. at 1600. UTH reports that he is collecting pictures of prewar and early v.h.f. gear in order to put together a "World Above 50 Mc." Show. K2RHQ is building a double sideband amplifier using 807s. K2CEH is looking for schedules on 220 Mc. He is on 220.030 Mc. on Wed. and Sat. nights. K2RTN has been working 6- and 7-Land on 75-meter phone in the early morning hours. RXW reports an attendance of 150 at the Oneida Hamfest. 42M was the principle speaker. K2PVN is building a 500-watt final. BKC has a new 4-125A final which can be heard on the NYSPTEN. WN2TAG reports good results with a twice-bent indoor 40-meter dipole and a 1X-35. He has worked 16 states in 6 weeks. The Niagara Radio Club, Inc., elected KEC, pres.; UMS, vice-pres.; K2LKC, secy., and KN2CEW, treas. The Niagara RC supplied communications for the International Boat RACES in Niagara River. QNA has a new 6N2. He is also looking for schedules on 220 Mc. with 20 watts and a 5-over-5. K2RIT has a new three-element 15-meter beam and 40-ft. tower and is really knocking off the DX. K2RAA is on the air with a new home-brew 3-807 120-watt rig. K2KWF is now on 15 meters with 50 watts and a three-element beam. SCI also has a new three-element 15-meter beam. MTA/2 is building an 820B 6- and 2-meter rig between 10-meter contacts. QQ made DXCC with 104 confirmed. QQ is one of our most active OOs. IRU is putting articles of interest to blind hams on magnetic tape (about 2 hours of reading per tape) and mailing them on a round-robin style. This is an excellent project, for it keeps the blind ham up to date on current happenings in ham radio. He would be glad to answer any queries concerning this no-cost service. Lyn Nichols, the young chap who lost both arms when his antenna hit the power lines, is now KN2DGU. He acquired his ticket after the accident. Clara, RUF, has been helping him along and he'll soon have his own station on the air. ORI now has 33 states on 2 meters. COB has been appointed OPS. K2AQY and K2EGB have been renewed as ECs for Wyoming and Canadaigua Counties, respectively. Traffic: (Sept.) K2IYP 197, W2RUF 183, COB 68, K2DXV 48, GWN 43, RXH 40, RTN 24, RIT 16, VNR 16, BBJ 12, GQU 9, (Aug.) W2COB 50.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA—SCM, John F. Wojtkiewicz, W3GJY—SEC: OMA, RMs: UHN, GEG and NUG. PAMs: AER and TOC. The WPA Traffic Net meets nightly on 3585 kc. at 7 p.m. Satellite accounts prompt us all to put a "top priority" tag on our c.d. efforts. If you are not yet a member of AREC or RACES, SIGN UP NOW. Gleanings from the Horseshoe Radio Club bulletin: AFD, KQD, ZUG and ZUF took in the ARRL Convention held in the Windy City. K3AHY and AHG are new General Class licensees. CHN is working hard on an 813 final and three-element beam. ZUG, a newly-appointed EC, needs support. KFD is back on c.w. and checks into MARS and c.d. nets on 80 and 160 meters. YHQ garnered some new DX with his bow-tie antenna. ROA is busy boosting his DX total. TJP, in Africa as a missionary, hopes to work Stateside with a VQ3 prefix. BTX is helping K2M get his 813 on the air. The gear at YA should get a good workout with YOZ present. MRI still is going strong on 10-meter mobile. AFH and OEZ are out of the hospital. Mr. A. L. Budlong, of Headquarters, was a speaker at the Oct. 16 gathering of the Amateur Transmitters Assn. held at the studios of radio station WPIT. AOH and his trusty rifle hunted bear in Vancouver. PBN is now on 20-meter phone. LHP has been flying radio-controlled model airplanes all summer. At the first fall meeting of the Cumberland Valley ARC the following were elected: ZUX, pres.; KRM, vice-pres.; KN3BRN, secy.-treas.; ZQU, net. mgr. ACH, outgoing secretary, did a fine job reporting club activities. LSS has his new Johnson Valiant on the air. The regular monthly meeting of the Coneyaugh Valley ARC was held at Dr. J. J. Huebner's cottage. C.d. activity has been confined to weekly drills. LXQ reports the Communications Officer has requested FCCDA to inspect the Cresson Site for approval. WRE, MIM and LXQ live dangerously at both ends of 75/80 meters on Sun. mornings. Ideas are being hatched by the RO for increased activity within the RACES group. AFY and KBZ are now General Class. ZKO has a new PRO-300. FAK spent his vacation on the Great Lakes. SFU moved to Maryland. SIN to W2-Land. UIY has a Johnson 500 and new beam. FLU sold all his gear. A report from the Allegheny-Kiski ARC states that the club-sponsored float in the Fort Crawford Day Parade never materialized since not enough time was available for organization. Several of the club's mobiles participated. HQW held a continuous 4-hour QSO with a mobile in motion travelling through the State of Wyoming. The Elm Radio Club was incorporated on Sept. 6. HSW

invaded VE3-Land. K1Q and MWJ are sporting new station wagons. TQC had antenna troubles but HSW, KN3AAD and WN3MLU came to his rescue. KN3BVV is a new licensee. ARZ has dropped the Novice tab for General Class. Traffic: W3W1Q 1150, BZR 74, GJY 55, LSS 40, K3AGF 20, W3UHN 15.

CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS—SCM, George T. Schreiber, W9YTX—Asst. SCM: Grace V. Ryden, 9GME. SEC: HOA, Cook County EC: HPG. RM: MAK. Section net: ILN, Mon. through Sat., 3515 kc., 7 p.m. CST. This will be one of the last columns your SCM writes for you. After serving for four years we feel we deserve a rest and a "little more airtime." Thanks to all of you for your cooperation. During the National Convention at Chicago NN was elected 1958 chairman of the W9DXCC. DEI moved to California and is sporting the call 6TXD. VKK demonstrated his RTTY to the Northwest Radio Club in Des Plaines. NSL is contemplating 6-meter mobile work. Rescue work saved ATE's equipment in basement flooding recently, but other amateurs were not so fortunate, including YIX. PEB serviced and painted his beam for 20-meter winter DX while PGW has switched from DXing to ragchewing. CKU has his 72A-2 realigned the better to hear his brother at KC4USA. YMI threatens to rediscover hamming any day, now that boats have been dry-docked. EWR is heard on portable although he is busy traveling the Midwest for his employer. SXL reports bad TVI after an absence of three years. NIU is looking for a good winter project when the snows come. Congratulations to the CQ Radio Club of Wheaton (Ill.) Academy and the Glenbrook High School Electronics Club on their recent affiliation with ARRL. The September issue of the *St. Clair Amateur News* was good-looking and with color, as well as interesting. UBI regrets a heavy classroom schedule keeps him from the nets, especially as he wants to see how his 10B600L will handle the traffic. K9AXS finds 40-meter phone to her liking and hubby VEY has a class of ten he is instructing in radio. Ed and Larry, operators at K9USN, report the station is going off the air, but they don't say why. K9AMC likes his 60-ft. tower and KJ's 76-tooter still is holding in the fall winds. GDI reports that he is glad the fishing fever has subsided so that he can get back to DXing. The Illinois C.W. Net had a message total of 103 with 22 sessions, reports RM MAK, while CSW reports that the North Central Phone Net handled 466 pieces of traffic. JZK now is running 600 watts on 40 and 10 meters and hopes that by the time you read this he will be perking on 80 meters. INF is renewing his acquaintance with c.w. after all these years and is having a good time. EVZ reports the joining of Silent Keys of another old-timer, EHL of Mill Shoals, Ill. The Warren County RACES Net never misses an opportunity to cooperate with the Monmouth Police. CTZ spent a good portion of the summer traveling and hence missed considerable airtime. ICF has a new 10-meter beam to replace the old one the wind played with. VBV is back at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, signing slant eight. K5JAW is sweating out in Peoria a ninth district call. Downstate they still are talking about the Shawnee Amateur Radio Association Picnic and Hamfest. Officers of the club are RNM, RKV and ATL and directors are BJ, KH and UXR. Traffic: (Sept.) K9USN 678, W9DO 604, IDA 575, K2MIUV/9 300, W9MAK 274, FAW 124, PCQ 106, SXL 52, YYG 25, VBV 17, K9AMD 11, W9SKR 4, HPG 3, JZK 2, (Aug.) K9IFB 52, W9PCQ 49.

INDIANA—SCM, Seth Lew Baker, W9NTA—Asst. SCM: George H. Graue, 9BKJ. SEC: QYQ. RMs: DGA, TQC and TT. PAMs: GMT, KOY, SWD and UXX. New appointments: NOG Green County, WUPV Vanderburg, RVM Knox, PGO Huntington, KBX Owen, LNC Vermillion, SVZ Lake, JUQ Shelby, WTY St. Joseph and EQB Johnson as ECs. IRCC officers elected at the Purdue meeting were WTY, chairman, IHO, vice-chairman, FJI, secy.; CDW, treas.; MVZ, QYQ, CMT and NTA, directors. The Shelby County RC and Bloomington ARC were admitted to IRCC membership. Those awarded the Hoosier Courtesy Award were CC, CDW, QYQ, RTH, TQC, WTY, BUQ and K9CIH. The YLs organized a YLRL club to be called the Hoosier Amateur Women's Klub (HAWK). Officers elected were RTH, pres.; JYO, vice-pres.; K9IXD secy.; LYU, treas.; K9CIH, pub. chairman; K9HMJ, editor. The club's news bulletin will be called *Hawk's Eye View*. The following furnished communications for the Antique Car Endurance Run at Mitchell: WHL, ZSN, CTM, QYQ, CNL, YJD, K9BEH and HIL. MMY was appointed OPS. New calls: KN9JKO in

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The editorial "A Christmas Bonus" reproduced below was written last year by the late Cyrus T. Read, W9AA. We find it now, as we did then, hard to imagine a simpler, more appropriate expression of the great and unique bond of friendship that radio amateurs alone enjoy. By popular request, reprints of "A Christmas Bonus" have been prepared and are available on request.

Bill Halligan, Jr.

A Christmas Bonus

IN THE DAY BY DAY PURSUIT of our hobby we radio amateurs have a wonderful time. The fascination of experimenting with new circuits and equipment — the thrill of DX — the organized teamwork of net operation — the excitement of Field Day, Sweepstakes, the DX Contest — all combine to make ours an incomparable avocation. In the midst of such absorbing interests it may be that we fail to remember the one enduring reward which comes to all of us through our amateur activity.

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WE AT HALLICRAFTERS like to feel that those interested in amateur radio are our friends. And, at this particular season, we want to extend to all amateur enthusiasts, everywhere, our sincere best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vy 73,

— CY READ, W9AA

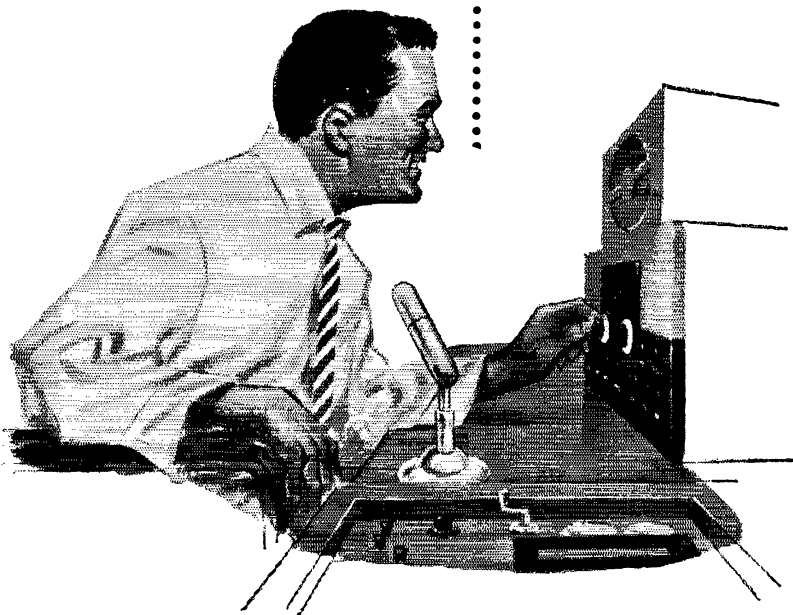
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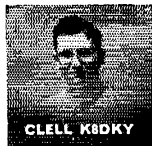
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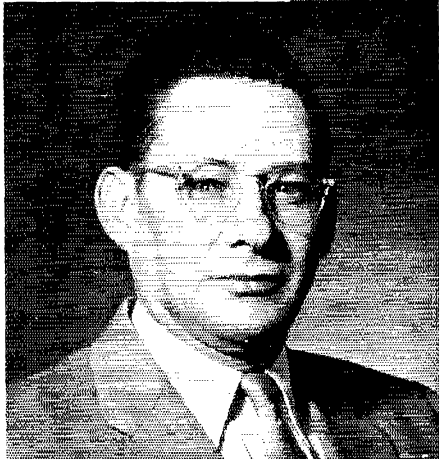
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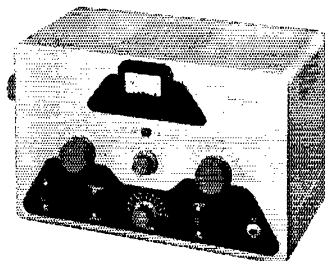


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MODEL DX-20

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If high efficiency at low cost in a CW transmitter interests you, you should be using a DX-20! It employs a single 6DQ6A tube in the final Amplifier stage for plate power input of 50 watts. The oscillator stage is a 6CL6, and the rectifier is a 5U4GB. Single-knob band-switching is featured to cover 80, 40, 20, 15, 11 and 10 meters, and a pi network output circuit matches antenna impedances between 500 and 1000 ohms to reduce harmonic output. Designed for the novice as well as the advanced class CW operator. The transmitter is actually fun to build, even for a beginner, with complete step-by-step instructions and pictorial diagrams. All the parts are top-quality and well rated for their application. "Potted" transformers, copper-plated chassis, and ceramic switch insulation are typical. Mechanical and electrical construction is such that TVI problems are minimized. If you desire a good clean CW signal, this is the transmitter for you! Shpg. Wt. 18 lbs.

HEATHKIT DX-100 PHONE & CW TRANSMITTER KIT

MODEL
DX-100

\$189.50

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You get more for your transmitter dollar when you decide on a DX-100 for your ham shack! Recognized as a leader in its power class, the DX-100 offers such features as a built in VFO, built in modulator, TVI suppression, Pi network output coupling to match a variety of antenna impedances from 50 to 600 ohms, Pi network interstage coupling, and high quality materials throughout. Copperplated No. 16 gauge steel chassis, ceramic switch and coil insulation, silver-plated or solid silver switch contacts, etc., are typical of the kind of parts you get, to use in assembling this fine rig. The DX-100 covers 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, and 10 meters with a single band switch, and with VFO or crystal operation on all bands. RF output is in excess of 100 watts on phone and 120 watts on CW, with a pair of 6146 tubes in parallel for the final Amplifier, modulated by a pair of 1625 tubes in parallel. Other tubes featured are: 6AL5 bias rectifier, 5V4 low voltage rectifier, 2-5R4GY high voltage rectifiers, OA2 voltage regulator, 12AX7 speech amplifier, 12BY7 Audio driver, 6AV6 VFO, 12BY7 crystal oscillator-buffer, 5763 r.f. driver, and a 6AQ5 clamp tube. VFO tuning dial and panel meter are both illuminated

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DX-40

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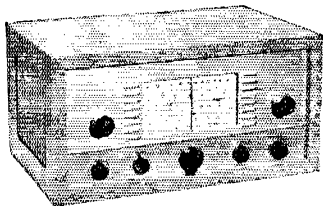
The new DX-40 incorporates the same high quality and stability as the DX-100, but is a lower powered rig, for crystal operation, or for use with an external VFO. Plate power input is 75 watts on CW, permitting the novice to utilize maximum power. An efficient, controlled-carrier modulator for phone operation peaks (up to 60-watts, so that the rig has tremendous appeal to the general class operator also. Single-knob switching covers 80, 40, 20, 15, 11 and 10 meters. Pi network output coupling makes for easy antenna loading, and Pi network interstage coupling between the buffer and final amplifier improves stability and attenuates harmonics. A line filter is incorporated for power line isolation. The efficient oscillator and buffer circuits provide adequate drive to the 6146 final amplifier from 80 to 10 meters, even with an 80 meter crystal. A drive control adjustment is provided, and the function switch incorporates an extra "tune" position so the buffer stage can be pretuned before the final is on, and so

the operator can locate his own signal on the band. Tubes used are a 6CL6 Colpitts oscillator, a 6CL6 buffer, a 6146 final amplifier, a 12AX7 speech amplifier, a 6DE7 modulator, and 5U4GB rectifier. The modulator, incidentally, has plenty of "punch" for clear, strong phone operation. A switch selects any of three crystals, or a jack for external VFO. A high-quality meter with D'Arsonval movement mounts on the front panel for tuning. Whether you are a newcomer or an old-timer, you will find the DX-40 an ideal rig in its power class! Shpg. Wt. 26 lbs.

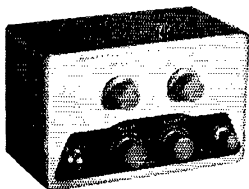
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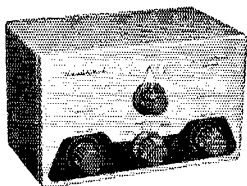
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"Q" MULTIPLIER

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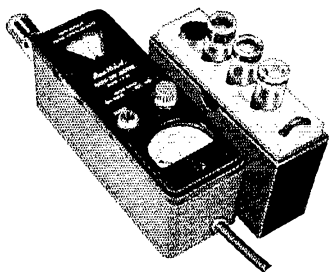
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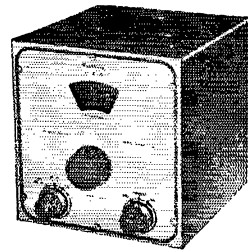
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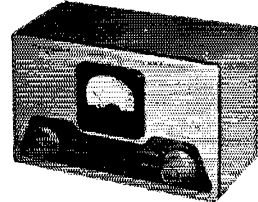
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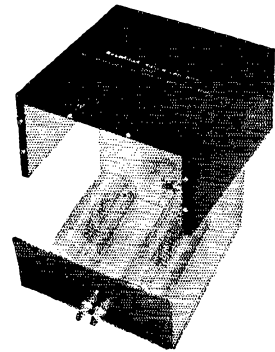
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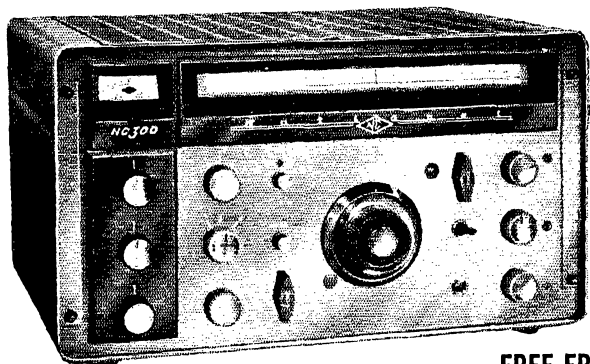
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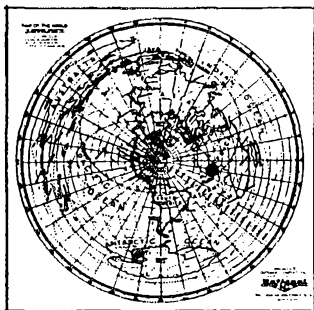


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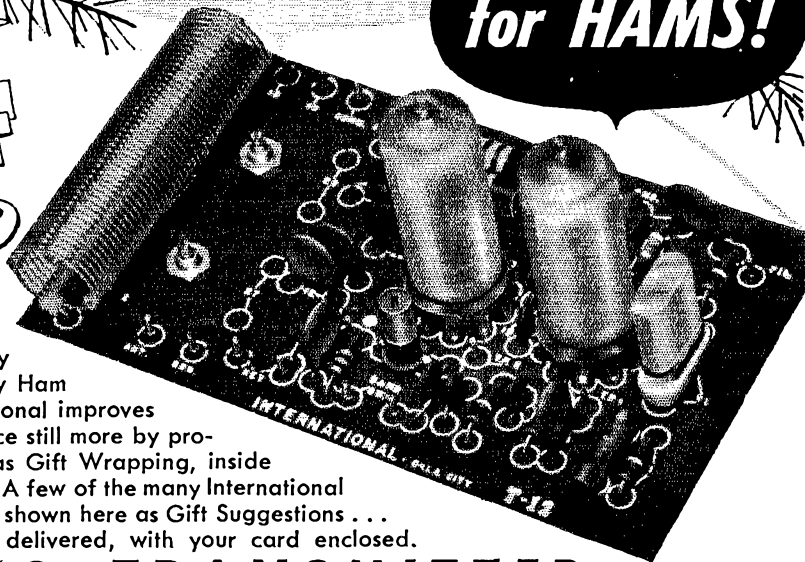
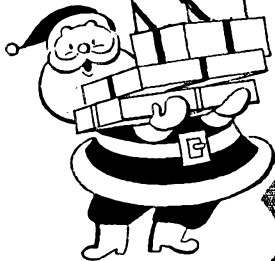
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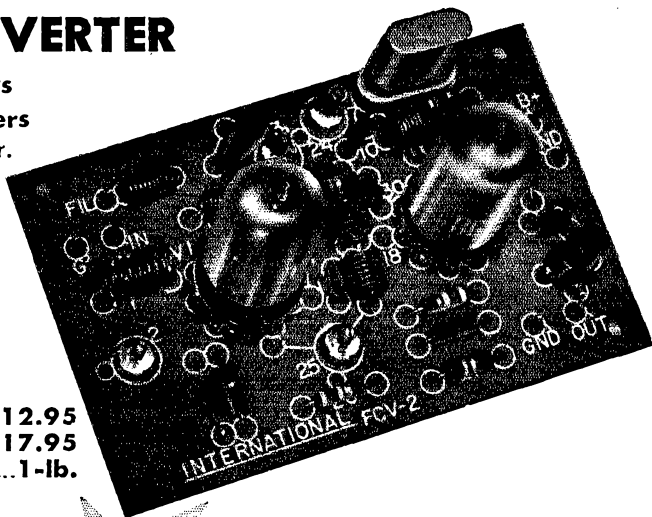
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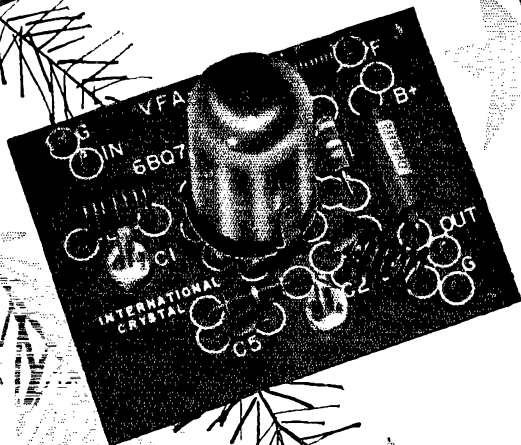


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Station Activities

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Langdale, KN9JTC in Plymouth, KN9JWH in Culver, KN9JTO in Indianapolis. Those dropping the "N" were K9DCX, Kokomo and K9GSV, Whiting. Brothers KN9ISA and IRZ have a new HQ-150. CBD has a 6N2 and 2-meter converter. GUX has his old call back and is located in Elkhart. SWD reports IFN morning traffic 148 and evening 289, total 437. TQC reported QIN traffic as 186. Those making BPL were NZZ, JOZ, EFM and EJW. K9GOE is now Cond. Class using a Globe Champion, SX-99 and trap antenna. K9AOM's new equipment is a 75-A4, HT-32 and HT-33. New officers of the Wabash Valley ARA are KOJ, pres.; K9EFO, vice-pres.; KT, secy.; WUU, treas.; and HHO, trustee. UGY has a new SX-101. The Elkhart High School club station is K9IXS. SYM is rigging for phone patch and 15-meter operation and has a full-spaced beam. JYO received a Traffickers 10,000 certificate. This being my last column I will say 73 and a Very Merry Christmas. Traffic: (Sept.) W9NZZ 743, JOZ 602, VAY 323, TT 222, ETM 172, EJW 138, JYO 116, NTA 106, TQC 96, EQO 94, SWD 94, BKJ 77, SVL 77, DHJ 76, JBQ 65, AB 61, QYQ 60, RTH 60, BUG 54, ZYK 44, VNV 36, SNQ 32, HUF 31, UQP 31, IIRW 30, BUQ 25, HXR 22, IMU 20, YXX 20, CC 19, WHL 19, HDP 17, KN9LXD 17, W9WBA 17, ENU 16, DOK 14, POZ 14, ACW 12, EJC 12, IGZ 12, SYM 12, WAU 11, HGF 10, GJS 8, SVZ 8, WTY 8, CDW 7, CMT 7, DZC 7, K9AYI 6, GQB 6, W9CTF 5, DGA 5, QR 5, ZSW 5, MMY 4, GUX 2. (Aug.) W9RTH 36, K9HGF 13, ELE 6, W9SVZ 5, UXK 3.

WISCONSIN—SCM, George Woida, W9KQB—Happy Holidays and thank you all for your cooperation in the past year. New appointees: LVC as OES, VZK as OBS. The Superior Association of Radio Amateurs is now affiliated with ARRL. K9EVB dropped the "N" from his call and PJT has a new three-element 10-meter beam. VZK skeds VE8MC in the Canadian Arctic for phone patches into Milwaukee. KN9HOL, new in Luke

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WISCONSIN SECTION QSO PARTY December 8, 1957

All Wisconsin amateurs are invited to take part in a QSO Party, sponsored by the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club in order to promote friendship and operating ability.

Rules: 1) The Party will begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M. CST Sunday, December 8, 2) All types of emission and all bands may be used, but a station may be worked only once regardless of mode or band. C.w.-to-phone operation is permitted but crossband work is not allowed. Stations are urged to work all bands from 2 through 160 meters to raise their scores. A station may compete on c.w. or phone or both, as desired. 3) The general call will be "CQ WIS." 4) Information to be exchanged in each contact will consist of the QSO Nr, R# or RST report, county, operator's name, and time of contact. 5) Logs should show times, station worked, signal reports sent and received, frequency, type emission, power input, QSO numbers sent and received, name, county. It is suggested that sheets from the ARRL Log Book be used for convenience and accuracy. Exchanges *must* be entered correctly. 6) Scoring: Count 1 point for such information sent and 1 point for such information received, for a maximum of 2 points per contact. Multiply the total contact points by the number of different Wisconsin counties worked for final score. Only contacts with other Wisconsin stations can be counted. 7) A traveling trophy will be awarded to the highest scorer, regardless of whether that score has been made completely on c.w., phone, or in a composite of both. Certificates will be issued to the first, second, and third place winners using c.w.-phone, phone only, c.w. only, Novice, and Mobile. 8) A self-addressed, stamped envelope to W9FDX will bring contest forms. Send logs, postmarked not later than January 8, 1958, to Doug Pavck, W9FDX, 5776 North 24th St., Milwaukee 9, Wis. Judgment of the Committee, consisting of W9x DGB DYG FDX GIL and K9CJL, will be final.

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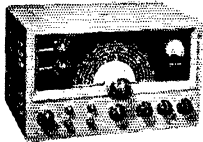
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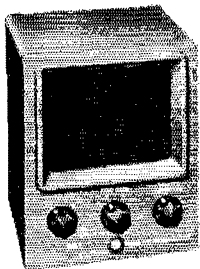
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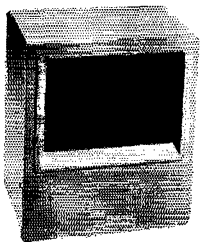
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Geneva, uses a DX-35 and 75A-3 and has 36 states and 7 countries worked. ZSO has a new Johnson 500 and ONM a new HQ-150. KN9JTW is new in Oshkosh. IMQ and GFL are active on 2 meters in Green Bay, KPG at New London and NSE and K9EAN at Clintonville. The Monroe Club has a new NC-188 and a Globe 680. K9ELT is active on WIN from Madison with a new "V" antenna. SZX meets the mailman daily for that 100th country QSL. LGR had her keyer overhauled by her OM, ADM, for more activity on WIN. QZO and KQB had an hour QSO on 21 Mc. one morning, a distance of 30 miles. YOS now is operating at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes and sending out big QSL cards from K9USN. KJJ and K9AEQ, RMs for Wisconsin, are trying to find time to operate and enjoy their last year of high school. CCO, now of San Diego, Calif., leaves for a cruise Down Under with the Navy in the spring. He says he is getting DX cards from stations worked by someone who used his call while he was in Japan. The end of 1957 finds our section with an active SEC, 33 SECs for 48 counties (23 counties have no EC), two PAMS, two RMs, 24 ORSs, 11 OPSs, 4 OOs, 6 OBSS, 7 OESs, 24 clubs and 2 active nets with the BEN and WIN. AREC in Wisconsin has 604 members, 229 mobile units, 45 local nets and 94 emergency units. Happy hamming to you all in '58. Traffic: W0CXY 738, K9AEQ 215, GDF 215, CKW/9 167, W9KQB 106, SZR 63, K9ELT 46, W9QJW 45, SAA 38, K9AYK 34, KJZ 33, W9FZC 16, OVO 16, GFL 8, PJT 8, KAWK 7, UTW 7, RQM 5.

DAKOTA DIVISION

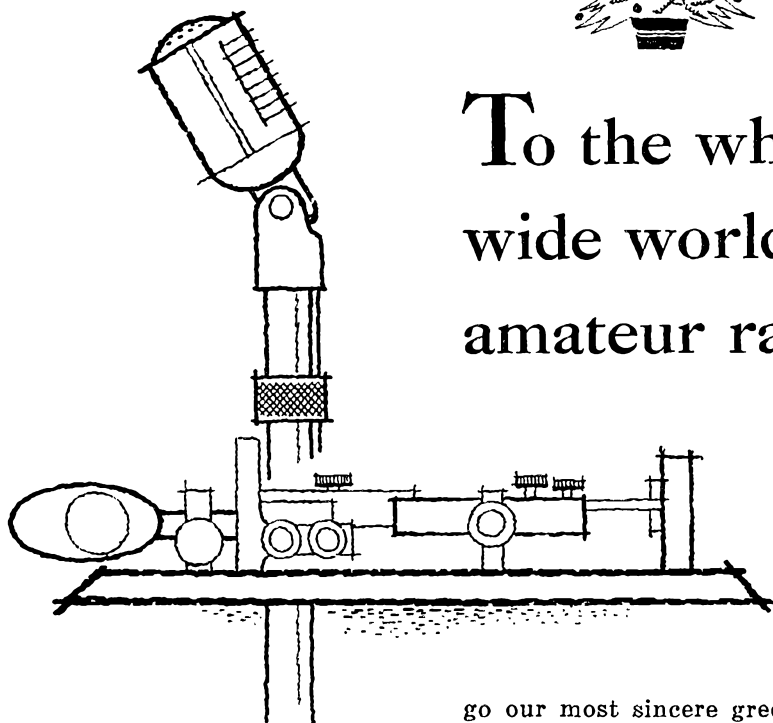
SOUTH DAKOTA—SCM, Les Price, W0FLP—Asst. SCM: Gerald P. Lee, 0YKY. SCM assistant: NEO. SECs: YOB and GDE. PAM: SCT. RM: SMV. The 75-Meter Net had 25 sessions in September (SCT 22, GQH 2, OQZ 1) with QNI 610, high 30, low 3, average 24.4; traffic 41, high 5, low 0 (8 times) average 1.64; informals 50, high 6, low 0 (three times), average 2. The South Dakota 40-Meter Net had 23 sessions (EXX 5, SCT 11, YKY 5 and new K0DPD 2) with QNI 295, high 23, low 2, average 12.82; traffic 41, high 7, low 0 (4 times), average 1.78; informals 30, high 5, low 0 (5 times), average 1.3. There were 170 plus at the Convention. OQZ has a new "V" beam aimed at Rapid City. 9ARN operated a Viking II at Davis the latter part of September. The convention at Huron was very successful. The Signal Hill Amateur Radio Club has not been having too much business. We had a picnic in July. We also helped out with our mobiles and a fixed station during the Days of '76 Parade in Deadwood and also the Labor Day Parade in Lead. Traffic: W0SCT 280, DVB 34, ZLB 16, FLP 15, NEO 14, GWS 8, BMQ 7, INZ 5, OFP 5, BQS 4, ZWL 4, TKU 3.

MINNESOTA—SCM, Robert M. Nelson, W0KLG—Asst. SCM: Bob Schoening, 0TKX. SEC: WVO. RMs: DQL and RQJ. PAMs: JJE and LUX. Code and theory classes sponsored by the St. Paul Radio Club got under way with 50 in attendance at the first meeting. IRJ has been in University Hospital and getting lots of Twin City operators for visitors. Twins, a boy and a girl, have been added to the QTH of VEP and his XYL. This year's Forrest Bryant Trophy was awarded to KJZ for her outstanding contribution to amateur radio during 1956. Presentation was made at the September meeting of the Minneapolis Radio Club. New hams in Cass County are K0KAT, at Backus, and KN0JQJ, KN0JQK and KN0LFV at Pequot Lakes. K0CTV has moved to W9-Land and hopes to get back his old call, 9TRA. TQQ left her summer cabin on Basswood Lake for a new home near Bel-Aire Beach in Florida. New officers at the St. Paul Mobile Radio Club are SXU, pres.; K0AXA, 1st vice-pres.; K0DYT, 2nd vice-pres.; K0DUO, secy.; and K0HCC, treas. UBD will be operating portable on 75 meters from Minneapolis for a year while attending Brown Institute. MBD's new Globe King and a SX-101 are creating a big noise at St. Cloud. VEZ has a new Valiant. K0GVX now has a Wonder-bar antenna for 10 meters. DQL is now mobile on all bands with an Elmac AF-67. K0GLS now runs a half gallon with a new Globe King. KXC has a Tri-Band Hy-Gain beam mounted on his flag pole! There is no need for TUS to write letters home since his mother, K0IRW, got her Globe Champ. KN0LBA, from Dassel, operated portable at Browns Valley while working in that area. His station line-up includes a DX-35 transmitter and an HQ-120 receiver. K0GCN has worked 42 states with 40 confirmed. RQJ and his XYL visited KLG's QTH. K0EWD has been quite active on the air since his recovery from a serious heart attack. KJZ attended the Midwest Division Convention at Kansas City. OBS appointments went to K0GLS and BUO. The Noon Phone Net has moved back to 3820 kc. Current traffic net schedules are: Minn.

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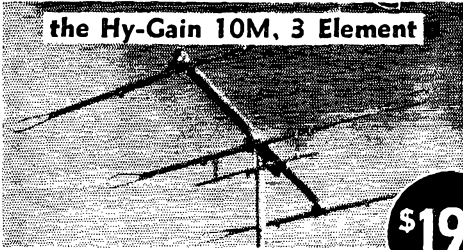
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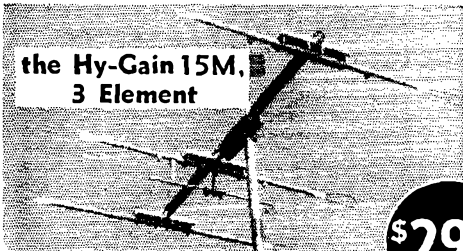
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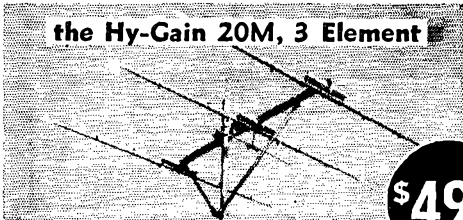
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DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS—SCM, Elmon M. Goings, W5ZZY—SEC: K5CIR. PAM: DYL. RM: CAF. We were very happy to have had the pleasure of meeting with the club at Russellville recently. We appreciate very much the presence of the hams from Paris and Clarksville who drove over to be with us. YHC and LUX sure did a fine job of keeping the OZK C.W. Net going during CAF's illness. We are glad CAF is now well and back on the job. KRO is working on a new final using a pair of 833-As. ZZY is building a new a.m. rig for 500 watts. GWB has a new 6-80-meter Globe Scout. K5APA recently finished building a new 813 rig and now has it on the air. The Wonder State 6-Meter Net meets each Tue. at 2000 with growing interest. It is very gratifying to see the increase in activity that the fall season has brought. New ECs are K5HSO, CEU and BKH. New OBSs are KRO and K5CIR. We are all sorry to lose DAG, formerly of Osceola, who has moved to Whitesboro, Tex. The Pine Bluff Club has started its code and theory classes again for would-be amateurs. All who are interested in amateur radio are invited to contact the club. Traffic: W5YHC/5 108, ZZY 51, KRO 14, K5HSO 12, W5YHT 4.

LOUISIANA—SCM, Thomas J. Morgavi, W5FMO—BSR has been re-nominated as Delta Division Director. TVW is active as OBS, OPS and CAP on 2 and 6 meters and is going to Tulane for an E.E. degree. K5KLA, recently appointed OBS and OPS, offers to help out on TVI problems. NDV, who is an ORS, has been active on MARS, TXN and NTS. Now that summer is over, EA reports that he will have more time for hunting. KRX turned in the lowest traffic in a long time. CEZ reports that delivery of Louisiana traffic has improved with MIXQ, KRX and NDV checking into RN-5 frequently. MIXQ, incidentally, reports into MARS, CAN, Hurricane and Red Cross Nets and his efforts made the New Orleans Hanfest the success it was. VAR, who lives on the Crayfish Net, had his OPS appointment renewed. DGB is active as organizer and net control of the Mid-Continent Sideband Net, which meets at 5:30 p.m. each day on approximately 7206 kc. KC is planning to install a four-element beam for 15 meters over his 20-meter three-element job. We had the pleasure of meeting with IICP, of ARRL, while he was in New Orleans. EB is doing a fine job of recovering from a very serious operation. SUM, when not fixing two-way equipment around Morgan City, can be found on 40- and 75-meter s.s.b. Some ARRL appointees have not sent in their certificates for endorsement. Please check your certificate and forward to the SCM for endorsement. EC, OPS, ORS, OBS and OO appointments are open all over the State. Drop the SCM a line asking for information. Traffic: W5CFZ 206, NDV 54, TVW 52, MIXQ 50, KRX 23, EA 14, VAR 2.

MISSISSIPPI—SCM, John Adrian Houston, sr., W5EHH—CBW reports that a v.h.f. club has been organized. Officers are SGJ, pres.; CBW, vice-pres.; VRW, treas.; YAA, secy. They invite any qualified MARS member to meet with them four nights each week from 2000 to 2100 CST on 144.990 Mc. The Cleveland Amateur Radio Club had its newly-completed emergency communications truck on display at the County Fair. GHU has been appointed State MARS Director. K5DZE has been appointed OBS for the eastern section of the State. GG and HBW visited World Radio Laboratories and brought back a Globe King for K5LEA. He is working much DX now. HBX is seeing much of Japan with the U. S. Navy. EHH will not be heard mobile for a while because of the wrecked automobile and transmitter. Traffic: W5JBS 71, R1M 7, K5EXG 6.

TENNESSEE—SCM, Harry C. Simpson, W4SCF—SEC: RRV. RM: IV. PAM: PQP. Congratulations to BPLers PL and 5KCF on their usual fine totals. PL is sporting a new electric mill. Congratulations to 5RCF on his appointment as RN5 Manager. Victory roses to RRV, our hard-working SEC, who was unopposed as vice-director. IGW introduces Humboldt's newest ham, KN4QEA. AAX and EQB has new transmitters, DIZ and DHA have recovered from their automobile injuries. UVU, a senior at Tenn. Wesleyan, reports 6-meter activity is booming in the Athens Area, with JJJ, PHX, MVM, EMY, RUF, RST, NEG and UVU on the air. Several others are building fixed and mobile rigs. RRV,

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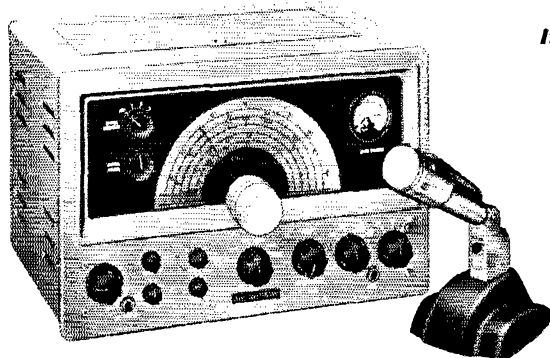
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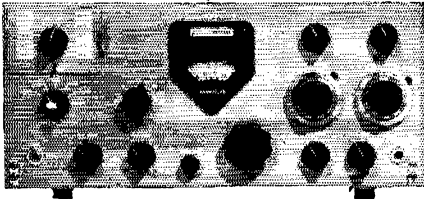


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in a whirlwind trip, visited DMU, PQP, IV, DDF, BAQ, HHK and SCF. See October Oak Ridge ROC for a very good story on receivers by SGL, HJO, victim of a spider bite, spent several days in a Memphis hospital. HUT and HSX are building linear finals in a Memphis State University electronics class. GFL also is now grounded-grid. GEN claims to be the first ham to be awakened by signals from outer space—he tuned his receiver to 20,005 Mc. when the satellite was announced, left it turned on, was awakened by the now-familiar "beep-beep" promptly at 7 a.m.! VQK is building a kw. linear final. VQE has worked all seven American Antarctic stations! WQW, our hard-working ex-RM, is now living in Paducah. FLW now has 45 states confirmed on 6 meters. IV visited SCF. VJ announces start of the Morning Net (MN) Mon. through Fri. 0630 EST on 3715 kc. with a maximum code speed of 10 w.p.m. PAM PQP reminds us of the Davidson County Emergency Net, 29.6 Mc. Wed. at 1900 CST. TDZ has installed a new Mosley Tri-Band beam atop his pocket beam and is chasing DX. YRM introduces K4MVF and reminds all members of the Tenn. 6-Meter Net Fri. at 1930 EST on 50.5 Mc. with ZZ as NCS. Congratulations to DCH on a splendid job as 1957 president of the Memphis Club. Traffic: W5RCF 1092, W4PL 1039, VJ 77, UVL 67, PQP 61, SCF 45, IV 32, GFL 30, YRM 28, EWC 25, BQG 20, IGW 17, BMC 15, FLW 7, LPW 4, TDZ 4, HSX 2, HUT 2, ECW 1, PAH 1, PVD 1, UVU 1, WQW 1.

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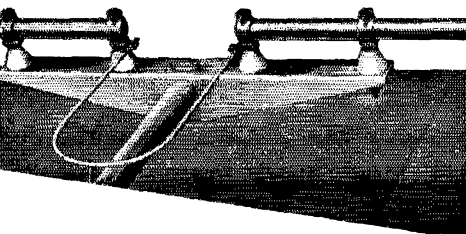
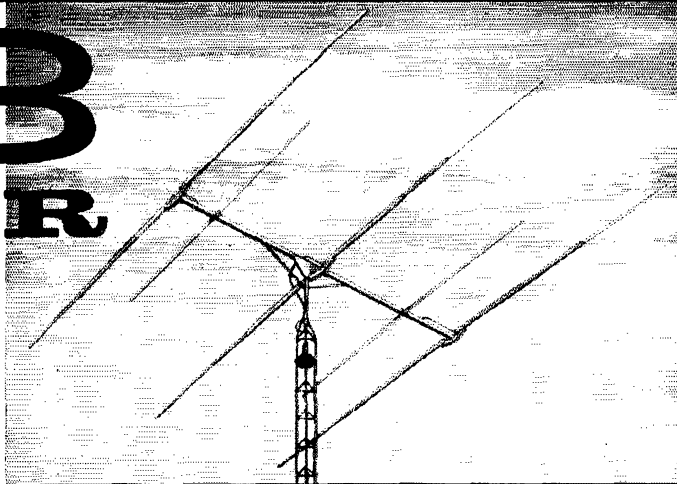
KENTUCKY—SCM, Albert M. Barnes, W4KKW—SEC; JSH, PAM; SUD, RM; QCD. Congratulations to ZDA and ZDB, new ECs in Ashland. K4AIS has a new band-spanner antenna. K4KIN and K4KIO are moving to Louisville. K4OAH wants to get on 6 meters but needs help. SEC JSH was very QRL with S.E.T. drills and did a wonderful job at the Lexington Ham-fest. 8SPF, Great Lakes Division Director, and UFB, Ohio SEC, were present. KRCB of Tampa, Fla., won the SX-101. VKR won the HQ-100, and the band-spanner was won by QDOK. QCD threatens to put his antenna back in the tree. Hi! A new QRS is K4JGN. New QPSs are K4AIS, K4KIO, SZB, K4ECJ, K4DLI and NUQ. YJ1 renewed his QPS appointment. Excellent QO reports were received from MGT, K4GAG and OMW. A very fine report was received from MWX, manager of KNN (Ky. Novice Net.), now on daily schedule (Mon. to Sat.) on 3735 kc. at 2000 CST. The net is open to all Novices anywhere. K4AKD has a ground plane on 20 and a 3L Gotham on 10 meters. The Owensboro Amateur Radio Society reports 24 enrolled in the new beginners class. KN4SRZ is new at Junction City. KN4PNA has a new station control unit with electronic keyer and key built in. KN4PGF is active on KNN. K4DLI is active on 10 meters. SZL is QRL college. K4BVC's dad is now K4QCP. PAM SUD reports KPN traffic doubled over last month with 158 messages cleared in thirty sessions. RM QCD reports KYN cleared 276 messages in 29 sessions. OMW has a new tri-band beam and c.w. WAC sticker for 80 meters. KKW heard the satellite signals. Traffic: W4ZDB 231, K4AIS 207, W4KKW 122, K4KIN 89, OAH 80, W4JSH 84, K4KIO 76, W4QCD 76, K4CNIJ 67, CSH 67, W4RPF 63, K4JGN 51, W4MWX 32, K4AKD 25, W4EJ1 21, NIZ 21, SZB 16, OGY 15, K4MMW 14, W4AHL 12, CDA 12, K4HOE 10, DLI 4, W4JUI 4, K4KHE 4, KN4PGF 4, W4SZL 2.

MICHIGAN—SCM, Thomas G. Mitchell, W8RAE—As it is getting well along toward the Holidays, may I take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and the best of New Years. May your signals be solid where and when you want them to be. BPL certificates were issued this month to ELW, FGB and SCS for September traffic totals. Congratulations to all on the earned scores. No new appointments were issued this month, but they were waiting for qualified members who apply. This may serve as a last-chance reminder too those who have not yet applied for their 1958 special call letter license plates. The deadline for ordering is Dec. 15. Orders for special plates must be filed along with the two-dollar fee to James M. Hare, Secretary of State, Capitol Building, Lansing, Mich. Also included must be mention of the class of license held, call letters and your full name and address. New officers of the Blossomland Amateur Radio Assn. are QOT, pres. and QOQ, vice-pres. The South Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Assn. has elected the following slate: PSA, pres.; PWN, vice-pres.; SEB, secy.; JXX, treas.; and RX, LIG and PZQ, directors. This organization claims to have more mobile 160-meter units than any other club in the world. Anybody care to challenge that claim? Members of the Niles Amateur Radio Club are serving as instructors for an adult evening course in amateur radio code and theory.

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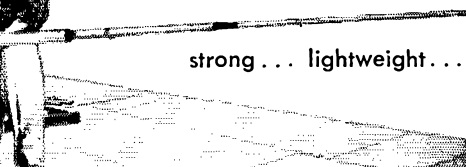
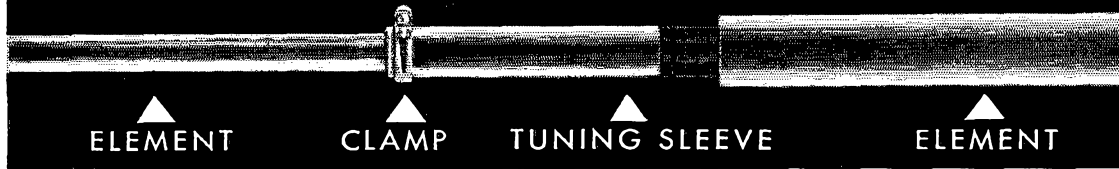
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This is in cooperation with the Buchanan High School adult education program. Youngsters in high school are allowed to attend ex-officio and the interest is running high. The surprise launching of the Russian satellite has apparently stimulated much interest and activity toward our planned launching in the near future. Details of how we can take an active part in the IGY program can be found in earlier issues of *QST*. Traffic: (Sept.) W8ELW 767, FGB 289, SCS 233, NUL 126, GKT 112, LLP 99, DJN 98, QGO 98, OCC 74, FX 67, FWQ 65, OCU 52, LAP 36, K8NAW 28, BQD 24, W8NOB 23, YAN 23, WXO 21, K8AXL 17, W8RVZ 17, OGY 14, DSE 10, SCW 9, HKT 8, EGI 5. (Aug.) W8QOO 131, GKT 96, NUL 64, OCC 20, TBP 12, RVZ 9, SWN 5. (July) W8SWN 2.

OHIO—SCM, Wilson E. Weckel, W8AI—Asst. SCM; J. C. Erickson, 8DAE, SEC; TPB, RM; DAE and FYO. PAM; PNN, HPP, HUX and HZJ. TZO went into a hospital for surgery. The Marietta ARC is very active and now has six s.s.b. stations, VZ, KWZ, PBA and PAP and K8s ANK and AWS. PLQ worked Tennessee for a new state on 2 meters and Colorado for a new state on 6 meters. WTO has a new Gotham V-80 vertical antenna. JY is interested in s.s.b. OKB's NYL is recovering nicely after an operation. WXG is now conducting the Springfield ARC's code class. Greater Cincinnati ARA's Hamfest was attended by over 800 amateurs, including your Director, SEC, SCM and Kentucky's SCM, 4KKW. Prizes were an HT-32 won by GQ, an SX-100 won by UPC and a Super 10-meter beam won by HMX. SLY had the best commercial mobile installation, with LLC a close second, and 4RLH had the best homemade mobile installation. VDA is attending Northwestern U. The Dayton ARA's code class graduated KN8s DRAM, EZW, EZX, GCN, GDU, GDV, GFC, GKF, GKH, GWB, HGI and HLA. Springfield ARC's officers for 1958 are QCU, pres.; DCJ, vice-pres.; KQW, sec.; and IMP, treas. QCU has an all-ham family; KN8LJK is his NYL and his son is KN8EUC. K8BPY won a Weller soldering iron. The Canton ARC held an auction. WE and ARO passed on the information concerning the large Findlay Hamfest, which was held the same day as Cincinnati's. Between 350 and 400 amateurs attended with more than 500 present. Findlay's main prize was an SX-101, which was won by George Iwschenko, a German refugee. Columbus ARA's *Carascope* reports that K8BPY worked 3 LUs, VP7 and South Americans on 6 meters. CSW, BAX, BPI, HOF, MSA, NVT, USF and VHZ operate on 220 Mc. Toward Worked All Ohio Counties On Six; NVI has 58 and THX has 16. EOU has worked 3 LUs, 3 COs and VE's on 6 meters. Two YL operators are KN8s GVD and GZX. LVC is spending three months in W5-Land. New appointments; PFK as ORS and OPS and K8DKW as OO. Seneca County RC has an active AREC 2-meter net with B8F, CUZ, GSB, IJL, LAH, MHY, MVE, RBT, VKB, WAB and K8s ACF, BCX and KN8s DBW, DOH, DOW and HBM. They are holding a 2-meter transmitter hunt and meet the 1st and 3rd Mon. in Tiffin City Hall. GJL, KVV and K8AEC are active on s.s.b. KN8IFBM is a new ham in Cooper. HXB and his son OEQ won first place in the '57 Field Day in the W8 district in Class B, one transmitter. Fort Hamilton ARA's bulletin reports SUK spoke on "Résumé of the Establishment and Development of Wireless and its Growth into the Radio Services of Today." K8ETK received his General Class ticket. SWB came home on his boot-camp leave. NP has a new 10-meter vertical. The Canton ARC had a Weiner roast. Dayton ARA's *R-F Carrier* tells us that JXM made DXCC, K8B8M has a new tri-band beam, SVW and K8BPC now have beams. CSK worked 26 new countries in September on 15 meters. KN8HKP is a new ham in Mt. Healthy. IKM has a new SX-101. Hams at Xavier U. are AUV, CSK, KBZ, MWY, QIZ, SCK, UFG and KN9JEX. PFK is in charge of communications of the Independence Red Cross. K8AEC has been running phone patches for Antarctic and Greenland. SVL has a new NC-300 and two-element tri-band antenna. K8DDG received his 35-w.p.m. certificate. *Shark Gossip* tells us that KIX is home on leave from Japan, some 25 area hams participated in Toldeo's c.d. hidden transmitter hunt. HWX spent two weeks in the hospital. KN8GZK is a new YL Novice and K8CJS has a new Gonset 6-meter converter and a Tecart transmitter installed in his car. ZWX moved to Washington, D. C., to work for Uncle Sam. DSX has a new jr. operator. Traffic: (Sept.) K8AEC 417, W8SZU 134, DAE 121, CSK 112, GPE 87, K8BPC 54, W8HXB 63, WTO 55, K8DDG 54, W8VDA 46, AL 36, VWX 29, GQD 14, QIE 8, BEW 6, PFK 6, IMB 4, MGC 4, STR 4, SVL 4, OUU 2, KN8HKU 2. (Aug.) W8WTO 156, RO 13, MGC 8, PLQ 2.

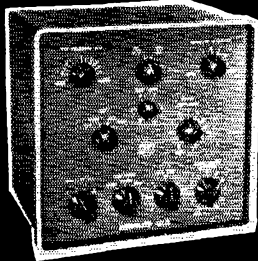
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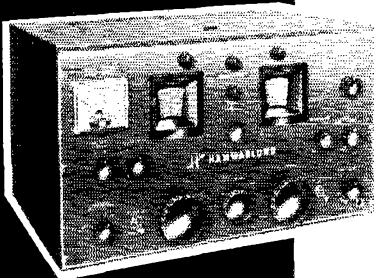
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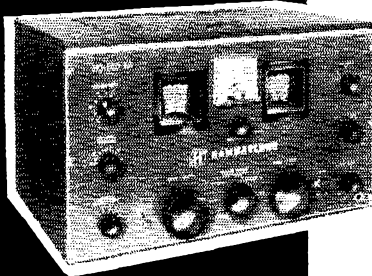
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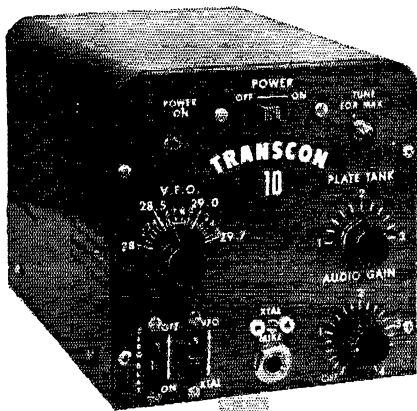
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EASTERN NEW YORK—SCM, George W. Tracy, W2EFU—SEC; KGC, RM; BXP, PAMs; JG and NOC, Section Nets: NYS on 3615 kc, at 1900, NYSPTEN on 3925 kc, at 1800, SRPN on 3980 kc, at 1130, IPN on 3970 kc, at 1530, NIHT (Novice) on 3716 kc, Sat, at 1300, Endorsements: AWF, CYW, EHZ, IRT, GTI, HO, SQW, VPG, ZTZ and K2GCH as ECs, CYW as OO and K2HNW as OPS, K2QPB is on 6 meters with a Gonset and four-element beam from Ellenville, K2PRB, well entrenched on 2 and 20 meters, is constructing equipment for 6 meters, LWI, with an assist from KGC, operated under emergency power for two days during the V.H.F. Party. The new instructor in code and theory offered by the Schenectady Adult Education Program is ODC, K2GNO, former OES, is in the Marine Corps operating 6 meters from El Toro, Calif. A net bulletin received from IPN shows these Eastern New York stations listed as members: APF, EFU, NOC, K2CWX, EHI, EJW, LKI and MBF. The RPI Club station, SZ, is active and reports classes for Generals and Novices on the Troy campus. Ex-DC reports he now is 4DK in Owensboro, Ky. K21NP, ITW and YWH are using 5-over-5 beams on 6 meters and are looking for skeds around Utica and Syracuse. New stations heard on 6 meters include K2PHW, TDO and TLS. A new jr. operator (boy) was presented to the staff at K2OUG. His many Eastern New York friends were saddened by the death of KYJ in Clinton. HB9LA was guest of the Poughkeepsie group during the June V.H.F. Party. KQI, LWI, KGC, K2DUKE, JAY and WN2ROE assisted with operations. Stations tracking the Russian satellite were too numerous to mention, but please send your observations to the IGY Coordinator at League Headquarters. Traffic: (Sept.) W2PHX 180, K2HPQ 123, VTW 68, W2EFU 52, K2LKI 43, W2GDD 33, K2YTD 25, HNW 17, EIU 14, UYK 10, HJX 6, RKY 6. (Aug.) K2EDH 4, PRB 2.

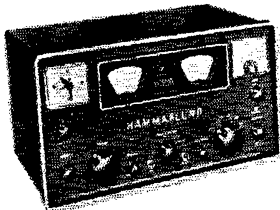
NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND—SCM, Harry J. Dannals, W2TUK—SEC; ADO, PAM; OBW, RM; WFL, Section nets: NLI, 3630 kc, nightly at 1930 EST and Sat, at 1915 EST; NYC-LIPN, 3908 kc, Mon, through Sat, from 1730 to 1830 EST; NYC-LI AREC, 3908 kc, Sun, at 1400 EST. The following change is announced in the QSL Bureau: Effective immediately, the North Jersey DX Association, Box 55, Arlington, N. J., is handling all W2-K2 QSL cards. KEB is the lone BPL-winner this month. The NYC-LIPN traffic totals 209 for the month and the average attendance remains at a very high 25 stations per session. The NYC-LIPN is sponsoring the NYC-LI Weather Net under the direction of K2RJO. This net will disseminate weather information received by Suffolk County c.d. teletype. Time of the net is 1500 to 1530 EST on Sun, and 1700 to 1730 EST on Wed, on 3908 kc, or alternate frequency 3915 kc. The newly-installed phone-patch at K2ECY works fine and Frank patched K2JCK/VE8, who was contacted on 10 meters from Frohisher Bay, Northwest Territory. ASI/K2DEM have installed a KWS-1. VDT installed the Gonset Mobile Twins in his new car. Doug also put up a two-element Telrex beam for 20 meters. K2RKL has constructed an 11-tube converter for 420 Mc, and has hopes of breaking the 420-Mc. DX record in the spring. Mobiles RTQ, TUK, WTB and K2TAQ and fixed station CWD/2 provided communications on 10 meters for the Sperry Sports Car Rallye. The James Madison HSRC, K2UXR, is active with 150 watts and an NC-98. AOD reports increasing local activity on 420 Mc. BQM activated his other station, 1AA, during his vacation. HQL is now mobile with an AF-67 transmitter and Morrow converter. K2QFV has a completely automatic station on 6 meters with automatic signal seeking, receiver tracking v.f.o., automatic transmitter tuning and VOX. Ed is interested in contacting other amateurs interested in this work. EEJ has an 813 rig on the air working mostly 75 and 10 meters, while his son, K2YPR, holds forth on 40-, 20- and 15-meter c.w. K2UFT has a new Ranger and HQ-140-NA. K2GMV runs a Viking Valiant and 75A-4 and needs elusive Idaho for WAS. ICW announces the formation of the Queens County Open Net on 29.3 Mc. for traffic, ragchewing and anyone desiring a Queens County contact. The Hellport HSRC, K2VMG, elected the following officers: K2TSE, pres.; K2ZLS, vice-pres.; and Elizabeth Honnet, secy. Mobiles EHC, WPH, K2s CAF and TAQ cooperated with the North Babylon Rescue Squad in a c.d. drill with KNA, Suffolk Radio Officer, observing. The Babylon RC now meets in the West Islip HS on the 1st and 3rd Mon. On alternate Mon. the club sponsors a hidden transmitter hunt on 29.240 Mc. K2PFH/KA2 is awaiting his KA call and expects to be active with a Ranger and SX-99. A new all-hand vertical is now the antenna in use at AEV. K2YJC dropped the "N." K2JLE is mobile with a

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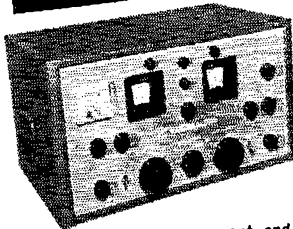


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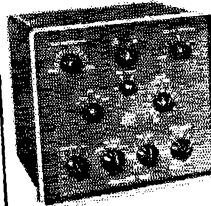
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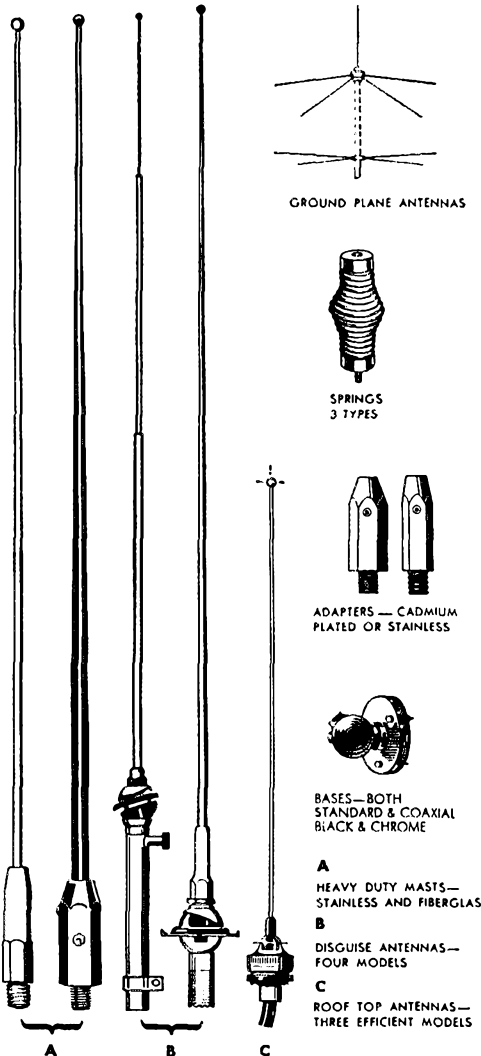
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Gonset Converter and a low-power rig on 10 meters. HQD has a Viking I on the air. KN2BJQ is active on 40 meters. Congratulations to K2HZC, who recently soloed and is on his way to a pilot's ticket. Your SCM would like to receive all changes in club officer rosters as soon as possible so that inquiries about section club activities can be satisfactorily answered. Include meeting places, dates and times, plus any information relative to schools or other club-sponsored programs. A visit to your club would be my pleasure. Traffic: (Sept.) W2KEB 2161, K2PIIF 453, W2WFL 115, K2ECY 106, W2DRD 85, K2DEMI 83, W2OME 81, VDT 61, K2KSP 59, SEK 58, TSE 51, RJO 46, TNM 42, PMI 36, LUM 29, W2JBO 25, K2RKL 21, LEP 16, MEM 14, SSE 13, W2PF 12, EC 8, JCA 8, TUK 8, GP 6, K2ITZ 4, W2OBU 3, (Aug.) K2PIF 649, W2HAC 30, K2AAW 14, W2EC 6, LPJ 4, IVS 2.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY—SCM, Lloyd H. Man-
anion, W2VQR—SEC: IIN, PAM; VDE, RMs: BRC,
NKD and CGG. K2RJD is working on a new 6-meter
converter. K2VAB and K2SBT, the Birnholtz brothers,
have a new HQ-150, and they are building a modulator
for their AT-1. They plan to work a lot of DX on 20,
15 and 10 meters. K2BJA has 95 countries confirmed for
DXCC. DME is building a full kw. rig for s.s.b. opera-
tion on 2 meters. JTJ has received his WAC certifi-
cate. The following graduates of the GSARA code class
have received their Novice licenses: WN2RDN, RDP,
REH, RDI, RDV, RDT, TEI, RDR and TFD. NIY
still is having equipment trouble. School and a new
part-time job will limit the operating of K2MFF.
"Sparks" also has been appointed editor of the *New
Jersey Net News*, the monthly publication of the New
Jersey 40-Meter Traffic Net. The Penn. Jersey Amateur
Radio Club is starting basic radio classes and code
practice sessions. KFR has moved to a new QTH. GVV
is searching for an IP-501 ship receiver. Two new ham
on Russel Ave., Ft. Monmouth, are K2BYI and K2ABII.
Congratulations to VAX and his XYL KN2UXJ on the
birth of their first child, Dorothy Anne. KN2CEP, an
XYL, is a new licensee heard on 40 meters. SJT was her
examiner. Oddly enough SJT drove the school bus that
transported Fran to and from school starting back in
her grammar school days and on through high school. I
wonder if there could have been some connection.
Another strange connection—3UVL is her son's god-
father. The R.C.A. Tube Division, Harrison, has organ-
ized a new amateur radio club called the Harrison
Amateur Radio Society. KN1BTY and BTZ are the
calls belonging to the mother and dad of K2SKK.
Consequently, K2SKK has been kept busy on 80
meters for home contact with the folks. K2OAM is NCS
on TCPN on Tue. nights. NJN report for September
shows 25 sessions held, attendance 259 and traffic 217.
New stations heard on NJN are K2SOX, K2SOW,
K2TNJ, K2KGB and EWZ. DRV has been QRL be-
cause of a shift in working hours. BRC visited with
VE3GG, 3APU, 3OD and 3AU while on a recent trip
to Canada. Jack checked into NJN from VE3GG's
shack and had instant communication with his XYL
through ANG in Elizabeth. Net Mgr. BRC is plan-
ning a meeting of NJN members for late in November.
TCRA officers for next year are YJC, pres.; IRO,
vice-pres.; K2BIQ, secy.; and SJU, treas. EWZ re-
cently completed QSO No. 12,000. The PNJ gang is
forming a howling team. OCA, K2RKL and QYI at-
tended the SJRA Hamfest and came away the winners
of two prizes. The New Jersey State RACES Radio
Officers meeting was held in Ashbury Park on Oct. 20.
Excellent facilities were provided by the city fathers
in the Solarium on the Boardwalk. Speakers from the
State Director's office afforded an opportunity for all
members to meet their state civil defense officials and
become better acquainted with the top brass. This
meeting was the second annual state-wide meeting of
radio officers. A separate section of the meeting was
set aside for the operators assigned to county control
centers. Training schedules and future programs in
operator training were agreed upon. At this writing
great activity has sprung up relative to the launching
of the first earth satellite. Traffic: (Sept.) K2MMI
232, BHQ 167, MIF 134, W2MIW 101, EWZ 97, K2OAI
85, W2BRC 71, K2KGB 54, W2RXL 51, K2BWQ 46,
EQP 37, W2OXL 22, K2QYI 22, W2EBG 20, CVW 15,
K2MFX 15, RGS 14, W2VMX 10, CFB 5, WOJ 4,
ZVW 4, K2JTU 2, W2NTY 2, K2PIM 1. (Aug.) W2CFB
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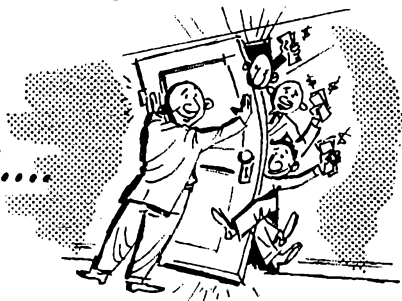
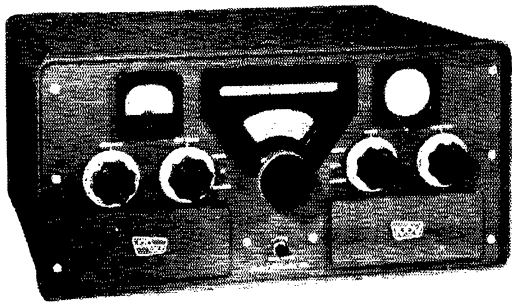
IOWA—SCM, Russell B. Marquis, W8BDR—The
new Des Moines Tech. Radio Club officers are SMS,
pres.; K8CLS, vice-pres.; ZAQ, secy.; K8MEX, treas.;
IAK and EUV program chairmen, and KN8ICY, Novice
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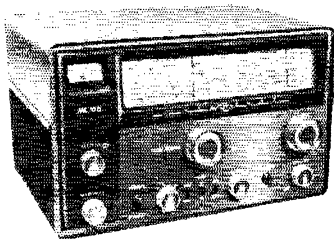
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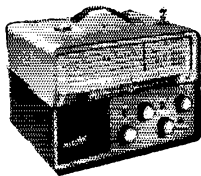
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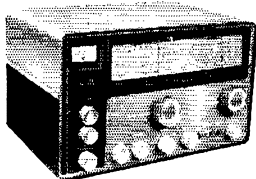
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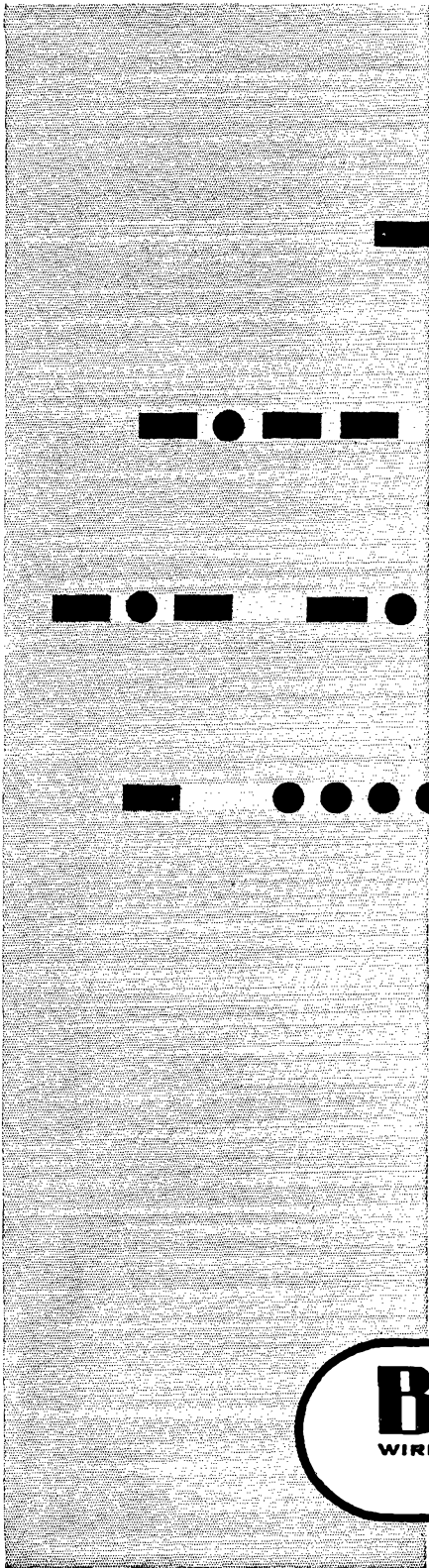
received an OO appointment. DTB, at Waterloo, got his ticket. KØGEY, Calmar, received a Conditional Class ticket. KNØLVH, a new Novice at Calmar, is now in the Army. KNØLUV and LOV are new Novices at Clinton. The TLCN and 160-Meter Phone Nets are back on winter schedules. BLH has a new 15-meter four-element beam. Larry received an SWL card from Bulgaria giving him a 359 on 40 meters. EGR operated at the Woodbury County Fair. FDM and ESB, father and son, vacationed in Wyoming. UJS went East for his vacation. NTB vacationed in Colorado. 9PUW/Ø is back on TLCN from Iowa City. KØWAD and YI are back on the air after vacation. YI reports the Iowa State College Campus Radio Club is active again. NWX showed his Clipperton pictures at the Burlington Club. HNE got a nice write-up in the *Des Moines Tribune*. Traffic: (Sept.) WØBDR 1749, SCA 1182, LGG 1013, BJP 900, PZO 643, CZ 564, LCX 389, KØCLS 381, WØGXQ 284, NGS 94, UTD 91, QVA 85, LJW 76, REM 54, BLH 50, ERG/Ø 46, FMZ 21, LWD 21, KØAHZ 18, WØNYX 18, SLC 16, PTL 13, KØWAD 12, WØIUV 10, MEL 10, UHO 9, CGL 8, KØEXN 8, AAH 7, CFB 7, WØHNE 7, KØBRE 6, GHZ 6, WØUTX 6, VWF 6, KØCYF 5, JIU 5, BPE 1, WØCOD 1, FDM 1, (Aug.) WØBTL 22, GQ 12.

KANSAS—SCM, Earl N. Johnston, WØICV—SEC: PAH, RM: QGG, PAM: LEW. The Wheat Belt Radio Club held its annual hamfest Sept. 8 at Sappa State Park near Oberlin. Of the 80 attending, 43 were licensed hams. A 40-meter YL phone net has been started by a group of Wichita YLs. The net meets on 7280 kc. every Wed. at 1400. We are pleased to announce the appointment of SZP, of Alma, as EC for Zone 20, which includes Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks and Osborne Counties. Moe reports he has 37 amateurs in his territory and plans on regular drills. The CKRC *Ink* news sheet advises of a new net in Salina known as the 10th Air Force MARS V.H.F. Net #6A. Net #6B is in Kansas City and #6C, of which AFØZJB is NCS, is in Wichita. AFØETX, of McPherson, is NCS of #6A and the group operates on 143.46 Mc. each Wed. at 2000. MIG is active with QKS with a Viking Adventurer NC-109 receiver and Windom antenna. The Kansas State Radio Club at Manhattan had a station set up at Union Open House and took 22 messages. FDJ made a nice recording of the Russian satellite Oct. 6. Traffic: WØBLI 456, TOL 292, KØBXF 206, WØQGG 197, NLY 159, KØESF 45, WØABJ 40, KØHYG 34, WØQQQ 31, MXG 24, IFR 22, MIG 18, KØBIX 17, WØUOL 14, KNØKDV 12, WØTNA 12, LEW 8, WWR 7, FDJ 4, ASY 3.

MISSOURI—SCM, James W. Hoover, WØGEP—SEC: BUL, PAM: BVL, RMs: OUD and QXO. Nets: Missouri Emergency Net, 3900 kc., 1800 CST, Mon., Wed., and Fri.; Missouri Net, 3580 kc., 1900 CST, Mon. through Sat. Novice stations interested in handling traffic should contact PME, WEQ, St. Louis, and KLQ, Jefferson City, are soliciting schedules on 50.25 Mc. at 1900 CST. A transmitter power transformer failure has WFF shut down temporarily. The St. Louis Amateur Radio Club has received a club station call, KØLIR. The University of Missouri Amateur Radio Club has a new DX-100. The Rolla School of Mines Amateur Radio Club has received a 1000 Traffickers Club certificate. A case of influenza prevented BUL from attending the Midwest Division Convention. BVL attended the Early Bird Net Picnic in Toledo, Ohio. CPI spent a two-week vacation fishing on the Gulf of Mexico. MHS is attending college in Ohio. KØDEX is attending the School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo. OMM has moved to Raytown, and KØHQQ is moving to Kansas City. CKQ has 90 watts on 6 meters. KØIHY has finished building a c.v.t.v.m. kit and is building a mobile converter. EXN and NUE report excellent results from all-hand mobile operation during their vacations in Canada. Traffic: (Sept.) WØCPI 951, GAR 505, VPQ 204, YVM 127, OUD 116, KIK 72, EBE 48, VJD 36, HUI 35, KØHQQ 30, WØOVV 27, BUL 24, BVL 16, RTW 16, CKQ 14, GEP 12, GBJ 10, IIR 10, KØLIK 6, WØMMZ 6, KØIHY 4, WØGCL 2, PSP 2, WYJ 2, KNØJPJ 1. (Aug.) WØOMM 292, UXT 31, LQC 26, KØDEQ 8, WØKA 4, RTW 2.

NEBRASKA—SCM, Charles E. McNeel, WØEXP—Your SCM attended the Midwest Division Convention at Kansas City, which was a very nice convention, with SCMs from all states in the division in attendance, as well as a good delegation from Nebraska. DDT, NCS for the Nebraska C.W. Net, reports a very nice start on Sept. 2, as planned. The sessions reported 162, traffic 99, average of 6.2, high 10, low 2. The present roll call is 18 members. The Nebraska 75-Meter Emergency Phone Net, MAO as PAM, has QNI 441, QTC 60, duration 842 minutes. As of Oct. 1 there were 34 on

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roll call. New calls added are KØFBD, HOP, KØDGW and KØJBT. The Nebraska Slow-Speed Net had QNI 215, QTC 37, duration 1381 minutes. As of Oct. 1 there were 9 on roll call. MAO had a nice birthday party Sept. 22 with EGQ, SPK, VGH, ZWF and ZWG helping Jerry to celebrate the occasion. I am dictating this to my XYL, Jennie, from a hospital bed and will try to do better next time. Traffic: (Sept.) KØDGW 187, WØEGQ 129, DDT 126, MAO 104, ZWG 50, ZJP 42, NIK 28, SPK 23, BOQ 22, KØHIKI 18, WØZOU 15, KØEPI 10, FBI 9, JBT 9, WØZWF 9, FXH 8, PDJ 8, VGH 8, HOP 7, KLB 4, LEF 2, LJO 2, VZJ 2. (Aug.) WØZJF 51.

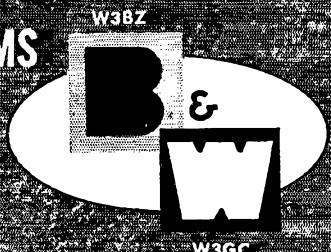
NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT—SCM, Victor L. Crawford, W1TYQ—SEC: EOR, RM: KYQ, PAM: YBH. Traffic Nets: MCN, Mon.-Fri. 0645 on 3640 kc.; CPN, Mon.-Sat. 1800, Sun. 1000 on 3880 kc.; CN, Mon.-Sat. 1845 and 2130 on 3640 kc.; CTN, Sun. 0900 on 3640 kc. CN held its fall meeting Sept. 21 at the Hamden Amateur Radio Club house. New England Director EFW and NJM, of ARRL Headquarters, attended. NCS and RRN representatives were picked and RM KYQ led a general traffic discussion. EFW reports MCN handled 66 messages in 21 sessions. High QNI goes to IBE 21, DIY 19 and RFJ 18. Section Net certificates were issued to GVK, KAM, MQT, EJV, FCE, HHR and ZUMI. KAM is working for WAS. GIX is busy with bulletins on 3905 kc. RAN has lots of irons in the fire in the way of a new exciter, power supply and kw. amplifier for 3.5 and 7 Mc. TYQ worked JTAA for the 40th zone. YBH advises that CPN met 29 times, handling 227 pieces of traffic. Average daily attendance was 28 stations. High QNI goes to DHP and YBH 29, DAV 27, HHD, VYV and VQH 26, FHP and NQL 24. YNP added HBIMQ/FL and SVØWQ on Crete for a country total of 147. MPL is mobile on 10 and 75 meters. ECH is busy working 10-meter DX mornings before school. KYQ reports CN handled 196 messages in 25 sessions. Average attendance was 10 stations per session. QNI honors go to GVK and KAM. KN1DIA is a new Novice in Winsted. The Waterbury Amateur Radio Club defeated the Torrington CQ Radio Club in a softball game. EJJ reports September was a lazy month but he still submitted an EC report. In fact, Ernest hasn't missed one in the past year. YNP and RAN are new members in the TOPS C.W. Club. TD enjoyed his vacation. Homework is cutting down the operating time at AMY. The September lunch of the Newington gang found JSQ, OKY, ORG, WGJ, WPR and VPI attending. NQL is a new OPS. EOR reports the following EC appointments: FOA for Saybrook, SVK for Manchester, WHR for Cheshire, ZPD for Old Greenwich. Does your town have an EC? If not, how about recommending one to EOR. We regret that BYB had to give up his EC appointment because of his health. GIX submitted an OO report. An OES report was received from FVV, BDX, ØICF, SKA, VVA, SAQ and other members of the University of Connecticut Radio Club have formed a mobile net with DHP as manager and NCS. They meet Mon. through Fri. between 1530 and 2100 and from 0900 to 2100 Sat. and Sun. on 3825 kc. They monitor police and fire department frequencies and are available in case of emergency. Traffic: W1EFW 329, YBH 228, AW 151, KYQ 142, MQT 137, TYQ 127, FVF 74, HHD 56, ULY 48, CUH 43, GVK 42, BDI 32, AMY 27, DHP 23, RFJ 22, MQL 17, ACR 12, KAM 10, GEA 8, GIX 8, FCE 7, LV 7, EJJ 5, HHR 3, KN1BJP 2, W1MGD 1.

MAINE—SCM, John Fearon, W1LKP—PAM: VYA, RM: EFR. Traffic Nets: The Sea Gull Net meets on 3940 kc. Mon. through Sat. at 1700; the Pine Tree Net on 3596 kc. Mon. through Fri. at 1900; the Barnyard Net on 3960 kc. Mon. through Sat. at 0800. FNI reports the Wonder Bar beam is working FB on 10 meters with a reflector. KAS is building a new final using a 450TTL. WST is working hard for WAS on 75-meter phone. UTG is now a freshman at the U. of Maine. LRZ has accepted a new job as engineer on Mt. Washington. CPZ is now at WCOU. UDD is back home after a vacation in Florida. It's nice to hear Al on SGN after a long absence. BWB is building a new 6-meter rig. UAS is active on 220 Mc. in the Portland Area. The CAP supper held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall Sept. 28 was a great success with over 100 present. FBI is in Florida for the winter and is active on 10 meters. PTN is in need of more stations for Central and Northern Maine. We are sorry to hear that VV had to spend a few days at the Maine Medical Center. A speedy recovery. Slim, 1ØZ has a new linear which sounds FB. An SGN certificate was awarded to KIAEZ, who applied for OPS appointment. KNICJK is a new Novice in Phillips using a 5-watt home-built rig. HAG has joined the Morning Watch Net on 7 Mc. Hope to have you

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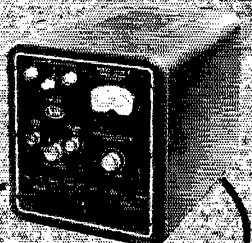
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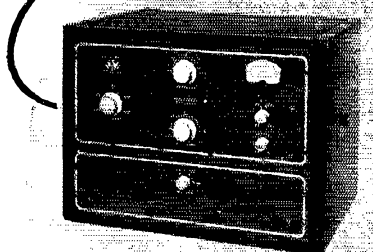
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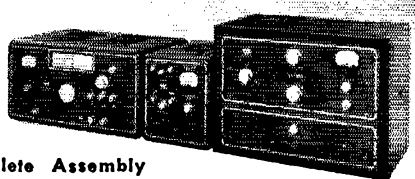


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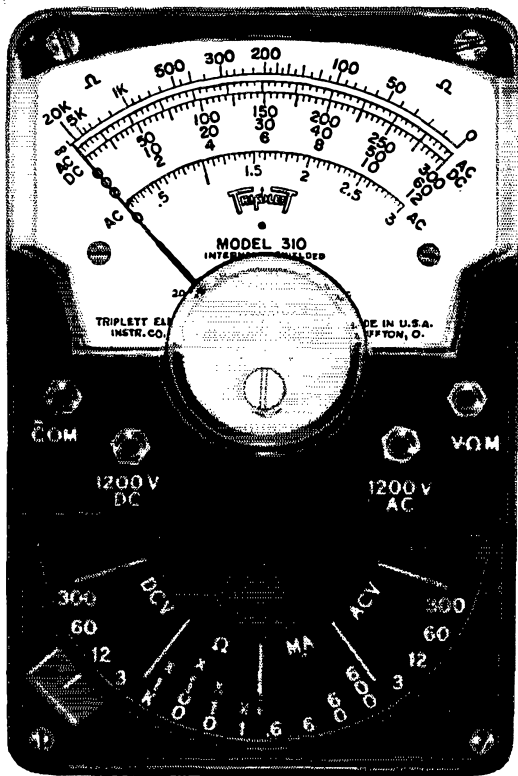
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on PTN soon, Sandra, TWR and family are in Florida for the winter. ZAJ now is living at Ocean Park. COP has a new 75A-4. KN1BUB is a new Novice in Biddeford. Both ROM and DFC are recent fathers of boys. NWJ is going to Bell Lab. School. RUO is recovering nicely after a leg operation. ZRN sends a nice report on the Barnyard Net for Sept. K2OUN/1 is now at Portsmouth Air Base and is on 75-meter phone from York Beach. Traffic: W1LKP 137, EFR 42, HYD 12, K1AES 10, WHAG 9, OTQ 9, CEV 8, RJE 7, BX 4, GRG 4, VYA 1.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS—SCM, Frank L. Baker, jr., W1ALP—Appointments endorsed: MBQ Vineyard Haven, YVZ Randolph, ZBD Hudson, ZNG Wakefield, as ECS. MD as OPS. LMI as OBS and OES. PNH as OO. K1BUF is a new ORS. K1DGG is on 6 meters. CG is on 75 meters. Heard on 2 meters: KPG, WEW, VJC, ZLQ, KNI, C2P, ZLQ, JOB, KN1s CZQ, BST and AWH. ZQA is active on several bands. DXQ and ZHX have new sons. WZN is alternate RO for Milton. LLY is RO for Sector ID. NF is going to get his 2-gallon back on 6 meters. The Federation of Eastern Mass. Amateur Radio Association held a meeting in Lynn. AIRQ has the RACES plan for Groveland ready to send in. OOP spoke at the GBARS meeting on home-built gear for 420 Mc. K1CLO passed the Technician and General Class exams and is on 15- and 20-meter c.w. NYL, Sharon, is on 2, 15, 20 and 40 meters. FJJ has 1/2-kw. with 812s on c.w. KN1AYW is on several bands using a 12-ft. wire. The New England WX Net held a get-together at YCR's with 15 present and meets Mon. through Sat. on 3900 kc. at 6:30 a.m. DIY is NCS for the EMN on Thurs. nights. KN1DIY is new in New Bedford. TY has a new QTH. CUV has a new QTH on a hill in Lynn with a Valiant, an HRO-50 and a three-element beam and now is working DX. AOG is building a portable rig for 2 meters. K1BUB built a new rig and is going to college. ETH is working DX on 15-meter c.w. and will be on 10 and 20 meters. The T-9 Radio Club met at Al Barton's QTH. KL7UPS, ex-1UPS, is on 10 meters and is looking for the gang in this area. PNH has been away all summer. SCD is on 80, 40 and 20 meters. RPB is RO for Amesbury. The Braintree ARC held a meeting. 2EZY is working in Lexington. HIX reports that Stow has bought two 6-meter Gonssets and with AHE and ZAP has a net with HIX and HLQ on MDD, Marlboro, is liaison station. KN1COC has his Tech. Class license and is on 80-meter c.w. DQF has a Ranger. BB is fixing beams and antennas for all sets and bands and is working DX on 10 meters. ZBD is building a new house. K1AXG, on 6 meters, is new in Winthrop. OIR visited Alaska this summer. DPN, IRV and TTH have gone away to college. The Winthrop Net is drilling again. AHE is very active on 6 meters and has a place in Maine he is fixing up. CPR has a new beam for 2 meters. K1BYV built a preselector for 15 meters. PX is living down the Cape. CNJ is waiting for a beam. AGR is in the hospital. SXD has a 6-meter beam. CGU has a Tapetone converter. RM is busy with Newton C.D. LMI is trying 15 meters. K1DNT is working in Needham. Appointments endorsed: DWO as ORS, MEG as OBS, OPS, ORS and EC for Frammingham. Traffic: W1EMG 153, FJJ 140, EAE 64, IBE 42, AUQ 34, KN1AYW 32, W1ATX 25, UKO 25, CZW 24, UE 21, DIY 16, TY 12, CUV 11, AOG 7, SMO 7, BY 6, TZ 4, K1BUF 2, WIDTB 2, ETH 2, HHC 2.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS—SCM, Osborne R. McKeraghan, W1HRV—SEC: RRX, RM: BVR, PAM: MING. The WMCW Net meets Mon. through Sat. on 3560 kc. at 1900 EST. The WM Phone Net has at least a dozen stations reporting in Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 1800 EST on 3870 kc. ORS endorsements go to KGJ, DGL, DZV, WEF and DVW; OES and EC endorsements to RFU. A picnic for members of the WM traffic nets was held at the Quabbin Area on Sept. 15 with a fine turnout of 50, including family groups. DVW did a fine job of arranging. A fine job was done in covering the 100-mile relay race from Springfield to Boston Sept. 7. Six mobiles, HRV, OFZ, GQP, WEF, JSH and NLE, and two fixed stations, SRB/1 and FDI, covered the race through Hampden County as far as Warren, where EKO, FBN, ENX, LQV, JAT, ZWL and VPE, under the direction of EC SPF, covered the race through Worcester County. The East Mass. boys took over through their section. The race program director was delighted with the swell job and sends along his thanks. Thanks also to all from the SCM for the nice cooperation. KQK has become a regular on the WMCW Net. JYH has received a DXCC 240 sticker and the WAVE award. UEQ makes BPL again. The Massachusetts Club made a fine showing during the V.H.F. Contest with rigs on 6 and 2 meters. The

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Pioneer Valley Net on 29 Mc. Wed. evenings is going strong with W1s TAY, FWW, LIW and IZI and K1s AZS and CID as regular members. ZEO had an FB article on power supplies in Sept. QST. VNH has made WAS on 50 Mc. and received certificate No. 28. The Pittsfield Radio Club RACES group was active on Labor Day week end assisting the Police Dept. in traffic control and speeding reporting. Seven mobiles, HPA, WF, UUI, UIS, JDB, IW and LKO, were used while BKG, LKO, CJG, DWA, UEY and FDG manned the c.d. communications trailer. KN1DJJE is a new Novice in Lanesboro. AGM reports many nice portable and mobile QSOs while on a vacation trip through Northern New England. LIW is mobile again with a new car after his unfortunate accident. BFE has a new 50-ft. tower up and ready to go. KGJ is active again after raising a new antenna. Traffic: W1UEQ 509, BVR 70, FZY 34, DVW 31, DGL 29, TAY 22, DZV 7, DPY 4, JYH 3, AGM 2, HRV 2.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—SCM, John A. Knapp, W1AJI —SEC: BXU, RMs: CRW and COC, PAM: CDX. The Granite State Phone Net Picnic and Outing, held Sept. 29 at KVG's QTH at Mirror Lake, must go down in the records as an outstanding event. Forty-plus hams and their XYLs, YLs and jr. operators swelled the attendance to approximately 80. The general business meeting was followed by boating, games, horseshoe pitching and "eyeball" QSOs. The Nashua Mike and Key Club reports that BXM is now Asst. Radio Officer for Nashua and also holds forth as chairman of a v.h.f. group formed by some of the club's members. JTB/NPY sends word from Tri-State College, Ind., that he is going for his degree in Electrical Engineering. Good luck, Gordon. GVL is now back at Proctor Academy. HQU is doing a fine job on 20 meters with his new vertical ground-plane antenna. ARR has acquired WAC and WAVE. KN1BVJ is on using a DX-35 and is working toward WAS with 27 confirmed. HUR called CQ Pasadena and was answered by 6HUR, who put through a phone patch for his grandfather. Welcome to new hams: K1BLR and KN1s CFX, CDV and BVJ. GSPN certificates go to K1s AXU and BWO and W1s TA, EUT, VBT, LGO, OTQ and ARR. Traffic: (Sept.) W1ARR 605, FUA 128, CRW 82, HQ 26, JNC 22, ENM 18, AUJ 16, CNX 9, CDX 8, JTB/NPY 5, BYS 2. (Aug.) W1HOU 102, KVG 7, BYS 3. Season's Greetings to all.

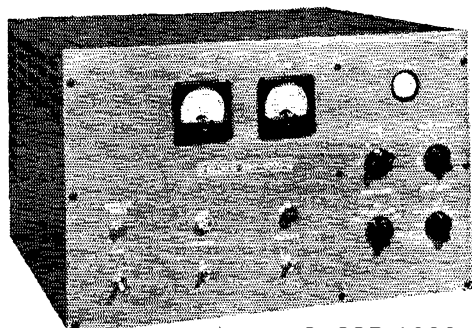
RHODE ISLAND—SCM, Mrs. June R. Burkett, W1VXC—SEC: PAZ, PAM: VNE, RMs: BEN and BTY. CMH is the new manager of the RIN (3540 kc. at 1900 Mon. through Fri.). The PRA's new club building on Neutaconkanut Hill in Johnston was officially dedicated on Sept. 15. Our New England ARRL Director, EFW, was one of the guest speakers. The CRA sponsors code classes each Mon. night at Cranston C.D. Headquarters under the direction of YKQ, MNC and K1AEV. Movies of the club's Field Day activities taken by VWR were shown by him to the EPARA at a recent meeting. HDQ, of ARRL, spoke on v.h.f. at the Oct. 1 meeting of the BCRA. Members of the EPARA, NCRC and the Fall River Amateur Radio Club also attended this meeting. Congratulations to KCS, who has added two more states (Mississippi and Tennessee) on 2 meters and now has a total of 21 states on this band. YNE has a new DX-100 and beam. VWR reports better reception on most bands at his new QTH in Providence. TXL now has General Class and works several bands. CMH and KN1AAK have WAS. ECs are reminded to send reports to PAZ the first of each month. If your club's activities are not mentioned regularly in this column, it could be that no one in the club has the responsibility of reporting to your SCM each month. Every effort is made to give each club equal space. Traffic: W1TGD 84, CCN 36, VXC 27, NCD 14, YRC 13, YKQ 9, VWR 7, MUZ 5, QR 2.

VERMONT—SCM, Mrs. Ann L. Chandler, W1OAK —SEC: SIO, RM: BNV, PAM: KKM. Our newly-appointed PAM is KKM of Hartland. Our grateful thanks to retiring SEO for faithful service on VTPN, which has been appreciated. Forty-seven messages were handled on GMIN and Asst. Net Manager WOA has returned home from Veterans Hospital in White River. BNV lists the following VTN NCS roster for the fall and winter season (Mon.-Sat., respectively): KKM, GQJ, OAK, ELJ, KRV and BNV. Each station is representative to IRN the same session. The long sought-after license plate bill has been passed in Vermont. K1CXS, a General Class licensee in White River, is operating 10-meter mobile. TXN has moved to Hinesdale, N. H. K1BCS, from New Hampshire, operated portable at Cabot using a Viking II with an HQ-129X on 20, 40 and 80 meters. K1APA is active on 50 Mc. using an SX-99 receiver with an International

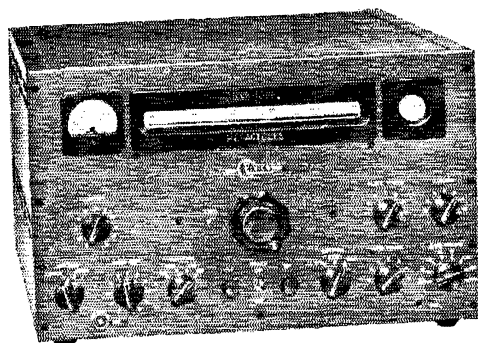
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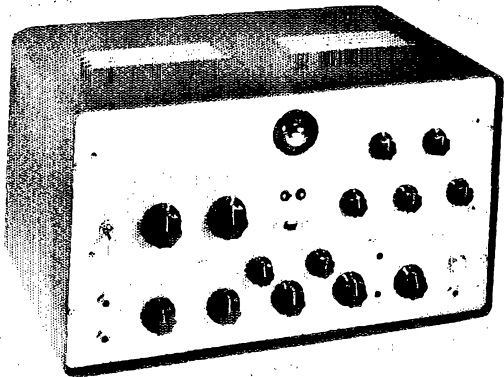
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NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

IDAHO—SCM, Rev. Francis A. Peterson, W7RKT—The FARM Net elected WNR as Net Control. HOY and VEY are alternates. NTO is the new Net Manager. Someone thanks to all who served last year. LAU has four 837 tubes in a linear. ACD is running phone patches from the South Pole. He worked surrounding states on 6 meters and has 151 countries now. YOC is patching university students home with his new Viking 500. VEZ is drilling on transmitter. FOY has just bought a power with a transverter. EOY has and KWS-1 at home and a KVM-1 in his Caddy. He and RWW, HXN, BSO and VEZ have their license plates in North Idaho. All hams should get their plates for the spring season. Most of the fellows parked up the Spunkie signs with resulting publicity. More sash rigs are sprouting up on all sides. Keep up the good work on the FARM Net. Traffic: WGMCO 189, YQC 31, ACD 15, EEO 11.

MONTANA—SCM, Vernon L. Phillips, W7NPK/WX1—SEC, KUTR, PAM, WDJ, LAM, KCSA, The Montana Phone Net meets Mon.-Wed.-Fri. at 6:00 MST on 510 Kc. The Montana High School Net meets the 7th, Thurs. at 1:00 MST on 3850 Kc. Numerous stations report receiving the signals from the Russian satellite on 20,005 Mc. GCS and 1/2 attended the ARRL Convention in Chicago. CTR has a new jr. operator. CDS moved from Livingston. Wals to OGT attended NAVA Reserve Camp at Ben Franklin. N7AEU received a Conditional Class license and left Billings for the service. KANVBI is the new Billings/Dillon and is at the Naval Training Center. W7NPK has a new ham at the Naval Training Center. ARK, SJK, JYJ, BRQ, RCO, BEI, DEN, HPH and BEJ, KNZBP is a new call in Harold, EEO has a new Globe, Chapman, Q7A and Y7H. The new SX-101s. New officers of the Idaho Radio Club are SZH, pres., TGLI, vice-pres., YHB, YVS, treas. and RZY, secy. Recent appointments are Y7S at Y7S for Billings. Traffic: W7YPN 14, HLL, JNY at Y7S for SFX 4, NPV 3, CQC 2, EEO 2, IDK 2, OOG 2, YQZ 2, RKB 1.

OREGON—SCM, H. R. McNally, W7JDX—VPH is handling an 820-B final for 2 meters. RCL, as EC, has lined up several of the gang on a 6-meter net. VLB is moving to Medford. LI has a new (4ZL) beam on 15 meters and reports good luck with it. YKT has a new electronic key and monitor. ZBO will be mobile soon. NNV is busy with blue and red paint! ZFD is pretty busy with stereo work. TLO/8 still is in independent. Calf, where he is active on MTN, AN6 and 2-4-0 Nets. The OSN had a good month in September with QND and ZBO making BHAT. Huzh checks-ins on OAHs for September, were QVE and DVE. The Oregon Haas Mobile Society has now been formed in Portland with QPY as president. The first formal meeting was held Sept. 19. The Mountain Rescue and Safety Council (MORESCO), which handles search and rescue work on Mt. Hood, now has lined up a definite communications section with WFP as the head. ENTJ, RCL, NGW, HDN, RYN, JDX and OZL are coordinators. Communications members are WEO, DJOK, GRY, QVE, JCI, DJX, DGE, YZAI, SRK, PTJ, AXI, HXV, PPG, JAV, DRY, OUS, RONI, BTF, EJO, QNZ, VLE, REX, WVI, QIS and HWV. Frequencies used are 3840 Kc. Ksetl, 3865 Kc. mobile and 3885 Kc. walkie-talkie Traffic: (Sept.) W7CUV 104, LI 48, OMO 42, GUR 38, QVE 32, ZFH 29, ZBO 28, AJN 23, ESH 12, YKT 9, SPB 8, RKO 5, ZUD 1. (Aug.) W7LIC 57, BYH 36.

WASHINGTON—SCM, Victor S. Gish, W7P1X.

This issue of QST carries a notice requesting nominations for SCM of this section. Your present SCM has had the job for four years and does NOT wish to be reelected. All appointees are requested to look at the

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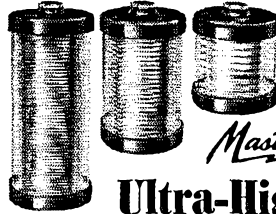
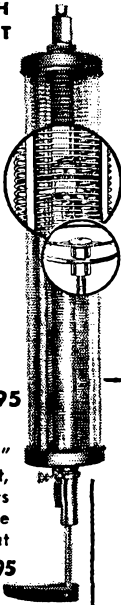
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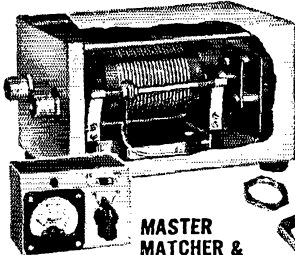
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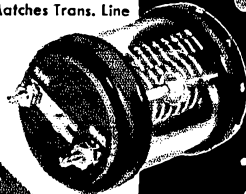
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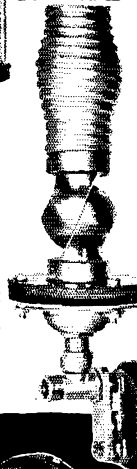
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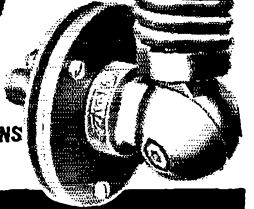
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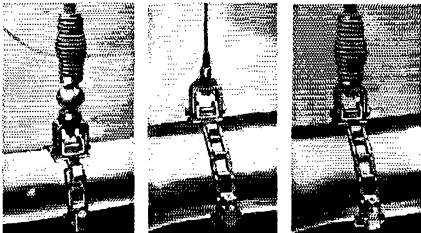
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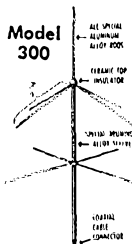
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expiration dates on their certificates. The Valley Amateur Radio Club (Puyallup) had a booth at the Western Washington Fair. The theme was "Women in Amateur Radio" and featured FWR, for years the QSL Manager for W7. Much of the work on the booth was done by HMQ and WIV. Visitors included hams from Saudi Arabia, and Hawaii. KN7AEJ reports from Vancouver: The Clark County Radio Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thurs. at 8 P.M. at the Red Cross Bldg. ZDU has a class for Novices at Clark College and will start General Class code and theory on Dec. 1. FRU reports: QRN was terrific but QSB worse this summer. WAH is attending Pacific Lutheran College and is off the air because of lack of an antenna. AIB has nothing but praise for his new HQ-150. FZB had a basement fire and says, "Scratch one SX-100 and one Ranger." FZQ now relays all RN7 QNI reports to the RN7 Net Manager. WQLD says traffic is picking up. JC is moving to a new QTH. NWP has been reappointed as ORS and OPS after a lapse because of time spent in Texas. AMC has been on the sick list. The Doc says it's arthritis. Chet says, "It ain't good." BAK reports a break in the twin lead to his 80-meter doubler and the winterizing program is now in progress. LVB is looking for a QTH out in the sticks away from PV, etc. ER is busy with Quarter Century Wireless Association business. HDT reports: PSL stopped work on hi-power to go hi-fi. UJA also stopped work on the kw. to go steelhead fishing. HDT says neither of them have caught one yet. AVM reports two AREC-RACES drills were held in Aberdeen during September. CWN is working some DX and MARS. OFX got his picture in the paper for his phone patch work for isolated GIs. Traffic: (Sept.) W7BA 2249, PGY 835, VAZ 544, K7FAE 513, W7FRU 248, WAH 102, AIB 101, FZQ 101, WQD 81, JC 62, APS 58, NWP 48, USO 28, JEY 23, AMC 21, GVV 19, BAK 8, ER 6, LVB 6, NJE 4, EVW 3. (Aug.) W7VAZ 537, K7WAT 473, W7WQD 44, BXH 17, ER 8, BAK 2.

PACIFIC DIVISION

NEVADA—SCM, Albert R. Chin, W7JLV—SEC: JU. Newcomers to the Reno Area are 6HVC and his XYL, 6KOY. Movers: GOE has moved to Montgomery, Ala., and 5JAG7 has transferred to Hamilton AFB. YNO is now attending the Naval Guided Missile School at Virginia Beach, Va., and is doing some operating at K4NCX. Congrats to Doug Webb on his new call, WNTAGZ. TKV now has a 50 WAN endorsement on his WAN certificate. New WANS went to 1AW and the gang, K7ADD, 4HYW and 5AWT. BGV is back on the air working DX on 15 meters. YLO is doing FB on RACES. YKQ is picking up such choice DX contacts as CE9AH Antarctica, TG9RB, HAIXSA, CE9AE, PY7AFK and KZ5IF on 50 watts. VIU has a new SX-101; he is active on RN6 from his new QTH and is looking for contacts and skeds to Reno and Las Vegas. ZHW is organizing code practice sessions in Reno. AZF is adding RTTY to his operations. TQE is sporting a new final. Traffic: W7VTU 16.

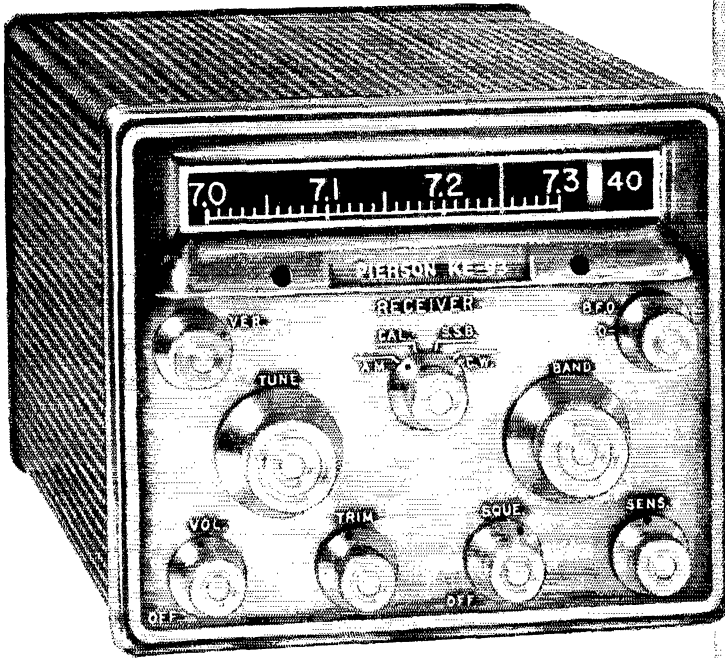
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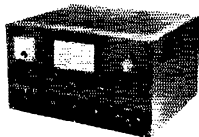
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New appointments are CBE as OPS and K6ALH as OO. WGO has given up his appointment as PAM as he is QRL with other business. New Novice calls are KN6BDM in San Carlos and KN6AUL in Atherton. The following were present at the Northern California Traffic Assn. breakfast meeting held in Monterey Sept. 22: HC, ZRJ, ZLO, PLG, OII, BAP, OFJ, WGO, LCA, YHM, K6DYX, GID and BGM. The South County Amateur Radio Society has been organized in the Redwood City Area with WWJ as the club call. K6LIE is in charge of the club station. HJP reports that he is on single sideband from KR6RX. Art expects to be back in the States in February. YHM returned from KL7-Land. K6GZ makes BPL both on originations and total traffic points. K6EMIN flew to London via the polar route recently. AMH has a new oscilloscope. MMG flew to New Hampshire to attend his brother's wedding. K6DYX is replacing the 20- and 40-meter antennas making ready for the winter storms. K6CGA is looking for a receiver to replace one he is losing to the C.G. The SCARS in Redwood City holds meetings the 4th Mon. of each month. Those interested should get in touch with K6MPN for more information. K6JJU now has a six-element beam on 6 meters. K6MPN has a four-element beam on 6 meters. K6TWI was heard on the air using a Heathkit grid-dip meter as a transmitter. The PAARA reports two new members, WN6WIV and K6TCU. Your SCM and his staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Traffic: (Sept.) K6GZ 582, DYX 44, W6BPT 417, PLG 171, HC 92, YBV 58, K6HGV 57, W6YHM 55, MIMG 2. (Aug.) K6CGA 239, W6OII 22.

EAST BAY—SCM, Roger J. Wixson, W6FDJ—At this writing election time is here again for the office of Pacific Division Director. Both ACM and HC have in the past proven themselves as leaders. ACM was responsible for the California ham license plates and has been very active in amateur activities. HC has displayed his leadership in ARRL activities and in carrying out recommendations to the League and has shown his interest in amateur activities by participating in the CCRC, PAN, RN6, NCN and NARS. ZF is running for Vice-Director. Around the clubs in the East Bay section: The Oakland Radio Club was entertained by the Remote Control Society and had as its guest speaker Mason Booth. Mason brought remote-controlled trucks, planes and boats which were demonstrated. Motion pictures taken of the model planes in flight and showing take-offs and landings were shown. The East Bay Club heard a talk on TVI with demonstrations given by VSV. Bob had some TV sets and transmitters on hand and was able to remove the TVI problem right before their eyes. The SARO enjoyed a talk and movie given by United Air Lines on the new DC-8 jet engine made by Pratt and Whitney. The program started off with dinner at the United Air Line shop's canteen. The ACACIA Club went dining and dancing at the U. S. Naval Station at Treasure Island. R. L. Wixson (CPO in charge) acted as host at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. The Hayward Club had as its guest speaker HC, who gave out with some dope on modulation. New officers for the Skyriders Club are TLM, pres.; BSY, vice-pres.; DQT's NYL, secy.; and KKB, treas. A note for BSY says the club net meets each Wed. at 8 P.M. on 28,500 kc. All are invited to check in. ANK, BSY and QLS are now using homebrew G4ZU beams. ACE is back on 10 meters. PQW is trying a new beam. AMK is QRL boat building. CCY has his 100 countries on 21-Mc. phone confirmed at last. The NCARTS, the teletype boys, have been very active with traffic and putting out ARRL bulletins. RTTY was tried out in the Simulated Emergency Test held in October. There was no word from the Napa crew this month but you can bet the fellows are keeping 6 meters hot with the Silverado Six Shooters. The Richmond Club is holding its annual WAS Contest. K6GXU is now EC for that area. The club held an auction which was a huge success. Traffic: K6GK 531.

SAN FRANCISCO—SCM, Fred H. Laubscher, W6OPL—Asst. SCM: E. L. Olmstead, K6LCF, SEC: KZF. It is a pleasure to report that activity in this section is at an all-time high. The various county groups are busy with the AREC plans under KZF. The SFRC had a long session to nominate officers for the coming year. K6LCF outlined AREC plans. PHS, retiring president of the SFRC, has done such an outstanding job that the nominating committee had a real problem filling his spot. The 29ers Club, as usual, has good turnouts for transmitter hunts. BIP won both the hunt and the transmitter at the Eimac Picnic. OPL and LCF are looking forward to visiting all of the clubs before the year runs out. EKC reports from the Far East RC, Fortuna, that VGZ is moving to Ukiah and WN6YOM had over 60 QSOs on 40 meters the first

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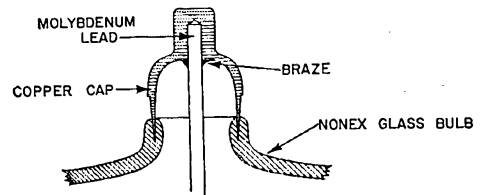
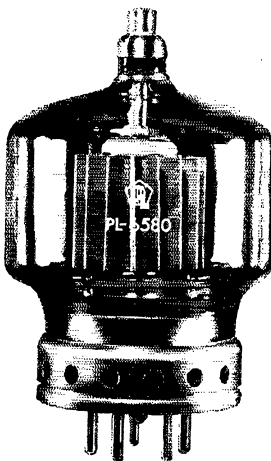
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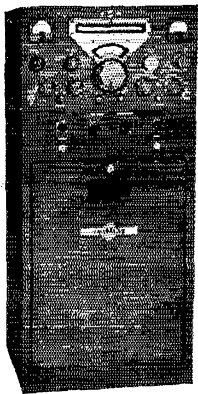


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week. BJO is moving to Loleta and is off the air temporarily. The FERC runs on-the-air code practice twice a week. KN6CCOU is a new call in Fortuna. The MARC is real proud of the gang that ran SG's score for Field Day to second place. A practice alert and disaster drill was held without forewarning, to test AREC in Marin. K6s BTH, BAW, LCF, BAQ, SFD and JGX and W6s OPL, AZE, TLJ, MIS, IFO and JEU responded and had SG on the air and the net operating in nine minutes. The Tamalpais Club enjoyed a real FB picnic at El Verano. GGC still carries the scars of the baseball game. YME still is shooting the gang out of the saddle on 21-Mc. DX. ZQK is wondering how he does it. The Sonoma Radio Club shows great promise of becoming one of the outstanding clubs in the section. It is a small group with all workers. GWT is in the throes of a wild idea that includes a blimp-mobile. We are given to believe that the Humboldt RC is very active in current tests of its facilities in preparation for the winter season. Let's all take stock of our own emergency gear and fill out those Form 7s for KZF. BIP reports 74 WAVE contacts with terrible QRN from lightning in the Rockies. Traffic: W6GGC 35, SG 8, BIP 6, OPL 4.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY—SCM, LeVaughn Shipley. K6CFF—The oldest club in our section is the Sacramento Amateur Radio Club which was founded in 1915. Some interesting side lights were presented at the club's annual "old-timers" meeting in September. In the beginning the members met in a church and then at the Y.M.C.A. RM was the first secretary and later served two terms as president. The treasurer ran off with the funds. MOH admitted "bootlegging" in 1915 and as late as 1922, 500 miles was real DX. JL said most of the original members started in ham radio around 1910-15 during the days of the Leyden jar. AK also started in those days but insists no one is older than he feels. He proves it too by piloting his own airplane. The North Hills Radio Club of Fair Oaks is doing a real FB job with code and theory classes and even has code practice over K6LKS on 51.9 Mc. at 6 p.m. five nights a week. The Camellia Capital Chirps (Sacramento's YL Club) is going to appoint an OMS—Official Menu Station—to announce the latest in home cooking. What's this "secret pal" business with the C.C.C.? Listen for an improved signal from QYX, who has been doing some rebuilding. Congratulations to K6YBV, who made BPL this month. Bob uses a Braille slate and stylus. K6SXA did it again, too. Congratulations to the new officers of the Tehama County Amateur Radio Club in Red Bluff: PYE, pres.; K6SKG, vice-pres.; K6LGU, act. mgr. and K6RFT, secy.-treas. Traffic: K6SXA 603, YBV 258, W6CMA 40.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY—SCM, Ralph Saroyan. W6JPU—Merry Christmas, everybody, and hope all of you received your 75A-4 and KWS-1! At this writing, the satellite launched by the Russians is making news and history. Many of the local hams, both active and inactive, have been listening to the "beeps" on unaccustomed frequencies. OGX is having difficulties with overtone oscillators. K6IFL is looking longingly to s.s.b. BAN is building a new final with 813s. LOS is having B&W handswitch problems. K6MYV is building a 10-meter beam. K6HWS has a new 20-meter beam. CPT has a new Ranger. ONK worked KDIGM on the floating island at the South Pole. K6RYU is moving to Longbranch. Wash. ONK is building a final using a pair of 4-250As. K6EJT is heard on 75 meters with an ARC-5. KN6ZCD is working out very FB on 15 meters. JPU is running a pair of 4N150As on 20 meters. The Fresno Radio Club is sponsoring a code and theory class at Chandler Field every Mon. at 7:30 p.m. PSQ and K6BKZ are in charge. KN6BHN is a new Novice in Coalinga. K6GOX is building a kw. on 6 meters. K6BGJ has a new QTH. JXY is heard on 20 meters s.s.b. K6BLP is a new call in Fresno. K6MFB went deer-hunting and killed a bear instead. QRZ, OM, MVU and his XYL were recent visitors in Fresno. WN6YEP is a new call in Fresno. K6GTI is building a final for s.s.b. using a pair of 4-125s. Send in those reports, we can use them. Traffic: (Sept.) W6ADB 80, K6EJT 54, W6ARE 3. (Aug.) K6EJT 47.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA—SCM, B. Riley Fowler. W4RRH—SEC: ZG, PAM: DRC. In reply to many questions as to why the NCS of the Tar Heel Emergency Net is located in the eastern part of the State, the Net Directors deem it advisable to have the NCS there during the normal period of the coastal storms and in the central or western part of the State during that period when we might experience ice and other type disturbances not common to the eastern part of the

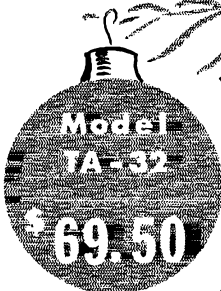
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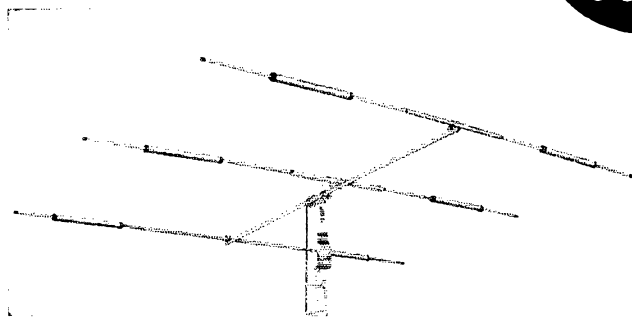
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State. Reports from most areas indicate that the Emergency Coordinators are busy reorganizing the AREC. Many thanks, fellows. Be sure to report the results of your efforts. It has been pointed out many times that each ARRL district should be so organized that the normal flow of traffic should be from the Tar Heel Net to a representative of the District AREC Net. This will avoid confusion and will limit the THN to its membership and not more than one station per district. Get with it, fellows, and much luck. The Tar Heel Net is the only traffic net within the State exclusively amateur, and it is a part of the National Traffic System. K4CDZ made the Brass Pounders League in August. This is the third BPL certificate I have had occasion to issue since becoming SCM. JZQ is now an ORS. Sam works on both phone and c.w. and will be an asset to the section. GIM has been appointed as OO. This brings our total to five in the State. Get busy and help clean up our part of the rules infractions.

SOUTH CAROLINA—SCM, Bryson L. McGraw, W4HMG—The Palmetto Club of Columbia elected TYS, pres.; TTH, vice-pres.; KN4OUG, secy.; KN4OUF, treas.; K4AVU as EC; VJI and DNR as directors. Congrats to K4EGI, retiring president, on an outstanding job during the past year. K4AOG now is a student at U. of South Carolina. COA is the proud owner of a new SX-101. GQV, K4PJE, FM and ZRH played host to more than 100 of the gang for a week end at Pawleys Island. Our sincere thanks go to K4BVX of Rock Hill for the very outstanding job as NCS of the C.W. Net and to AKC for his fine plan of regional operations within our State c.w. gang. There was a nice turnout for the Barnwell Hamfest-Picnic despite the bad weather with more than 100 attending. Featured were very fine talks by FFH, our PAM, ZRH, the RACES director, and others. K4ETB was mistress of ceremonies, very ably assisted by PED and many others. K4BKY now has a brand-new store in Columbia. The *Rock Hill Bulletin* has done a swell job for all of us and needs your support. VJI is working from 6 to 8 s.s.b. nightly and doing a fine traffic job with modest power. The C.W. Net handled 198 messages during September. More than 250 have obtained their new license plates. Traffic: (Sept.) K4BVX 242, W4AKC 192, K4JFN 76, W4CHD 65, K4EJR 60, W4PED 59, DAW 31, K4DFW 14, W4ANK 13, (Aug.) K4EJR 140, BVX 102, W4DAW 67, K4HJK 32, JFN 28, DFW 25.

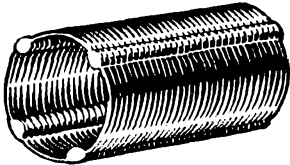
VIRGINIA—SCM, John Carl Morgan, W4KX—SEC: PAK. LW reports VSN off to a fine start with a full roster of NCS and ANCS, and traffic frequently has been more than could be cleared in 30 minutes. However, VN has been clearing nearly 100 per cent. VN Mgr. 1A lists special recognition to K4JJK for his faithful liaison to VFN. SHJ has accepted temporary managership of 4RN. WVN reports a club project at NPT to help all interested to build 6-meter rigs. BYZ says the Danville Club station, CB, now is on the air from White Oak Mt. The Rockbridge ARC now is active in Lexington. CXQ has an ARC-5 on the air at V.P.I. and also NCSing VN Wed. via Tech. station K4KDJ. Also at V.P.I.: CTK, ZNU, HDZ, CPN, PQK, K4GHF and K4CEK. Other Virginians at college: CXH at W.A.M.; K4CEC at Rensselaer; EUU at R.M.W.C.; APM, YZC and TFX at G.W.U.; AAD, TVI and K4BUG at N.C. State. YHD is setting up at a new Herndon QTH. CVO reported from Wyoming while mobilizing through the West. JUJ says VA-JF is near the 300 mark, with flood tide expected following the Va. FFA Party. Charles added Alaskan ADXC to his wallpaper collection. THM reports K4EYE/4 worked Canada, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Florida on 144 Mc. during the V.H.F. Field Day. OOL, the low-power champ, now is planning QRO and VFO. FLX is toying with s.s.b. K4DPX has a new DX-100 on the air. K4LPR is planning to build a G4ZU beam. In answer to numerous queries: The Richmond Club will NOT accept contest logs for VA-JF. You MUST submit the 25 QSLs. Big mystery of 1957: "Where were the PHONES during the Free-For-All?" Traffic: K4EZZ 600, W4IA 253, QDY 160, K4JLO 101, W4SHJ 78, K4JJK 68, W4KX 53, K4ELG 51, W4PVA 42, K4MEV 40, W4FLX 37, AAD 30, CFV 23, THM 22, RHA 20, WVN 17, BRG 15, BZE 15, CVO 14, LW 13, K4BYS 9, W4OOL 7, JUJ 6, K4DKA 4, W4BYZ 3, K4LPR 2, DPX 1.

WEST VIRGINIA—SCM, Albert H. Iix, W8PQQ —Asst. SCM: Festus R. Greathouse, 8PZT. SEC: KXND. PAM FGL RMs: DFC, GBF, HZA and PBO. K8DJT and his XYL, K8GXQ, are very active in Charleston and are to be congratulated on their work in increasing the local club activity. PQQ has a new HT-32 s.s.b. rig and worked JT1AA in Outer Mongolia (Zone 23).

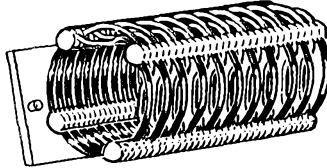
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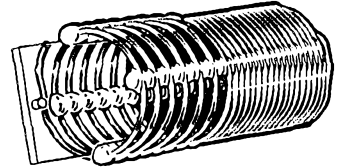
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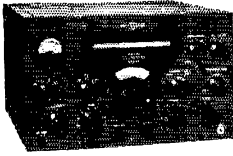
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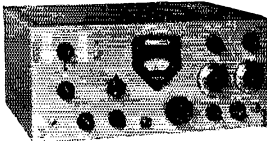
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IRN also worked JT1AA and has submitted his cards for DXCC. Because of an oversight on my part I did not mention that AKQ was also at the Convention in Chicago. ESH is QRL with school. West Virginia net activity is very high. 170 per cent above the same period last year. SSA participated in the last ARRL Frequency Measuring Test. K8CSG put the 10-meter beam back up after repairing it. ORT is working lots of good DX. HLB is a new Novice in South Charleston. K8DZU got his General Class ticket and has a new mobile rig on all bands. OIV is working good DX. ALX visited 4BWK and 4YMG in Memphis and maintained contact with his home location via VMP and DZU. ELX, of Fairmont, is now KG4AE in Guantanamo, Cuba. DIE has moved to a new QTH and is getting antennas ready. LSG has a kw. rig ready to go. FCM is ex-4JTQ in South Charleston and is very active on 40 meters. UMR has 20 certificates on the shack wall. He has all South America countries. PQV is back in Morgantown and ready to get on again. Traffic: (Sept.) W8FNI 260, GWR 69, HZA 62, PBO 54, GBF 44, KXD 26, BWK 24, K8HID 21, CSG 20, CNB 5, W8PQQ 3, (Aug.) W8KXD 300, GWR 76, GBF 25, K8CSG 12, CNB 6, W8UMR 2.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO—SCM, B. Eugene Spoonmore, W8DNL —SEC: NIT, PAM: IUF, OBS: K8BTU, OOS: OTR and RRW, OBS: K8CLJ. According to *The Splatter Chatter*, UPS has a new 10-meter beam. K8EXM has traded his 1X-100 for a complete Elmac mobile rig. FRQ has on order an s.s.b. exciter model 20-A. TYB temporarily is on the shelf on doctor's orders. K8IFB is applying for a chauffeur's license and plans to take up truck-driving for a livelihood. KN8JST tells us he has become grandfather to another little Texan. IC is using a Viking, feeding a 32-element collinear array, a 14-Mc. converter and is available for 6- and 2-meter contacts any time after 1800 MST. YRF is running 400 watts on 220 Mc. K8KWS and CLJ are practically ready to go on 220 Mc. Recent additions to the 80-Mc. picture are YLS K8LSL, K8LSM and K8JIT. We have W8s ACA, DGG, DMC, IC, ISL, JGF, MLI, TVV and VSN all active on 144 Mc. in the Denver Area. Newly-elected officers of the Denver Radio Club, Inc., are GQY pres.; BON, vice-pres.; YHI, secy.; and HXF, treas. A swell get-together was enjoyed by the Breakfast Club, which included K8DXF, PGX, YFL, NYU and several more at the Rainbow Lodge of DDM, Edgar and Ruth. Our condolences to the Middletons in the passing of Dr. W. E. Middleton, KN8JJJ. Traffic: W8KQD 605, K8BCQ 540, W8QOT 103, K8DCW 86, DCC 53, W8DZ 36, W8NT 35, YQ 13.

UTAH—Acting SCM, Col. John H. Sampson, jr., W7OCX—SEC: JOE, PAM: DTB. The Ogden City-Weber County Emergency Net meets Thurs. at 2000 MST on 29.510 Mc. Our latest father-son amateur team is SAZ and KN7BBZ. IZM (mobile) and his wife reported a highway accident near the Nevada border to the Salt Lake City Police by amateur radio with relays through SAZ and VFY. Stations were kept open for further use but when this was not needed they discussed the event with PKI, UWB, DHD and OQJ, who were on frequency and standing by. FSC has lost the big "N" in his call. FCC Examiner L. E. Hastings talked to the Utah Amateur Radio Club on the work of the amateur and the FCC. The UARC has resumed publication of the *Microvolt*. Future FCC examinations in Salt Lake City will be held on Fri. instead of Sat. Winning pairs at the UARC transmitter hunt were OSV with daughter UKF, YEL with Jim Clauson and Don Pettit with Dick North. Winners at the UARC Hamfest were RRM, OSV, Arline Sant, FSC, ZKL, CCP and QWH. The wives of LRP and YPC evened the score of jr. operators with a boy and a girl, respectively. GPN and OCX talked to the Ogden Lions Club on Amateur Emergency Communications. LRP is c.d. chairman of his PTA group. Traffic: W7OCX 2.

NEW MEXICO—SCM, Ray Birch, W5OZ—SEC: K5DAA, PAM: DVA. The Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club had 30 aspirants turn out for night classes conducted to aid them in obtaining their licenses. K5CWH is secy.-treas. for the newly-affiliated Albuquerque Amateur Association. K5MNN is another new call in Gallup. K5LOU and LOV are sporting new DX-100s. K7ACU is a newcomer to New Mexico and is stationed at Fort Defiance. LEF and 25 members of the Caravan Club enjoyed a peach cobbler feed. LEF is now on 2 meters with a 322 transmitter. KEW has returned from summer camp and will take up activities again. The Totah Amateur Club played host to Mr. Carl L. Smith, BWJ, in lieu of Mr. Maer, who was called to Washington at the last minute. BWJ en-

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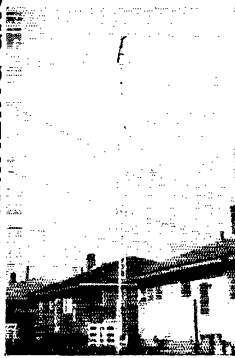
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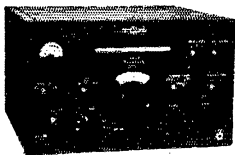
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lightened the boys about League functions, s.s.b., d.s.b., a.m. and antenna systems. Among those present were POI, SGC, CIN, FED, SB, PBV, NSV, SBJ, 7TCN, ØWFR, KN5MLO and the city editor of the *Farmington Daily Times*. Traffic: W5CIN 16, C'EV 12, K5DAA 8, IPK 7, W5VC 7, GB 2.

WYOMING—SCM, James A. Masterson, W7PSO—SEC: MINW. RM: BHH. The Pony Express Net meets Sun. at 0830 on 3920 kc. with AMU and MWS alternating as NCS. The YO Net meets Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 1830 on 3610 kc. with BELL, DNV and NMIW alternating as NCS. NMIW and BHH report that YO Net check-ins are increasing. Why don't you join the gang and check in. PSO logged a visit from CRP, who stated that the Sheridan group had once again started code and theory classes for prospective amateurs. GS, UFB and LKQ copied signals from the Russian satellite on 20 Mc. NVX is now driving his kw. with a Hallicrafters HT-32. Casper amateurs are elated that the local TV station on Channel 2 is increasing its power from 200 to 28,000 watts. BXS is building a new 15-meter beam. It seems early to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for at this writing it is only Oct. 7. This will give you some idea of how far ahead of time these notes are written. Won't you help and send me your station's activities. Traffic: W7NMW 6, BHH 4.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA—SCM, Joe A. Shannon, W4MII—SEC: TKL. RM: KIX. PAM: K4AOZ. Presently there are four section nets: AENB, daily at 1900 on 3575 kc.; AENO, Mon., Wed., Fri. at 1915 on 50.55 Mc.; AENP, daily 0630 (except Sun.) and daily at 1800 on 3955 kc.; AENT, daily at 1630 on 3905 kc. AENP has a business session Sun. at 0800, while AENT holds a similar session at 0800 Sat. The latter net is composed of teen-agers who conduct their own net. How about giving one or more of the nets a try? YRO belatedly reports that an HRO-7 has replaced the ancient SX-25 in his shack. KJZ and KAK now have WAS after a struggle. K4BTO has put the clothespin on his nose but hasn't given a complete report on the exciter. KN4PWD, the XYL of WHW, has completely recovered from an illness which necessitated a stay in the hospital. GJW reports that he has 162 DX contacts confirmed. CNU says that his mother and father in Florida have new calls, KN4ROO and KN4RNJ, respectively. It's now a ham family totaling *four!* Traffic: W4RLG 233, K4EOH 135, A0Z 117, ANB 70, W4YRO 63, K4KJZ 62, BTO 60, W4KIX 58, K4AJG 58, OCV 45, W4ZSQ 32, K4JWB 31, W4MI 30, K4LOE 26, W4HTW 22, DGH 20, WOG 18, AWA 17, K4IJM 13, W4CRY 12, RTQ 12, K4KJD 11, W4CFE 9, CNU 5, CIU 3, K4DDC 2.

EASTERN FLORIDA—SCM, John F. Porter, W4KGJ—SEC: IYT. RM: LAP. PAMs: TAS and JQ. The first All-Florida V.H.F. Picnic was a big success. Nearly 40 v.h.f. enthusiasts met for the first time at Tavares Sept. 15. The charter of *Florida Skip* was officially completed Sept. 9. All the hard work was done by KLL. The Orange County C.D. participated in "Operation Safety" in conjunction with the Florida Highway Patrol over the Labor Day week end. The Silver Springs Radio Club is now the proud owner of a station license with the call K4GSO. The Florida YL's C.W. Net now meets on 7104 kc. each Wed. at 1400 EST. K4HXB is NCS. TKE won the Gainesville Club's month-long contest. New officers of the DBARA are K4BV, pres.; SDR, vice-pres.; UHL, sec.; K4KRI, treas. K4IRE, formerly of Ocala, now is in Orlando teaching at the vocational school. K4CXV makes WAS and WAC. TDK, Naomi and BAV, Catherine, flew to Chicago to attend the 2nd YLRL and 9th ARRL National Conventions. WPD and UFR are now operating from their new QTH in Tampa. The Florida YLs are offering a new certificate for QSOing ten members. The Dade and Miami Springs Radio Clubs paid host to Danny Weil, famous DXer from England, in Miami on Aug. 24. K4OEX has a new KWS-1 and 75A-4. Have you seen QS's new 1000-watt P.E.P. transmitter which fits into the palm of your hand? The rig uses six 6CL6s. New pupas are K4KEG and KN4DR. DVR has a new 1-kw. rig for 75- and 40-meter emergency net operation only. The ARCACS participated in the S.E.T., handling statewide Red Cross traffic. The Miami Springs Radio Club has a new type Gonset Communicator on 147 Mc. Send in your Form 1 reports, fellows. We need them. Traffic: W4FPC 219, PJU 216, DVR 135, CAA 90, K4KDN 76, W4PZT 72, LMT 71, EHW 67, WS 66, K4AKQ 52, W4YTT 49, K4BNE 38, W4HTH 37, FFZ 32, K4MTP 32, W4TAS 30, K4IWT 23, DII 20, W4ZCD 19, AHZ 18, DTV 18, K4JNE 17, OSQ

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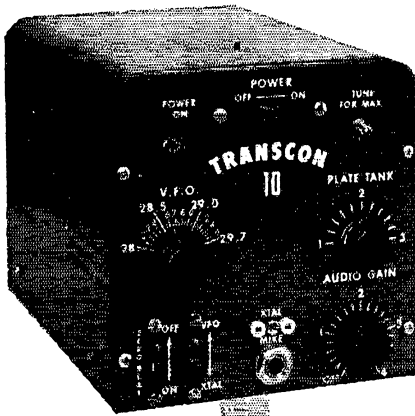


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WESTERN FLORIDA—SCM, Edward J. Collins, W4MS/W4RE—SEC: HIZ, RMs: Escambia AXP, Okaloosa BVE. New officers in the Panama Amateur Radio Club are MMA, pres.; K4OFM, vice-pres.; K4HTN, treas.; RYZ, secy. K4HTN reports a new program underway with lots of activity this fall. KN4RMO is going up for his General Class exam. AXP has a new grandchild. K4KIF put a new gamma match on the beam and really added punch. EQR has the beam on the new tower and is raring to go. JV is building big antennas for the signal shifter. K4OXB is leaving ground plane for beam. OKB has the Sautley Field Club perking again. 5VQG/4 is a welcome addition to the Six-Meter Net. K4PIQ has cleared up his audio trouble. K4IYQ is QRL. TV repairs. ZFL, BGC and UUY are at F.S.U. VR keeps the key in preference to the mike. PAA is trying 20 meters for New Dog Xray. HBK is going to Pensy Junior College. ACB is building a big trailer for the Tallahassee Civil Defense Unit. K4PJC keeps improving the 6-meter gear. MS had a QSO with LU0MA on 6 meters. DAO/DEF does more listening than transmitting. FHQ enjoys sitting behind the Viking KW. K4IVD has PB mobile and fixed rigs on 6 meters. K4QWW is a newcomer to 6 meters with an FB signal. There is talk of forming two new clubs in the Pensacola Area. One will be for Novices and the other for the gang that works on frequencies of 50 Mc. and up. GMS is looking forward to the Thanksgiving Holidays so he can fire up the 15-meter rig again. K4HYL is getting set for traffic and phone patches. UIJ is building 6-meter gear. UUF is having trouble with a broad signal on 6 meters. QK is studying a more compact rig. K4KIF is planning a new tower. KRH is building up gear to be operating on all frequencies. K4APE is our one and only real active OO. K4AGM is QRL studies at F.S.U. but keeps her interest in 6 meters and the IGY program. CDE is a 75-meter man as well as super-active MARS. As I have only two more reports to make as your SCM I would appreciate data to make the last one a big one. After over twenty years of service as SCM it's about time for me to take a rest.

GEORGIA—SCM, William F. Kennedy, W4CFJ—SEC: K4AUM, PAMs: LXE and ACH. RM: PIM. GCEN meets on 3995 kc. at 2100 EST on Tue. and Thurs., 0800 on Sun.; ATLCW on 7150 kc. at 2100 EST Sun.; GSN Mon. through Fri. at 1900 EST on 3595 kc.; with PIM as NC.; 75-Meter Mobile Phone Net each Sun. at 1330 EST on 3995 kc. with UUH as NC.; the Atlanta Ten-Meter Phone Net each Sun. at 2200 EST on 29.6 Mc. VHW as NC.; the Georgia Teen-Age Net each Mon. and Thurs. at 4:30 p.m. on 3810 kc. with K4HYK and K4IOV as NCs.; the Georgia Peach YL Net each Thurs. at 0900 EST on 3985 kc., UMM as NC. KN4QWU had his rig ready to go when his Novice ticket arrived. K4LBC continues to stress traffic-handling on c.w. K4KZP made 162 contacts in August. New hams are KN4RJY and KN4RSQ. The Fitzgerald Amateur Radio Club elected Larry Bryant, pres.; Bill Barr, vice-pres.; and Max Hair, secy.-treas. KN4OLF is on 145 Mc. in Marietta and uses a six-element Yagi antenna. LNG is building a new 6-meter converter and has 9 states on 2 meters. K4HOU now is back in school. PIM is doing a wonderful job as NC for GSN. ETD has installed an all-band vertical and LM-7 frequency meter. FDP has a new jr. operator. K4FCI, at Moody Air Force Base, is doing a wonderful job handling traffic. LNG has moved into his new home. WFN is a new member in the Georgia Peaches Club. The Georgia Peaches YL Club now has 18 members. K4GCT is secy.-treas. ZD has up a new 15-meter Telrex beam and is getting good reports. K4WKT is racking up contacts on 6 meters. KN4RIM is a new ham in Dublin, Ga. Your SCM wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Traffic: K4FCI 283, MCL 179, W4PIM 146, ETD 142, K4LVE 141, BA1 67, EOU 38, W4BXV 31, ZD 22, K4KIV 8, W4PDP 3.

WEST INDIES—SCM, William Werner, KP4DJ. SEC: AAA, AAA has a new Viking Valiant working FB. RA dabbles with s.s.b. and has the newest Telrex 20-meter beam. The USWB is preparing to install instruments at the QTHs of WT, Mayaguez, RE Arcibo, AEB Humacao, and probably in Guayama and is looking for volunteers from the central mountainous and east and south coast towns. FB is a new station on 3925 kc. from Saba Island. QA received CA certificate No. 170 for working 100 Argentine stations (Cien Argentinos). QM now has a 75A-2 receiver. MS, in New York, keeps in touch with the family via W2LQC and KP4MV. ABD ordered a KWS-1 to match his 75A-4.

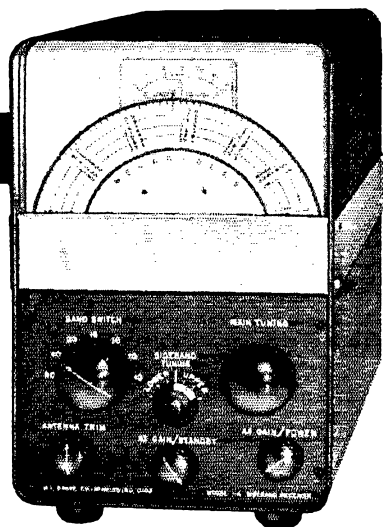
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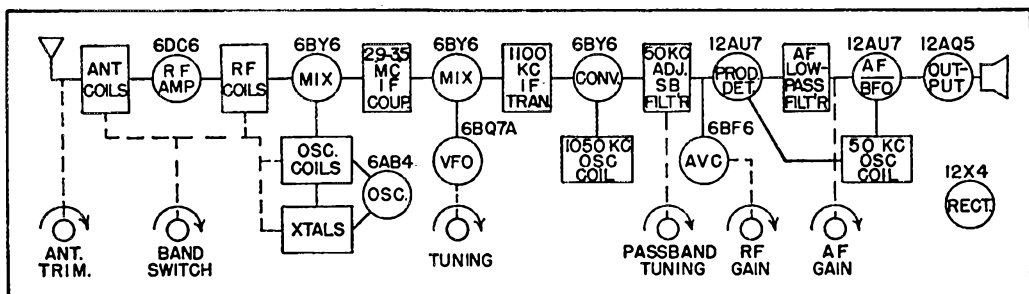
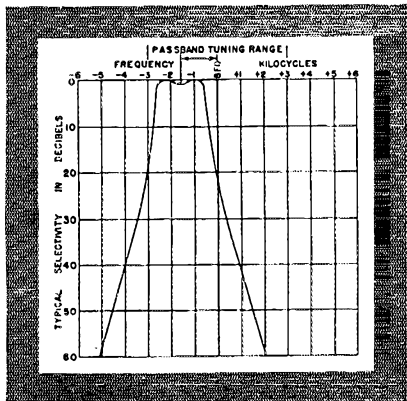


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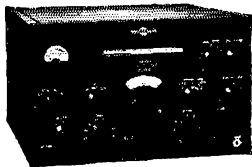
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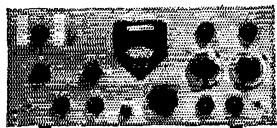
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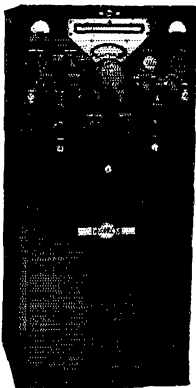


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AIS has a Viking II feeding a Windom antenna on 75 and a Hy-Lite three-element beam on 10 meters. MP's new QTH is M-38 Reparto Metropolitan. W5LV/-MM was in port visiting DJ, AAA and ABD. RK and his XYL visited ARRL Headquarters and W1AW and kept in touch with KP4-Land through W2JQC. On the way home they found KP4ZC sitting behind them on the airliner. W0VTM joined the USWB staff at International Airport. KD had his 79th QSO with his son KN4PUJ Sept. 30. KD sent in his hundredth Virginia QSL for the Jamestown Festival sticker. KD also received a QSL from PX2FC for DXCC 215. CB writes from Rio de Janeiro. CA joined the AREC. KP4AFS/-DL4CD writes from Mannheim, Germany, that while visiting Barcelona the hams there complained to him that they never have received a QSL card from the KP stations they work. KG4AL writes that he is the new secy.-treas. of the Guantannamo Amateur Radio Club. DJ put up a 40-meter doublet to get in on the Mayaguez round tables and the Antilles Weather Net. WF was home on vacation from the U. of Miami. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Traffic: (Sept.) KP4VT 59. (Aug.) KP4VT 28. (July) KP4WT 99.

CANAL ZONE—SCM, P. A. White, KZ5WA—TV and CW have been testing new mobiles on 29.5 Mc. JS is working South America on 6 meters regularly and is waiting for the day the boys to the North will come through. FC, with 3½ watts to a 6AQ5, has been getting out well on 15 meters. When his receiver went out on a power surge in October, he and JE got together over the headline to continue operation, with Joe telling Jim who was answering his CQ. RF has been working W1AW on 7050 kc. at 2300 EST, week nights, and invites other KZ5s to join in for a contact. K4AE (dad) ex-KZ5BL, and his three sons hooked up on 15 meters in October. The three sons are K4GYF/mobile 2, KZ5CC and KZ5RM. W8PNF, ex-KZ5WJ, joined the same QSO. WZ has a brand-new tilt-over tower and tri-band cubical quads. A new YL heard on 15 meters in the mornings is CJ, from Fort Gulick, C.Z. Traffic: KZ5VR 43, 1F 32, WA 19, RM 6.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

LOS ANGELES—SCM, Albert F. Hill, jr., W6JQB—SEC: LIP. RMs: BHG and GJP. PAMs: K6BWD and ORS. BPL this month was awarded to GYH, K6OZL, K6OQD and K6MCA. New appointees are K6EPY as OPS, NTE as OES. MEP is going to improve the receivers on automatic repeater station K6MYK. SRE is putting in a new mobile rig. K6OQD has a new 10-meter beam. K6IYJ got two new countries and a fat score in the WVE Contest. K6ICS is back in college, as is K6BTJ. LVQ spent his vacation in the Sierras with an s.s.b. rig. K6COP is on s.s.b. with a Phasemaster II. YLs are invited to a c.w. session on 3750 kc. at 0900 PST daily with K6EA's XYL at the key of K6EA. K6PLW received phone WAC. PAM K6BWD is back from a 24-state trip. New officers of the Barstow Amateur Radio Club are K6RIG, pres.; Roger Kendrick, vice-pres.; K6LVL, act. mgr.; K6RQE, secy.-treas. K6HKS is teaching a code class at Girls Town Christian School in Riverside. K6QPG is working DX like mad on 10 meters. Poem from the 2-4-6 QRM net Bulletin: "Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm on six and channel two!!!" Support your section net, the Southern California Net, 3600 kc. at 1930 to 2100 PST nightly. BHG is net manager. Traffic: (Sept.) W6GYH 683, K6MCA 634, OZJ 507, LVR 440, OQD 362, W6FIG 155, ZJB 155, K6MON 149, GCC 116, QMK 86, W6NTN 59, K6JQB 50, W6VSH 48, K6EPY 31, COP 25, EA 19, W6LNH 19, K6HOV 12, W6MN 12, MEP 8, NTE 6, K6PLW 6, W6BUK 2, CMN 2, K6IYJ 2, KYJ 2, W6SRE 2. (Aug.) K6LVR 310, W6GJP 26, K6HVC 18.

ARIZONA—SCM, Cameron A. Allen, W7OIR—SEC: YWF. PAM Arizona Emergency Net, 3865 kc.; ASI. PAM Grand Canyon Net, 7210 kc.; LUJ. By the time this reaches print ASI will be back home in Dallas. The Phoenix V.H.F. Club is holding regular meetings and has had talks by VMP and K6QVW. The club held a Labor Day trek to Bill Williams Mt. near Williams and operated on 144 and 50 Mc. The following took part: BQJ, JBX, PLW, QNO, RUX, VLN, VMO, VMP, K7ADG and K6QVW. The Arizona Amateur Radio Club held a hidden transmitter hunt on 75 meters. First prize was won by FMZ and OIF, second by MAE and KOY and third by UXZ. Everyone had so much fun it is planned to hold one every month through the winter. Traffic: W7FKK 118, CAF 10, OIF 4.

SAN DIEGO—SCM, Don Stansifer, W6LRU—
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The smile of Mary Burke, W3CUL, 1956 Award winner, shows appreciation of the honor being paid to all radio amateurs. Mrs. Burke is receiving her Edison trophy from L. B. Davis, general manager of the General Electric electronic components division. Center: Rear Admiral H. C. Bruton, chief of naval communications.

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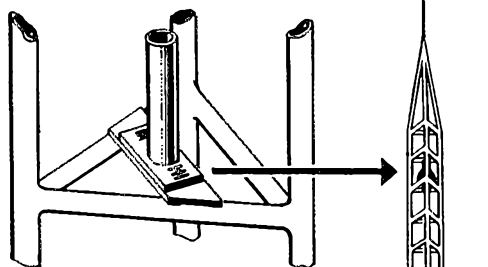
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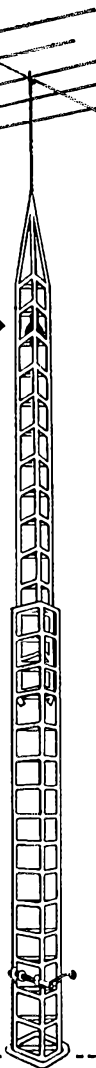
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K6ZEE and her OM K6UOD, in Yorba Linda, handled 367 messages last month and report some 80 members check into the 2-4-6 Net each night. WYA is now 10-meter EC for San Diego County, and K6HQJ is EC for 10 meters in the City of San Diego. K6QJP is EC for 2 meters in the City, and K6GEL is EC for 6 meters in the City. EWT is now EC for the City, and KBT is County EC. KUU still is SEC, and has been working with all ECs and the SCM to coordinate AREC activities. LYF enjoyed a late fall vacation to Michigan. UQP made WAS on 7 Mc. K6UJL vacationed to Oregon and Washington. He reports the formation of the Graveyard Net on 50.4 Mc. at 1:45 A.M. each morning. K6MZY is on 430 Mc. from Imperial Beach. SK and K6BPI both participated in Operation Smoke Puff. K6LKQ is the EC in Vista. The October S.E.T. was a very successful operation, and the SEC and SCM thank all ECs and members of the AREC for participating. The Helix Club has undertaken the project of repairing old donated radios for people who have none. OME becomes the seventh San Diego station to confirm 200 countries. He runs 600 watts on 14 Mc. only to a three-element beam. BGX is going after DX again with a DX-100 and a mini-beam. K6LPV is a new member of the Helix Club. KYG becomes the first San Diego station to work 250 countries and puts out his potent signal from Poway with an antenna farm including "V" beams as well as rotary beams. Season's greetings, and all the best in '58. Traffic: W6EOT 484, K6UOD 367, I:PI 196, W6SK 51, UQF 14, K6UJL 2.

WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTHERN TEXAS—SCM, Ray A. Thacker, W5TFP—Asst. SCM: Bruce Craig, 5JQD. SEC: BNG. PAMs: K5AEX and IWQ. RM: ACK. AHC has returned to Texas Tech. for more "skull-pounding" and we suffer the loss of a fine, hard-working RM. Thanks, Danny! ACK will take over here and to all we again remind you of NTX. It will afford all of us an opportunity to "brush up" on the old fist! K5GVS, the new reporting secretary of the Midland ARC, advises that the club is building up a new 300-watt club station. New officers of the Temple ARC are K5EOW, pres.; JIB, vice-pres.; DWN, secy.-treas. BNG, our SEC, visited with the folks at the East Texas State College ARC and was most impressed by his reception and the attendance. New officers of the Caravan Club of Dallas are ZGV, caravan master; CNN, emergency caravan master; VNJ, secy.-treas.; IFK, program chairman; SBF, asst. program chairman; WXJ5 turned in an FB job of public relations at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. FBQ wishes to announce to all teen-age hams that a Western Area Teen-age Net is now active every morning, Mon. through Fri., at 7:30 on 3940 kc. Join in, those of you lucky enough to be teen-agers! AEX and his NT-O net control stations have come up with a real guide for net participants. They are mailing a copy of this fine check list to all stations who become active on the NT-O. This is an informal net that meets daily on 3960 kc. at 5:30 P.M. Take a listen! Traffic: (Sept.) K5WAB 1682, W5SMK 160, K5ENR 112, AEX 80, HTH 70, W5BKH 50, BOO 41, TFP 30, ASA 28, K5ETX 27, W5AYX 14, AWT 8, CWC 4. (Aug.) K5WAB 1478.

OKLAHOMA—SCM, Richard L. Hawkins, W5FEC—Asst. SCM: James R. Booker, 5ADC. SEC: LXH. PAMs: EJK and MEX. RM: JXM. The Storm Warning Net meeting at Oklahoma City was well attended. UCT and AZO were awarded Public Service certificates by the WX Bureau for their work in the net. Several Oklahoma hams, including your SCM, attended the ham day at Texas State Fair. Bartlesville hams report the first case of TMI (Tele-Movie Interference). KN5MIS is a new YL ham. K5EJC still is working DX. K5BVA got 9 new countries when he sent his envelope to the QSL Bureau. Others might follow suit. KN5MIF is a new YL ham in Lawton. JXM is back home and in harness again as RM. He needs more c.w. operators to check in the Oklahoma C.W. Net, frequency 3682.5 kc. at 1900. LLQ was transferred to Clinton. VNC is in Louisiana for awhile. IWL and his NYL K5BNQ attended the National Convention in Chicago. Lucky people! K5BNQ was elected 8th district chairman of the YLRL. New officers of the Chisholm Trail ARC are YPK, pres.; K5IBZ, vice-pres.; NCH, secy.; UGA, treas.; YPJ, act. mgr. K5JLP is attending Denver University. PAA made WAC. K5PXU transferred to Washington, D. C., in September. Traffic: W5DRZ 348, ESB 289, K5CAY 184, EGS 100, W5QVY 72, CCK 36, MGE 33, ADC 31, FEC 20, PNG 20, KWK 17, K5KTW 15, W5GOL 12, K5DVE 9, W5IER 9, K5BNQ 8.

SOUTHERN TEXAS—SCM, Roy K. Eggleston, W5QEM—SEC: QKF. RM: PCX. New calls out El
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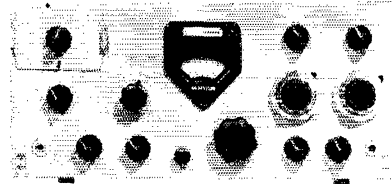
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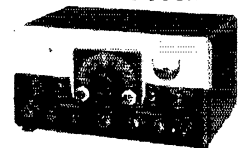
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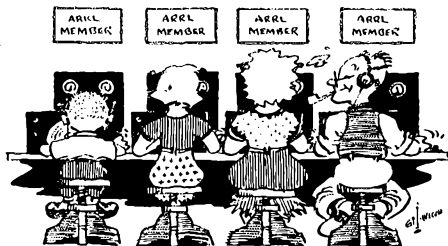


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CANADIAN DIVISION

MARITIME—SCM, D. E. Weeks, VE1WB—Asst. SCM: Aaron Solomon, IOC. Newly-elected officers of the LCARC are BY, pres.; GE, vice-pres.; UR, secy.; NF, treas. It was announced recently that Truro will be the site for next year's convention. Congratulations go to the Sydney Radio Club on its fine showing in Field Day. The launching of Satellite No. 1 created much interest in the section and many amateurs were able to receive its signals. New section appointments include: PZ (Cape Breton) as EC, W1QCC/VE1 as OES, AV as OO. Several members of the St. Croix Valley Club are now active on 2 meters. Communications for civil defense exercise "Lunyard" (the evacuation of about 600 residents of Lancaster to St. Stephen in a 137-car convoy) were provided by about 25 amateurs from Southern N.B. The 75-, 6- and 2-meter bands were used in the exercise. PV (ex-3BCU, VE6CP and VP5CP) is now a resident of Dartmouth. AEB has modified his Viking for remote operation and is building a 1/4-watt transmitter for phone/c.w. operation on 75 meters. Season's Greetings and the best of luck to all in 1958. Traffic: (Aug.) VE1UT 49, FH 31, DB 11, BN 7, OM 7, AEB 6.

ONTARIO—SCM, Richard W. Roberts, VE3NG—Ontario amateurs were all busy tracking the Russian satellite. Among those who were the first to hear the signals were AER, NG, BBQ, DQG, AML and AQE. APC is active in Ft. Erie. BSW has transmitter grief. The Nortown Club's new officers are DAR, pres.; HB, vice-pres.; BOF, rec. secy.; A. Livey, corr. secy.; KA, treas. The Skywide RC, also of Toronto, elected ASA, pres.; DXS, vice-pres.; Lorn Proctor, treas.; Bud Athens, secy.; Sam Finley, act. mgr. Scarborough came up with this fine selection of executives: DZI, pres.; Sid Prior, vice-pres.; DDP, secy.; AWC, treas.; YD, club engr. The new club call is SRC. CER is on 7 Mc. EIS is building a new rig. Ten years of Scarborough Club records were lost in a flood at the shack of AWC. DZI has a new QTH, Richmond Hill. ES did well in the W/Ve Contest. RE was mobile VE1 while on his vacation. EOY is a new RCC member, thanks to DPO. BUR is on 21 Mc. DUU is PAM for 2 meters in the Toronto Area. AIB is the EC. The v.h.f. group met at Oakville and had a bang-up affair. AJA, GH, TL and NG were seen rainbow-trout fishing at Meaford on Thanksgiving. BXF won the "Capt. Morgan Cup" for his effort in the C.W. SS Contest in Ontario. (Note: This award is open only to members of the Nortown Club.) DEX and BBH are still laughing at the film taken at the North Bay Hamfest. BJV, EAU and PAM are active on the c.w. nets. Metro-Toronto Civil Defense held a Civil Defense Day. Those in on the activities were BBD, DSM, BUT, AZX, RH, NG, RG, MF, ASA, BLQ, AIB and DUU. AUU is the new ECN mgr. KM organized the S.E.T. RU vacationed in Bermuda. Our congratulations to 2BE on his reelection as Canadian Division Director. With the assistance of some very good friends who are MPP's in the Ontario Government, the situation regarding license plates is coming along very nicely. Please be patient, fellows, it does take a little time. We will keep you advised. Our sincere thanks to ARRL Headquarters staff for all the help they gave us in the organization of the ARRL Ontario Convention. AML, at Sarnia, has some excellent tape of signals from the satellite. Traffic: VE3BUR 155, NG 102, DPO 62, AML 51, NO 46, DTB 43, DUU 32, KM 22, EAU 21, RW 19, BJV 13, LWN 13, AES 7.

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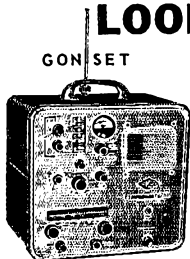
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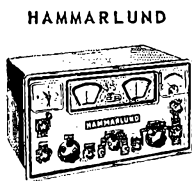
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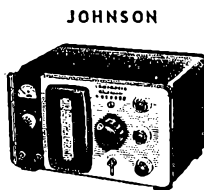
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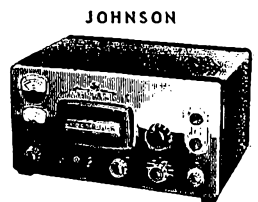
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QUEBEC—SCM, Gordon A. Lynn, VE2GL—ATL again makes BPL on originations and deliveries. He also won the Burgess Trophy in the code-receiving contest at the MARC Hamfest. AGN handles a lot of traffic even though building a new rig. APC visited several WI hams during vacation and took movies at WIAW. AMY reports the Muskeg Net meets on 3755 kc. Mon. to Fri. at 7:15 P.M. FL has moved to a new QTH in Bourlamaque. AEV has a new DX-100. ADD is active on 75 meters with a new antenna. AMY is erecting a wide-spaced beam on 20 meters. AWK has BCI and TVI. AFJ, ABN, AUA and AGL are back at school but are active in their free hours. AJD took part in the WAVE Contest. TI has resumed skeds with ADF. AAD and AUU are mobiling. ABN and AFJ are both active on c.w. with a Globe King. ACD has a new bug. AKB, from Valleyfield, and AXI, from Ville St. Laurent, are on 80-meter c.w. APU is handling traffic on 75-meter c.w. EG is now able to use s.s.b. She is testing the B&W linear amplifier. OC won an NC-109 at the hamfest. PS is a newcomer using a 75A-4 and a Viking II from the Town of Mount Royal. RU has moved to Beauport. Traffic: VE2AGN 246, ATL 158, DR 113, AWK 45, EC 18, AMY 16.

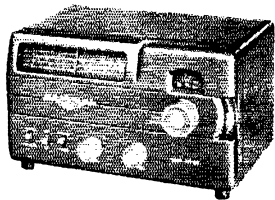
ALBERTA—SCM, Sydney T. Jones, VE6MJ—PAM: OD. IC is moving his QTH to YY-Laud. OD is back on the Alberta Phone Net after a vacation visit to VE7-Land. SX reports he has most of his crop in and will be more active radiowise from now on. WL reports that the Calgary gang will sponsor a code course this winter. He also has finally made WAC on 28 Mc. AS and HM have heard the radio signals from the Russian satellite. EY is reported having his 28 Mc. up again. GY was made an honorary member of the Edmonton mobile gang. IM is having good results with his new rig. The Alberta Phone Net has returned to its winter schedule of 1930 Mon., Wed. and Fri. Keep the monthly reports coming, gang. Support your local club and take an active part in all the activities. Traffic: VE6HM 153, OD 10, MJ 6, PV 4.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—SCM, Peter M. McIntyre, VE7JT—This month the Vancouver Amateur Radio Club (VARC) is in the spotlight. It is a very active club with a good variety of talks and illustrations at its meetings and visits to electronic and other interesting installations. The following is the club's executives for 1957-8: AQW, pres.; TX, vice-pres.; AHT, treas.; Ken Stouden, secy.; AMW, activities; APX, historian; XW, tech.; PB, publicity; MI, official auctioneer; YG, auditor and watcher of the pot; KX, BCARA delegate. I have to admit I misplaced a couple of reports in the middle of some ham shack changes. Hope the ones missed will excuse me, please. AIO has taken over as Tel-com officer for the #206 Airforce Cadets in Kimberly with the club call of ANQ. Aurimo also has an active Airforce Cadet Radio Club under the wing of DH. Traffic: KG1DT 597.

MANITOBA—SCM, James A. Elliott, VE4UF—Congratulations to the ARLM, Inc., on its affiliation with the ARRL. A very good time was had at the ARLM Hidden Transmitter Hunt and Wiener Roast. There was fine work on the part of KP for recording the Russian satellite. Winnipeg stations active on 20 and 15 meters are TE, BG, NO, TJ, PU, KX, LL, TC, SS, RY, MP, LJ, ex-6LJ and VJ with SX sporting a Viking II and 75A-4. TA is building an A13 linear. WS and SH are doing well on 10 meters. GB has moved to Pine Falls. KN was visitor to Winnipeg. KP is accumulating transistors for mobile. IP, GE and FE had fine trip to Calgary, Banff, Jasper and Edmonton where we enjoyed real ham hospitality. ER is slowly improving from an infection which sent him to the hospital for a short session. LO is on temporary duty in Saskatoon. DU will be back with a new skyhook before the snow comes. Many thanks to VJ for assisting with this report. Traffic: VE4GE 19, JX 10, AY 9, AN 6, KN 6, PA 6, HL 4, JW 4, VE5YR 4.

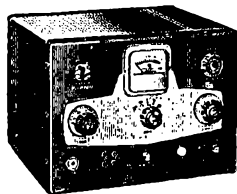
SASKATCHEWAN—SCM, Lionel O'Byrne, VE5LU—HR has a new QTH and is using a portable rig. RQ is awaiting a rotator for his beam. DR schedules VE3AHU/SU on the Gaza Strip and relays "World Series" scores to the gang. YW, OB, CU, DU and LAI have activated 10 meters in Saskatoon. VL is getting new transmitting equipment. 4LO is a Saskatoon visitor. CF works 15 meters and lots of DX. LM and his XYL are planning a trip to Florida this winter. Good luck, Leo. DD has a new converter for his new car. AM and HQ are new calls in Saskatoon. Welcome, Don and Jerry. JK visited with 7JB, 7ANT, 7AZ (ex-5LV) and 7PM this summer and is now replacing a blown gasket on the mobile power plant. UU and GG have 8-Mc. crystals for their 144-Mc. rigs. BL had mobile in the Civil Defense Parade. QL was in an accident but is O.K. Traffic: VE5LM 30, YR 14, BI 8, RE 6, CB 2, JA 2.

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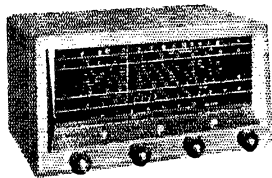
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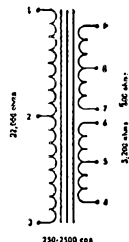
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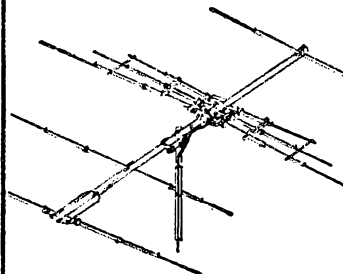
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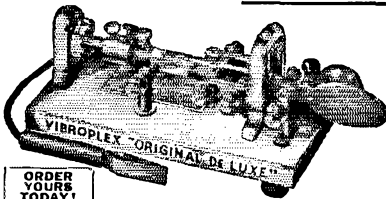
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Mobile Antennas

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the coil. Another slide switch is operated by the string that progressively adds resistance in a meter circuit: the meter reading is determined by the series resistance, and the meter is marked in frequency bands.



The Antenna uses a motor to switch the loading coil through the various bands. The motor is housed in a small box at the base of the antenna; a spring-loaded string runs up to the switch inside the loading coil. The tube between base and loading coil serves as part of the antenna and also houses a switch that operates band indicator on the dashboard of the car.

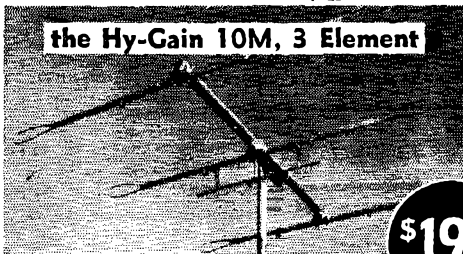
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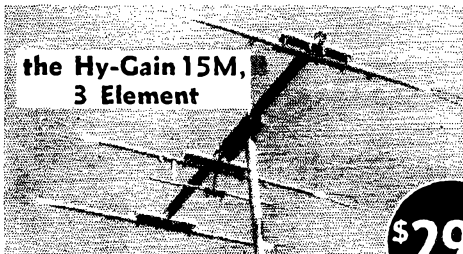
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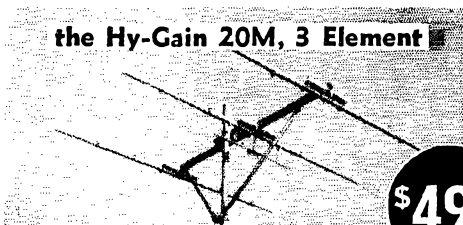
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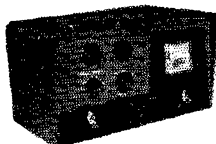
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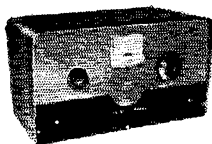


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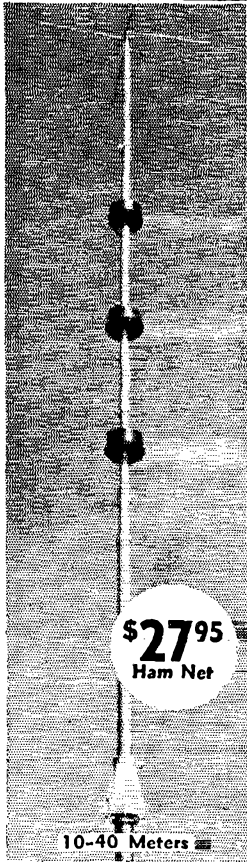
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T-12 Transmitter

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one shorts out a section of the coil in the pin-network, and the other connects a larger capacitor across the buffer plate tank.

Putting the T-12 together should be a simple matter for anyone who has a small soldering iron and can use it. It is only necessary to shape the component leads, insert them in the correct holes, and solder to the etched circuit. After completion the unit can be mounted on a metal chassis (not furnished) by means of the four brass stand-off bushings.

The mimeographed instructions describe construction and tuning procedure and give several suggestions for suitable antenna systems. The final carries a rating of 12 watts input (at 350 volts), and one can expect the T-12 to become popular as a first transmitter for a Novice and as a standby transmitter for local net operation.

— B. G.

How's DX?

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without a couple of scoundrels trying to steal the contact right out from under you and, if not successful, jamming the frequency." — W6KZS. . . . Not very pleasant reading, eh? Thank goodness there's a bunch of squareshooters on the air for every DX bum a-radiating. . . . K2UPD celebrated removal of the "N" from his call by venturing to rarish Prince Edward Island for a spell of K2UPD/VE1 fun during late August. . . . VO1s BD and BF vow to make St. Pierre a perennial objective after such delightful sport as FP8s AY and AX this summer. . . . Interesting figures on W2EQS's September FP8AS sally: Of Charlie's 792 c.w. QSOs 570 went to U. S. comers in 42 states, and the remainder was distributed among 45 countries on all continents. By W.K. call areas FP8AS worked 59 Ones, 103 Twos, 71 Threes, 48 Fours, 16 Fives, 80 Sixes, 20 Sevens, 67 Eights, 56 Nines and 50 Zeros. Per band there were 22 contacts on 160, 5 on 80, 35 on 40, 581 on 20, 129 on 15 and 20 on 10 meters. Alert YL W3GEN started things off by picking up FP8AS's initial tune-up. An AP-67, HT-30, NC-300, a 136-foot wire and a multiband trapper gave an excellent account. W2PQS thanks the DX gang in general and resident FP8AP in particular for help in making his sojourn so eminently successful. "The big let-down came when putting W2EQS back on the air at home — and getting no replies. I got spoiled!" — VE8NS claims he's the most northern amateur station in the world. "Writes K1JGD. "He's on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island near the Pole." Who's your candidate? . . . VE8OJ closed shop in Port Radium and now signs VE7CQ with 200 watts on several bands down south. . . . "Worked 134 DX stations in the past month and only 33 said I was their first Idaho contact (two said I was their first Seven). So Idaho doesn't seem to be quite so rare anymore." Observation by W7FBD. . . . W5ACL sees little sense in such transmissions as FB FB MISSED MOST UR RST 579 579. Perfectly readable but missed most — secret code? . . . W9NN was elected W9-DXCC 1958 chairman at that organization's '57 ARRL National Convention business meeting. Next year's W9-DXCC Banquet is scheduled for September 13th in the Windy City. . . . KL7BPK's hamming interests absorbed a fresh fillip when his dad rejoined the fraternity as K4BS in Vero Beach. The OM was QRT since Pearl Harbor. . . . W1s VG WPO and W6ZZ note that G5RV signs PJ5AA on Aruba, PJ5AC on Curacao. Louis, based at Caracas, also holds VP4 VP5 VP6 and VP7 licenses with the RV suffix. . . . Ex-ZC4FB will haunt a new VP8 label from Shackleton Base. . . . Good to hear HK0AI boiling through once more. W4HKJ found Victor banging away on 20 with an 807 110-wattor and dipole, feeding San Andres to a brand new DX generation. . . . OVARA iterates KP4IAO's determination to put Navassa Island on the air but soon. . . . Those club abbreviations in the text preceding represent International Short Wave League, Japan DX Radio Club, Malaya Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, Northern California DX Club, Newark News Radio Club, Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Association, Southern California DX Club, West Gulf DX Club, Willamette Valley DX Club and the Wireless Institute of Australia. Ten Years Ago in "How's DX?" — Relieving WICH

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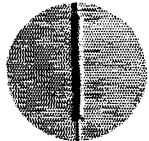
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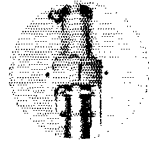
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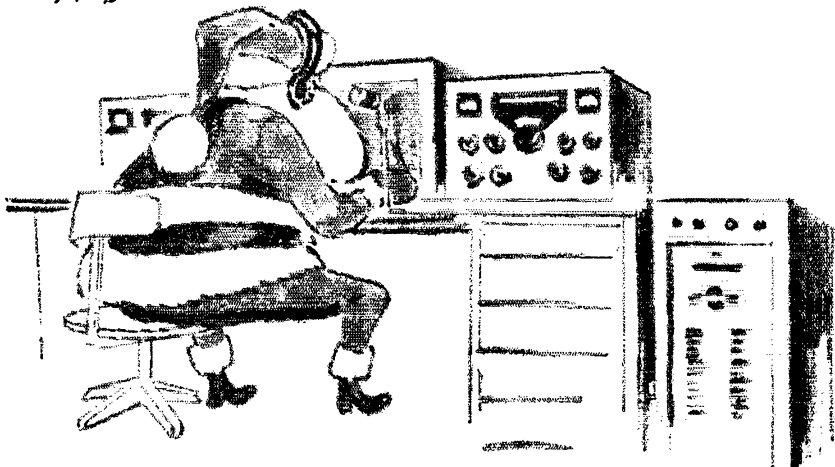
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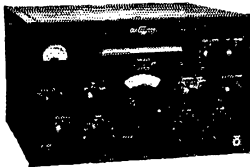
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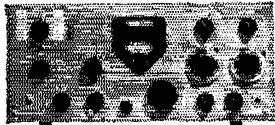
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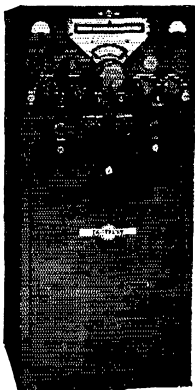


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10B Exciters

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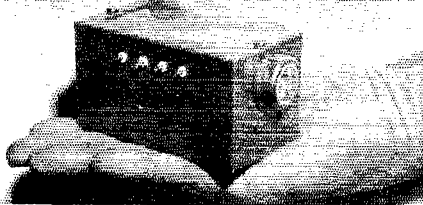
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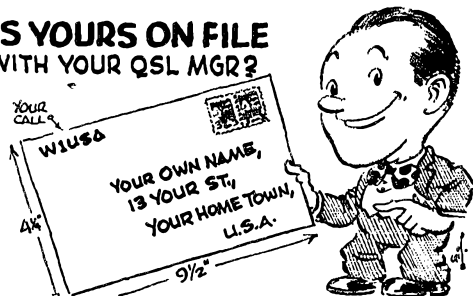
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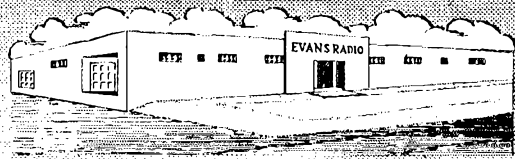
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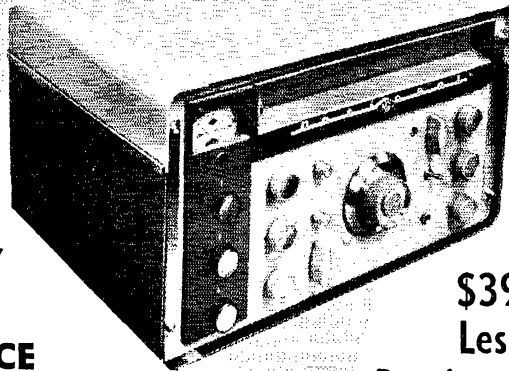
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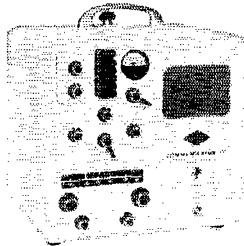
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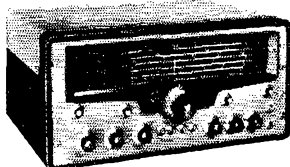
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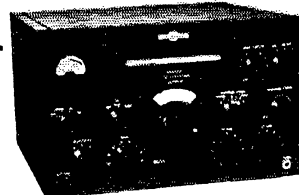
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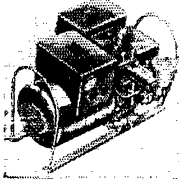
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tion and departed from the island to the cutter in the same hazardous manner in which we arrived.

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Both of us now appreciate the insight and perspective into DXing that only an expedition can provide, but we are still disheartened over the fact that we were not able to give the foreign gang a country they so avidly sought. One thing's for sure: we'll never scoff at the trials and tribulations of those who undertake an expedition. Oh, well, back on the prosaic side of DXing.

Heavenly Reward

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However, in three days (or more accurately, six hours), Leo was ready to plug it in, which he did. He flipped the filament switch, and the rectifier tubes lighted like rising suns. He then operated the plate switch, and a blue glow leaped from the rectifier filaments to the plates.

Satisfied with his accomplishment, Leo turned off the power supply, picked up his pearl-studded screwdriver, and commenced to mount the power supply in a relay rack which had been built for it by St. Bud of the Chassis and Rack Subdivision.

Just as Leo was installing the last screw and cup washer, a tiny cherub flew past his face. In an effort to keep from falling (although clouds are really very soft, and seldom is anyone bruised if he falls), Leo grasped the nearest convenient object, which unfortunately was one of the filter capacitors. A blinding blue flash of ionized atmosphere and oxidized ectoplasm threw Leo halfway across Cloud 223. He barely had time to think "lousy bleeders" when the stars diminished and a black curtain descended.

Through the curtain he heard someone say, "It was my fault for talking him into building a kilowatt rig." Then someone else said, "He's waking up. Hey, Leo, are you all right?" Leo opened his eyes and found himself lying on the floor of his shack. He saw his friends Homer and Horace looking down at him.

"You got quite a jolt from your power supply," said Homer.

"Are you all right, Leo?" asked Horace. "I was worried; I even said a small prayer for you."

"I'm all right," said Leo. "Funny thing: It seems I've been in a heaven for ham radio operators. I remember a fellow named Sir Heathkit Featherblossom, who asked me to build a power supply; and I built it. Then when I had finished it, it bit me."

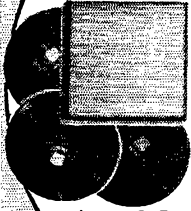
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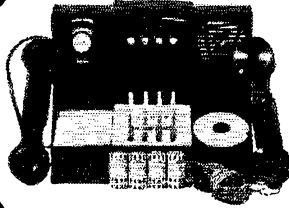
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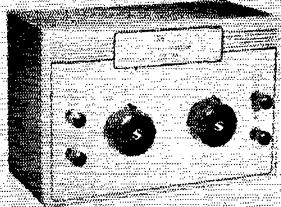
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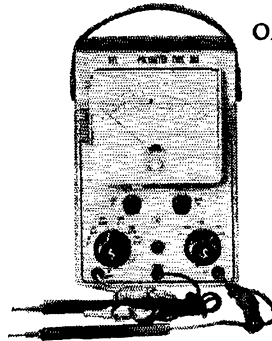
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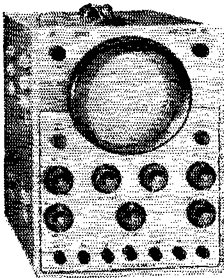


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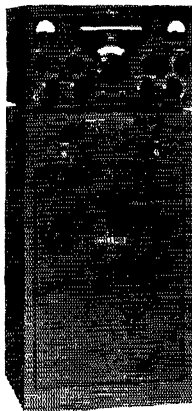
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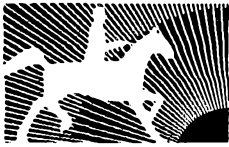
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but should show in a general way how the signal strength varies during a pass, and the times at which significant changes in amplitude occur. It is also important to record the general characteristics of the signal — whether it is steady, has an auroral-type flutter, slow or fast fading, and similar observations — as these characteristics vary with time.

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you who are 40-Meter DX men may remember that odd, swishing parasitic that bothered the band during the wee, small hours about 7010 kc. last winter. Locating and identifying the station responsible for this required the use of a pair of receivers, one on the parasitic, and the other cruising through the medium frequency spectrum to locate the station responsible. Using this method it was found that the unwelcome visitor was a keying transient from one of the transmitters at WSL. One short letter to ARRL Hq. setting forth the facts of the matter, and the transient disappeared. What Hq. did, I don't know, but it was effective. Before you criticize anyone else for "letting" an unauthorized signal in on the ham bands, ask yourself, "What have I done to get it moved?"

This use of a pair of receivers can locate a lot of other things, too. (Quite often a keying transient outside the ham bands can be traced to a ham rig that is quite well-designed, but whose neutralizing capacitor has slipped just a touch. Another thing they can find is who emits those unreadable signals that sound similar to voice, but are in no recognizable language, just below 8000 kc. Side-band harmonics almost defy identification. This is oversimplified, but if you consider a single spoken word transmitted on s.s.b. you find that the signal consists of, perhaps, a series of signals varying, let's say, 300 to 1000 cycles from the carrier (which isn't there anyway). Now, at the second harmonic, this series of signals, when detected, range from 600 to 2000 cycles from the carrier frequency. You can tell that someone is talking, but who is it, and what is he saying? It usually takes a second receiver on the ham band in question to match up the signals. Assuming you do locate and identify the harmonic of an s.s.b. signal—brotherrrr!! Your troubles are only beginning! Invariably you get a stock answer, "There must be something wrong with your receiver, OM, 'cause this is a *linear* amplifier I'm using; *linear* amplifiers don't have harmonics."

To clear up this little situation, let's consider the manual for the Belchire Sooper Slugger Linear Amplifier, in the large, economy size. Somewhere in this book, hidden among more meaningful statistics, such as driving power, output, weight, dimensions, price tag, etc., is usually the statement that at full output the harmonic distortion is such-and-such per cent. In short, if it says that the distortion is 5% at 1000 watts output, you're generating 50 watts of odd harmonic power that can be radiated if it is coupled to the antenna. Now, any s.s.b. man worth his salt will tell you that 50 watts of s.s.b. will get out a long, long way!

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Let's look at a few samples of the mail:

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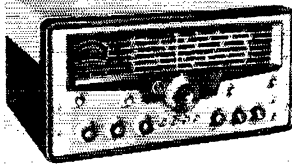
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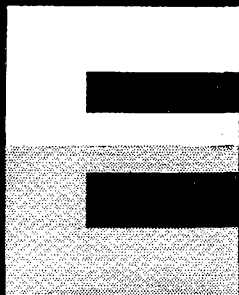
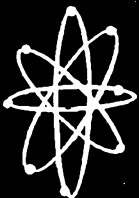
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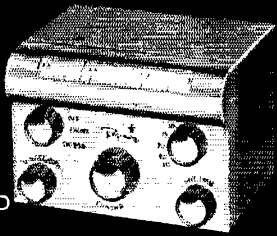
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on 7435 kc. I have been on only 2 weeks and have had no QSOs as yet. I have been calling almost every night on 3718 kc. Maybe you could help me. The rig here is a — (commercial job with 50 watts and pi-network) running about 35 watts. My antennas are doublets for 40 and 80 meters but the 80-meter doublet broke down in an ice storm and I am using the 40 doublet on 80 although it doesn't load too well. It seems to load O.K. up to about 35 watts but the xmtr is supposed to run 50. Do you have any ideas? . . . "

". . . Thank you for your notice of my harmonic on 7480 kc. I didn't know that I was interfering with the police c.w. network and I really feel foolish about it because after I had called for 2 hours on 3740 that night I noticed the handwitch knob was loose and I had been on 40 meters that morning . . ." (If he keeps that knob tight we won't be bothered with him any more.)

". . . After I got your card I borrowed a grid dipper from WØ . . . and I find that my plate condenser will hit both 80 and 40 meters with the 80 meter coil plugged in . . . "

". . . Am sending you a circuit schematic of my transmitter which I copied from the 194- *Handbook* (built for 80 meters, featuring a pi-net final with a maximum of 250 μf available on the output side) which seems to be getting out very well (Well, I agree) and loads very heavily. It loads so well that I hardly get a dip on 80 meters and I can't understand why I am putting out a 2nd harmonic because the *Handbook* says the pi network cuts down on harmonics . . . "

". . . Thanks for your trouble, OM, but there is something wrong with your receiver calibration. My transmitter is a — (commercial job with excellent TVI shielding and filtering) and I run it into a low-pass filter. I have absolutely no TVI on my own set, so I couldn't be putting out a harmonic that goes that far . . . "

I chose these excerpts of letters not from random, but with the intention of showing what 75% of the replies I receive from Novices say.

A few of the boys try to fool me and claim that it wasn't their call I heard. To these, I can only say that the OO isn't any law-enforcement officer,



and therefore an alibi isn't necessary or desired. If you *do* have a harmonic, cure it, if you don't, start looking for a pirate. Just remember, the call is positively identified before you receive the notice. No one is picking on you. The notice is an attempt to get you to attempt to clear your troubles before directed to do so by the FCC.

Now, let's take those letters individually and go into the rather obvious solutions:

In the first letter, the solution is apparent from the first. The Novice has loaded his rig into a

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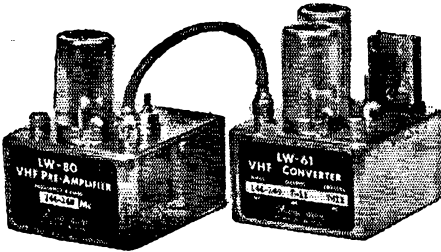
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quarter-wave antenna. He's using a pi coupler. The antenna doesn't load as well as the 80-meter doublet, so the Novice backs off on that control marked "LOADING." What he does, besides load the final, has ruined any chance that pi coupler had of operating as a properly tuned low-pass filter. Since the pi isn't knocking down the harmonic, quite a bit gets through. The 7 Mc. component finds a broad highway right out into the air via an antenna more or less resonant on 7 Mc. Any good 40-meter man will tell you this is the band for low power. The Novice's harmonic goes places and does things.

The second letter is duplicated quite often. Usually this boy has a good rig, and, if he keeps the set screws in his control knobs tightened up, he's off to a good start.

The third letter is the one that gets my goat! Here is a case of the Novice building a transmitter from a design in some magazine or *Handbook* (You, too, West Hartford) in which a 250 μf . capacitor is specified for the final tank. This little problem can best be cured editorially by specifying a 150 to 200 μf . mica soldered across the final tank coil for 80 meters and a 75 to 100 μf . mica across the tank coil for 40 meters and using a 100 μf . variable to tune the rig. It stands to reason that if a 250 μf . capacitor fully meshed will hit 80, and if the stray capacity across the circuit is less than 60 μf . (which it always is) the unwitting Novice can hit 40 unintentionally.

The fourth letter can almost be considered a variation of the first. In this case the cause is different, but the effect is the same. It all boils down to this — if you aren't using at least 750 μf . on 40 and 1500 μf . on 80 to load a normal low-impedance transmission line, your harmonics aren't attenuated in the pi-network, and you're asking for trouble.

The fifth letter points up something that WIICP mentions in his well-known lectures on TVI and ham harmonics. *You don't kill your low-frequency harmonics merely by virtue of having a shielded rig working into a TVI low-pass filter!* The low-pass filter will take care of harmonics above 50 Mc., but the ordinary low-pass filter installed to cure TVI has a cut-off frequency in the 40 to 50 Mc. range. Any harmonics below this range roll on through. Why shouldn't a harmonic in the 7.4-7.5 Mc. range get through if your 21.1-Mc. fundamental will??

I might add that I believe that the best thing manufacturers could do to help alleviate the harmonic situation would be to provide for about 500 μf . of fixed output capacity on 40 meters and 1000 μf . on 80 to be switched in automatically when the bandswitch is turned to those positions.

Another thing, the pi network is a wonderful circuit, but *only when properly used*. Don't try to feed the transmitter that uses one directly into an all-band antenna. That multi-band antenna is designed to radiate harmonics as efficiently as the fundamentals. *Always use an antenna coupler*. It never hurts anything; it's

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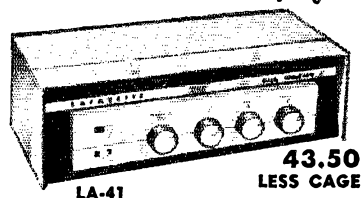
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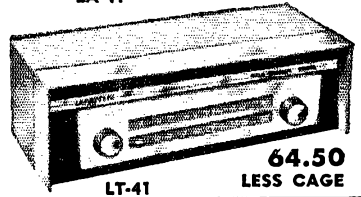


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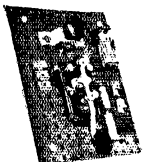
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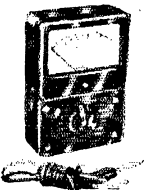
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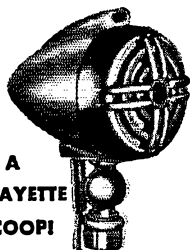
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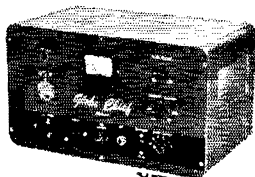


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Strays ^{TCW}

Over one hundred Novices and SWLs rustled uncomfortably as W9XXX, better known as Prof, strolled to the lectern. Prof knew ham radio cold and he was a good instructor, but he had a way of popping questions that made a fellow feel like a dope when he didn't come up with the right answers. There had been months of study in connection with the club-sponsored course in How to Become. Tonight was the final briefing. Tomorrow the group would be going down to FCC to take the exam for General Class.

Prof poked around in his papers for a moment and then looked up into the sea of faces. "Young man in the back of the room," said he, "what is the formula for calculating the reactance of an inductor?"

"Dunno," was the reply.

"What is the Q of a resonant circuit?"

"Dunno."

"Well," continued Prof, "I assigned those questions last week. What did you do last night?"

"Drank beer with a few of the boys."

"Now then, the class is going to take the FCC exams in the morning. How do you expect to get your ticket and get on the air and ragchew and work DX?"

"I dunno, Bub. I just come to fix the steam pipes." — W1ZDP

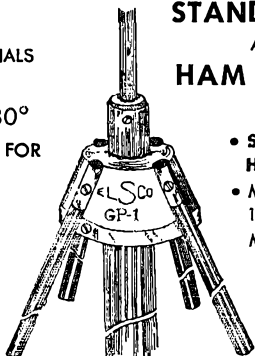
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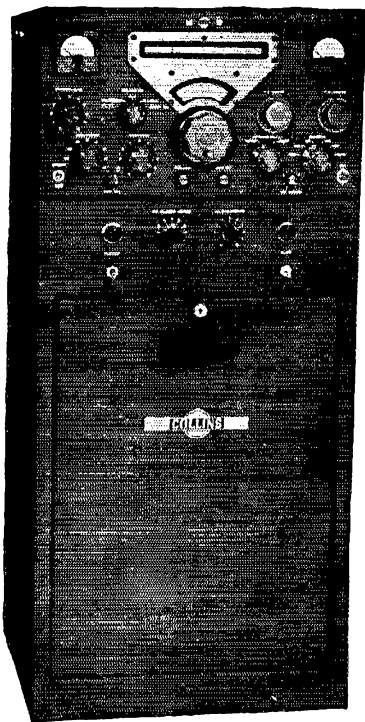
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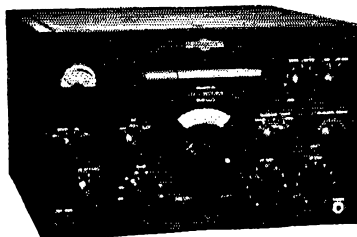
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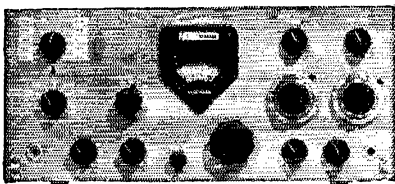


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The device is called a spin oscillator, but it will operate, in principle, as an amplifier. One of its outstanding characteristics is that it is expected to have very low noise, compared with conventional microwave devices heretofore used. The principles involved were first demonstrated last November 27, when a crystal containing a



The three Bell Telephone Laboratories scientists whose work has resulted in a solid-state device which will oscillate at microwave frequencies are left to right: Harold Seidel, Derrick Scovil and George Feher. The device, which is still in an early research stage, is expected to have very low noise compared with conventional microwave devices. Thus it should make use of microwave radio signals several hundred times weaker than those usable at present. — *Bell Telephone Labs photo*

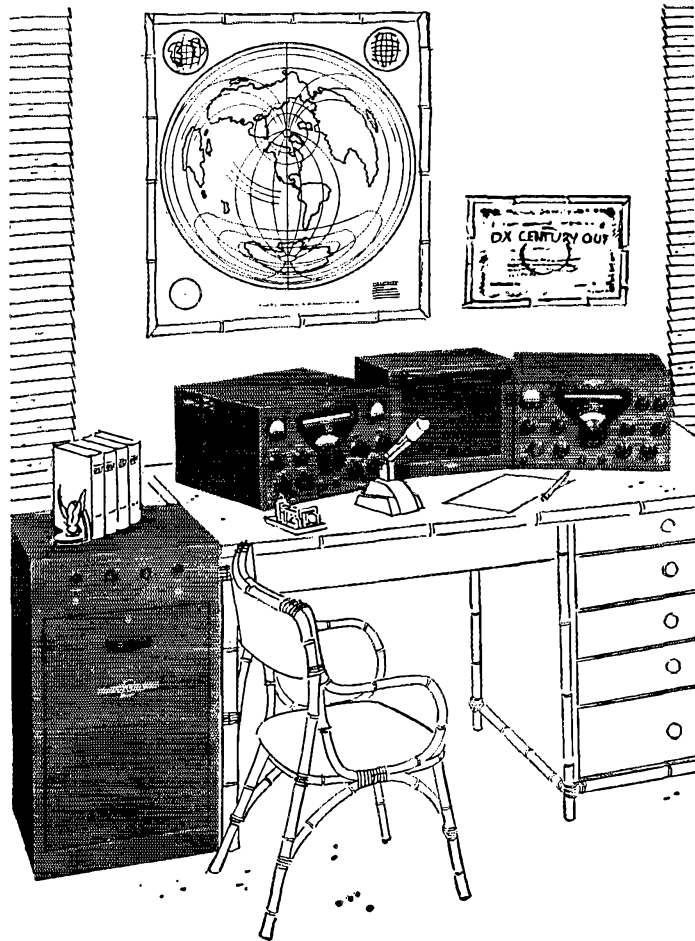
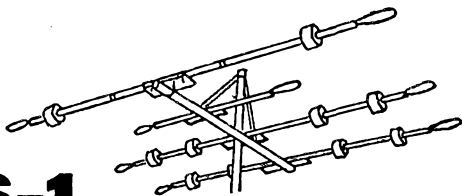
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Operation is on the MASER principle. This is a recently-coined term for "microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation." Frequency of operation is proportional to the applied magnetic field. Development is still in the early research stage, but the potential of the invention for extending the useful range of microwave communication and radio astronomy is rated high. A factor that may limit its usefulness to hams — it presently operates immersed in liquid helium, a commodity not found in great quantities in the average junk box!

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LIKE so many other things since the advent of commercial television in rather large proportions about 10 years ago, the art of conversation appears to have fought a losing battle for survival. This quaint old custom, of which few if any know anything, appears to have had its greatest days prior to the era of Jackie Gleason, Hal March and his "\$64,000 Question," Steve Allen, and other occupants of John Q. Public's time in 1957.

No place, however, has this loss of conversational fluidity been noticed more than in amateur radio. Oh, of course, average Sam Ham doesn't see it, largely because he's part of it. He is amongst the vast majority of the "thanks-old-man-for-the-call" fraternity of amateurs, and his vocabulary extends very little further than an exchange of signal reports, a quick rundown of equipment, his name, and maybe a few other pertinent details.

Perhaps the "sillicest" phase of any contact between two hams is the sign-off. For the most part, one ham will sign off with another simply because he's about as bored with the other fellow's conversation as the other fellow is with his. But would he say this? Not a chance. Remember, section one of *The Amateur's Code*: "The amateur is gentlemanly." He certainly wouldn't want to offend the other operator. So what does he do? He says something like this:

"Well, old man, thanks very much for the fine business QSO, it sure has been a pleasure to hook up with you, and we'll be seeing you some other time, perhaps when we can talk a little longer. So very best 73s old man, and it sure has been a pleasure. We'll see ya', 73, WIABC! this is W2ABC now over, off, and in the clear and taking a courtesy² look over the band, 73³ old man, see you again."

Of course, there are many interesting variations in this technique. A large number of excuses are used to sign off. For instance:

"Well, old man, we'll have to say 73 now, the XYL is calling us for chow (or "giving us the old chow call") so 73, and we'll see you."

Or: "Well, old man, it's kinda late, so I guess we'll hit the old sack (or "hay"⁴ depending upon the operator's preference, or the part of the country in which he lives, since this is largely a colloquialism).

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² This is wrong, though virtually all hams use it. The expression was originally a "cursory" look.

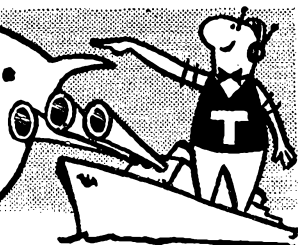
³ Note the monotonous repetition of 73 (a single 73 means best regards — perhaps "best 73s" means "best, best regards") and other simple words.

⁴ The author is rather doubtful of the veracity of either of these words, since few hams sleep on hay, and probably fewer in a sack.

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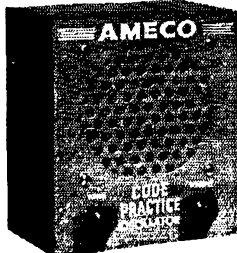
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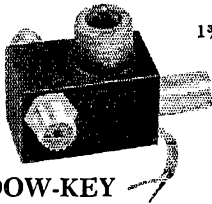


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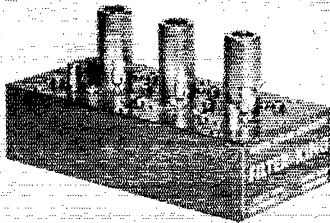
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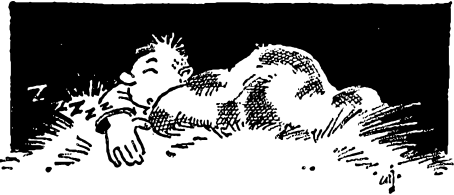
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Or still another (a very popular one, and, believe it or not, sometimes the truth): "Well, old man, we didn't get too much of that transmission (often the amount heard is given in a rough calculation of percentage for the sake of authenticity), seems like the QRM is building up (or, the band is changing, depending upon whether it is 40 or 75, or one of the more erratic higher frequencies) so I guess we'll say 73, and hook up again when conditions are a little better . . . etc."



These are but a few of the trite expressions to be found on the ham frequencies today.

But what, then, *has* happened to the true conversationalist, the man who uses words rather than stale expressions which have become almost a source of utter nausea to him?

The answer? He is caught in the middle of a multiplicitous quadrilemma, if indeed, such a situation could really exist.

He doesn't want to engage in the meaningless contacts which he hears on the air. He certainly isn't terribly overjoyed at the prospect of having to "work DX," as it is called in the trade, since these contacts are generally little more than an exchange of signal reports and nothing else. He definitely wouldn't want to engage in traffic handling, for there, as even the average ham realizes, human beings are dealt with as automations, limited to spurring out "raager, raager, old man, QSL yer number 38" with nothing ever varying but the number! C.w. is usually taboo for the brilliant conversationalist largely because there is very little personality in a key.

So this poor lost soul sits about morbidly twirling the tuning dial on his receiver, listening for someone who is not afraid to say a bit more than the bare essentials (as they have come to be) of a contact between two sensible amateurs.

Lately, however, things have begun to look up, not for most amateurs, of course, but for the conversative fellow. He has taken to twisting his fellow amateurs about his little finger with his tricks of speech. He has tried to bring a bit of life into the dead art of "rag chewing" (this phrase is actually revolting, as only a moth would engage in such an act, hardly a human). His means are subtle, but simple. He is making complete fools out of his fellow amateurs without their even knowing it, and, surprisingly, most of them find they have emerged from such a contact with a sense of pleasure, or, in some instances, even having learned something new — or having simply enjoyed themselves.

His tricks are simple. Any ham can adopt them,

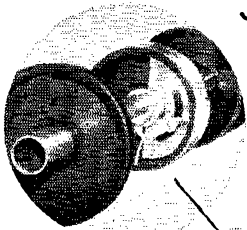
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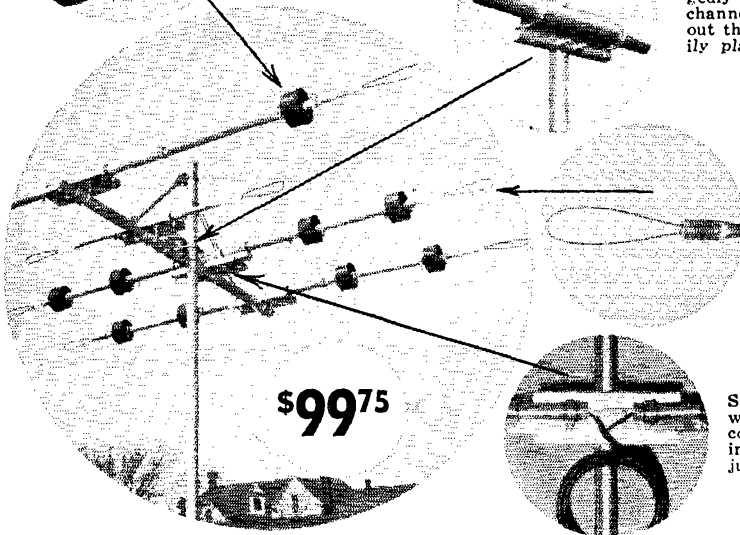
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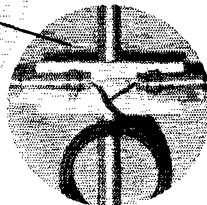
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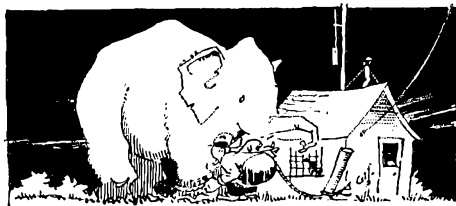
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One final word of caution, or encouragement, however the reader looks at it. The author has tried these methods first. He has "stuck his neck out" as the phrase is commonly repeated, and he has gotten many fine hours of pleasure. He firmly believes that in the long run, if the members of the amateur radio rank and file concert these methods, ham radio will be reborn, but this time, into a world of sane, sensible, fascinating, intelligent conversation.

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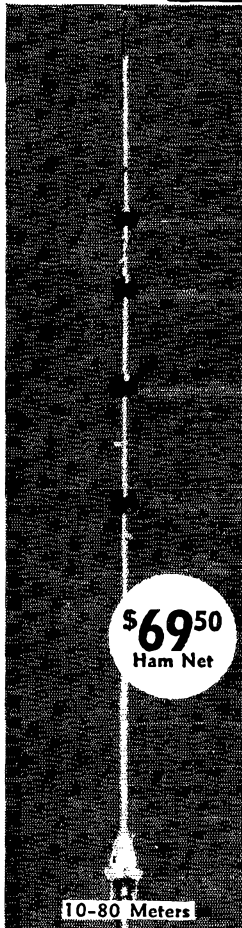
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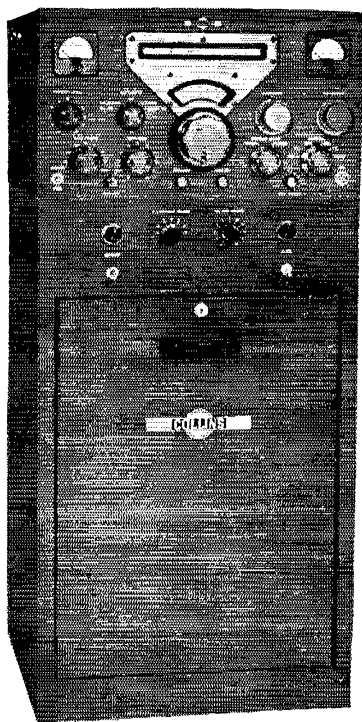
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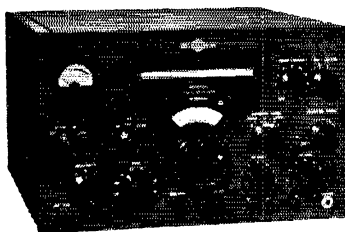
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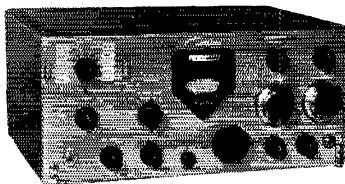
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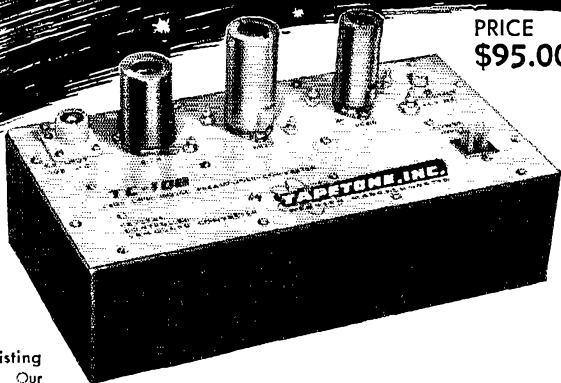
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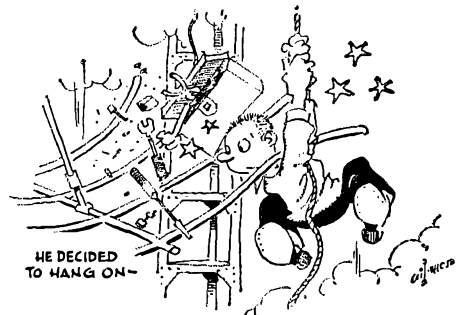
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Unfortunately, the rig was heavier than McHam. Before he knew what was happening the whole load started down, jerking him off the ground. He decided to hang on and halfway up he met the rig coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder. He then continued to the top, banging his head against the beam and getting his fingers jammed in the pulley. When the rig hit the ground, the rotator smashed and dropped off.

Then McHam was heavier than the antenna and so started down again at high speed. Halfway down, he met the antenna coming up and received severe injuries to the shins. When he hit the ground he landed on the remains of the rotator, getting severe cuts from the sharp edges.

At this point McHam lost his presence (?) of mind, because he let go of the line. The antenna came down, giving him a blow on the head which twisted the elements of the antenna like a pretzel.

He then wrote the manufacturers and respectfully requested replacement of the rig on the grounds that it was defective.

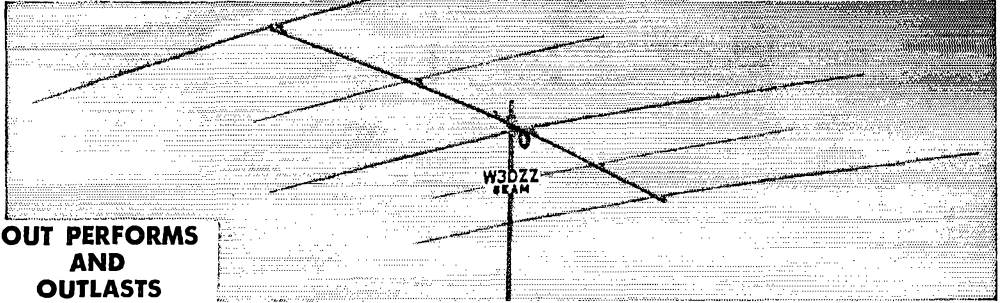
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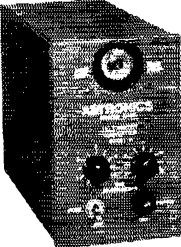
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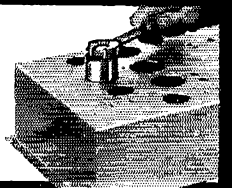
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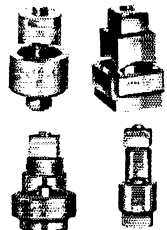
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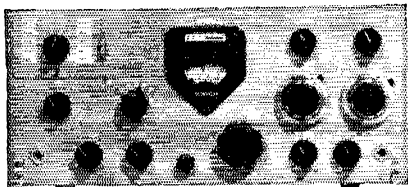
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typed QSOs, and probably would change my hobby to collecting insects—I understand there are over 60,000 variations!

— Ed Cahalan, W2AOY

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Editor, QST:

The installation of television translator stations in weak signal areas will serve to increase the number of complaints of TVI supposedly caused by radio amateurs. These translator stations are licensed to receive v.h.f. TV signals from distant stations and heterodyne the incoming signals to u.h.f. for rebroadcast to the surrounding area. Identification is by means of a time-clock-controlled keyer which causes the local station's call letters to be superimposed on the outgoing signal. The local station identification appears as keyed black horizontal bars on the TV receiver screens. The pattern is similar to TVI caused by c.w. stations. Some, through misinterpretation of the call letters, have tried to blame local radio amateurs for their supposed interference to their TV reception.

For example, I recently visited the TV translator station at Rawlins, Wyoming, which is assigned the call letters of K73AF. A local listener reported that he knew his interference was caused by a local radio amateur because he read the screen and the call letters of the interfering station were K7VAF.

Inasmuch as these identification periods are time-clock-controlled they often interfere with a program in progress. Amateurs in communities being served by TV translator station should be aware of this potential source of complaints and ascertain if they are being blamed for something beyond their control.

— Lester C. Harlow, W4CVO

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Editor, QST:

I would like to submit this report from a jealous observer (me!). Right smack in the middle of the 15m fone band I have monitored KP4AEZ xmitting voice to 15m novices on c.w. Having just received my General ticket, I think that I am in a position to say that with all the guff from fone men about novice c.w. on 15m interfering with DX fone and vice-versa, this show of arbitration is commendable and deserves some recognition.

— Alan Bernstein, Jr., W3HZI

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Editor, QST:

A word about s.s.b. QRM, if I may. I have nothing against s.s.b., and I think it's a good means of communications, but it seems that some of the side banders on the low end of 40 are hanging over the edge into the novice territory. The top 10 kc. of the novice band are barren because of the QRM. Come on fellas, you don't have to stay that close to 7200!!

— Allan Dooley, K9DDE

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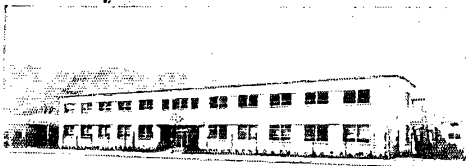
Editor, QST:

This side bander is one who believes there must be a moral (and perhaps legal) re-evaluation of the many aspects of sharing our ham bands.

I refer to the many deliberate attempts to interfere with side band contacts by a few a.m. die-hards. Usually this interference consists of tuning up, turning carriers on and off, "testing", all without call letters, or long-winded CQs or calls without first listening for a clear frequency. This leads us side banders to these rather obvious conclusions:

1. We are forced to increase power to the hilt so as to further reduce their interference during our QSOs,
2. We are forced to spread out in individual QSOs throughout the entire phone band to seek a clear spot.

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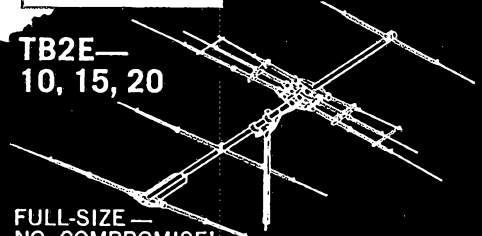
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if our staying at band edges is not enough for the a.m. die-hards.

Both these measures a perfectly legal, but will only add to band cluttering. Retaliation in kind will destroy us all and must be avoided at all cost.

The ham bands are like city streets; many years ago there was room for all. Today the horsepower and r.f. power races are on, and shoving has replaced the fraternal spirit. I'm afraid we hams need as tight regulations (and enforcement of same!) as motoring has required, all because a miserable few won't practice common courtesy.

— James R. Carpenter, W6QWQ

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Editor, QST:

I overheard a QSO this morning on 21 Mc. that may serve to illustrate why so many of the older members of the ham fraternity are growing increasingly critical of the rapidly increasing number of "mail order" ticket holders.

At 0645 EST today I heard a K1 who gave his QTH as somewhere in Mass., in QSO with a DL. The DL advised him that he was operating approximately 10 kc. below the edge of the W fone band, to which the K1 replied, "Yeah, I'm always getting down in the foreign part of the band. I'm using equipment whose calibration isn't very good."

Three transmissions later the K1 signed without having even made an attempt to correct his off-frequency operation. His actual frequency was 21,234 kc. and he was using A3.

What type of operator are we breeding today that will knowingly and willingly operate equipment of this type near enough the band edge to stray outside, and then flagrantly continue such off frequency operation even after being notified of it and acknowledging such notification?

— William C. Thomas, W4GG

"37"

219 Goetz Street
Saginaw, Michigan

Editor, QST:

From time to time I read in QST of accomplishments and near accomplishments amongst the ham fraternity. Near accomplishments are of extreme interest to me and I submit my bid as the nearest "near" yet. Here's a few examples.

1. My initials are K.A.M., not H.A.M.
2. My call (for 25 yrs) is W8HAN not W8HAM
3. Have had house numbers like 1317 etc.
4. Telephone numbers like 8870, 7874 (present one)
5. License plate numbers like present one of 37-50 (this could have been at least 73-50 which would have been usable for real close male friends rating more than a 73 but obviously not an 88)

What do you think?

37, — K. A. Mack, W8HAN

[Editor's Note: BF, MO!]

"PSE QSL"

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Editor, QST:

I have sent cards to 1026 DX stations, most of them by first class mail, since March, 1956. I have received 307 in return and of that 73 are from different countries. In as much as some of my cards are coming thru a year or more after the QSO I have not followed with repeat requests but wonder now, after reading the Sept. QST, if I should not try the IRC return card method?

Motto here that I have printed on my latest cards is "If I have your card you have mine." What say you?

— Duane H. Harris, K2PFC

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Editor, QST:

In this hobby of ours if some of the OMs are so class conscious, please petition the FCC to add an X in the call to denote Extra class like they do the N for novice, and let's let the matter of a premium or plumb for the holders of those licenses be dropped.

— C. E. Hoover, W0KWY

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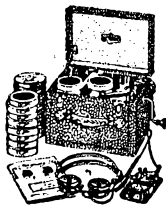
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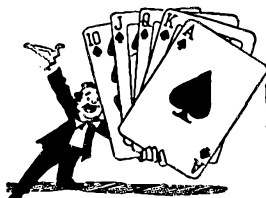
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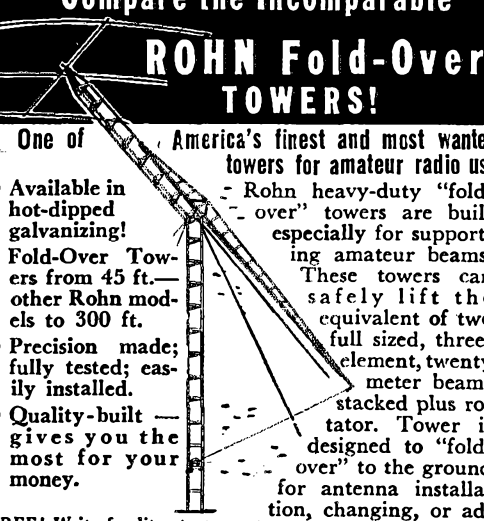
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The 6AZ8 is a dual tube having a medium- μ triode and a semiremote cutoff pentode in the same envelope. Its base connections are such that only very minor changes are needed to use it as a replacement for the 6BQ7A normally found in the Communicator. As may be seen from the schematic, Fig. 1, the pentode section is used as the r.f. amplifier, and the triode section is grounded.

Changes required are the installation of a 180-ohm cathode resistor from Pin 3 to ground, connection of a bypass across the resistor, connection of a 33,000-ohm resistor between Pin 2 and the B-plus, and the moving of the lead from the input coil from Pin 7 to Pin 6.

Making these changes made no observable difference in the sensitivity of W8FRR's 6-meter Communicator, and the tendency to overloading was greatly reduced. Formerly having any of three different local stations on the air made it impossible for him to receive anyone else. Now only the nearest gives any trouble, and then only when the two beams are aiming at each other. He is still able to copy any of the weak signals from distant stations that were receivable with the triode front end.

Antenna Elements — Cheap

With aluminum costing what it does these days, big v.h.f. arrays are getting rather expensive to build. W8OKT offers welding rod as a low-cost substitute. Usually lightly copper plated, and coming in various sizes up to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter, such rod has many uses in antenna construction. The $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch size comes in 36-inch lengths, but extensions can be soldered or welded on readily if needed. Cost is about 23 cents per pound, which makes the elements for a 2-meter 64-element array come to about \$3.00. Don't attempt to polish the rod with steel wool or other abrasive, as the copper plating is thin. Lacquer spraying may be desirable.

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- 144 Mc.: W6NLZ — KH6UK
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- 220 Mc.: W9EQC — W2DWJ
740 Miles — September 17, 1957
- 420 Mc.: G3HAZ — DL3YBA
500 Miles — June 19, 1957
- 1215 Mc.: W6HKK/6 — W6VIX/6
190 Miles — June 9, 1956
- 2300 Mc.: W6IFE/6 — W6ET/6
150 Miles — October 5, 1947
- 3300 Mc.: W6IFE/6 — W6VIX/6
190 Miles — June 9, 1956
- 5250 Mc.: W6VIX/6 — K6MBL
34 Miles — October 12, 1957
- 10,000 Mc.: W6VIX/6 — W6BCK/6
124 Miles — June 23, 1957
- 21,000 Mc.: WINVL/2 — W9SAD/2
800 Feet — May 18, 1946

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WIUHE, N. Tiverton, R. I. — Completed 1296-Mc. converter, W10OP style, and parabolic antenna of perfo-

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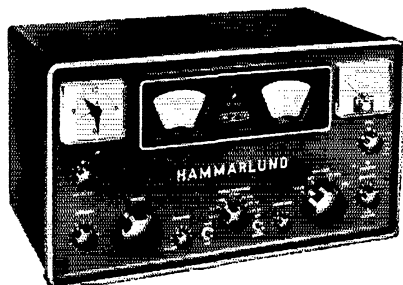
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W3GKP, Spencerville, Md. — Aurora of Sept. 22-23 provided contacts with W4EQM, Ala., and W5JWL, Ark. Heard W5DFU, K0EMQ and W0RUF. Now have all states east of Mississippi River on 144 Mc.

W3KLA, Baltimore, Md. — Operation by Aero Amateur Radio Club, W3PGA/8 in W. Va. during Sept. V.H.F. Party was big success, with 400 contacts on 50, 144 and 220 Mc. Special QSL cards available.

W3UQJ, York, Pa. — Contest activity on 220 Mc. shows that band has excellent possibilities. Good signals from N. N. J., E. Pa., WIs and W. Va., and activity well ahead of previous contests. Experimenting with 432-Mc. converter using more-or-less conventional coil-and-capacitor circuits.

W4HHK, Collierville, Tenn. — Have resumed 144-Mc. skeds with W9WOK, Barrington, Ill. Though distance is over 500 miles, contact can be made nearly every try. Aurora openings Sept. 4, 13, 21 and 22 best on record. Was heard via aurora Sept. 22 by W0IC, Denver, Colo., 2:49 CST. Beam headings varied from 50 degrees for W4CPZ to northwest for W5VWU.

W4YRM, Madison, Tenn. — First F2 and backscatter of fall season heard Sept. 6. LU, CE, CO and Miami area W4s heard, 1918 to 2120.

W4ZZ calls Tenn. 6-Meter Net on 50.5 Mc. Fridays at 1930.

K8DCQ, Irving, Texas — Working on transistor transceiver for 50 Mc.

W5TWT, New Orleans, La. — Working on 10,000-Mc. gear with K5GFB.

W6NTE, Bishop, Cal. — Aurora display seen Sept. 23, 2130 to 2300, but no DX heard on 50 or 144 Mc.

K6USL, Victorville, Cal. — Graveyard Net organized by K6s UJL VOB and MJW operates at 0145 on 50.4 Mc.

W7BDE, Seattle, Wash. — Working on 1296-Mc. converter and other gear with W7PUA.

W9GAB, Beloit, Wis. — Night of Sept. 17 provided best tropospheric DX yet heard on 144 Mc. at this station. Worked stations in Mass., Conn., N. Y., N. J. and Pa. Nearer states also in, but not up in strength the way East Coast stations were. Suggests a duct formed at great height, approaching a skip effect at the middle of the path.

Ham Crossword

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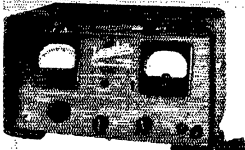


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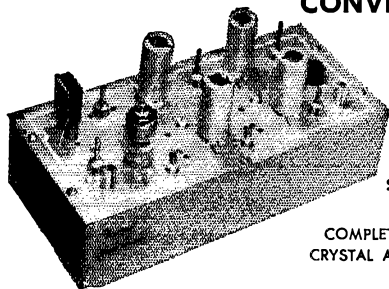
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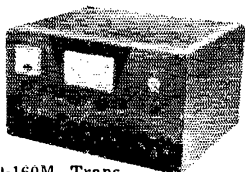
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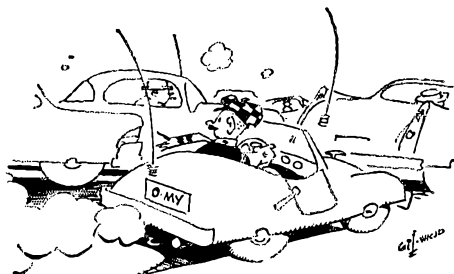
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The results of such operating are only too easy to find on the air. When a DX station sends SK many stations may call him, and properly so, whether or not he adds KN or K to his SK. The bedlam subsides, all listen hopefully — only to hear him go back to the station he was supposed to have finished QSOing, perhaps even complaining of "QRM on the frequency."

SK means "End of QSO" and that's all it does mean. It's obvious that the use of SK KN and SK K generates interference — and if there's one thing a fellow trying to work DX does not need, it's more QRM.

— L. A. M.

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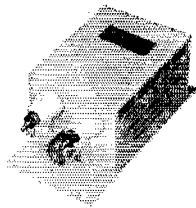
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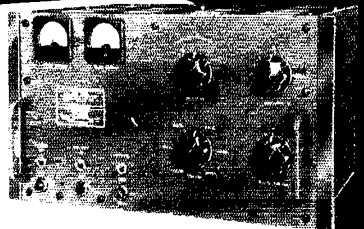
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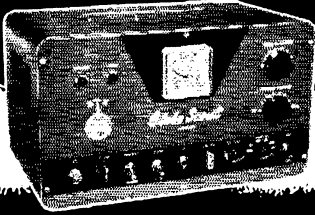
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YL NEWS AND VIEWS

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occupations, including teaching, dancing, painting, and music.

With *Isle Royale Calling* currently under consideration as a motion picture in Hollywood, Helen is now working on an adult novel, again focusing on amateur radio.

We recommend *Isle Royale Calling* for young people and are pleased to note that one more book is added to the comparatively small list of fiction books on amateur radio.



Author W8GJX and Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, who publicly endorsed Helen Cloutier's ISLE ROYALE CALLING. Isle Royale, Michigan's only state park, is one of the Governor's favorite projects.

YLRL DIRECTORY

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And match you — tho you'd have us QRT!

— K6ROY

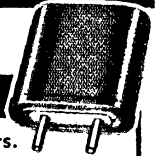
* The reader may recognize direct reference to the lamentations of Mister X recorded in this column, Sept. 1957 issue.

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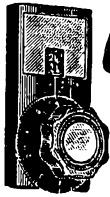
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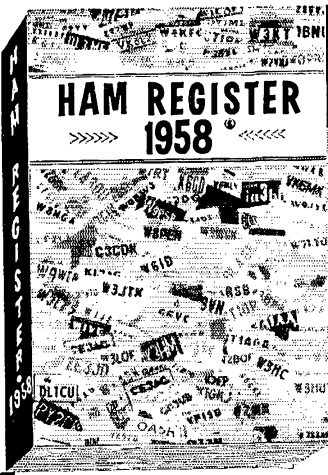
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frequency. Even if he isn't, you only have to call until he hears you and "breaks." In operation it works like this: If I wish to call W6VZT I just give his call once as "W6VZT BK." If W6VZT is listening he will say "BK" and I will say "DE W6ZRJ" and go ahead. If W6VZT isn't listening I would waste my time to give him a long call anyway. The "BK," an abbreviation for "break," means, in effect, "Give a sign if you are listening. I am using a full break-in system."

C.w. operators who use full break-in a great deal often even shorten this procedure. Instead of W6VZT giving a BK to signify the go-ahead, he may just say "K" which means "go ahead," or often he will just give a single dit.

In operation there are many advantages of using this system. In DX operation, when there is a pile-up of stations calling a new rare one, how many times have you heard the stack still calling, even after the DX station has come back to someone else? If you don't have break-in, you, of course, don't know that this has happened until after you turn it over. With full break-in you can stop wasting your time when it happens, since you can stop calling as soon as the DX station comes back to somebody else.

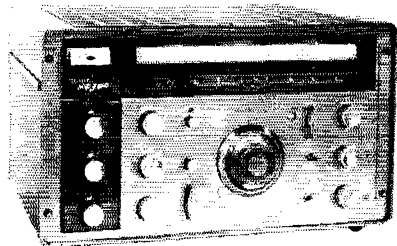
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Suppose that W3XXT is sending a message to W3XLV. W3XLV gives the "go ahead" and W3XXT starts sending the message. Let's say he gets down somewhere in the address. Then because of fade or local QRM or just plain weak signals, W3XLV misses something. He reaches over and sends BK on his key, or sends a series of dots or dashes or just a long dash. W3XXT will hear this between his own sending and will stop. W3XLV then gives the last word he has correct by saying "AA (all after)" whatever the word is. In this way time is not wasted at the end getting fills. You might ask, doesn't this take up more time than would be spent on fills? Yes, it can, but the important thing to remember is that if heavy QRM should suddenly come on the frequency, and the sending station does not have full break-in, this small fill might turn out to be the whole message. Often a station sends a message in heavy QRM and when he finishes finds out that the receiving station lost him just after

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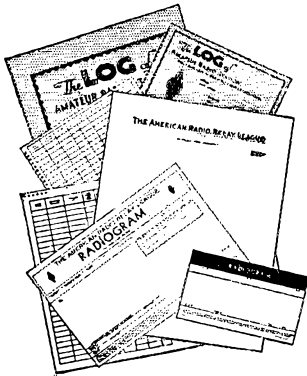
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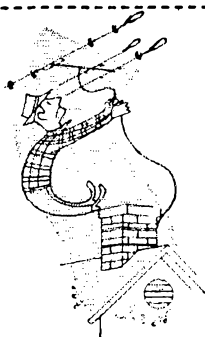
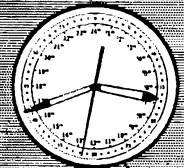
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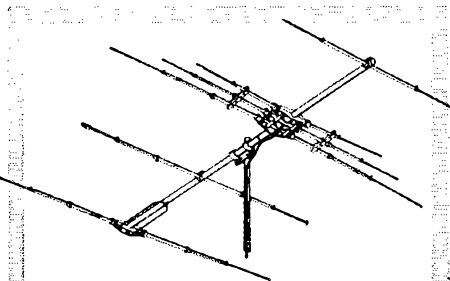
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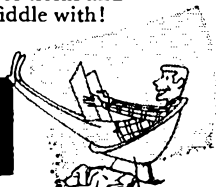
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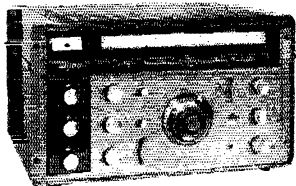
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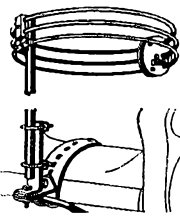
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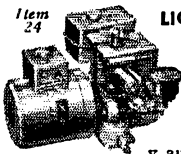
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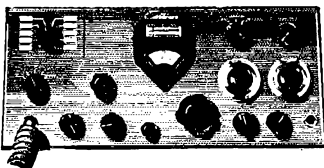
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VIKING 500 for sale, factory wired, less than 10 hours' use. Cost over \$950. Delivered \$700 takes it. W2FKH, 343 Fayette St., Bridgeton, N. J.

FOR Sale: Won at Convention. Cannot utilize. Central Electronics MM2 Multiphase RF scope analyzer. Newest model factory-wired. Still in carton. \$95.00. W9LQJ, 1701 W. 101st St., Chicago 43, Ill.

FLORIDA Hams Collins 32V3, \$450 and National 173, \$100. Cash and carry. Both are in excellent condition. Both have extras. W9QZP, 1412 Colociana Dr., Clearwater, Fla.

RME 4350 receiver, two months old, new condition, \$220 prepaid with speaker. W4TX, 713, Topeka, Kans.

FAMOUS VHF "Lunenburg" antennas, 6 meter 5 element, \$14.95; 2 meter 6 element, \$6.95; 6 meter 6 element polarized mobile antenna. Wholesale Supply Co., Lunenburg, Mass.

SELL: Complete station: HQ129X, Viking II, etc. Pick-up deal, no shipping. Melvin Gardner, Batavia, Iowa.

FOR Sale: Viking Vallant with coax changeover filter both used three months, like new, \$345; NC-183, excellent, \$185; 35 ft. self-supported (3 legs) steel tower with ladder and platform, very nice, with 3-el. Telrex Mini-beam, CDR rotor and 80 ft. new coax RG-8U, all for \$140. Will not ship. Will sell all at once or in the order of transmitter, receiver, tower. Donald T. Dean, W5FEH, 1116 Churchhill Rd., Ft. Worth 14, Texas.

GOING 8815, sell new unmodified DX-100, excellent condx. Outstanding performance, \$195. F.o.b. Summit, N. J. K2YQJ, 70 Hillcrest Ave.

BARGAINS: ART-13 xmitr w/power supplies, SCR-522 revr converted w/power, also xmitr, TA-12 xmitr, Navy KW xmitr, Morrow 3BR. Drop a postcard and save. W3SVE, 163 Brown, Hlarsville, Penna.

FOR Sale: Six Jennings vacuum condensers, 100 μ fd 32Kv; six 50 μ fd 32 Kv; \$5.00 each; six TU-61, TU-62 tuning units, \$4.00 each; BW 1663 transmitting coils, six 1.0-1.5 Mc.; six 1.5-2.0 Mc., \$2.00 each, all brand new in original cartons. Write B. Brendan, WTTP, 151 Walnut St., Manchester, N. H.

SALE: 2-way FM gear, Ideal 2 of 6 meters, CD, etc. Top shape, recent manufacture, save 80%. Write for list, Don Larimer, W91YP, P. O. Box 9, Burlington, Wis.

SELL: 800 watt National-Thordarson CW tone transmitter; NTE-R exciter-speech amplifier 10, 20, 40, 80 meter push-button output; final pp VT127A's modulator, pp 810's Class B, TVI suppressed. Par-Metal deluxe cabinet. In excellent condx. Complete with extra new tubes. Best offer over \$300. Prefer deal within reasonable distance of Philadelphia. W3BS, 1012 Wilde Ave., Drexel Hill, Penna.

SELL: 387 copies QST 1924-1956. BC348A, SCR522, AR5 revrs and xmitrs, T23; Scott revr SLRM, Hivolt filter cabinet, 304TL's. Write for details. George Rapp, 2615 Sunset Blvd., Broomall, Penna.

SELL: More than 30 years of QSTs, over 375 back issues. Make offer. Eldson, W5AMK, Temple, Texas.

MOBILE singleband fixed converters. Compact, 80, 40 meters, \$24.95 prepaid. Terri, 22710 Evalyn, Torrance, Calif.

SELL: Excellent condition: Viking I, factory-wired with all modifications, manual, matching VFO and spare 4D32, \$225; Viking Ranger with manual and spare tubes, \$190; balun coils complete, \$5; Telrex 20 meter Allin-beam, \$35; AR22 rotary, \$20; Heatkit 5 in. scope, new, \$25; Gonset C-17, mobile; make offer. Have original cartons. Will back. W3VNC, Duncan, Okla.

SELL: Hallcrafters S-85, \$79; Globe Scout 65B, \$59; both used just a few hours and in new condition. Vibrotone Zephyr key, like new, \$8.50. Never used Astatic T30 mike with stand and cord, \$6; 125 watt modulator, \$29. Bernard Witherspoon, W8GKM, Washington C. H., Ohio.

DX100, Elmec A54, transmitters, receivers, transformers, power supplies, modulators, tubes, meters, etc. Bargains: stamped envelope for list. W2CE, 55 East Redell St., Freeport, L. I., N. Y.

FOR Sale: Tubes, brand new, 813's, 810's, \$7.50; 832A's, \$3.50; 250TH's, \$15; 4-250A, \$20; complete Motorola FM 30-40 Mc. receiver, \$125; Motorola FM transmitter, \$100; complete Collins heavy duty power supply, \$35; Elmec 6 volt mobile receiver supply, \$20; ARC-4 two meter transceiver complete with tubes, \$45; plate transformer 115V-3200 C. T. 200 mills, \$20; BC-221 AC frequency meter, original calibration book, \$75. BC-322 transceiver, ideal for 8 meters, \$25; have new parts for ART-13, BC-348, SCR-522. Write what you need. All guaranteed. Can ship C.O.D. Bill Slep, W4FHY, Box 178, Ellenton, Fla.

MERRY Xmas and a Happy New Year from W6JUV. "Heard around the world". Collins KWS-1, SC-101, Telrex 56 Deluxe Reams, 75A-4.

MERRY Xmas and a Happy New Year to you too, Chuck, from W2BB (seldom Heard Anywhere).

BARGAINS: Reconditioned with new guarantee. Shipped on approval. Hallcrafters S38 \$29.00; S40A \$69.00; SX99 \$119.00; SX71 \$149.00; SX100 \$229.00; Viking Adventurer \$39.00; Viking II \$199.00; Ranger \$179.00; Vallant \$379.00; S40B; S85; SWS4; NC98; NC183D; NC300; HQ129X; HQ140X; GPR80; A54; AF67; FM68; PMK7; Collins KW81; 75A1; 75A3; 75A4; 32V3; many other items. Easy terms. Write for list. Henry Radio, Butler, Missour.

FOR Sale: Viking Vallant, factory-wired, new, perfect. Has linked circuits. Going kilowatt. First \$350 takes it. Want full set of linked code tapes for TG-10 code keyer and D104 mike. Don Campbell, Wales, North Dakota.

VIKING II factory wired with Johnson VFO \$225.00; HRO 50 T1 with seven coils, crystal calib., NBRM, and matching speaker \$225.00. All in excellent condition. Latimer, W2FZB

FOR Sale: Morrow Mobile Converter #5BR-Z 1 yr. old Excellent Cond. \$50. Gzrosinsky, Durham, Conn.

FOR Sale: HQ140X-Viking VEO sep. power sup. Viking Adventurer, modulator with power sup. Viking Signal Sentry. Misc ham gear. Everything like new, no reasonable offer refusing. Write J. Cusumano, K2KJJ, 33 Willow St. Port Chester, N. Y. Ph. WE 9-5684.

NBW National NC-98 with 10' Spkr., \$120.00; Magnemite 10-7D battery tape recorder, \$100.00, Fred R. Eggert, 11833 Wisconsin, Detroit 4, Mich.

FOR Sale: Johnson Viking Two in very clean and excellent condition, ready to operate complete with instruction books, Johnson VFO, D-104 Microphone, Johnson low pass filter, coaxial antenna relay, and coaxial connections. Ship in heavy wood crate. \$260 or make your offer. Cash, Ron Lusk, 503 East 10, Coffeyville, Kansas.

HC-221-FREQUENCY meter by Zenith, good condition, accurate, with built in power supply, calibration book, \$75. K4EDU, Aldebert K4EDU, 2307 E. Lake Ave., Tampa, Fla.

FOR Sale: Viking II with VFO (factory wired excellent condition) \$340.00. Complete mobile station (Gonset 66-B receiver with AC or DC power supply \$190.00 Viking mobile & VFO \$130.00 12 volt dynamotor \$22.00 Shore 505 C Mic. \$20.00 All items in excellent condition. Ewing, K5DBJ

FOR Sale: Collins 51-J-3 Receiver, Rack mounting with cabinet mounted speaker. Excellent condition. Best offer over five hundred dollars. A. C. Smrha - 12 Mountainview Drive, Westfield, N. J.

TRADE: New Sako rifle (made in Finland) Mod. LP46 call 22B for DX-100 or Johnson Viking Ranger. J. M. Ritter, Jr (W4MKQ), 8714 Wick Place, Tampa 4, Fla.

FOR Sale: Viking II and VFO factory-wired, also low pass filter for \$230; RME Preselector D123, \$35; Hallcrafters #P44 Pin adapter, \$50; all in perfect condx. F.o.b. New York City. Reason for selling: going 8SB. Mark Grossman, K2CON, 1665 Monroe Ave., New York 57, N. Y.

A Few hard-to-find, Hallcrafters HT-17 transmitter coils; 3.5 Mc. tank, \$1.00; 14, 21, 28 Mc. doubler and final tanks, \$2.00 per band, postpaid. Jerry Tannenbaum, W9JJN, 5240 Harper, Chicago 15, Ill.

VIKING II and Viking VFO, time sequence keying, identical to latest production, very good condition \$210. Ranger, time sequence keying good condition, \$185. A. M. Plichtino, P.O. Box 46, Waseca, Minn.

WORK the rare ones. Cruise the romantic Bahamas in luxurious 32 ft. sailboat equipped with maritime mobile. Weekly and monthly cruises. W4DN, Yacht "Aloha" 1918 Pine Tree Lane, Largo, Fla.

SELLING Out: Viking II, VFO and Match-box; BC348, A.C.; 10 meter beam, prop. rotator, cable, indicator, Gonset 10 meter converter; crystal mike, bug, key; 75 watt open rack phone and c.w.; ACB 155 receiver; surplus B2/AR-3; Telradco 3BZ transmitter; bandswitching exciter QST Dec. 1949; tubes; transformers; etc.; 2 low pass filters; all for \$3.50. W2LKR, F. W. Vossen, 115-71 227 St., Cambria Heights 11, L. I., N. Y.

SX-100 factory new with matching speaker, \$240; Sola transformer 1800-0-1800, 500 mills 220 primary, \$16.50; Hallcrafters S38C, excellent, \$29.50; 800V, 200 mill 5.5v. input dynamotor, \$10. F.o.b. WSAPM Box 568, San Marcos, Texas.

QST Complete run, September 1934 to and including September 1940 except Nov., 1938. Best offer over \$18. McFarland, 2439 Cory Ave., San Jose, Calif.

DX Antenna Cubex 10-15 meter dual quad original cartons, never opened = \$30. A. Ruzel, W0PRM.

NYC Hams' Cash and carry bargains! Viking Ranger, factory-wired, \$175; Precision ES-500 5" scope, \$95; PE-103, \$10; assembled and tested Heath units 3" scope, \$20; 6/12 volt battery eliminator, \$15; radiation counter, \$50; Conrad alarm, \$10; condenser checker, \$10; HF power meter, \$9. W2DJJ, Phone Bayside 5-5384.

SELL: HQ-129X clean, gud condx, local only. \$125. Tel HY 7-1978. Joseph Spoto, K2RAI, 300 Troutman St., Brooklyn 37, N. Y.

NC-183D, \$150. Van, Box 1332, Prescott, Ariz.

TRADE: Brand new, never started, Johnson 5 1/2 HP outboard for DX-100 or gud rev. pair Bendix 140 Mc. to 170 Mc. FM hand-pak sets, \$195; trade or sell for ham band xmtr or recvr. 56 model blonde Motorola color TV set, about 50 hours use. Want: BC-453 and pwr. supply, and complete VOR omni installation for light airplane. W9DSV, Box 87, Webster, Wis.

FOR Sale: Johnson Viking Ranger (like new condx), \$200; Hallcrafters 8X28 with speaker, gud condx, \$130. W9CYI, Walter Rivinius, 415 12th St. No., Moorhead, Minn.

MUST Sell due to other interests, Viking II, matching VFO, factory-wired and balun coils. In immaculate condx. \$230; NC-300 matching speaker, calibrator, 3 months use, \$340; D-104 mike, \$12; Bud calibrator, \$12; cash deals only. K4AHG, Gene Cagle, Rte 1, Hickman, Ky.

BW 5100-B transmitter; BW 515B-B sideband, perfect, like new, \$550.00; NC-300, speaker, calibrator, perfect, \$330.00; commercial tower, two beams, rotator, indicator, \$150. Am building home, financial strain, must sell. W4CHO, Lanett, Ala.

SALE: Millen VFO 90711; James C-1050 Vtbrapack; complete multiband mobile antenna system, bumper mount, relay; Ranger 505C microphone. Write for details. W9FWY, 821 Waveland Rd., Lake Forest, Ill.

WANTED: BC-810E, BC-814E, JB70 Junction Box, BC-939; ART-13, BC-348, BC-312, BC-342, ARC-1, ARC-3, other military and aeronautical surplus. Give condition, name price. We pay C.O.D. James S. Spivey, Inc., 4908 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Md.

FOR Sale: Viking Ranger Kit, partially wired, latest model, \$100; also NC-300-6 meter converter, used only 1 hr., \$80. Will trade for mobile gear. Thomas Dalton, K2QCP, 18 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

FM Recvr. new, 30/40/50 Mcs., xtal controlled, less tubes, power, \$20; mobile xmttr, \$25; electronic message, \$25; outdoor speakers, battery drry, \$20. 150 Mc. tubes, 2 1/2" tunable, with 8-11 meter beam, \$25; BC639 VHF revr. \$50; 152/162 Mc. RCA xmttr/revr. \$70; Command xmtrs, \$10; 2-4 Mc. revrs, \$15; wanted: Lampkin Lab freq. meter; signal generator; Gonset Communicator. W2OEA, 82 Lower Main St., Matawan, N. J.

1 K.W. Triode modulator with Multi-Match xfrmer, \$125; power supply, \$60; 100 watt 6-meter rofo final, \$60; power supply, \$40; VHF revr 100-150 Mc., 2 1/2" tubes, 1 1/2" tunable, with 8-11 meter beam, \$75; RCA sweep generator, 1-100 Mcs., \$20; Telrex 8-el. 2-M. beam, \$8; Telrex 5-el. 220 Mcs. beam, \$5.00; WRL Triple Globe Spanner, 3-el. beam, \$70; 1 K.W. 6 meter xmttr, complete, pr. 450TL triodes modulated by pr. of 450TL triodes, \$895 cash or trade. W4UCH, Broad Run Drive, Sterling, Va.

SALE: Palco Bantam 65 mobile xmttr; VFO-xtal 80-10, like new, (make an offer); 6v. Master Mobile matcher with 1" match coil, \$18.00; Heath 8v. Vtbrapack, 260V, 80 Ma., \$6.00 (new). Will ship. S.W. H. Wiley, W6OWD/1, 961st AEWZC, Sqdn, Otis AFB, Mass.

URGENTLY Wanted: for cash: Collins 310C-2, VE5VZ, Lloydminster, Sask., Cana.

"MERRY Christmas and best wishes for DX to all old and new friends. Uncle Charlie How".

TECRAFT 6-Meter converter, CG5-50 10-14 Mc. I. F. and Johnson SWR bridge are in perfect condition. Use less than ten hours. Will sell to best offer. K200G, David Herskowitz, 1590 East 28th St., Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

SELL 20A 888 exciter complete with 458 VFO power supplies, built-in scope, and 400 watt linear final; Morrow revr PTR-2 with 518R-F, a.c. and d.c. power supplies and spkr. E. O. Johnson, 231 Snowden Lane, Princeton, N. J.

SELL Surplus transformers, meters, capacitors. List on request. W2EZM, 431 Oakland Ave., Maple Shade, N. J.

HALLCRAFTERS 8X100 for sale. Only 3 months old. Looks like new. In perfect condx. Best offer around \$250. Sidney Kaplan, 2469 Ocean Pkwy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PAIR Amprex 833A, \$35; pair 2C39A, \$15; 500 watt final amplifier complete; Johnson coils for 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters, Gordon dials and Triplet meters, tubes included, \$50; 1 set (7) BC610 type 500 watt tank coils, \$10; 300 watt Multi-match modulation transformer, \$20. All items F.o.b. Ed Tompkins, W9LYJ, 818 Court, Waukegan, Ill.

TRADE Or cash: Navy Model HRO complete with power supply, all coils and rack or V-20-M Varic new for high quality Hi-Fi amplifiers, speakers. W4YJH, 1384 Lamo, Memphis, Tenn.

FELLOWSHIP Non-profit organization of hams. Details write Ge Van Wyck, P.O. Box 10, Holland, Mich.

FOR Sale or trade: 813 rig per Jan. 1954 QST in cabinet and 1400 v. 500 mtr. power supply, \$150; Linear amplifier with pr. of 813s capable of 900 watts. Coils for 40, 20, 10, 500. Want Pacemaker or 20A. Howard McDonald, W8LW1, Shelby, Michigan.

FOR Sale: Hallcrafters R-46A speaker, like new condx, \$9.50. Gerst, 2674 W. 25th, Cleveland, Ohio.

CIRICAL Quad antenna, tri-bander by Skylane (W4YM), never used, \$40. Johnson Matchbox, 275 watt, \$35; 60 ft. new RG63/71 coaxial cable (125 ohm), \$7.00. National BW54 receiver, \$20. Elmer Caldwell, W3ROA, 2309 7th Ave., Altoona, Penna.

SELL: Globe Chief, new tubes and meter with two Novice crystals, \$50; transformer 920V, CT 410 Ma., 684V, CT, 475 Ma.; 404C, CT 25 m., new original cost was \$35. Will sell for \$15. Will not pay shipping costs. David Kovach, K2R8M, LaGrange St., Vestal, N. Y.

TRAFFIC Hounds' Roundup, 0001 to 2400 local time, January 1, auspices Traffic Hounds' Morning Watch. For all message pushers. No scoring, just packages. Call CQ TFC. Activity centers: 3540, 7090, 14990, 21000 Kcs. Get acquainted with fellow traffickers. Mark your calendar!

CURE course section 2 (1st fifty lessons) and section 6, rood condx. \$24.50 best offer by 20th, W3BUD, 32 Salamata Court, Lexington Park, Md.

FOR Sale: Gonset Super Six converter; Viking I TVI-suppressed; Knight VFO; 3-803, 2-811, 1-813, 3-4E27, 2-829B tubes; 8-9 UTC Interstate and BC375E mod. xfrms; 2 1/2 x 3 1/4 Speed Graphic, 6x30 inches, 22. L.H. Woodman, Swap choice above and some cash for Vallant, W6QRO, 828 Nevada, San Jose, Calif.

FOR Sale: VIKING Ranger, excellent. Reasonable. Lawrence H. Lapinske, W9EWM, Box 179, Wausau, Wis.

PAIR Amprex 833A, \$35; pair 2C39A, \$15; 500 watt final amplifier complete, Johnson coils for 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters, Gordon dials and Triplet meters, tubes included, \$50; 1 set (7) BC610 type 500 watt tank coils, \$10; 300 watt Multimatch modulation transformer, \$20. All items F.o.b. Ed Tompkins, W9LYJ, 818 Court, Waukegan, Ill.

COLLINS 75A-3 with 3 1/2 Kc and 800 cycle mechanical filters. Also 100 Kc calibrator. Original owner, \$400 cash. No trades. A. Spiro, 3239 Corsica Ave., New York, N. Y.

SELL: Hy-Gain 1-element Tribander. Practically new. Best offer takes. K2RVY.

SELL: SSB transmitter, Eldico 100A with Manual, 100 watts PEP output, full coverage ham bands, in perf. condx, \$400. Bought KWS1, Joe W. Jensen, 2304 Country Club Pkwy, S.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

SWAP: 35 mm Contessa camera with f 2.8 Zeiss lens, Goide 300 watt slide projector for DX-100, SRT-120 or similar transmitter. Jack Walters, 2017 AACSRON, McGuire AFB, N. J.

WANTED: Navy HRO revr. Sell: 8X-100 revr, \$200. Collins 32V2, \$375. Both in a like-new condx. W2JRV, Robert Collins, 33 McKinley Ave., Westwood, N. J.

NC-173 with speaker; recently realigned, \$115. Gonset Triband converter, \$21. John R. Vleck, 2334 Vlieke Place, Scotch Plains, N. J. VAN SICKLE, Gene, W9KJF, invites you to shop his fabulous new electronic supermarket for latest gear at lowest prices. Van Ee Radio Supply Co., 4131 N. Keystone, Indianapolis, Ind.

FOR Sale or trade: PR 100TH8, 1-8031, 1-832, 2-3C33, 3-5763 and others, Newch, 1 1/2" facchar, swing link included 1 kw; dual variable; new and surplus parts. Want: 2 meter receiver or VHF162A, W6LBJ, Abilene, Kans.

TRADE: 4 x 5 Speed Graphic, in excellent condition with loads of accessories, including roll film adapter. Cost over \$500. Will sell for \$300. Also have homebuilt transmitter, 80 thru 10 M., 6146 final, modulator, VFO, 1000V power supply, \$90. Trade or sell either or both for factory built transmitter of comparable value. Offer: Phil Morris, KN6ZWP, 22426 Dolores St., Woodland Hills, Calif.

FOR Sale: Power supply, 1500, 1250, 1000 v, at 300 Ma. Potted components on 17 x 11 x 4 chassis, \$35. Jim Ladd, W8BJO, 592 Markie Ave., Pontiac 14, Mich. Will not ship.

FOR Sale: 75A4, practically new condition, presently surplus at our Laboratory, \$525 f.o.b. Asbury Park, New Jersey. Also 83 ft. commercial Aeromotor Tower, cost \$1200, sale: \$550 f.o.b. Asbury Park. Contact Telrex Labs, Asbury Park, N. J. or M. D. Ercolina, W2BDS, RD #1, Asbury Park, N. J.

WANTED: National SW-3 10, 20 meter bandspread coils, series 60A, 61A, also general coverage coils 60-70 series, State price, condition. K4BNI, 22 Norfolk Drive, Warrington, Va.

FOR Sale: ART-13 xmttr. In fair condx. Now on air, 80-40-20 AI, band, \$75 f.o.b. Oakland, W. Walters, W6PAD, 15724 Paseo Largaista, San Lorenzo, Calif.

FOR Sale: NC-300, matching speaker, National 2 meter converter. No scratch or spot, \$330. Factory wired 20A exciter with Eldico 10/20 VFO, \$200. K9CJV.

SELL: Heathkit AT-1, VE-1, AR-3, OF-1, Matchbox (WRL), \$75 takes all. Will not ship. W3BJJ, 4739 Cedar Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.

VFO Plymouth Tubeless for Gonset six or two, \$29.50. WIYY Westford Road, Littleton, Mass. or Evans Radio, Concord, N. H.

VIKING II factory-wired, all modifications, like new condx, \$219. K6HAG, 2316 Edith, El Cerrito, Calif.

HAMS! In Central Illinois is the Knox Electronic Supply, Galesburg, Ill.

SELL: Globe Chief, \$45; Heath AR-3 in cabinet, \$25; RETMA code and Theory course, \$7; New Mon-Key, \$26. K2UZL, 194 Welmar, Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR Sale: Electron Corp. model 1001 TV camera. Won Ham Day at State Fair of Texas; \$495 value. First m.o. for \$295. W6ONQ, 1413 Randolph, Garland, Texas.

WANTED: Navy RAL receiver, Augenblick, W3EON, 137 Forge Road, King of Prussia, Pa.

BARGAINS: With New Guarantee: HQ-100C \$145.00; HT-20 xmttr, \$209.00; Collins 32V3 \$495.00; 8X-100 \$229.00; TH8-509 \$69.00; TH8-50D \$69.00; AFS-50 ps. \$29.50; TBS VFO \$35.00; Lyaco 382 VFO \$19.95; Lyaco 600 ps. \$69.00; Eldico TR-75TV \$25.00; B+W 5100 \$299.00; Adventurer \$34.50; Knight CW xmttr, \$34.50; Gonset #3024 VFO \$45.00; Bonar SRT-120P \$129.00; Globe Trotter \$90.00; Globe King 500A \$495.00; Globe King 275 \$199.00; Globe King 400B \$275.00; Scout 65A \$69.00; Scout 45B \$75.00; Globe King 400C TVIed \$299.00; Globe King 500B \$599.00. Free trial, terms, write Leo, W6QGF for best deals. World Radio Laboratories, 3415 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

SELL: BC-348N, 110V AC, extra set new tubes, service manual, exc. condx, speaker, the BC-453 Q5'er included is free, 200 Kc to 18 Mc. continuous. First \$50 takes. F.o.b. Moose Lake, Minnesota. R. F. McLeer.

SELL: RMEDB23, 3-813's, QST solid run 190 1956; TR switch, Mod. 380, 100 Kc xtal, Gonset converter 10-10 Mts. Offers? J. Powell, 150 Yale, Audubon 6, N. J.

MOBILE Complete, 1-AF/87; 1 Gonset Super Six converter, noise clipper 6 volt dynamotor and relay controls, Shure mobile mike W45, all-band antenna, heavy duty mount, ca. es., \$200. Floyd E. Cummins, Jr. W6OBX 16437 Bixler Ave., Paramount, Calif.

WANTED: Johnson KW Matchbox, W9KYE.

SELL: NC300 xtal calibrator, matching spkr, National 2 and 6 meter converters and cabinet, \$385; Hallcrafters 8X-100, matching spkr, \$225; never station operated due to illness. All gear perfect. \$24.50 best offer by 20th, W3BUD, 32 Salamata Court, Lexington Park, Black Horse Pike and Crescent Blvd., Camden 4, N. J.

FOR Sale: QSTs, long runs from 1930's. Misc. copies back to early 1920's. Runs \$106 per copy and mailing. W4KQM, 5454 South Angela, Memphis, Tenn.

TELELEX 15M-56-99 deluxe 3-el. 15 M. beam. Used very little. Cond. like new. \$50 or best reasonable offer. W5MY, Hot Springs, Ark.

WANTED: Johnson Matchbox for \$35. Victor Piche, Gravelbourg, Sask., P. Canada.

VARTYPER and two type faces for sale. Excellent mill for bulletin and radio club work. First sixty dollars takes it. Komp, Meridian, N. Y.

WANTED: Coils for HRO-7 or HRO-7R receiver. Tom Ramsay, W4ZMR, Brevard, N. C.

SELL: Viking Vallant factory wired. \$385; DX35, \$58; VFL, \$23; AR-3 with cabinet, \$30; SG8, \$24; W-3A Hi-FI amp. & preamp, \$65. All above absolutely perf. condx. K2SRO/MM, RFD #1, Millville, N. J.

GONSET Communicator, 2 meters, deluxe model, like new condx, 110-12V. With 8 meter. Used only 6 months. In original carton, \$145 F.o.b. Alexandria, Va. W4WDW, Telephone South 5-6928.

FOR Sale: Gonset Super-Six. In exc. condx; \$43.50. Jim Ciuba, 2924 Line, Apt. C, Camden, N. J.

SELL: 75A2, good condition, with calib. and manual. \$275. Robert Nelson, W9EXG, 927 Madison Street, Evanston, Ill. Tel. DA-8-2783.

FOR Sale: Two ham revs, 8 and 5 tube jobs. Also 4 watt xmtr, v. cheap. Write VE3EGG, 64 Barrie St., Galt, Ont., Canada.

FOR Sale: 234-258 Mc. test oscillators, \$1.50 each; BC-906 frequency meter, \$4.00; R4/AR-2 receiver, \$5.85. All with tubes and in gud condx. All for \$12.00. Cecil Baumgartner, Box 343, Milton, Pa.

FOR Sale: RME DB-23 preselector, excellent condition. \$30. WIDNI, 38 Whitney Ave., Southington, Conn.

SALE: DX-35, \$50; RME DB-23 Preselector, \$30; pair Balun coils mtd., \$5.00; 2-98 w/spkr, \$125. Alvin Berger, 362B Chance St., Ft. Devens, Mass.

INSTRUCTOGRAPH, A.C. 10 tapes, instruction book, oscillator tube installed, 2-way connecting cord, like brand new, \$36 complete. Passed General code test. Mannie Telch, 628 E. 8th St., Brooklyn 18, N. Y. Tel. UL 4-0083.

HRO Receiver, 1.5 to 30 Mc.; 10 m and 40 m. doublets; 50 ft. RG-59-U, i.e. coaxial connectors; Dow-Key antenna relay; Triplet 0-1 RF ammeter; Heathkit Handitester; D-104 microphone with push-to-talk. Will sell separately. Tony Morris, 195 North Beacon St., Hartford, Conn.

FOR Sale: QSTs 1935 through 1946, complete. 1947 on, incomplete. You price it. H6BIA.

TIMES Facsimile transceiver and television camera equipment. E. Delaplant, W8MPE, 2661 Medary Ave., Columbus 2, Ohio.

WANTED: HQ129X In gud condx with matching spkr. Bill Mueller, 10 Dover St., Pittsfield, Mass.

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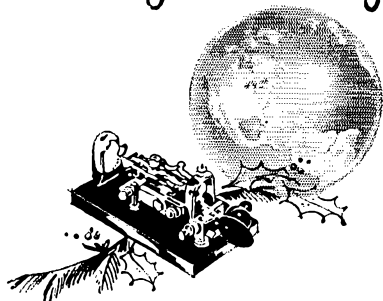


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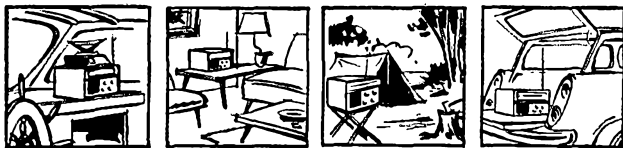
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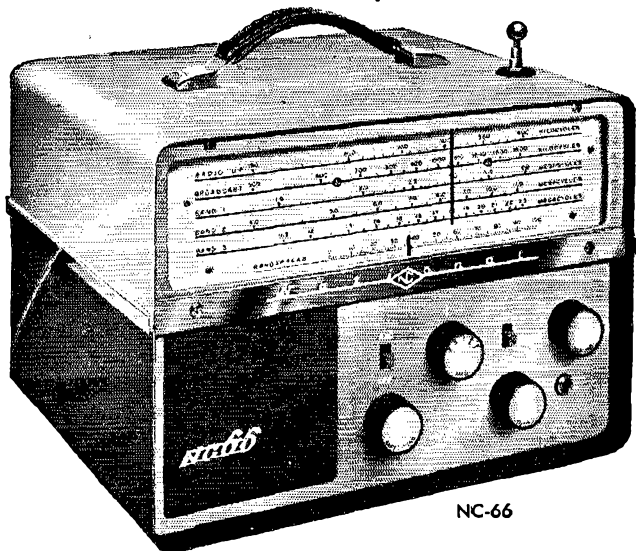


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2	4.0-11.4 MC
3	11.0-23 MC

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