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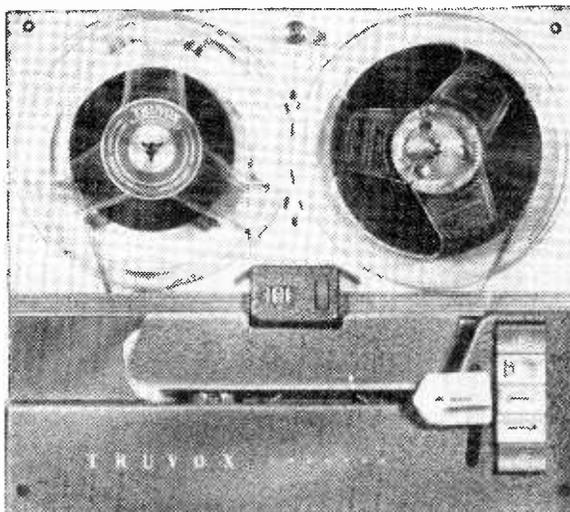
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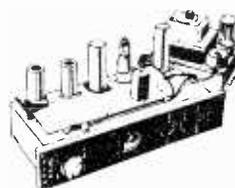
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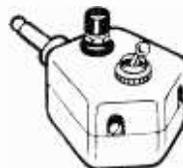


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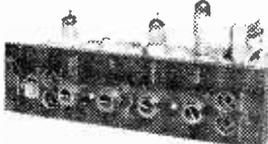
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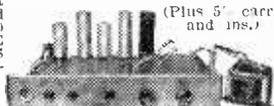
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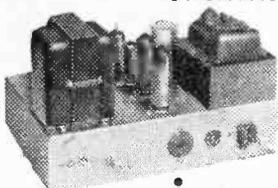
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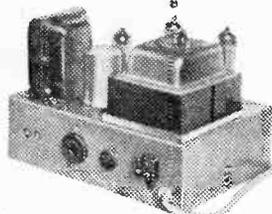
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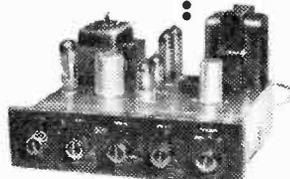
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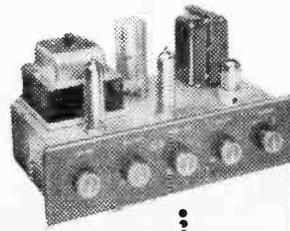
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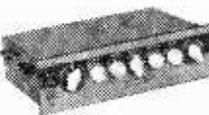
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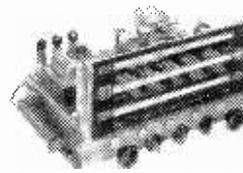
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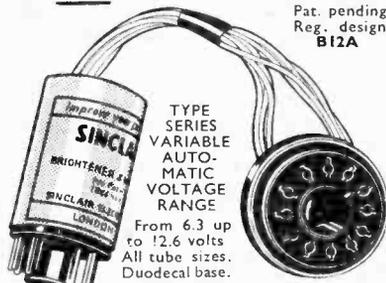
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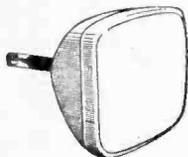
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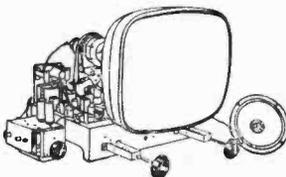
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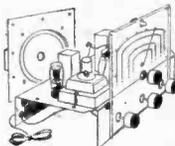
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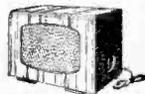
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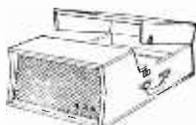


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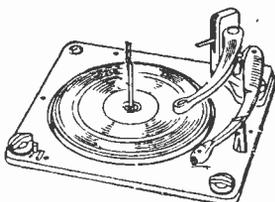


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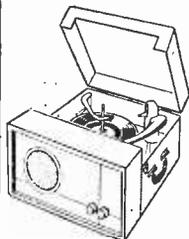


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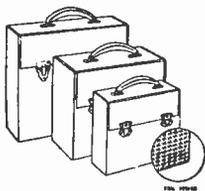
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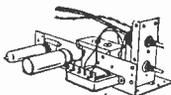
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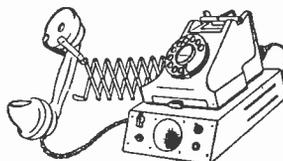
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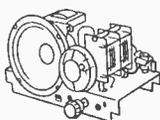
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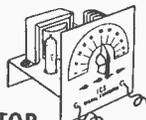


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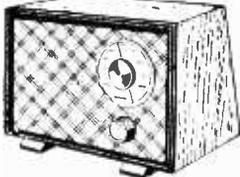
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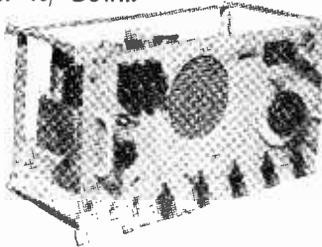
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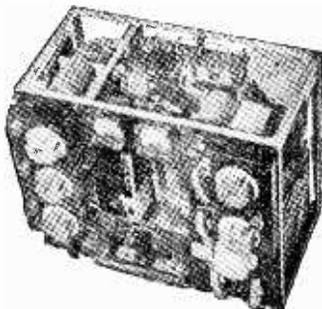


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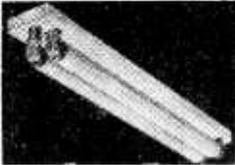


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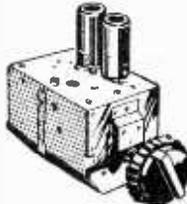
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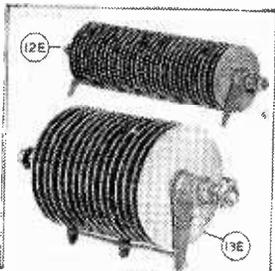
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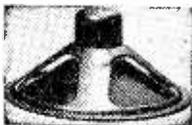
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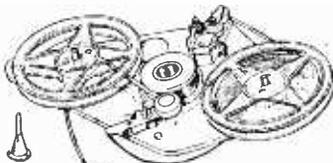
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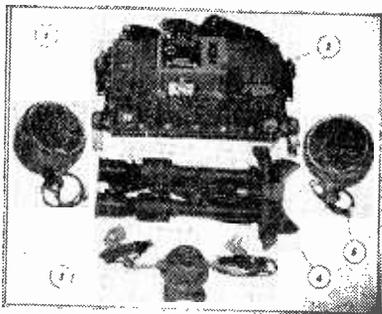
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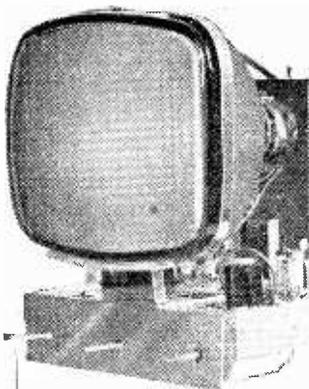
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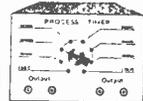


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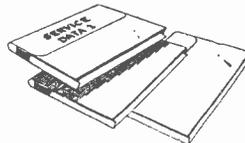
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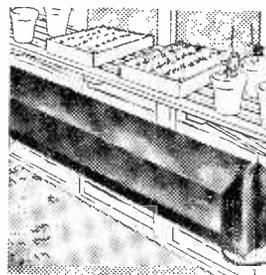


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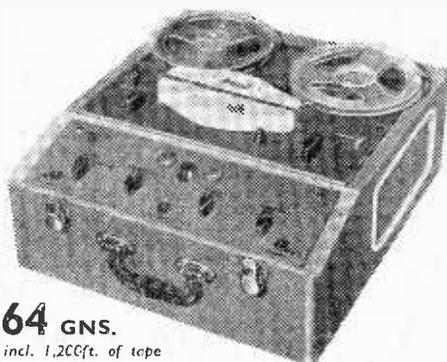
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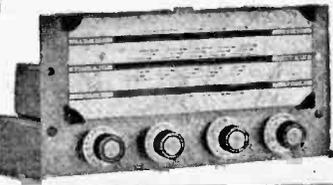
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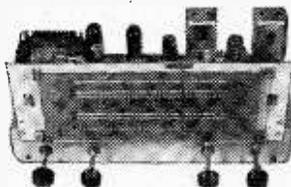
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Hire Purchase and Rental Changes

THE Government's decision to withdraw all regulations governing the amount of deposit or rental in advance has caused a rush to buy new receivers. It has been agreed that there should be a minimum of 10 per cent. deposit on hire purchase and credit sale arrangements and the maximum period of not more than two years for completion of payment. It has also been decided that there should be at least eight weeks' rental in advance. Unemployment in the radio and TV industry is bound to be considerably reduced as a result of the abolition of H.P. and rental regulations. The new demand will encourage manufacturers to tool up for new designs in time for this year's radio show.

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KIT SETS

THE moment seems opportune for the reintroduction of the kit sets which were so popular before the war. We are referring to such kit sets as the "Melodymaker", and the "Music Magnet", sponsored by two large companies. They sold in their thousands and we believe that they would still sell in considerable quantities. We believe that a kit V.H.F. set would find a ready market.

THE "P.W." AND "P.T." FILM SHOW

IF you have not already done so, there is still time for you to apply for a free ticket for our film show which takes place at the Caxton Hall, at 7.30 p.m. on January 22nd. Three films will be shown dealing with the transistor, the manufacture of junction transistors, and a colour film entitled "The Conquest of the Atom." There will be an interval for refreshments which will also be provided free. The meeting will be under my chairmanship. Mark applications for tickets, "Caxton Hall" in the top left-hand corner. The meeting is being arranged in conjunction with Messrs. Mullard Ltd. You are entitled to bring your friends but you must, of course, apply for a sufficient number of tickets.

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WE welcome contributions from our readers on any practical aspect of radio, such as set or instrument construction, coil making, and so on. Articles should be about 1,500 words in length and be accompanied by photographs, rough sketches, list of components, sources of supply, and theoretical and wiring diagrams. Where possible, we should like to have the apparatus for test and photographs. Such contributions are paid for immediately on acceptance. The price paid depends of course on the work involved, but is at a high rate. Please write or type on one side of the paper only.—F. J. C.

Our next issue, dated February will be published on January 7th

ROUND THE WORLD OF WIRELESS

Broadcast Receiving Licences

THE following statement shows the approximate number of Broadcast Receiving Licences in force at the end of September, 1958, in respect of wireless receiving stations situated within the various postal regions of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The numbers include licences issued to blind persons without payment.

Region	Total
London Postal	1,016,632
Home Counties	1,018,227
Midland... ..	750,274
North Eastern	927,905
North Western	714,031
South Western	623,549
Wales and Border Counties ...	388,752
Total England and Wales ...	5,439,370
Scotland	661,729
Northern Ireland	175,885
Grand total	6,276,984

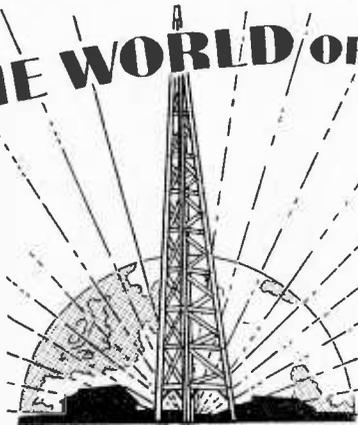
R.C.A. Monopoly

IN a recent action in the U.S. an anti-trust suit brought against the Radio Corporation of America has been settled by negotiation. The R.C.A. were accused of creating a monopoly by the use of patents and they are now to grant licences under its patents on a non-discriminatory basis. It is reported that the Government estimate that about 12,000 patents are affected, about 100 of them dealing with colour television.

E.M.I.'s Computer Training Course

SO great has been the interest shown in Emidec 1100, the new digital computer, that E.M.I. Electronics Ltd. has organised a series of training courses at Hayes for programmers from customers' staffs and for other interested executives. This is an intensive, practical course which, after introductory lectures on such matters as machine characteristics and flow charting, quickly gets down to cases. Each computer function is studied in detail and typical applications are mentioned throughout the course.

A special feature is the large proportion of exercise periods



By "QUESTOR"

(over one-third), during which at least four tutors are present, and the class is limited to about 15 students, so individual attention is assured during these important periods. The course includes tours of several E.M.I. factories including, amongst others, those where computers and magnetic tapes are manufactured.

Emidec training courses last for three weeks. Several places have already been reserved for the next course, which starts on 12th January, 1959, and this aspect of E.M.I. Electronics' activities is likely to increase during the coming months.

New Marconi Directors

MR. F. N. SUTHERLAND, C.B.E., M.A., M.I.E.E., for eleven years General Manager of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited, has been

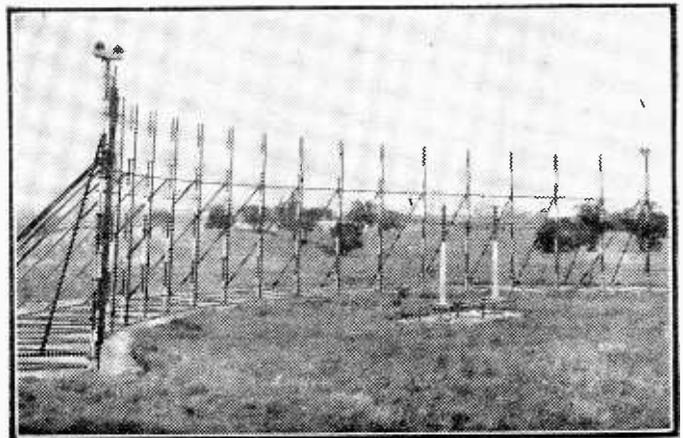
elected to the Board of Directors of the Company and appointed Managing Director with effect from November 5th. He has also been elected a Director of Marconi Instruments Limited.

Mr. Paul de Laszlo, O.B.E., who has been associated with the Marconi Group of Companies for a number of years has also been elected to the Boards of Directors of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited and Marconi Instruments Limited with effect from November 5th.

Tax Relief on Subscriptions to Brit.I.R.E.

THE Council of the British Institution of Radio Engineers has advised members that under Section 16 of the Finance Act, 1958, the whole of the annual subscription paid by a member who qualifies for relief under that section will be allowable as a deduction from his emoluments assessable to income tax under Schedule E.

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that applications will only be accepted provided that the subscription is defrayed out of the emoluments of the office or employment. It is a further condition that membership



The interesting aerial used for blind landing. (See next page)

should be relevant to the office or employment of the claimant, that is to say, the performance of the duties of the office or employment is directly affected by the knowledge concerned or involves the exercise of the profession of radio engineering.

Moon Bounce Signals

THESE signals have been received by at least 30 people, and possibly 60 or more, according to the U.S. Army Signal Engineering Laboratory at Fort Monmouth, N.J., which is aiming radar signals at the moon with 1.2 megawatts of radiated power.

Responses to its Diana project have come from the U.S., Europe and Latin America, a laboratory spokesman said. The moon radar has been operating on frequencies of 108 and 151.11 Mc/s and the laboratory has been sending QSL cards to amateurs who report the conditions under which they have received the signal.

During December, the moon radar pulses will be on 413.25 Mc/s. Readers who pick up the signals may send a listeners card to Diana, c/o Radio-Electronics, 154 W. 14 Street, New York 11, N.Y. The information will be forwarded to the Signal Corps and will be acknowledged with a moon radar QSL card.

Next B.I.R.E. President

THE Council of the British Institution of Radio Engineers takes pleasure in announcing that the President-elect for 1958-59 is Professor E. E. Zepher, who occupies the Chair of Electronics at the University of Southampton. His election will be confirmed by members at the Institution's Annual General Meeting on November 26th, when he will give his presidential address.

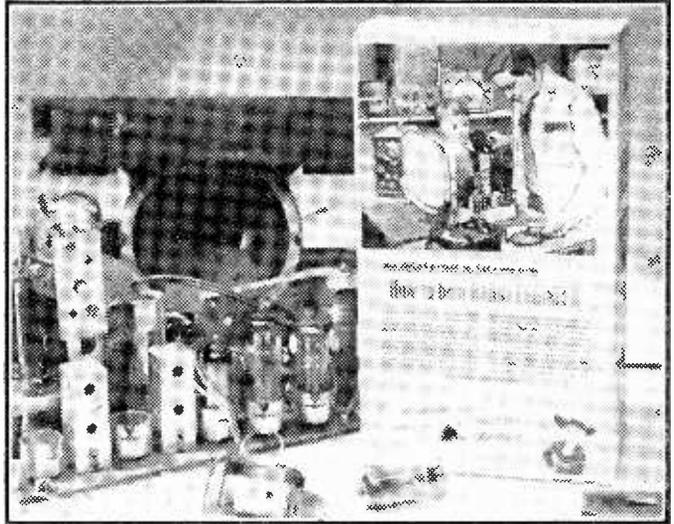
How to be a Radio Engineer

HOW to be a Radio Engineer is the title on the back of a packet of One-Minute Quaker Oats. It is one of a series of twelve careers featured for this winter. The article gives a few basic facts about radio engineering, indicates openings for a qualified radio engineer and explains about the length of training.

It is often difficult for parents

to find out about careers other than those they have met with themselves, and it is therefore a valuable service that Quaker Oats Limited are supplying. On the back of every pack there is

for the completion of the landing. The work of the Blind Landing Experimental Unit is mainly concerned towards eliminating the final phase of the landing.



Careers have proved so popular as pack backs that Quaker have decided to continue this for a further year.

the address of an authoritative body on that particular career from whom more information can be obtained.

The careers series was first introduced by Quaker Oats Limited in 1956. It has proved so popular, both with schools and the appropriate organisations, as well as with parents and children, that they have decided to continue this service for a third year.

Aids to Landing

RECENTLY representatives of industry and of the Services attended demonstrations of automatic landing equipment and visual aids to approach and landing developed by the Blind Landing Experimental Unit of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Bedford.

The modern civil airliner carries equipment which, used in conjunction with ground based radio beam systems, enables approaches to be made down to a height of about 150 feet above ground level, the automatic pilot being used to fly the aircraft. From this height, the pilot must depend upon visual approach and landing aids

New radio guidance systems have been developed which provide the necessary accuracy to enable aircraft to be landed under completely automatic control.

E.M.I. Three-day Conferences

A RECORD Production Managers' Conference and a Recording Engineers' Conference were held simultaneously at E.M.I., Hayes, Middlesex, recently. The object of both conferences was to maintain close liaison between the E.M.I. group of companies.

Visitors from overseas were amongst the representatives of E.M.I.'s world-wide organisation—the largest of its kind in existence—who met to discuss both trade and technical developments in the recording field.

Mr. J. B. Stevenson, director, engineering and personnel, E.M.I. was in the chair at the Production Managers' Conference.

Mr. F. J. Camm

MR. F. J. CAMM has been elected Vice-President of the Institute of Practical Radio Engineers.

Servicing Without Instruments

FAULT FINDING AND REPAIRS FOR THE BEGINNER

By Gordon Cole

ALTHOUGH accurate test instruments are absolutely essential in the service department where a large number of sets having a diversity of faults are dealt with each week, it is truly surprising just how much can be done without them, aided only by one or two odd items which are nearly always present in the experimenter's den. This is not to suggest that one could start a full-time repair business along these lines, but if the faulty set is the property of the enthusiast it is his own personal responsibility if he decides to try to repair it.

There are those so-called "sticky" faults which require a battery of instruments to locate. The experimenter may eventually find that such a fault is present on his receiver, and for this reason it is as well not to interfere unnecessarily with the wiring and trimmers. If a connection is broken for the purpose of a simple test, it should be made good immediately following the test. Also, if it is decided to alter a trimmer, its original setting should be marked in some way so that it can be restored if the alteration does not give the

stops working, then there is little doubt that the trouble can be found without instruments and without replacing all the components one by one until the culprit is discovered. This article deals essentially with this kind of fault, and it is assumed that the experimenter is a regular reader of "Practical Wireless" and has a fair understanding of circuits. If the circuit diagram of the defective receiver is available so much the better, but this is not essential. It will assist if the experimenter has available a valve data book or leaflet giving the pin connections of the valves used in the set.

Heater and Mains Circuit

In the event of complete failure, the first thing to do is to check whether or not the valves are alight when the receiver is switched on and connected to the mains supply. If they are not alight, the trouble lies somewhere in the mains supply or heater circuit.

Start with the mains socket and check for mains current with an ordinary household lamp. Follow the test right up to the input of the receiver; check at the mains side and the receiver side of the on/off switch (see Fig. 1). If power is present at the set side of the switch further investigation inside the receiver is required; if it is present at the mains side but not at the set side the switch is faulty and its replacement will effect a cure; if it is not present in the receiver at all, a check should be made of the mains lead and all plugs and sockets. There may be fuses in the circuit at the set or plug—sometimes one

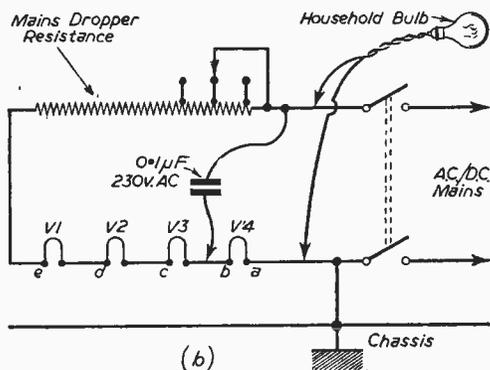


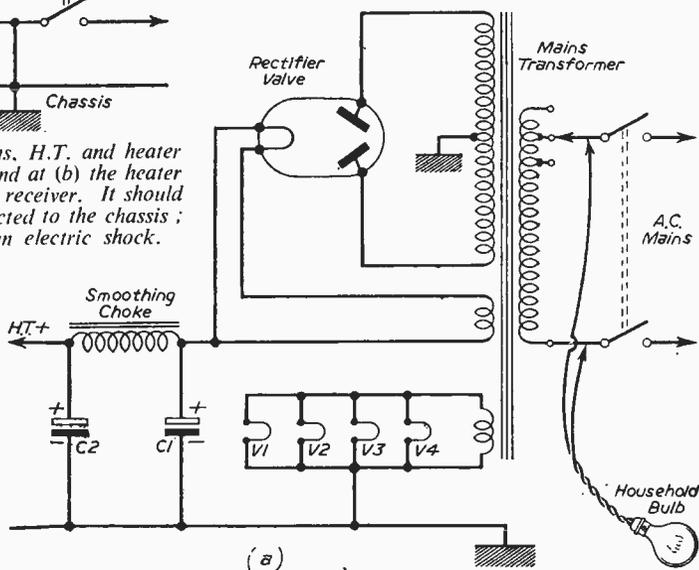
Fig. 1.—At (a) is shown the mains, H.T., and heater circuits of an A.C. only receiver and at (b) the heater and mains circuit of an A.C./D.C. receiver. It should be noticed that the mains is connected to the chassis; care must be taken to avoid an electric shock.

required effect.

Complete Failure

Dealers and their engineers are not very happy to accept sets for servicing which have been severely altered. There is also the question of cost; it is obvious that to put right faults other than that which caused the receiver to fail in the first place will increase the overall cost of the repair.

If the receiver suddenly



in each lead—and these should be checked with a battery and bulb or by substitution. If replacements blow when the set is switched on, then a short almost certainly exists in the mains or H.T. circuit of the receiver.

If the receiver has a mains transformer, as do most of the A.C.-only type, and the heaters of all but one valve are alight, the inactive valve may well have an open-circuit heater. This can be checked by applying the appropriate voltage (or less) across the heater pins. A check for heater power at the heater tags on the valve holder is possible by momentarily shorting the tags with a fairly thick piece of wire; a spark will be observed if power is available, but if the short is prolonged the heater wiring will burn out.

If all the valves are not lit in an A.C.-only set, a check for heater power should be made across the two wires from the heater winding of the mains transformer, Fig. 1(a). A high resistance soldered connection often accounts for lack of heater power, and it should be remembered that one side of the heater circuit is usually connected to the chassis.

In most receivers, the rectifier valve heater is energised from a separate winding on the mains transformer, so there is a possibility that this valve may be alight while the remainder are inactive. If all the valves but the rectifier are alight, then the rectifier valve heater and the power supply can be tested as detailed above.

A.C./D.C. Receivers

All the heaters are connected in series in receivers of the A.C./D.C. variety, and failure of one will mean that none light, Fig. 1(b). Open-circuiting of the mains dropper resistor will also give the same symptom, so some means of simple testing is called for. A method which has been practised by the author requires a capacitor of 0.1 μ F 250 volts A.C. working. If such a capacitor is connected across the mains supply there is always a small spark when the connection is made, which is a good indication of mains voltage and can be used on the heater test.

If one side of the capacitor is connected to the heater circuit as shown in Fig. 1(b) and on the other side is connected an insulated flylead, the flylead can be connected in turn to points a, b, c, d and e along the heater line. Power is present at point a because the mains current was checked at the receiver side of the on/off switch with a bulb, but if we check here again with the capacitor we shall have some idea of the size of the spark to expect. If a spark occurs at a, but not at b, then it is fairly clear that V4 heater is open. Similarly, if a spark occurs at a and b but not at c, then V3 heater is open; a spark at c but not at d would indicate open-circuiting of V2 heater, while a spark at d but not at e would indicate open-circuiting of V1 heater. If a spark also occurs at e, then the mains dropper resistor is open.

Owing to the relatively high reactance possessed by the 0.1 μ F capacitor at 50 c/s, there is no danger of damaging the heaters of the good valves by this test, but it is not a good idea to use a capacitor above this value as the surge current may rise to a high level. This test takes a few

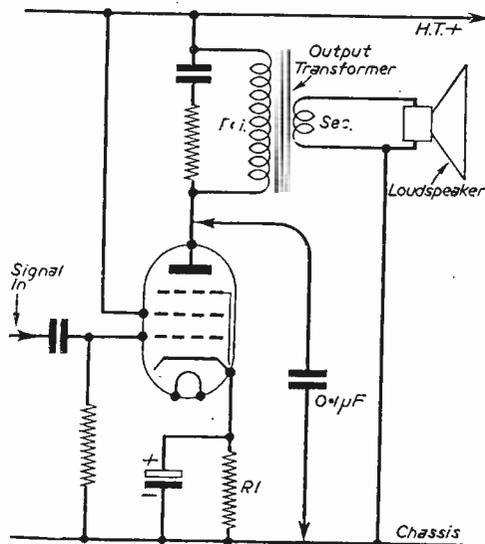


Fig. 2.—A typical output stage.

words to describe, but is fairly rapid in practice once the heater circuit has been established in the receiver under test. Of course, the valve heaters can be checked with a battery, but many different voltages are usually needed with A.C./D.C. valves.

More Simple Tests

Suppose the valve heaters are alight and the receiver is dead. The first thing to do is to observe carefully the inside of the receiver for any signs of overheating. If a resistor quickly rises to a high temperature and the surface starts frying, there is a short in that circuit somewhere which is causing a high current to flow into the resistor. For the time being, suppose that there is no undue disturbance inside the receiver.

The next thing to do is to put an ear close against the loudspeaker grille and listen for mains hum. If it can be established that there is no sound at all from the loudspeaker, the trouble almost certainly exists in the loudspeaker itself, or in the H.T. supply circuit or in the output stage.

Testing the temperature of the rectifier valve (assuming that a valve is used) and of the output valve with the fingers gives quite a lot of information. If the rectifier valve is very hot and the anodes are glowing a dull red, there is a short-circuit probably at the cathode or heater of the valve. Under this condition, the output valve would be relatively cool since it would be starved of H.T. owing to the short.

The most likely cause would be a short in the electrolytic reservoir capacitor, which is the one connected directly to the cathode or heater of the rectifier (C1 in Fig. 1(a)). The best way of checking is to disconnect the capacitor completely and then switch the set on again. If the rectifier operates at normal temperature and the receiver works with a loud hum, replacing the capacitor will cure the trouble; if it is a dual unit, it is best

to replace the whole as the other section will fail eventually.

On an A.C./D.C. receiver, such a short would be likely to cause visible sparking around the cathode. There is also the possibility that a short in the rectifier is responsible; in this case the trouble would exist with the suspect capacitor disconnected.

If a short exists in the smoothing capacitor, C2, Fig. 1(a), the rectifier would overheat as in the previous case, but to a smaller degree, since the current is limited by the resistance of the smoothing choke or filter resistor. The choke or resistor would also tend to overheat; in fact, the resistor may well start smoking owing to the excessive current, but the lower resistance of the choke would load the H.T. circuit and possibly reduce the voltage sufficiently to avoid overheating of the component, though the rectifier would suffer.

If both the rectifier and the output valve are of reasonably normal temperature (they normally operate fairly hot) the H.T. voltage is probably normal, and its presence can be checked either at the cathode of the rectifier or on the H.T. line by connecting an 8 μ F electrolytic capacitor between the H.T. point and chassis, observing the correct polarity of the capacitor (negative to chassis). On connection a spark will be seen (and heard). The capacitor will then be charged and should be discharged across the chassis, when again there will be a spark.

The Output Stage

Having established the presence of H.T. look at the output valve when the receiver is switched on. If the screen grid is glowing red, this is indicative of lack of H.T. on the anode, and one of the main causes of this is an open-circuit of the primary winding of the output transformer (see Fig. 2). In some sets, however, there may be a capacitor connected between the anode and chassis, and a short in this would have the same effect, whilst at the same time loading the H.T. supply and causing an excessive current to flow in the transformer primary, but this would give rise to a hum from the loudspeaker.

If the valve looks normal, the loudspeaker circuit can be checked by connecting an 0.1 μ F capacitor between chassis and the valve anode, Fig. 2. On connection of the capacitor a surge of current will occur in the transformer primary and this, under normal conditions, will cause a click in the loudspeaker. The capacitor will charge, and will have to be discharged before the test can be made again. If this action does not

cause the expected effect, then the loudspeaker should be checked with a battery. The loudspeaker should be disconnected from the secondary of the transformer and across its terminals should be connected a 3-volt torch battery. A crackle will be heard if the loudspeaker is in good order. The soldered connections on the units should be examined, as also should the loudspeaker muting switch, if fitted, and the connections on the transformer.

The faults detailed above cover those which would prevent a slight mains hum from the loudspeaker, though there is one more possibility and that is a short in a capacitor which may be connected across the output transformer primary. Usually, as in Fig. 2, a resistor is connected in series, so that a capacitor short would not remove the hum completely.

The next move is on to the control grid of the output valve. Touching this with a screwdriver should incite a click from the loudspeaker. A better test can be made by arranging a buzzer hook-up as shown in Fig. 3. If the test leads are connected between chassis and the control grid, a loud buzz should be heard from the loudspeaker if the output stage is working. This will almost certainly happen if the valve is operating at normal temperature and the previous tests prove positive.

Failure to inject a signal into the set at this point can be caused only, in addition to the faults given above, by (a) a break in the screen grid connecting lead; (b) emission failure of valve (in this case it would not be hot) and (c) open circuiting of the cathode resistor R1.

The consideration so far dealt with was a receiver which suddenly failed to perform. Simple methods for testing the mains and heater circuits and the output stage without instruments have been fully described. Attention will now be focused on the audio-frequency and detector stages, and the sections prior to the detector, including the mixer and oscillator of superhet receivers.

A Word of Warning

Before continuing, however, we would emphasise that all sets of the A.C./D.C. variety and certain A.C.-only models feature a connection direct from one side of the mains supply to the chassis. There is, therefore, a fifty-fifty chance of the chassis being "live" to earth—that is if it happens to be connected to the "live" side of the supply. Under this condition a severe electric shock may be had by touching the chassis, especially if the operator happens to be standing on a slightly damp stone or concrete floor and wearing shoes which are not adequately insulated, or if an "earthed" object, such as touched with the other hand or other part of the an electric fire, soldering iron or bench lamp, is body at the same time as the chassis.

It is always best to be on the safe side and either isolate the receiver completely from the supply by means of a 1:1 ratio transformer or ensure that the chassis is in connection with mains neutral.

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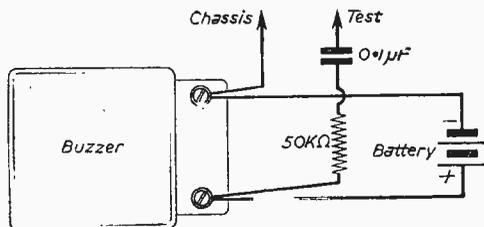


Fig. 3.—A buzzer set-up for test purposes.

A Low Price Quality Amplifier

VARIABLE FEEDBACK IS USED TO CHANGE THE INPUT SENSITIVITY

By T. W. Dresser

MOST articles on audio amplifiers start with the assumption that those who will read it wish to fill a large hall with sound. Experts will tell you that the mean level of electrical input to a normal type speaker in a moderately sized hall of, say, 4,000 cubic feet in volume will be around 50 milliwatts, and as peak amplitudes are 20 to 25 db above the mean level it follows that the available power output from the amplifier must be about 15 watts. This statement is accurate, no doubt, but few of us want to fill a hall with sound; all we require is a high enough level to be pleasant in our living room and following as faithfully as possible the original performance.

Sensitivity

The amplifier to be described will deliver approximately 5 watts of output for an input of 0.05, 0.1, 0.25 or 0.5 of a volt according to the position of the bypass capacitor in the cathode circuit of the first stage. In other words, variable current feedback on this valve makes the gain of the stage adjustable in four steps. With the capacitor switched to position 1 (across the whole of the cathode resistor chain) there is no feedback and the stage operates with full gain. In this position 0.05 v. will load the amplifier fully. Connecting the capacitor to the second position reduces the stage gain by 7 db and 0.1 v. will be required to fully load the amplifier. With the capacitor switched to the third position the gain is reduced by 14 db and an input of 0.25 v. is now needed for full output. Finally, in the fourth position the capacitor is entirely out of circuit and full feedback is provided. The gain is now cut down by 20 db and the input required to give the full output is now 0.5 v. This flexible arrangement is of decided advantage when, for

instance, it is necessary to test a number of different pickups, or where different inputs such as from a pickup or radio are required.

After the variable gain first stage which uses a 6J7 or a 6SJ7 valve the remainder of the circuit is quite conventional. The signal is fed through a volume control to the grid of a 6J5, to which negative feedback from the secondary winding of the output transformer is applied, and is then passed on to the output stage, a single 6V6, through a regular resistance-capacity coupling arrangement. No tone control circuits are included as such circuits usually reduce the overall gain and, in any case, the application of negative feedback will almost certainly straighten out any variations in response it was intended to introduce by means of the tone control circuits.

Chassis and Components

The amplifier is built on an aluminium chassis 9in. × 5½in. × 2½in. of 14 or 16 gauge half hard metal bent into a standard box shape, and the parts are placed as shown in Fig. 1. The theoretical diagram is given in Fig. 2. All the components are readily obtainable and many of them may be bought from ex-service dealers. Probably the only exception is the output transformer, which must be of rather better construction than is usual in small amplifiers, as it has to handle a much greater range of frequencies. Provided it is a good make and not the cheap, small type, the frequency response will be no more than about 1 db down from the 1 kc/s level at 50 cycles and at 12 kc/s.

Negative Feedback

On completion the amplifier should be thoroughly tested. Firstly, the feedback loop should be disconnected from the output transformer secondary. The reproduction should then tend to be shrill, particularly if a small speaker is being used, but the amplifier, nevertheless, should be perfectly stable. With the loop reconnected, next check that the amplifier is not in self oscillation. This can happen if the loop is connected to the wrong side of the secondary winding of the O.P. transformer, as the feedback will then be positive and not negative. In fact, oscillation is then almost inevitable. Reversing the loop and earth connections to the transformer secondary winding will remedy this fault. The resultant slight drop in volume and the improvement in fidelity clearly indicates the correct way of connecting the loop.

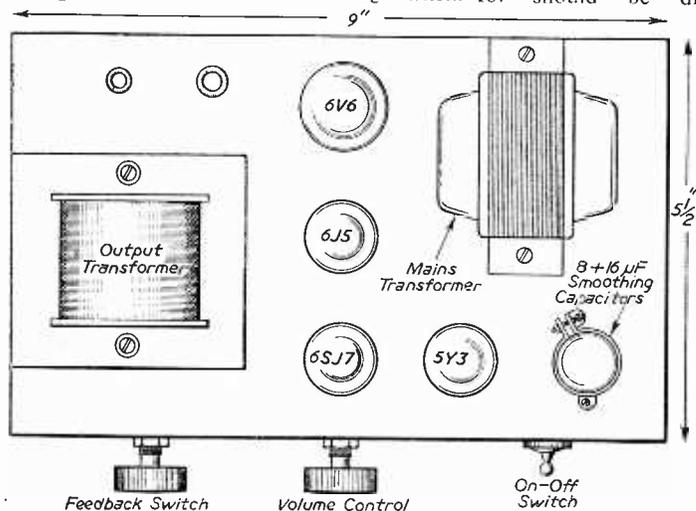
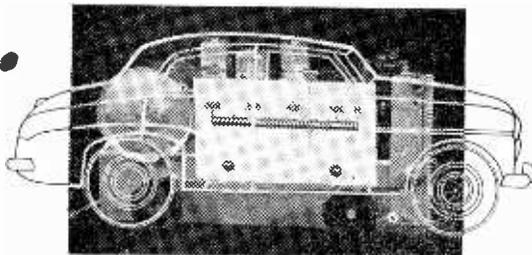


Fig. 1.—Showing how the parts are placed on the aluminium chassis.

A 12v. Valve-Transistor Car Radio...

IN THIS SECOND ARTICLE DETAILS OF THE TRANSISTOR OUTPUT STAGE ARE GIVEN
By R. Morgan



AS the 12K5 and 12 v. H.T. supply does not provide sufficient power for usual loud-speaker volume a transistor output stage is employed, and this also runs from the vehicle accumulator without any need for higher voltages. An output of over 2 watts may be achieved, which is sufficient for normal speaker reception.

6 to 30 mA. with 1.14 to 1.37 base voltage. The 1.8 ohms resistor should preferably be wire-wound in the interests of stability. Mullard suggest R1 be a pre-set wire-wound resistor. R2 consisting of the valve heaters, as the relatively large current in the two sections of the potential divider R1 and R2 helps stability. Two separate resistors may be used, as in Fig. 1. A 6 ohms pre-set for R1, with 40 ohms value for R2, may be used. Higher resistance values will reduce current consumption in the divider, but maintain a less stable base voltage.

When installing the receiver, a 3 or 5 amp. fuse should be included in circuit to protect the accumulator, etc. It may be necessary to reverse connections to the secondary of the driver transformer to secure the best phase working between transistor and output stage.

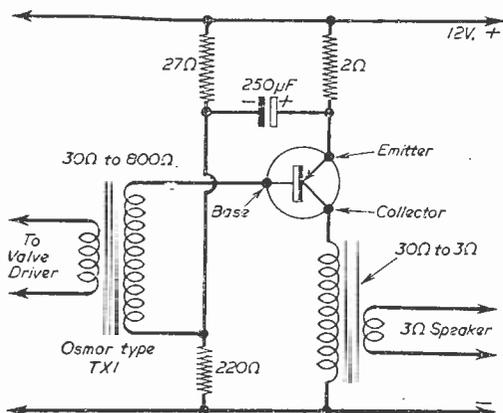


Fig. 1.—Circuit for output stage using Pye V30/20P.

Fig. 1 shows a circuit for the Pye V30/20P transistor, with base input and speaker coupled to the collector in the usual way. The transformer windings must be able to carry the required current, and the driver may employ 40 s.w.g. for primary, with 30 s.w.g. for secondary. Using a M. & E.A. (Magnetic & Electrical Alloys Ltd.) No. 21 square stack, in accordance with the data provided for "Brimar" valves by Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd., this would require 1,200 turns for primary, with 158 turns for secondary, the laminations being fitted with no air gap, but not interleaved.

The output transformer can be auto-wound, with 400 turns, tapped at 126 turns for a 3 ohms speaker, 24 s.w.g. wire being used on a M. & E.A. No. 74 square stack, with a 5 mil. air gap.

Fig. 2 shows a circuit for the Mullard OC15 transistor. With a 14 V. supply, the collector current is given as 475 mA and base current as

The Heat-sink

Several watts are dissipated at the collector, and an excessive rise in temperature will cause damage. A heat sink, or heat-conductive mounting is used to combat this, and serves to keep the transistor cool. Fig. 3 shows how the OC16 is mounted on the heat sink, mica insulating washers being necessary to avoid electrical shorts. The heat sink can be of 2 mm. or more thickness, with an area of some 50 sq. in. (say, 5in. × 10in.).

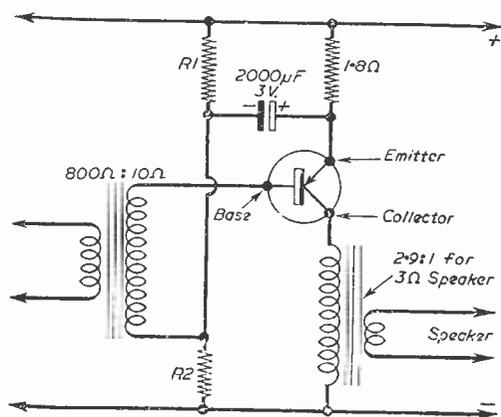
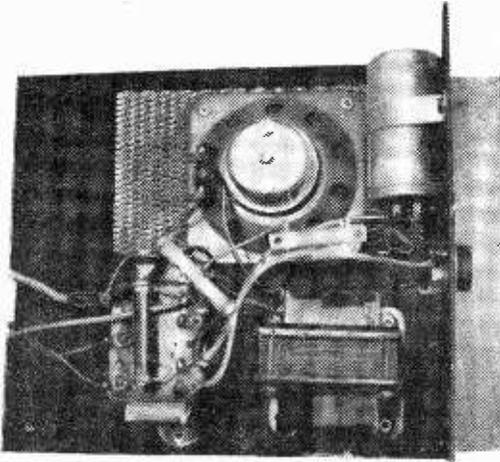


Fig. 2.—Circuit using Mullard OC15.

Blackened aluminium is recommended, and the metal may be bent to form back and sides of a speaker enclosure. It should not adjoin valves or other items generating heat, and air circulation is necessary to keep down temperature during prolonged running.

The transistor temperature depends considerably upon the air temperature, and it is thus wise to be fairly generous in the size of the heat sink.



Layout of the parts for the output stage.

For the OC16, a power dissipation of 6.9 W. is listed for an ambient temperature of 25 deg. C., with 2.9 W. for 55 deg. C., with a 4in. X 7in. metal plate sink. It will thus be seen that the limits of safe running very much depend on temperature. In less favourable conditions, such as proximity of warmed metal, lack of air circulation, etc., an increase in the size of the plate would be necessary.

The Loudspeaker

The loudspeaker can be of the usual permanent magnet type. The very small speakers intended

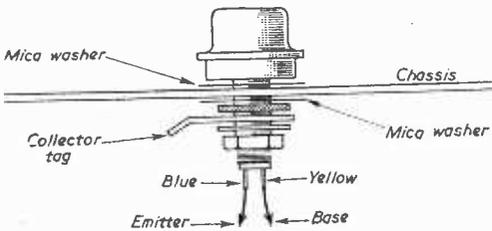


Fig. 3.—Mounting of the OC16.

for battery portables are usually not able to handle sufficient power and are not satisfactory, but any 3½in. to 5in. model able to handle some 2 to 3 watts, and of the correct impedance for the transformer, will suit. A small cabinet or baffle board is necessary for the speaker for best results.

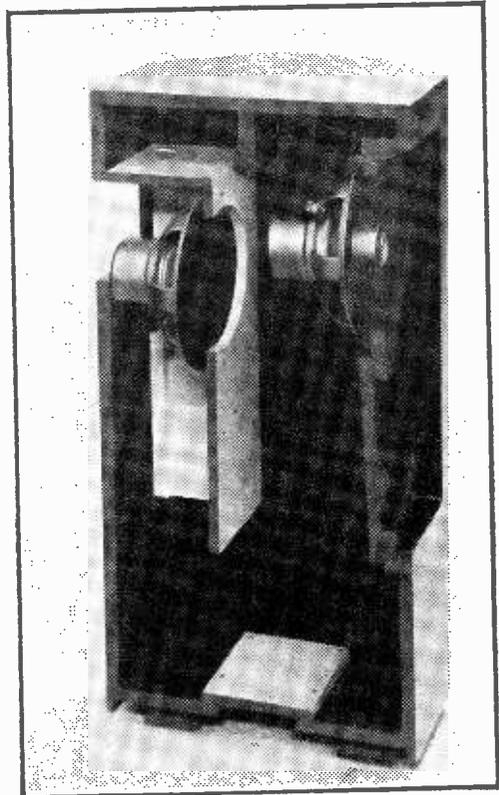
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New G.E.C. Speaker

At the 1958 Autumn Audio Fair, The General Electric Co. Ltd. gave a demonstration of stereophonic sound using a new loudspeaker system, the "Periphonic Octagonal." Developed by Hugh Brittain at the Company's Wembley Research Laboratories, the cabinet is based on the original G.E.C. octagonal enclosure but has an entirely new port-loading system which incorporates the periphonic principle. Particularly suitable for stereophonic operation and identical in appearance with the existing octagonal design, the enclosure can also be used in a simple form with one metal cone loudspeaker only.

Fully Periphonic

The enclosure has a volume of 3.6 cu. ft. and is loaded by means of an inside-mounted rectangular pipe. A rectangular port opening at the rear of the cabinet is placed at approximately the same height as the front speaker, and loading by the port extends the bass response to below 30 c/s. A second metal cone loudspeaker is mounted inside the pipe to operate in push-pull with the first, thus forming a periphonic system. By this means the second harmonic distortion at 30 c/s. is reduced from 3 per cent. (with one speaker) to 1½ per cent. (two speakers).



A sectional view of the new G.E.C. speaker.

MAKING OHM-METERS

THIS ARTICLE DEALS WITH THE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF DESIGN

By J. S. Kendall

IN radio, television and electronic work there are three basic measurements, those of voltage (more accurately, potential difference), current and resistance. Whilst most multi-range measuring instruments measure voltage and current, a resistance range, if included, usually only covers the range of 1,000 ohms to 500,000 ohms. Often, it is wished to measure lower values of resistance, such as those of inductances, and this may not be possible even with a comprehensive multi-range ohm-meter.

stocked them and then normally only in the range of 10 ohms to 10 megohms. One firm of wholesalers—Kendall & Mousley Ltd.—does stock 1 per cent. high stability resistors from 1 ohm to 10M ohms, and your local dealer should be able to obtain your requirements within a matter of days. This firm also stocks 1 per cent. wire-wound resistors of higher wattage rating than the carbon type. It is a great advantage if the lower value resistors have a high wattage rating; for example, with the 1 ohm 1W resistor the maximum voltage drop permissible is only 1 volt, and if a 0 to 5 voltmeter is used the deflection is only 20 per cent. of full-scale, which may be detrimental to accuracy. If a 5W type is used, double the deflection can safely be obtained with the meter, and with a larger safety factor. When the resistor under test is thought to be larger than it really is, it is possible to attempt to pass a far heavier current through the standard that it is intended to take. Frequent or prolonged overloading of standard resistors will seriously impair their accuracy.

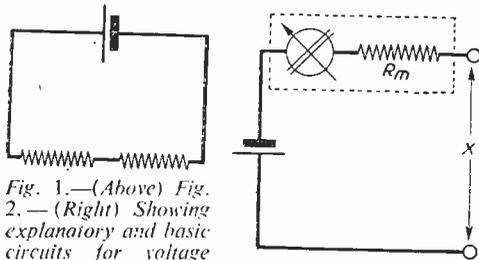


Fig. 1.—(Above) Fig. 2.—(Right) Showing explanatory and basic circuits for voltage comparisons.

Voltage Comparison

For the measurement of very low resistance a voltage comparison is useful. The unknown is measured against a known standard by the comparison of the voltages developed across each when they pass the same, steady, current. In Fig. 1 there is a battery in series with two resistors, and therefore the same current flows in each. If one resistance is a 1 per cent. standard, then it is possible to measure the resistance of the other by the ratio of the voltages across the resistors. (It will be remembered that the voltage developed is found by multiplying the resistance in ohms by the current in amperes—Ohm's Law.)

In a usable version of this meter, three, four or five standards can be used, and the most useful are 1, 3, 10, 30 and 100 ohms. The voltmeter used for the measurement of the voltage ratio draws current itself, and so introduces a small error. If the meter has a full-scale deflection (F.S.D.) of 1 mA, on, say, the 5 volt range with a 1 ohm standard, then with 1 volt developed across the standard there will be a maximum error of one part in 5,000. This may be ignored. But, with a 100 ohm resistor with 5 volts across it a maximum error of 2 per cent. will result. This error is a maximum because the reading in each case will be lower than the true value and the two errors will tend to cancel each other.

Wattage Rating

In designing these meters the chief consideration is to ensure that the wattage rating of the resistors used as standards is not exceeded. Until recently, 1 per cent. resistors were only available at a reasonable price in carbon; very few firms

The Circuit

The practical circuit is shown in Fig. 3. It consists of a battery—say, of 3 volts; a "bank" of suitable standard resistors—three only are shown; two pairs of terminals; a set/read switch and a range selector switch. The set/read switch can be obtained from Bulgin and the selector switch from K. & M. The voltmeter is connected to the two terminals marked "M." The polarity must be correct. In one position of the switch the voltage across the standard is measured and

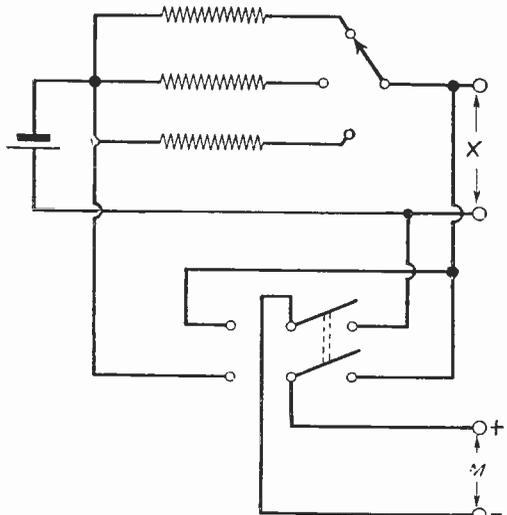


Fig. 3.—Circuit for an uncompensated ohm-meter.

in the other the voltage across the unknown. The mounting of the meter and the components can best be left to the constructor.

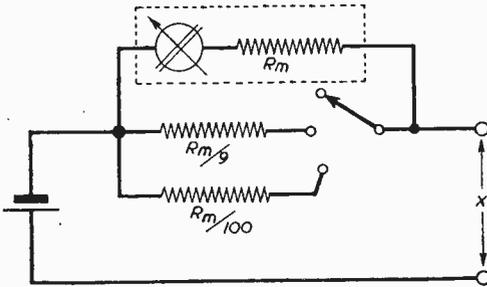


Fig. 4.—(Above) Circuit with several ranges.

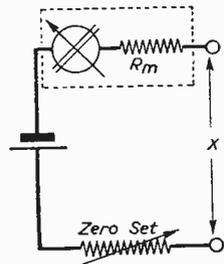


Fig. 5.—(Left) Incorrect circuit for a compensated ohm-meter.

The calculation for the resistance is as follows:—

Let V_1 be the voltage across the unknown and R_x be the ohmic resistance of the unknown and R_1 that of the standard. Then $R_x = \frac{R_1 V_1}{V_2}$.

The device is simple to make, and once made proves a valuable piece of equipment.

An Uncompensated Ohm-meter

In these days of government surplus one can buy a small voltmeter quite cheaply. These meters often have a high full-scale current. It may, for example, be a 0-10 voltmeter and draw 10 mA full scale, and thus be of little use for most radio purposes. It can, however, be used, with a suitable battery, for the measurement of resistance. The voltmeter can also be made from a surplus milliammeter. (Previous articles in PRACTICAL WIRELESS have dealt with such conversions.) For the calibration of the unit, charts are made and stuck into the lid of the meter case. Since these charts have to be calculated, convenient values of meter resistance are of great assistance. For example, a meter of 10 mA full-scale current and 10 volts full-scale deflection will have a resistance of some 1,000 ohms. A 9-volt meter of the same F.S.D. would have a resistance of 900 ohms and most people would prefer to multiply by 1,000 than by 900. Difficulty occurs where the movement to be used has some odd resistance such as $333\frac{1}{3}$ ohms. Better by far here not to use the $333\frac{1}{3}$ ohms, but a convenient fraction: $\frac{1,000}{3}$ ohms. A simple ohm-

meter is shown in Fig. 4. It consists of a voltmeter (shown as equivalent to a movement having no resistance, in series with a resistor, R_m , which has a value equal to that of the movement's actual resistance) and a battery. The voltage of the

battery should be slightly lower than that giving the F.S.D. of the meter. Several charts for differing battery voltages will have to be calculated as the voltage of the battery will not remain constant during its life. For example, a 9-volt battery has six cells. The voltage of each of these when new is 1.55 volts. Thus, a new 9-volt battery will probably give a reading of 9.3 volts.

A voltmeter really measures the current flowing through a resistance. If, in the circuit of Fig. 3, a resistance is joined across the two terminals marked "X," the total current through the meter will be less than if the terminals "X" were short-circuited. Thus, the reading, in volts, on the meter will be the actual voltage drop across the meter. The difference between this reading and the one taken across the battery (by short-circuiting terminals "X") is the voltage across the unknown resistor. If, then, V_1 is the reading with the terminals short-circuited and V_2 the reading with the unknown in the circuit the voltage across the unknown will be $(V_1 - V_2)$. The current through the meter, I , will be given by dividing the voltage (V_2) by the resistance of the meter (R_m). Thus $I = \frac{V_2}{R_m}$ and $R_x = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)}{I}$;

$$\text{therefore } R_x = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{\frac{V_2}{R_m}} \text{ or } R_x = \frac{R_m (V_1 - V_2)}{V_2} \text{ ohms.}$$

$$\text{or } R_x = \frac{R_m (V_1)}{V_2} - 1 \text{ ohms.}$$

A typical calculation follows: a meter of 1,000 ohms resistance is used with a battery of 9.1 volts (i.e., $V_1 = 9.1$); V_2 is found to be 6.7 volts. Therefore, the value of the unknown is $\frac{1,000 (9.1 - 6.7)}{6.7}$.

This gives 358 ohms, a figure which has the unfounded ring of high precision. The standards used were perhaps accurate within 1 per cent., the meter within 2 per cent. Thus, the reading can only be accurate at best to, say, plus or minus 5 per cent. and the actual resistance will be between about 340 and 376 ohms. The figure can be rounded off and the result given as 360 ohms. This, while reasonably accurate, does not give the false impression of high accuracy.

The meter can be made to read several ranges

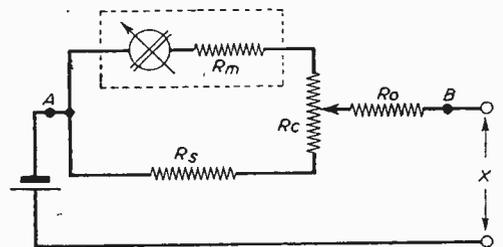
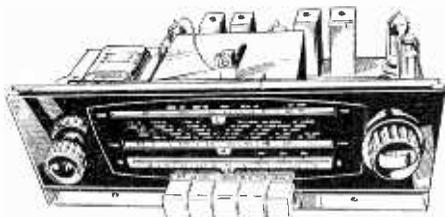


Fig. 6.—Correct circuit for a compensated ohm-meter.

of resistance by the use of shunts across the meter. The low resistance limit is set by the smallest deflection that the meter can record, and by its internal resistance.

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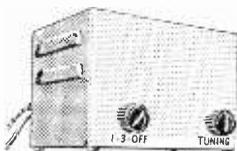
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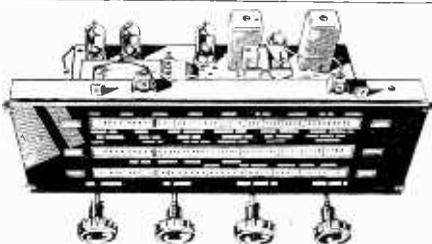
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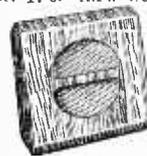
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Xenon Power Supplies

CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR DESIGN AND OPERATION

By E. G. Bulley

XENON rectifiers are today becoming popular and will no doubt find their way into the gear of the radio transmitting amateur. Unlike their mercury vapour counterparts, they can be operated in almost any position, this being an advantage for many applications. These valves are constructed from high quality materials and great care is taken in their manufacture to avoid contamination by dust and grease, etc.

Physically, many xenon valves are comparable in size to mercury vapour rectifiers and are based with standard caps, so if the need arises, plug-in replacements for mercury vapour valves will be available as time goes on.

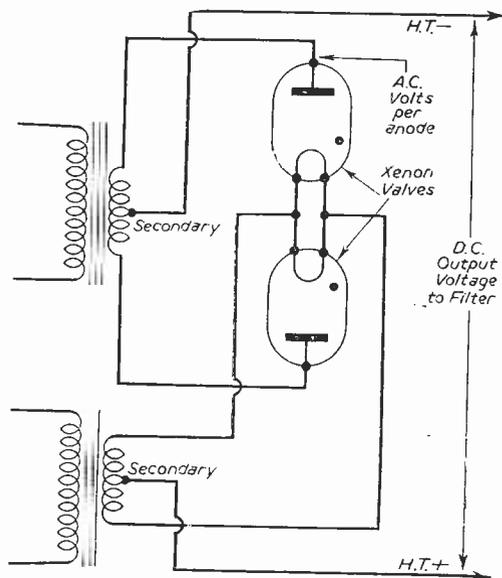


Fig. 1.—Basic xenon rectifier circuit. Note.—Secondaries of heater transformer must have adequate insulation for voltages greater than the maximum peak inverse voltages.

Operating Conditions

The operating conditions of xenon rectifiers must be such that their maximum ratings are never exceeded. The filaments or heaters must not be operated in excess of their rated voltage, otherwise the emissive properties of the oxide coating on the cathode or heater will be destroyed. Note that too low a heater or filament voltage will result in low emission and often produce cathodic sputtering.

Xenon rectifiers have a much shorter heating time compared with mercury vapour rectifiers, the reason being that the xenon gas pressure within the valve remains more or less constant

over the ranges of temperature encountered. The temperature limits of many xenon rectifiers are usually between -55 and $+75$ degrees C. Adequate ventilation must, therefore, be provided.

Ratings

The maximum peak inverse voltage specified for xenon rectifiers must never be exceeded otherwise the destruction of the valve will result. The maximum peak inverse voltage is the highest peak voltage that the rectifier can safely withstand in the direction opposite to that in which it is designed to pass current.

The relationships between the peak inverse voltage, D.C. output voltage and the applied A.C. voltage ratings for xenon rectifiers when used in full-wave single-phase circuits, are given in the following paragraph. A basic xenon rectifier circuit is shown in Fig. 1.

The transformer secondary voltage, that is the A.C. voltage to each valve anode, is equal to 0.353 multiplied by the peak inverse voltage (P.I.V.) of the rectifier, and the D.C. output voltage to the filter is equal to 0.9 multiplied by the A.C. voltage at each rectifier anode, or 0.318 multiplied by the rated peak inverse voltage. The peak inverse voltage of each valve is equal to 2.83 multiplied by the A.C. anode voltage. The maximum average load current is equal to twice the maximum average anode current rating per valve, remembering that there are two rectifiers in the circuit.

These relationships do not take into account the voltage drop in the transformer and filter choke windings when under load conditions, nor the voltage drop across the valves which in the case of xenons is approximately 12 volts.

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primary to the secondary is equal to the turns ratio. This means that if the signal across the primary winding of a transformer with a 10:1 turns ratio is 100 volts, only 10 volts will appear across the secondary winding. Similarly, if the primary current is, say, 0.01 amp., the secondary current will be 0.1 amp. The current rises in the same ratio as the voltage falls.

Impedance Transformation

In the output stage the primary winding is connected in the anode circuit of the output valve, and the impedance reflected across this winding is that of the loudspeaker modified by the transformer turns ratio.

The turns ratio can be expressed as the number of turns on the primary divided by the number of turns on the secondary, or N_p/N_s . If Z_s is used to represent the load impedance across the secondary, then the impedance reflected across the primary (Z_p) is equal to $(N_p/N_s)^2 \times Z_s$. This means that if the load impedance is 15 ohms and the turns ratio is 10:1, the impedance across the primary will be 1,500 ohms.

Now, in order to secure maximum audio power from the output valve, the impedance reflected across the primary winding should equal the optimum anode load value of the valve. Such values are given in valve data books and leaflets.

The 6V6G, for example, has an optimum load of 5,000 ohms, and if a 5-ohm loudspeaker is used with such a valve the transformer turns ratio has to be arranged so that the 5-ohm loudspeaker reflects 5,000 ohms across the primary.

Turns Ratio

The turns ratio required can easily be discovered by altering the expression given above to produce: $N_p/N_s = \sqrt{Z_p/Z_s}$. In the case given, Z_p is 5,000 ohms and Z_s is 5 ohms, so the turns ratio (N_p/N_s) is equal to $\sqrt{5,000/5}$, which works out to about 32:1. This formula can be used to calculate the turns ratio required for any impedance matching application.

In practice the nearest ratio to that calculated is suitable, for there is a certain degree of tolerance in view of the fact that pure resistance is

not really representative of the loads. They are, in fact, reactive since they comprise inductance and capacitance as well as resistance. Nevertheless, at one particular frequency they are virtually resistive, and it is at that frequency that the turns ratio as calculated matches. The frequency is usually 400 or 1,000 c/s.

There are available so-called "universal" output transformers which have tappings to allow the turns ratio to be adjusted to suit the particular valve. There are also transformers which can be used to match a loudspeaker of almost any impedance to the output impedance of an amplifier. In this latter case, the turns ratio is considerably less than that of transformers actually

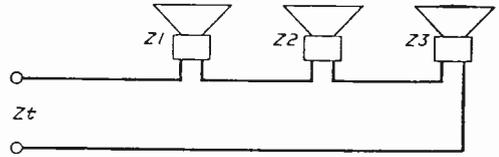


Fig. 4 (Above).—The total impedance (Z_t) of series-connected loudspeakers is equal to $Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + \dots$

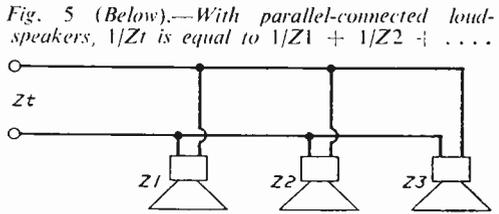


Fig. 5 (Below).—With parallel-connected loudspeakers, $1/Z_t$ is equal to $1/Z_1 + 1/Z_2 + \dots$

connected in the anode circuit of the output valve, for such a transformer is already included and the matching transformer has to transform a small impedance ratio, possibly from 600 ohms to 15 ohms or 15 ohms to 3.5 ohms.

Experimenters may have available an output transformer of unknown turns ratio and wish to utilise it in a radio or amplifier circuit. The turns ratio can be discovered quite simply by applying a known A.C. voltage across the primary winding and then measuring the voltage across the secondary. The idea is shown in Fig. 3 where a mains transformer is used to reduce the voltage applied to the transformer under test. No more than about 50 volts A.C. should be applied otherwise the transformer may overheat and burn out. The transformer ratio is equal to the voltage across the primary divided by the voltage induced across the secondary. For example, if 1 volt is measured across the secondary as the result of 50 volts across the primary, then the transformer has a turns ratio in the region of 50:1.

Multiple Loudspeakers

As with resistors, the resultant impedance when a number of loudspeakers are connected in series is equal to the sum of the impedances. This is shown in Fig. 4, where $Z_t = Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3$, etc. With loudspeakers connected in parallel, as in Fig. 5, $1/Z_t = 1/Z_1 + 1/Z_2 + 1/Z_3$, etc. (cf. parallel-connected resistors). (Cont. on p. 915)

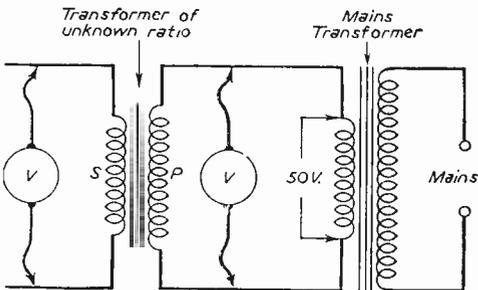
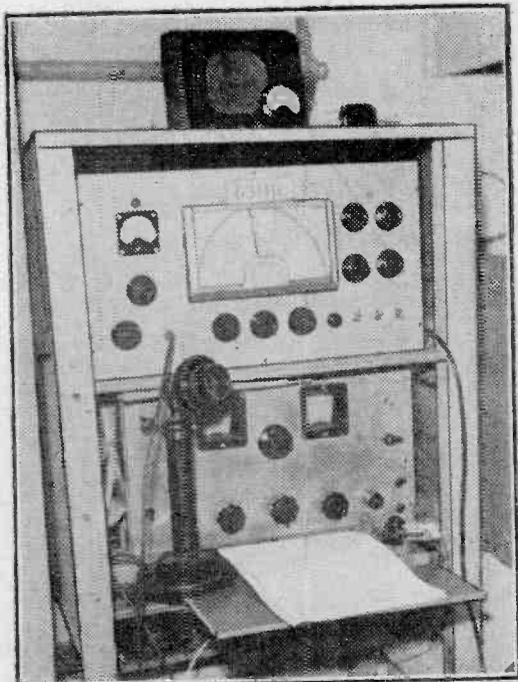


Fig. 3.—The turns ratio of a transformer can be discovered by applying a known A.C. voltage across the primary and measuring the voltage across the secondary. The turns ratio is equal to the primary voltage divided by the secondary voltage.

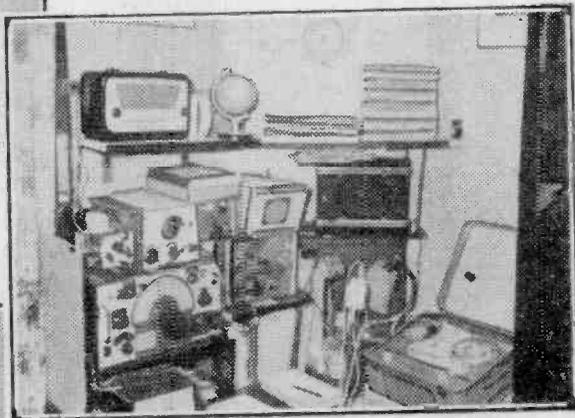
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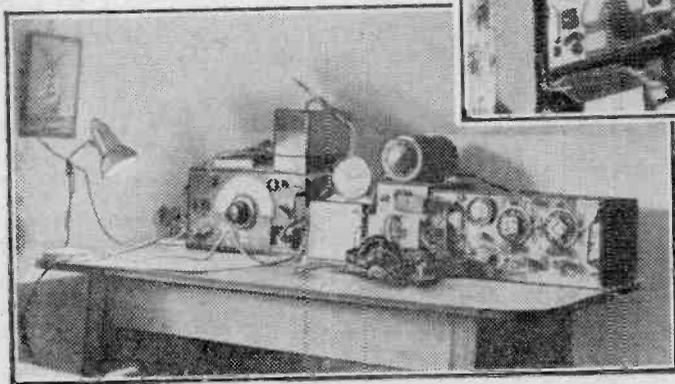
(Above).—Amateur station G8UA, owned by Mr. H. Tee, Burnley, Lancs. It has been designed to take up as little space as possible.



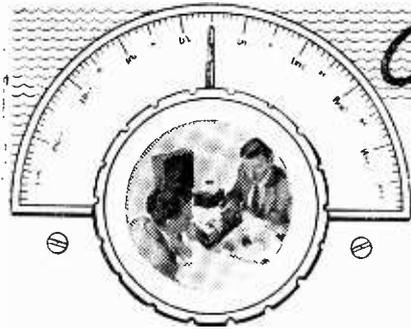
(Above).—The radio shack which is run by Warrant Officer Langfield (G3VHC), of the R.A.F., Finningley. The transmitter is a 50 W. "Vanguard," and the receiver is a rebuilt Hammerlund.



(Above).—The variety of gear which is owned by Mr. D. O. G. Sutherland, of Edinburgh. He has QSL cards confirmed in 42 countries.



(Left).—This shows the den of Mr. Derek Gibson, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, which is situated in the corner of his room.



On Your Wavelength

BY THERMION

What is a Farntin?

I SEE that the *Sunday Times* is augmenting my attack on the sloppy pronunciation used by some of the announcers on the BBC. In a recent issue it said: "More and more announcers seem to be developing the Portland Place twang. What is a sperksman? Who is Minny People? Where is Ulgeria? And do they have Farntins? Who are the proprarters? What is a trarl? I append my glossary: spokesman; many people; Algeria; fountains; proprietors; trial. The nastiest moment of all is when they tell you that Miss Pat Smythe has just come into the ring on a perny." Collecting these weird, and in some cases ignorant, pronunciations has become almost a national hobby since I started my attacks over 20 years ago. The utterers of these mispronunciations give me the impression that they are trying to give the listening audience an impression of their erudition. In other words, they are hiding their ignorance. Even Alvar Liddell during the war years could not pronounce his name correctly. When he was reading the news, he shot it into the ether as Al Varleydell. Try making a collection for yourself and let me have them. It is only by publishing them that we may rag the announcers into reforming their ways. Send lists in an envelope marked BBC and include where possible the name of the announcer or artist concerned. The I.T.A. announcers are just as bad.

Readers' Radio Dens

I HAVE received a large number of photographs of readers' dens in response to my request. I ought perhaps to add a note regarding the photograph of Mr. L. J. Short's receiver published on page 792 of the December issue. His photograph shows an interesting collection of early gear. The receiver was one of the Peto Scott unit receivers, very popular in the early twenties. There was a home-made solenoid tuner unit and next to it a honeycomb coil holder with swinging coupling adjustment. I am indebted to Mr. A. G. Chapman, of London, S.E.12, for pointing this out.

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Stop Those Serials

IT is time that serial programmes such as *Educating Archie*, the *Archers of Ambridge* and *The Barlows of Beddington* were taken off the air. There is something unnatural about them. As an attempt to picture family life they are unreal and gutless. They do not reflect in their dialogue the sort of conversations and interests which take place in family life. *Mrs. Dale's Diary* is a particularly bad example, and *The Archers of Ambridge* merely indicate what a boring and witless lot they are. I cannot see why it is necessary to use a ventriloquist in *Educating Archie*, as in a sound broadcast the dialogue could be spoken by two real people. Yet year in and year out, these programmes are continued as serials without end. Amen! I am certain that listeners are bored to death with them.

You remember the story of the nagging housewife who had laid sausages on the table for her husband's dinner on Thursday night. He expressed disapproval of them and the wife commented: "I gave you sausages on Monday, and you liked them, you had sausages on Tuesday, and you liked them, you also had sausages on Wednesday, and you did not complain. How come that on Thursday night you do not like sausages?"

And as a hint to the script writers, break away from the stupid alliterative titles and if you do write any fresh dialogues, write them more naturally and let your characters be natural.

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THE production of 45 r.p.m. continues to show improvement at the expense of 78 r.p.m. One million, seven hundred thousand were sold in June. This was rather more than in June, 1957. No less than 10.5 million were produced in the January-June, 1958, period, which is 89 per cent. higher than the previous year. Comparable figures for 33½ r.p.m. were 7.7 million, 78 r.p.m., 17.5 million, which is 30 per cent. lower. On this basis, it is seen that 78 r.p.m. will die out in about 10 years' time.

The Use of Tag Strips

AND GROUP ASSEMBLY BOARDS

By J. Hallett

THE radio experimenter may on occasion wish to change an amplifier from the rough prototype form, with its soldered joints in the air to a neat efficient layout. Most of us have found time and time again that whilst the original worked well, the neat version did not. Perhaps the circuit seemed all right until the volume was turned up—then the loud notes just “barked.” Perhaps the output valve just ran red

The group board has the disadvantage that longer leads have to be used. In the days of octal valves, the tags on the valve holders were quite capable of supporting the components. For example, it was common for the bias electrolytic capacitor to be soldered between an earth tag and the valve-holder tag, and the resistor soldered across the capacitor. Now the more modern valve holders, in many cases, will not take the weight of the components. However, if one uses one of the better class of holders, one still has a tag that will take quite an amount of weight. Since the average circuit using one valve only uses two resistors and two capacitors there is no real need to use the group board, it is with the multiple valves—such as a double triode—that group boards are required.

Basic Double Triode Circuit

The circuit shown in Fig. 1 is just a simple double triode circuit and looks like an amplifier. It can, by the incorrect use of the group board, be turned into an oscillator. We have assumed that the cathode circuits are taken to suitable earthing points, and that a six-way group board is available. Normally the two parts of a double triode are on opposite sides of the valve base. Thus in Fig. 2, due to bad positioning on the group board, leads cross the base of the holder and then run parallel. There will be capacity between the leads, and if that capacity is from the anode of one valve to the grid of the same valve it applies negative feedback, which stabilises the circuit and reduces the stage gain. On the other hand, if it is from the anode of one valve to the grid of the preceding valve then it is positive feedback. This, if sufficient, will cause the circuit to oscillate.

In Fig. 2, R1 is followed by R4, the leads are long and run across each other, and in other cases run parallel. Thus it will be realised that there is a small amount of capacity between R1 and R4, so that in effect the circuit is converted to the

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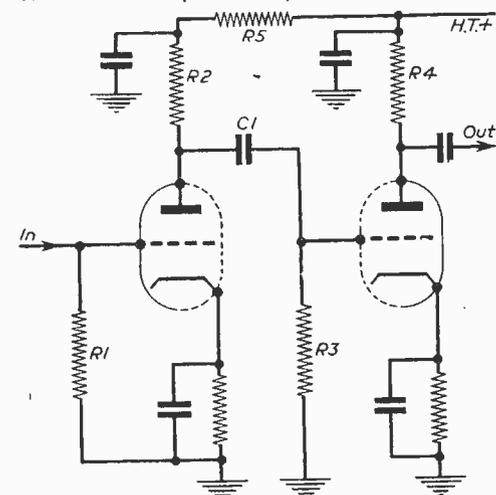


Fig. 1.—A double triode circuit.

hot—until its cathode resistor burnt out. Resistors that had been cool ran hot. Voltages and currents changed. Everything was different.

The Group Board

The trouble is not in the group board but with the manner in which it has been used. Output valves are very fussy, and if their anode, screen and grid leads are left long parasitic oscillation will occur. This type of trouble can often be cured by the use of “stopper” resistors. These are just resistors which are soldered as close to the valve pin as is possible, by that it is meant that the wire on the resistor is cut down to about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, and that the short end of the wire is soldered direct to the valve holder. All leads must be taken to the end distant from the valve holder. The values used must be as high as possible without upsetting the circuit. A resistor in the screen lead can cause an amount of negative feedback, whilst one in the output circuit can cause a reduction in output. The values normally used for the output pentode is 10K to 100K in the grid circuit, 100 to 470 ohms in the screen circuit and in the anode circuit usually 10 to 47 ohms. The figures 470 and 47 ohms are used as they are the nearest preferred value to 500 and 50.

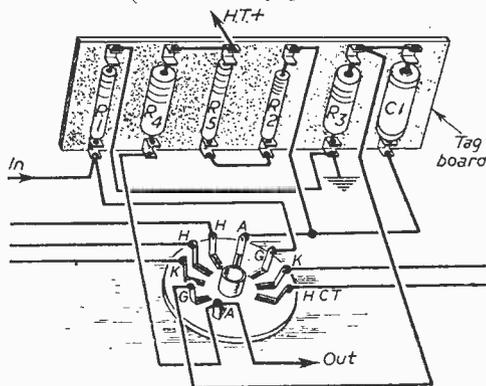


Fig. 2.—The group board.



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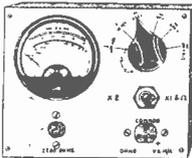
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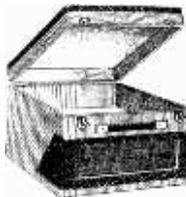


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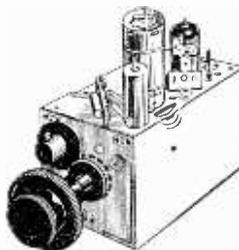
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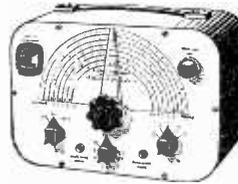


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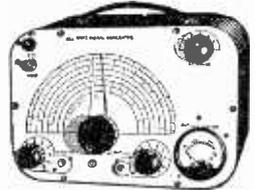
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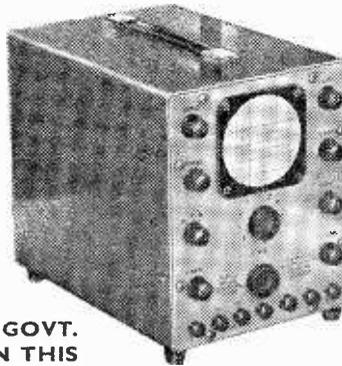


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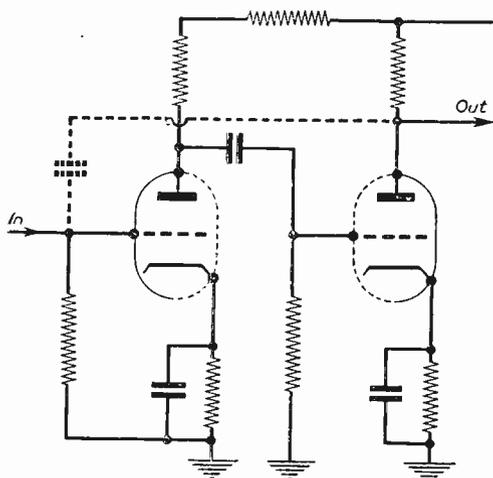


Fig. 3.—Multi-vibrator circuit.

multi-vibrator circuit shown in Fig. 3. Reversing the connections to R1 would, of course, help a little, but when one considers that the average double triode with both sections used as triode amplifiers gives an overall gain of over 3,000, one soon realises just how small an amount has to be fed back. Of the output fed back 1/3,000 will cause the circuit to oscillate.

The Layout

First, position the valve holder so that there is no need to cross the wires at all to get to the

group board. Look at the direction in which the signal is to travel. Then, if from left to right of the group board, have the space between the valve pins on the holder pointing to the centre of the group board. If in the reverse direction point the two heater pins at the board. Angles are not critical and a few degrees are not important. A suitable order along the group board would be, taking Fig. 1, R1, R2, R5, R4, C1, R3, thus all six components are mounted in line. Now the capacity between components is inversely proportional to the distance, thus R1 and R4 will now have three times the spacing, and R2 will apply negative feedback to R1, R4 will be screened from R1 by R2 and R5, thus with the increased distance the feedback will be almost nil. The distance of R4 is three times that of R2 from R1: R2 would be in a position to feed back negatively nine times as much as R4 if their capacities were identical, but they are not, as R4 is screened from R1.

Method of Screening

A very effective method of screening on group boards can be done with the aid of bias electrolytics and decoupling capacitors, provided that these latter are joined with outer foil to chassis. These components can be mounted between sections of valves, or between amplifier stages, so that the radiation from anode resistors is taken to earth either by the metal screen or outer foil.

Large and complex tone control and compensating circuits often make the use of a group board essential, but it is the layout on that group board that can make or mar the performance of the finished piece of equipment.

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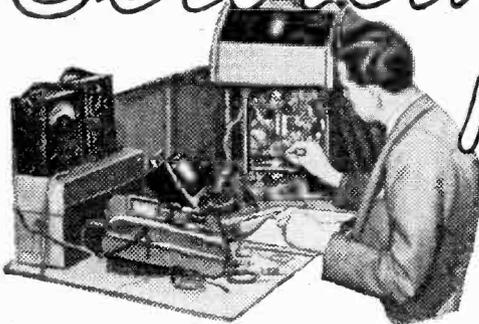
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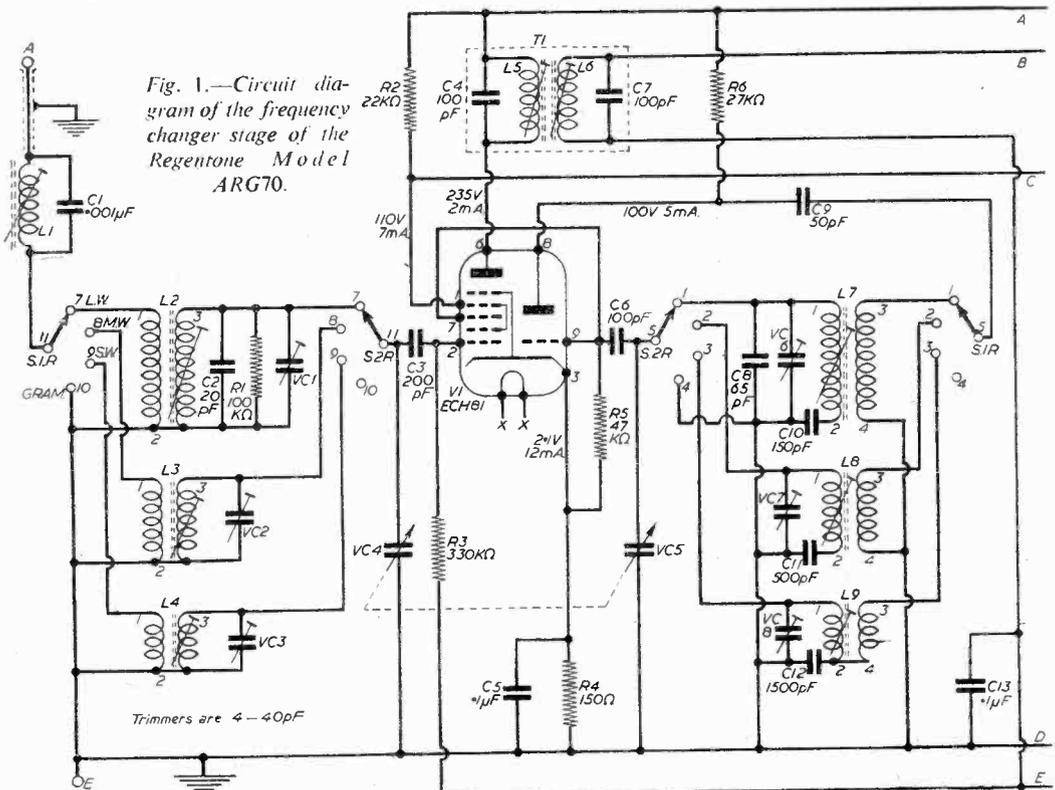
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earth. A BSR type UAS record player is usually fitted, and this includes a turnover crystal pick-up cartridge and sapphire styli.

Circuit

Five valves including the H.T. rectifier are used in the circuit which, in complete form, is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. V1 (ECH81) is the frequency changer, V2 (EAF42) is the I.F. amplifier, the diode in which is connected to the cathode and not used, V3 (EBC41) is the detector, A.G.C. and A.F. voltage amplifier. V4 (EL84) is the output pentode and V5 (EZ80) the H.T. rectifier.



The circuit is reasonably conventional, the L.W., M.W. or S.W. aerial coil being selected by S1R and S2R (Figs. 1 and 3). An I.F. trap, comprising L1 and C1, is included in the aerial circuit to block the passage of spurious signals falling in the I.F. range which may be picked up on the aerial. VC4 is the aerial tuning section of the gang.

The L.W., M.W. and S.W. oscillator coils are L7, L8 and L9 respectively and are selected by S2R and S1R. Feedback is provided by C9 and these coils, as with the aerial coils, feature dust-iron cores and parallel-connected trimmers for alignment purposes. The oscillator circuit is tuned by VC5 section of the tuning gang, and on all bands the oscillator frequency is above the signal frequency.

The incoming R.F. and oscillator signals are mixed in V1 and the intermediate-frequency, which is at 470 kc/s, is first developed across the I.F. transformer T1. The I.F. signal is then passed on to the control grid of V2 and appears in amplified form across the second I.F. transformer T2 (Fig. 2). From here the signal is applied to the signal diode (pin 6) of V3, and the detector load consists essentially of R10. The A.F. content of the signal at this point is applied to the volume control (R8) through the coupling

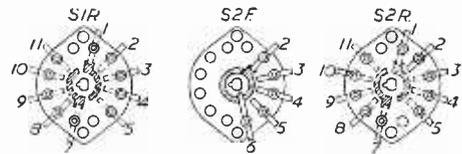
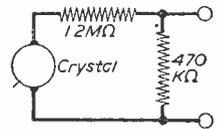


Fig. 3.—Switch wafers as viewed under chassis from knob.



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capacitor C21. Resistor R9 and capacitor C20 from the I.F. filter.

On all but the "gram" position of the band-selector switch, the demodulated signal is applied to the grid of V3 triode. On the "gram" position the pick-up signal is applied to the volume control and this follows the normal passage of the A.F. signal through the following stages.

The required level of amplified A.F. signal, as selected by the volume control, appears across the triode anode load resistor, R11, and from here is fed to the control grid of V4 through the coupling capacitor C23 and the A.F. stopper R20. The signal is thus developed across the

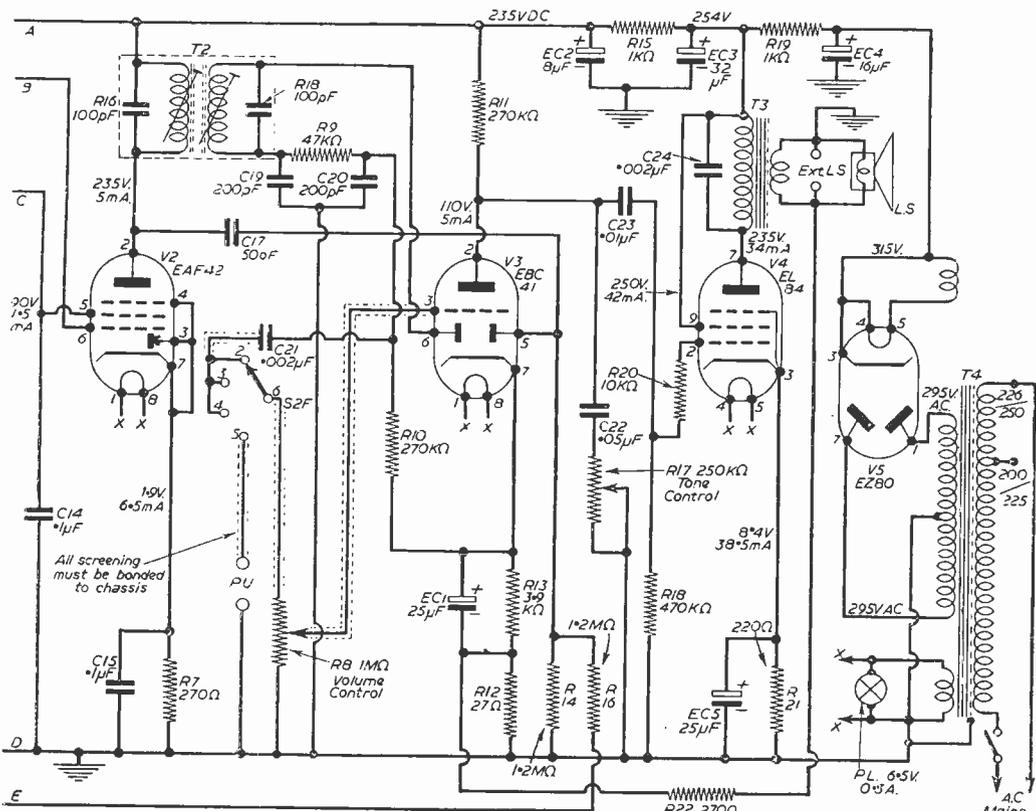


Fig. 2.—Circuit diagram of the I.F., detector, and output stages.

primary of the output transformer T3, and in low-impedance form is developed across the secondary winding to drive the loudspeaker.

The H.T. is given by the full-wave rectifier, V5, and a centre-tapped H.T. secondary winding on the mains transformer. The mains primary is completely isolated, which is considered in certain quarters as a very desirable feature. Low voltage secondary windings for energising the heaters of the rectifier and valves are also included on the transformer. The pilot lamp (6.5 volt 0.3 amp.) is connected across the valve heaters. One side of the heater supply is connected to chassis.

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stages when the signal is high and increasing the gain when the signal is low. A delay is given by the voltage across R12 and R13 in V3 cathode circuit, and no A.G.C. bias is produced until the signal level overcomes the delay voltage. Thus, on weak signals the sensitivity is at maximum.

Standing bias is also given to the first two valves by the cathode resistors, R4 and R7. Bias for the output valve is obtained in the same way by the cathode resistor R21. This resistor is decoupled by the electrolytic capacitor EC5 to avoid current feedback, which would not only reduce the A.F. sensitivity but also increase the source impedance of the output stage and thus destroy the high damping factor obtained by the use of voltage feedback.

Circuit Alignment

The I.F. stages are first aligned by applying a 470 kc/s modulated signal, via a 0.1 μ F capacitor, to the "live" side of VC4, with the "earthy" side of the generator cable connected to chassis. The set should be switched to M.W. and the cores in T2 and T1, in that order, adjusted for maximum output, indicated either by the loudest sound from the loudspeaker or the maximum indication on an output meter or A.C. voltmeter connected across the loudspeaker at the extension loudspeaker sockets.

The I.F. signal should next be applied across the aerial and earth terminals and the generator signal should be turned to maximum. The core in the I.F. trap coil, L1, should then be adjusted for *minimum* output. In both cases enhanced I.F. response can be achieved by having the tuning gang fully open.

R.F. Alignment

First establish that with the gang fully closed the tuning pointer coincides with the 100 deg. position marked on the scale; adjust if necessary. In all cases, the generator signal should be applied across the aerial and earth terminals through a dummy aerial or generator loading pad and as the circuits are brought into alignment the generator output signal should be reduced accordingly. To avoid alignment errors as the result of A.G.C. action, the smallest generator signal possible, consistent with workable output indication, should at all times be used.

L.W.

Tune the receiver to the 160 kc/s calibration mark and apply a signal at the same frequency. Adjust L7 core and then L2 core for maximum output. Retune to 300 kc/s and set the receiver to that calibration mark. Adjust VC6 and then VC1 for maximum output. Repeat over these two frequencies for minimum tracking error.

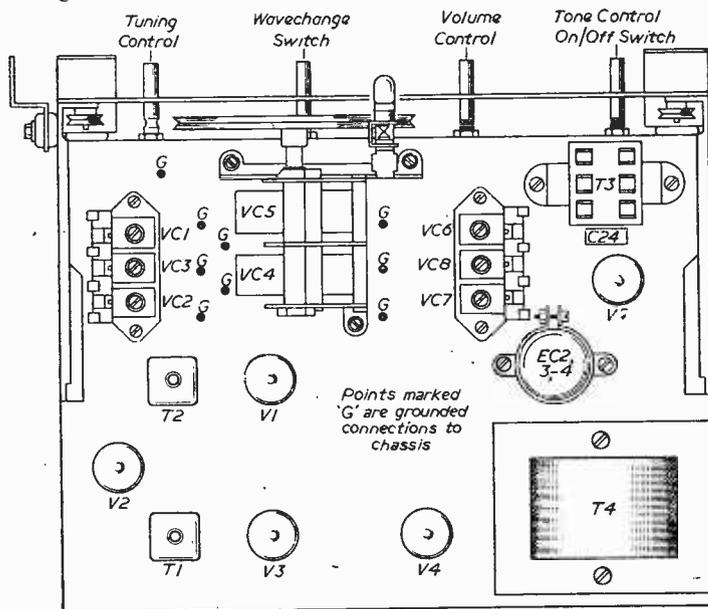


Fig. 4.—Top chassis layout.

of the output transformer, one side of which is connected to chassis and the other side is connected to the cathode circuit of V3 through R22 R22 and R27 (in V3 cathode circuit) form a potential divider and are arranged in value to provide optimum feedback voltage. This feedback also reduces the hum level.

A variable tone control system is incorporated which uses the tone control, R17, and the series-connected capacitor C22. Fixed tone compensation is also provided by C24 across the output transformer primary.

The I.F. signal at the anode of V2 is fed through C17 to the A.G.C. diode (pin 5) of V3. This produces a D.C. voltage across the load resistor R14 whose value depends upon the signal level and is negative with respect to the chassis. This is applied through the filter resistor R16 to the control grids of V1 and V2 and serves as A.G.C. bias—reducing the gain of the

M.W.

Set the receiver to the 575 kc/s calibration mark. switch to M.W. and apply a corresponding generator signal. Adjust L8 core and then L3 core for maximum output. Retune to 1,500 kc/s and set the receiver to that calibration mark. Adjust VC7 and then VC2 for maximum output. Repeat over these two frequencies for minimum tracking error.

S.W.

Set the receiver to the 7.5 Mc/s calibration mark. switch to S.W. and apply a corresponding generator signal. Adjust L9 core and then L4 core for maximum output. Retune to 15 Mc/s and set the receiver to that calibration mark. Adjust VC8 and then VC3 for maximum output. Repeat over these two frequencies for minimum tracking error.

It will be found necessary to adjust the tuning capacitor about the 15 Mc/s mark when adjusting the aerial trimmer (VC3) so as to counter the effects of oscillator "pulling."

Servicing Notes

The position of the coils and trimmers are given in the chassis layout diagrams in Figs. 4 and 5. If the alignment is extensively disturbed when adjusting the dust-iron cores, the correct alignment position is on the second tunable signal when the cores are screwed into the coils from the top of the formers. The first response should be ignored and alignment should be made on the second response. *This does not apply to the S.W. oscillator core, which should be adjusted on the first response.*

Complete Failure

If the receiver appears to be "live" and clicks are obtained on adjusting the wavechange switch, the trouble almost certainly lies in the local oscillator section. Low emission of the triode section of V1 is usually responsible, but open-circuit of C6 or C9 produces the same symptom. If only one band is affected, the alignment of that band should be checked as detailed above, but if a signal cannot be passed through the receiver, the associated oscillator coil and trimmer should be examined and checked for continuity and dielectric insulation.

If the receiver is absolutely dead and there is no trace of residual hum from the loudspeaker, the EZ80 may well be finished and a check should be made of voltage at the cathode (pin 3) of the valve. Before replacing in the event of lack of voltage, EC4 should be checked for insulation, for this may have short-circuited and blown the rectifier. If voltage is present at the cathode, it should be checked through R19 and

R15 so as to establish continuity of these components. Overheating of one or other of the resistors should lead immediately to a check of the insulation of EC2 or EC3.

If the H.T. line voltage seems fairly normal, the cathode voltage of V4 should be checked. Should this be very low or missing altogether, the trouble is caused by one of the following: (a) low emission or open-circuit of V4; (b) open-circuit T3 primary and (c) a short across EC5. In case (c), however, the bias of V4 will be removed, but while this will result in severe distortion it may not cut off the signals completely unless, of course, the valve fails through lack of bias.

There is also the possibility that the loudspeaker has become disconnected from the output

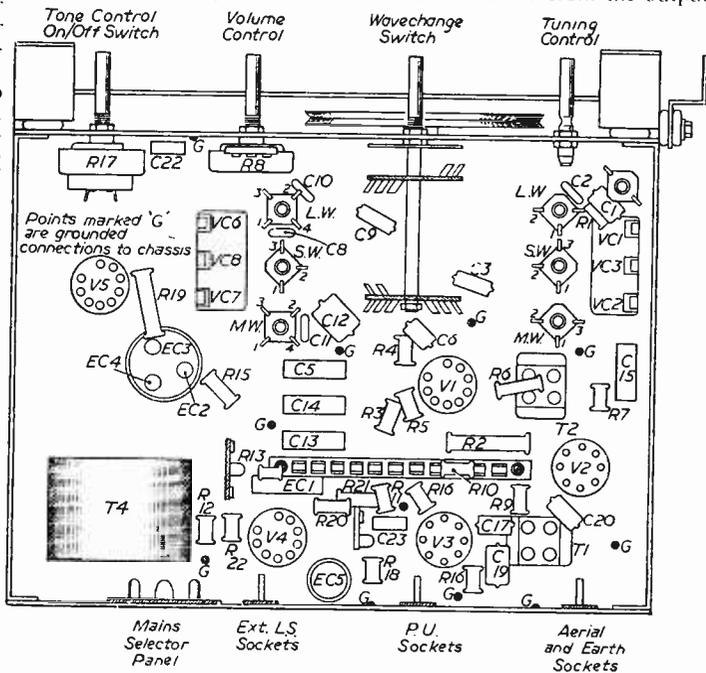


Fig. 5.—Under chassis layout.

transformer or that its speech coil has broken, but a quick test with an extension loudspeaker will soon prove this.

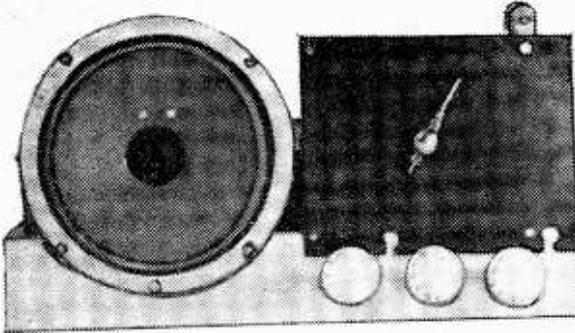
If the gram side is working, then the trouble lies somewhere in stages V1 and V2, but if both gram and radio are out, attention should be directed towards stages V3, V4 and V5.

Distortion

Distortion on radio only may be caused by overloading owing to an A.G.C. fault. A leaky C17, the signal feed to the A.G.C. diode, will cause the trouble by reflecting a positive potential to the control grids of V1 and V2.

Distortion on both radio and gram is invariably caused by a leak across the A.F. coupling capacitor, C23, and a substitution test will quickly prove this possibility. Low emission of V4 and

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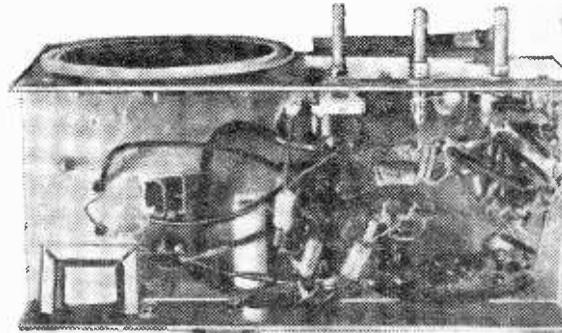
TELEVISION, V.H.F. and high fidelity gramophones have all had their effect on the pattern of home entertainment and the increasing difficulty in receiving stations on the medium and long wavelengths without interference has also served to divert attention to other branches of the radio field. Nevertheless, the construction of receivers for these wavelengths is still the easiest and most popular side of the hobby. The present design is not a midget portable, but a small transportable that can be used anywhere where there is a power point—no other connection is needed.

Economy was sought for, and as economy usually means simplicity it seemed reasonable to consider the design from the point of view of easy construction, so that those with little experience could expect to make it without difficulty and with every expectation of success.

Design Considerations

It is usual when thinking of the beginner and those less experienced in construction to suggest straight receivers with tuned R.F. circuitry but undoubtedly it is easier to build a superhet than a straight set of sufficient selectivity for use as a household receiver. This is because the

manually tuned circuits operate at different frequencies in a superhet and therefore instability is not a problem. Also the circuits contributing the bulk of the amplification and selectivity in this type of receiver, which, of course, have to be tuned to a common frequency, are in the intermediate frequency stages where they can



Above—View of the underside of the chassis. Right—View from the rear with the receiver in its case.

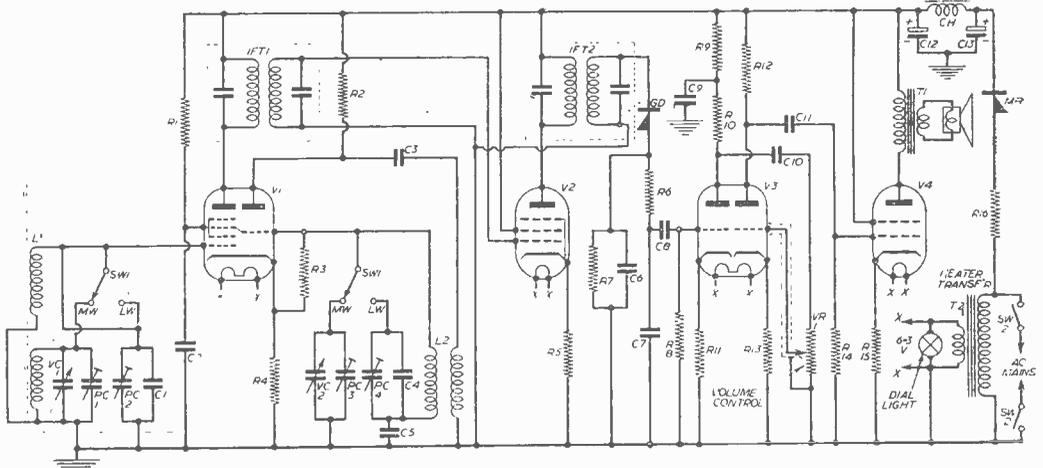
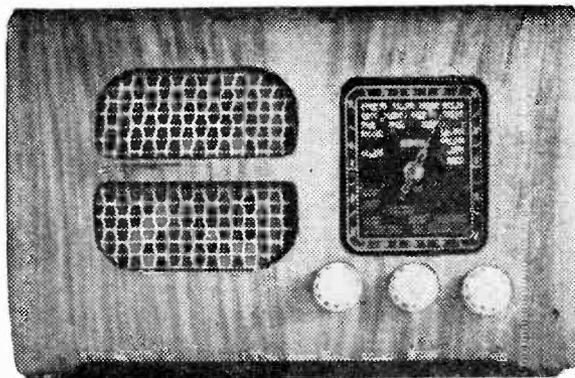


Fig. 1.—Circuit diagram of the receiver.

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be pre-tuned once and for all and consequently they can be well screened.

For a simple receiver of this kind a single, efficient output valve is an obvious choice and a 6BW6 is used. This can give up to 4 watts of audio power with an anode supply of 250 volts, though a receiver of this type is not likely to need such an output. Consequently a somewhat lower order of H.T. will be acceptable and it will be economical to take it from the mains using A.C./D.C. receiver technique. This now raises the matter of heater supply. Series-connected heaters would completely avoid the need for a mains transformer but there would be the

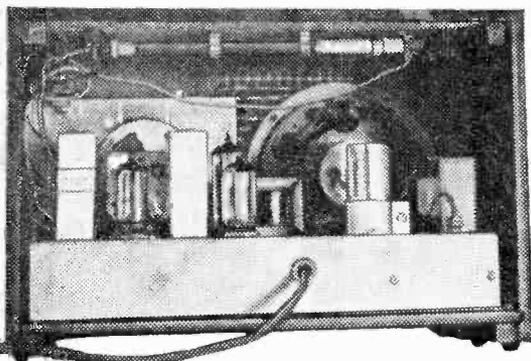
problem of dropping the surplus voltage. If a resistor is used, the heat generated has to be dissipated; the alternative of a reactive dropper such as a fixed capacitor is not practicable because usually the size of capacitance needed is not a standard value and a resistor has to be used along with the nearest value of capacitance available. By far the most convenient way, assuming, of course, that the receiver will not have to be used on D.C. mains, is to use a mains transformer to supply the heaters only. Suitable transformers are quite cheap and of reasonable size and weight. Of course, if D.C. mains are to be used there is no choice but to use a dropper resistor. The decision has to be taken at this point because it has a bearing on the types of valves used. If the dropper resistor

Tuning Requirements

The next step is to decide the tuning requirements. Still aiming at simplicity, no short waves are provided. Very few people have a need for the short waveband and without it the receiver is easier and cheaper to make. Coverage of the medium waveband will satisfy most requirements but the Light programme cannot always be received with satisfaction on the medium waves and so provision for its reception on long waves is included. There is little else of value on long waves and so this range is not tuneable. At the long-wave range position of the switch the Light programme is pretuned. Thus, whatever the position of the tuning condenser, a flick of the switch gives the Light programme. If the medium range is normally left tuned to the regional programme it gives in effect switched station selection. A separate aerial coil is used for the long-wave Light programme, but the oscillator tuning for this programme makes use of the medium wave oscillator coil padded up to the long wavelength by means of additional capacitance.

Circuit

The complete circuit diagram is given in Fig. 1 and from this will be seen how the tuning arrangements are provided. In order to avoid the need for an aerial external to the receiver the input coils are in the form of a ferrite rod aerial. This provides separate medium and long-wave coils; VC1 is half of the twin-gang tuning capacitor and tunes the medium-wave aerial coil and PC2 is a trimmer that with the fixed capacitor C1 tunes the long-wave coil to 200 kc/s. L2 is the oscillator medium-wave coil tuned by the other half of the two-gang capacitor VC2 at the M.W. position of the switch; with the switch at the L.W. position, C4 and the preset trimmer PC4 tune the same coil to 665 kc/s to produce the right frequency to convert the 200 kc/s signal to



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the I.F. of 465 kc/s. Note that PC4 and C4 do not go to earth and this is for a very good reason. The tuned circuit on medium waves consists of VC2 and C5 in series across the primary of L2, C5 being the padder to reduce the effective capacitance of the variable capacitor (two capacitors in series have always a resultant capacitance less than either), because the range of frequencies to be swept by the oscillator is less than the range of frequencies needed from the aerial tuner. This may seem odd to some readers so perhaps the old hand will excuse the following explanation.

The M.W. range is very roughly 1,500 kc/s to 500 kc/s. The oscillator range is higher by the intermediate frequency (465 kc/s), or again in very round figures 2,000 kc/s to 1,000 kc/s. It is the same number of kc/s in both cases, of course, but the capacitance swing to tune does not depend on the number of kc/s to be swept: the significant factor is the ratio between the lowest and the highest frequency needed in the range. The oscillator swing being from 1,000 kc/s to 2,000 kc/s more or less, the ratio is 2 : 1. The aerial swing, 500 kc/s to 1,500 kc/s, has a ratio of 3 : 1. As both halves of the standard tuning capacitor have identical capacitance ranges C5 is introduced to reduce the effective range and give the appropriate ratio of highest to lowest capacitance for the oscillator section.

Tuning

It is convenient and usual to connect the tuning capacitor moving plates to earth because they are in electrical contact with the frame of the component which is earthed to the chassis by the mounting bolts. If now the long-wave tuning capacitor C4 is connected to earth, C5 will still be in circuit and this will limit the effective tuning capacitance to something less than its own capacitance. The size of C5 is determined by medium-wave tuning requirements. The range of tuning capacitance wanted is equal to the square of the frequency range so that the aerial tuning capacitance range is 9 : 1 whereas the oscillator range is 4 : 1.

The stray capacitances are likely to be of the same order in each case and these determine the minimum capacitance, so the maximum needed at the oscillator stage can be expected to be about half that of the aerial circuit, calling for a C5 of about the same order as the two gang used. This theory and rather crude calculation is borne out in practice and, in fact, C5 is 500 pF. This in itself is inadequate to tune the medium-wave oscillator coil up to the long-wave range and so one would have the disconcerting result that no matter how large a capacitance were to be put between the L.W. switch position and earth the circuit could not reach the long-wave range. By connecting C4 directly across the coil as shown in Fig. 1, however, it is made fully effective and independent of C5. PC4 could go to earth, but C5 would somewhat limit its range of adjustment for the same reason and so, provided the trimmer has not the same baseplate as the other trimmers used, or provided the trimmer is not in electrical connection with the common baseplate it is better connected as shown in the circuit diagram.

COMPONENTS LIST

- R 1, 13.—33 K Ω .
- R2.—27 K Ω .
- R3, 7.—47 K Ω .
- R4.—220 Ω .
- R5.—100 Ω , $\frac{1}{4}$ watt Dubilier type BT.
- R6, 9.—10 K Ω .
- R8, 14.—470 K Ω .
- R10, 12.—100 K Ω .
- R11.—3.3 K Ω .
- R15.—250 Ω , 1 watt wirewound Dubilier type BWF.
- R16.—22 Ω .
- VR1 and Sw. 1.—Volume control 0.25 M Ω , with 2-pole switch Dubilier type C.
- C1, 3.—100 pF.
- C4.—220 pF and 330 pF in parallel, Dubilier type 400.
- C6, 7.—220 pF.
- C5.—500 pF, Dubilier type 635.
- C2.—.05 μ F 250 volt, Dubilier type 410.
- C8, 10.—.1 μ F 250 volt.
- C9.—.8 μ F 350 volt, Dubilier type BR.
- C12, 13.—16 and 16 μ F 350 V.W. Dubilier type CT with mounting clip.
- V1—12AH8.
- V3.—12AT7, V2.—6AM6 Brimar.
- V4.—6BW6.
- MR.—Selenium rectifier SenterCel C2D, STC.
- GD.—GD5, Brimar.
- L1.—Ferrite Rod Aerial M.W. and L.W.
- L2.—QO8.
- IFT1, 2.—Miniature I.G. transformers 465 Kc.
- T1.—Miniature output transformer, Osmor.
- T2.—Filament transformer 6.3 volt.
- Ch.—Smoothing Choke Miniature.
- Sw. 1.—2-pole 2 way (switch used was 4-pole, two not used), wafer type.
- Speaker.—5in., Elac.
- VC1, 2.—Miniature two-gang 500 pF max. Osmor.
- PC1, 2, 3, 4.—4 x 50 pF trimmers, Osmor.

Sometimes, however, a strip of presets has a common earth. If this is so in the case of the strip to be used by the constructor, he should not attempt to connect it also to the upper end of C5: if he does C5 will be short circuited and the medium waves will not track.

The actual capacitances used to tune L2 to 1,500 metres (200 kc/s) depends on the exact position of the core of L2 when the setting up of the circuit on medium waves has been completed; consequently the long-wave circuit must not be adjusted until the medium range is satisfactory. The approximate capacitance can be calculated as a guide and having then an idea of the value, the exact size of component can be determined quickly by experiment. The oscillator coil is an Osmor QO8 which can be adjusted by its core over the range of 65 μ H to 120 μ H. The medium wave setting will be well within this range, say 100 μ H for ease of calculation.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF PRACTICAL RADIO ENGINEERS

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This situation was realised by a number of people, amongst whom must be numbered Mr. W. Edwardes, a telephone and communications engineer, who was engaged in the training of service engineers. Radio dealers at that time were reluctant to provide facilities for their engineers to attend instructional classes during business hours and so it came about that Mr. Edwardes undertook tuition in the dealers' own workshops.

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shortcomings in basic knowledge became immediately apparent, with the result that, in addition to tuition in practical work, Mr. Edwardes evolved a number of technical courses of instruction specially drafted to provide that basic knowledge which was so essential to enable the then radio

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The industry owes it a debt of gratitude for the work it has done. It was founded in 1936 as an independent professional body with membership limited to those actively engaged in any branch of radio, television, electronics and telecommunications.

Today, when many hundreds of technical colleges and other educational establishments provide special facilities for the training of technicians in the electronic industry, it is very difficult to visualise the yesterday of some 25 years ago. At that time electronic technicians were largely engaged in the repair and maintenance of broadcast receivers and communications equipment. There were virtually no facilities for proper instruction in such maintenance work and the technician was largely dependent on such



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engineer to employ systematic diagnosis and effective set servicing. Constantly revised in step with development, these courses are still available.

The keenness of the radio technician and engineer to acquire such knowledge and his desire to broaden his technical and practical outlook and to discuss problems with his fellow technicians became obvious. The need for an institute to cater especially for the practical technician was apparent.

The matter came under discussion by a number of interested people with the result that it was decided to form an institute to cover the particular requirements of the the practical radio engineer, and in 1936, some 22 years ago, the Institute of Practical Radio Engineers was founded as an independent professional body with membership limited to those actively engaged in any branch



The indefatigable technical and general secretary of the I.P.R.E.—Mr. W. Edwards. He founded the Institute and has been secretary from the start.

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(vi) To establish and maintain, in such places as shall from time to time be determined, schools and institutions for instructing and training persons engaged in or desirous of becoming engaged in the science or practice of practical radio engineering.

These objects have changed in no way during the life of the institute which became incorporated in the year 1951. The association now has 11 sections covering England, Scotland and Wales, and has local secretaries in Northern Ireland, Eire, New Zealand, Kenya, Rhodesia, Nigeria, Australia, Burma, the West Indies and British Guiana. Members are located in many other countries as well.

Local sections appoint their own committees and officials and regularly hold meetings which are addressed by leading lecturers in the industry on subjects and matters of interest to the members.

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A Radiogram Control Unit

A SINGLE-VALVE TWO-STAGE TONE CONTROL FOR THE RECORD PLAYER

WHAT form should the modern domestic reproducing equipment take? Changes have taken place in broadcasting and in family tastes over the past few years. Television for some time has been tempting the household away from pure sound reproduction, and has been helped by the state of the medium waveband, so that for a time the enthusiastic constructor has had it all his own way. He has worked on his sound equipment without hindrance since the less technical members of his household have had their attention directed elsewhere. That was too good to last and the state of affairs has changed with the advent of hi-fi and developments in gramophone recording and reproduction, whilst later the introduction of F.M. has restored sound broadcasting to favour in a large number of households. The ordinary amplitude modulated broadcast still fills a gap when the record session

palls and when the V.H.F. programmes offer nothing of interest. At those times a lower degree of fidelity and a modicum of interference will be tolerated in view of an acceptable programme from overseas. The home constructor is more fortunately placed than his brethren because he can follow the latest trends whilst still indulging his interests. Indeed, if he has not yet turned his attention to what is now being offered to him in the way of sound reproduction he should realise what he is missing and should take an interest in the subject.

COMPONENTS LIST FOR FIG. 1

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| R1—820Ω | } ½ w. | C5—1 μF 250 v. (Dubilier 410) |
| R2—68 KΩ | | C6—100 pF (do. 5635) |
| R3—10 kΩ 1 w. | | C7—1200 pF |
| R4—820Ω | } ½ w. | C8—500 pF |
| R5—1 KΩ | | C9—6,000 pF (5,000 pF and 1,000 pF in parallel) |
| R6—470 KΩ | | VR1 |
| R7—680 KΩ | | VR2 } 1 MΩ miniature Dubilier YN |
| R8—68 KΩ | | VR3 } |
| R9—680 KΩ | | V 12AT7 Brimar. |
| R10 470 KΩ | Sw. 4 pole, 4 way, 2 wafer. | |
- All above are Dubilier type BT.
 C1—50 μF 12 v. (Dubilier BR)
 C2—1 μF 250 v. (do. 410)
 C3—50 μF 12 v. (do. BR)
 C4—16 μF 350 v. (do. BR)
- 3—Coaxial sockets—stand-off type (Aerialite).
 1—Two-socket strip.
 1—Tagboard (5 tags and 2 earth).
 1—Tagboard (1 tag and earth).
 1—Valveholder (B9A).

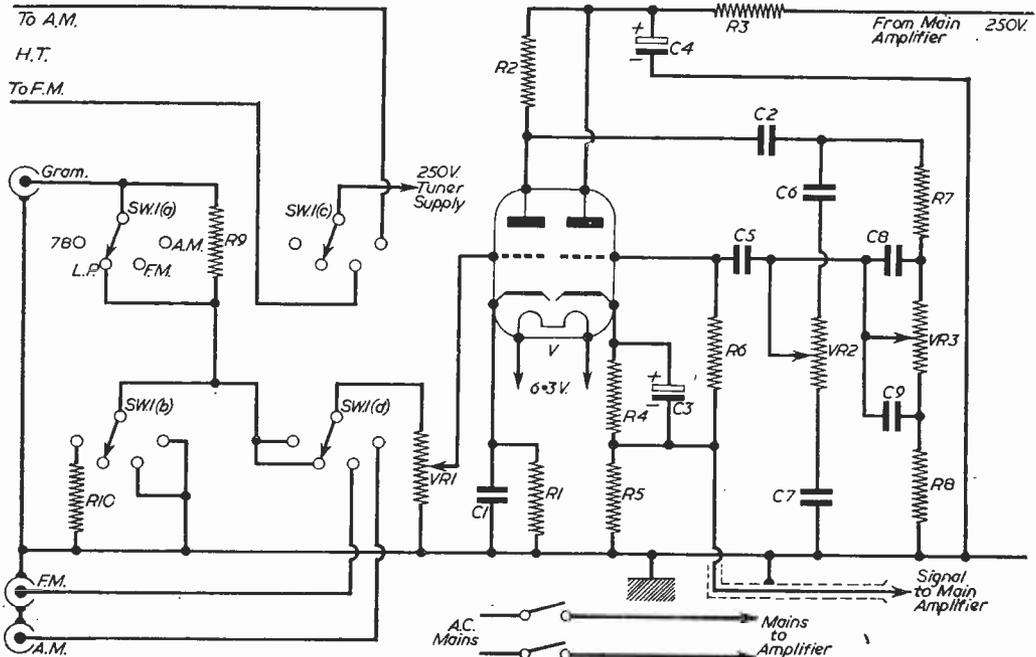


Fig. 1.—Circuit diagram of the unit.

It is clear from the above that the equipment needed must cover a range of sound sources. There must be a V.H.F. tuner, an A.M. tuner that provides the medium and usual short-wave ranges (but probably no long-wave range in view of the provision of V.H.F.), and a record-playing unit. All these must play through a common amplifier and speaker system which should be of as high a fidelity as the user can afford.

Hi-fi has been called a cult and some of its adherents treasure their equipment above all other worldly goods. Now, the desire for the reproduction of music in the home is usually found in all members of the family, though their tastes may vary widely, and it is the duty of the constructor to provide a versatile player for the use of all of them.

Gramophone Player

The crystal pick-up is not generally considered the best, but the types now available can give remarkably good results that can most certainly be classed in the hi-fi range, if properly used, and they have the very special attraction of giving a good level of output that eliminates many equipment problems. Similarly, the best in motors are very highly priced so that one would expect quite a marked inferiority from the cheaper units. This is no attempt to decry the best, but the truth is that the modern cheap motor is extraordinarily effective and those who can afford nothing better need have no fear that they will, therefore, be unable to enjoy results of high fidelity. Indeed it would be foolish to spend too great a proportion of the available funds on a superlative motor if there were then insufficient to enable this quality to be matched in the amplifier and speaker.

At this point the controversy of auto-changer versus single player will be met. Much has been said against autochangers from the hi-fi point of view and, in fact, much of the justification for such units is lost in these days of long-playing records. But the author would much rather trust the action of the present-day auto-changer than

the heavier fisted members of his family in handling records and pick-up.

The type of pick-up has to be allowed for and the present unit has a flexible design and can easily be set up for different types of pick-up. Basically, however, it is planned for the type of crystal cartridge that is so popular these days.

Main Amplifier

The main amplifier is the largest and heaviest piece of equipment and usually it provides the power to drive other chassis. Probably few amplifiers will supply the amount of power likely to be needed for the whole of the proposed equipment. Of course, if the constructor realises the full demands likely to be made he can allow for them in his amplifier design. There are advantages in making separate panels self-powered, or in some cases perhaps in providing a heater transformer whilst taking H.T. from the main amplifier, leaving the surplus power from the main amplifier for the smaller units. The control unit is certainly in the latter category, so it is intended to power it from the amplifier.

Because of its bulk, the main amplifier can be very difficult to house unless the wise course of avoiding all controls on this chassis is taken. It should have no tone controls, volume control nor even an on-off switch. Then it can be tucked away on the floor of the cabinet out of the way.

Control Unit

The control unit provides a means for connecting any of the available sources of signals, radio or gramophone, to the amplifier and it houses the gain and tone controls.

The convenient place to mount a unit such as this is alongside the turntable, but usually there is very little space. Consequently the design takes the form of long narrow chassis. The on-off switch is included in the circuit, but the author has an aversion to switches incorporated in volume controls in this type of equipment. Thus an extra control position is needed. The

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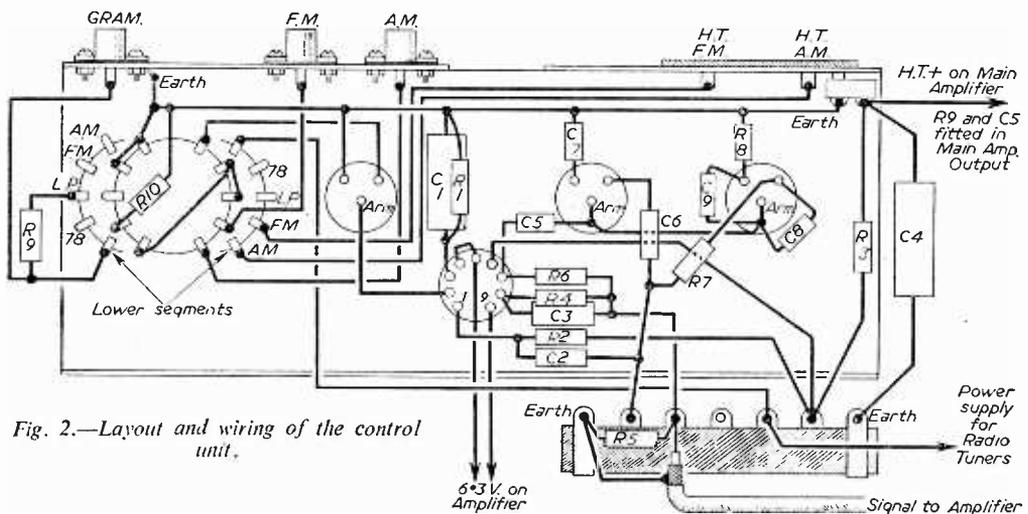


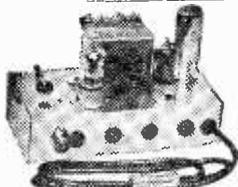
Fig. 2.—Layout and wiring of the control unit.

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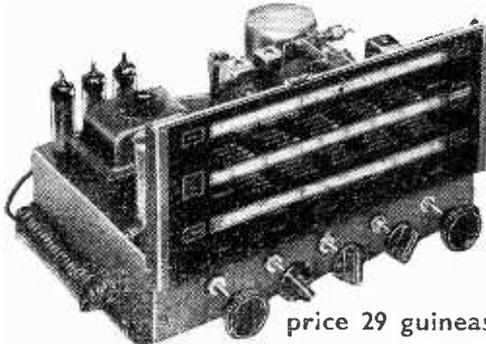
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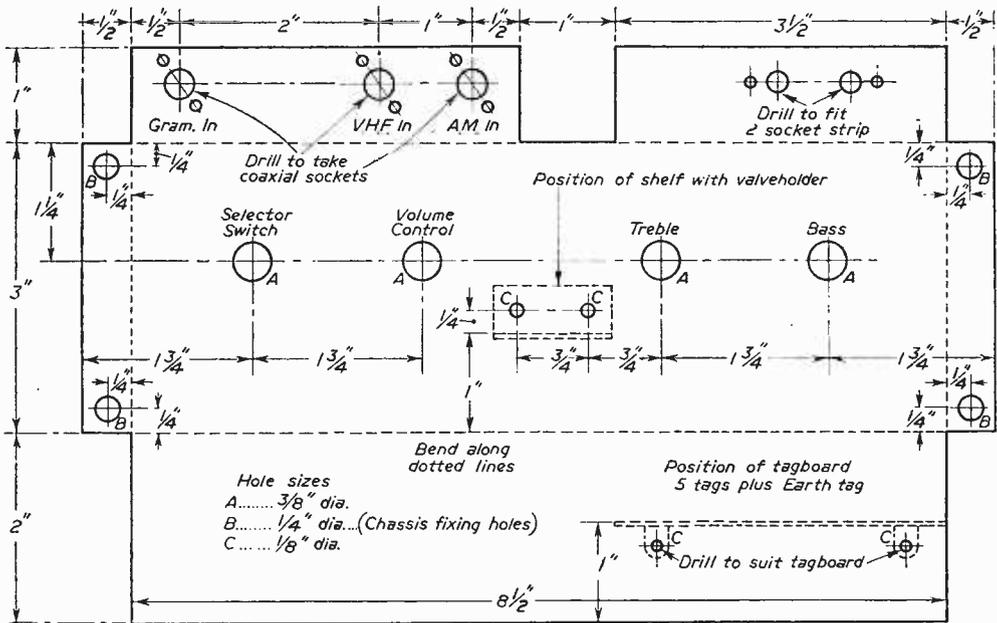


Fig. 3.—Chassis drilling plan.

controls that must be included in the design are four, apart from the on-off switch, namely: 1, selector switch; 2, volume control; 3, treble tone control; 4, bass tone control.

If the on-off switch is added as a fifth control the extended length of chassis needed to house it may be just too much for the available space. The switch is not wired into the circuit of the control panel anyway, and so there is little point in incorporating it in the construction. The proposition is that by leaving it free, it can be mounted at any convenient point in the cabinet, but if the most convenient point is, in fact, in line with the controls of the control chassis it can be mounted directly on the instrument board of the cabinet or the constructor could, if he wished, make the chassis longer for this purpose.

The next point to decide is the degree of amplification to be provided in the chassis. It is desirable that all three input signals should be of about the same amplitude so that, when switching the selector switch, there are no disturbing bursts of volume. The input signal should be equal to that needed to load the main amplifier. Then the control amplifier need only provide sufficient gain to counteract the losses in the correction circuits. The crystal pickup already referred to more than loads the main amplifier used with the prototype, so this was taken as the standard input amplitude. There is no difficulty in obtaining a similar signal from the two tuning units proposed. If in the final count the three inputs are somewhat out of balance, the matter can be put right by inserting resistors in series with the larger inputs.

The Circuit

Fig. 1 gives the basic circuit diagram and Fig. 2 the layout. It will be seen that there are no elaborate correction circuits. Unless the

amplifier and speaker assembly to be used are exceptional in quality this arrangement is likely to be quite satisfying. It will be seen that a single valve, a double triode, is used in which the first half acts as a voltage amplifier. The second half is shown as a cathode follower and this arrangement is very desirable because the length of lead between the main amplifier and the control amplifier can then be made any reasonable length without trouble and there is the greatest of freedom in laying out the various chassis in the cabinets. For those whose main amplifier gives somewhat less gain the second half can easily be converted into a low-gain amplifier stage and this will be dealt with later, but if possible the cathode follower version should be used.

Before the first half are the selector switch and the volume control. The selector switch has four positions, the first two each select the pickup input but allow for different correction circuits, the third gives F.M. and the fourth provides A.M. signals. This switch has actually four banks of contacts and it is bank (d) that provides the actual signal selection. Bank (b) permits the inclusion of parallel correction circuits and also shorts out the gramophone circuitry when one of the radio inputs is in use. Bank (a) also serves a dual purpose. It can provide an additional position for correction circuits but also it can switch in equalisation components to correct for differences in signal levels.

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AS the most important single item in the amateur communication chain, the aerial is also the one item that repays attention. There are many aspects of aerial operation which are not often fully appreciated. Moreover, amateurs who consult authoritative textbooks often fail to realise that many "idealised" treatments must be modified extensively when applied to real life cases.

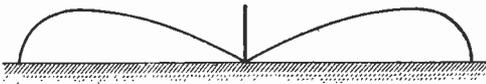


Fig. 1.—The ideal textbook vertical radiation pattern of a vertical aerial mounted directly on a perfectly conducting earth.

It is an unreasonable amateur who demands a "simple" book enabling the effects of any old location and site to be allowed for so that he can calculate just what his aerial will do, and who complains that "textbooks" do not help.

Vertical Aerials

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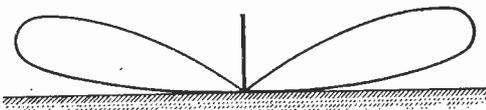


Fig. 2.—Actual radiation pattern of a grounded quarterwave, vertical over a soil of appreciable resistance. Note that the extremely low angle radiation is very greatly reduced compared with the ideal case.

by the usual diagram (see Fig. 1), showing excellent low angle radiation from a quarter wave vertical, many amateurs try such antennas and give them up as useless. Yet many DX chasers swear by vertical antennas.

Of course, Fig. 1 applies over a perfectly conducting earth, and in fact it is possible to compute the effects of aerials operating over normal, imperfectly conducting, soil. With due allowance for soil conductivity, Fig. 2 represents the vertical radiation pattern of a vertical quarterwave aerial. Note that the very low angle radiation falls to zero, and that the maximum radiation angle instead of being a zero angle is now at an angle of several degrees to the horizontal. This is a very different picture from the ideal case of a vertical antenna located on a perfectly conducting soil.

As the DX performance of a vertical depends

upon good low angle radiation, it thus emerges that the efficiency or otherwise of such an antenna depends greatly upon the efficiency of the earthing system. The "ground plane" is commonly supposed to avoid earth conductivity troubles by virtue of the four radials acting as an earth plane. However, this is *only partly true*, and in fact a ground plane antenna is still greatly affected by the conductivity of the surrounding soil. An elaborate radial earthing system as shown in Fig. 3 will improve matters, and a really low loss earth system, such as operation over salt water, salt, marshy land, or on a large extended metal roof will effect a startling improvement in cases where soil resistance is high. The radials may be terminated in earthing rods rather than being unconnected as in the conventional ground plane. Burying a large metal object a few feet underneath the vertical antenna will help.

Aerial Height

Another point in connection with the vertical is the height at which it is mounted. In fact the "ideal" low angle textbook diagram refers to a vertical mounted directly on the earth. Despite

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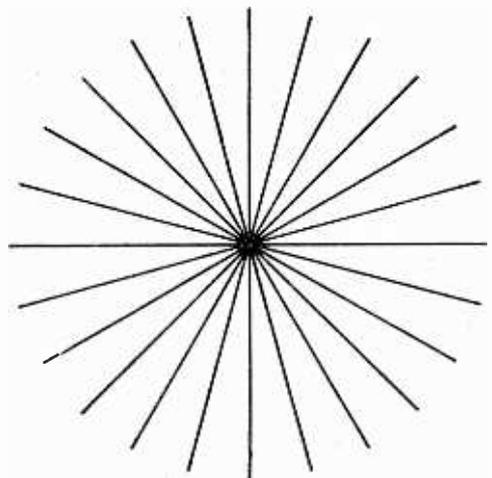


Fig. 3.—An elaborate system of radials may be used to improve low angle performance of a vertical and to reduce losses. On long wave commercial installations over a hundred radials extending for long distances may be employed. Short-wave amateur installations need not be so elaborate, but top-band verticals may require a quite extensive earth system for good results.

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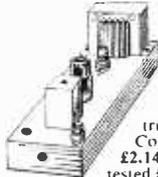
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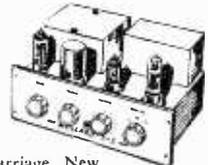
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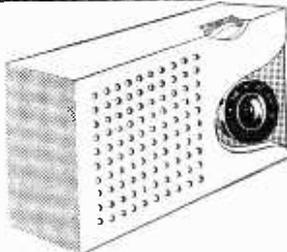
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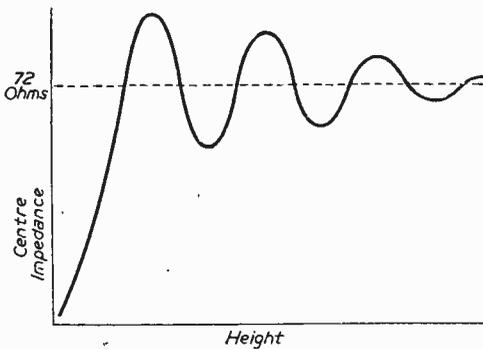


Fig. 4.—The centre impedance of a horizontal dipole varies considerably with height.

this many amateurs are obsessed by "height" and try to mount their verticals as high as possible. This is not necessarily desirable, and may even result in little or no low angle radiation. In fact under some conditions a good soil may actually ensure that there is little or no low angle radiation. If a good radial earthing system is provided, the vertical mounted just above the earth is in as good a position as any. Those who live in metal framed buildings will generally find that good operation may be obtained by roof top mounting provided that water tanks or similar metallic objects are utilised as extended earth planes. A large corrugated iron roof may in fact approach perfection as a mounting for a vertical.

Dipoles

So much for verticals, we can now consider the dipole. Here there is often a conflict between those employing coaxial cable and those employing tuned feeders. Many take SWR considerations very seriously indeed and insist on 72 ohm cable for "a perfect match." Fig. 4 shows the impedance of a horizontal dipole at various heights above the earth. This is understood to be above a "perfect" earth of course, but in practice similar variations occur. It is quite clear that it is highly unlikely that any given amateur dipole taken at random will have a centre impedance of 72 ohms. Thus on 80 metres, with a dipole, say, 30 feet high, i.e., about one-tenth of a wavelength, the centre impedance will be very much lower—possibly 20 ohms. However, a 10 metre dipole mounted at about 30 feet may have an impedance at the centre of perhaps 100 ohms. Thus those owning a SWR meter may like to raise and lower their centre-fed dipole, and observe the changes in SWR indication as the earth reflections alter its centre impedance. Only in free space would an ideal dipole have 72 ohms impedance. This value in any case is subject to many factors, and the preferred "ideal" value is 73 ohms. However, owners of, say, 50 ohm coax. will not be committing any great crime if they use this cable to feed a centre-fed dipole. The effect of height upon the centre impedance of a horizontal dipole has actually been used to effect a good match by adjusting the dipole height until a SWR meter gave the lowest possible indication. Anyone who places a great

deal of faith in having a low SWR may do the same.

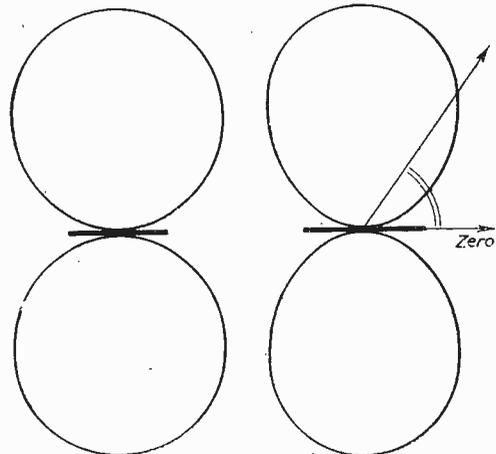
Feeder Cables

Incidentally, the use of an unbalanced feeder such as conventional coaxial cable to feed the essentially balanced centre of a dipole, is a matter for consideration. Previously, various methods of providing an "unbalanced-to-balanced" transformation have been discussed. This is of some importance for example, in beam aerials, where such unbalance may interfere with their correct operation. However, a full discussion on this subject is outside the scope of this article.

Dipole Radiation Patterns

The radiation pattern of a dipole is often shown as in Fig. 5. It is therefore assumed by many that there is no radiation in the direction of the ends of the dipole. It is considered to be quite an achievement to work a DX such as I or GM "off the ends of the dipole where there is no radiation." Fig. 5 shows the radiation pattern in a horizontal plane and Fig. 6 the radiation pattern in a vertical plane. From Fig. 6 it may be seen that while there is zero radiation in a direction along the axis of the dipole, there is radiation in any direction which makes an angle other than zero to the horizontal (as indicated by the arrow in Fig. 6). Therefore, even if the line of the dipole points exactly at a station, there will be radiation in that direction at all angles to the horizontal except zero. This argument neglects the effects of earth reflections, which may actually assist radiation in the direction of a station lying along the line of the dipole.

It should be noted that at angles to the vertical of 30 deg. or so, the radiation "off the end" of the dipole will be about as strong as the general forward radiation. Hence for contacts within a range of about 1,000 miles it will not much matter in what direction the dipole is placed, and signals will be about as strong in



Figs. 5 and 6.—(Left) The oft-quoted "free space" polar diagram of a dipole. (Right) At all vertical angles other than zero, a dipole has appreciable radiation "off the ends."

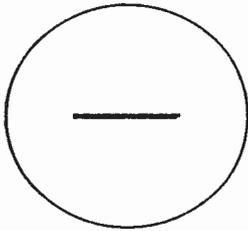


Fig. 7.—For vertical angles of thirty deg. or so, the dipole radiates almost uniformly to all points of the compass.

any direction for medium-range contacts. To make this clear, Fig. 7 shows the actual polar diagram of a half-wave dipole for radiation at angles of about 30 deg. and greater. While such diagrams are readily available for inspection in amateur handbooks, they do not seem to be appreciated, and the conventional "free space" diagram of Fig. 4 is taken as the

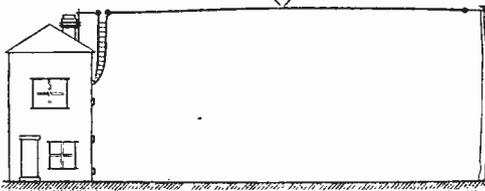
last word on dipole radiation.

In regard to angles of propagation, it is seldom realised that most of the contacts around Europe on the usual bands are by radiation at angles of 20 to 30 deg. Thus for a start the performance of an aerial system intended to be used for DX operation can hardly be judged from its behaviour on contacts within 1,000 miles radius. An inefficient aerial radiating at high angles may give very good results on such semi-DX contacts, but an efficient ground plane with excellent low angle performance may show up very badly on QSO's around Europe. On long DX hauls the ground plane may be some three S points up on a horizontal dipole. Moreover the attenuation of European signals by a ground plane is very valuable in minimising QRM. However, those who tried a ground plane and got very poor results in QSO's under 1,000 miles range might get a pleasant surprise if they tried them on DX contacts. As an example, G3MFQ recently was S9 in Barbados with 10 watts when using a vertical antenna, while another local station using 30 watts and a dipole was only S7 to S8.

Reflected Signals

On topband and 80 metres, unless aerials are extremely high, practically all the radiation from horizontal aerials is skywards as shown in Fig. 8.

Fig. 8.—Even local contacts on 160 and 80 metres are carried on largely by sky-waves: horizontal aerials, unless extremely elevated, have mainly upward radiation.



Thus, except for the most local contacts, QSO's over a few miles separation on the ground may involve over 100 miles of airline. This is because only reflected waves are involved, and signals are merely directed skywards to meet the ionosphere, some 60 miles up, to be reflected to a receiving aerial, which may be located only a few miles away from the transmitter. Reflection conditions are usually very stable for these sky-wave transmissions, but under very disturbed conditions even local signals will have heavy fading and sound like DX signals. Thus, a station within the same city has been observed to fade like DX under such conditions.

When using vertical aerials (unless an excellent earth system is used) local and semi-local results may seem poor. If some attention is given to making vertical aerials operate with reasonable low angle radiation, excellent local performance may be achieved. An efficient vertical on the L.F. bands will give indifferent results out to 1,000 miles or so, and then start to give good DX performance.

While the practical performance of real aerials on real soil is not the same as that of "ideal" aerials on the textbook's "ideal soil," the practical performances may be calculated from the ideal conditions by appropriate methods. With correct interpretation there is no conflict between theory and practice.

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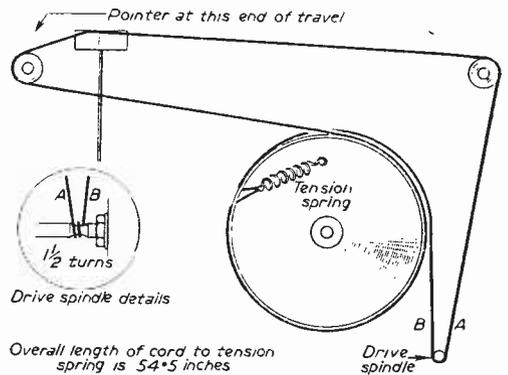


Fig. 6.—Details of the cord drive system.

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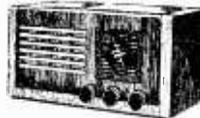


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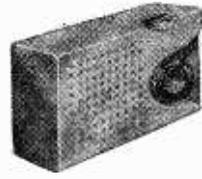
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When a signal is heard, the cores of the I.F. transformers should be carefully peaked for maximum volume. A fully insulated tool must be used—a length of ebonite rod, filed to screwdriver shape, may be used. A metal blade screwdriver is only suitable for rough initial adjustments, as its presence in the windings alters their inductance. To keep volume down it will be necessary, as the I.F.T. cores are adjusted, to transfer the aerial to its proper input point. No core should come at the limit of its travel. If it does, adjust the other cores so that this is no longer necessary. Once all the cores have been peaked for maximum volume, they require no further adjustment.

The two screws of the pre-set should then be adjusted carefully for maximum volume. Tuning of the oscillator section will be sharp. With a little care the trimmers can be tuned together through the waveband covered, two screwdrivers being employed. When the settings are satisfactory, the switch is turned to the

second position, and the second double trimmer adjusted for another station. This is repeated until all five pairs of pre-sets are adjusted. In all probability the coil cores will not require moving for pre-set tuning. If necessary, they may be adjusted to modify the maximum wavelengths tunable with the pre-sets.

Manual Tuning

If manual tuning is required, one switch position should be used to bring in a two-gang .0005 μ F condenser, the condenser frame being wired to chassis. Dial and condenser may be fitted to the right of the chassis. The coil selection wafers, 1, 2 and 5, may be wired so that the M.W. coils are in circuit when the gang condenser is brought in. This will provide medium-wave manual tuning. If long-wave manual tuning is also wanted, the next switch position may be wired to switch in gang condenser and L.W. coils. With a six-way switch, this would leave four pre-selected stations.

With a gang condenser, aerial and oscillator coils must be aligned. To do this, peak the I.F. transformers as explained. Then tune in a station of fairly high wavelength in the M.W. band and adjust the M.W. coil cores (with a fully insulated tool) for best results (or for correct dial readings, if a dial is used). A

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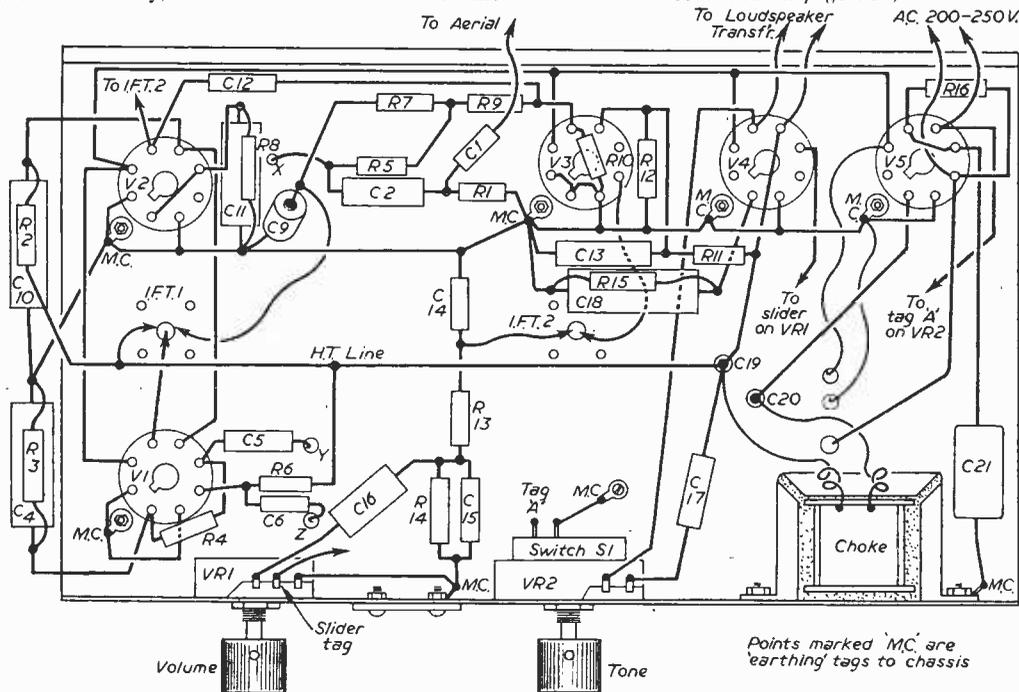


Fig. 5.—The underchassis wiring plan.

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By R. Shatwell

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An examination of the mechanism under the plastic cover, which is secured by a single screw near the speed lever, made it obvious that the only position to which operation could be tied was the speed change lever, and that operation should be effective in the move from "0" to "78" and no alteration be made by further movement of the lever. In fact, two tapped holes in the base plate seem to indicate that a switch may be fitted in some models.

Materials

Use was made of readily available materials, consisting of 1/16in. paxolin, 1/4in. paxolin or other insulating material, and a pair of standard size relay leaf springs with the associated insulating clamp. 8 B.A. bolts were used throughout. Fig. 1 shows the position of the switch on the metal base plate of the player, with the related speed change mechanism also visible. The position shown is the "78" speed (i.e., motor "on"). Further speed change does not affect the switch, which is in the "relaxed" position when on, the leaf springs being under tension in the "off" position. As the speed switch moves

to "0" the arm 5 is pushed back by 8 and the contacts forced apart by 3 being turned between the contact leaf springs.

Relay Clamp Assembly

The relay clamp assembly will normally have three screws securing the insulation and contact springs and is cut off above the last of these to the required length of .6in. and then pulled apart to enable the leaf springs to be cut back a further 1/32in. as a precaution against electrical shorts at the end. Only one bolt is replaced as shown at 7, and this secures the angle piece 6 to the assembly. Check here that a good clearance exists between this and the contact springs, as, in operation, the mains voltage may be applied between them.

Switch Parts

A study of Fig. 2 and the details of the switch parts (Fig. 1) will no doubt suffice for most constructors, but the following notes will clarify any doubtful points. 1, 2, 3 and 5 are of 1/16in. paxolin; 4 is 1/4in. paxolin or other insulator; 6 is 20 s.w.g. aluminium. The holes in 2 and 4 are best drilled with the base, 1, as template. Some adjustment of the contact leaf springs may be necessary to ensure a good solid contact when 3 is in place between them, as the spring of these is used to operate the movement. The screw holding 6 to the base 1 passes through an 8 B.A. clearance hole in the metal player table, as does one of the screws securing 2 and 4 to 1. (It was not possible to use the existing tapped holes.) The other bolt in 2 and 4 is best screwed into the

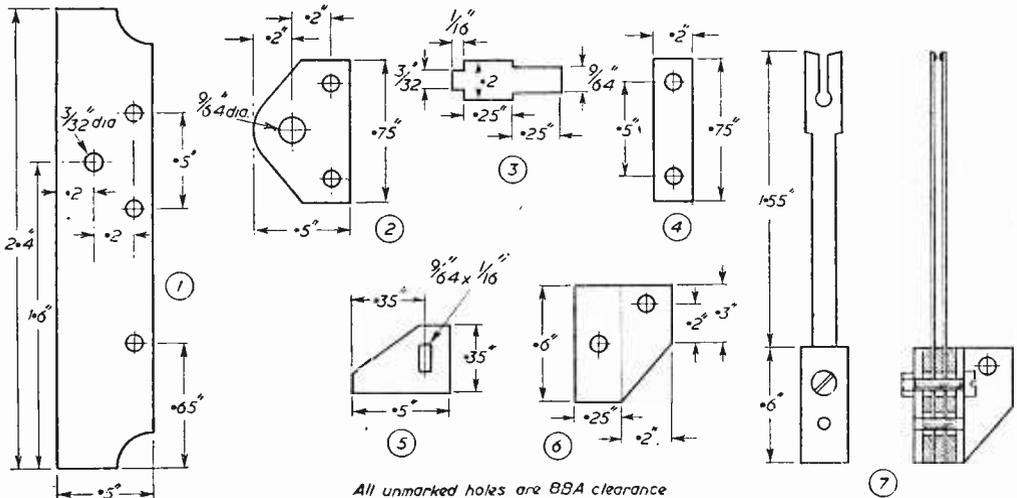


Fig. 1.—The parts required for the switch.

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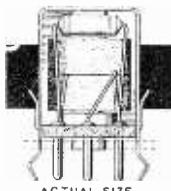
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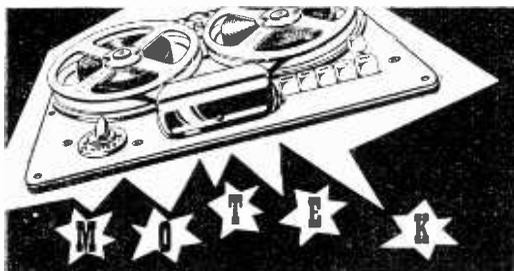
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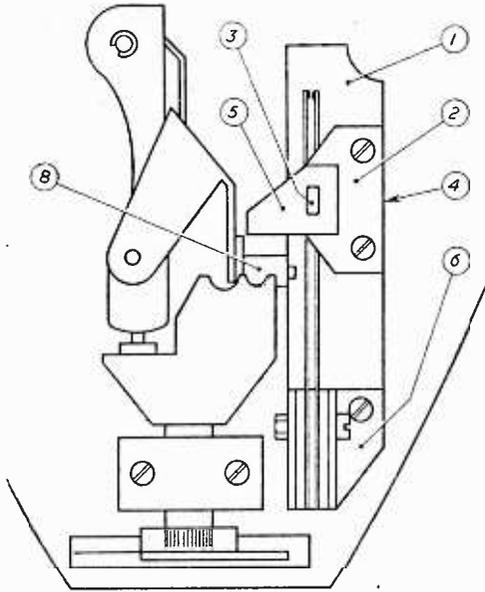
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Fig. 2 (Left).—The assembly of the parts shown in Fig. 1

LOUDSPEAKER MATCHING

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Loudspeakers may be connected in series-parallel if required, and this may be necessary if the total impedance of a number of loudspeakers has to be arranged to suit the output impedance of an amplifier.

With hi-fi equipment, however, series-connected loudspeakers are not favoured because the higher total loudspeaker impedance tends to result in a reduction of the damping factor. The damping factor is reduced by the additional impedance introduced into the loudspeaker circuit. The application of negative voltage feedback reduces the amplifier source impedance at the output terminals, and thus improves the loudspeaker damping, the damping factor being increased.

Most public-address amplifiers feature output terminals denoted "100-volt line" instead of the usual 3-, 7.5- and 15-ohm terminals which are found on most hi-fi or lower power amplifiers. With the 100-volt line system, 100 volts of audio signal is present across the terminals when the amplifier is giving full output. Now, as would be expected, the power drawn from the line by the loudspeakers cannot exceed the total power of the amplifier. Thus, if the amplifier is rated at, say, 10 watts, three loudspeakers could be connected as shown in Fig. 6, that is, one

drawing 5 watts and two drawing 2.5 watts each.

The loudspeakers cannot be directly connected across the line, of course, and transformers, one for each loudspeaker, must be used to select the required power. The turns ratio of the transformers depends upon the power it is required to give the loudspeakers and the impedance of their speech coils. In each case, the turns ratio is equal to $100/\sqrt{Z_c \times W}$, where Z_c is the speech coil impedance and W is the power in watts it is required to feed to the loudspeaker.

Referring again to Fig. 6, therefore, one can see that to provide 5 watts to the 5-ohm speech coil of LS1, T1 will require a turns ratio of 20:1, while T2 and T3 will need a turns ratio of 40:1 to produce 2.5 watts in the speech coils of LS2 and LS3.

Any type of loudspeaker (for any degree of power, provided this does not exceed the amplifier rating) can be connected to the 100-volt line by the use of suitable transformers.

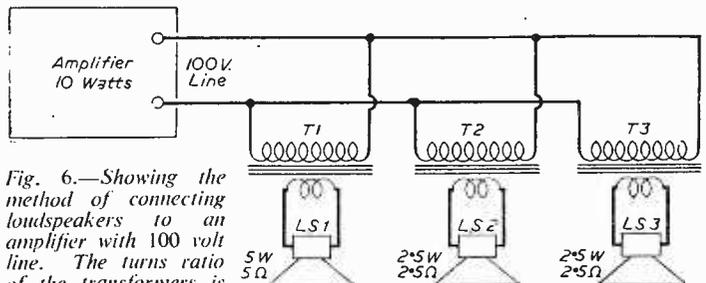


Fig. 6.—Showing the method of connecting loudspeakers to an amplifier with 100 volt line. The turns ratio of the transformers is equal to $100/\sqrt{Z_c \times W}$, where Z_c is the speech coil impedance and W is the power in watts it is required to feed to the loudspeaker.

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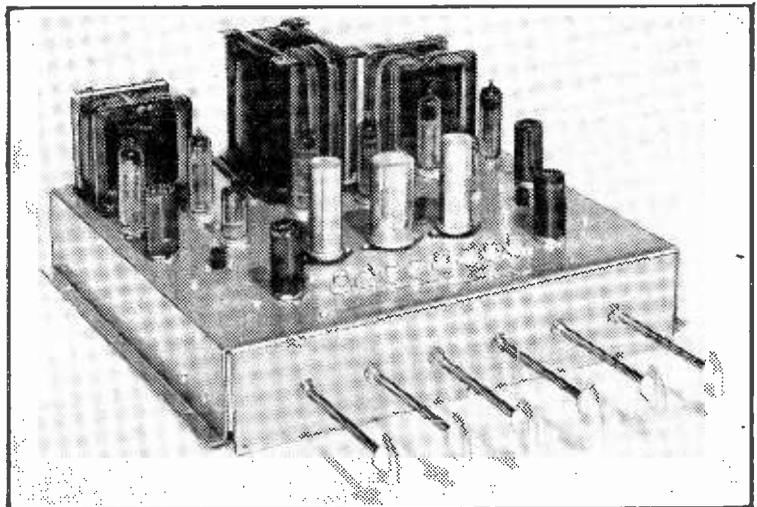
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Feb. 28th.—To be arranged.

Mar. 4th.—Receivers for 420 mags. G. D. Enoch (G3KLZ).

Mar. 18th.—Recorded Lectures.

April 1st.—The Electron Microscope. G. W. Reply (G3AHV), at Leeds University.

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June 10th.—Demonstration of Radio Controlled Boat. Batley Park.

June 24th.—Visit. Birstall Carpet Co.

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Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 6.30 p.m. (London). "A Vidicon Camera for Industrial Colour Television," by I. J. P. James, B.Sc., at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, W.C.1.

Friday, Dec. 19th, 7 p.m. (Edinburgh—Scottish Section). "Design and Construction of Precision Toroidal Potentiometers for Data Transmission," by H. J. Arnott, at the Department of Natural Philosophy, The University, Drummond Street, Edinburgh.

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 7 p.m. (Glasgow—Scottish Section). "Design and Construction of Precision Toroidal Potentiometers for Data Transmission," by H. J. Arnott, at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 39, Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 6.30 p.m. (Llandaff, South Wales Section). Annual General Meeting followed by a Discussion Meeting on "The Training of Electronics and Radio Engineers," at Llandaff Technical College.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 6 p.m. (Newcastle—North Eastern Section). "High Resolution Airfield Control and Ground

Surveillance Radar," by P. H. Walker, at the Institution of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 7.15 p.m. (Wolverhampton—West Midlands Section). "Electronic Instruments in Motor Vehicle Research," by J. C. Dixon, B.Sc., at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire College of Technology, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton.

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Friday, December 19th, 1958.—"Microphone Balance Techniques." J. Borwick, B.Sc.

Friday, January 16th, 1959.—"Some Further Developments in Loudspeakers." A. R. Neve.

Friday, February 20th, 1959.—"The Design of an Electronic Organ for the Home." G. W. Barnes, B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E.

Friday, March 20th, 1959.—"F.M. Feeder Units." R. S. Roberts, M.Brit.I.R.E., Sen.M.I.R.E.

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Friday, May 15th, 1959.—The Annual General Meeting.

CHILTERN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: R. Barton, 11, Glade Road, Marlow, Bucks.

THE above Club are now meeting at the British Legion Hall, St. Mary Street, High Wycombe, on the last Thursday in the month. Will anyone wishing to attend these meetings kindly get in touch with the Secretary, address as above?

CIVIL SERVICE RADIO SOCIETY

THE Science Museum Radio Society has changed its name to the above Society, and the venue is the Science Museum, South Kensington, S.W.7.

1958

Monday, December 8th.—Film Show (in the Lecture Hall, Ground Floor). (1) Design and manufacture of long distance transmission lines and repeater stations (the latest transatlantic submarine cable). Courtesy of Standard Telephones & Cables. (2) "Radar Helps Shipping"—The Golden Arrow service Dover-Calais in Fog. Courtesy of British Transport Commission. (3) "Made for Life"—The design and complete manufacture of Television Picture Tubes. Courtesy of Mullard Ltd. (4) "Signal Success"—Communications and signals equipment installed at Waterloo Station signal box by former Southern Railway Ltd. (5) Four Back Rooms—Story of Electrical research and techniques in British Transport commission laboratories, 1959

Monday, January 5th.—"Capacitor Techniques and Peculiarities," by Mr. J. Lank (Chief Development Officer T.C.C. Ltd.), with colour films. In the Lecture Hall.

Monday, February 9th.—"High Fidelity and Stereoscopic Sound Techniques" (tentative arrangements have been made with Messrs. Tannoy Limited)—with demonstrations.

Tuesday, March 10th.—Lecture and films on communications work. (Tentatively arranged with Messrs. Cossor Ltd.) in the Lecture Hall.

Tuesday, April 14th.—Annual General Meeting (in the Dem. Room).

All meetings are timed to commence at 6 p.m., but wherever possible light refreshments will be available and a general Pow-wow held prior to commencement.

HALIFAX & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: A. Robinson (G3DW), Candy Cabin, Ogdon, Halifax.

AT the monthly meeting held on November 4th, 1958, at the Sportman Inn, Ogdon, Halifax, of the above Society, a very interesting lecture was given to the members by Mr. H. Swift (G3ADG), of Halifax, whose lecture was on transmitters.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Makin (G3FDC), and it was also decided that the meeting should be held twice monthly instead of the present monthly meetings, so in future they will be held on the first and the third Tuesday of each month, the first Tuesday will be a lecture and the third Tuesday an open meeting. There was a very good attendance.

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: W. D. Wardle (G3EWZ), 16, Mendip Road, Childwall, Liverpool.

MEETINGS every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Gladstone Mission Hall, Queen's Drive, Childwall, Liverpool.

At the recent A.G.M. the following were elected for the 1959 term:

Hon. Sec.: W. D. Wardle (G3EWZ).

Chairman: A. D. H. Looney (G3L1U).

Treasurer: R. Kenyon.

Contests Manager: R. Halhead (G3KOR).

The year has started well with the winning, for the second year

running, of both the Region 1RSGB Trophy and the R.R. Trophy for the highest Regional score in National Field Day. Activity is at a high level generally, and the present programme culminates in the Liverpool Hamfest, provisionally to be held on February 1st, 1959.

The programme is as follows:
 Jan. 6th.—Technical Quiz.
 Jan. 13th.—Open Evening.
 Jan. 20th.—Talk: "Westmorland DX-pedition."
 Jan. 27th.—Films.
 Feb. 3rd.—Sale of surplus gear.
 Feb. 10th.—Open Evening.

PRESTON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: G. Lancefield (G3DWQ), 35, Brixton Road, Frenchwood, Preston, Lancs.

THE recent Hobbies Exhibition was very successful. Great interest was shown in the Club's stand and 16 new members were enrolled with many more "possibles." Operation of the station GB3PRS was very difficult due to bad receiving conditions, noise in the hall and QRN, but many contacts were made, mostly on 160 metres. All contacts will be acknowledged by special QSL cards, which have been kindly donated by Messrs. Mullards Ltd.

Dec. 10th.—Film Strip Lecture.
 All meetings commence 7.30 p.m., at Fruiterers' Club, High Street, Preston. Morse practice, 7.30 to 8 p.m. New members are cordially invited. Write to the Secretary for details or just drop in at the meetings.

RAVENSBORNE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: J. Wilshaw (G3MPX), 4, Station Road, Bromley, Kent.

THE Club meetings are now being held on Wednesday evenings, 8 p.m., at the Malory Secondary School, Launcelet Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent, where the club transmitter G3HEV will be on the air each week. The Club chairman, G2DHV, hon. sec., G3MPX and G5MOW will be in attendance.

A radio and TV instruction class is also held at the same time, also a Morse class if required.

CLIFTON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: C. H. Bullivant, G3DIC, 25, St. Fillans Road, Catford, S.E.6.

THE main event during October was the Anniversary Social held on Friday 17th. Some 50 people attended this function comprising members of the Society, their Ladies and Guests. During the evening Mrs. W. Martin, wife of the Chairman (G3FVG) of the Society presented the winners of the Championship Cup, D. F. Shield and Transmitting Field Day Cup with their trophies.

On Friday 31st October members were invited to take part in a competition to construct an O-V-O receiver in one hour. This competition originally held many years ago again provided much interest and amusement. The winner of the competition was SWL D. Vincent who received a pair of side cutters as a prize. Mr. Vincent's time was 44 minutes.

TEES SIDE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: A. L. Taylor, G3JMO, 12, Endsleigh Drive, Acklam.

IN spite of difficulties the above club have been able to put on their Xmas Dinner by using an outside catering firm and this will now take place as detailed.

Tees Side Amateur Radio Club Christmas Dinner, Settlement House, Newport Road, Middlesbrough, Saturday, December 13th, at 7.30 p.m. A full dinner with wine for 10s. 6d.

G3LXG/A on 1.98 Mc/s from 6.30 p.m. onwards will "talk-in" mobile transmitting visitors in their cars; aperitifs served at 7.30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m. Settlement House closes 11 p.m. Raffles and prizes provided. Guests are invited to bring gear to place on the "swap" table along with their QSL card. Other guests may then privately contact them during the evening and in this way some good gear may change hands. The Club will not take any part in these arrangements for this is not an auction of "junk."

Manufacturers and dealers are invited to send lists and leaflets, catalogues, etc. for distribution. About 40 guests are expected. All reservations must be made in advance as outside catering makes it difficult to provide for latecomers. Remittances will be acknowledged. Applications to the Hon. Sec. before December 10th.

WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT RADIO & TELEVISION SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: P. E. B. Butler, 88, Wellingborough Road, Rushden, Northants.

THE Society continues to meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. at the club room above the W.I.C.S. fruit shop in Silver Street.

The winter programme is as follows:
 Dec. 11th, 1958.—G. Abrams, M.I.P.R.E., A.M.T.S., will give a talk on his wartime experiences with radio countermeasures.
 Dec. 18th, 1958.—The Annual Christmas Party will be held in the party room of the Peacock Inn.

Jan. 8th, 1959.—The A.G.M. will take place.

Constructional evenings will be held between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. when there are no set lectures. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Catalogues Received

Testing Instruments

AVO LTD., Avocet House, 92-96, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1, have recently produced a new instrument catalogue. It deals with the Universal AvoMeter Models 7, 8 and 40, and the Avo Electronic Testmeter and Multimeter. The new Avo Signal Generator Type 378, which has been designed to provide R.F. signals between 1 μ V. and 25 mV. into a 75-ohm load at any frequency between 2 Mc/s and 225 Mc/s is fully described, as well as the Avo Prodclips, which cost 15s. per pair.

Home Radio of Mitcham

A NEW catalogue dealing with radio and television components has just been published by Home Radio (Mitcham) Ltd., 187, London Road, Mitcham, Surrey. There are 92 pages, and it costs 1s. 6d., plus 6d. postage. It gives a comprehensive list of parts, together with prices, as well as photographs and illustrations. It contains a very useful index. In addition to the page number there is also a number showing the line where a particular item is.

Stereophonic Equipment

THE DULCI CO., LTD., Villiers Road, Willesden, N.W.2, have sent us a leaflet and price list of their latest range of stereophonic equipment for three dimensional sound. The notes given are intended to assist the prospective stereo enthusiast in his choice of the various items which go to make up a stereophonic system. The leaflet deals with the complete installation, loudspeakers, power amplifiers, pre-amplifiers, programme source, converting monaural to stereo, and loudspeaker location.

A.C. PRE-TUNED SUPERHET

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station low in the band is then tuned in, and the trimmers on the gang condenser are adjusted for best results. The procedure is then repeated, cores being adjusted at a high wavelength, and gang condenser trimmers at a low wavelength, until no further improvement is possible. The L.W. band, if provided, can then be treated in the same way. Afterwards, the pre-sets are adjusted for the desired stations, as explained.

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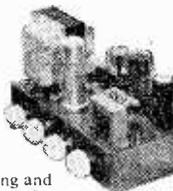
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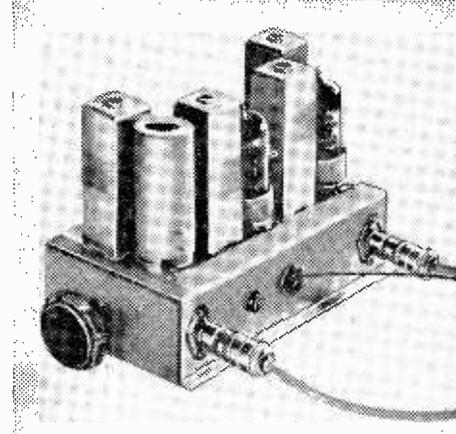
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Programme Pointers

OUR CRITIC, MAURICE REEVE, REVIEWS SOME RECENT PROGRAMMES

GRAND HOTEL has long been one of radio's most popular Sunday features, and Albert Sandler was one of its favourite personalities. It has passed through one or two crises recently, most notable—and most to be regretted—being the early termination, through disability in his arm, of Jean Pougnet's career as a violinist. But good musician that he is, Mr. Pougnet has formed his own "Palm Court" orchestra and thus maintains his connection with it. On their first appearance they played with considerable pep and dash, so that this favourite Sunday forty-five minutes should continue with unabated popularity.

Tribute to "Monty"

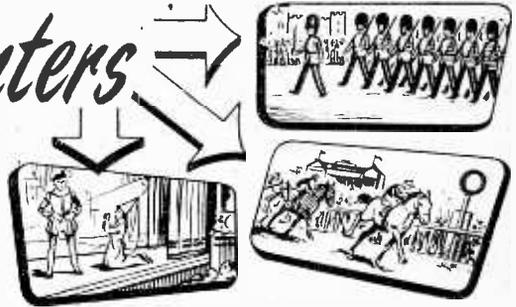
Montgomery of Alamein. The sixty minute tribute to the Field-Marshal on his retirement was very quiet and unexciting. I expected the guns of his victorious armies to be unloosed but was very glad they weren't. As with all these programmes, only praise was heard: it was entirely non-controversial. General Sir Brian Horrocks narrated a script edited by Graham Jackson and David Woodward, and the programme was produced by Laurence Gilliam. Many famous colleagues and contemporaries paid their tributes; a pity the most illustrious of all was missing.

Noël Coward

A Noël Coward Festival was bound to follow those which have honoured other playwrights. And whose plays have given more pleasure than his? One or two, such as *Private Lives* and *Blithe Spirit*, are high in the estimation of both the critics and the public, and should retain their popularity for many years to come. And who can gainsay that they are not entitled to their high place in modern comedy? Not only does their wit sparkle and cascade from curtain rise to fall, but, whatever their particular milieu may be, they make us feel participants in what is going on and they draw us into their ambit, which is what all good plays do. Also, Mr. Coward's horizons range far and wide: the social strata of *Private Lives* is poles away from *This Happy Breed*.

Plays

I listened to *The Queen Was In the Parlour*, *Private Lives* and *Brief Encounter*. I enjoyed every minute of them. One's memories of the stars we saw in the original stage productions—the author himself, for example, with the late Gertrude Lawrence in *Private Lives*—are bound to intrude, especially when we are only able to hear voices and have no figures to



exercise our powers of sight. Annabel Maule and Simon Lack in *Brief Encounter*. Maxine Audley, Robert Eddison, Malcolm Keen and Heron Carvic in *The Queen Was In the Parlour* and Denise Bryer, William Fox, Mary Wimbush and Simon Lack in *Private Lives*, were the chief contributors to the three plays I heard. All were admirable together with their colleagues in the casts.

Trials

The series of reconstructions of famous trials, with summaries by Lord Birkett, are extremely interesting and exciting, and very well produced. *The Verdict of the Court* is their generic title. The unbelievable Tichbourne impersonation case formed the best possible opening.

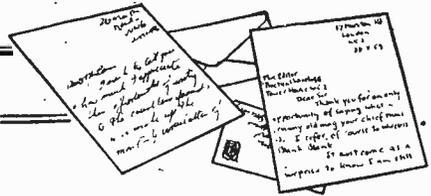
"Story of Nelson"

A Life of Nelson, to mark the bi-centenary of his birth, was good of its kind. One wondered how Lady Hamilton would be handled. She was not exactly omitted, but dealt with on a very soft pedal. Strange, and fascinating, how his countrymen have forgiven him an affair which it would not have, and has not, tolerated in many other public men's lives. In his service Nelson was, like Monty in our own day, the strictest of disciplinarians. Yet with both men some of their most important achievements arose through an act of the grossest personal indiscipline. A wonderful story.

"Any Questions"

The tenth anniversary of *Any Questions* demands a comment or two on its progress towards its present position in radio commentary programmes. That it is one of the most looked-forward-to of items few will dispute. It has an ideal chairman in Freddy Grisewood. And it has a sufficient number of vital personalities among its panels to insure stimulating discussions and humorous interludes. Also, I suggest its public audiences must be a great help in not only keeping it up to scratch, but in giving it reality and vitality. Some of the studio items, with their invited or "application" audiences, suffer greatly in consequence, more especially the variety shows. Some of the questions put forward sink below the nadir of ineptitude and foolishness. But the majority are interesting, stimulating and provocative, and the programme fully deserves the high place it holds in intellectual radio entertainment.

Open to Discussion



The Editor does not necessarily agree with opinions expressed by his correspondents.

"Cliché English"

SIR.—Thermion's strictures on "cliché English" in the November issue in "On Your Wave-length" have my wholehearted approval. I suppose none of us is completely free from the use of the cliché, but some writers and speakers don't seem to be able to avoid the constant use of trite platitudes. You know the types who keep reiterating "couldn't agree more," "let's face it," "grand job of work," and excuse everything from a broken appointment to attempted murder with "it was just one of those things."

It is most encouraging to find a prominent journalist so outspoken against the gross misuse of our very expressive language. We may expect a vocabulary to develop and change in step with the times, but empty vulgarisation is to be deprecated.—J. S. BAUCHOP (Glasgow).

A Reader's Results

SIR.—I have made the two-transistor/crystal receiver, as described in the January, 1958, issue of PRACTICAL WIRELESS.

I have had very good reception on a fairly short aerial, and normal earth: Light programme quite good. Home and Network Three/Third, deafening on H.R. earphones. I found that on the long-wave coil described, I could not get the Light programme, so I used a miniature, dual-wave crystal coil, with success.

A short while ago, the 25 μ F/25 v. electrolytic capacitor went O/C, and it was then that the set really "went."

The "Light" could be heard in every room of the house, and the "Home" could be heard quite clearly on a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. P.M. loudspeaker, without any output trans. whatsoever!

I am 15 years old, and have made several 2- and 3-valve sets to date, but this transistor set literally leaves them way behind.

I am using Green/Yellow spot transistors, instead of red spo's.

Thank you very much for a really "A1" circuit.—C. V. PLAICE (Mumbles).

G.B.Z.

SIR.—With reference to a letter in "Open to Discussion," I would like to explain the strange G.B.Z. signal picked up by Mr. Chesters of Tamworth. This signal is given by a beacon

placed in the local R.A.F. airfield here in Gibraltar. The letters mean, Gibraltar British Zone. The beacon gives a bright red light apart from the signal. This helps to guide aircraft down to the airfield. The signal is kept up all night by this special light and radio beacon.—JOSEPH SCHEMLIN (Gibraltar).

Long-wave Reception

SIR.—Your correspondent, M. A. Bushell, asks why manufacturers continue to include a long waveband in receivers.

The very simple answer is, of course, that for quite a large number of listeners the Light Programme can only be received satisfactorily from Droitwich.

In the area of my home, some 65 miles from London, the Medium-wave Light Programme transmissions are quite impos-

sible after dark, even when using a good aerial and sets employing an R.F. stage. On the other hand, the Droitwich transmission provides the strongest signal from any station received.—F. H. COWLES (Winchester).

[Dozens of letters have been received pointing out that the Long Waves are the only satisfactory signal.—ED.]

"Micro-Midget"

SIR.—With reference to the "Micro-Midget," am I right in pointing out, as no doubt many others have already done, that in Fig. 5 showing the wiring of the transistors, the spots of TR2 and TR3 are shown on the wrong side? I discovered this when the set I made did not work.—W. D. DEVINE (Seven Kings, Essex).

[You are quite correct.—ED.]

Correspondent Wanted

SIR.—I am 16 years old and very interested in amateur radio, and would like to correspond with radio enthusiasts of my own age.—SEAMUS RYAN, Upper Mary Street, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

No Long Waves?

SIR.—Referring to the letter from M. A. Bushell (November issue), I must entirely disagree with him that "there is no programme value on,

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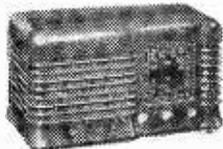
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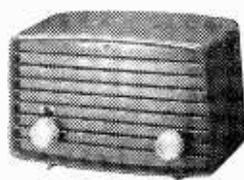
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the long waves." I travel on business all over the country with a caravan and there are many places where the Light Programme cannot be received on medium band, in fact, I should say half of the British Isles depend on L.W. for the Light.

No programme value? I listened to the whole of Tosca (perfect reception) with Renate Gebaldi and Stefano relayed from the Brussels Exhibition by Radio Paris. That station is as powerful as the Light and can always be depended on, for programme value. Radio Luxembourg and Europe Number One, also are very good signals day and night both giving continuous light music from 6.30 a.m. to midnight daily. There is no fading on the long waves—try to get 208 Luxembourg in three-quarters of the country or its short-wave counterpart. Both at times completely disappear.

I also deplore the way set designers are making for single station L.W. band. I had to adapt my transistor superhets to tune on L.W.—very successfully, owing to transistors' high L.W. efficiency.—F. NEVILLE HART (W.2).

Reproduction

SIR.—Of course R. G. Hann (November issue) obtains better reproduction on his record-player than on his radio receiver! It has nothing to do with his loudspeakers either, as a 7in. X 4in. elliptical should give approximately the same response as a 5in. round. If Mr. Hann cares to make a small experiment of switching his two speakers, he will find that Radio Luxembourg still sounds poor compared with his record-player. It is because Medium waveband stations are restricted to a bandwidth of 9 kc/s. and consequently, even under perfect conditions, can only give an audio response up to 4.5 kc/s. No amount of treble boost will help either, because there "just ain't no treble to boost."—P. R. WILLIAMS (E. Molesey).

The C.R.L. Bridge

SIR.—The parts list in the January issue was incorrect. The correct values are as follows:

R1—4.7 k.	R11—Not used.	C1—8 μ F.
R2—47k.	R12—10 ohm	C2—.001.
R3—1 k.	precision.	C3—.001.
R4—100 k.	R13—100 ohm.	C4—.1.
R5—10 ohm.	R14—10 k.	C5—.1.
R6—10 k.	R15—1 meg.	C6—8 μ F.
R7—2 meg.	R16—10 meg.	C7—100 pF.
R8—1 meg.	VR1—10 k. pot	C8—.001.
R9—1 meg.	w/w.	C9—.01.
R10—7.5 k. 10	VR2—2 meg.	C10—.1.
watt.	pot.	C11—1 μ F.
	VR3—3 k. pot.	

—J. HILLMAN (Co. Antrim).

Unusual Phenomenon

SIR.—With reference to Mr. J. Chesters' letter in the November issue of PRACTICAL WIRELESS. G.B.Z. is the call sign of the General Post Office long distance radio station Criggion. The station transmits on a frequency of 19.6 kilocycles and in the intervals between traffic

broadcasts sends the signal G.B.Z. continuously.—J. S. JOHNSON (Radio Officer) S.S. Winneba.

Two-valve Hi-Fi Amplifier

SIR.—Re Mr. T. W. Dresser's article "Two-valve Hi-Fi Amplifier." in the November issue. The B7G valveholders listed by Mr. Dresser for the 6AQ5 and 6X4 are correct but the EF86 used needs a B9A valveholder which is much larger than a B7G if drilling his chassis to take a B7G valveholder type. This could be misleading to constructor not noticing the mistake.—R. HALEY (S.E.27).

A Full-compass Electric Organ

SIR.—As a result of enquiries referring to a 7 K resistor, further perusal of the circuit as published in the August issue shows this to be a type error. The value should be 47 K.—R. WOODCOCK (Sale).

"An Automatic Time Switch"

SIR.—I cross swords with Mr. Romley, (September issue), in that in his anxiety to avoid using a second relay (they are cheap enough) he has brought in many unnecessary complications. In the first instance I would replace the three (or four) setting switches with one single jumper board with two circles of nuts, connected as he had suggested to the relative studs on the dial—inner circle for hour positions and the outer for five minute intervals. Beneath this jumper board would emerge from the panel four flying leads each armed with a crocodile clip. Two to set the "on" and two the "off." Setting would simply consist of clipping the first two leads to the "on" time, and the other two to the "off."

The hour clips and leads would pass direct to earth. Power would be fed to one operating terminal of both relays and the operation would be by earthing. The "on" minute lead would (when the fingers were in the appropriate position) earth one side of relay "A" via the fingers and bring on the mains, and at the same time a second contact on relay "A" would do the same thing thus locking it on, even when the fingers had cut the original operating circuit. There would be no question of "chatter" as the second contacts would be well and truly closed long before the fingers had "cut." So far so good, but now to the switching "off." Relay "B" would only have one pair of contacts and at rest they would be closed and would be wired in series with the locking contacts of relay "A." While the switching "on" operation for the mains was taking place they would be closed but when the time came for "off" they would open and as the fingers would have already cut, and "A" was being held closed by the locking contacts, relay "A" would open and the mains cut off. Relay "B" would remain on until the minute finger had passed its stud, when it would revert to normal and the whole circuit would also become "at rest."

In this method like that of Mr. Romley's, in my view there is a bad feature in that all the

while the mains are "on" current is being taken from the battery.

A much better idea is to mount both relays sideways on as indicated in the sketch, and to add to relay "A" a small retaining clip to hold the armature down. There need only be one contact set on relay "A" and if heavy duty contacts are not available several pairs can be wired in parallel. If the contacts are arranged for an early make there will be an appreciable amount of travel of the armature after closure, making it easy for the clip to slip into position, and ensuring that when the power is cut by the movement of the hands, the small amount of take up will not open the contacts. All relay "B" does is to pull the retaining clip back, allowing relay "A" to return to normal. In this system the battery is only being used while the minute hand is passing the studs—say at the outside five minutes in all.—E. NORMAN EVANS (G3FRT) (Hoylake).

Ex-Service Equipment

SIR.—Now that the market is well flooded with various items of ex-government apparatus I think it is about time that some source of information could be found where all the data could be collated. For instance, I know that receivers and transmitters are in a category all of their own, but what about such things as resistors, condensers, etc. These carry, in many cases, an R.A.F. Vocabulary number (10/C something or other), whilst certain Army items have AR numbers. Could not the standard commercial equivalents of these be collected by someone in the Service, and submitted for publication? There can be no security on this type of information, and I am sure that dozens of readers would welcome this data if one of your service readers would supply it.—H. T. R. (Sidcup).

"A High Quality Record Player"

SIR.—I have just completed construction of the above and find results most disappointing. I have made certain modifications to resistor values, with some improvement and should be glad to know whether the quality should be good from this unit as described.—J H. Y. (Liverpool).

[Unfortunately the values of R9, R15 and R18 were wrongly quoted in the list of parts. R9 should be 100 ohms, R15 should be 250 ohms and R18 should be 100 ohms. The original unit gives bass response which is more than adequate and for the benefit of those who may wish to duplicate the designer's results, it may be pointed out that the mains transformer and the output transformer are both "Elstone" components, and that the amplifier was used in conjunction with a Garrard type G.C.2 crystal pick-up.—ED.]

SIR.—In the above described in the October and November issues of PRACTICAL WIRELESS, two 6J5s were used. On examining my Valve Data Book I found that the only differences between a 6J5 and a section of a 6SN7 were the inter electrode capacities. As these make little difference to the operation of an A.F. amplifier, a 6SN7 could be used.

One 6SN7 would replace two 6J5s and, if new (i.e., not surplus) valves were used, the cost would be reduced to approximately 5/7th of the original price of two 6J5s. Using the cheapest surplus valves only 4d. difference was found.—E. THORNILEY (Stockport).

Stereo Reproduction

SIR.—I have read that one firm has an invention which enables stereo results to be obtained with a single pick-up, and I wonder if any readers have experimented with stereo using a single amplifier. It appears to me that it should be possible to adopt some scheme similar to that which at one time was used to provide high quality reproduction in which a valve acted as a "channel splitter," feeding all notes below a certain value to one section of an amplifier, and those above to another section. Each of these sections fed speakers so that high quality was obtained. Could not such an arrangement be used to split the two channels in some manner, and then we would only need a two-stage amplifier at the most to feed our two speakers, and this would be very much cheaper than elaborate twin amplifiers of high power. Where are the experimenters, or what are the snags?—G. R. (S.W.3).

The Great Transistor Chaos

SIR.—I couldn't agree more with Mr. R. H. Stewart (December issue).

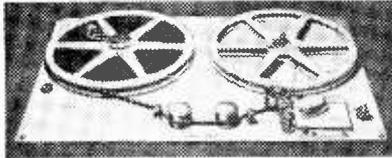
I built a well-known pocket 7 transistor receiver and though at first I was immensely impressed by the performance of so tiny a radio, I soon became disgruntled with the lack of quality.

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I am now thinking of incorporating a superhet front end to make the set truly portable and sensitive, though I realise I must sacrifice quality and I am looking for a suitable circuit.

Let me add that I have only been at the radio game for six months and am very green, but apropos the letter from Mr. P. R. Williams, I don't think I ever would have become interested if it had not been for transistors. They are indeed the greatest electronic invention since the valve and some articles in the "Engineer" recently, describing their progress in the U.S. over the last 10 years since they were invented makes breathtaking and exciting reading even though most of it was above my head. It was there predicted, if I remember correctly, that in 15 years' time, 95 per cent. of present valve applications would be carried out by transistors and apparently an experimental all transistor TV set has even been constructed.—H. CURTIS (Chingford).

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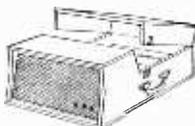
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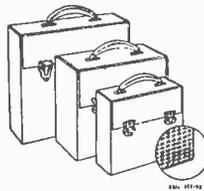
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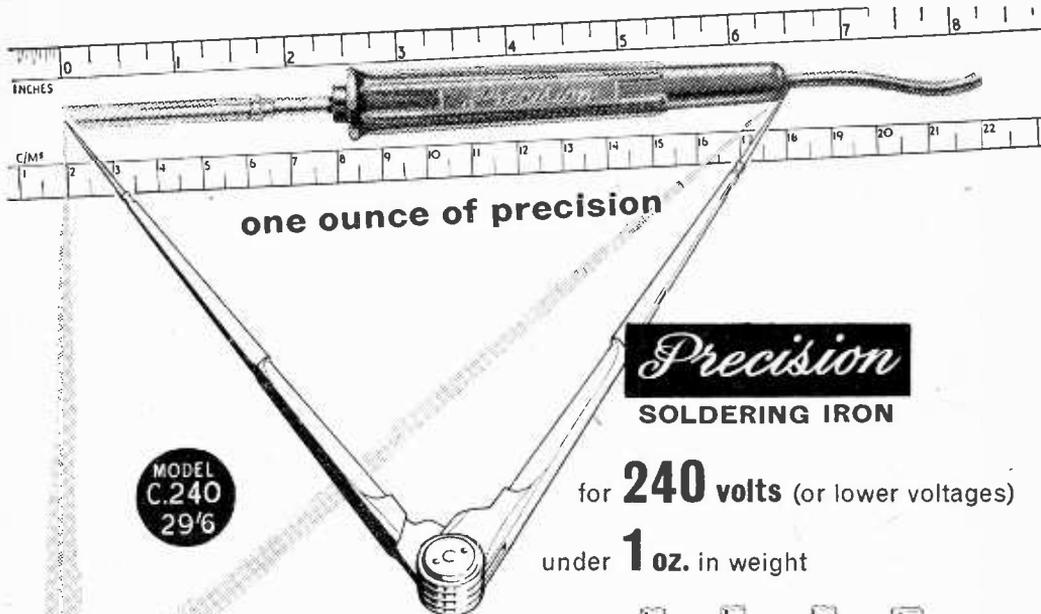
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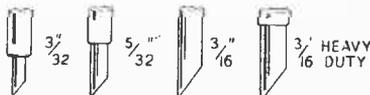
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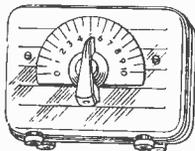
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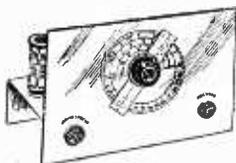
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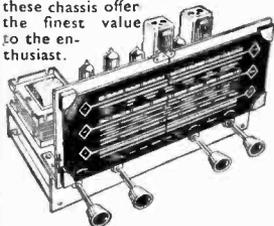
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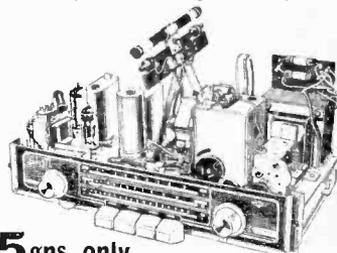
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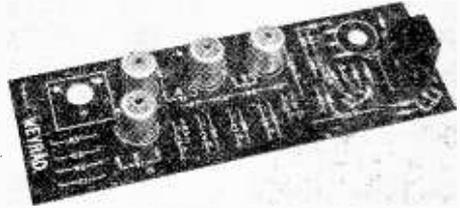
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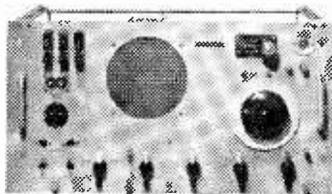


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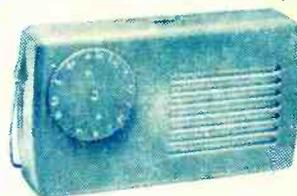
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