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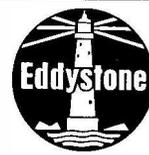
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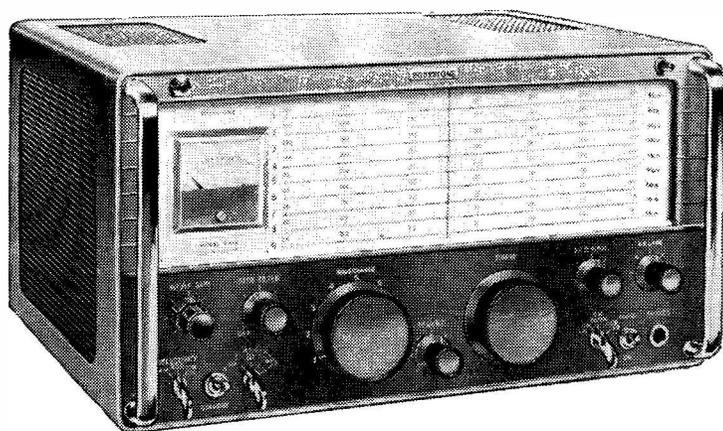
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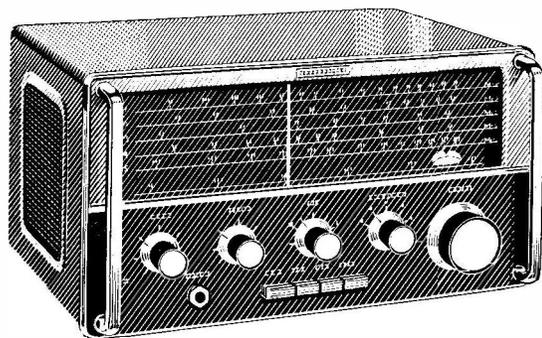


Amateur communications receivers

EA12 An amateur bands double-conversion superheterodyne receiver, for a.m, c.w, and s.s.b reception. For all amateur channels between 1.8 MHz and 30 MHz in nine 600 kHz bands with 28 MHz to 30 MHz in four bands.

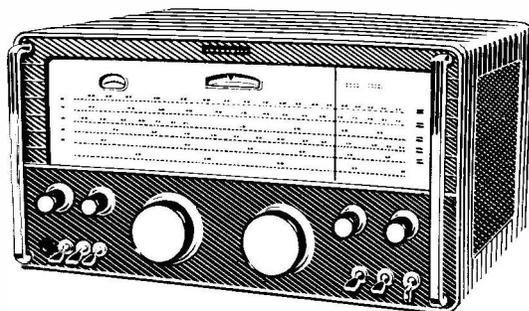


Primary features. Crystal-controlled 1st oscillator, 2nd oscillator with continuously variable selectivity to 50 Hz, muting switched or by external relay, twin noise limiters, for a.m/c.w, and s.s.b, short-term drift better than 20 Hz and less than 100 Hz in any one hour, 'S' meter calibrated in nine levels of 6 dB and dB levels beyond 'S9', two a.g.c time constants, deep slot filter, independent r.f, i.f, and audio gain controls with outputs for f.s.k and panoramic adaptor.



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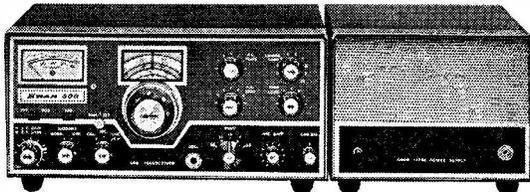
The new model 500C is the latest evolutionary development of a basic and well proven design philosophy. From the very beginning, with the introduction in 1961 of the first single band SSB Transceiver, Swan has followed a steady course of improvement by evolution. You might think that we would finally reach the point of leaving well enough alone, but with some 18 licensed hams in the engineering, sales and production departments of our organisation, it just isn't possible. Thus, the new model 500C, with greater power and additional features for even more operator enjoyment.

RCA recently introduced a new heavy duty "blast rated" tetrode, the 6LQ6. With a pair of these rugged tubes the final amplifier operates with increased efficiency and power output on all bands. PEP input rating of the 500C is conservatively 520 Watts. Actually, an average pair of 6LQ6's reach a peak input of over 570 Watts before flat-topping!

Further refinement of the famous Swan VFO results in even greater mechanical and thermal stability and more precise dial calibration. Custom made planetary drives, machined to extremely close tolerance, provide velvet smooth tuning.

The 500C retains the same superior selectivity, of course, that we have been offering. The filter is made specially for us by

SWAN EVOLUTION



THE NEW SWAN 500C 5 BAND - 570 WATT TRANSCEIVER

VX-2 now fulfils a dual function, both automatic voice control and break-in CW keying. Grid block keying of a pure CW carrier is employed with off set transmit frequency.

The 500C embodies the Swan's well known dedication to craftsmanship, performance and reliability, with a service policy second to none. When you visit your Swan dealer and look over the 500C, we are sure that you will be glad we couldn't "let well enough alone"

SWAN 500C	£263 0 0
SWAN 350C. Our improved standard model, now in production,	£216 0 0
570W ACCESSORIES	
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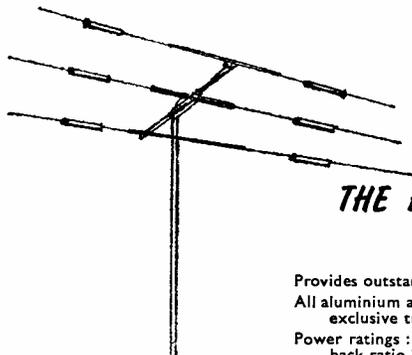
For the CW operator the 500C includes a built-in side-tone monitor. Also, by installing the Swan Vox Accessory (model VX-2) you will have break-in CW operation. Thus, the model

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These excellent receivers were made for the GOVERNMENT by a famous manufacturer. They will cover the complete 40 Metre Amateur Band, Aircraft, Marine and other Government Stations. It is a 5 valve Superhet and works from standard dry batteries. Built in a robust metal case size 10" x 6" x 4". Half moon calibration tuning dial. Phone or speaker output. Not new but in excellent condition, £3/10/-, Carriage 10/- . Complete with associated transmitter that covers same band only £5/10/-, Carriage 10/-.

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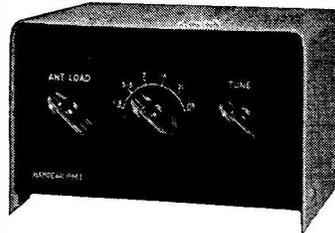
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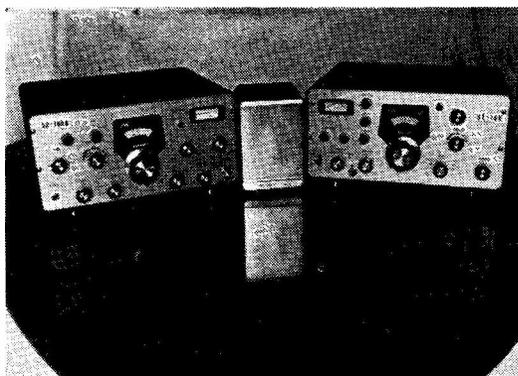
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Hansen SWR bridge £3 10s. ; Katsumi electronic keyer, £7 15s. ; monitor, £7 15s. ; TE-18 G.D.O. £11 10s. ; Tech VTVM, £16 ; Speech compressor £7 15s. ; Converters 21 or 28 mc/s., £9 10s. These and other choice bits and bats will be on Stand 18 at the RSGB show.

Sommerkamp—certainly, but as I sell the stuff as fast as I can get it, there's not much point using up advertising space.

Second-hand stuff—lots of it, and all A1, just give me a yell if you want something.

Send a large s.a.e. for lists.

NEW, NEW, NEW. For the benefit of you chaps down South, we are opening up a small branch in the Brighton area where you can go along and play with the latest gear. Alan Whitford, G3MME, will preside—his outstretched hand ready to pluck the wallet from your nerveless fingers, his beady little eyes glittering like P holes in the snow. Brighton, they tell me, is the land of the Wide Boys—I am studying spivery at night classes. No longer do I sell you a beat up s/hand falling-to-pieces rig at £100 but I can do you a nice rig at 1½ less 10 and I should be ruined already.

Anyway, by the time you read this we should be fixed up, so if you want to twiddle knobs and things give me a yell and I'll tell you where to go. (That doesn't sound very nice !)

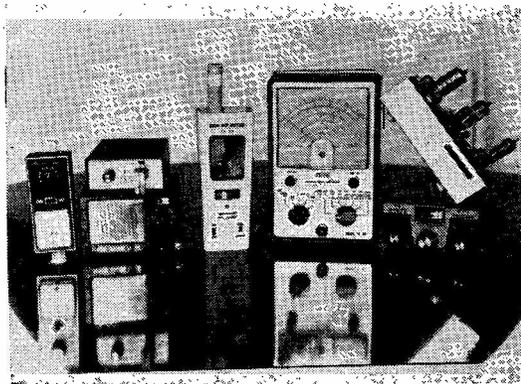
Service : Still up to the eyes, but we can cope if necessary.

Don't forget—make a date for Stand One Eight and don't be late, 'cos the Show will be great.

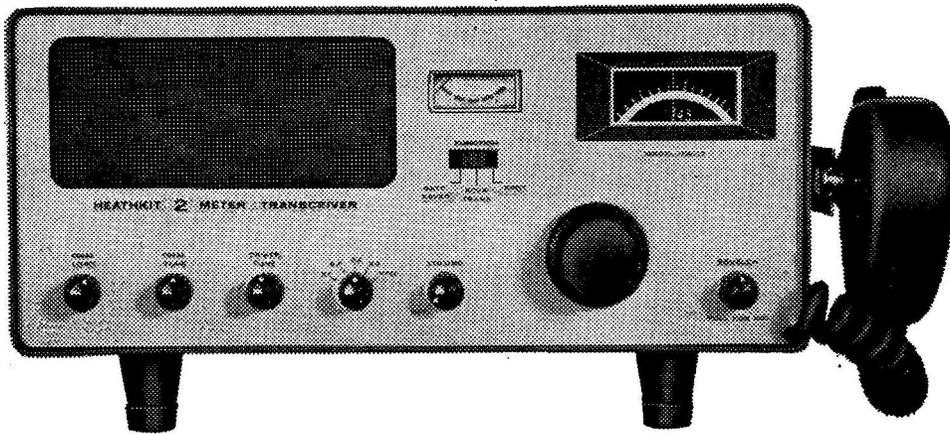
And that, Gentlemen, shows you the depths of depravity to which Bill Lowe will sink.

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The Bandit.



NEW Heathkit Solid-State 2-Meter AM Transceiver



• Frequency Range 143.2 to 148.2 MHz • Solid-state, dual conversion superheterodyne receiver • Pre-built, pre-aligned FET tuner • Spot function for finding transmit frequency on receiver dial • Hybrid transistor-tube type transmitter design • 8 to 10 watts power output • 4 crystal sockets plus provision for external VFO such as Heathkit HG-10B (page 40) • Built-in 120-240 VAC power supply • Optional DC mobile supply (see below) • PTT operation, electronically switched • Front panel meter for signal strength and relative power output • Built-in automatic noise limiter and squelch • Lighted dial • Built-in speaker • Battery saver feature for low current drain during mobile monitoring • Low profile aluminium cabinet for easy mobile mounting • Gimbal mount included for mobile use • Ceramic PTT microphone included • 15 transistors, 20 diodes, 3 tubes, 2 circuit boards • Builds in about 20 hours.

The Heathkit HW-17 in detail. It's really a separate receiver and transmitter in one compact, versatile package (the only common circuitry are the power supply and the audio output/modulator). The solid-state dual conversion, superheterodyne receiver with a pre-built, pre-aligned FET tuner has a lighted dial with 100 kHz calibration, automatic noise limiter, squelch, and 1 uV sensitivity. Selectivity is 27 kHz at 6 db down. The front panel meter indicates received signal strength and relative power output. A 3-position switch on the front panel has a "Spot" position for finding the transmit frequency on the tuning dial, a Receive/Transmit position, and a Battery-Saver position.

A 3" x 5" speaker is built in.

Modulation is automatically limited to 100% or less. A front panel selector switch chooses any of four crystal frequencies or an external VFO (the Heathkit HG-10B VFO . . . is perfect for this job).

Front panel controls include Final Load, Final Tune, Crystal-VFO switch, Main Tuning, Squelch with ANL switch, Battery Saver-Receive/Transmit-Spot switch; rear panel has S-meter Adjust, Headphone jack, Power socket, VFO power socket, VFO input, and Antenna connector (50-72 ohms, unbalanced).

HW-17 SPECIFICATIONS—RECEIVER: Frequency coverage: 143.2-148.2 MHz. Dial calibration: 100 kHz. IF Frequencies: Double conversion: 1st IF: 24.965 MHz; 2nd IF: 2 MHz. Sensitivity: 1 uV input for 10 dB S/N - N. Selectivity: 27 kHz @ 6 dB down. Input impedance: 50-72 ohm, unbalanced. Audio output: 1 watt @ less than 10% distortion. Headphone jack: Low impedance, accepts PL-55 type plug (standard 2-conductor 1/4" sleeve). Transistor complement: (2) 2N4416 RF Amplifier, 1st Mixer; SE5023 HF variable oscillator; (4) 2N3694 2nd Mixer, crystal oscillator, 1st IF amplifier, 2nd IF amplifier; (2) 2N3393 Audio Preamplifier, Squelch amplifier X29A829 Squelch Gate; 2N1274 Audio Driver; (2) 40050 Audio/Modulator output. Transmitter: Frequency coverage: 143.2-148.2 MHz. RF Power input: 25-30 watts. RF Power output: 8-10 watts. Mode: Type A3 (AM). Modulation: Automatically limited to 100% or less. Output Impedance: 50-72 ohm, unbalanced. Crystal sockets: Accepts FT-243 type holders, pin diameter .093", pin spacing .466" and HC6/U type in diameter .050", pin spacing .466". Transistor/tube complement: 7050 Oscillator/Amplifier Tripler-Tripler; I2GN7 Doubler/Driver; 8156 Power Amplifier; (2) 2N3393 Microphone Preamplifier, Microphone Driver. Temperature range: -20° to +50° C. Power requirements: 120 or 240 VAC input. Receiver Trans.—20 watts; Batt. Saver—8 watts; Spot—35 watts; Transmitter—100 watts. Cabinet dimensions: 14 1/4" W x 8 1/2" D x 6 1/4" H including microphone and mounting feet. Net weight: 13 lbs.

Kit k/HW-17, 2M Transceiver (less crystals) 17 lbs. £69 2s. P.P. 10/6

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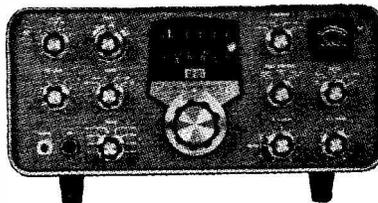
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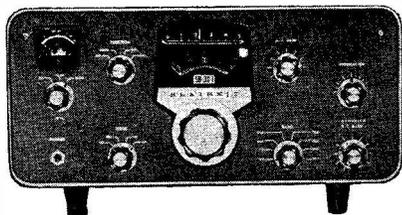
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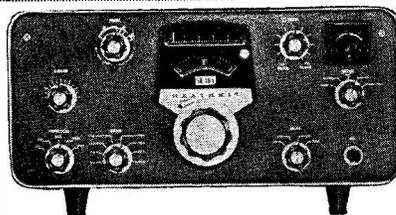
HW-100 5 Band SSB-CW Transceiver . . . Solid-state FET VFO. Covers 80-10 metre bands. Switch selector USB, LSB or CW. 180 watts input PEP SSB—170 watts input CW. Crystal filter.
Kit HW-100, 18 lbs. £125 . 0 . 0 P.P. 9/-
 Ready-to-use £165 . 0 . 0 P.P. 9/-



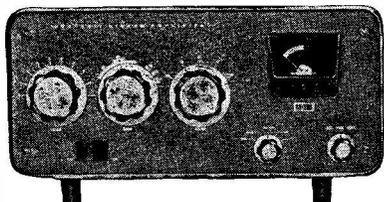
SB-101 80 Through 10 Metre SSB Transceiver . . . 180 watts PEP SSB, 170 watts CW (the practical power level for fixed/mobile operation). Features USB/LSB on all bands, PTT & VOX. CW sidetone, and more. Unmatched engineering and design.
Kit SB-101, 23 lbs., £185 . 12 . 0 P.P. 9/-
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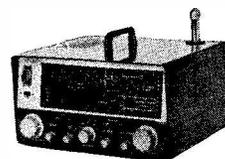
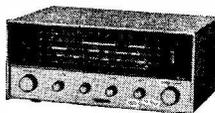
SB-301E Amateur Band Receiver . . . SSB, AM, CW and RTTY reception on 80 through 10 metres + 15 MHz WWV reception. Tunes 2 metres with SBA-300-4 plug-in converter.
Kit SB-301E, 23 lbs. (less speaker) £140 . 12 . 0 P.P. 9/-
 Ready-to-use £170 . 12 . 0 P.P. 9/-



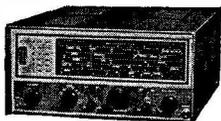
SB-401E Amateur Band SSB Transmitter . . . 180 watts PEP SSB, 170 watts CW on 80 through 10 metres. Operates "Transceive" with SB-301—requires SBA-401-I crystal pack for independent operation.
Kit SB-401E, 34 lbs., £157 . 10 . 0 P.P. 10/6
 Ready-to-use £192 . 10 . 0 P.P. 10/6
SBA-401-I crystal pack, 1 lb., £17 . 3 . 0 P.P. N.C.



SB-200 KW SSB Linear Amplifier . . . 1200 watts PEP input SSB, 1000 watts CW on 80 through 10 metres. Built-in antenna relay, SWR meter, and power supply. Can be driven by most popular SSB transmitters having 100 watts nominal output.
Kit SB-200, 41 lbs., £120 . 18 . 0 P.P. 10/6
 Ready-to-use £145 . 18 . 0 P.P. 10/6



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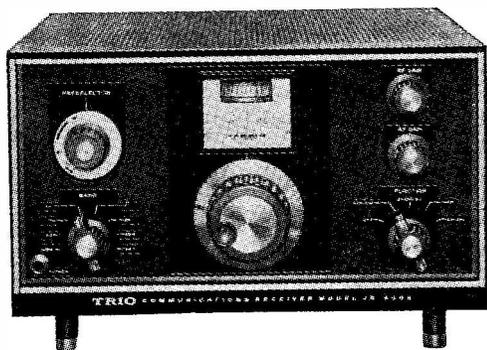
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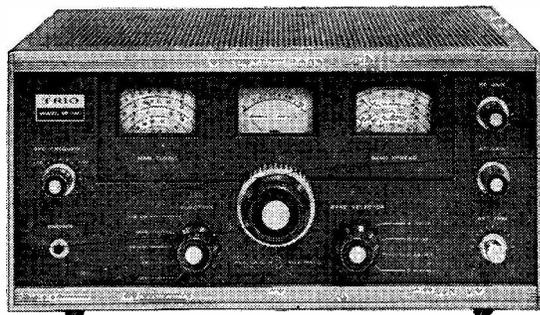
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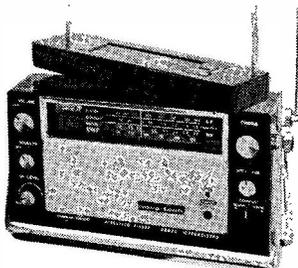
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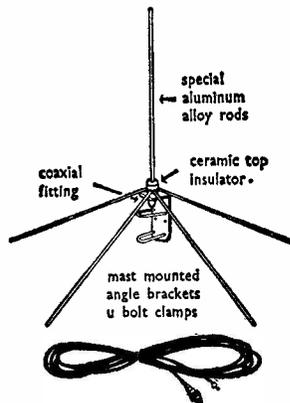
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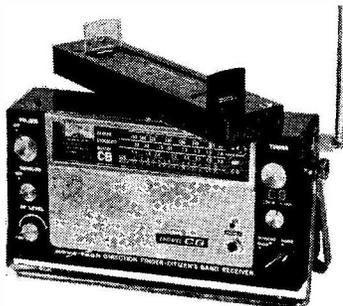
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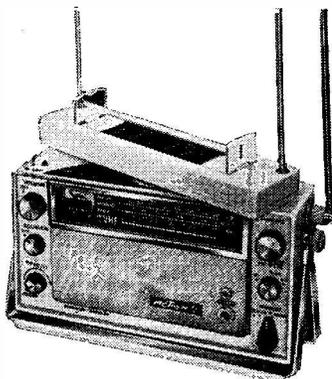
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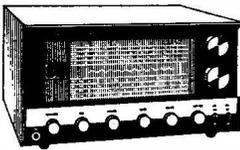
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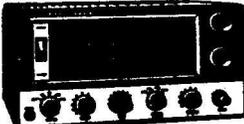


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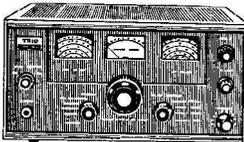
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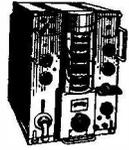
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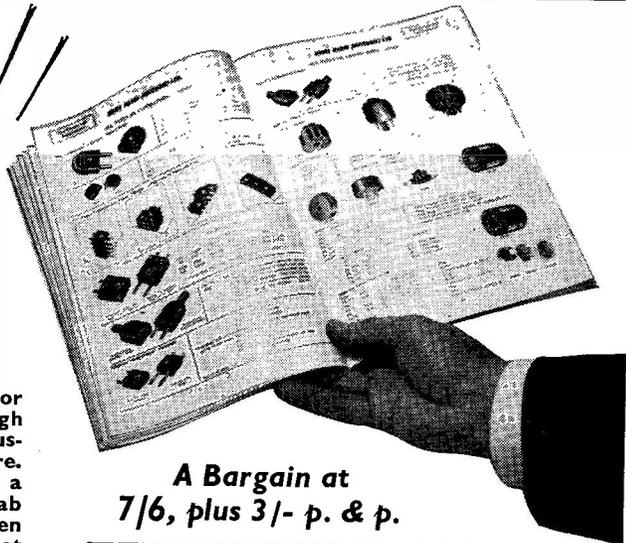
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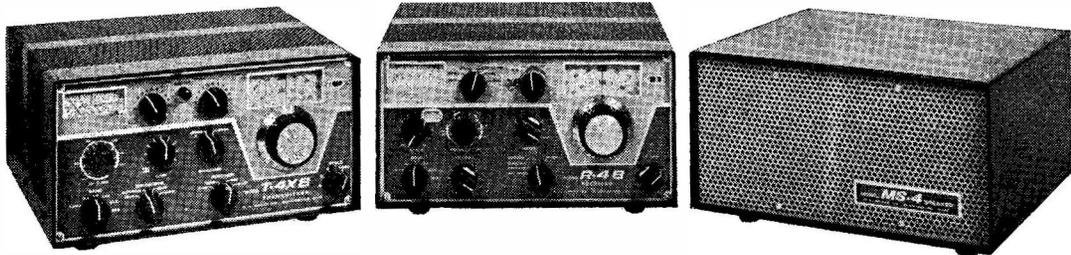


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A constructional article, fully illustrated, on (a) Some piece of apparatus for the HF bands, either Tx, Rx or Transceiver—or (b) Similar equipments for VHF (two and/or four metres), with separate categories for the centimetre bands 70, 23 and 13 cm.

This makes a total of twelve separate headings under which material could be submitted. For the article considered best in each or any of these sections we offer an immediate on-acceptance prize of 25 guineas. Additionally, payment at full space rate will be made for each accepted article as it is published.

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Having stated the Requirements and the possible Rewards, the Conditions are as follow:

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There are those who will say that what we are offering is not so much a writer's competition as a bait to attract new contributors. In fact, it is both. We would be only too glad to find, emerging from it all, a writer in the radio amateur field to whom the top prize of 50 gns. could be awarded, with merit prizes of 25 gns. in the other categories.

*Austin Forster,
G6FO.*

COMBINED Tx/PSU FOR STAND-BY OPERATION

PRACTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR
THE BEGINNER

A. D. TAYLOR (G8PG)

A SPARE power supply is a most useful item to have about the shack. It can be employed to provide power for items of test equipment and for newly constructed projects which are at the bench-test stage. If such a PSU is being constructed its usefulness can be greatly increased by putting it on a slightly larger chassis and building a small standby transmitter to go with it. By adding a switch and a three-pin socket it is then possible to use the unit either as a self-contained transmitter or as a power supply for external items. In the equipment built by the writer the PSU gives 300 volts DC at 80 mA and 6.3v. AC at 3A. The companion transmitter is a crystal oscillator/power amplifier running at 15 watts in the 3.5 mc band. By suitably altering the size of the tank coil the same circuit could be used on Top Band or 7 mc.

The transmitter has been designed for maximum simplicity and the cost of constructing it is very small. Quite apart from its use as a standby rig, therefore, it should also appeal to the beginner who wishes his first effort at transmitter construction to be a simple, low-cost sure-fire project. By minor modifications to the switching arrangements, the facility of the power supply as an independent unit can be dispensed with and instead it becomes possible (a) To use it to operate an associated receiver and (b) To power both transmitter and

Table of Values

Fig. 1. Circuit of the Tx/PSU

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| C1, C2 = 8 μ F, 350v.
wkng., elect. | R4 = 50,000 ohms, 2w. |
| C3 = .001 μ F, 350v.
wkng., mica | Ch.1 = 10 Hy
(Radiospares) |
| C4 = .002 μ F, 350v.
wkng., mica | Ch.2 = Pri. midget L/S
o/p xformer |
| C5 = 1 μ F, 350v.
wkng., elect. | L1 = See text |
| C6 = .001 μ F, 350v.
wkng., mica | RFC = RF choke, 2.5 mH |
| C7 = 250 μ F, var.
wkng., mica | Sk1 = 3-pin socket |
| C8 = .001 μ F, 550v.
wkng., mica | T1 = Mains xformer:
Sec. 300-0-300v.
80 mA, 5v. 2A,
6.3v. 3A |
| R1 = 47,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. | V1 = 5Z4 |
| R2 = 15,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. | V2 = Triode, $\frac{1}{2}$ -12AU7 |
| R3 = 22,000 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ w. | V3 = 5763 |

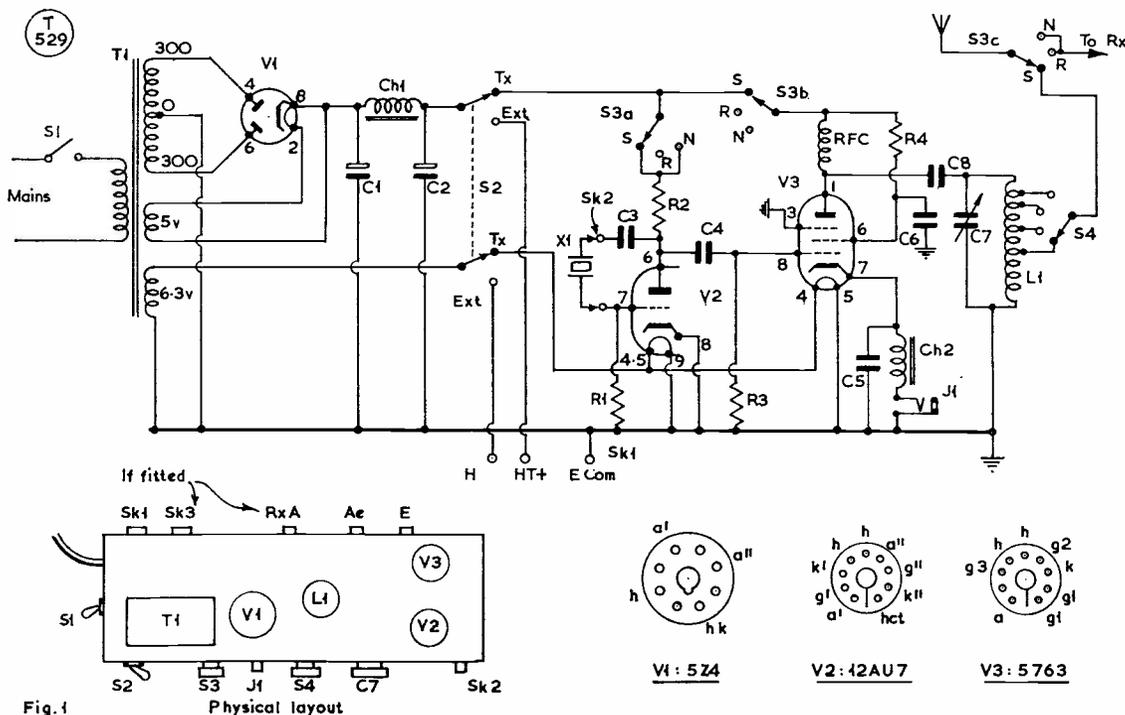


Fig. 1

Fig. 1. Circuit of the Combined PSU/Tx.

receiver from an external vibrator unit for portable operation. These modifications to the basic circuit are described later in this article.

The Circuit

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1. The power supply is a conventional full-wave rectifier (V1) using a capacity-input filter. A 6.3 volt heater winding is provided, one side of which is permanently grounded. Switch S2, a double-pole, double-throw toggle, connects the HT+ line and the "live" side of the heater winding to either the transmitter or socket SK1. When the switch is in the latter position no power is applied to the transmitter and the full rated load of the PSU can be taken by a piece of external equipment connected to SK1.

V2 is the transmitter crystal oscillator, in a simple Pierce circuit. In this the crystal is connected between the anode and grid of the valve, so no tuning is required. One of the merits of the Pierce is that it will oscillate well with virtually any type of crystal.

V3, the PA valve, is a 5763 rated for a maximum input of 300v. at 50 mA. A mixture of grid-leak and cathode bias is provided and the components associated with the cathode circuit constitute an effective key-click filter which gives a very pleasant keying characteristic. The tank circuit is parallel-fed as this allows the coil which, apart from the valves, is the only transmitter component above chassis, to be kept at earth potential. The taps on the tank coil, together with the aerial tapping switch S4, result in a simple and flexible method of matching into a variety of loads. When S4 is switched to the lowest tap it is easy to match into a coaxial cable feeding an aerial tuning unit. It is recommended that an ATU be employed when operating from a fixed location. When operating portable it will be found that selection of the correct tap by S4 will allow the transmitter to be fully loaded into lengths of wire between 10 and 150 feet without the need for an external tuning device.

It will be noted that no permanent metering is provided. Tuning is carried out by jacking a 0-50 mA meter into J1 instead of the key.

Construction

The version constructed by the writer is assembled on a chassis 12 inches long, 3½ inches wide and 2 inches deep, which is fitted with a baseplate. The use of a baseplate is recommended, particularly if portable operation is envisaged, as it protects the under-chassis components and wiring from damage. The chassis size suggested should be adequate for the experienced constructor, but the beginner will find layout and wiring easier if the width of the chassis is increased to 5 inches.

No miniature components are employed except the key jack and the electrolytic capacitors, though the smoothing choke suggested is also smaller than the average. The mains transformer is of the drop-through type, thus providing electrical safety and mechanical strength.

Coil L1 is wound on a grooved 1¼-inch diameter

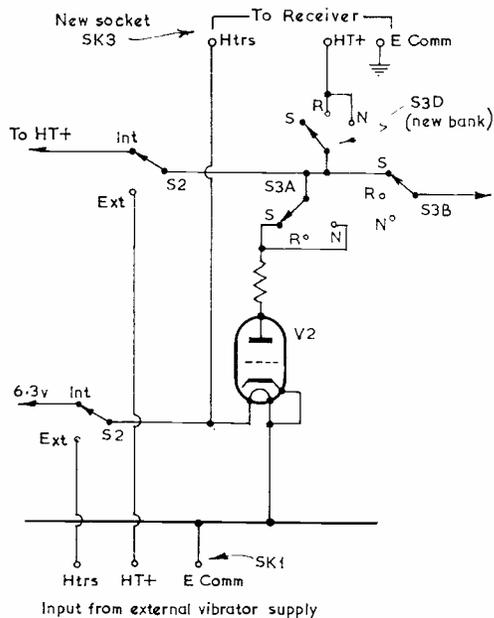


Fig. 2

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Fig. 2. Modifications explained in text.

Eddystone former of the plug-in variety. The pins are cut off the former and it is bolted to the chassis. The two ends of the winding and the wire from the taps are brought down the inside of the former and pass through a hole drilled in the chassis to reach S4 and the RF choke. The taps are made by cleaning a small portion of the coil winding wire at the appropriate point and soldering a suitable length of 22g. plastic covered wire to the cleaned area. (If a different colour is used for each of the connections identification is made easy.) The winding itself consists of 24 turns of 22g. enamelled copper tapped at the 6th, 11th, 18th and 24th turns. With the grooved former used adjacent turns are spaced by twice the wire diameter, which makes the soldering of the taps easy.

Two Warnings!

When using the equipment shown in Fig. 1 it is essential to observe the following precautions:

- (1) When connecting the power supply to external equipment which has one side of its heaters earthed, ensure that the "live" ("Htrs") and the earth connection on Sk1 are connected to the corresponding points on the equipment being supplied. If this is not done, and the two chassis are earthed, the heater winding will be short-circuited via the earth system.

(2) Do *not* switch the transmitter to "send" unless a crystal is plugged in. Bias for V2 is derived from the rectified grid current flowing through R1, and this current will only flow if V2 is oscillating.

Setting-up and Tuning

When the wiring has been checked, plug a suitable crystal into Sk2, connect the aerial and earth and set S2 to the "Ext" position. Connect the mains supply and switch on S1. Using a voltmeter, check that the rated HT voltage of T1 appears between the "HT+" pin and the earth pin on Sk1, and that there is 6.3v. AC between the "Htrs" and earth pins on the socket. Set S3 to "net" ("N") and switch S2 to the "Tx" position. Allow the transmitter valves to warm up, then check the crystal frequency with a receiver. A strong beat should be heard. (It will be necessary to "throttle the Rx back" quite a lot.) If an ATU is being used, tune it to 3.5 mc. Jack a 0-50 mA meter into J1 and switch S3 to "send" ("S"). Adjust C7 to resonance as indicated by a maximum dip in the meter reading and if an ATU is in use peak it for maximum aerial current. Try each position of S4 in turn, re-dipping the PA after each change, until the position is found which produces maximum cathode current when C7 is tuned to resonance. The correct setting of S4 should give a cathode current reading of about

50 mA if 300 volts of HT is being applied. When S4 has been correctly set, unplug the milliammeter and jack in a key. The transmitter is then ready for use.

Modifications

Fig. 2 shows how the modifications already mentioned can be carried out. The wiring to S2 is re-arranged so that the switch can be used to isolate the transmitter from the mains power supply and connect it to the output from an external vibrator source, fed *via* Sk1. At the same time S3 is replaced by a 4-bank switch and the extra bank (S3D) is used to switch the HT supply to an associated receiver when S3 is in the "receive" ("R") and "net" ("N") positions. An additional 3-pin socket, Sk3, connects power to the receiver, the heater supply being permanently wired to it.

While not quite "two for the price of one," the equipment described is an easy way to provide standby transmitting facilities. The transmitter is simple to construct and operate and very cheap to build. On various occasions it has been used to train R.A.E. students who have not previously adjusted or built a transmitter, and they have invariably commented on the simplicity of construction and operation. It should therefore appeal both to the experienced operator who wishes to have a useful piece of standby equipment and to the beginner who is trying to find a simple circuit for his first attempt at transmitter construction.

G3BZU CODE PROFICIENCY TESTS

Among recipients of a 40 w.p.m. certificate—offered by the R.N. Amateur Radio Society, hon. secretary R/S W. Metcalfe, G3TIF, P.O. Mess, H.M.S. *Mercury*, Leydene, Petersfield, Hants.—is G3MGP of Tamworth, Staffs. Others at the 40 w.p.m. level, listed in the July R.N.A.R.S. *News Sheet*, are G3JBA, G3RWL, G3TIF and G3WAU. There are also about 30 awards out for speeds in the range 20-35 w.p.m. Details of the G3BZU Morse Test Runs appeared on p.160 of the May issue of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE.

BRITISH AMATEUR TELEVISION CLUB

The BATC 1968 Convention will be held on Saturday, September 14, at the ITA Conference Suite, 70 Brompton Road, London, S.W.3, 10 a.m. to 6.0 p.m., and there is free admission for all interested in Amateur TV. There will be an exhibition of A/TV equipment and lectures on topics of amateur television interest. We are glad to notice from the latest issue of *CQ-TV* that the BATC is in a satisfactory financial position. The surplus on operations for the year to December '67 was £178, and the Club's nett assets stand at the healthy total of £840. The

hon. secretary of the B.A.T.C. is N. Hampton, G6OUH /T, 19 Grove Crescent, Kingsbury, London, W.9. The Convention arrangements are being made by D. S. Reid, 71A Rose Valley, Brentwood, Essex.



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MODIFICATION NOTE—THE G3RNL TRANSVERTER

CURING INSTABILITY

IT has been found, with some models of the G3RNL HF-band Transverter—see SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, January 1968—that instability can occur on “transmit.” This is due to feed-back coupling on the aerial change-over contact of the relay—a small amount of Tx output can be coupled back into the signal path *via* the mixer anode tuned circuits.

A simple modification, involving the addition of a relay with one change-over contact, can be incorporated to avoid this trouble. The sketch herewith shows the circuitry for the modification. The section dotted is as given in Fig. 2(A) on p.681 of the January issue.

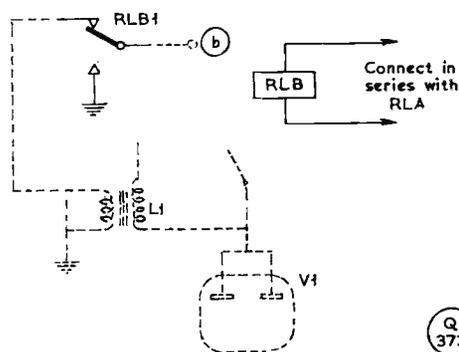
In the Table of Values on p.680, a better choice would be, for C5, 100 $\mu\mu\text{F}$; C16, .01 μF ; and R9 should have been shown as 100K. The value of R19 is 1,000 ohms and not as given in the left-hand column of the Table.

REMEMBER—EUROPEAN BAND PLAN

Though perhaps more honoured in the breach than in the observance, it should be borne in mind by all AT-station operators that there is currently in force what is known as the European Band Plan, agreed by all IARU member-societies in 1966, after much painful discussion and argument. Here, then, are the *Phone Areas* which all telephony stations should observe: 3.6 to 3.8 mc; 7.04-7.10 mc; 14.10-14.35 mc; 21.15-21.45 mc; and 28.2-29.70 mc.

The *CW Areas* are: 3.5 to 3.6 mc; 7.0-7.04 mc; 14.0-14.10 mc; 21.0-21.15 mc; and 28.0-28.20 mc.

While CW is permitted all through these bands, in



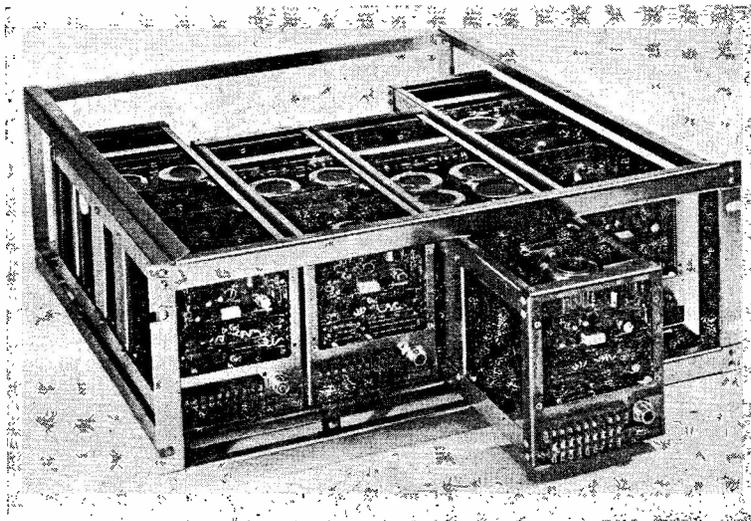
fact it is not very popular (and seldom so used) on the Phone sections. There is no plan for Top Band (few European countries have 1.8-2.0 mc, anyway), though in the U.K. the habitués are aware of a tacitly agreed dividing-line at about 1900 kc, with CW mainly in the lower half.

Though there can be no *compulsion* about the matter, it would be a very good thing if all concerned would keep to the European Band Plan, which was worked out to make things easier and pleasanter for everybody.

DUAL-GATE VHF TRANSISTOR

An interesting arrival on the transistor front is the new FET-MEM554, which is of series-gate construction, making it the equivalent of a cascode amplifier. It can be used, on frequencies as high as 400 mc, as an RF amplifier and linear mixer, with a feed-back capacity of only .02 $\mu\mu\text{F}$. It is a low-noise device, with high RF gain—typically, 18 dB at 200 mc with NF of 3.0 dB. Gates 1 and 2 of the FET-MEM554 can be separately connected, e.g., Gate 1 for an input signal, and Gate 2 for a gain control or second RF signal.

The neat modular PSU's, Series 30, introduced recently by A.P.T. Electronic Industries, can be housed in this rack-mounting frame—the 19-inch size, with a front panel secured by four locking screws, enabling the Units to be slid out independently.



SIMPLIFIED TRANSVERTER FOR THE TWO-METRE BAND

TO GIVE SUFFICIENT OUTPUT
FOR A CLASS-AB1 LINEAR
AMPLIFIER

P. W. WATERS (G3OJV)

THE unit described here is a small transverter-driver unit for the two-metre band. It was produced to enable the writer to use his Heathkit SB-400 Sideband Tx for VHF working, on the transverter principle—as discussed in recent issues of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE. The circuitry adopted is simple and straightforward and, with the exception of the QQV03-10 output valve, all the necessary parts were salvaged from an old low-band VHF “business radio” equipment.

With the circuit shown, working properly, a few watts of SSB drive input at 28 mc will give a good 2w. p.e.p. output on the two-metre band, and this should be ample to push a medium-power linear amplifier in Class-AB1.

Circuit Arrangement

The first half of V1 is fed from a separate 150v. stabilised HT line, with a third-overtone xtal oscillator to produce 38-667 mc. At G3OJV, the crystal

itself is an HC-6U type with a marked fundamental frequency of 12-889 mc. The overtone output is tripled to 116 mc, near enough, in the second half of V1. The buffer amplifier stage V2 was included to ensure that plenty of oscillator-injection would be

Table of Values

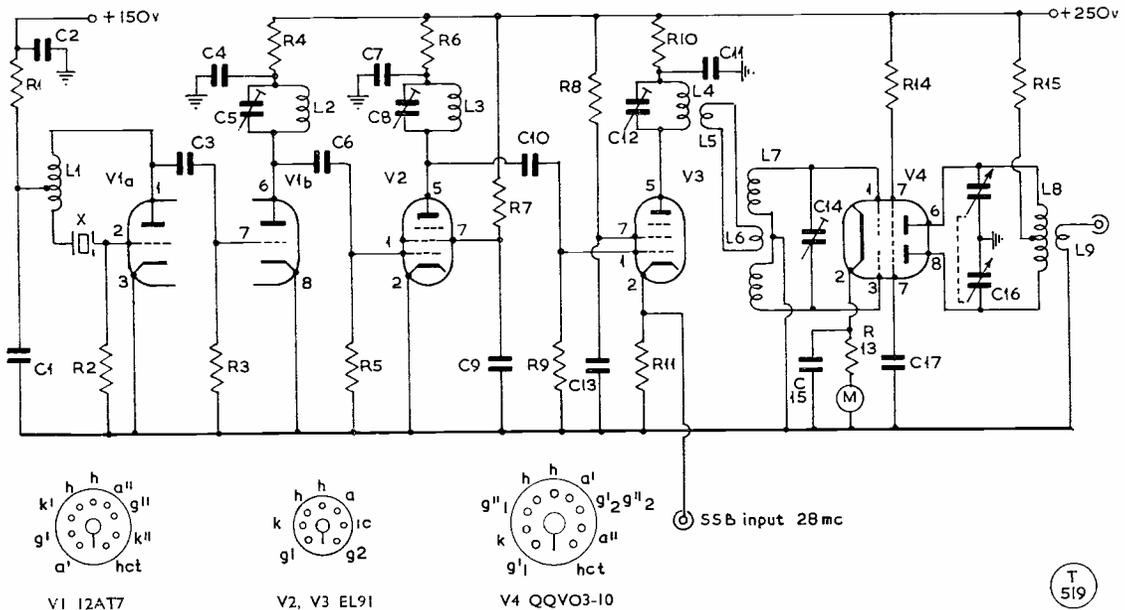
Circuit of the Two-Metre Transverter

C1, C2,	R4 = 2,200 ohms
C4, C7,	R6, R10 = 220 ohms
C9, C11,	R7, R8 = 6,800 ohms
C13, C15 = .001 μ F disc cer.	R11 = 50-ohm 10w.
C3 = 47 μ F	input load
C5, C8,	R12 = 100 ohms
C12 = 25 μ F, trimmers	R13 = 240 ohms, 1w.
C6 = 22 μ F	R14 = 27,000 ohms
C10 = 15 μ F	R15 = 39 ohms
C14 = 15 μ F, trimmer	V1 = 12AT7
C16 = 15 \pm 15 μ F, var.	V2, V3 = EL91
R1, R2 = 10,000 ohms	V4 = QQV03-10
R3, R5,	
R9 = 47,000 ohms	

COIL DATA

- L1 — 12 turns 22g. enamelled, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. dia., slug tuned, tap 3t. from grid end.
- L2 — 4 turns 20g. enam., $\frac{3}{8}$ in. dia., $\frac{1}{8}$ th in. long.
- L3 — 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ turns, 18g., $\frac{1}{2}$ in. dia. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long.
- L4 — 4 turns, 18g., $\frac{3}{8}$ in. dia., by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long.
- L5, L6, L9 — Single-turn p.v.c. links.
- L7, L8 — 4 turns 18g., $\frac{3}{8}$ in. dia. by $\frac{3}{8}$ in. long.

Notes: All coils are self-supporting except L1. All resistors rated half-watt 10%, except as shown. R11 is the soak-resistor for the Sideband drive input; adjustment of SSB excitation should be as explained in recent articles on Transverters.



Circuit of the G3OJV Transverter.

available for the mixer, V3.

Sideband injection from the SB-400 at 28 mc is fed to the cathode of V3. The tank side L4, C12 is tuned to the product frequency of 144 mc, and in turn is linked in to the grid of V4, the two-metre output stage.

This is the QQV03-10, operated in Class-A. If a metal screen is fitted across the valve-holder, so that grid and anode sides are isolated to the extent that they cannot "see" each other, the stage will be found to be perfectly stable. This is a usual precaution when running straight amplifiers at VHF, and needs to be carefully done if "shocking noises" are to be avoided.

Alignment Procedure

There should be no difficulty about this if it is done methodically, as follows: The slug in L1 should be adjusted, and set, till the crystal goes into oscillation easily, and picks up immediately HT is switched on—it is no use going further till this condition is achieved. Final setting of the slug should be such that maximum grid current is shown in V1b, consistent with easy and certain starting.

Then, C5 should be set for maximum grid current into V2 at 116 mc. The anode circuit of this stage is also tuned to 116 mc—by which time there should be at least 1 mA of drive into V3. C12, C14 are then set up for maximum grid current in V4, which can be affected by variation of the link coupling. Note that all the foregoing adjustments will be found to interact to a certain extent—which means going over them to arrive at full drive to V4.

Having carried out this procedure, it only remains to bring the anode circuit C16, L8 to resonance and set the 28 mc SSB input so that the cathode current of V4 just shows variation on speech peaks.

The drive output may then be fed either to a linear amplifier, or into a two-metre beam, as a low-power Tx. If operated "barefoot" in this way, it would be better to short out the cathode resistor R13 of V4 and apply some fixed bias so that the stage is operated in Class-AB1.

Under these conditions—representing about two watts p.e.p. only—local results have been very favourable, using a 6-ele beam at 30ft. As an example, G3DAH at 45 miles has been worked with an S9 report.

Of course, a sideband transverter unit of this kind should be regarded not as a basic transmitter for two metres, but as a driver for a straight amplifier running 90-100 watts input. The QRP result can be regarded as of esoteric interest only!

INTERESTING GPO STATISTICS

They say that more than 100,000 radio transmitters for private two-way communication are now licensed in the U.K. What began 20 years ago as a modest experiment in Business Radio has now grown into an important facility with a wide variety of users, ranging from ambulances, taxis and the motoring organisations, to doctors, veterinary surgeons, public utilities (like the electricity,

FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIPS FOR SIDE BAND TRANSVERTERS

The table below shows how required SSB output frequencies can be obtained with different drive inputs and conversion crystals.

BAND	DRIVE FREQUENCY mc	CONVERSION FREQUENCY XTAL mc	OUTPUT FREQUENCY mc
2 METRES	28·410	$6,500 \times 3 = 19·5$	145·41
	14·010	$7,300 \times 3 = 21·9$	145·41
	21·210	$6,900 \times 3 = 20·7$	145·41
4 METRES	14·325	$6,225 \times 3$ $= 18·675$	70·350

gas and water boards, and such), the organisers of sports events and such esoteric bodies as mountain-rescue teams and off-shore vigilantes. There are now 75,000 land-based transmitters for private mobile radio, working to maintenance vehicles and small portable receivers, such as are used by road and building contractors.

More than 2,300 transmitters are licensed for private working from ships and yachts around the shores of the U.K., operating on spot frequencies, with 2182 kc as the local calling and distress wave. Private aircraft, including gliders, and their ground stations add up to another 2,500. The greater part of the private-users' traffic (except yachts and other small craft) is carried on UHF/VHF, where the frequency space has become available as the result of years of development—by the Post Office, the manufacturers and the co-operation of users. This development has, in round terms, multiplied the channel-availability by at least eight over the last 15 years.

According to this latest GPO survey, there are now (count as at July 29) about 14,000 licensed radio amateurs in the U.K. Another 14,000 licence holders operate in the model control category, using low power on the 27 mc band. And, believe it or not, there are nearly 3,000 "induction communication systems"—which also have to be licensed—whereby a personal-call facility can be provided in hospitals and factories.

G6CL, MAYOR OF ENFIELD

On the formation of the new London Boroughs, those of Enfield, Southgate and Edmonton were amalgamated to form the Borough of Enfield, one of the largest in the GLC area. Its new Mayor is well known far beyond the confines of his civic boundaries—Alderman John Clarricoats, OBE, JP (G6CL), who will be remembered as for many years the very energetic General Secretary of the Radio Society of Great Britain. Having retired from that onerous position some time ago, G6CL has since been devoting himself more and more to public affairs (in which he has always had an active interest—he was mayor of his own borough of Southgate in 1955), culminating in election to his present important office. We congratulate him, and wish G6CL, and his Lady Mayoress, success and good health in what is undoubtedly a very responsible job.

FRED GOES MOBILE

By G3COI

CQ CQ CQ . . . Fred's voice began to fray at the edges. He had read that article about mobile being the way to beat the tedium of town motoring. He had been calling solidly for past half-an-hour and the mileometer had advanced by 3 points. The efficient heater had by now filled the car with hot diesel fumes from innumerable lorries and buses but Fred was oblivious and continued to call, using every conceivable variation of wording and phonetic, but each time he went over, from the speaker slung beneath the dash on a bent nail would emanate a great bellow of hash. At last the grim Stroke Mexico operator began to feel that perhaps not all was well with the rig—surely activity on Top Band could not be this low? He pulled quickly over to the kerb amid the hooting and bawled cruderies of his fellow traffic to whom he had made no hand signals. (The window was jammed anyway). He untwisted the two dangling bits of black wire that served as an ignition switch and the uneven throbbing of the thoroughly thraped Mini shuddered to a steaming halt. With it ceased 90% of the hash and what seemed to be several QSO's could be heard. Fred carefully tuned over the band in search of either a clear spot or a CQ. Ah! here was one—he netted as well as he could but as he had no means of switching off his signal blotted out all the band on any VFO setting. (He netted by the thumbnail method—I mention this in case any reader is mystified regarding how one can net when one's signal blots out the entire band).

I suppose everybody has heard of the thumbnail method of netting—in case there are any new subscribers perhaps I had better give them a brief run down. The first requirement is a genuine QSO with the rig in question. Having got this going well, the operator with the blocking net signal asks politely what the other chap thinks his frequency is. Now, if the other chap has no measuring stuff or a crudely calibrated receiver it's too bad but most are accurate to 50 kc or so nowadays. Anyway, let's say this other chap comes back with "1905-89 kilohertz," why, all you do then is to mark your dial with your thumb nail. Repeat these instructions with several QSO's spread about the band at random and you will have a set of thumbnail marks that can take you anywhere.

Thus netted Fred. He switched to transmit and put out another lengthy call. He went over with a deft twist of multicoloured wire to hear . . . CQ CQ CQ *This is George three* . . .—it was old Syd, who couldn't be more than two miles away judging by the colossal impact of his signals, which were vibrating spent matches from the magnetic ashtray clinging to Fred's receiver. Fred let him sign and gave him a quick call in the form of a jocular reference to his "having a poor receiver." Six rounds of complete silence broken only by the bell-like tinkling of the beacon round about 1900 kc. Puzzled, our thick friend again fired up his EL84 and tuned carefully. Yes, all the indications were that he *was radiating* on 160. The neon bulb embedded in chewing gum on

top of the loading coil was a pretty pink and the vibrator hummed at the minimum level, thus coinciding with the dip that would have been shown on a PA current meter if a PA current meter had been fitted. Test number three was not carried out (grasping the voltage end of the whip with the moistened fingers) as Fred's fingers had not yet healed from damage incurred in previous tests.

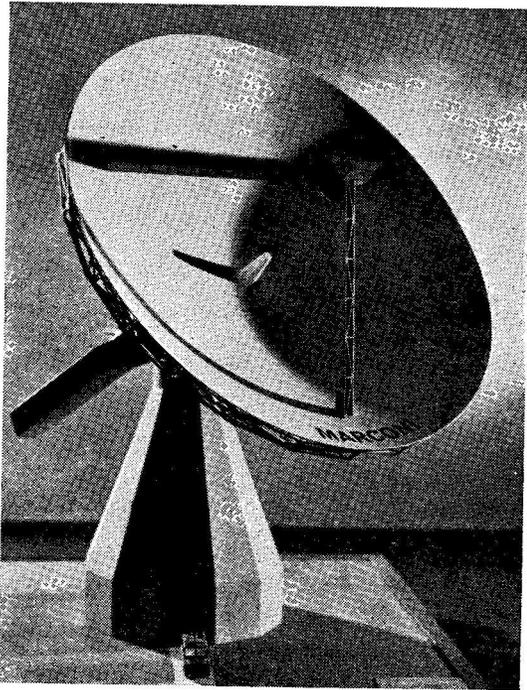
He gave Syd a long, anxious call and went over. Blow-me-down if he wasn't calling CQ again. A bead of perspiration fell from our hero's brow on to the bare horn contacts in the centre of the steering wheel, momentarily setting off the low buzz of the mud-filled klaxon. The noise startled him and he kicked upwards into the welter of wire at the back of the dashboard—his usual method for silencing unbidden horn activity. Desperately he thumbed through an ancient copy of the *Call Book* to find Syd's QTH. Setting off he gave Syd another call but although Syd's voice became louder and louder, none of his remarks were addressed to Fred—*It was obvious that Fred was not getting out!*

At last Fred pulled up outside Syd's QTH and sat patiently as Syd once more put out a plea to the waiting band. Syd was getting weary now and should really have gone QRT because the string leading from his foot, out of the shack and down to the kitchen and XYL, had already been tugged with increasing heartiness, twice.

. . . and standing by for any possible call. . . . Fred called with desperate confidence, but as soon as he realised that still no answer was coming he leapt from his car and dashed round to the back of the house and up to Syd's shack. Without ceremony he pushed open the door revealing the eloquent back of the incumbent operator. (He wore overalls bearing the legend "See you further down the log"). "Hey, Syd what's up with your Top Band receiver?" shrilled our hero, "I've been calling you for the last half-hour." Syd revolved slowly on his sorbo-covered stool, making a noise like a balloon accident. "You're not likely to get a reply," said Syd, with immense control and dignity, "I'm transmitting on Eighty."

SUGGESTION WORTH PURSUING

There are more than 40 Cheshire Homes in the United Kingdom. Several already operate a licensed amateur station and there are at least five equipped for listening on the amateur bands. Unquestionably, these will have been helped by Clubs or individual amateurs in their locality. It is the hope of Gp. Capt. Leonard Cheshire, VC, DSO**, DFC*, RAF (Bomber Command), that all Homes of his Cheshire Foundation should eventually have a licensed AT-station. Clubs already actively pursuing this ideal include Chippenham & District (the Greathouse Home) and Bristol Amateur Radio Club (supporting the Cheshire Home at Timsbury). This still leaves about 30 Homes without known radio amateur support to get them on the air. It can mean (for anyone wishing to help) a long period of indoctrination, instruction for the R.A.E., and eventually the provision of equipment. If you, or your local Club organisation, would like to help, the address to write to is: Cheshire Foundation, 7 Market Mews, London, W.1.



This is a representation of the 90ft. diameter UHF dish being provided by the Marconi Co. under their recent space-order contract with Cable & Wireless—worth over £2m. and the largest of its kind ever placed in Europe. Ground stations, using such a dish, at Bahrain and Hong Kong will work to the satellites and the system will give communication over about half the inhabited area of the world.

LOW NOTE FROM ZS

In a recent issue of *Radio ZS* of the South African Radio League—sometimes printed in both English and Afrikaans—it was briefly stated that “the editor and members of the *Radio ZS* committee regret to announce that they will not be available for another term of office. It has been decided that it was time for new blood to take over. A new editor and committee will have to be found to ensure the smooth running of *Radio ZS*.” All we can say is that this is a sad and unexpected development—because for many years *Radio ZS*, though a small and not very powerful periodical in the radio amateur press of the world, has faithfully mirrored what has been going on in South Africa in the Amateur Radio context. *Radio ZS* has always been a neat and well produced little magazine, and it is to be hoped that continuance will be possible.

ICF's AND LOCAL RADIO

The experimental broadcasting service—under which transmissions of local interest are radiated on FM/VHF at a number of centres in the more populous parts of the country—is making slow progress in the face of a certain amount of apathy and some financial stringency. It has, of course, been suggested that this service would have much better chances of success if it could be operated on MF—but as the Post Office has pointed out, in the present crowded state of the medium-wave BC band, the interfer-

ence problem would become intolerable, “especially after dark.” Then the suggestion was that the little-known International Common Frequencies, 1484 and 1594 kc, agreed under the Copenhagen Plan of 1948 for internal QRP working, might be utilised for low-power local coverage services—but at such frequencies the mutual interference, especially in the relatively confined area of the U.K., would remain and make after-dark local BC operation impracticable. If local broadcasting is to continue, it must be kept to VHF. And if it is to become really successful, the service provided must be such as to induce more people to buy more VHF receivers.

“THE OTHER MAN'S STATION”

For more than 20 years—and, if you care to go back into the period before Hitler's War, it could be 30 years—we have made a regular feature in *SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE* of The Other Man's Station. This could mean a picture of you with the equipment you operate. We do not mind whether offerings are of old timers, new timers or young aspirants just spreading their wings on the amateur bands. What we want is (a) A good, clear black-white photograph, with (b) An autobiographical account written, in your own words, about how you got started in Amateur Radio and what your current activities and interests are, with a run-down of the gear shown in your picture. With this and the essential details you send in with it, we write a page-story—for which you are paid at space rates, immediately on publication. All material offered for The Other Man's Station should be sent to: Editor, *SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE*, BUCKINGHAM.

“BBC RADIO CAR”

In the “World at One” Home Service news programme on August 9, the BBC radio car was in action again. There were only a few unnecessary pop-noises, and the steady background hiss was down to well below speech level. So there is an improvement. But we haven't yet got the clean, well-modulated transmission that we ought to have from a BBC radio vehicle operating static-mobile. It may seem extraordinary, but there it is.



“. . . and you say you got those spots from a bug? . . .”

THE MOBILE SCENE

NOTES ON THE LEE-ON-SOLENT,
SOUTH SHIELDS, COLCHESTER, NEWQUAY
AND SALTASH RALLY EVENTS—
NEWS AND PICTURES

The last two months have covered not only the "British summer holiday season" but also a busy period in the Rally Calendar—with varying fortunes as regards Wx and attendances. One clear fact, however, is that this year's Rally activity has been the greatest yet.

Going back to June 15, they had a beautiful Saturday for the Lee-on-Solent event, organised by the R.N. Amateur Radio Society and held in conjunction with the R.N. Air Day at H.M.S. *Daedalus*. The /M attendance amounted to 48, of whom seven were worked on Top Band, another seven on 4 metres, and a couple on two metres. The control station signed GB3RN and was exceptionally well located at the top of Portsdown Hill, 320ft. a.s.l., enabling many other fixed stations to be worked. (According to the report in the R.N.A.R.S. *News Sheet* for July it also "cut out QRM from the band of the Royal Marines and small boys fingering PA valves!") However, the fact remains that for the quality of the entertainment offered on this Naval occasion, the visiting mobile attendance was low—proving (as so often in the past), that Saturday events are just not on for the majority of the mobile fraternity. It is the day when local shopping and other domestic chores and responsibilities simply have to take first place.

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The ninth Rally organised by the South Shields & District Amateur Radio Club was held on the local Bents Park recreation ground on July 7. In warm and

sunny Wx they welcomed about 400 people in 120 cars, of which 40 were fitted /M—the largest attendance yet recorded at South Shields. Competition winners were: G3WOB (mobile turnout); G3PHO (frequency test); G3VRO (quick construction competition); G3RKL (visual radio quiz); and GM3LIB (audio quiz). For the fourth successive occasion, G3MQT (Hastings) was the longest-distance traveller.

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The Colchester event on July 14—held at the local Zoo, with the talk-in station signing GB3ZOO on Top Band and VHF—started under storm conditions around mid-day, followed by clearance and a fine afternoon. But inevitably, attendance from all but the immediate locality must have been affected, and the talk-in station packed up early. However, the undoubted interest and attractions of the site are such that one hopes the Colchester group will run a Rally there again next year.

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For the Cornish Radio Amateur Club's Rally at Pentire Headland, Newquay, on July 21, all (we are told) went smoothly—Wx perfect, with hot sunshine all day; a large and happy crowd, including many interesting mobiles, on holiday in the district; all the talk-in gear worked perfectly, with plenty of on-the-air activity; a selection of interesting display stands; and coverage for the event on local TV. Altogether, says the report, "a thoroughly satisfactory day"—well done, C.R.A.C.

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The new Grammar School at Saltash, Cornwall, was the venue on July 28 for the fourth Mobile Rally arranged by the Saltash & District Amateur Radio Club, in perfect weather, on a hill-top site with panoramic views. The final count was well over 500 people, including many amateurs who were on holiday in the south-west, as well as visitors from distant parts—G2DC/G3JAF came all

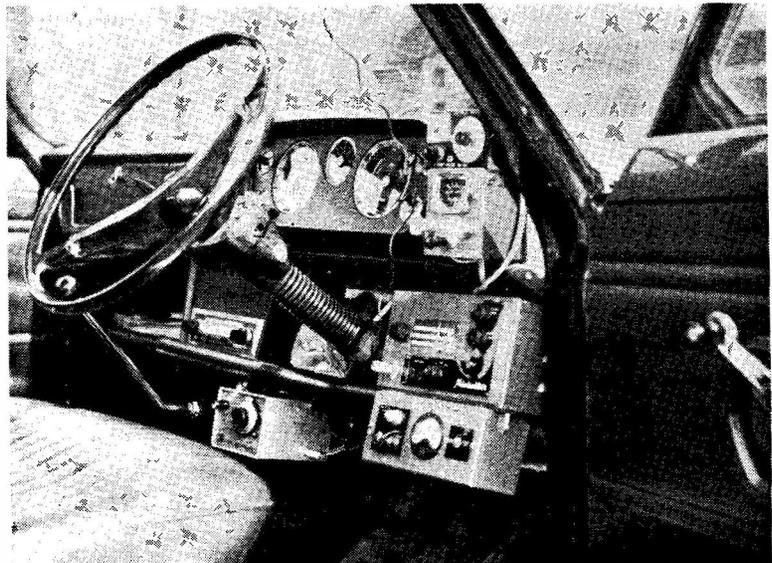
Taken on the occasion of the Cornish Radio Amateur Club's Mobile Rally at Pentire Headland, Newquay, on July 21. All that tentage, and the aerials, had to be erected for the event—for which they had perfect Wx and a very good attendance.





The stand put on for the Saltash Mobile Rally by the firm of Newbery, Axminster—of which the proprietor is Reg. Ward, G2BSW (seen here), who has been in the radio business for many years. The display included a fine selection of Eddystone equipment, for which Newbery's are agents in the South Devon area.

G3VYP, recently on tour in Scotland signing GM3VYP/M, covered 1700 miles up there and kept in QSO throughout with nearly 40 different GM's, running 15 watts AM into a whip ae. mounted on the roof of his Triumph. His gear, shown here, is a Minimitter mobile Tx and home-built transistor converter for the car radio.



the way from Hampshire. The Rally was formally opened by Arthur Edwards, G6XJ, and for many present it was of great interest to meet one who has for so long been identified with the honoured name of Eddystone. The RAIBC was represented by G3VUC, and G3UBY, with SWL Burton, ran free trips for the children on the River Lynher. Prize-winners were: G3WWK/M and G3WKP/M, longest distances worked to control, GB3SAL; for frequency measuring, G3NXV; valve identification, G8AFA; and G3NPA, for a competition called "DX-darts." There were well over 100 prizes for the raffle—and at the end it was generally agreed that this was the most successful Mobile Rally yet held by the Saltash group.

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On p.356 of last month's issue, the picture of G2IK/P

was wrongly identified—that shown was actually the Bristol Group's field day station, and had nothing to do with Longleat. Just one of those unfortunate mix-ups. . . .

A letter from G3VYP/M (Castle Bromwich) describes his holiday mobile trip round Scotland, and records his appreciation of the hospitality and co-operation of the GM's, who kept him busy on the air all through his tour of 1,700 miles, proving that "almost complete coverage of GM is possible running only 15w. AM on three bands using a mobile whip mounted on the roof."

The Rally Calendar

Following are the Rally events to wind up the 1968 Season, which has been the busiest and most successful on record.

September 1: Mobile Rally to be held by the Preston Amateur Radio Society in the car park of the



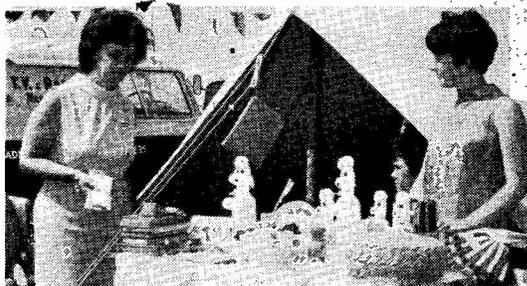
This picture may give some readers a few ideas for station layout and construction—it is of the very fine home-built console shown by G3VVP (seated) at the Saltash Mobile Rally on July 28. Standing are G3SN (right), president of Saltash, with Arthur Edwards, G6XJ, who officially opened the Rally.

North End's Football Ground. There will be various indoor displays, and talk-in stations will be on the air from 10.0 a.m. Further information from: G. Windsor, 26 St. Gregory's Road, Preston PR1 6YB, Lancs.

September 1: Mobile Rally at Pipers Hill Common, south of Bromsgrove, Worcs., on the B.4091, organised by the Bromsgrove & District Amateur Radio Club, with talk-in on Top Band.—J. Dufrane, 44 Hazelton Road, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, Worcs.

September 2 (Bank Holiday): Peterborough Mobile Rally. Venue is on the riverside park, between the swimming-pool and the boat-house, with plenty of space for free parking and picnicking. Commence 2.30 p.m., but talk-in station G3DQW will be on 1980 kc at 1 p.m., also G3RED on 4m. and G3UWT on two metres. Special exhibition of old-time wireless gear, as used in the 1920's. Trips down the river. Usual trade-stands and lucky dip! Large marquee if wet.—D. Byrne, G3KPO, Jersey House, Eye, Peterborough. (*Eye* 351.)

September 13-15: Fourth International Amateur Convention at Knokke, Belgium, with a varied programme for all comers, as in recent years. It is now too late to apply for other than special reservations, advance notification having been given in previous issues. The



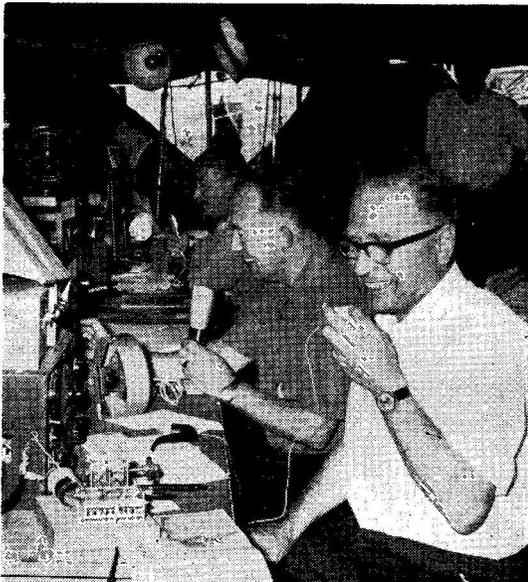
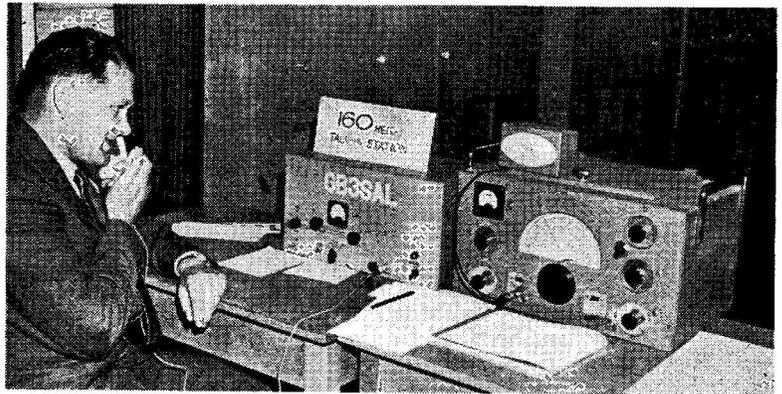
On the left, Edna Cooper, G3UGO, president of the Cornish Amateur Radio Club, visiting one of the stands set up for the very successful Mobile Rally near Newquay on July 21.

organiser is Lucien Vervarcke, ON4LV, Lippenslaan 284, Knokke 1, Belgium.

September 22: Mobile Rally in conjunction with the local carnival at Ipsley, near Redditch, Worcs., off the B.4095. Talk-in on Top Band by the East Worcs. Amateur Radio Group.—L. Hickenbotham, G3HZG, 95 Oakenshaw Road, Redditch, Worcs.

September 29: Harlow & District Amateur Radio Society

All talk-in stations for the Saltash Mobile Rally on July 28 signed GB3SAL. The 160-metre control is here seen being operated by G3XCU.



For their Rally at Newquay, the Cornish group ran their three talk-in stations—on 160m., 80m. and 4m.—under the same cover, and in order from the back are G2BHW, G3THT and G3NKE. According to reports, all this gear worked very satisfactorily.



At the Saltash Rally, one of the prize-winners was G3JAF (Lyngington, Hants.), right, seen receiving his award (for the longest distance travelled) from G6XJ—who himself won a valuable prize, which he immediately re-donated for the benefit of the RAIBC.

annual mobile rally at Magdalen Laver Village Hall, a few miles from Harlow on the east side of the A.11, with local sign-posting on the day. Talk-in on 1870 kc, also on the 4-metre and two-metre bands, controls signing G6UT/A. All the usual attractions for this regular event. Information from: R. A. Sinclair, G3VAD, 244 Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon (66806), Herts.

Reports, notes, news and photographs for the "The Mobile Scene" in the next issue should reach us by *September 7*, latest, addressed: Mobile Scene, Editor, SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM.

AMATEUR RADIO IN GERMANY

Of the 14,000 amateurs now licensed in Germany, about 10,400 are members of D.A.R.C. (the national society), which has a total membership of some 18,700—meaning that a large proportion, about 44%, are in the SWL or just-interested categories. This seems to be now the tendency with most National Societies. It may not be generally realised that the DL's are permitted two narrow frequency-areas—1825-1835 kc and 1985-1992 kc—on what we know as Top Band. There are reciprocal licensing arrangements with several European countries, including the U.K. (*Based on data given in "Region I Bulletin," July issue.*)



SHORT WAVE LISTENER FEATURE

NOTES ON NOISE REDUCTION—AND ON EFFECTIVE EARTHING — MANY READERS AWAIT R.A.E. RESULTS — NEWS, IDEAS AND COMMENTS

By *Justin Cooper*

By the time this piece is read, the RAE results will probably have come out; and to those who have passed go our congratulations, our condolences to the unfortunates who have not made the grade, and the same varieties of wish to all those readers, in whatever context they may have been doing it, who have been examined in their knowledge of some subject—and we might comment that we have covered *most* of the readers that way!

One of the topics not touched upon to any extent in this piece is that of noise levels. Here we have two problems, natural noise, and man-made noise. As far as the former is concerned, we can make a further subdivision into that picked up on the aerial and that generated in the receiver. Natural noise picked up on the aerial we are, to a great extent, stuck with, although a certain amount of help comes with the use of directional aerial systems. The noise generated by the receiver also we have to a great extent have to endure, although on the LF bands it is not usually so important, and in any case it can be kept to a level specified by the maker of the receiver if regular maintenance is done and the set kept in perfect alignment, particularly the front-end stages.

Man-made noise is somewhat of an individual problem. In the first place there is noise generated by incorrect use of the controls, which can easily bury signals of interest due to cross-modulation effects and similar effects; here the cure is the use of a good ATU or a matched aerial system, together with the lowest practical RF gain control setting, which last will not only reduce cross-modulation but also show the receiver selectivity to the best advantage. Additional selectivity, by reducing the receiver bandwidth, will help with both receiver front-end noise, and, to a lesser extent, wide-band aerial-borne noise, in that the signal-to-noise ratio will be directly related to the bandwidths used for this type of noise.

As for the local man-made noises not generated by receiver mis-operation, these can be minimised in quite a few ways. First, getting the aerial up high and in the clear will help, locating the ATU at the point where the aerial approaches the noisy zone, so that coaxial feeder can be run through the noisy zone to the receiver. Of course there are noises generated by dry joints and corroded connections in the aerial, and for these the cure is obvious—what is not so easy to grasp is that such joints may well act as diodes and generate spurious signals themselves! On the earth side, one should bear in mind

Ohms Law, and ensure that there are no places where the same piece of wire is carrying noisy earth currents to ground and our hard won DX. To deal with these is relatively easy, in that one must either use a good separate earth for the station, or if one has no option but to earth to a water pipe, to make sure that the connection is to the rising main where it actually rises, and if possible far below the point at which the mains safety earth is bonded to the pipe. It should be remembered that the earth has resistance in the pipe. Hence, any common length (of conductor or pipe) between mains and RF earth system, must result in voltage drops across the resistance of the length concerned—which means the mains noise appears mixed up with the DX! It boils down to the proposition that just picking up earth for the aerial system at the power-point is not just bad practice safety-wise, but also will bring up the apparent noise-level quite considerably. Again, there is the point that most local noise of this annoying sort is *extremely* short-range stuff, and the noisy areas are usually within the house and loft, so that there is something to be said for *screening the earth lead* if it goes from the shack through noisy areas of the house in the electrical sense.

One should also remember that the water in the pipe has very little to do with the conductivity of the water system to earth—pure water is a good enough insulator to be used with high-voltage transmitting valves as a coolant for the anodes, through jacketing. It is well to remember that the making of good water-tight joints in pipes often results in the two pieces of pipe being insulated from each other, to the detriment of the earthing—so that bonding the pipes together may be necessary across any pipe-joints that are not plumbed. Any joints in the system should be soldered, and then corrosive flux carefully neutralised before finishing with a protective lick of paint.

Finally, when all this is done, one can filter the mains input to the receiver, and then set to work to locate and suppress any noise-generating electrical apparatus at source—such items as elderly electric light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, thermostats, electric controls for central-heating systems, and their fans and pumps, are often the sources of noise not so easily identified as the more common washing-machines, hair-dryers, electric drills and so on.

When you have done all this, the result should be a revelation, and conditions on the bands will seem *far* better!

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The Mail

Top of the heap is *Jim Dunnett (Singapore)* who has parted company with both HRO and R.1475 receivers, and has not to date had his AR88 back from the comprehensive overhaul, although he understood it to be on a final "soak" test at the time of his writing.

Congratulations are in order to *J. Fitzgerald (Gt. Missenden)* who has secured his B.A. degree, and, as he says, "resumed normal service on the bands" for a while. However, there is still some way to go, as he has to do a year of teacher-training up North yet.

Stewart Foster (Lincoln) is one of the Angry Young Men—because the writer discounted XP1AA last time out in a fit of absent-mindedness, for which there was no excuse—after all, it is written down in the Prefix List that goes with the *DX Zone Map* hanging on the wall of J.C.'s shack!

One of several who are waiting patiently for RAE results to come through was *R. Schofield (Liverpool)*, who is filling in the time with Morse studies, prefix hunting, and the modification of a 19 Set. Roy has put up separate dipoles for the bands from Forty to Ten, and is running a programme to evaluate them against the Joystick.

Another poor suffering soul is that of *J. A. Ennis (Saltash)* who has returned to HPX'ing in order to calm his nerves during the waiting period before the RAE results come out!

R. Allisett (Guernsey) has just escaped from the O-level inquisition, and so though to spend rather more hours at the receiver—but alas, he had to go into hospital, and then was to take a holiday trip to G, which two events have between them reduced his listening time to zero. Not to worry, Dick, that is what a hobby is about—and when, like J.C., you have a long white beard which gets mixed up with the receiver dials, then you realise the best thing of all about a hobby is the lack of any need to press on with it *unless you want to*. It is nice to think of all those VK/ZL stations on Twenty or Fifteen, or even on Top Band—and then turn over again and go back to sleep!

A Geloso-KW converter has made life a little easier for *D. L. Hill (Edinburgh)*, but not enough to enable him to put in the elusive last few prefixes to justify an entry in the CW HPX Table—no doubt the next outing will see the magic 200 up, as we get out of the summer doldrums.

While most of our correspondents had finished their examinations at the time of the deadline, an exception was *S. M. Phillips (Dukinfield)* who was writing in the interval between exams. His listening time is further being reduced by electrical QRM—indeed the chap who first puts on the market a non-QRM-producing washing-machine deserves to be awarded a monopoly!

Talking of electrical noises, *H. M. Graham (Harefield)* lives a couple of hundred yards away from a hospital whose grounds back on to his own, and he believes that the hospital is the cause of a lot of the noise which enters his receiver, on the LF bands particularly. This could be quite a point, as the hospitals are full of electric gadgets of one sort and another and most are noise producing. Possibly a suitable approach would be in order.

Wire in the loft, 132ft. of it, and a Joystick, are the aerials in use with a CR-150 by *P. Levitt (Worksop)* who makes an initial entry for the Ladder. Incidentally, this is as good a point as any to clear up a couple of misconceptions among readers of this piece. A long-wire aerial is, by definition, one that is longer than a resonant length—or, in other words longer than a half-wave at the frequency in question; thus a 132 footer would quite definitely be a long-wire on, say, *Twenty*, but equally surely *not* a long-wire on Top Band or Eighty. If in doubt it is far better to refer to the thing as an end-fed wire of such-and-such length, when there will be no possibility of misunderstanding. Another one is the use of the word "antenna"—which in English means the sensory organs found in pairs on the heads of certain insects and *crustacea*. The use of "antenna" in the radio sense may be correct in the American language, which is *not* the same as English; and until we become another State in the Union, English we shall use! Seriously, though, it is well to realise that often the indiscriminate switching from the English to the American word, or the other way, carries with it the loss of a subtle shade of meaning which may in the technical sense be important.

D. J. C. Bushell (Evesham) has been somewhat tied down by examinations and things, but has managed to add some new prefixes to his total from his temporary location at Evesham, although we have deleted his "HP6CC," heard on 14.2 mc at midnight on July 16 as a probable misreading; it would be interesting if one of the many European takers for this one could confirm what the callsign really was.

R. Gape (Leigh-on-Sea) has climbed back on his soapbox again. This time he is comparing VHF operating practices to HF habits, to the detriment of the former. Robin feels the transmitting chaps should mention the frequency of the station with whom they are in QSO on each occasion they go over, as he has been more than a little frustrated in not being able to find the DX. Fair comment in some ways, but it has to be remembered that 144 mc is VHF, where there are not only highly directional beams, but where only relatively few stations are able to VFO with any sort of stability. The key to finding one's way about is the U.K. VHF band-plan, which tells you where to look for stations in various parts of the country, and a *Call Book* (in which the band plan is given). It must be admitted that VHF is not ideal territory for SWL'ing, but it can be very rewarding indeed once the technique has been acquired.

Still on this "operating" tack, *I. Cooper (Alnwick)* comments on the widening of his scope brought about by learning Morse, and the rapid rate of his progress—seems that a month or so ago he could not copy a slow CQ, whereas now he can take callsigns and so on at above twenty words a minute. As he has done this by listening only, he has had a continually widening experience, and this has enhanced his interest in Amateur Radio. Ian now has to wait for the RAE pass-slip, and is whiling away the time by building gear and getting up his Morse speed so that when the time comes he has plenty in hand.

A first letter and Ladder entry comes in from *D. Holbrook (Newport, I.o.W.)* who decided to have a dabble at HPX as he had a little more time to spare after the RAE. He uses a CR-100 in conjunction with a ninety-footer, but has plans in stew for a Quad aerial on

the HF bands.

Remember that missing name last time, which your conductor claimed was worth a pint of mild-and-bitter? *D. Douglas (Dundee)* it was, and within a day or so of the last appearing, back came a postal order from David for the price of a pint—and it went down well! Thanks indeed.

R. C. Waterman (Aberlady, E. Lothian) has been a lot less active of late, due to a holiday job which leaves him little spare time. However, it's all in a good cause, as most of the money earned is being put by to cover the costs of some much-wanted additions to his rig.

Bit Hard!

An impossible task is set for us by *I. Poole (Leeds)*, who wants us to produce a list of "ungood" prefixes! Have a heart, Ian, there are new ones fermenting in the brain of some pirate or another every day, quite apart from the—probably larger—number which are generated in the mind of the receiver operator and mislodge. None of us is perfect at reading a signal through QRM albeit the transmitting station usually manages to lose only the rear-half of the call, and it can be sorted out by the other station anyway. As instances of misloggings, Ian has 9PØ and 9E5 among his queries.

On the other hand a 9E3 or 9F3 is genuine, these being contest prefixes used by ET3FMA; SK has already been mentioned in these pages as a variation on the SM theme. These answer the questions raised by *R. Hyde (Oakham)*, who has in the spare time left him after listening, eating, and sleeping, realigned the IF of his receiver, with results that have surprised him. This is so often the way, particularly with an older receiver, where the slow deterioration is not usually noticed until the beast is compared with another one under the right conditions.

The Lads from Lincoln—*Bill Felton* and *David Rollitt*—both seem to have been working hard on the Morse, and both seem a little downcast, although there is no hint of surrender. David has been interviewed by the BBC for their "Youngsters Talking" series, which goes out to Europe at 1800z each Saturday, and of course, managed to get Amateur Radio mentioned. As a matter of interest the interview arose out of a previous session, when he and his parents were interviewed in "Woman's Hour" about the family business which has been handed down in the family right through from its inception in 1793, from Rollitt to Rollitt.

Changing tack somewhat, *A. Wood (Husthwaite, York)* has an RF-27 unit which looks to be in fair nick; he has ideas about using it for 28 or 70 mc, but would like to hear from anyone with data on a suitable conversion—letters should go direct to him at 4 East View, Husthwaite, York, YO6-3TE. Alan is an addict of the ½-5RV aerial, which he reckons brings in the DX a couple of S-points better than the long-wire, although this of course may be to some extent due to earthing problems in feeding the other aerial.

A return to the fold—*P. Cayless* is back with us again after missing a couple of issues. Peter is sorely troubled by cards from SWL's! It seems there is some publication in the States which lists names and addresses of listeners with a view to them exchanging QSL's! As Peter says, it seems a pretty half-baked sort of idea.

The completion of the A-Level examinations has

allowed *D. Whalley (Corsham)* to set to work with the HA-63 receiver, and the first entry to the HPX table shows the results of a month of listening. For aerial, David has about 150 feet of wire bent into the garden at varying heights.

Since his examinations were got out of the way the LF bands have been the main interest for *J. E. Jenkinson (Oxford)* with various exhibition stations booked in. Our correspondent is of the opinion that most of the I's have no receivers—they always seem to drop straight on top of the DX he is listening to! This is only partly fair, as one has to realise that the mechanics of propagation are such that these situations can easily occur, and if one took all the precautions, by listening for several minutes to a clear channel before launching a call, every station on the

HPX LADDER

(Starting January 1, 1960)

SWL	PREFIXES	SWL	PREFIXES
PHONE ONLY		PHONE ONLY	
S. Foster (Lincoln)	987	C. J. A. Morgan (Wallsend)	319
D. Rollitt (Navenby)	931	B. G. Bashford (Worthing)	317
A. W. Nielsen (Glasgow)	889	D. Richards	
J. Singleton (Hull)	854	(Welwyn Garden City)	315
K. Southgate (Leigh-on-Sea)	813	H. N. Plumridge (Eastleigh)	311
W. Felton (Lincoln)	792	G. W. Brind	
R. G. Preston (Norwich)	679	(Kingston-on-Thames)	308
J. Fitzgerald (Gt. Missenden)	651	G. T. Theasby (Keighley)	307
D. Skidmore (Derby)	639	D. Stuart (Caistor)	301
G. Bowden (Crawley)	628	R. Bence (Cardiff)	298
J. Dutton (Ilkeston)	626	S. M. Phillips (Dukinfield)	293
R. Allisett (Guernsey, C.I.)	616	J. H. Weiner (Coventry)	292
I. Poole (Leeds)	601	P. Duvoisin (Witham)	290
A. Hydes (Enfield)	600	B. W. Lowe (Worsley)	282
N. Henbrey (Northiam)	596	D. J. C. Bushell	
W. Moncrieff (Hampton)	590	(Cirencester)	276
C. P. Davis (Leicester)	587	D. Whalley (Corsham)	275
M. A. Lount (Leicester)	583	R. Schofield (Liverpool)	273
M. G. Toms (Ilford)	580	R. E. Barratt (Manchester)	271
J. P. Scragg (Stockport)	567	A. Walsh (Eiland)	270
Mrs. M. Worby (Dartford)	533	R. Bagwell (Frimley)	270
D. Sapsworth (East Ham)	514	J. A. Ennis (Fareham)	267
W. C. Torode		D. Palmer (Fareham)	258
(London, W.C.1.)	513	A. Wood (Husthwaite)	254
Edwards (London, S.E.20)	504	S. Jassel	
B. Thomas (Castleford)	499	(Newcastle-on-Tyne)	250
G. Dover (Nottingham)	491	R. Hodge (Gloucester)	249
K. Plumridge (Eastleigh)	487	P. Levitt (Workop)	242
D. Henbrey (Northiam)	484	Rev. D. P. Brewster (Oxford)	240
H. M. Graham (Harefield)	478	R. Lewis (Oswestry)	235
B. Geary (Leicester)	455	C. R. Adams (Manchester)	224
C. Claydon (Kinghorn)	453	D. Holbrook	
I. Cooper (Alnwick)	435	(Newport, I.o.W.)	216
N. Whiting (Leeds)	430	J. Bateman (Bradford)	214
R. Woods (Slough)	424	R. A. Era (Birmingham)	212
M. Broadway (Selby, Yorks)	417	K. M. Duggan	
D. L. Hill (Edinburgh)	408	(Huddersfield)	211
S. Cusworth (Wakefield)	406	D. Reynolds (Dudley)	210
A. Pyne (Budleigh Salterton)	398	T. W. Hyder (Southampton)	210
R. A. Gape (Leigh-on-Sea)	391	P. Wilkinson (Pricetown)	209
D. Henry (North Berwick)	379	C. Shearing	
P. L. Spindler (Ilford)	376	(St. Agnes, Cornwall)	202
J. E. Jenkinson (Oxford)	370		
R. Walters (Etwell)	368		
A. Long (Coventry)	360		
M. L. Jones			
(Leamington Spa)	356		
B. Gilbert (Aylesbury)	353	C. Claydon (Kinghorn)	530
S. Haseldine		P. Cayless (Exeter)	501
(West Bridgford)	351	J. M. Dunnitt (Singapore)	447
L. Rowland (Birkenhead)	351	C. Harrington (Maidenhead)	410
L. Gildersleeve		R. Hyde (Oakham)	304
(Newton Abbott)	348	K. M. Duggan	
D. Robinson (Birmingham)	338	(Huddersfield)	280
J. M. Dunnitt (Singapore)	335	J. Edwards (Penge)	266
T. J. Bucknell (St. Albans)	330	K. Southgate (Leigh-on-Sea)	232
R. C. Waterman		C. P. Davis (Leicester)	224
(E. Lothian)	329	R. Lewis (Oswestry)	204

(NOTE: Listings include only recent claims. Failure to report for two consecutive issues of "SWL" will entail removal from the Table. Next list, November issue, for which the deadline will be September 20.)

band would be listening and none transmitting—which would be somewhat of a bore! Also, of course, there is the problem of sudden changes in propagation, particularly on Ten, where one can put out a CQ on an apparently dead band, and go over to find a rare DX station sitting on the same frequency and the remainder of the band full of QSO's. But there is no doubt that often this sort of thing is the result of plain Clottery.

Also a bit hot under the collar is *D. Waldron (Nottingham)* who went to a local club and felt a little out of things, as the members mainly talked among themselves; but we must be fair and say that anyone who joins a club of any sort has a few awkward moments at the first few meetings, while he is getting to know the members and they him—on both sides there is the natural instinct of reserve, which only familiarity by regular attendance breaks down, and any great attempt at forcing the process on one side only leads to more reserve on the other. Most adults realise this instinctively, but the younger generation often “jump in where angels fear to tread.”

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A novel use for an old one-valve set pops up in the letter accompanying the list from *R. Bagwell (Frimley)*—he has a Trio 9R59, and a seventy-foot wire; in the middle is the old one-lunger, now revamped as an ATU.

David and Norman Henbrey (Northiam) seem to have been enjoying the summer activities, as David's list only shows an increase of 14, while Norman is static this time—but J.C. is ready to take a bet this does *not* mean a falling interest. Similarly, a small increase in his Ladder total against the name of *K. Plumridge (Eastleigh)* is caused by domestic commitments of one sort and another, so that all his listening has been the odd few minutes once in a while in the early morning, around 0500.

IZ6KDB has been puzzling *R. Bence (Cardiff)*; quite OK, from Ponziane Is., by I1KCB and 1 others.

Good news from *Frank Smales (Pontefract)* who was able to get back to work on June 10, after no less than 29 weeks of illness; naturally it was tough going at first, but Frank hoped to be able to stay the course, and indeed had done so to the time of writing. On the DX/TV front, he has had quite a month of it. Swiss TV was notable for its absence but Yugoslavia, Poland and Spain were at times so steady as to provide a whole evening of viewing. Perhaps the high-spot of the month was Maasser-el-Chouf, Lebanon, appearing on channel E4 on June 30. Quite an eventful time!

Skywire problems have bedevilled *C. Morgan (Wallsend)* who sends in a first list of 319 prefixes; it appears the thing fell down and was broken by a cement-mixer being driven over it in the course of road-repairing operations; just to set things to rights the postman then tripped over it and broke it again. As a result the nice new CR-150/2 which now graces the shack has had to be tied to a 25-foot length of wire going vertically upwards, which seems to be giving a good account of itself.

The station of *C. R. Adams* is temporarily closed down, the reason being a move which is due to come off shortly to a new home, just in *Cheshire*, north of Wilmslow. However, having the gear down has given a lot of spare time which has been put to good use in that Colin has been preparing for the December RAE, which he intends to sit.

HPX RULES

- (1) The object is to hear and log as many *prefixes* as possible; a prefix can only count once for any list, whatever band it is heard on.
- (2) The /M and /MM suffixes create a new series; thus G3SWM, G3SWM/M, and G3SWM/MM all count as prefixes, and, where it is known to be legal, /AM also.
- (3) Where a suffix determines *location*, the suffix shall be the deciding factor, thus W1ZZZ/W4 counts as W4. Where the suffix has no number attached, e.g. VE1AED/P/SU, VE2BUJ/P/SU, they are arbitrarily counted as SU1 and SU2 respectively, and the same holds good for similar callsigns.
- (4) When the prefix is changed, both the old and the new may be counted; thus VQ4 and 5Z4 both count.
- (5) The object is to hear *prefixes*, not countries, thus there is no discrimination between, say, MP4B- and MP4K- which count as one prefix.
- (6) Only calls issued for Amateur Radio operation may be included. Undercover and pirate callsigns will not be credited, nor may any MARS stations be claimed.
- (7) G2, G3, G4, etc., all score separately, as do GW2, GW3, GW4, etc., and in the same way K2, W2, WA2, WB2, WC2, WN2, all count even though they may be in the same street.
- (8) Send your HPX list, in alphabetical and numerical order, showing the total claimed score; with subsequent lists, it is sufficient to quote the last claimed score, with the new list of prefixes, and the new claimed total, with your name and address on each sheet, to “SWL,” SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, to arrive before the SWL deadline for that particular month.
- (9) Failure to report for two consecutive listings, i.e. four months, will result in deletion from the Table, although there is no objection to a “Nil” report to hold your place.
- (10) **Starting Score 200.** Phone Table is mixed AM/SSB, with a separate CW Table. No mixed Phone/CW Table, nor will AM-only or SSB-only entries be accepted.
- (11) Lists will be based on those shown in the current *Short Wave Magazine* list of Countries and Prefixes, as given on pp.561-566 of the November 1966 issue, and with the current edition of the *DX Zone Map*.

NOTE: The *DX Zone Map* costs 14s. 9d. and includes the latest Prefix List. The *Prefix List* alone, by countries, prefixes and zones, alphabetically both ways, costs 6d. with large s.a.e. Publications Dept., Short Wave Magazine, Ltd., 55 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

A nice letter from *Steve Culnane (Harrow)*, who is a member of the Radio Society of Harrow. Steve wants to put in his entry for HPX on an annual basis; but with regret we have to say that the rules must be adhered to—but there is no objection to an entry followed by several “Nil” reports, just to keep the seat hot, before the next entry. The whole thing here is the system, which shows on the card for an individual the HPX total after checking, plus the month in which it was entered; thus after the paperwork is done, all that remains is to weed out those cards which show a “dead” entry, before making up the Table. A nil report just alters the month column. Incidentally, Steve would like to go on VHF—anyone any ideas on a cheap converter? If there are, perhaps they would contact him at 38 Torver Road, Harrow, Middx.

D. Palmer has a fault on his CR-100, which doesn't play; however, putting the aerial on the grid of the first RF stage produces appropriate noises, so the fault should not take much tracking down from there—although it has to be admitted the wiring run is a brute to chase through. However it is not impossible, and doubtless has been sorted out by now.

JX6, 4M2, and 5A3 are all queried by *Tony Walsh (Elland, Yorks.)*, and all are OK. Your J.C. was amused by Tony's comment on the mis-spelling of his name last time “. . . if you print my name wrong it makes me look a bit thick!” Sorry about that one!

A change of receiver for *W. C. Torode (London, W.C.1)* who has “chopped in” his Eddystone 888A in favour of a new KW-201, which he reckons to be better on the SSB stuff. Fair do's, but it has to be said the old 888 was—and is—no sludge at SSB, and is a fine tool on CW in the J.C. shack, although he would admit to a liking for a KW-201 himself!

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For the keen-eared chaps who like 21 mc, 9V1OG has a message: He would be glad to have SWL reports—honest ones, please—on his signals as there seems to be a little difficulty in getting out, in spite of a two-element beam at 150 feet. The times are 1500 to 1800 GMT, Fifteen SSB. All that is asked for is date and time, RS report, and an indication of condx at the time. In such circumstances an honest report is of paramount importance, even if it is RS-22, and will get a card accordingly. The address is: M. V. Kathrens, 9V1OG, 34D Far East Mansions, Kim Yam Road, Singapore, 9.

S. Cole (Rogerstone, Mon.) was saddened to hear of the passing on of GW2BBO, who helped him a lot. GW8AOY has also been leading Stephen along the path which should eventually result in a call sign, with answers to queries and the loan of books.

The activity on SSB/DX on Forty surprised *T. Bucknell (St. Albans)* who had previously avoided the band. While the activities of the 40-metre DX gang may not be to everyone's taste, there is no doubt that the condition of the band, with more intruders than amateurs, is such that this kind of net operation is about the only way to share out the DX so that all can make a go of it.

Like *C. Morgan, R. Lewis (Oswestry)* has been suffering the interaction between aerials and the force of gravity. The long-wire parted company in a wind, and one of the two egg-insulators has still not been found. However, all the cases of aerials that fall down are due to

neglect of fundamental principles of mechanical engineering, and the key appears in our friend's letter. He used the wire from a TV scan coil assembly to make his aerial. Now, this is thinnish wire, and with any such stuff one should *never* have heavy insulators. For instance, if the wire has a breaking strain of a couple of pounds, it cannot be expected to prop up a pound of insulator and still stay aloft in a gale. Wire of 28g. insulated with curtain rings from Woolworths and strung up with nylon lacing twine is quite capable of staying up a couple of years or more in the form of a half-wave for Top Band.

William Mantovani comes from *Hooton Pagnell* which is not far from Doncaster; he queries in his first letter to this piece the status of 6O1AT, heard on Forty, and described by G3MTL as “phony as a clockwork orange.” Well, now! Actually 6O1AT could as easily be OK, as the prefix is that for Somalia, and has appeared in many logs to cross this desk—so unless G3MTL knew the real one and spotted something wrong, there seems no problem. Incidentally, reader Mantovani says there are only a couple of SWL's known to him in the Doncaster area, although he is not hard up for licensed types. If there are any more about, perhaps they would care to get in touch, the address being 5 Main Street, Hooton Pagnell.

Not so very far away lives *S. Phelan (Goole)* who has his radio being in a reinforced-concrete shed at the bottom of the garden, into which he has put SR-550 and HE-80 receivers, plus converters for 144 mc and Seventy-cems. An Inverted-Vee is fed at one end for HF, while the VHF signals are taken in by rotatable beams. Rotation is by the “armstrong” or “hydraulic” method. Stuart is interested in corresponding with other VHF SWL's; letters direct, please, to him at 9 Limetree Gardens, Goole.

R. Era (Birmingham) missed the May examination application date by a couple of days, and so he is now very impatiently waiting for December to come along. He wants to know what MARS stations are and why they are excluded. Easy; the HPX ladder refers to *amateur* prefixes, and MARS (“Military Affiliate Radio System”) stations are not strictly amateur, so out they go!

C. Shearing (St. Agnes, Cornwall) is the owner of a 14 mc beam, and a dipole and ground-plane for Forty, which both have been used to advantage for his first HPX list. Receiver is an R.107, used in conjunction with a PR-30 preselector.

Another first list (what a lot of newcomers this time!) comes in from *D. Reynolds of Dudley*, who claims 215, but goes down to 210 due to his inclusion of various /P calls and a ZM6. David queries a “D1DBP” who was heard working CT2AA—it sounds rather as if it were a

KEEP WITH US!

Next appearance of this feature is in our November issue, due out on October 25. Closing date for all SWL correspondence is Friday, September 20, addressed “SWL,” Short Wave Magazine, Buckingham. Remember also that we are always interested in good photographs of SWL stations (and operators), any that can be used in these columns being paid for on publication—but they must be clear, sharp prints.

misreading of a call sign.

Yet another first-timer is *G. Dover (Nottingham)* who sends in the accumulated results of several years of listening, to make a total of 491. Geoff has already passed the RAE, but has never found the time for Morse, due to the distraction of getting his degree and Dip.Ed. However, at 22, he is now on the look-out for a job, and in the meantime is no doubt spending rather more time on the receiver. Incidentally, Geoff. is one of the few SWL's who uses a home-built receiver—a double superhet with all mod. cons.—which is a little startling when one realises the amount of home receiver-brewing that goes on

among the licensed chaps.

Deadline

That's about it, apart from remarking that we have not mentioned several people who only made entries in the Tables—but a look at the list should convince them all is well. For the rest your letters are as welcome as ever, especially if they arrive *before* the deadline, which is first post, **September 20**, addressed "SWL," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. Meantime, remember we are going through a couple of months of good conditions so keep your ears pinned back for *real* DX! 73

SPECIALLY ON THE AIR

Stations scheduled to make an appearance on some public occasion locally during the coming month are as follows:

GB3SRC, till Sept. 2: Silverthorn Radio Club's annual camp at Carroll's Farm, Sewardstonebury, near Chingford, E.4, working all bands 1.8 to 28 mc, also two metres, AM/CW/SSB, QSL via G3VMO, *QTHR*. (No cars on site; please park in yard.)

G3WIH/P, Sept. 2: At Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead, for the Town Carnival, operating SSB on 10-80m., AM on Top Band and RTTY demonstration on 20m. Two-metre working also possible. Other call signs to be used: G3UZP/P, G3VMK/P and G8ATQ/P. Reports and QSL's to: A. J. Green, G3UZP/G3WIH, *QTHR*.

GB3EIF, till Sept. 9: Operated by the Lothians Radio Society in conjunction with the Edinburgh International Festival, from the Mountbatten Building of the Heriot-Watt University, running SSB on the 10-80m. bands. Convenir: V. W. Stewart, GM3OWU, 9 Juniper Avenue, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

GB3WRA, Sept. 7: Operating from the annual Wycombe Show, High Wycombe, Bucks., running AM/CW/SSB on the 4m. to 160m. bands. Visiting amateurs will be specially welcome. Further information from: A. C. Butcher, G3FSN, 70 Hughenden Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks.

GB3UCL, Sept. 28-October 4: Exhibition station to be operated during Introduction Week at University College, London. Main activity **Mon.-Tues.** on 20m. and 80m. bands, using **KW-2000A**. Stations calling asked to remember local noise level will be high. Special QSL and all contacts acknowledged. G3UCL, *QTHR*.

MAGAZINE CLUB CONTEST

This year's MCC—the annual Top Band inter-Club tussle, and the 23rd in the series—will be taking place over the weekend November 9/10. Rules in full will appear in the October issue of *SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE*, due out on September 27. It would help us a lot if Clubs thinking of entering, *but not having taken part in recent years*, would let us know as soon as possible, so that they can be included in the identification-code lists.

ELEVENTH SCOUT JAMBOREE, OCTOBER 19-20

During the next few weeks, up and down the country, plans will be under discussion for participation in this annual event—whereby Scouts throughout the world are brought into contact by radio on the amateur bands. It usually means either (a) Scout groups locally making contact with a radio amateur in the district, able to work DX on the HF bands, and prepared to demonstrate his station in action on the air, or (b) A DX operator who would like to help getting in touch in the first instance with the District Commissioner or the local Boy Scouts Association—see telephone directory. Thereafter, it is a matter of mutual arrangement. Operation consists essentially of working the bands to find other Scout groups, identified by the call "CQ Jamboree"—used by all stations taking part in the event, which is *not* a contest, but simply a QSO Party. Detailed information can be obtained from the U.K. Organiser, L. R. Mitchell, G3BHK, *QTHR*.

WOLFE AWARD FOR GM3GTP

It was announced recently by the Ministry of Technology that Alexander Russell, GM3GTP, 27 Deveron Road, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire—who is a principal scientific officer at the Ministry's National Engineering Laboratory, near Glasgow—had been made the recipient of a Wolfe Award. This was for his work in developing a simple but extremely accurate electronic method of making very small measurements, or controlling linear or radial movements. An accuracy of better than 1/1,000th of a millimetre is obtainable without complex equipment. Using multi-track optical gratings, the displacement of the grating is identified electronically and displayed on digital indicators. Manufacturing licences for the new Russell technique have been granted to four important companies.

The value of a Wolfe Award is £500, and we congratulate GM3GTP on his achievement. Though not at present active on the air, his amateur projects include experimental work with tape recording and the circuitry of electronic organs.

JUST TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION

To the Editorial announcement in this issue. Any potential contributor able to meet the requirements and offer competent and well-presented material will have an opportunity for one of the selective prizes.

COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS

E. P. Essery, G3KFE

CONDITIONS generally seem to be somewhat on the upgrade, as seen from here, in spite of the irritations induced by the Wx and the odd interruption due to work—indeed, your scribe would say that he himself has seldom, if ever, had such a good month on the air.

Ten-metre Doings

The gleam of joy here comes in from G3TLX (Edgware) who has had QSO's with MP4BEU, KZ5HC, ZS, 5N2's, ZE1AK, SV0WP, YV4MC, 5Z4's, ZC4, 9J2's, CR6, CR7, 5U2AB, 7P8AR and VK's, using just a Heathkit DX-40U and vertical dipole at ground level—quite a nice collection.

G3NOF (Yeovil) has listened around on quite a few occasions, but heard very little except weak ZD8, ZE, ZS signals, with no actual contacts to record. A similar situation prevailed at G2DC (Ringwood) although Jack feels the trouble is more one of lack of activity than of actual bad conditions; he booked in the odd stray African station but little else.

A noticeable absentee from Top Band of late has been G3VMK, who wrote in from Padstow during his holiday, to say the reason was that he had acquired a Heathkit SB-101 and a linear—but so far nothing doing on Ten that was worth noting.

Finally, a letter that should stir up at least a certain amount of activity—VP8KF, who used to be G3VPW, is now on from Port Stanley in the Falklands, and looking for QSO's on the HF bands, including 28 mc, which will be monitored for openings to the U.K. VP8KF would very much like contacts with his old buddies, and with stations from the Nottingham area. QSL's should go to G3TWV, George Francis in Newark, to whom duplicates of the logs are sent about once a month.

About Top Band

To look at the other end of the spectrum, we can start by mentioning that VP8KF was surprised to notice

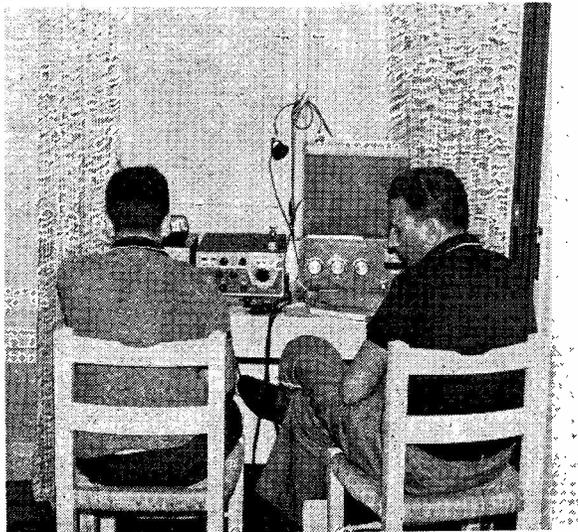
that when he got his VP8 ticket it provided for 100 watts DC input on *all bands including* 160 metres, and from his letter your scribe infers that John intends to be on all the bands, which pretty clearly means Top Band is included—and one could well imagine he would have some takers. John works G3VVU in Nottingham fairly often on sked on HF, and so a listen out for the latter on the HF bands 15-20m. may well be a way of making 160m. arrangements.

That expedition to the Channel Islands by G3SVK and company certainly stirred things up, and most of the regular Top Band reporters mention it. G3APA (Coventry) had not been on the air since the early part of 1967, but when he heard of the possibility of Sark operation Ted put up the aerial again; although he has himself operated from Sark on two occasions (in 1961 and 1965) he lacked a contact with the Island from home. Ted duly got one, by way of a QSO with GC3LDH/P—and re-

mind your scribe of many pleasant contacts on Top Band way back in 1959 into the bargain.

G3KFE was around when GC3SVK opened up from Sark, but was drowned in what he would suspect was about the biggest pile-up ever heard on Top Band. It took until the third day before the trick was turned, and then it was a case of back first call! The strategy for working them in Alderney seemed therefore to be defined—wait till the worst of the crush is over on the third day. Never were hopes more rapidly shattered! For various reasons there was no second chance—so we have to wait for another time.

Another unexpected contact was with G3VLX (Sidcup) who came back to a call from the /M gear when in Redhill, Surrey. Deryck seems to have taken just about all there has been going in the way of expedition contacts. GI3SVK/A gave him Londonderry; GM3VAR/P Berwick; GC3LDH/P Sark; GC3SVK/P



The IZ6KDB set-up on Ponza, in the Pontine Is. off the Tyrrhenian coast of Italy, during May last, with back views of I1KDB and I1AJ. They made 1800 contacts with 103 countries in 31 zones, using a two-element trap beam erected specially for the occasion.

Alderney; and GC3LDH/P Guernsey. These plus GB2NI in Fermanagh added up to a round half-dozen new ones—incidentally, the latter at one stage was going great guns alongside the GC3SVK signal, both booming in at 59, which must have put an awful lot of people into a tizzy wondering which one to go after first.

Recent remarks about the shortage of Cumberland on Top Band has led to a note from G3WCM (Workington) who is ready, willing and able to dish out QSO's to anyone lacking it on CW—which should please G3WQQ (Brighton), who remarks in the course of his letter how much he wants a contact with Cumberland.

Seven more counties have fallen to the hook of G3WUD (Bramhall) who, as he forecast last month, has improved his aerial and earth system; an end-fed half-wave in the form of an inverted-Vee, with an earth consisting of three old chassis, six hundred feet of thick copper wire, and yards of chicken netting buried

in a minor stream leading into a nearby pond. Robert comes back at us on the question of daylight DX contacts, and says that he, G3XGC, GW3VPL, and G3LYW are running daylight tests—1100 GMT around 1991 kc, and they would welcome other stations into their net.

That misbehaving modulator at G3XGD (Sheffield) has been mended, the offending component having been the modulation transformer; so some of his activity has been transferred to the A3 mode. Glyn feels, however, he has about reached the limit with the present aerial system, and so is hatching all sorts of cunning plots to improve it.

G3WJS has moved from Dorset to Halstead in Essex, where the only source of QRN is the weather, and TVI is virtually non-existent. The new place is reckoned to be rather better on Top Band than the old, although the lack of a stick has held up the erection of the promised half-wave. In terms of contacts, there have been GC3TTN/P and GC3TUX

ALL-BAND ZONES AND PREFIXES TABLE

Starting date: January 1, 1968

Station	Zones	Prefixes
G3LZQ	40	240
G3IAR	39	307
G3SED	24	110
G3AAQ/M	23	213
G3PQF	22	163
G3IDG	20	74
G3VPS	18	182
G3WPO	18	149
G3WJS	16	186

/A, both on Alderney; GC3LDH/P on Guernsey, Jersey and Sark; GM3VAR/P for Berwick; GM3VGU/P Peebles; also GB2NI Fermanagh, and several others of equal interest, with a couple of OE's and a pair of PA's as gotaways.

G2NJ advances to 97 counties on phone by way of GC3SVK/A, and also worked GW3KOR/P in Caernarvonshire, GB2NI for Tyrone, and, on the key, GM3VGU/P in Peebles.

Quite a problem for G2HKU—staying off the air long enough to complete his new Linear—was pretty obviously solved by leaving the linear and operating the rig. On his 160m. SSB Ted worked PA0PN, also GW3VYF/P Montgomery; GD3XJR, GC3XJN/A Alderney; GM3VAR/P Berwick; GC3SVK/P Sark; GB2NI Fermanagh; GC3SVK/P Alderney; GB2NI Armagh; GC3KNZ/P Guernsey; GC3TTN/P Jersey; and GM3VGU/P in Peebles. CW was not neglected, with Jersey, Sark, Alderney, Berwick all accounted for, also GM3GIZ/P for Orkney, GW3VYF in Montgomery; and OK8AAA, who turned out to be G3LQB in disguise, operating the first station to be licensed under the new mobile rules over there.

Tony, G3WPO, denies having worked PA0PN—see last month's piece—and is convinced by this of something he has suspected before, which is that he has a pirate. On the long-haul DX front, Tony heard a K1X?? one morning at 0319, coming in at 369.

Talking of pirates, a note from GW3VOW, who quite definitely has one of these ginks using his call.

SIX-BAND DX TABLE (All-Time Post War)

Station	Countries	28 mc	21 mc	14 mc	7 mc	3.5 mc	1.8 mc
W6AM	345	131	140	345	116	54	7
G2DC	335	169	307	327	163	108	20
G3DO	334	188	231	327	90	83	9
G3NOF	310	155	202	294	34	39	1
G3LZQ	246	119	153	194	71	38	8
G3IAR	215	100	155	191	82	65	11
G3IGW	204	123	152	167	122	86	42
G8DI	187	80	132	164	77	46	8
G3NYQ	147	35	70	107	40	30	21
G3VDL	132	46	96	96	45	22	—
G3MDW	115	46	66	82	20	15	7
G3PQF	141	82	42	77	83	49	9
G3IDG	121	72	87	54	27	19	11
G3VPS	84	—	28	59	50	28	14
G3SED	85	2	18	55	38	32	37
G3WJS	52	—	—	41	28	35	11

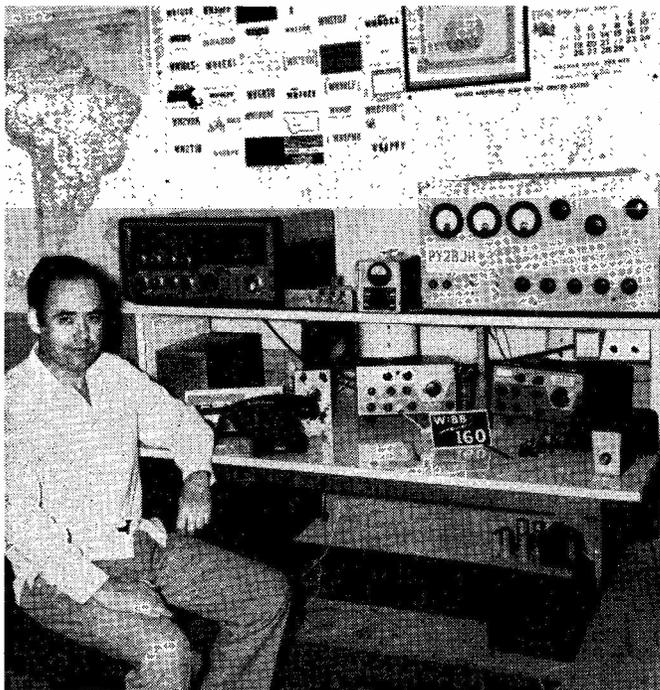
Note: Placings this month are based on the "14 mc" Column.

There are cards coming for contacts before he was licensed, for bands he does not work, claiming Plymouth or Manchester as the home QTH, and name of Jim—the real one is different—and at least two of the cards are acknowledging the receipt of cards! Until February this year the real one was in Hereford, before taking up the GW prefix on moving to Bridgend, Glam.

The spate of Channel Islands GDX on Top Band is noted by GM3UVL, who profited to the extent that his last one outstanding—Sark—was worked, among several other interesting contacts. However, it is one thing to work them, but quite a different matter to get the cards in; Leicester seems to be full of stations that craved the GM3UVL card—and duly got it—but never stumped up with the other half of the courtesy.

The GW3VYF/P operation in Montgomeryshire is reported on by its operator, who set up shop on top of a hill 750 a.s.l. with quite excellent aerial facilities. The result was a couple of hundred contacts, the accent being on two-way SSB, although that is not to say that there were no AM or CW QSO's. The cards are being dealt with, through bureaux or direct as requested at the time of contact; the incoming ones can either go *via* the bureau or to G3VYF at his new address, 11 Sturrocks, Vange, Basildon, Essex. Incidentally, GW3VYF received a most interesting report on his 160m. signals from an SWL in Sweden, giving him 59, by comparison with G3TZZ 59, GW3UMB 59, G3TSL 59, G3UGF 59, GD3VWN 56-7, GM3XPQ 57, G3WBH 56, G2HKU 56-7, G3FAU 58, G3XPE 55 and G3TUP 58—all these being heard around 2300 on the evening of July 20, using an HE-30 with a 90ft. indoor aerial.

July 28 seems to have been a good evening for some real Top Band DX, as G3XDK (Maidstone) saw things; between 0200 and 0400, Jeremy worked VE1ZZ, K1PBW, and of course W1BB/1, who peaked 599.



Station of PY2BJH, operated by Hercilio Ferreira, Box 8403, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil. He is one of South America's leading 160-metre operators, and the holder of several Top Band DX awards. His main operating frequency is 1827 kc.

The aerial at G3XDK is only a quarter-wave at 25 feet high, but tuned against a pretty good earth system with five quarter-wave radials, many short ones, plus some earth stakes, proving once again that the secret is *in* the ground rather than above it, although high hopes are held for a proposed new aerial of 180 feet with something like 50ft. in the vertical section.

Going back to that suggestion of a CW calling frequency, G3IDG rather blights it by pointing out the presence of Ostend Radio on 1820 kc, and wonders anyway why it should be felt to be needed? The point would surely be that at times of very low activity it would serve the useful purpose of inducing people to monitor the frequency on which they are most

likely to find a station, and that would be fine as long as they then QSY for the actual QSO. There is always the problem that if they go LF, as far as 1816 kc, say, they may well find themselves tangled with the 2nd harmonic of the 908 kc BBC signal which appears in so many people's receivers.

G13WSS (Holywood, Co. Down) sent in his note before his holiday, and was cursing his luck in having picked the week when the Channel Islands and GB2NI expeditions were to have come on! However, consolation came by way of Londonderry, Montgomeryshire, Kincardine (GM3WHC/P), Perthshire (GM3NXA), and G3XGC for Cambridgeshire. Cyril would now dearly love to remove Oxford from his list.

Twenty Metres

That note last time about chasing American counties touched off an interesting comment from G3DO (Sutton Coldfield). He mentions the USA/CA award which is sponsored by *CQ Magazine* for chasers of

Reporting the HF Bands

American counties, and says he hooked the first 500 and got them confirmed in time to get the first such certificate issued to Europe. Doug spends a lot of time at this difficult DX game, and has now got to within striking distance of 2000 counties. One or two of the points of interest are that you need the "U.S.A. Counties Award Record Book" from *CQ*, and the (U.S.) POD 26 Post Office Directory which shows which county each town is located in; and in Louisiana you don't call them counties, but "parishes"—but they still score the same in this contest. As for picking them out, G3DO says most are to be found on the HF Bands, but 40 and 80 SSB have been quite prolific at times. The County Hunters Net operates on 14336 kc from 1900 GMT and provides lots of counties by way of /M stations.

Reverting to our particular mutations, G3DO mentions only two QSO's on Twenty this time, both SSB—JX4EJ (Jan Mayen) and

VQ8CG, who has his cards by way of G3APA.

The new KW-2000A continues to delight G3VPS (Wartling) who has spent much time with it, exploring all the bands. On 20m., YN2 and UD6, both SSB, were new ones for him, as was JA on CW. In addition to these, W, VE, PY, LU, SV, ZC4, TF3AU /P and 9M2 were booked in on SSB, and rarer parts of Russia on CW.

G8DI (Liverpool) sounded quite alarmed when he wrote his card. He seemed to have lost the knack—but relief came when he hooked KS4CG on Twenty at 0600 on August 2 to go up one in the Table.

KZ5, VP7, PJ3, FG7, VP8JH, VS9MB, OA4QN, CR6, PY, VE7, assorted VK's, VS5RCS, CX2CO, 5Z4's, 4A1EK, OD5, SV0 and many others all fell to the lure of the G3TLX callsign on Twenty, on which band he runs 70 watts to a DX-40U and vertical dipole.

Quite the most noticeable thing about the month's conditions as far as G3NOF (Yeovil) was concerned was absence of the early-morning stuff from the Pacific, and next the amount of static which made itself a nuisance in the evenings. However, SSB contacts were made with VK's on some mornings and W6/7 on others, with good openings to S.E. Asia in the evenings around 1800. Thus, the log shows AP2MR, KA7CW, KH6GDQ, KH6GJN, MP4BEU, MP4BGU, MP4TCE, PX1KT, PX1VV, PX1YY, TG4VH, TG9EP, VE7's, VK's, VP2AZ, VP7NC, VP7NF, VQ8CG, VR6TC, W6, W7, W4UAF/KH6, 9J2MG and 9Y4VT.

Now to G2DC, who found things at the CW end rather similar to those described by G3NOF on SSB. The band was usually very overcrowded, with short-skip, first-hop stuff, DX, commercials, funny noises and what-have-you. From 0600 to 0800 the VK/ZL/W6 stations were easily findable and workable, but the Pacific around 0900 to 1000 seemed to be missing—not there was VK9RJ (Nauru) with whom Jack would like a QSO; many VK's have told him he is on regularly, but he seems to mainly use Sideband phone, so of course G2DC has to lie in wait. An interesting contact was with VK2BPZ, using QRP to a Joystick only 8ft. above ground.

The counties worked by G3WQQ

on Top Band gave a lead-in for him to mention VK3AYI, with whom he has a regular sked on Twenty AM phone, also G5JZ. VK3AYI used to be well-known along the South Coast for his /M and /P doings on Top Band under his old G3SYI call. VK3AYI hopes to have SSB replacing the AM by the end of the year, if all goes well.

Now to G2HKU, on his little island, who mentions CW contacts with VK3XB and VK3KS (who are respectively husband and wife), and SSB QSO's with ZL2KP, ZL3SE, VP2AZ (with WB6HGH operating), F0HI/M/FC (who is G3KFT on holiday) and VP5CB on South Caicos Is., who is K3NAU in his other hat.

G3WPO, from Burgess Hill found YV, PY, PJ2, MP4TCE, 9M2DQ, ZL3JO, HS1EL and YN1CW in his wanderings around Twenty, albeit he does not mention the mode used.

QSL Addresses

Most of this information comes in from G3NOF to whom thanks are due. *VR6TC*, Box 1, Adamsville, Pitcairn; *DUIFH* to W6DQE; *PX1VV* to DL3VV; *TG4VH* to WA5PQK; *9X5SM* direct, or via the bureaux; *TL8GL* to PO Box 704, Bangui; *F0HT/M/FC* to G3KFT; *VU2OLK* to Box 53, Bangalore; *XW8AX* to W6KTE; *3V8AA* to F5OJ; *PX1KT* to F3KT; *GB3NEW* to GW3VKL; *ZD8GA* to WA6AHF; and *FR7ZS* to Box 130, St. Pierre, Reunion Is.

Here and There

G3IDG changes our line of thought from DX to licensing conditions, and in particular the EI licensing conditions. They are limited to the compulsory first year on CW as we used to be in this country, with an initial 25-watt top limit on 7 and 14 mc only. They can then graduate to a full ticket with 150 watts phone or CW. Perhaps were this adopted again in the U.K. we would have some better phone as well as CW operators, and less of a problem of staffing NFD stations each June. (It is worth noting that the G.P.O. lifted the original first-year CW-only requirement without reference to anybody!)

Talking of snappy operators VS6DR, who was on the CR9AK expedition, told G3GIQ (Ealing) that some of the stations they worked

TOP BAND LADDER

(G3V-- and G3W-- stations only)

Station	Counties	Countries
G3VMW	96	20
G3VGR	94	20
G3VYF	88	19
G3VTY	86	13
G3WQQ	85	16
G3WDW	83	9
GW3VPL	82	17
G3WUD	82	14
G3VLX	81	10
G3VLT	80	16
G3WPO	75	17
G3VMQ	73	16
G13WSS	71	9
G3VMK	68	17
G3VES	63	16
G3VOK	61	15
G3VSL	60	11
GW3WWN	54	7
G3WDG	52	8
G3VPS	48	13
G3VWC	34	7
G3WJS	27	7

complained bitterly when they refused to stop and chat, to exchange names and all the rest of it. Considering that they averaged better than a QSO a minute over the whole of the operating period, a lot of people would have been disappointed had CR9AK stopped to chat. Some folk want both to have their cake and eat it—or else are so dim they just don't realise what is going on when a rare station comes on from some desired location.

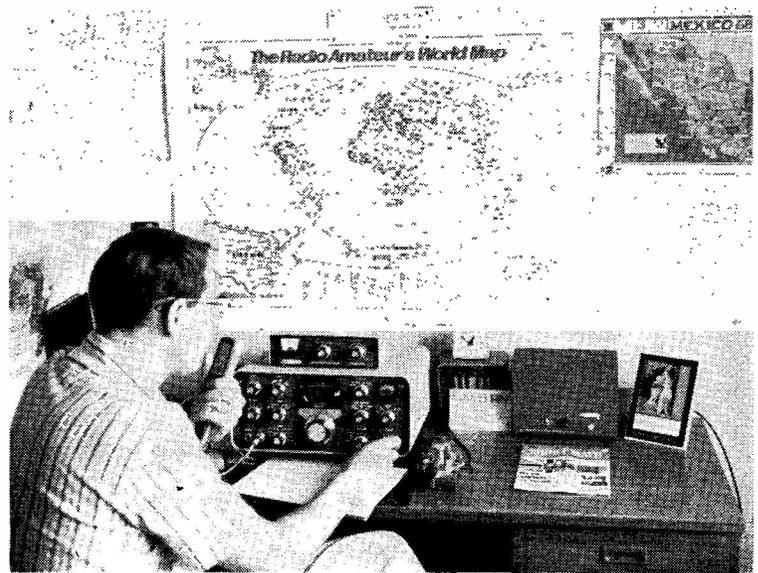
Another /MM station to report becoming operational is G3VDO /MM, who wrote from the m.v. *London Banker* to give his spot frequencies as: 7-01, 7-08, 14-02, 14-16, 14-24, 14-28, 21-03, 21-24, 21-36, 21-42, 28-04, 28-32, 28-48 and 28-56 mc all crystal-controlled as required by his /MM licence, using Sommerkamp gear. The ship is on a regular run from the Far East to U.S.A., arriving New York around the time this piece comes out, and staying on the East Coast for four weeks before setting off for the return trip to the Far East. G3VDO /MM will be looking for U.K. contacts.

Harking back to a paragraph in this piece in July of *last* year, SWL Peter Brent was then in Malta, compiling reports on stations heard there. As promised then, he has landed himself with the chore of writing no less than 800 reports on U.K. stations and their contacts, some of them heard on a triple-diversity receiver, and the majority when an RA-17L receiver became available.

Anyone who has worked MP4TCF may be interested to know that Peter is in Abu Dhabi, supervising a £6m. road project in the desert, where the shade temperature is 115 degrees. He uses a KW-2000A at the moment but has "a big fat after burner" on order, which should bring his signals up a bit. On the aerial side, there is a four-element folded inverted-Vee arrangement beamed on the U.K. These civil engineers certainly stick together—we have all these details from G3WET, who as remarked before is an engineer on water supply projects—and in his spare time he will be QSL manager for MP4TCF.

Events on Fifteen Metres

In a letter to Geoff Watts, W4YKH tells about his recent trip to Grand



Derek Gough, SM5RN, comes from Bolton, Lancs. but is now a naturalised citizen of Sweden—his QTH over there is Fabodvagen 30, 142-00 Trångsund. SM5RN is employed by the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, on the TV side, and they have a radio amateur Club group of 30 members, with their own call sign SK0AC. Before making his home in Sweden, Derek Gough was a sea-going operator with the Marconi Co.

Cayman and operation from there as ZF1CP. Conditions were far from good on 21 mc in spite of a TA-32 which they found (yes, *found!*) stored at the West Indian Club, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, where his sister-in-law and her husband are managers. Because of this it seems that ZF1CP will be operational again.

Nice to hear from G3XAP (Stowmarket) who has, unless memory fails, changed his location since the days when he reported so regularly to our SWL piece. Phil has acquired a K.W. Vanguard transmitter which is used on CW in conjunction with the fine Eddystone 888A receiver. Most of his operating has been on 21 mc CW and the dipole has made contact with all W call areas except W7, also VK2VN, VK3XB, CM1AR, VE2IJ, VE2BKA, LU3DSI, JA8DAX, PY, YV, ZE and a crop of assorted UA's, to give a total since the exercise commenced of 49 countries worked. Sadly, TVI on Ch. 1 is upsetting the apple-cart, but it is hoped to have that problem cured, as the trouble has already been isolated.

A couple of interesting contacts on 21 mc SSB for G3DO were with

VP8KF and F0JH, whose home call is G3VAL. For G3NOF, there are TVI problems on 5 metres, and so his operating has to be restricted to non-goggle hours; however, holidays and the restriction of Saturday and Sunday-morning telly has enabled Don to work FR7ZS, JA's, MP4MBB, MP4MBC, VK9HR (New Ireland), VS6DR, VU2DKZ, VU2OLK, ZC4MO, ZC4TK, ZS's, 9G1DY, 9G1GD, 9M2DQ, 9M2NF, 9Q5CP and 3V8AA. Another to work 9G1GD on this band is G3WPO, for his only recorded foray over the period.

G2DC is really pessimistic about the state of Fifteen, which in his view has not been so poor for many a month past; often it is well into the afternoon before the band opens up. However, there is for all of us the consolation that this is usually a transition period to the (hoped for) good conditions of September and October.

On the other hand the longest list in the letter from G3TLX covers operation on 21 mc, and includes such as EA0TU, CP3CN, KV4, KZ5's, SV0WP, VQ8CC, J's, VS6FX, YV, XW8, VU2LN, MP4DAT, all W

TOP BAND COUNTIES LADDER

Station	Confirmed	Worked
<i>Phone and CW</i>		
G2NJ	98	98
GM3UVL	95	98
G3APA	95	96
G2HKU	83	89
G3WQQ	71	85
G3WPO	69	75
G8HX	68	83
G3WDW	63	83
G3VMQ	55	73
G3IDG	55	61
G3VLX	54	81
GI3WSS	49	71
G3UGF	36	76
G3WJS	21	56
G3XGD	12	43
G3SVK/A	—	78
<i>Phone only</i>		
G2NJ	96	97
G3VGB	68	86
G3WPO	48	61
G3VMQ	38	54
G3UGF	36	73
G3PQF	25	60

(Failure to report for three months entails removal from this Table. Claims may be made at any time.)

call areas, VE's, ZD8J, VS1AG, EL2Y, EA8, OY2H, HC1GC, 5A, 9J2's, 9V1, 9H1, CE3ZK, KX6BU, VK, CR6, 6W8, ZC4, 4L1A, 9Y4 and an assortment of the commoner sort of DX. *Whew!*

The 21 mc band received a certain amount of attention from G3VPS, who managed contacts with UM8, JA and JH, plus UI8, W's and VE. No doubt that appetiser will form into something quite spectacular by next month.

It must be quite a while since last we heard from G3GIQ, who has been pretty inactive. However, in spite of a sick beam, a recent spell of another sort of illness forced him back to the

shack where he managed CR9AK, EL2I, HL9TW, KJ6CF, KR6NR, WA6SIB/KS6, KW6AA, K5ALU/MM, VS6DR, VU2OLK, ZD5R, ZL3RW, 5W1AS and 6W8AL. Among the escapees were numbered FR7ZS, KS6BX, KX6GL and 9K2AB.

Forty and Eighty

A couple of neglected bands, these, although Lord only knows why! As an example of what is possible on them, your scribe took a couple of quick bites at Forty—the first resulting in CN8AW, and the second ZS1JA, both SSB.

G2DC, as always, stuck to CW. He comments that the band is pretty hopeless up till 2300z, and that the phone chaps are moving lower and lower down into the CW area. The latter is fair comment, but it would also be equally fair to say that the present plan, if adhered to rigidly, would in fact leave virtually nothing of a phone allocation—it having been done without any reference to the conditions of the band in the first place. The right answer is for a bit of give-and-take—there are not a great number of phone operators on Forty, and they can stay as high up the band as is possible bearing in mind the QRM situation. Jack found the mornings by far the best, with VK, ZL, most of the W calls, and other interesting stuff. However, sad to say, Eighty was not so hot, and no DX was even heard.

The eight watts available to G3XGD do not go up the spout all that well at 3.5 mc, but nonetheless a cautious first appraisal of the band resulted in quite a crop of local all-round phone contacts, with reports averaging RS-56—so no doubt a few more QSO's will be made on CW before coming to a firm decision that there must be a Big Rig in the Shack—we all go through it!

G3WJS is quite a devotee of Eighty and on it he raised OA3LL, UQ2KCS and LX2BQ, while EP2BQ, 4X4's, UF6HW, UW9WB, VE1ZZ and many W's, also VO1AW and PY2SO were heard but lost in the QRM of the recent WAE contest.

Forty was tried quite a lot by

G2HKU last month, and he worked UQ2DV, YV1BI, YV1EL, 9Y4KR, VK3HW, VK3ZL, EA6BG, ZS1JA, PZ1CF, 5N2AAX, OX3DX, 3V8AA and CT1PQA/M, who said that all mobile licences in CT have three letters after the prefix. Some of these QSO's represent good DX stuff—look again.

G3VPS tried hooking one leg of his Top Band dipole into the aerial socket, found it loaded up, and proceeded to work PX1SZ—some folk get all the luck!

A similar unusual approach to aerial theory by G3WPO, who hopefully pumped 220 watts SSB into his Top Band array, loading coil and all, resulted in contacts with OX3OE, OY5NS, 9M2DQ and TA2BK. Forty was then gone into a little more thoroughly, with a V-dipole, producing ZC4MO, PY6GP, PY2SO, ZC4MO, VU2LN, 3V8AA and HB0AAI. So the DX is there and can be worked.

Finally, let G3TLX have the last word on the LF bands. Ron worked, on 3.5 mc; G6ZY/CN, CT1, ZP9AY, TF5TP, PY, and W, also PY, LU, F0HI/M/FC, VK's, 6W8DQ, PY's, ZS's and CN8, with a solitary phone contact, on AM, with ZS1JA, from whom he managed an RS-34. G3TLX feels optimistic enough about Eighty to set himself various VK skeds, although at the time of writing he feels it to be a little early in the season.

Deadline

With which we ring down the curtain for another month. A pleasure to put together, just as much as it is a pleasure to hear from you all who write in with news, views and comments on this-and-that. The deadline for next time is first post **September 9**, and the address, as ever, "CDXN," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. Till then 73, es GL.

(And for those who write in from distant places, by airmail or otherwise, closing dates for the next few issues are: October 7, *November*; November 11, *December*; and December 9, for *January 1969*—which will start us off on another year.)

VHF BANDS

A. H. DORMER, G3DAH

AGAIN, not a very exciting month. After the good two-metre opening to Scandinavia at the beginning of July, and one or two minor lifts during the remainder of the month, it was not until August 4-5 that the Continental stations reappeared at any sort of reasonable signal strength—and then the best path appeared to be to the East rather than to the South or the North-East, although some SM's and OZ's were coming through on the Saturday morning and G3LQR was able to work an LA. A good signal came from SM6CSO, on CW and SSB at the low end of the band, and from OZ9MR. It was reported that SP2RO is now active on SSB but no information is at present available of any contact with him from this country.

Conditions during the Two-Metre Contest on August 3-4 were not particularly good and were poorest on the Sunday morning, when activity also seemed to have dropped off badly. Paths were generally very unstable with QSB swings of up to 50 dB on some signals. There was some good DX about, though, even if intermittently, with GM5PI/P from Wigtown audible on both phone and CW in the South and G3NIN/P from Barrow-in-Furness also good on CW. Five GW port-

ables were worked from Herne Bay, with GW3NUE/P at Brecon being the most consistent.

Incorrect, or downright thoughtless, operating procedures again marred this Contest. There were far too many phone stations operated in the CW portion of the band, and these were not residents in that zone, but mainly /P. Incredibly bad modulation was noticed on at least three of these offenders, as well as on other portables, and this, coupled with a gabbled callsign given without phonetics, must not only have cost them contacts, but made things difficult for many other contestants looking for weak CW DX. It isn't even as if there were some outstanding advantage to be gained from operating on these low frequencies since, to quote the example of GW3NUE/P again, he operates on correct channels for phone and CW and yet was giving the highest serial number heard during the Contest. Presumably, the idea is to catch the stations tuning from the low end up, but this does not always bring the desired result because experienced Contest operators using phone will frequently tune from 144.1mc up for another phone contact rather than waste time tuning the CW end unless they are specifically looking for West Country phone stations. If self-discipline is ineffective in these cases (and enough attention has been drawn to this malpractice to have penetrated all but the thickest) the answer may well be to discipline these offenders by refusing to work them until they have learned manners—even at the expense of a few points.

August 9-10 showed another good lift, again mainly East/West with PAØ and DJ/DL prominent. EI6AS/P gave many stations their first contact with Co. Carlow on the Friday night and with Wicklow on the Saturday morning. This was on SSB, too! For those who have been hearing EI5BH, it should be noted that he is in Westmeath and not Offaly. His QTH is right in the centre of EI and there is an estimated 72 dB path loss between it and the Irish Sea, so he will take a bit of winking out.

Four Metres

Conditions were better for the four-metre Contest on July 21, with many fine contacts made on tropo-

GI3VPK/P in Fermanagh and GI3HCG in Co. Down were good signals in the South, as was EI2W, reported by G3JHM (Worthing, Sussex) to be 59+ for hours on end, although he couldn't raise him!

There has been, as expected, a fall-off in Sporadic-E openings on Four during the month, although some occurred between July 6 and 20th, and others were reported between August 3 and 6th.

On July 15, a very high noise-level on Four was recorded by many operators. This reached S9+ between 1725 and 1800z and was repeated at a slightly lower level later in the evening, but no explanation has been offered to account for this phenomenon.

ZB2AB has returned to this country, so the principal operator at ZB2VHF is now G3SLI. Both ZB2BC and ZB2BO are still active from the Rock, the latter working GI3VKP/P on July 18 for a nice bit of DX.

9H1AY has taken over the organisation of 9H1MB and hopes to have it operational soon. He is building a converter but is having difficulty in getting hold of a 56 mc xtal for it. Another overseas station interested in Four is TF3EA in Iceland, who is in a very favourable location for both Sporadic-E and Auroral contacts.

In the context of spor-E propagation, the reception of GB3GM in Thurso by G3JHM, G3PLX and G3GVM *et al* on July 8 is most interesting as this is the first recorded report of reception from GM on 70 mc by this mode. G3TCT (Guildford, Surrey) had a fine DX contact with GM3JAZ/P in the Orkneys during the same period. The Thurso beacon has also been heard on M/S by G3JHM and G3JVL, the "ping" rate reaching 200 per hour at times during the last week of July. It is worth keeping an ear open on the beacon frequency of 70.306 mc, as reception will be a very good indication of conditions favourable to long distance contacts *via* the spor-E mode and in the North/South direction.

The reception of G3SX, G2AYQ, GI3ALT, EI4BQ, EI4BK, EI8AU, EI9AD and GI3FFF by SWL Stelberg in Konigswinter is particularly interesting as it shows that the skip on 70 mc will come down to 550 miles. These are also the first recorded G/GI/EI reception reports

on 4 metres by Sporadic-E since the contacts with France back in 1958. Heinz is still trying to stir up interest in cross-band contacts in Germany by discussion in *DL-QTC*, and DL6EH, well-known on Two, now has a converter for four metres.

MP4 stations in Bahrein have the four-metre band. Even if U.K. contacts are going to be difficult for them, they should be able to make it with ZE *via* Transequatorial.

A new world record was set up for four-metre phone with the contact between ZB2VHF and GM3EGW on June 14, as mentioned here last month. Congratulations to them both.

EI6AS, a regular two-metre man had a go at four-metre portable and was delighted to get a call from GC3OBM (Guernsey). So, presumably, was GC3OBM.

An official announcement has now been made about an extension of the existing four-metre band by 75 kc down to 70.025 kc but, as in the case of the change on 70 centimetres, no date has yet been fixed for its introduction. This would seem to be an opportunity for the introduction of a four-metre band plan, if one is required at all!

Seventy cems

The usual comment about this band—where have all the signals gone? The answer is, of course, on to Two, in many cases at the expense of so mutilating the 70 cm. transmitter that operation on that band is no longer possible without much rearrangement of equipment. The situation in the South appears to be more serious than in the North. Both G8AWS (Wirral, Cheshire) and G8AUE (Shottle, Derby) confirm that it is possible to go on 70 cm. any evening and call CQ with a reasonable chance of getting a reply. G8AUE regularly copies the sked between G8AKE in Leicester and ON4HN, and G8AWS, from his wonderful /P site in Wales, also has very little trouble in getting contacts. However, the lack of activity on the band is certainly one of the factors which has operated to lose us such a large chunk of it, another being the extreme pressure by civilian and military agencies for frequencies in that part of the spectrum.

At a date yet to be announced, but by no means in the remote future,

our allotment will become 425-429 mc and 432-450 mc. This is not nearly as bad as it could have been, and the /T amateur will still be able to transmit his audio in the communication portion of the band and the video, with either 3.5 or 6 mc separation, in the remainder.

One wonders how much of a *quid pro quo* the granting of facilities for operation on Two by the G8/3's was, in view of the haste with which the announcement of the reductions on 70 cm followed!

23 Centimetres

The *mystique* seems to be going out of this band very rapidly and activity is increasing at a great rate. Readers may be interested to know how one operator set about getting on the 1296 mc band.

The original 70 cm. PA consisted of a pair of PC88's taking an input of eight watts, a transistor converter with AF139's in the front end and an 18-ele Parabeam at 30 feet. It was decided that this set-up could well form the basis of gear for 23 cm. and the first job was to increase the Tx input to 50 watts by adding a simple QV03-20A stage. A new modulator was then required which could double on 70 or 23 cm., so this was constructed using a pair of EL34's in Class-AB1 with 1 kV on the anodes. (Surprise—surprise, but they *will* take it!) The tripler to 23 cm. took the form of a radial cavity made from an old brass shell case with a RF 2C39A inside. This gave an output of four watts RF for 20 watts in, which, incidentally, is rather better than the efficiency obtainable from a '3-20A tripler on 70 centimetres.

On the receiving side, the AF139's in the 70 cm. converter were replaced with AF239's and fed from a K6AXN-type 23 cm. converter with a 70 cm. IF. A G3BHW type transistor converter for portable work was constructed at the same time. The aerial decided upon was a 5ft. parabola at 20 feet fed with *Aerialite* 363 cable.

The gear was put on the air for the first 432/1296 mc Contest during which five stations were worked, all but one being S9 both ways. Subsequent results have included S9 exchanges with G2RD (Caterham, Surrey) a distance of 115 miles, G3GWL (Bletchley) at 85 miles and

G3BNL/M in Gloucester at 86 mile. Since May of this year, thirteen different stations have been worked on 23 cm. with results often superior to those on 70 cm. with higher power!

The cost? Aerial and feeder, £4. 10s.; the tripler 25s., including valve; and the converter £5.

And who did all this? G8AUE of Shottle in Derbyshire, who acknowledges with thanks the help and advice given by G8AUF and G3BNL. A fine effort, indeed. For a contact with Ian, tune to 1297.4 mc just after 9.30 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays, or to 1297 mc about 8.30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

All of this leads up to the idea that it might be a good thing to make known through this column, the operating times, locations, frequencies and so on, of all active 23 cm. operators, so that there is just that little greater chance of a successful contact. The pre-arranged sked on 432 mc is still probably the surest way of getting a QSO, but the unexpected is often very agreeable! Activity does not perhaps warrant making the Three-Band Annual Table into a Four Band Annual, but if 23 cm. operators would care to send in claims, together with operating details, a separate list could be published.

And 13 Centimetres

A new record for a two-way contact on this band has been set up by G3BNL and G3EEZ, the former operating portable from a site at Painswick, 10m. south of Cheltenham, to G3EEZ/P, located 7m. north-west of Wolverhampton. The distance is 60 miles and RS-59 signal reports were exchanged. Preliminary trials had been run from Markfield in Leicester to Wolverhampton, and these had shown the feasibility of making a contact over 50 miles. The first success came when G3BNL—operating /P from a site at Cleeve Hill, Gloucester—made contact with the Wolverhampton site at 52 miles, with RS-59 reports both ways. Subsequent efforts to establish QSO over a 130-mile path were bedevilled by equipment troubles—but both operators are convinced that this is on, and further attempts will be made when the holidays are out of the way.

The 13-centimetre gear at G3BNL consists of a GL6442 valve in the

PA, running 2.5 kV pulses of 1 sec duration with a p.r.f. ("pulse recurrence frequency") of 1 kc on 2360 mc. The aerial is a 2ft. 6in. parabolic reflector with dipole feed. The receiver consists of an xtal mixer cavity with a two-stub tuner, into a cascode head-amplifier, into four stages of amplification at 60 mc. Output from this goes into a wide-band amplifier, Schmidt trigger, audio filter and amplifier. Under construction is xtal controlled equipment, Tx 2305.8 mc and Rx 2304 to 2310 mc. The rig will be all-transistor on the Rx side and up to 1150 mc in the transmitter, which then goes into valves and varactor.

That interest in this esoteric band also is increasing is evidenced by the fact that G2WS, G8ANZ, G3TND and G3OBD are all building for it.

News Items

The March & District Amateur Radio Society has formed a Club net on 144.863 mc, with at least a dozen stations from as far afield as Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire. To meet the expressed wishes of non-members, they have decided that net stations will make a point of checking the band for outside calls at 2000z whenever they are around. Apparently, a number of GDY stations have been hearing the net but have been unable to break in!

Old-timer G3WW (March, Cambs.) is back on the two-metre air with SSB after an absence of eleven years. He comments, as have so many other Sideband operators on Two, that he cannot get any replies to his CQ calls from other than SSB stations. This cuts both ways, as many a *cri de coeur* has been heard from AM operators that they cannot get an answer from the SSB man! However, Richard is fully equipped with one receiver for the SSB calling frequency and another for the whole of the two-metre band whatever the transmission mode, and emphasises that when he says that he is "tuning the band" he really does mean the whole of it.

EA4AO reports from Madrid that EA4JZ and EA4JS will be active from Santander in the north of Spain for the next two months or so and will be looking for U.K. contacts on two-metre SSB. These calls have been specially issued for the occasion and

THREE-BAND ANNUAL VHF TABLE

January to December, 1968

Station	FOUR METRES		TWO METRES		70 CENTIMETRES		TOTAL pts.
	Counties	Countries	Counties	Countries	Counties	Countries	
G3LAS	39	5	47	13	10	1	115
G3DAH	23	2	47	13	10	1	96
G8BBB	—	—	48	12	26	5	91
G3COJ	8	3	41	8	18	3	81
EI6AS	17	7	32	6	—	—	62
G8AAZ	—	—	34	6	16	1	57
G3AHB	—	—	24	5	7	2	38
G8BJK	—	—	32	6	—	—	38
G3XFW	—	—	5	2	11	2	20
G8AYN	—	—	13	1	5	1	20
G8APJ	—	—	17	3	—	—	20

Scores are from January to December. Position overall is shown by the total in the last column. Scores for individual bands will be summarised from time to time to show positions. Entries may be made for a single band, any two or all three. Claims should be sent in as often as possible to enable the Table to be kept up-to-date.

cover the identities of two very well-known Spanish amateurs, EA4DT and EA4ER respectively. The operating frequency is 144.197 mc, with VFO control between 144.00 and 144.50 mc. Operating times: When there is any good extended tropo. about but particularly between 1600 and 2400z each day.

G8BEN, son of the late G2UQ, is active from Peterborough on two metres and 70 cm. and is looking for DX skeds. G3VFC (Rainham, Kent), now has the gear for video on 70 cm. and would like to arrange an exchange of pictures at around the 30-mile mark. His A/TV call is G6ADZ/T.

PA0HVA reports that he was very glad to hear the G stations on during the July two-metre contest, as this helped him in no small way to win the Dutch Section with 40,583 points for 172 QSO's, of which 40 were with G stations at an average distance of 400 kilometres.

For those interested in recording their "number of SSB stations worked on Two," it may be noted that PA0IJ has now knocked off more than 400. It surely pays to turn the beam towards the Continent if there is a sniff of a lift since the ratio of SSB to AM stations is increasing rapidly over there, par-

ticularly in Germany.

G8AAZ (Wimbledon, London) is shortly to move to Jersey where he will become GC8AAZ. Operating frequency on Two will be 144.255 mc, and as he proposes to take the transmitter and a beam out with him to the high ground to the north of the Island (known well to A.J.D., many years ago) he should be a good signal, at least in the South. (He will also become GC6RAX/T, the first in the *Call Book*.)

Paul Quast, EI5BH, who is *ex-PK4PQ*, has had some good DX from a difficult QTH—best so far being G3CCH (Scunthorpe, Lincs.), about 290 miles from Westmeath. He is another advocate of the early-morning QSO which he says works wonders for him. Apart from the sparrow-chirp activity, he is QRV every evening from 1900 to 2400 local—frequency was 145.87 mc the last time he was heard down in Herne Bay.

DL0ER, the German beacon in Essen, is back on the air again after some weeks of absence. Frequency is as before.

Latest on the new two-metre French beacon has been received from "official beacon-keeper, F8SH." F3THF started transmitting on July 1st, 1968 on 144.073

mc with 50 watts of RF—that is to say with about 1 kW e.r.p., the aerial being a vertical stack of two horizontally polarised, nine-element Yagis. This system is erected on the first platform of a water tower near Lannion, on the northern coast of Brittany, about 60 miles east of Brest. The aerial is a good 165ft. above ground, or 255ft. a.s.l. The geographic position of the beacon is 03° 27' 12" W. and 48° 45' 28" N. QRA Locator YI13d, and the beam heading is 90° true. Operation is continuous. There were the usual slight mishaps which occur whenever one starts with equipment on a semi-permanent basis, but everything is going very well now and the beacon is being heard regularly and well in the Paris area, and even somewhat further. Stations in Rheims, some 340 miles to the east, and also in Nancy at 450 miles, report regular reception by day and night. The beacon is actually operated on an experimental basis and will be closed down some time during September to enable changes and adjustments to be made, to ensure increased reliability. VHF experimenters working Moonbounce and Meteor Scatter have already been notified of the operation of F3THF. Reception reports will be welcomed by M. S. Cantivenc, F8SH, at 6 Rue de Pont-Hélé, 22 Perros-Guirec, France. G8BJP (Margate, Kent) has been

working as a Maritime Mobile in the Channel and North Sea with French and Dutch callsigns as appropriate. As an ex-Lt. Cdr., his French call of FØIC was not inapt. It is hoped to give some details of his experiences, and gen. on the arrangements to be made when such a trip is planned. It does not seem to be generally realised that when an operator is /MM at sea, he becomes /MA (Maritime Anchor) as soon as he drops the hook.

An interesting, and for this country, an unusual, exercise was organised by G3EMU (Canterbury, Kent) recently. This took the form of a fox-hunt where the fox was G3EMU parked in a well-concealed location with a small two-metre transmitter, and the hunters were a number of local two-metre mobiles. The "fox" put out short test calls every fifteen minutes on which the hunters took bearings, the winner being the car which located G3EMU first. On this occasion, the "fox" was static, but a possible variant is that he could be mobile. The participants seem to have enjoyed themselves, and this is perhaps an idea for Club Secretaries. G3EMU is considering repeating the event, and those who wish to have further details should write to him, *QTHR*.

While on holiday in the Isle of Wight, G3BA/M, using ten watts and a halo, worked F9VX/M in Toulouse who was running two

watts to a quarter-wave vertical. This must be a mobile-to-mobile record for two metres! Admittedly conditions were very good on the night of June 30 but reckoning that there was a 12 dB path loss due to the 90° difference in the propagation planes, it really is *quite* an achievement! Tom followed this up with a contact with F9NL in the Pyrenees—nice going.

Contest

The major contest of the year, VHF Field Day in Region I, takes place over the weekend September 7-8. Times are 1800z on Saturday to 1800z on Sunday. As in previous years, these dates and times coincide with the IARU Region I Contest, so there should be plenty of EU activity. **Late Flash:** Just reported *ARTOB* balloon to be flown from Hannover Sundays Sept. 1st and 8th, 1000z onwards. Ground stations transmit on 144.10 mc. and receive on 145.41 mc. Balloon expected to reach height of about 6 miles one hour after launch and should be usable from U.K.

Deadline

Deadline for the next issue is **September 7**. Address is "VHF Bands," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. Cheers for now and *73 de G3DAH*.

AGONY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Once again one of the small countries of Europe, inhabited by a gentle, cultured and intelligent people with a long history, has been brutally assaulted by sub-humans armed with sub machine-guns. There will be some readers at least who, seeing this, will remember what Hitler did to the OK's thirty years ago. And, again, there is nothing forceful or positive that we do about it. At the moment of writing, the OK's were still in the air—and no doubt many of them were helping with the setting up of local BC stations, through which much of the hard news about what was happening in Czechoslovakia came to the outside world. But the Russian grip was tightening, and it could be that OK activity on the amateur bands had been extinguished before this appears.

IDEA OF WHAT IT COSTS

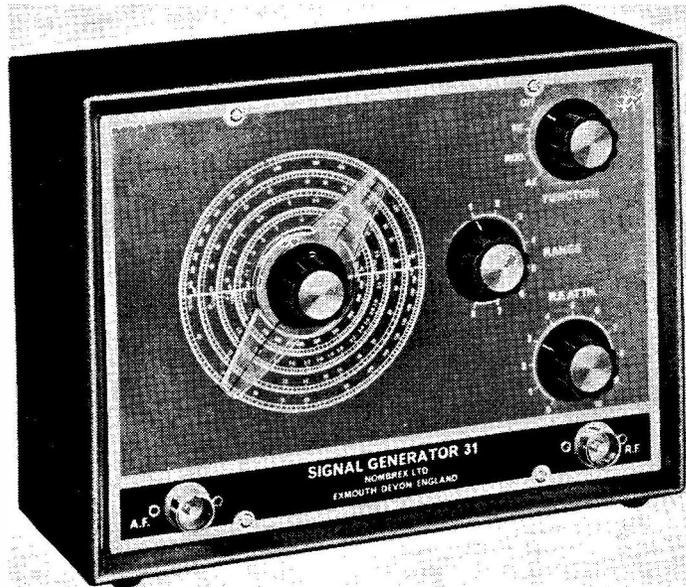
There is a new freezer-trawler under construction at a yard in Aberdeen, being built for Hull owners—this is a ship which will fish in what are called "distant waters,"

meaning into and beyond the Arctic Circle, under very rigorous conditions. In these days, such ships are fitted with highly sophisticated radio equipment—not only for long-distance communication, but also for emergency, D/F and local working, dock and inter-ship. The total value of the radio communication contract for this vessel—won by Redifon, Ltd., with their SSB apparatus as part of the main installation—is just £9,000. The gear will be in charge of a radio officer trained on the equipment, and appointed by arrangement with Redifon, Ltd.

AMALGAMATION OF IDEAS

It has been announced that the following learned societies and associations: The Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Electronic & Radio Engineers, the Institute of Mathematics, and the Physical Society, are to form a body called the Standing Committee of Kindred Societies "to co-ordinate the activities arising from their common interests." The committee will also consider "ways in which the four societies may work together to provide improved services for members."

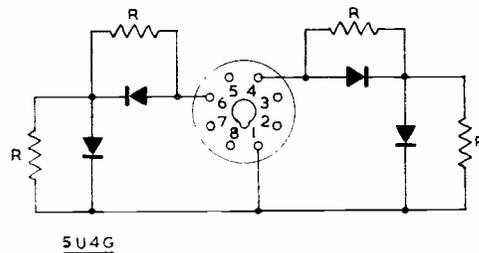
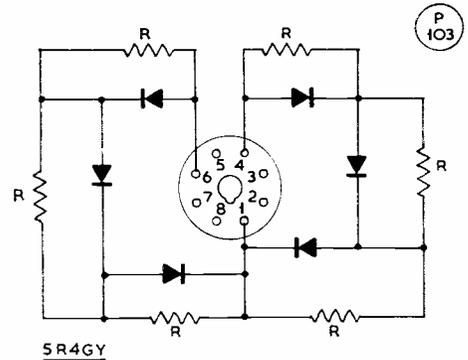
The Nombrex signal generator Model 31 covers 150 kc to 350 mc in eight over-lapping ranges, with a calibration accuracy of better than 2% throughout. The Model 31, which is all-transistor, also has switchable 400-cycle modulation on a separate output socket, and the impedance out is 400 ohms, with continuously variable RF signal attenuation, maximum 100 mV.



The sketches at right show a method—suggested by G6FV (Sittingbourne, Kent)—of substituting silicon rectifier diodes for usual rectifying valves, like the 5R4GY (top) and 5U4G. The diodes are BY-100's, and the resistors R should be 220K rated 1/2-watt. Connections are as seen from the top of the base.



“... The old reliable AM mode is much preferred here ...”



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THE MONTH WITH THE CLUBS

By "Club Secretary"

(Deadline for October Issue: September 6)

(Please address all reports for this feature to "Club Secretary," Editorial Dept., SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, Buckingham.)

THIS month, as always, it falls to our lot to remind everyone of the **annual MCC affair**, which this year is slated for November 9/10. Times and hours, as also the rules, will be essentially the same as last year. In the meantime, it would be appreciated if all the Clubs who propose entering this time, and have not done so for a couple of years, would help us by writing in and letting us know *immediately* in order that we may set about the business of allocating codes. Most years, we get some groups that do not make a firm decision one way or the other until the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour, and end by telephoning for an identification on the day of the first leg! Even worse, from our point of view, are the groups who make a last-minute decision, and do not advise us at all, but take a code *which we may already have allocated* to a late entry, so that there are two Clubs using the same code, to the confusion of all and sundry, not least the invigilators.

As one of the prime objectives of a CW Contest is to improve operating stands, the code form used last year will be retained, and more attention paid to incorrect loggings—particularly the cases where a group has a contact with another Club, and logs it as a single-pointer; in previous years this has been allowed to the full value, but this time the group making the error will be only allowed the single point. This, after all is only interpreting the letter to the rules, but it should go a way towards ensuring care is taken in the logging and operating.

For the rest, let us just suggest you all look to your powder, that it is dry, and to your gear that it works, and may the best man win!

The Reports

Kicking off with the North of England and Scottish clip, **Hull** have meetings down for each Friday at 592 Hessle Road; on the 6th they have a session comparing the HRO and 750 receivers, but Friday 13th is pessimistically noted as a question mark. September 20 is set aside for a Junk Sale, and on the 27th, Pete Hall talks about RTTY.

Derby are certainly thriving—they had 160 *paid-up* members on the books at the last count! September 4 features a Junk Sale, while on the 7th they are engaged both in the VHF Field Day and a Fete at Staunton Harold. A trip to the Test House of International Combustion should be of interest on September 11, and on the 18th there

is a Practice Direction-Finding Event; those not involved can get together in the clubroom on that evening. Finally, on September 25, Dud Charman's tape lecture on "The Human Machine as a Radio Operator" will be heard. All the home events are at Room 4, 119 Green Lane, Derby, and visitors are assured of a welcome.

Halifax and District have recently gone through the AGM, and now have *no* transmitting matters on their committee. A Junk Sale is in the offing, and various items for the programme are being finalised, but at the time of writing no firm information was available; so we have to refer you to the new Hon. Sec.—see Panel p.441.

It is a little unusual to hear from groups in Scotland, although we know of several thriving ones. **Aberdeen**, for instance, has a membership of about 60, who are regularly to be found on Friday evenings at the Club Hq., 6 Blenheim Place, Aberdeen; there is a programme of interest to all, and visitors are specially welcomed. And they are looking forward to a film of their doings over the Field Day weekend, which it is hoped to have ready for showing in October.

Lothians have not "reported in" themselves this time, but from a member we hear that there are plans afoot for a special station during the Edinburgh International Festival, albeit it is understood there is, at the time he wrote, still some doubt about the matter. For any amateur in the area, a line to the hon. sec. at the address in the Panel should bring all the information that is needed.

Wakefield next; they get together at the Youth Centre, Zetland Street, Wakefield, on alternate Tuesdays. September 10 is allocated to operation on the air with the group call G3WRS, while the 14th is given over to a Junk Sale.

A fairly slack month for **Northern Heights** is to be followed by a busy September; on the 11th there is the Pea-and-Pie Supper—an annual event, this, which is much enjoyed—followed on the 22nd

MCC IS HERE AGAIN!

Dates are November 9-10. Rules and ident. lists October issue. Clubs not having participated before in this Magazine Club Contest on Top Band, and wishing to enter this year, should let us know as soon as possible.

by another annual in the Foxhunt. September 25 will see G6LD talking about "Modern Receivers." That leaves one date open, September 18 namely, when they are once again going to hear the W1BB tape-and-slide lecture, so that it is fresh in mind when they come to his new one late in October.

The lads at **Spenn Valley** will be back in business in September, starting with a talk on TV/DX, which will be given by G8AKQ of Holme Moss. As for September 26, the theme is music, as G3USH is down to discuss Electronic Organs. There is a programme for the coming months already in being, and copies were being printed at the time of writing.

A change to new Hq, at the former Civil Defence Headquarters, Upton Road, Bidston, Birkenhead, will enable the **Wirral** lads to indulge in a wider range of activities. They assemble on the first and third Wednesday of each month; thus September 4 is down for a talk by G3UFO on Transistorised Transmitters, and on the 19th, a discussion of the preparations to be put in hand for NFD 1969.

Now to **Pudsey**, who, as we have remarked before, are a cheerful crowd, and thoroughly enjoy their Club life. They wish their thanks to be expressed to G3UCZ who has so ably transmitted Slow Morse over the last five years but has now found it necessary to stop; G3WGW is now doing the chore, which is greatly appreciated. In the way of future events, they have coach trips organised to both the Preston and Peterborough Mobile Rallies, and later in the season to the Amateur Radio Show. The September calendar gives a Construction Evening on September 4, a talk on Oscilloscopes by G3VTY on the 11th, an Operating night a week later, and a Junk Sale rounds off the month on the 25th.

A new publicity officer takes over for **Liverpool**, and mentions their very successful station, GB2LS, which has operated over the three days of the Liverpool Show for the last ten years; during that time they have worked 3377 stations, in 108 countries—DXCC in 30 days! The autumn programme is now in the course of preparation, and for details of this we have to refer you to the hon. secretary.

Not far away are the **South Manchester** group, who have a problem at the moment. It seems that Manchester Corporation, who are the owners of their Hq., have decided to demolish it, and so the hunt is up for a new place. This means that any intending visitor should phone G3SMM on 061-973-6676 for the last-minute situation, as it is to be expected that the venue, at least for the moment, will be somewhat flexible.

Fulford have gone through the period of the summer doldrums that seems to afflict so many groups; beginners and Morse classes are proving quite popular, and there is an informal lecture given on alternate Thursdays. For all the latest details, contact the hon. sec. at the address given in the Panel.

Ashton-u-Lyne may not have been reporting recently but they are still active, with meetings regularly on Fridays, 7.30 p.m. at No. 6 Stamford

Street, Stalybridge. They have their own call G3BND, which is to be re-activated on Top Band. Unfortunately, the photographs sent, covering their very successful participation in the Northern Radio Societies annual convention at Belle Vue, Manchester, were not quite good enough for reproduction.

New Groups

A novel method of getting together prospective members of a new group has been thought up by Peter Sladen, of **Bulwark, Chepstow, Mon.** He invites anyone to come to his home, 44 Burnt Barn Road, on September 26, for a film show, of radio amateur interest; if there is enough support then they will form a group in the area. Let us hope that we soon hear that a successful start has been made.

Anyone in the area around **Hawick, Roxburghshire**, who is interested in the formation of a group, is asked to get in contact with GM3WIG, to see if something can be set up.

Remarks in "Communication and DX News" recently about the lack of activity in **Cumberland**, have brought in a letter from G3WCM; in it he says that if anyone has enough interest then a club could be put together. Contact, in the first instance, either G3WCM, or G3WBT. Both these groups are in areas where the amateurs are relatively "thin on the ground" and the formation of clubs would do much to increase the interest and activity, and it is to be hoped that every success attends their efforts.

Next in this section, we must mention the re-formation of the **Lincoln Short Wave Club**, where Bill Felton, whose name appears so regularly in our "SWL" feature, has been elected to the hon. secretary's job. We gather that regular meetings are to be held at No. 2 Guardroom, Sobraon Barracks, Bredon Drive (off Burton Road), Lincoln, and at the time of writing Wednesday evenings looked to be the routine; however, a check with Bill at the address in the Panel would probably be worth-while first, in case the evening has been changed to suit more people.

A group who appear to be starting with a bang are the **Mid-Cheshire** crowd, who are getting together at Oak House Farm, Beeston Drive, Over, Winsford, Cheshire. On September 4, they are preparing for VHF NFD, on the 11th the programme gives a lecture—subject to be announced—followed on the 18th by the serious matter of having a first Annual General Meeting; on the 25th G6LEE/T will tell them all about Amateur TV. In addition, over September 26-28 they are putting on a demonstration station at Winsford Rotary Club Hobbies Exhibition in Winsford Civic Hall.

Southern Area

A group with an hon. secretary who is really devoted to his job is **Maidenhead**, of which G3FVC took the trouble to write during his holidays. On Monday, September 2, G3MED is to give a talk about SSB, while on September 17, informal session, G3WKX will be put on the air, probably on 144 mc.

September 12 and 26 are the dates on which the

Mid-Sussex crowd foregather, at Marle Place Further Education Centre, Leylands Road, Burgess Hill; on the former date G2UJ will be talking on "High Stability Oscillators," while the second meeting will be an informal at Hq.

A serious attempt to get the lads on to 144 mc seems to be in the wind at **Fareham**, where they are modifying 22 Pye Rangers recently acquired. This forms the object of the evening on September 1, getting the beasts going, while the following week there is to be no meeting because of the clash with VHF Field Day. September 15 has a "What is your problem?" session laid on, when the Brains will endeavour to answer the questions. Simple fault-finding is the topic of the talk to be given on September 22, as part of a series aimed at the newcomer to the hobby. Hq. is Portchester Community Centre, Fareham, and to find them all you have to do is follow the coax into the clubroom! Every Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Guildford get together at the Model Engineering Club Hq., Stoke Park, Guildford, on alternate Fridays; there is also a 70 mc Club Net, each Thursday evening at 9.0 p.m. For other details, contact the hon. sec.—see panel, p.441.

Harlow next, where the main effort at the moment is being put into making sure that the Mobile Rally goes well; as it is usually the last one of the season, this year's being set for September 29, lots of people come along for a "last look at the whips" before putting away the /M gear for another year, and so the Harlow chaps try their hardest to make their Rally good. The venue, as ever, is to be Magdalen Laver, and the hon. secretary will gladly give all the details, as he will of the regular meetings on Tuesdays at Mark Hill Barn, Harlow.

Not far away, the lads at **Bishop's Stortford** are still getting together on the third Monday in each month, in the upstairs room at the British Legion Club in Windhill. September 16 is the first of a series of three talks to be given by G3KFE on Receivers, over succeeding months.

North Kent have Hq. at the Congregational Church Hall, adjacent to the Clock Tower, Bexleyheath, on alternate Thursdays. September 12 is down for a Film Show, but we have no information as to the doings on the 26th, although it is believed to be an informal.

RMA Sandhurst only occasionally report in; this time they had the trip to Clackmannanshire, signing GM5PM/P, during August, and there will be a special-activity station with a GB callsign at the RMA and Staff College Horse Show, on September 21-22.

With great regret, **Verulam** report that G3GJX, who has been such a stalwart member of the group for years, has left to live in Surrey. The meeting in September at Cavalier Hall, St. Albans, is on the 18th, when Mr. Ched Gordon of the GPO will talk about the satellite tracking system at Goonhilly. In addition to this, an informal at Salisbury Hall occurs on September 4.

Over at **Crawley**, September 25 will be a red-letter day, as Dud Charman, G6CJ, will be giving his famous aerial lecture. This should on no account be missed. In order to cover expenses a charge of 5s. a head will be made to all members and visitors who turn up at Trinity Congregational Church Hall, Ifield Drive, Ifield, Crawley. The time for this one is 8.0 p.m. *sharp*. For more details, contact the hon. sec.—see Panel.

September for **Stevenage** means on the 5th a talk on Radio Control, and on the 19th Fred Henshaw, G8BBO will discuss Printed Circuits and the manufacture of them for amateur purposes. Looking forward to October, there is the well-known G3DGN talk on Lasers down for the 3rd, and Daystrom's Demonstration on October 17. Hq. is at the Hawker Siddeley Dynamics canteen, Stevenage.

Not far from Stevenage is **Dunstable Downs**, with a group which is going from strength to strength. Hq. is at Chews House, Dunstable, each Friday evening, and the wives are in attendance as well to take part actively as to look after the chore of brewing-up. They stress that they are out for new members, not just the transmitters and SWL's but also the chap who "just wants to build a wireless."

Another strong and active group are at **Reigate**, who gather at the George and Dragon, Cromwell Road, Redhill; they have a members'ip list of 43, according to the 99th copy of *Feedback* and a quick count shows 29 of those to be licensed. On September 4, last points will be settled about the VHF Field Day activity, and then G3SGA will give his "Introduction to Single Sideband."

Brief report from **Farnborough**—to the effect that next meetings are on September 10 (on TVI) and September 24 (on VHF/M, by G3EDD), both 7.30 p.m. at 310 Farnborough Road.

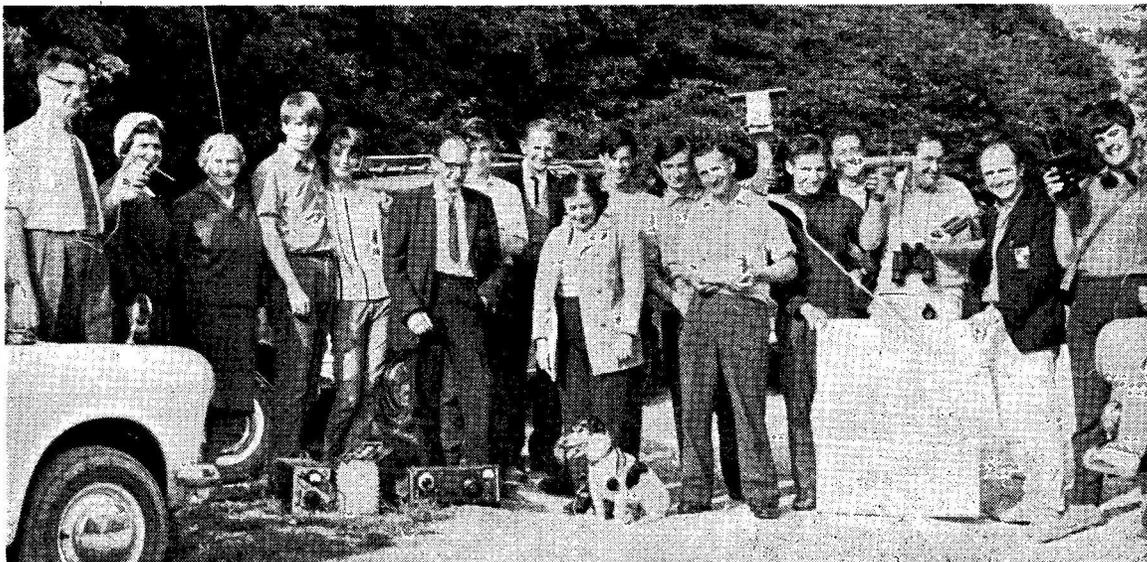
The **South Coast VHF** group have recently been having an interesting series of discussions with ZB2BO, ZB2AP, and SWL Heinz Stelberg on the results of the Sporadic-E season, and on the placing of a 70 mc beacon in Europe. Activity-wise, the main thing is VHF NFD, for which they will be putting in strong effort from a site at Canctonbury Ring. The hon. secretary here is G3JHM, well known for his work on the VHF's.

National and International

Here we include the clubs that have no local affiliations, but are more widespread.

Firstly, **British Railways**, who are associated with the international FIRAC group, who recently held their 1968 Congress at St. Urban in Austria. The chairman of BRARS, G3SCW, attended and has a very interesting account of the events in the current *Newsletter*. We are asked to point out that the hon. secretary of this group is H. A. J. Gray, at the address in the panel, to which all correspondence should be addressed. Members'ip of BRARS is now up to 54.

RAIBC caters for the disabled and blind element of our hobby, and has a most interesting and chatty newsletter called *Radial*, which your scribe always looks forward to reading; this month there



On p.375 of the August issue, we pictured a happy-looking D/F party in the South-West. Here is another—at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, East Yorkshire, on July 27, when members of the Hull & District and Goole clubs were out for their own D/F event, organised by G3PQY and G3SSA. With them were G3PJR, G3RDM and G3VBI, also SWL's Hall, Griffiths and Rodmel—with their efficient D/F receivers. The placard was a map of the area to be worked over for the Tx hunt.

is an account of the trip by G3OFU and G3VOA to Wiesbaden to demonstrate the "Possum" equipment. RAIBC needs to get to know about those eligible for membership, and it needs supporters to enable it to carry out its aims—and of course funds, an area in which quite a few Clubs help by allocating the profits of one of their activities to RAIBC, who really do appreciate such help.

WAMRAC is for those radio amateurs and SWL's who are of the Methodist persuasion; what between the lack of recognition by the authorities and the illness of the hon. secretary's wife, things have been rather troubling for them; but it does look as though their luck is on the turn, and G3NGF seems to have hit upon the right formula for ensuring success.

The **Ex-G Club** explains its origin and objects pretty clearly in its title; operation is by way of the bi-monthly *Bulletin* and the regular nets—each Sunday at 1900z on 14346 kc, and in addition there are check frequencies of 3-835 mc, 21-350 mc and 28-650 mc for phone, plus 14-065 mc CW, where members are likely to be found looking for contacts.

The **Civil Service**, of course, are everywhere, and naturally there is a Radio Club to cater for them—the Civil Service Radio Society. This crowd have a fine Hq. at the Civil Service Sports Centre, in Monck Street, London, S.W.1. with a shack, lecture facilities, and somewhere to eat and drink. The regular meetings are slated for the first and third Tuesday of each month, with a programme which will include such topics as SSB, Transistors, Hi-Fi and FM, together with visits to places of interest. The hon. secretary, address as Panel, will be glad to give full details.

The London Area

This is a little difficult to define, so we must hope that any group which has been translated accidentally into the Southern clip, or *vice-versa*, will not be unduly cross about it.

Edgware are back again after their summer recess. They kick off with an informal on September 9, and on the 23rd they get together again for a topic yet to be announced. Hq., incidentally, is at 51 Flower Lane, Mill Hill.

Echelford are finding their membership rising at a greater rate than ever before—which is a pretty good advertisement! They can be found at the Hall, St. Martins Court, Kingston Crescent, Woodtorpe Road, Asford, Middlesex, on Thursday, September 26, for a lecture on Single Sideband.

Quite a few groups have difficulty in filling a newsletter, but not so **Purley**, who put out *Splitter* each month, and have plenty of material in hand to enable the editor to exercise his scissors. They get together twice a month; September 6 in the small hall for a natter, and September 20 in the large one to hear some of the Wimbledon crew, led by G3EPU, talk about Radio Astronomy.

Surrey RCC cover the Croydon area and meet at the Blue Anchor, South Croydon; we have no information as to what is on for September, so we have to commend you to the hon. sec.

Chiswick Trades and Social Club, 66 High Road, Chiswick, is the home of the **Acton, Brentford and Chiswick** crowd, and on September 17 they will gather to hear G3XPC giving a talk entitled "My First Contact." This is the sort of thing that is always interesting, to newcomers and old timers alike.

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Cray Valley have G3TR coming to them on September 5, to talk about RSGB, at their place at the Congregational Church Hall, Court Road, Eltham, while on September 19 they have a natter-session at All Saints' Church Hall, Bereta Road, New Eltham, S.E.9.

On to **Wimbledon** and **South London Mobile**, where the editor of the *News Letter*, G3EPU, has really let himself go on his front page about the lack of contributions—and then goes on to one of the most interesting issues seen of late. The group meet at the St. John Ambulance Hall, 124 Kingston Road, South Wimbledon, on the second and last Friday in each month, starting at 2000 clock.

The Midlands

The **Leicester City Show** comes off on September 2-3 and the local lads will be putting G3LRS on the air as part of the exercise. The hard work is to be done on the 1st, and they will need all the help that can be obtained. Meet at the Club Hq. at 10.0 a.m., or later at the Abbey Park Showground.

There are five Mondays in September, albeit no meeting on the first one (September 2 is Bank Holiday) for the **Norwich** boys. On the 9th there is a natter session, while the 16th is given over to dealing with business matters. September 23 is down for a talk on Impedance Matching, and the month is rounded off by G3RQY, who will talk about his holiday in YU and OE.

Midland assemble in the Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, on the third Tuesday in each month; unfortunately we have no details of the September doings, but with a group of more than 100 members one would expect that they will have *something* cooked up for September.

On now to **Peterborough**, who have their Mobile Rally on September 2, and then follow it up with a Maritime Mobile Direction-Finding Contest on the 15th. For the latter the venue will be on the River Nene at Alwalton, a half-mile on the Stamford side of Kate's Cabin corner, where the Peterborough-Leicester Road crosses the Great North Road A1. Anyone with a portable receiver tuning 1980 kc can take part, but a boat of some sort will be a distinct advantage!

Coventry have four things to do in September. The first meeting, which is on the 6th, is for the final preparations for VHF NFD; a week later, on the 13th, G3ROD is to give a talk on a technical topic which is not disclosed. September 20 sees them operating the Club transceiver on the air, and the finale to the month is on the 27th when they have the AGM. The hon. sec. would very much be pleased if those members who cannot, for one reason or another, attend the latter, would let him know beforehand.

Five meetings for **Wolverhampton**, all at Hq., Neachells Cottage, Stockwell Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, this month, were it not for the fact that the first Monday in the month falls on the Bank Holiday. Thus, they have September 9 for a Film Show, preceded by the Morse class; on the 16th a natter and work on the redecoration of the

Hq., again preceded by slow Morse; on the 23rd an Informal which will be used as preparatory to the AGM; and on the 30th the committee will make the final preparations for the AGM while more slow Morse goes on elsewhere in the Hq.

Redecoration is also in hand at **Rugby**, and with it the installation of a new Club station, which will at first consist of an 888A receiver and Panda Cub transmitter; in addition the Rugby RAEN station is installed in the shack. The club call, incidentally, is G3BXF. A great interest of this crowd for many years has been Direction-Finding, and this season they have taken part in no less than 24 such events! For details of the group, contact the hon. sec., address as in the Panel.

We boomed last time round in giving the date of the Church Stretton Traction Engine Rally as September 12 — it should have been stated as September 2—and of course the **Salop** lads will be there with their exhibition station. The 12th date is in fact for a Junk Sale at Hq., the Old Post Office Hotel, Milk Street, Shrewsbury. The rest of the Thursdays in the month are all informals, and things really start in October, after the summer season.

Wales and West of England

At the monthly meeting of the **Rhyl** crowd in July, they had a three-man demonstration of construction techniques; first, a description and demonstration of the finer points involved in "chassis-bashing" including joining and soldering aluminium, and a discussion of the metal-finishing processes which can be applied by the constructor; secondly, a practical demonstration of the art-and-craft of soldering, both on conventional wire and on printed-circuits and *Veroboard*; and to round off a practical demonstration of the alignment of a home-built transistor superhet receiver. One would feel this is something that could be done by many groups as a means of filling an evening. As for September, Rhyl are having the annual Junk Sale on the 10th, at the Silver Band Room, off Windsor Street, Rhyl.

From *Tamar Pegasus* we get it that **Saltash** are still meeting every other Friday at Burraton Toc H Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Just what is on the programme for September is not, at the time of writing, known, but no doubt a quick line to the hon. secretary (*see* Panel) will bring all the desired information.

Rhondda have just revived their newsletter after a lapse of seven years—and it kicks off with a couple of good, old-fashioned, axe-grinding paragraphs that augur well for its future. They have an exhibition station on at the Rhondda Transport Flower Show on September 7, and it is understood that the Hq. is at the Pengelli Hotel in Treorchy—but the hon. sec. would no doubt be very pleased to pass on the information—*see* Panel.

Yeovil have had a club for as long as the writer can recall, although we have not heard from them for some time. However, this month their p.r.o. writes in to give details of activities—but we can't

decipher his fist! They have a full programme ahead, to include tape lectures and film shows.

Cornish have a late change of programme for their main meeting at the SWEB Clubroom, Pool, Camborne, which takes place on September 5, to replace the "potted talk" by a Junk Sale; the main lecturer still remaining as G3WJP, who is to discuss his African experiences—this being a continuation of an amusing talk given back in May last year.

A social meeting is planned for September 17, at the George and Dragon, Rowde, by the **Chippenham** gang for the benefit of the members in outlying parts; it is hoped that some of the chaps from Swindon, Bath and Bristol groups will come, and to that end there will be talk-in by G3UFW on Top Band. It is also hoped that those with no club affiliations will drop in. The date for September 3 at Hq. is scrubbed, due to the fact that the meeting-place is being renovated. The Chippenham group normally assemble every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. at Chippenham High School, Hardenhuish

Lane, Chippenham.

Hereford also mention the "summer lay-off"—meaning a slowing-down of Club activities due to holidays and such, but nevertheless they have been having regular meetings with attendances of about 20; not at all bad, as apart from the season of the year, Hereford is not a populous district in the Amateur Radio sense. Club projects (Rx and test gear) are in hand for the winter season, under the capable direction of G3HVX. A headquarters is still a problem here, but they have a temporary meeting place at Trinity Hall, Whitecross Road, Fridays, September 6 and October 4, 7.30 p.m.

Deadline

Don't forget that MCC will be coming up again over the weekend November 9/10, and watch the October issue for rules and identification lists.

And that's it for this time. Deadline for next issue, October, is **September 6 latest**, addressed "Club Secretary," **SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM.**

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The list following is of centres at which instruction is offered for the Radio Amateur's Examination, Subject No. 55 in the City & Guilds of London syllabus. This list is not necessarily complete but it includes all centres of which we have been notified.

Readers wishing to know about the availability of an R.A.E. course locally should apply to the Principal of the neighbourhood College of Technology, Evening Institute or College of Further Education, or the local office of the Education Authority, quoting "Subject No. 55, Radio Amateur's Examination, City & Guilds." If staff locally cannot give you an immediate answer, they should be able to find out and let you know. Please *do not* apply to us—we have only the details given here. The point is that these courses are arranged at many evening institutes and colleges of further education, in all parts of the country, and it is from the office of a local education authority that information should be available.

Because instruction in Subject No. 55 comes under arrangements made by the Education Authority, the fees are nominal and the instruction is professional—often by instructors who themselves hold an amateur licence.

Books for The Course

In addition to the reading that may be recommended by individual course instructors—by whom students should be guided—we can say from many years' experience that much can be learnt for the passing of the R.A.E. from the following books: *Amateur Radio* (26s.); *Guide to Amateur Radio* (6s. 7d.); *Radio Amateur Examination Manual* (5s. 9d.); *Short Wave Radio and The Ionosphere* (11s. 9d.); and—for a standard textbook that will be a reference for years—the 1968 issue of the *Radio Amateur Handbook* (50s.).

All these books are obtainable through our Publications Dept., Short Wave Magazine, Ltd., 55 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. All prices are post free and any of these titles can be supplied from stock.

Instruction Centres

- Barry:** At College of Further Education, Colcot Road, on Tuesday evenings for R.A.E. theory and Thursdays (Morse and practical work), 7.30-9.30 p.m., starting Sept. 23. Enrolment during evenings week beginning Sept. 9, at the College. Club station GW3VKL will be in operation for students. Lecturer, D. H. Adams, GW3VBP. For further information apply to the College secretary.
- Bedford:** At the Westfield F.E. Centre, starting in September. Enrolment and other details from J. R. Clarke, G3OWQ, 12 Robin Hill, Brickhill, Bedford.
- Bedworth, Warks.:** At the Evening Institute, Nicholas Chamberlaine School, on Monday evenings, starting September 16, enrolment Sept. 10-12, 7.0-8.30 p.m. Instruction by R. G. Titterton, G3ORY.
- Boreham Wood:** At the College of Further Education, on Wednesdays, 7.0-9.0 p.m., starting on Sept. 18, enrolment evenings Sept. 9-10. Lecturer, G. L. Benbow, M.Sc., M.I.E.E. (G3HB).
- Bradford:** At the Technical College, Great Horton Road, on Monday evenings, 7.0-9.0 p.m., starting on September 23, registration Sept. 9-13 (not Wednesday), 6.30-8.30 p.m. No fees payable for students under 19 on Sept. 1st.
- Burslem:** At the Northern College of Further Education, Morland Road, enrolment Sept. 6, 8, 9. Enquiries to Electrical Engineering Dept., or the lecturer, K. H. Parkes, G3EHM, QTHR.
- Corbridge, Durham:** Course to be held at the County School, commencing mid-September, details from: V. Allison, G3TNX, 14 Silverdale Drive, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.
- Coventry:** At the Technical College, Butts, on Wednesday evenings, 7.0-9.0 p.m., enrolment period Sept. 9-12, course fee 40s., with Morse tuition available. The College operates its own station G3UVW, and students will have access to it under supervision of the organiser, F. J. Chandler, G3HHM, who will be glad to deal with enquiries, at the College.
- Crawley:** At Ifield Evening Institute, Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, on Monday evenings, 7.0-9.0 p.m., starting Sept. 23, enrolment Sept. 18-19, after 6.0 p.m. Fees for under 19's 26s. 6d., over 19, 66s. 6d. Instructor, A. J. Gibbs, G3PHG, who will be glad to give any further information.
- Durham:** At the Technical College, Framwellgate Moor, starting on Sept. 27, 6.30-9.30 p.m. on Fridays weekly, with prior enrolment. R.A.E. theory and Morse practice will be included by the lecturer, P. G. Martin, B.Sc., G3PDM.
- Harlow:** At the Technical College, The High, on Friday evenings, 7.0-9.30 p.m. Lecturer, E. P. Essery, G3KFE, 17 Ascot Close, Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford, who will be pleased to give full details.
- Heanor:** At South-East Derbyshire Coll. of Further Education, Fridays 7.0-9.0 p.m., starting Sept. 20; enrolment Sept. 9-10, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Apply Heanor Branch of the College, in Ilkeston Road.
- Hemel Hempstead:** At the Dacorum College of Further Education, Marlowes, on Tuesdays and Fridays, 7.0-9.0 p.m., fees 70s. or 35s. for juniors, enrolment Sept. 9-11. Course organiser, from whom all details can be obtained: C. Burke, G3VOZ, 30 Green Lane, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead.
- Huddersfield:** At Ramsden Technical College, Queensgate, courses in R.A.E. theory and Morse code, starting in September, on Monday and Friday evenings. Enrolment Sept. 9-11, and enquiries to the course tutor, R. Hey, Dept. of Engineering.
- London (Beckenham):** At the Adult Education Centre, 28 Beckenham Road, on Thursday evenings, 7.0-9.0 p.m., starting Sept. 26. Fees are graded according to age; enquiries and information: M. D. Bass, B.Sc., G3OJE, 42 Clevedon Road, London, S.E.20.

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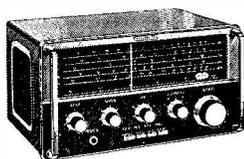
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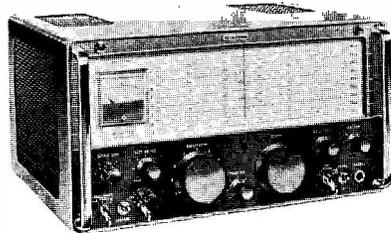
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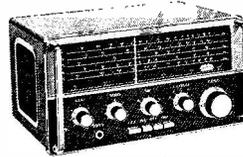
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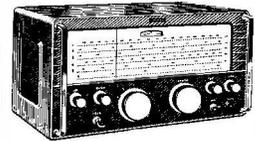
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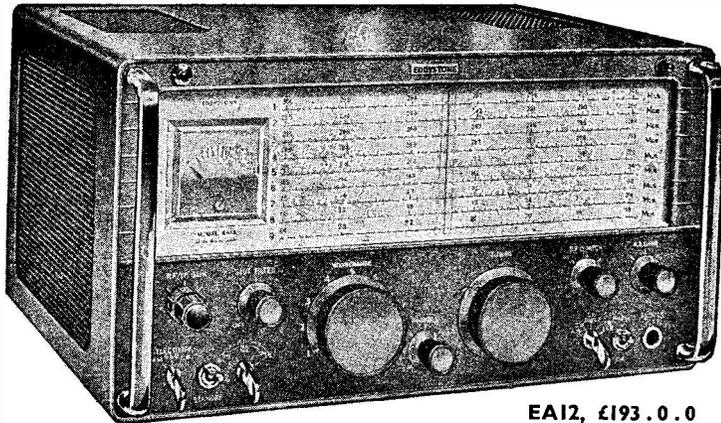


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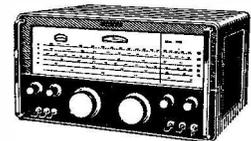


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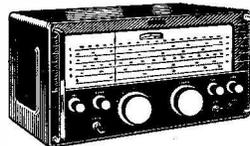
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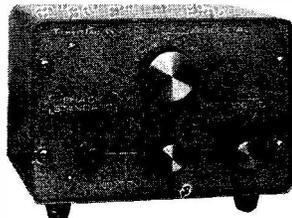
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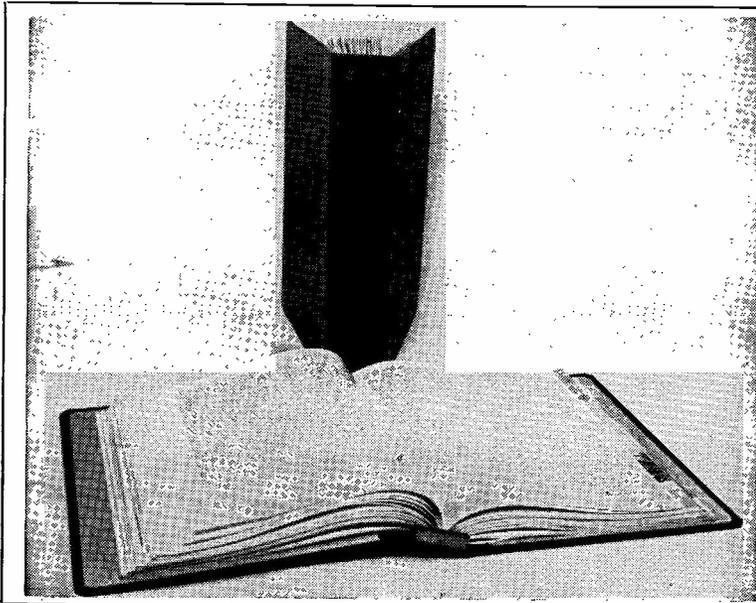
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