

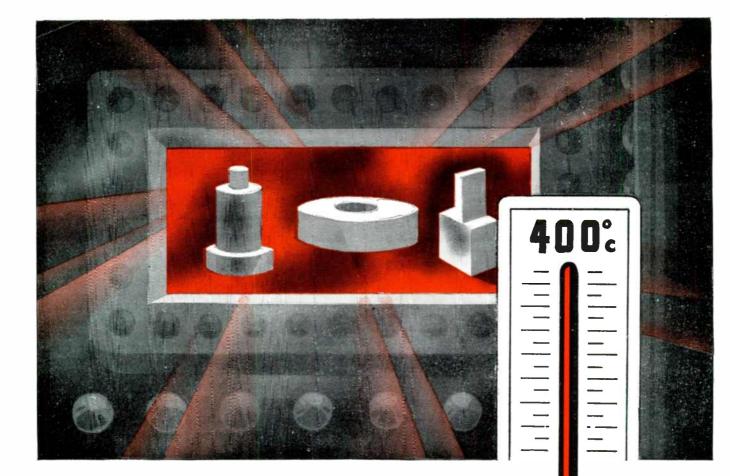
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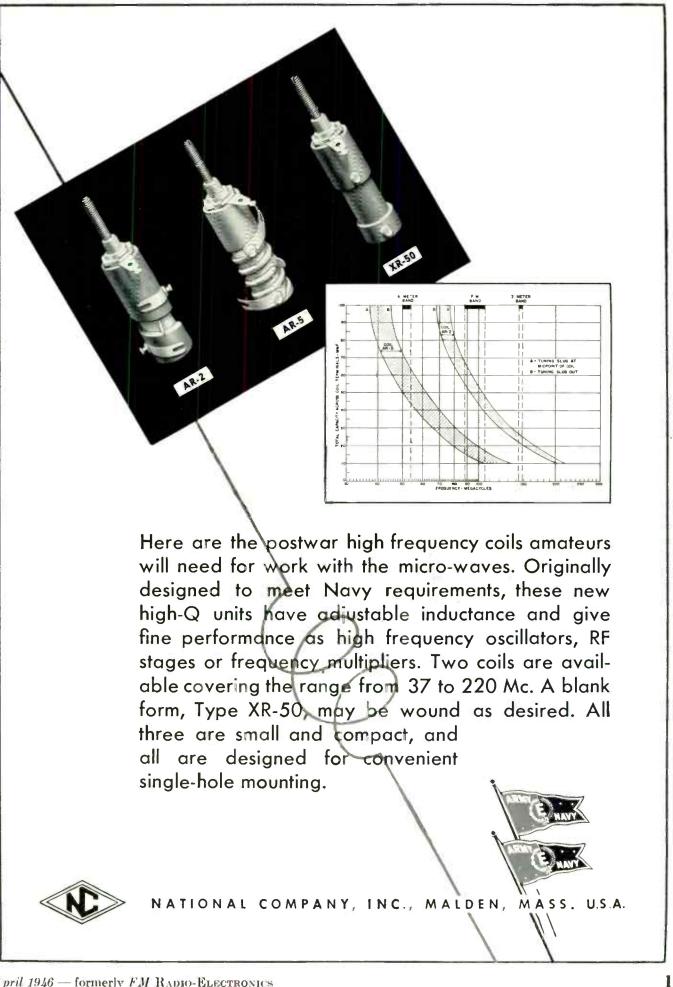
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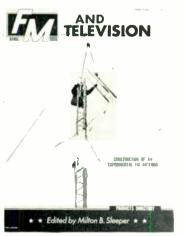
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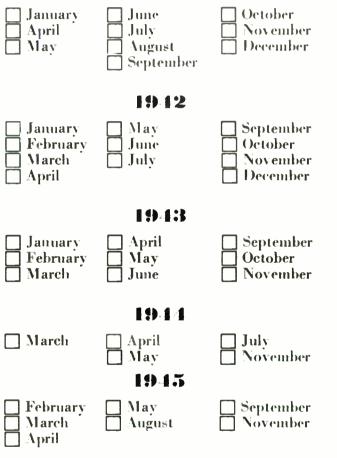
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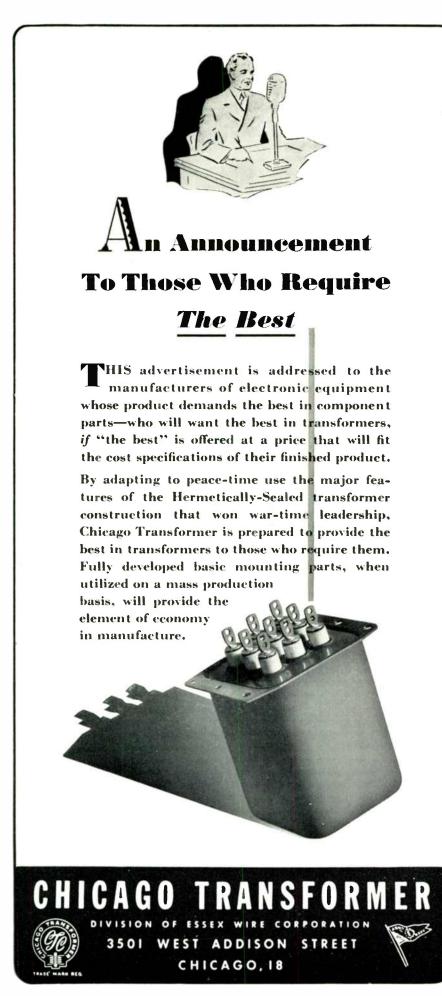
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WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

#### 1. FCC CENSORSHIP

#### 2. AFM vs. FCC

#### 3. Added Taxes

**1** The FCC Blue Book entitled Public Service Responsibility of Broadcast Licensees, issued on March 7th, contains statistical criticism of radio program service so well deserved that it should send a chill down the collective spine of broadcast station management. When, for example, a station is laid open to the complaint that it emitted an average of more than 16 spot announcements per hour throughout a week's operation, something should be done to protect radio listeners from such inhuman treatment.

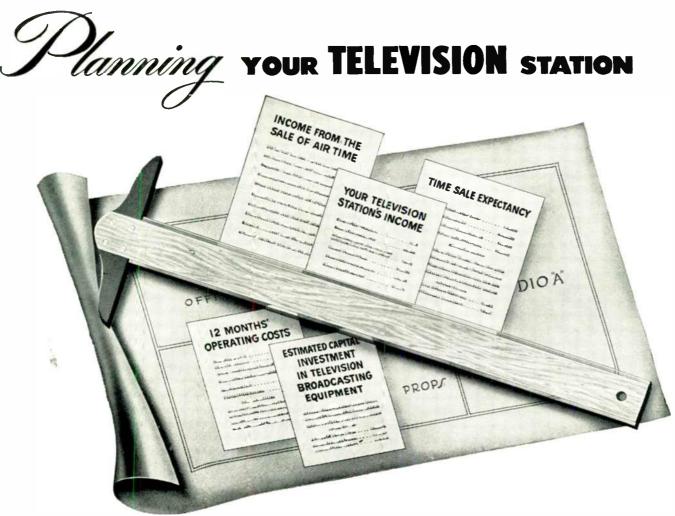
However, a careful reading of this bold step into program censorship on the part of the FCC shows that its concern over the public service rendered by broadcasters may be just another angle of approach to the rapidly-developing political-party control of broadcasting. The purpose behind this FCC action, illuminated by the light of the record, indicates that the chairmanship of the FCC is being developed into a mechanism for implementing the distribution of political patronage, to outrank the office of Postmaster General.

If the FCC is permitted to carry out the implications of its Blue Book, we may well see broadcast stations change ownership and management with the same certainty that postmasterships come and go with changing administrations.

Is that an extreme view? If it seems so, read the Blue Book again, You will find that the ground work is laid for refusal by the FCC to renew station licenses at the discretion of the Commissioners. No rule is proposed for the guidance of all station operators. The FCC does not propose to put the individual operator in a position to say: "I complied with the Commission's requirements as to the composition of my programs, I transmitted even more than the specified percentage of programs in the public service categories, and somewhat less of income-producing programs. Therefore, I have qualified for the renewal of my station lieense."

Instead, the FCC has merely defined the different types of programs so that they can be related with other modifying factors as justification for whatever action the Commissioners choose to take, or are instructed to take, on any application for (CONCLUDED ON PAGE 82)

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# STUDIO AMPLIFIERS Engineered for High Quality Performance and Dependable Service

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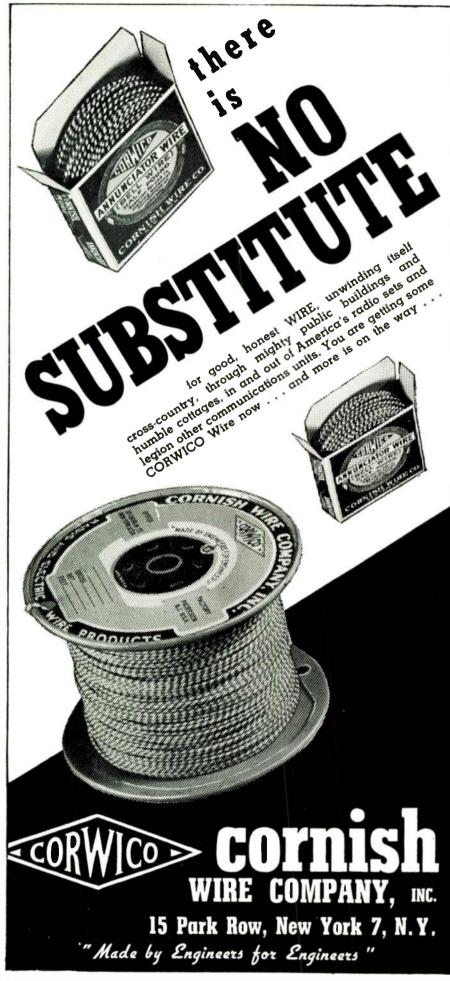
In complying with these regulations too much emphasis cannot be placed on the quality of the transformers that are a part of the audio system. Noise, for instance, is largely associated with the input transformers—distortion, with the output transformers—and frequency response with both. Therefore, the transformers in Langevin equipment are manufactured by us and are held to a specified tolerance—so that frequency response, noise and distortion levels of the entire system are well within requirements. The Type 106-A Amplifier is a two-stage, fixed medium gain, low noise pre-amplifier, or booster amplifier, for use in highquality speech input systems. The Type 106-A can be mounted on one-third of the space available on a Type 3-A Mounting Frame in combination with two Type 111-A Pre-Amplifiers, or in any similar combination.



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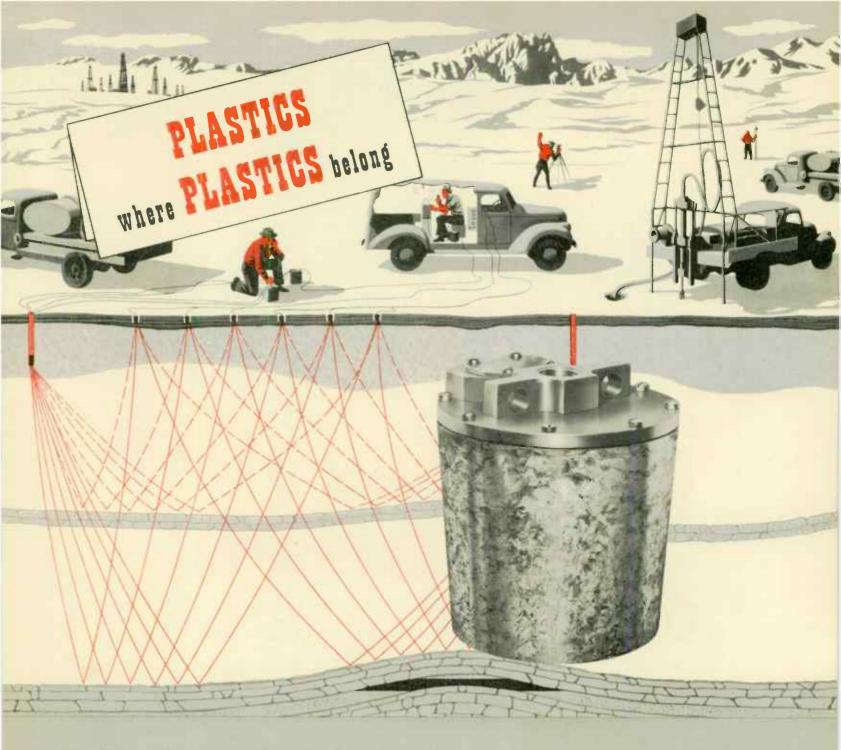
**Motorola:** Ray Baumgart, formerly chief engineer in charge of radio maintenance and construction for the Indiana State Police, has joined Motorola's staff of communications engineers. He has been a very active member of APCO, and will continue to work with police radio supervisors in Indiana,

**Insuline:** New sales representative covering New York, eastern Pennsylvania, and Virginia is Lester R. Belmuth, recently released as a captain in the Army Air Force.

Sylvania: Raymond W. Andrews, former U. S. Navy commander, has been appointed merchandising manager of Sylvania's radio division. Making his headquarters at Williamsport, Pa., he will specialize in the development and sale of products to be marketed through radio parts jobbers.

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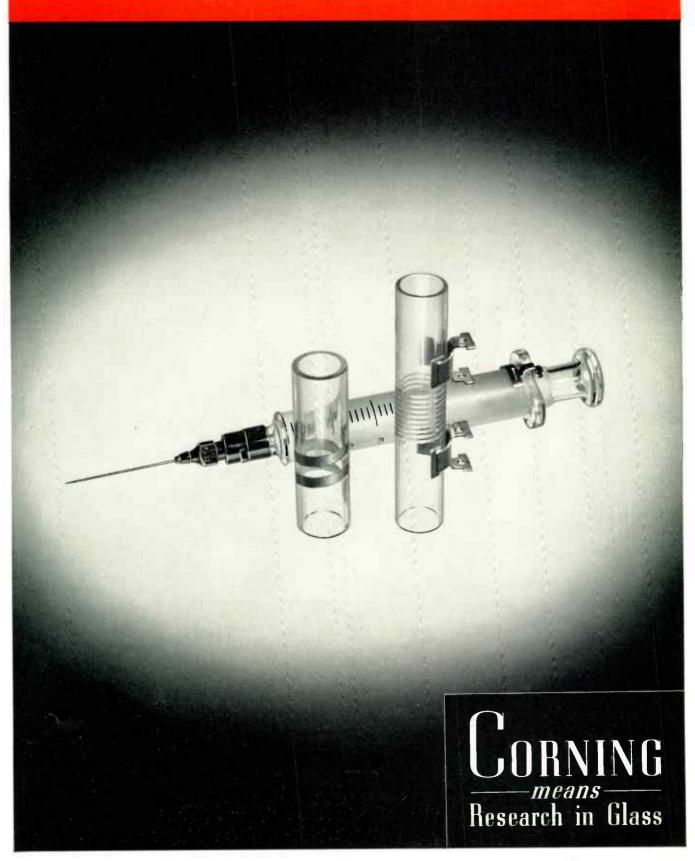
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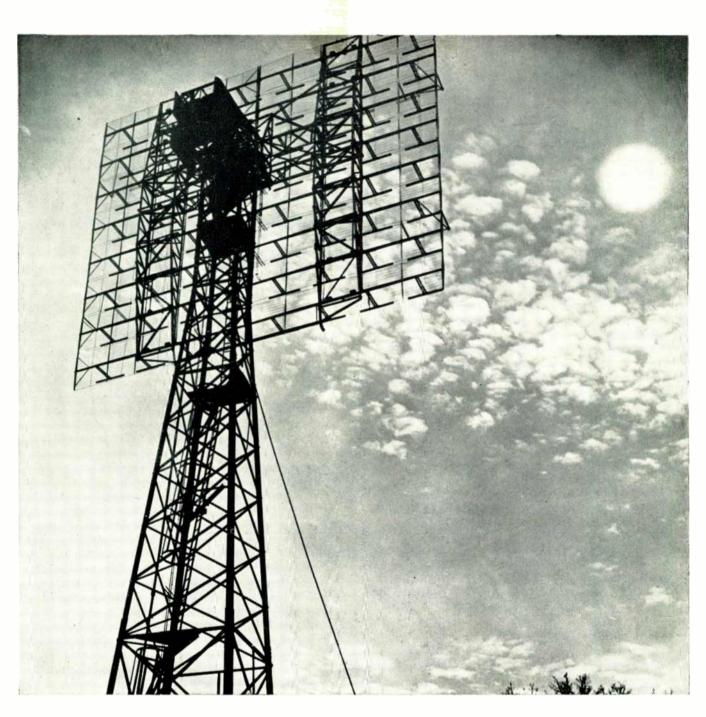
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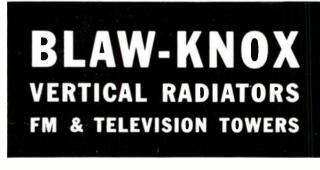


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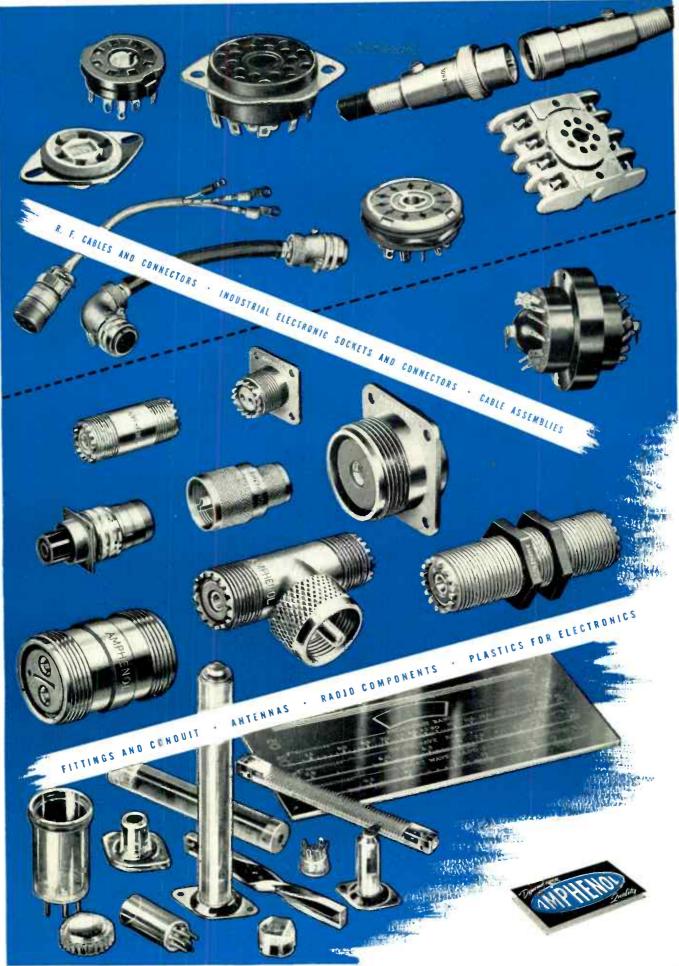
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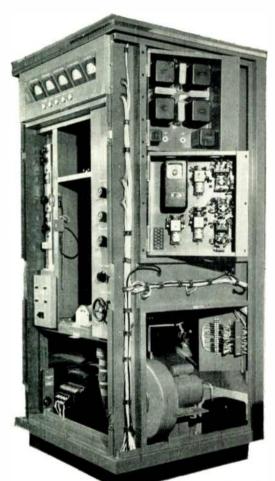
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FIG. 1. HOISTING ROPE IS ATTACHED JUST ABOVE MIDDLE OF MAST SECTION. SMALL LINE STEADIES SECTION ON WAY UP

### **CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPERIMENTAL FM ANTENNA** Part 1—Preliminary Layout—Guy Anchors and Tower Base—Erecting the Tower Sections

**A**T FM AND TELEVISION Magazine, we have been reluctant, and properly so, to take any position in the controversy over the comparative merits of upperband vs. lower-band FM broadcasting over relatively long distances. Service to listeners, after all, is determined by performance, and not by opinions based on counting or discounting sun-spots.

So we decided to put up an experimental station at Great Barrington.<sup>4</sup> Mass., where our publication headquarters are located, in order to learn about FM propagation by listening. Actually, this installation is 7 miles east of Great Barrington, in a little town called Monterey. The spot is 1,250 ft, above sea level. The terrain rises to considerably greater height to the north, but drops off to the east, south and west, rising again to form a ring of hills on those three sides. Due south, in line with New York City, the valley thus formed

#### **BY MILTON B. SLEEPER**

is about 13 miles long, closed off by Canaan Mountain, 1,680 ft. high. The highest point on this 3-sided rim is Mt. Everett, 11 miles to the southwest, at 2,620 ft. The Empire State Building in New York City is straight south, 105 miles away air-line, and Major Armstrong's station at Alpine. N. J., is 95 miles distant.

Thus, while the location is not within line-of-sight of any present or proposed FM station, it is far enough from the surrounding hills and ridges to be outside the immediate wave-shadow area.

Our original plan was to put up receiving dipoles at the top of a 75-ft. tower. The final decision, however, was to erect a standard 105-ft. Wincharger tower, surmounted by a 10-ft. mast to carry the dipoles, so as to provide the maximum practical advantage for receiving distant FM broadcast stations and, we hope, the Finch facsimile transmission from WGHF, New York City. The initial test has been highly encouraging. **The First Problems**  $\star$  It was our intention to have the tower erected by one of the concerns whose business it is to do this type of work. Then, because it was too interesting a project to turn over to someone else, we decided to tackle the job with what assistance we could get locally. We know now that the first plan would have been much simpler and quicker, and somewhat more expensive, but we would have missed the fun of doing it ourselves.

Now, with the undertaking completed, we shall pass on to others the details of our experiences, for it is probable that a great number of similar antennas will be erected for research and experimentation in FM broadcasting and communications.

The Wincharger tower arrived just after our first heavy snowfall, in November. Laid out on the platform at the freight office, it didn't look like a formidable project. The whole shipment consisted of some bundles of 10-ft. steel legs, a coil of guy wire, some turnbuckles, rods, and plates neatly tied together, and a small

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Great Barrington is in the extreme southwestern corner of Massachusetts, just north of Connecticut and east of New York State.

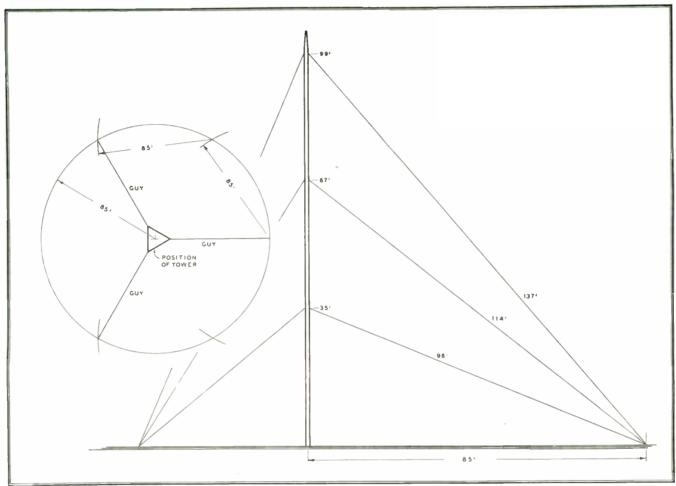
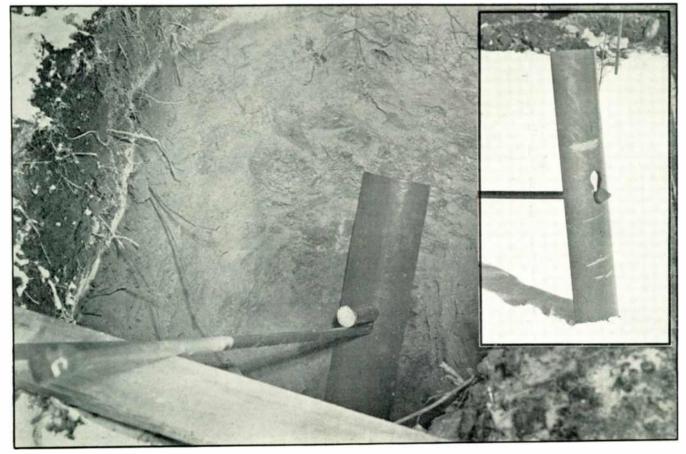


FIG. 2, ABOVE. THREE SETS OF GUY WIRES ARE REQUIRED, SPACED 120° APART ON A RADIUS OF 85 FT., AS THIS SKETCH SHOWS FIG. 3, BELOW. THE ANCHOR READY TO BE BURIED, WITH A BOARD HOLDING THE ROD AT AN ANGLE OF 45°



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but heavy wooden case. The latter proved, on inspection, to be full of carefully stacked cross-braces, and cloth bags of nuts, bolts, and similar hardware. Altogether these parts had the appearance of an overgrown Erector set.

This encouraging introduction, however, was followed quickly by our first set-back. We had tentatively enlisted the services of a local contractor, but when we called to say that the tower had arrived, he told us that he guessed we'd better try someone else, such as the concern that handled tree work, because they had men used to climbing.

Following this suggestion, we were met with an agreeable response, and forthwith arranged for the boss tree man to view the tower as it was laid out on the freight platform. He promptly transported the steel work and hardware to our hill, and stowed it all away in a barn owned by an obliging neighbor. Having learned that people in this section of the country do not consider impatience a virtue, we waited a week before venturing to ask when the work of erection would start.

This inquiry brought the answer: "You'd better get someone else to do it. We never did a job like that," and then: "There's a fellow Bill Winn just got out of the Signal Corps. He knows all about such things."

Meanwhile, the snow had been getting deeper in our Berkshire Hills, and the weather had hit a steady below-zero tempo which was very discouraging. Frost, in these parts, goes 5 ft, deep, and the prevailing northwest wind freezes ears, toes, and hands without regard for the urgency of any out-door work.

But Bill Winn, with his red hair and broad grin, turned out to be one of those GI's that made our allies say thanks for the Yanks. He not only knew about erecting towers because he'd put them up all over Europe, but he would be ready to start as soon as he could call two of his buddies to help him!

Laying out the Base & Anchors  $\star$  Fig. 2 gives the plan of the base and guy anchors. There are 3 of the latter, on an 85-3t, radius. A circle of that size covers considerable ground but, equipped with two sticks separated by 85 ft, of wire (string stretches enough to introduce considerable error) we arrived at a location for the base that brought the anchors within the space available. The position of the first anchor was set in the direction of the prevailing wind.

From that point, we spaced off an 85ft, segment, and from that point another segment, as indicated in Fig. 2. There we drove a stake into the ground to mark the second anchor.

Starting from the first anchor in the opposite direction, we located the third point by the same method. Then, to be sure we were right, we checked the distance between stakes for the second and



third anchors by measuring off two segments again. Since that measurement checked within a few inches, we knew we were right.

**The Anchors**  $\star$  The guy anchors. Fig. 3, each consisted of a rod and anchor plate. As the insert shows, there is a shoulder on the end of the rod which holds against a slot in the plate. To make sure that the rod could not slip out of the slot, we drove a stick into the hole. This can be seen in Fig. 3.

Holes for the anchors were dug about 5-ft, deep, with the side toward the tower slanting down at about 45°.

The anchors must set at a  $45^{\circ}$  angle. Therefore, as Fig. 3 shows, we checked the angle by means of the level and  $45^{\circ}$ head on a machinist's square, and then propped the rod with a board to keep it in place. It is not necessary to do so but, when concrete was poured for the base, we poured a generous amount on each anchor before the dirt was thrown back.

**The Base**  $\star$  The form for the base. Fig. 11, was made from second-hand lumber. After the hole had been dug for the base, and the form fitted squarely in place, we threw in dirt around the form. Otherwise, when the concrete was poured in, the form would have floated up, and the concrete would have run out around the bottom!

Three and one-half cubic yards of concrete were used for the base and to cover the guy anchors. The day the concrete was poured, the temperature was below zero. It would have been impossible, and more expensive, to mix the concrete by hand. However, the mixer tank had been filled with hot water, and we covered the base with burlap sacks to hold in the heat



FIG. 7. POURING CONCRETE INTO THE FORM FOR THE BASE OF THE TOWER

as soon as the base plate was in position. Figs. 8 and 12 show the base plate assembly. This includes one large and two small angles to hold each tower leg, plus the three 12-in. anchor bolts. The latter are held in place with nuts below and above the base plate. As soon as the concrete had been poured, we pushed the anchor bolts into the concrete, first making certain that the leg angles were accurately lined up with the guy rods. This is important! The base plate tended to sink into the concrete. Accordingly, we placed a pipe over the base, and wired the angles to the pipe as soon as the base plate had been trued earefully with a level. This rig can be seen in Fig. 10. Thus, the base plate was kept true while the concrete hardened.

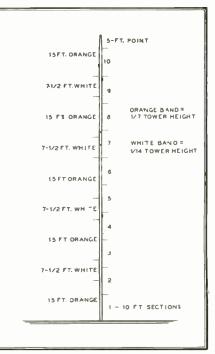
Most of the form for the base stayed in the ground. After the concrete hardened, we just knocked off the upper part before we finished leveling the dirt around the base.

Tower Section Assembly \* While that work was going on, the tower sections were assembled and painted. The legs and braces were already galvanized, but it is necessary to put a preliminary coat on any galvanized surface so that the paint will stick. We used a 50% vinegar solution,

FIG. 8. THE ASSEMBLED BASE PLATE AND ANCHOR BOLTS, READY TO PUT IN PLACE



FIG. 9. CAA TOWER PAINT SECTIONS



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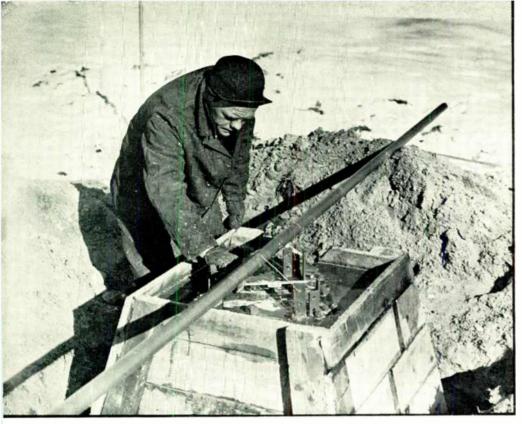


FIG. 10. THE BASE PLATE LEVELLED AND TRUSSED UP IN THE FRESH CONCRETE

brushing it on the legs and dipping the braces into it. It was so cold that the solution froze on the legs. That may have been the reason why the paint did not stick as well as we expected, or perhaps the trouble was with the wartime quality of the paint.

Another time, we would substitute for vinegar the following solution, also recommended by Wincharger: 2 oz. copper chloride, 2 oz. copper nitrate, 2 oz. sal ammoniae, 2 oz. muriatic acid, and 1 gal. of water. This solution must be allowed to dry for 10 hours. After application, it turns the galvanizing black, then dull gray.

Figs. 4, 5, and 6 give detailed views of the 10-ft, tower sections. The assembly was easy, for the cross-braces come with a rivet at the center which sets the exact angle. Bolts 5/16-in, by  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in, are used for this purpose, with nuts and lock washers. The nuts must be on the outside. Each section was tagged with a number as it was put together, for reasons which will appear later.

The 4th, 7th, and 10th sections were fitted with guy attachment saddles, held in place by 5/16 by 1-in, bolts which also pass through the cross braces. Fig. 2 shows where the saddles must come. When they are fastened in place, the eyes which take the guys must, of course, point down, or toward the expanded ends of the legs. **Painting**  $\star$  The paint job was started as soon as the sections were assembled.

All parts, including the angle strips that are attached at the joints between sections, were given a coat of red priming paint. Then came the outside coat of international orange or white. Fig. 9 shows the length of these alternate bands, in accordance with CAA requirements.

We had to watch the number tags on the sections carefully, as some sections were partly white and partly orange.

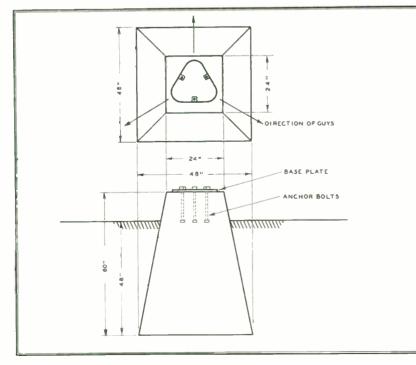
We had some difficulty getting actual international orange, since all paint companies do not make it, but our persistence was rewarded in the end.

**Erecting the Sections**  $\star$  When the paint was dry, the real fun of putting up the tower began. First, we put sections 1 and 2 together on the ground. This was just a matter of slipping the expanded ends of the legs of one section over the straight ends of the legs on the second section. Then we secured the joints with two 3/8 by 1-in, bolts on the outside, and two 5/16 by  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in, bolts on each side. In addition, one of each of the latter also holds one end of the angle strip braces. These can be seen in Fig. 13.

The expanded ends of the legs are always the bottom of a section. Fig. 12 shows this. The sections are so light that we had no difficulty in raising the first two sections in the same way that one would raise a ladder. When they were bolted to the base plate, as in Fig. 12, we ran ropes to the three guy anchors so as to brace them while we put up the 3rd section and the 4th, which is the first to take guy wires.

Fig. 13 shows how the sections were raised, and Fig. 1 shows a section ready

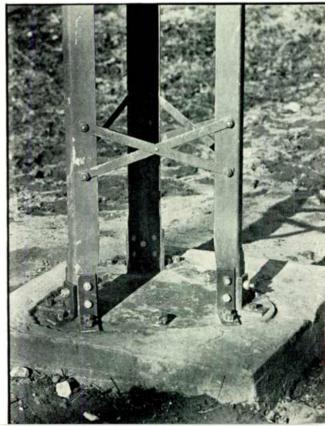
FIG. 11. DETAILS AND DIMENSIONS OF THE CONCRETE BASE FOR THE TOWER

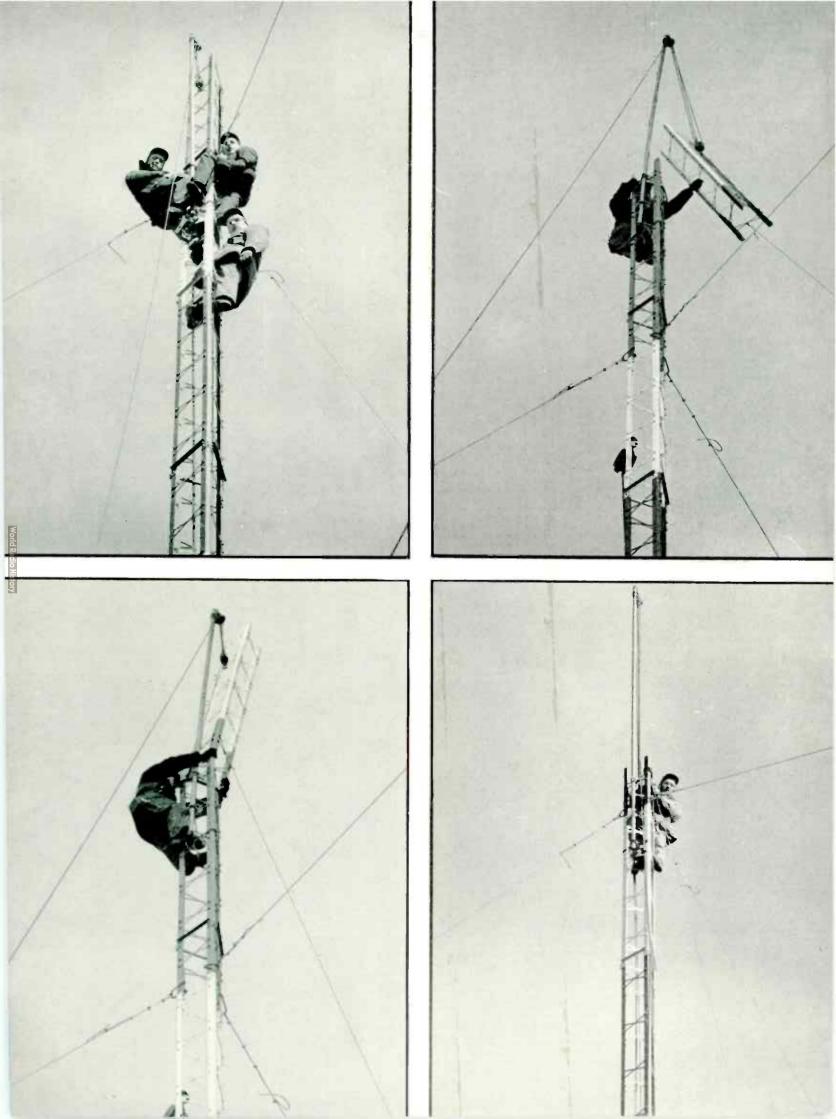


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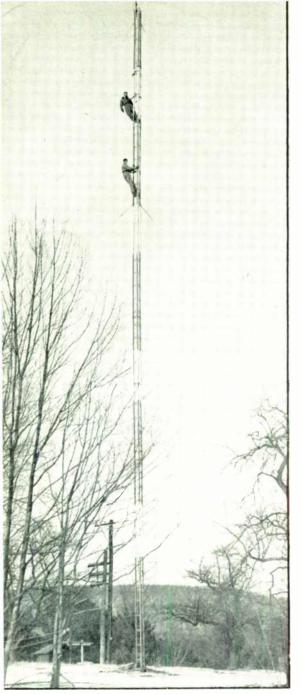


FIG. 14. THE TOWER AT 100 FT. ALL READY FOR THE POINTED SECTION

to leave the ground. For a gin pole, we used the 16-ft, length of 114-in, galvanized iron pipe which, later, became the mast carrying the dipoles. A local blacksmith fashioned an iron hook for us in the shape. of a long S. This was used to hold the gin pole at the bottom. The upper hook of the S was put over the middle cross brace of the top section, and the lower look was inserted in the pipe. Then, with ropes, we tied the gin pole to the braces, as Fig. 13 shows, A second, similar hook held the pulley block at the top of the gin pole. This arrangement proved entirely satisfactory, for the pipe carried the load of successive sections without difficulty.

Because the top of the gin pole was hardly more than 10 ft, above the top of the tower, we tied the rope just above the

#### FIG. 13, LEFT. FOUR VIEWS SHOWING HOW THE TOWER SECTIONS WERE HOISTED AND THEN SET IN PLACE

center of the section to be raised, as in Figs. 1 and 13. In addition, we put a light line on the bottom of the section to guide it on the way up.

Bringing a section into line at the top of the tower was a one-man job, but it required the assistance of the men on the ground who held the main rope and the light line. Since the gin pole could be bent slightly by the pull on the rope, the man who held it moved around, under directions from the man on the tower, until the new section could be brought in exact alignment and settled down into place.

A long, tapered pin proved most useful in lining up the holes for the first bolts to be inserted. Once the first bolt was in place, the next two could be fitted easily. Then the rest slid right in, because the holes had been punched in the legs with great accuracy.

As each section was bolted in place, the gin pole was raised and fastened again, ready for the next section. The use of the pipe instead of a wooden pole proved advantageous because the pipe was much lighter and, therefore, easier to handle.

**Fastening the Cables**  $\star$  We found that the amount of cable supplied gave us plenty of extra length, although we were careful not to be extravagant. We cut the cable only as it was needed, so that it wouldn't become tangled on the ground. Fig. 2 shows the actual length of each of the guys. Cables were attached to the tower first, held by the elamps visible in Fig. 13. Later, the ends were cut off and taped to give them a neat appearance.

The eyes of the anchor rods are designed to take three elevises which hold the turnbuckles, and the turnbuckles are equipped with thimbles to relieve the guy wires running up to the tower.

Four clips, tightened by nuts, were supplied to clamp each wire after it was run through the thimble.

At the tower, we put a thimble on each guy saddle to take the wire, and four more clips secured the loop.

Before we pulled the wires tight, we opened the turnbuckles all the way. That left us the maximum amount to tighten the wires, and to take up any subsequent stretch. Since we didn't have a cable stretcher to tighten the wires, we used a block and tackle arrangement which, though rather crude, did the job satisfactorily.

As each set of guys was put on, we checked the tower with a plumb bob dropped down the center. That was easier than if we had left this step until the tower was completed. Wincharger specifications call for a tension of 200 to 250 lbs, on each guy wire. They make a tensioning device that determines and maintains the proper tension. These devices are inserted in one set of guys. Thus, when all the guys have been adjusted to make the tower perpendicular, the load on each is correct and distributed evenly. **Special Notes**  $\star$  Here is an important word of warning to others who may erect similar towers: Don't go up the tower without a safety belt, and be sure the belt you use is in good condition. Fig. 15 shows Bill Winn with his safety belt. The use of such a belt makes it possible to rest from time to time, and also to work with both hands free.

Some of the people who watched the progress of the tower were amazed at the strength of unguyed sections. Even with three men up, the tower was firm and steady despite strong winds. After the 4th section was put in place and guyed, we went right on with the erection of the 5th, 6th, and 7th sections without any temporary guys. Then, with the 7th section in place, the second set of guys were put on. The same procedure was carried out above the 7th section. No further guys were needed until the 10th section was up. *Part 2 will cover the erection of the last tower section, the mast and dipoles.* 

#### FIG. 15. BILL WINN PUT UP SIGNAL CORPS TOWERS ALL OVER EUROPE



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# **FLUCTUATION VOLTAGES IN RECEIVER INPUT CIRCUITS**

An Examination of the Source and Effect of Fluctuation Voltages in Radio Receivers

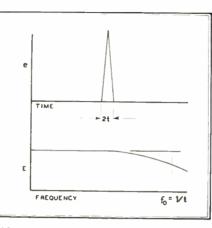
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Fluctuation Voltages Due to Thermal Agitation \* The basic source of fluctuation voltages in circuit elements is a pulsation of the electron gas in the conductors. Such pulses are set up by collisions between the molecules making up the mass of the conductor and the electrons of the free electron gas. The mechanism of this process will be described but first the properties of extremely short pulses will be examined.

A Fourier analysis of a pulse shown in Fig. 1 whose time duration is 2T yields substantial frequency components to an upper frequency of 1/T. If the pulses are of infinitely short duration  $(T \rightarrow O)$ , the harmonic content is uniform at all frequencies up to infinity. Physically, this implies that if an infinitely short pulse of eurrent were applied to a sharply tuned eircuit of constant impedance, the voltage developed across this impedance would be constant regardless of the frequency to which the circuit is tuned. The uniformly constant frequency spectrum is a characteristic of extremely short pulses.

Such pulses are spontaneously set up in a circuit due to the thermal agitation of the molecules making up the wire. This process has been studied by various investigators <sup>1,2</sup> and accurate formulas have been derived. However, if some thought is given to the basic phenomena involved, certain simplifications can be presented which make fluctuation noise computations simpler. Such an approach was proposed more recently by Moullin and Ellis <sup>3</sup> but has not been used widely.

Briefly, the analogy between fluctuation voltage effects and the kinetic theory of gases is used. For instance, Brownian movements are an outward manifestation of the gas laws. If a microscopic globule of fat is immersed in water and is observed through a microscope, it is found to have random pulsations or movements in all directions. Closer examination would reveal that the average energy of this globule would rise proportionately to absolute temperature. The source of these pulsations is vibration of the water molecules due to their temperature. As they vibrate, they collide with the globule of fat, which represents a cohesive group of molecules, and impart energy to it. Since the globule is struck at random and from all sides, its movement is a series of aimless pulses in all directions.



#### FIG. 1. CURVES SHOWING THE RELATION BETWEEN THE DURATION OF A PULSE, 2T, AND ITS FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

At this point, a basic rule called the principle of equipartition of energy is brought into play. Within a gas whose molecules are in a state of agitation, the molecules will, in time, have the same average energy. For instance, if gases at different temperatures were mixed, the mixture will finally reach a uniform temperature. Since temperature is proportional to the average energy of a molecule, it follows that the average energy of all molecules in a gas is the same. The law defining this phenomenon is the principle of equipartition and more careful analysis will show that the average energy per molecule in a gas is:

 $E = \frac{1}{2}$  KT joules per degree of freedom (1)

 $K = 1.372 \times 10^{-23}$  joules/degree Kelvin T =  $273 + ^{\circ}C$  degrees Kelvin

Equation (1) gives the average energy stored by a molecule in each of its independent modes of energy storage. Thus, if the kinetic energy storage is taken in the three coördinate axes, the resultant value will be three times that given in (1).

Surprisingly enough, this principle holds

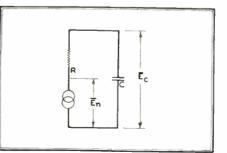


FIG. 2. CIRCUIT USED TO DETERMINE VOLTAGES OF THE EQUIVALENT FLUCTUATION VOLTAGE GENERATOR,  $\vec{E_n}$ 

in relation to cohesive masses of molecules such as the fat globules previously described. Since the suspended globules of fat which exhibit Brownian movements have three degrees of freedom, one for each of the three coördinate axes, the average energy of the globules is 3/2 KT joules. This relation can be proved experimentally.

The electron gas in conductors may now be regarded in the same light as the fat globules randomly pulsing in a fluid. That the electron gas is a cohesive entity may be understood by realizing that as soon as one electron is struck by a molecule and suddenly acquires a velocity, its motion sets up a magnetic field which links all the other electrons in the electron gas. This suddenly generated field causes all the electrons in the eircuit to be set in motion also. Thus, in a sense, a tight cohesion exists in the electron gas because one electron cannot be moved without similarly disturbing all the other electrons by induction. This cohesion corresponds to the analogy of the fat globule, since collision by a molecule of the fluid with a molecule of the globule sets the whole globule in motion.

In addition, just as the fat globule acquires instantaneous changes of velocity due to collision with molecules, so does the electron gas set up infinitely short pulsations of current in a circuit. The electrons set in motion by a molecular collision set up infinitely short pulses of magnetic field with the resultant infinitely short pulses of voltage by induction. Thus, if the effects of electron gas pulses due to molecular collision were considered as an equivalent generator, this generator would produce voltage pulses whose frequency spectrum is uniform from zero to infinite frequency. This reasoning justifies the replacement of fluctuation voltage effects by an equivalent generator of uniform frequency spectrum.

If this analogy can be carried further, it follows that the electron gas in a circuit can absorb a share of energy equal to that of a single molecule providing a means can be found to store that energy. In other words, a component of energy,  $\frac{1}{2}$ KT joules, will be stored in the electron gas per degree of energy storage. For instance, in the circuit shown in Fig. 2, a single degree of freedom in energy storage exists in the form of a capacitance C. This will give the following energy relation:

$${}^{1}_{2}CE_{c}^{2} = {}^{1}_{2}KT$$
 (2)

where

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<sup>\*</sup>Electrical Engineering Department, Engineering Building, Columbia University, New York City 27, N. Y. A paper delivered before the Radio Club of America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Johnson, Phys. Rev., 32, 97 (1928).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nyquist, Phys. Rev., 32, 110 (1928).
 <sup>3</sup> Moullin and Ellis, Jour. I. E. E., 74, 323 (1934).

#### $\mathbf{E}_{c}^{2} = \text{mean-square}$ voltage across the condenser

Solving equation (2) for the mean-square voltage across the condenser, the value which results is:

$$E_e^2 = KT/C$$
 volts square (3)

As an example, consider the input circuit of an audio amplifier in which the input capacitance is  $25 \ \mu\mu$ f and the temperature of the circuit is  $27 \ \text{degrees} \ \text{C}$ . Substituting the values yields the result:

$$\overline{\mathbf{E}}_{c}^{2} = (1.372)(10^{-23})(273 + 27)/(25)$$

$$(10^{-12})$$

$$= 165 \times 10^{-12} \text{ walts solution}$$

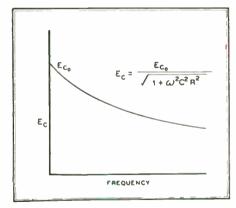
 $= 165 \times 10^{-12}$  volts square

$$E_e = 12.8$$
 microvolts

This voltage would appear across the input of the amplifier provided the entire frequency spectrum from zero to infinity frequency were considered. A practical amplifier will actually amplify only a fraction of this value because the frequency range is finite but this value of 12.8 microvolts is the maximum value the fluctuation voltage can reach.

It is interesting to note the frequency spectrum of the fluctuation voltages across the condenser. The source of these voltages is a random series of pulse voltages represented by an equivalent generator having a uniform frequency spectrum. It can be shown by consideration of equation (3) that this equivalent generator produces a voltage whose mean-square value over a frequency bandwidth df is:

 $d\overline{E}_{n}^{2} = 4$ KTR df volts square (4)



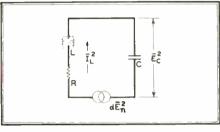
#### FIG. 3. FREQUENCY SPECTRUM OF THE FLUCTUATION VOLTAGES ACROSS THE CONDENSER OF THE CIRCUIT SHOWN IN FIGURE 2

This is the classical equation for fluctuation voltages generated by a resistance. When these voltages are considered in the circuit of Fig. 3 and are integrated from zero frequency to infinity frequency, the mean-square voltage across the condenser always comes to the value given by equation 3. At the same time, the relative value of the fluctuation voltage content across the condenser as a function of frequency is the same as the frequency characteristic of the circuit. A plot of the frequency spectrum is given in Fig. 3.

It is recognized that equation 4 is the classical fluctuation voltage formula and

in most cases is used for computation. Yet in many cases, it is simpler to return to the basic energy concept. At any rate, the simplicity of equation 3 as an outside value of fluctuation voltage makes it very useful.

Fluctuation Voltages in the Tuned Circuit  $\star$  Since the input circuit of a receiver usually has a tuned circuit as shown in Fig. 4 across the grid of the first tube, a study of the fluctuation voltages of this circuit should be



#### FIG. 4. TUNED CIRCUIT FOR WHICH THE FLUCTUATION VOLTAGES ACROSS THE CONDENSER ARE DETERMINED

examined. Using the basic energy theory, there are *two* independent energy storage modes; the inductance which stores energy by virtue of current flow, and the condenser which stores energy by virtue of the voltages across it. Thus, the relation which holds in this case is:

$$^{1}_{2}\mathrm{L}\overline{\mathrm{I}}^{2} + ^{1}_{2}\mathrm{C}\overline{\mathrm{E}}_{\mathrm{c}}^{2} = 2(^{1}_{2}\mathrm{K}\mathrm{T})$$
 (4)

where:  $\overline{E_e}$  = mean-square voltage across the condenser

 $\mathbf{J}_{i}^{2}$  the condenser  $\mathbf{J}^{2}$  = mean-square current in the inductance

These voltages and currents are made up of pulses whose frequency spectra have been altered by the circuit. The pulses of the electron gas are virtually of infinitely short duration and contain all the frequencies of the spectrum. On the other hand the spectra of the voltages and currents included in equation 4 will have the frequency characteristics of the tuned circuit. These spectra are shown in Fig. 5.

In such a circuit, it may be shown that the energy stored in the inductance is equal to that stored in the condenser if the entire frequency spectrum is considered. Thus:

$${}_{2}\tilde{\mathrm{L}}^{2} = {}_{2}^{1}\mathrm{C}\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{c}}^{2} \tag{5}$$

Then, from equation 4,

$$CE_e^2 = KT$$
 (6)

and the mean-square voltage across the condenser is,

$$E_{e}^{2} = \frac{KT}{C} \text{ volts square} \qquad (7)$$

where  $K = 1.372(10^{-23})$  joules/degree T = (273 + deg C) degrees Kelvin C = farads

This extremely simple relation is independent of resistance in the circuit and represents the mean-square value of *all* the frequency components from zero to infinity. More practically, it covers all the

frequency components from virtually d-c to frequencies many times the resonant value.

As an example, consider the following constants:

$$C = 50 \ \mu\mu f$$
  
L = 10 \ \mu h  
R = 60 \ ohms  
T = 27 \ deg C.  
2)(10^{-33})(273 + 27)

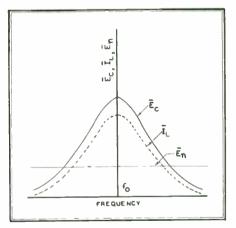
 $E_{c}^{2} = \frac{(1.372)(10^{-33})(273 + 27)}{(50)(10^{-12})}$ volts square

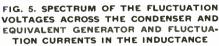
$$\tilde{E_e} = 82.3$$
 microvolts square

 $E_{\rm c}$  = 9.08 microvolts

This value of 9.08 microvolts is the rootmean-square value of the fluctuation voltage across the condenser and contains components at frequencies in relative values as shown in Fig. 6.

In a receiver, the circuits following the input circuit (such as the IF amplifier) are usually sharper than the input circuit. Certainly, they are not so broad as to extend from zero to infinity as is implied in equation (7). Hence a "band-width factor" must be added to the expression. Referring to the nominal input circuit band-width as the radian frequency span  $(2 \Delta \omega_0)$  over which the resonant voltage drops 3 db and the band-width of the subsequent circuits as  $2\Delta\omega$  the effect on the total noise can be computed. The relation between these defined values are shown graphically in Fig. 7. To obtain the equation of the spectrum curve of Fig. 7, the fluctuation voltages will be considered as being produced by a pulse generator





 $(\tilde{\mathbf{E}_n})$  whose frequency spectrum is uniform. Thus:

$$d\bar{E}_{c}^{2} = \frac{dE_{u}^{2} - \frac{1}{\omega^{2}C^{2}}}{R^{2} + (\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})^{2}}$$
(8)

Defining:  $\omega_{\rm o} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$  (9)

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{o}} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}} = \frac{\omega_{\mathrm{o}} \mathbf{L}}{\mathbf{R}}$$
(10)

and noting that:

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$$dE_n^2 = 4KTR df$$

(4)

and assuming that  $\Delta \omega$  is reasonably small compared to  $\omega_{\omega}$  (about 10%), a close approximation to this integral is:

$$\mathbf{E}_{c}^{2} = \frac{\mathbf{KT}}{\mathbf{C}} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\omega_{o}}^{\omega_{o}} \frac{\frac{2}{2} \mathbf{Q}}{1 + \frac{4\mathbf{Q}^{2}}{\omega_{o}^{4}}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{(\omega - \omega_{o})^{2}} (11)$$

whence:

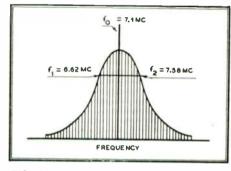
$$\overline{E}_{e}^{2} = \frac{KT}{\pi C} \left[ \arctan \frac{2Q}{\omega_{o}} (\omega - \omega_{o}) \right]^{\omega_{o}} + \Delta \omega$$

$$= \frac{2KT}{\pi C} \arctan \frac{2\Delta \omega}{2\Delta \omega_{o}} \qquad (12a)$$

$$= \frac{KT}{C} (F) \qquad (12b)$$

- where  $2\Delta\omega_{\circ} =$  Input circuit bandwidth for 3 db loss in gain
  - $2\Delta\omega$  = Bandwidth of circuits following input stage

Thus, the correction factor which must be applied to the complete spectrum formula



#### FIG. 6. FREQUENCY SPECTRUM OF THE FLUCTUATION VOLTAGES ACROSS THE CON-DENSER IN THE ILLUSTRATIVE PROBLEM, THE BANDWIDTH OF THIS CIRCUIT IS 480 KC. ON EITHER SIDE OF RESONANCE

(equation 7) is the "bandwidth factor," F:

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \frac{2\Delta\omega}{2\Delta\omega_0} \tag{13}$$

This factor is plotted in Fig. 8. It is observed that in a "consistent" design in which the input circuit bandwidth is the same as that of the subsequent circuits, this factor is 0.5. Thus taking the illustrative example previously given, the values for a "consistent" condition become:

 $\mathbf{E}_{e}^{2} = 82.3 \times \frac{1}{2} = 41.15$  microvolts square and  $\mathbf{E}_{e} = 6.42$  microvolts

Equation 12b is directly applicable to the design of the input circuit of a receiver. Essentially it assumes that the gain of the L.F. amplifier is constant over the pass band although if it is not exactly so, only small error results.

**Signal-to-Noise Ratio in Input Circuit**  $\star$  In the ultimate analysis, it is the ratio of the useful signal to the fluctuation noise that is important. To make such an analysis, the input circuit will be assumed a simple in-

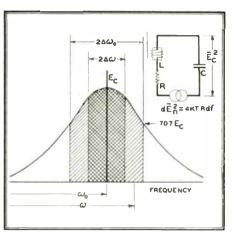


FIG. 7. FREQUENCY SPECTRUM OF FLUCTU-ATION VOLTAGES SHOWING THE RELATION OF THE R.F. BANDWIDTH  $(2\Delta\omega_0)$  AND THE BANDWIDTH  $(2\Delta\omega)$  OF THE INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER FOLLOWING THE RF STAGE

ductively coupled circuit as shown in Fig. 9. The antenna is assumed matched to a transmission line (or tuned) so that the equivalent antenna impedance is a pure resistance  $R_n$ . It is further assumed that the primary reactance ( $\omega L_1$ ) is negligible compared to  $R_n$ . If this is true, then it is accurate enough to say that:

$$=\frac{\mathbf{E}_{a}}{\mathbf{R}_{a}}$$
(14)

Also, referring to Figs, 9b and 9c,

 $\mathbf{I}_1$ 

$$\mathbf{E}_{12} = \mathbf{j}\boldsymbol{\omega}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{I}_1 = \mathbf{j}\boldsymbol{\omega}\mathbf{M}\,\frac{\mathbf{E}_n}{\mathbf{R}_n} \qquad (15)$$

and the reflected primary impedance in the secondary circuit  $\mathbf{R'}_{a}$  is:

$$R'_{a} = \frac{X_{12}}{R_{a}} = \frac{\omega^{2}M^{2}}{R_{a}}$$
 (16)

The useful relations which can be derived from the equivalent circuit given in Fig. 9c are the resonant gain of the circuit as well as the effective Q or bandwidth.

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\epsilon} = \frac{\omega \mathbf{I}_{r_2}}{\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{R}_a'} = \frac{\omega \mathbf{I}_{r_2}/\mathbf{R}_2}{1 + \mathbf{R}_a'/\mathbf{R}_2} = \frac{\mathbf{Q}_2}{1 + \frac{\omega^2 \mathbf{M}^2}{\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{R}_2}}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\epsilon} = \frac{\mathbf{Q}_{2}}{1+\mathbf{x}^{2}} = \frac{\omega_{o}}{2\Delta\omega_{o}} \tag{17}$$

here 
$$Q_2 = \omega L_2/R_2 = 1/\omega C_2 R_2 = Q$$
 of secondary circuit

$$\kappa^2 = rac{\omega^2 M^2}{R_a R_2} = ext{coupling factor}$$

$$\omega_0 = \text{resonant frequency}$$

$$2\Delta\omega_0 = \text{total bandwidth to half-energy points}$$

also,

$$\mathrm{E}_{2}=rac{1}{\mathrm{I}_{2}\omega\mathrm{C}_{2}}\mathrm{J}\omega\mathrm{M}\left(rac{\mathrm{E}_{a}}{\mathrm{R}_{a}}
ight)}{\mathrm{R}_{a}^{'}+\mathrm{R}_{2}+\mathrm{J}\left(\omega\mathrm{L}_{2}-rac{1}{\omega\mathrm{C}_{2}}
ight)}$$

(at resonance) (18)

which can be simplified to

$$E_{2} = \frac{Q_{2}}{1 + x^{2}} x \sqrt{\frac{R_{2}}{R_{a}}} E_{a} = Q_{e} x \sqrt{\frac{R_{2}}{R_{a}}} E_{a} (19)$$

Equation 17 gives the effective Q of the system and the resultant RF bandwidth while equation 19 gives the gain of the circuit at the resonant frequency.

The signal-to-noise ratio may now be computed using equation 12b and equations 17 and 19:

$$\frac{\bar{E}_{2}^{2}}{\bar{E}_{a}^{2}} = \frac{Q_{e}^{2} x^{2} R_{2} / R_{a}}{(KT/C_{2})(F)} \bar{E}_{a}^{2}$$
(20)

Simplifying,

$$\frac{\overline{E}_{2}^{2}}{\overline{E}_{c}^{2}} = \frac{1}{2FKT} \frac{1}{R_{a}(2\Delta\omega_{o})} \left[\frac{2x^{2}}{1+x^{2}}\right] \overline{E}_{a}^{2} \quad (21)$$

Now if the following values are assigned:  $K = 1.372 \times 10^{-23}$  joules/degree Kelvin T = (273 + 27) degrees Kelvin (absolute) Then by substitution and simplification,

$$\frac{E_2}{E_c} = \frac{\text{Signal Volts}}{\text{Noise Volts}} = \frac{4400}{\sqrt{(2\Delta f_0)FR_a}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1+x^2}} E_{a\mu\nu}$$
(22)

where

 $(2\Delta f_o) = Nominal RF bandwidth for 3 db loss of gain$ 

$$R_n = Antenna resistance$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{a}{R_a R_2}} = Coupling factor$$
$$\widetilde{E}_{a\mu\nu} = R.M.S. \text{ signal voltage}$$
microvolts

in

A plot of equation 22 is shown in Fig. 10 in which it is observed that the signal-tonoise ratio improves as the coupling is increased. High degrees of coupling are not always attainable nor desirable. For instance, in the case of receivers which are tuned over a wide range, the antenna impedance varies over considerable limits. In order to prevent these variations from affecting the input circuit of the receiver excessively, the antenna is loosely coupled to the input with a resultant reduction in signal-to-noise ratio. In the case of fixed frequency receivers, however, heavy coupling is desirable from the point of view of noise reduction.

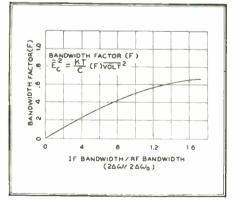


FIG. 8. PLOT OF BANDWIDTH FACTOR, F, VERSUS BANDWIDTH RATIO

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As an illustrative example of the previous conclusions, consider the following requirements:

- f<sub>o</sub> = Mid-frequency = 50 Megacycles/ sec.
- $2\Delta f_o = RF$  Bandwidth = 2 Megacycles/ sec.
- $R_a = Antenna Resistance = 100 ohms$

$$F = Bandwidth Factor = 0.5$$

The bandwidth factor indicates that the L.F. amplifier bandwidth is 2 megaevele/ see. Using equation 22, the signal-to-noise ratio is:

$$\frac{\text{Signal volts}}{\text{Noise volts}} = \frac{4400}{\sqrt{(2)(10^6)(0.5)(100)}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2x^2}{1+x^2}} \tilde{E}_{a\mu\nu} \\ = 0.44\sqrt{\frac{2x^2}{1+x^2}} E_{a\mu\nu}$$

For instance, if critical coupling (x = 1) is used, the signal-to-noise ratio becomes:

$$\frac{\text{Signal Volts}}{\text{Noise Volts}} = 0.44 \text{ E}_{a\mu\nu}$$

Thus, if an antenna signal of 2.28 microvolts is applied to the input of the receiver, the input eircuit yields a signalto-noise ratio of unity.

The choice of the circuit constants making up the input circuit is made as follows (Figure 9a):

$$Q_{\epsilon} = \frac{f_{o}}{2\Delta f_{o}} = \frac{50}{2} = 25$$

(From equation 17)

and for critical coupling.

 $Q_2$ 

$$= 2Q_{\epsilon} = 50$$
 (From equation 17)

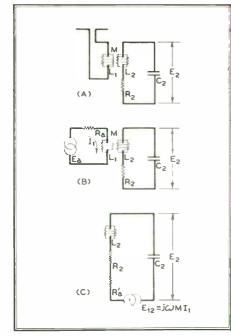


FIG. 9. TYPICAL INPUT CIRCUIT OF A RE-CEIVER SHOWING THE EQUIVALENT CIR-CUITS USED FOR THE COMPUTATION OF THE SIGNAL VOLTAGE, E2

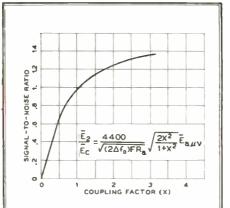


FIG. 10. CURVE OF SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO FOR THE INPUT CIRCUIT OF A RECEIVER PLOTTED VERSUS COUPLING FACTOR, x  $(\mathbf{x} = \omega \mathbf{M} / \sqrt{\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{a}}\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{2}}})$ 

If the tuning condenser  $C_2$  is 20  $\mu\mu$ f, then the inductance should be:

$$I_{2} = \frac{1}{\omega_{0}^{2}C_{2}} = 0.506 \ \mu hys$$

and its effective resistance should be: (to make  $Q_2 = 50$ )

$$\mathbf{R}_2 = \frac{\omega_0 \mathbf{L}_2}{\mathbf{Q}_2} = 3.18 \text{ ohms}$$

The mutual inductance should be: (to make x = 1)

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \sqrt{\mathbf{R}_a \mathbf{R}_2} = 0.057 \ \mu \text{hys}$$

If the coefficient of coupling is made 0.25, the primary or antenna coupling coil inductance is:

$$L_1 = \frac{M^{\circ}}{kL_2} = 0.0256 \ \mu hys.$$

Effect of Tube Noise \* The signal-to-noise ratio as given by equation 22 yields the effect of the input circuit only. If the first tube following this circuit is effective in producing gain, the fluctuation noise contributed by the tube may be neglected. On the other hand, if the tube is noisy, its effect must be included in the total signalto-noise ratio. The subject of the origin and computation of fluctuation voltages in diodes, triodes and pentodes has been covered in a series of papers 1 by Thompson, North, Harris and others. The fluctuation voltages produced by the tube may be simulated by an equivalent generator as shown in Fig. 11 and values of the

voltage  $E_{i}^{2}$  may be found in one of the series of papers previously given.<sup>2</sup> It may be pointed out here that the tube fluctuation voltage is dependent on the bandwidth of the circuits following the tube which means that in the analyses previously presented, it would be proportional to the IF bandwidths chosen.

B. J. Thompson, D. O. North, W. A. Harris, "Fluctuations in Space-Charge-Limited Currents at Moderately High Frequencies," RCA Review. In five parts, 1940 and 1941, \* Part V of papers quoted in (1),

Thus, referring to Fig. 11,  

$$\overline{E}_{n}^{2} = \overline{E}_{t}^{2} + \overline{E}_{n}^{2}$$
 (23)

where

 $\overline{E}_{t}^{*}$  = Tube noise voltage squared  $\overline{\mathbf{E}}_{e}^{*}=$  Input circuit noise voltage squared  $\tilde{E_n}$  = Total noise input voltage squared Thus, the total signal-to-noise ratio may be written:

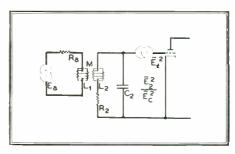
$$\frac{\overline{E}_{2}^{2}}{\overline{E}_{n}^{2}} = \frac{\overline{E}_{2}^{2}}{\overline{E}_{1}^{2} + \overline{E}_{c}^{2}} = \frac{(\overline{E}_{2}^{2}/\overline{E}_{c}^{2})}{1 + (\overline{E}_{t}/\overline{E}_{c}^{2})} \quad (24)$$

 $(Total signal-to-noise ratio)^2 =$ or

(Circuit signal-to-noise ratio)<sup>2</sup> (25) $1 - (Tube noise/Circuit noise)^2$ 

There are several implications in equations 24 and 25 concerning the relative effects of the circuit and tube noise. For instance:

1. If the tube noise is negligible, equation 24 shows that the total signal-tonoise ratio is the same as the circuit signal-to-noise ratio. For this condition, overcoupling is desirable.



#### FIG. 11. CIRCUIT SHOWING EQUIVALENT TUBE NOISE GENERATOR, E

2. If the tube noise is very large as compared to the circuit noise, then equation 24 becomes:

$$\frac{\overline{E}_{2}^{2}}{\overline{E}_{n}^{2}} = \frac{\overline{E}_{2}^{2}}{\overline{E}_{t}^{2}}$$
(26)

This equation indicates that the circuit noise need not be considered as a factor in design in those cases where tube noise is large as compared to circuit noise. On the other hand, to increase the signal-to-noise ratio, it is desirable to make the useful signal, E2, as large as possible. If bandwidth is not a consideration, this may be accomplished by using a value of coupling as close to critical (x = 1) as possible. However, if the bandwidth is to be kept at a fixed value ( $Q_{\epsilon} = \text{constant}$ ), equation 19 indicates that overcoupling will yield the maximum signal voltage,  $E_2$ .

3. If the tube and circuit fluctuation voltage values are of comparable value, equation 24 must be considered in its entirety. If it is necessary that the bandwidths of the RF and IF sections be maintained at a given value, then overcoupling is desirable to raise the signal-to-noise

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## SPOT NEWS NOTES

**FM Communications:** Yellow Cab Company of Philadelphia has been authorized to install an experimental transmitter and receiver for tests on radio cab dispatching. In Cleveland, authority has been issued to the Automobile Club Company for the erection of one fixed and four mobile transmitters for emergency service trucks.

**Publication Resumed:** The *RC.4 Review*, suspended during the war, has resumed publication. Under the editorship of Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, it will appear quarterly. Subscription orders should be addressed to RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N. J.

**TBA Conference**: Television Broadcasters Association will hold its second annual conference on October 10th and 11th at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, Plans include exhibits of equipment, General chairman of the conference is Ralph B. Austrian, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 18.

FM Contracts: Latest companies to sign Armstrong license agreements are Western Electric and Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Western Electric will produce the FM equipment for the Bell System's new mobile radio telephone installations, for rural telephone service where radio will be used instead of wire lines, and for relay purposes. The Westinghouse license covers all receivers, and railroad and other specialservices communications equipment.

Both companies manufacture FM broadcast transmitters, but these are not covered in the contracts because such licenses are issued directly to station operators. The six Westinghouse FM stations are included in the latter type of license contract.

**Rosel H. Hyde:** Named by President Truman to fill the unexpired term of the late FCC Commissioner William H. Wills, running to June 30th, 1951. Mr. Hyde is the senior member of the FCC in point of service, for he joined the Federal Radio Commission as docket clerk in 1928. At the time of his nomination to commissionership, he was general counsel for the FCC.

FM in Washington: FCC has granted 8 FM applications out of the 11 on which a hearing was held March 20th. Grants were issued to:

Cowles Broadcasting Co. — 100.5 mc.; Commercial Radio Equipment Company — 101.3 mc.; National Broadcasting Company — 94.5 mc.; Metropolitan Broadcasting Corporation — 101.7 mc.; Potomac Broadcasting Cooperative, Inc. — 93.3 mc.; Evening Star Broadcasting Company — 94.1 mc.; WINX Broadcasting Company — 102.1 mc.; and Theodore Granik — 93.7 mc. All were assigned 20 kw. effective power with an antenna height of 500 ft.

Notion-Allen Paper: Comment from one engineering consultant on the latest offering from FCC braintrusters Kenneth Norton and Edward Allen is that their paper, published in this issue of FM AND TELE-VISION, should have been entitled "Fun with Figures". Inquiries directed to engineers qualified to express well-informed opinions have clicited mild comments to the effect that the paper has no practical significance, and should not be taken seriously.

Time Sales: The 53 AM stations operating on 50 kw, have reported time sales of \$60,981,000 for 1945, an increase of 4.3% over 1944. Of this total, 35.7% were to the major networks, representing 37% of payments by the nets to all their affiliates. These figures can be taken as a measure of the opposition to high-power FM stations which could deliver static-free service to a considerably larger number of listeners than are now getting even fair reception from those 50-kw, AM stations.

**WBKY:** Elmer G. Sulzer, public relations manager of the University of Kentucky's FM Station, has advised us that their transmitter is located at Lexington, and not at Beattyville, as it has been listed in our FM Station Directory and in FCC reports. WBKY is still operating on 42.9 mc., although it will have 1 kw. on the upper band in the near future.

**Theatre Television:** On April 3rd, General Electric staged a demonstration of television reception with images projected on a screen 11 by 16 ft. The projector is a development of the Rauland Corporation, Chicago, Transmission was accomplished with microwave equipment developed by G.E. for a projected 2-way system between New York City and Schenectady.

Albert Preisman: Has been elected vice president in charge of engineering at Capital Radio Engineering Institute. During the past three years, following his resignation from Federal Telephone & Radio Corporation, he has headed the Institute's engineering activities.

For Safer Transit: In response to complaints from subscribers that copies of FM AND TELEVISION have been damaged in the mails, we have started to use heavy mailing envelopes instead of wrappers. This should insure the arrival of copies in perfect condition. We shall appreciate comments from our readers on the results of this change.

#### Items and comments, personal and otherwise, about manufacturing, broadcasting, communications, and television activities

**Violet Kmety:** After six months in charge of programming for Muzak at New York City, Miss Kmety is back at Zenith's FM station WWZR, Chicago, where she had been program director for five years.

**Kesten-Porter Plan:** Someone who did not identify himself mailed us an April 1st copy of the *Boston Traveler*, and marked in red pencil an advertisement of station WLAW, an AM station at Lawrence, Mass. Said the advertisement: "Soon Boston and New England will be hearing the popular ABC (American Broadcasting Co.) programs over the *ten-timesmore-powerful* WLAW, A 5,000-watt station now, WLAW soon jumps to 50,000 watts. — Station WLAW will have Boston studios, Present studios are in Lawrence and Lowell."

Note penned on the margin said: "This is no April 1 joke for FM, with the singlemarket plan."

Actually, the joke will be on the AM broadcasters, for the K-P single-market plan is already a dead mackerel. It will be buried and forgotten long before postwar investments in new AM equipment can be amortized.

New Appointments: Robert L. Wolff has been named chief radio and electronics engineer for Centralab. Before joining this company in 1937, he was engaged in development and design work at Western Electric's Hawthorne plant for four years.

Rolland R. Roup has replaced G. Milton Ehlers as chief ceramics engineer. He has been with Centralab since 1933, except for a 15-month period of service at the Stupakoff laboratories in Pittsburgh.

Television Plans Changed: At least 25 companies have withdrawn their applications for television construction permits within the last few weeks. Some of these applications, no doubt, did not represent genuine intentions to put television stations on the air in the immediate future, but were filed merely as speculative hedges against possible developments in technical progress, or actions by competitors. Others have decided to wait until the question of low-band, black-and-white vs. high-band, color transmission is settled definitely.

J. Ernest Smith: Former division head of RCA Laboratories has joined Raytheon to head its microwave communication engineering department. Raytheon is now operating an experimental microwave eircuit between New York and Boston, the first link in a projected communications and broadeast program network.

#### Educational FM Stations: Construction per-(CONCLUDED ON PAGE 82)

LEFT, ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF AN IMAGE RECEIVED ON THE GROUND OF TERRAIN SCANNED BY THE AIRBORNE TELEVISION TRANSMITTER

AIRBORNE TELEVI-SION EQUIPMENT USED FOR OBSERV-ING ENEMY TERRI-TORY FROM THE GROUND. IT IS CAR-RIED IN SCOUTING PLANES OR RADIO-CONTROLLED SHIPS



## **NEWS PICTURE**

THE use of television equipment for observing enemy positions is not new to the men who operated it during the war, but a demonstration of its performance at Anacostia certainly amazed engineers and editors who were invited by RCA to see the system in action. The upper photograph on this page shows what information could be sent down by an airborne television transmitter, and the lower photograph explains why such a premium was set on the size of tubes and components for military equipment.

The success of the demonstration was a very forceful reminder that however far the development and perfection of radio and television equipment was carried during the last war, the work was by no means completed. Rather it should be considered an excellent start on which to go forward. Right now, the radio industry, whose peacetime progress contributed so much to our military success, is taking a serious licking from the government it served so well. But soon the tremendous gains in engineering progress made during the war will be paying dividends through new applications to a great number of civilian communications services.

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FCC CHIEF ENGINEER GEORGE R. ADAIR AND JOHN F. MORRISON WITH A MODEL OF THE CLOVERLEAF RADIATORS AND THE SPECIAL TYPE OF SUPPORTING TOWER

## **CLOVERLEAF FM ANTENNA**

Western Electric Cloverleaf Design Uses a Central Conductor and the Tower Legs to Feed Antenna Elements

A NEW angle of approach to FM antenna design is represented in Western Electric's 54A Cloverleaf design, intended for operation in the broadcast band from 88 to 108 me., with transmitter output power up to 50 kw.

Antenna Design \* The antenna comprises an array of two or more vertically stacked radiating units, each composed of a cluster of four curved elements which, in plan view, form a symmetrical shape similar to a four-leaf clover, as shown in Fig. 1, A radio frequency voltage applied between the junction of the four elements and their ends eauses, in effect, a ring of uniform current which produces a circular radiation pattern. The radiating elements. separated by half-wave intervals, are connected at their inner ends by means of simple clamps to a 3-in, feed conductor, centrally located within the tower strueture. The outer ends of the elements are connected to the respective tower legs. Details of this arrangement can be seen in Fig. 1. Thus, the tower serves as the return or outer conductor of the feed line.

The usual phase reversal occurring along such a feed line at half-wave intervals is compensated for by merely reversing the mounting position of the radiating elements in adjacent units. This simple installation procedure, illustrated in Fig. 1, assures the correct phasing for maximum gain at the station's operating frequency.

This new design, therefore, eliminates the need for multiple transmission lines, phase correcting lines or networks, and balancing lines which are troublesome because their length must be adjusted for the operating frequency to avoid error in antenna current relations with a corresponding loss of antenna gain.

Maximum gain from the antenna is further assured by the use of four smalldiameter, vertical cables, indicated in Fig. 1, to nullify vertically polarized radiation which might otherwise be radiated at high angles. This type of radiation is usually caused by spurious currents flowing in vertical structural members as the result of coupling between the structure and radiating elements.

The impedance of the antenna array is matched to the impedance of a coaxial transmission line by means of a low-loss transformer which utilizes the base section of the tower and antenna feed conductor. This transformer can be adjusted easily over a wide impedance range, and it is set to the proper adjustment at the time of installation.

**Energy Distribution**  $\star$  The distribution of the radiated energy about a typical antenna of the 5-unit size is shown in Fig. 2. It will be observed from this radiation pattern that the signal intensity is greatest in the direction of the horizon (0°) and is substantially less at higher elevations. With

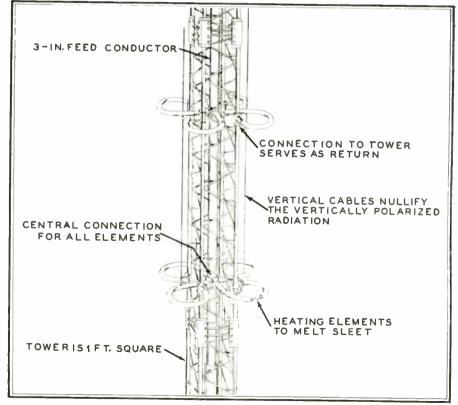


FIG. 1. DETAILS OF THE ANTENNA, SHOWING HOW RADIATORS ARE CONNECTED BETWEEN THE CENTRAL CONDUCTOR AND THE LEGS OF THE SUPPORTING TOWER

this type, as with all types of directive antennas, the vertical radiation pattern becomes progressively broader and the gain less as the number of radiating units and length of the array is reduced. Conversely, the pattern becomes narrower and the gain higher as the number of units and length of the antenna are increased -- all providing that the instantaneous currents in the individual radiating units are established and maintained in their proper relationships.

Antenna Gain \* Maximum gain, the condition when the instantaneous currents of all the elements are in time phase and are of equal amplitude, can be obtained readily in the Cloverleaf antenna. At the time of installation, the correct current relationships can be established easily and accurately.

Fig. 3 shows the antenna gain vs. the number of antenna units. This data, related to the height of the antenna and the cost of the elements and supporting tower, will give information necessary to determine the economy of design for any specific installation.

withstand high wind velocities and heavy icing loads. All steel parts of the antenna are hot-dip galvanized to assure the maximum protection against corrosion.

Provisions are made for installing elec-

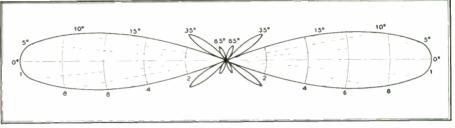


FIG. 2. COMPUTED RADIATION PATTERN FOR A 5-UNIT CLOVERLEAF ARRAY

Supporting Tower  $\star$  The tower furnished as a part of the antenna is composed of an assembly of standardized, welded structural steel sections, 1 ft. square. This structure has been conservatively designed and constructed by Blaw-Knox to tric heating cables inside the tubular radiating elements for sleet melting. Since one end of each radiating element is connected directly to the tower structure, the need for RF filters in the heater power eirenit is avoided.



Frequency, Megacycles	2-Unit	3-Unit	4-Unit	5-Unit	6-Unit	7-Unit	8-Unit
88-89	1	2	3*	3	4*	4	
89-90	i	2	3*	3	4*	4	
90-91	i	2	3*	3	4*	4	
91-92	i	2	3*	3	4*	4	
92-93	i	2*	2	3	4.*	4	
93-94	1	2*	2	3*	3	4	
94-95	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
95-96	1	2*	2	3*	3	4* '	4
96-97	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
97-98	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
98-99	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
99-100	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
100-101	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
101-102	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
102-103	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
103-104	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
104-105	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
105-106	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
106-107	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4
107-108	1	2*	2	3*	3	4*	4

\* Asterisk indicates that the required minimum number of "A" tower sections will permit the installation of an additional radiating unit.

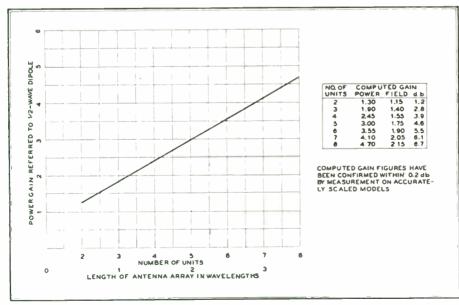


FIG. 3. POWER GAIN VS. NUMBER OF ANTENNA UNITS AND LENGTH OF ARRAY

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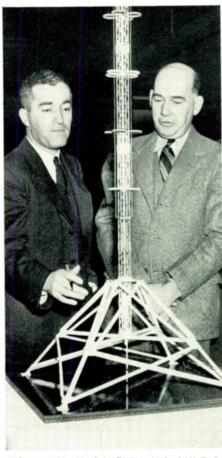


FIG. 4. WM. H. DOHERTY AND DIXIE B. McKEY WITH THE COMPLETE MODEL

Standard designs provide for mounting of a 300-mm, aircraft warning beacon light on top of the tower structure. The heating units and beacon light are not required in all installations. Therefore, they are not furnished as a part of the antenna but can be procured separately.

A detailed model of the tower and antenna is shown in Fig. 4. In the base seetion, below the first antenna units, are two enlarged sections of the center con-

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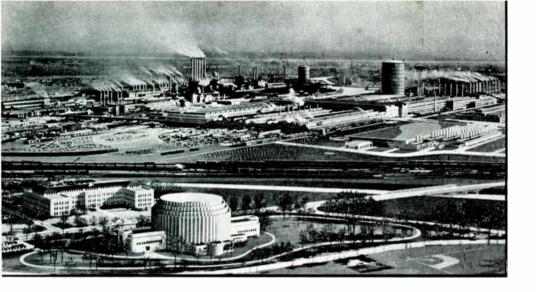


FIG. 1. ONE END OF THE RADIO CIRCUIT IS LOCATED AT THE FORD RIVER ROUGE PLANT. CONDITIONS HERE REPRESENT THE EXTREME CONDITIONS OF INTERFERENCE WHICH MIGHT BE ENCOUNTERED IN THE OPERATION OF A RADIO COMMUNICA-TIONS SYSTEM FOR HANDLING RAIL YARD TRAFFIC

## 161-MC. SATELLITE SYSTEM FOR RAIL YARDS

Report of Detroit Tests on System Using 189-kc. FM Induction and 161-Mc. Space Radio by Arnold C. Nygren and William G. Clinton\*

AN ARTICLE on railroad radio communications, published in the December, 1944 issue of FM AND TELEVISION<sup>1</sup> aroused a great deal of interest among railroad officials. At Detroit, several officials of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad Company were convinced that radio communications would assist in speeding up operations and would permit greater efficiency and safety in handling the heavy freight load within the interrelated D.T. & L yards at Flat Rock, Michigan, and the yards of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant, Fig. 1.

Plans were made to investigate the subject, and preparations were finally completed for actual tests held on March 19 to 21, 1946. The tests were conducted by the D.T. & I. Railroad and the Ford Motor Company, in association with Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation, which supplied the necessary experimental space radio and induction equipment.

The area to be covered for normal operations is shown by the map of Fig. 2. The D.T. & I. Flat Rock yards are situated approximately 14 miles southwest of the Ford Motor Company. These probably are two of the busiest and most highly industrialized inter-related yards in the country. Thus, they were selected to determine radio's ability to deliver satisfactory coverage under adverse conditions. The tests included point-to-train, train-totrain, intra-train, and point-to-point radio communications in yard and main line operations.

Executives and communications engi-

neers of the major U.S. railroads and the Ford Motor Company were present to observe the results and to examine the equipment which had been particularly designed for railroad use.

Need for FM  $\star$  Preliminary surveys by Farnsworth engineers indicated the need for two low-power, fixed transmitters to obtain positive coverage of such a large area. As control of all operations would normally be from the yardmaster's office in the Flat Rock yards, it was decided to make one fixed installation at that point for coverage of the area south of the Ford yards. For coverage of the Ford Motor Company area, it was decided to utilize a similar transmitter as a satellite station, located within the Ford yards.

To permit satellite operation, particularly non-synchronized operation, it was necessary to employ Frequency Modulation to eliminate heterodyne beats between the two fixed stations, and between any mobile units on the same frequency. Frequency Modulation would also make it possible to virtually eliminate flutter in areas of low signal intensity, due to the very rapid action of the limiter circuit in FM receivers, as contrasted with the relatively slow action of automatic volume control circuits in AM receivers. Further, it would be possible to operate with a minimum of primary power, due to the absence of high-level modulators common to AM transmitters. This feature is particularly important when equipment is installed on mobile units where the primary power is limited, and transmitter power output in excess of 10 watts is employed.

Another factor in favor of FM is that it produces a minimum change in audio output when a mobile unit moves from the immediate vicinity of a fixed station to a remote part of a service area. This is due to the relatively flat AVC characteristic of

RAILROAD OFFICIALS INSPECTING THE DIESEL INSTALLATION USED ON THE D.T. & 1.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>""What's Going On In Railway Radio," by John A. Curtis, FM AND TELEVISION, December, 1944.

an FM receiver as compared to an AM receiver. An additional FM advantage is improved signal-to-noise ratio at the outer fringe areas.

**FM Induction Radio**  $\star$  The demonstrations were also to test the practicability of remote control of the satellite transmitter from the central station by means of 189ke, carrier signals impressed on the existing wayside wires extending between the between the central station at Flat Rock and the satellite station at the Ford yards. Telephone lines were not available for this purpose. Second, it was known that communications could be maintained over this distance with the induction equipment alone, even though some of the lines were down or severed. Third, this system would permit great flexibility in operations because additional transmitters and receivers could be coupled to the wayside wires at In this new satellite technique, which some railroad communications engineers believe will find a number of applications in the railroad field, a VHF fixed station, located at a central point in a yard or terminal, can be linked by low-frequency FM induction radio circuits to one or more VHF satellite stations, operating on the same carrier frequency, and disposed in different yards or other local service zones thus covering a large rail-service area.

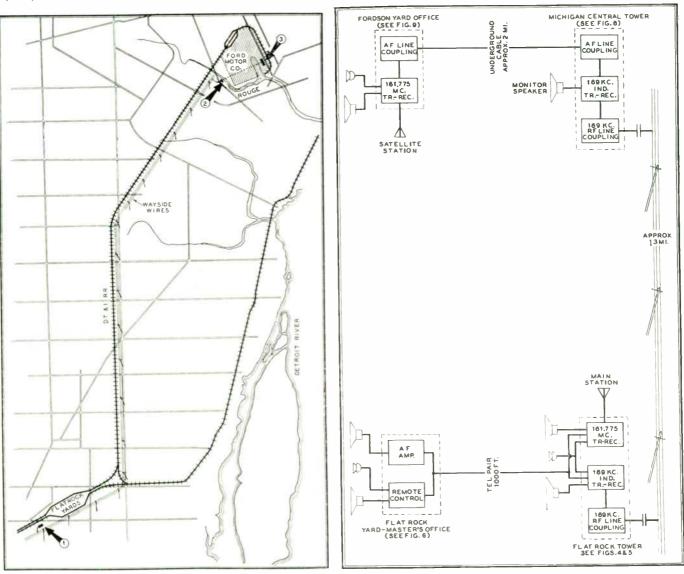


FIG. 2. AREA COVERED BY THE FARNSWORTH TEST INSTALLATION

FIG. 3. DIAGRAM OF THE FM INDUCTION AND SPACE RADIO SYSTEM

two yards. It was felt that the use of induction type transmitters and receivers in conjunction with space radio equipment would permit greater overall flexibility of operation than with either method alone. With a dual system, a radio signal of relatively high intensity could be delivered to all parts of both yards and the adjoining areas with the use of low-power fixedstation equipment.

The decision to utilize FM induction type equipment for control of the satellite link was based on past experience and a working knowledge of its advantages and limitations. First, the induction equipment would provide direct communication any point and the same or different carrier frequencies used. This factor would be increasingly important with the addition of portable transceivers for the use of working crews. Fourth, FM carrier equipment in the spectrum between 150 and 200 kc, would deliver a high-level signal practically free of line noise and cross-talk.

On the basis of laboratory and field tests, past experience with both space radio and induction equipment, and the known advantages of Frequency Modulation, particularly with respect to satellite operation, experimental apparatus was designed and installed by Farusworth engineers for these railroad tests. The induction radio signals can be impressed, by inductive or capacitive coupling means, as RF carrier-wave energy on existing wayside wires which normally extend between the varions yards of railroad terminal service areas.

The induction radio signals, when properly applied, cause no interference with existing wire and carrier circuits. Since the radio wave energy follows all wayside conductors, serving as wave-guiding paths along the railroad right of way, the system should still function even when the continuity of wire telephone circuits is broken by storms or other causes. A high degree of discrimination against electrical noise,

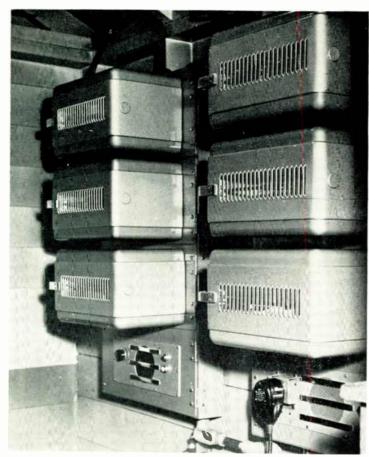




FIG. 4. POWER SUPPLY, TRANSMITTERS, AND RECEIVERS FOR FM INDUCTION AND SPACE RADIO AT THE FLAT ROCK MAIN STATION

such as static discharges, line transients, and crosstalk is provided by the use of Frequency-Modulation in the induction radio equipment.

Equipment Used At Detroit \* Fig. 3 presents a block diagram of the satellite system used at Detroit. In the tests, a 10-watt, 161.775 mc. central station FM transmitter and associated FM receivers, shown in Fig. 4, were installed in a small shanty at the foot of a 165-ft, water tower, Fig. 5, in the Flat Rock Yard of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad.

A remote control unit, Fig. 6, including handset, londspeaker, amplifier, and associated equipment, was employed at the Flat Rock yardmaster's office, and was joined to the VHF space radio equipment by means of a telephone pair, approximately 1,000 ft, in length.

An FM induction radio transmitter of experimental mobile type, with a maximum power output rating of 35 watts, and an associated FM induction radio receiver, operating on a frequency of 189 kilocycles, were installed in proximity to the space radio equipment, Fig. 4, at the tower shanty.

The induction transmitter was connected with the remote control unit at the yardmaster's office by means of a selector switch located at that point. The induction receiver was connected to an audiofrequency amplifier and londspeaker located in a small desk cabinet adjacent to the remote control unit at the Yard Office. A handset with noise-discriminating microphone, earphone, and conventional press-to-talk switch were utilized at the yardmaster's control position. The loudspeakers and amplifiers associated with the VHF and induction radio channels were selectively activated by the received space-radio or induction-radio signals, thereby facilitating rapid identification of

FIG. 5. MAIN STATION ANTENNA ON THE WATER TOWER AT THE FLAT ROCK END OF THE SYSTEM

the channel by which reception of voice signals was accomplished at the Yard Office, and indicating to the operator whether the mobile transmitter was in a remote outlying zone served by the satellite system, or within the local service area served by the Flat Rock VHF equipment.

The space-radio equipment was connected with a new type of vertical an-



FIG. 6. MESSRS. CLINTON, LEFT, AND NYGREN AT THE FLAT ROCK CONTROL POINT

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tenna, developed by Farnsworth, which was mounted on the top of the water tower at a height of approximately 175 ft. above ground. A solid-dielectric coaxial transmission line, 1 in. in diameter, was used to connect the VHF receiving and transmitting equipment with the antenna.

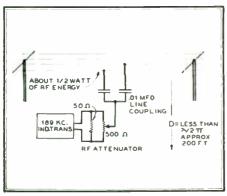


FIG. 7. INDUCTION RADIO CONNECTIONS

The induction radio equipment was coupled through capacitors. Fig. 7, to the wayside wire-telephone circuit extending between Flat Rock and Dearborn. Approximately 1/2 watt of RF signal energy was found adequate for the wirecircuit link. This reduction in power was obtained by means of a resistive attenuator, connected between the output circuit of the induction radio transmitter and the wire line.

Coöperating induction-radio equipment.



FIG. 8. INDUCTION RECEIVER AND TRANS-MITTER AT MICHIGAN CENTRAL TOWER

comprising a low-frequency FM transmitter and receiver, similar to that used at Flat Rock, was located in a signal tower of the Michigan Central railroad. about 13 miles from Flat Rock. This equipment, shown in Fig. 8, was coupled to the overhead wayside wire circuits by an arrangement similar to that employed at Flat Rock. The output of the induction radio receiver at the Michigan Central tower was connected to a telephone pair. which ran underground in a lead-sheathed cable from the Michigan Central tower to the Yard Office at the Ford Motor Company's plant.

The same telephone pair was employed for transmission from the Ford Yard Office to Flat Rock, with relays being used to effect automatic transfer of the single pair between transmitting and receiving equipment, A carrier-operated relay in the induction radio receiver at the Michigan Central tower was employed to apply a DC control voltage on the underground telephone circuit. This served to turn on the space-radio satellite transmitter at the Ford Yard Office during periods when signals were received by induction radio from Flat Rock.

The space-radio satellite equipment at the Yard Office in the Ford Motor Company's plant, similar to that used at the Flat Rock control point, was mounted on the wall of the office. A microphone and loudspeaker were provided to permit local two-way communications by VHF space radio between the Ford Yard Office and mobile units within the plant area and its vicinity, or between the Ford Yard Office and the Flat Rock station.

In normal operation, the satellite sta-

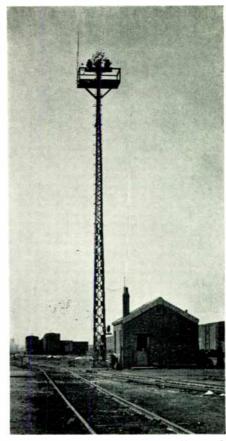


FIG. 9. SATELLITE ANTENNA AT THE FORD PLANT END OF THE SYSTEM

tion was controlled, via the induction link, from the Yardmaster's Office at Flat Rock. The antenna was of the same type used at Flat Rock, and was mounted at the top of a 75-foot flood-light tower. in the Fordson yard, as shown in Fig. 9.



FIG. 10. THE CARTWHEEL GROUND-PLANE ANTENNA, AND THE WATERTIGHT ENCLO-SURES FOR THE TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, MOUNTED ON A LOCOMOTIVE

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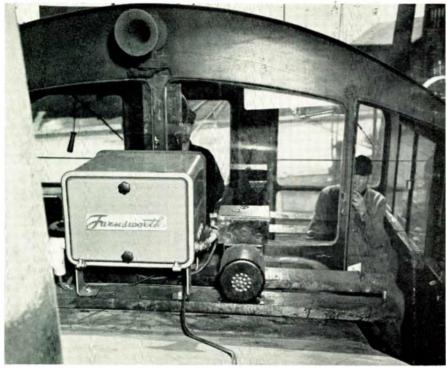


FIG. 11. THIS SHOWS THE METHOD OF MOUNTING THE RADIO EQUIPMENT ON A DIESEL ENGINE. THIS VIEW IS LOOKING INTO THE CAB FROM THE FRONT

This was joined to the transmitter and receiver by a coaxial line of the same type used at Flat Rock. The power output of the satellite transmitter was approximately 10 watts.

Two locomotives, one steam and the other a Diesel-electric, were equipped with two-way VIIF units. The installation on the steam locomotive was mounted on the tender, at a convenient point above the water tank, Fig. 10. The transmitter and receiver were housed in an air tight metal case to provide adequate protection from the corrosive sulphur fumes which are present in the smoke from steam locomotives. A second air-tight case was used to house the 115-volt AC power supply unit. A rotary converter provided 115 volts AC from the 32-volt DC primary power circuit of the locomotive.

The antenna, of an experimental cartwheel ground-plane type, was mounted on the side of the radio equipment case, as shown in Fig. 10. A threaded pipe fitting on the base of the antenna support permitted the antenna to be swung down out of the way, if desired, during coaling operations. The top of the antenna was approximately 5 ft, above the deck of the tender, and complied with the overhead clearance restrictions of the D.T. & I. railroad.

The remote control unit. loudspeaker, and microphone were located in the locomotive cab, near the engineman's position. The remote control unit included a loudspeaker volume control, power OFF-ON switch, pilot lights, receiver TEST button (a squelch-opening switch of momentary contact type). INTERCOM switch to permit use of the equipment in audio-frequency intercommunications, and a channel selector switch for selecting either of the two transmitting frequencies provided.

The cab londspeaker was of the reentrant type, of weatherproof construction. Audio level was more than adequate to override the high ambient noise levels experienced in steam-locomotive operation.

A second remote control unit, loudspeaker, and a microphone similar to those used in the locomotive cab were installed in a Pullman coach which carried

visiting engineering and operating personnel invited to attend the tests. This made it possible to control the radio transmitter and receiver on the locomotive from the Pullman, as well as from the cab. and allowed the visitors to listen to talk between the train and fixed points, or between trains. Through use of the INTERcom switch, the microphone and loudspeaker in the coach could be employed for two-way speech communications between the coach and locomotive cab. In normal railroad service, this intercommunications circuit could be used by railroad personnel on the ground or on the foot-boards<sup>2</sup> at the rear or front of vard engines in talking between these points and the cab, or in two-way radio communications with fixed points or other engines.3

The radio transmitter and receiver on the Diesel-electric locomotive were installed in an air-tight case at the top of the engine hood, in front of the locomotive cab, as shown in Fig. 11. A dynamotor, operable on 64-volts DC, was mounted next to the transmitter-receiver case. This provided plate and filament voltages.

A remote control unit, speaker, and microphone, similar to those used in the steam locomotive, were installed in the Diesel cab, as shown in Fig. 13.

A new low-clearance VIIF antenna, developed by Farnsworth, was located on the top of the engine hood, near the bell of the locomotive, as seen in Fig. 12. This antenna, of extremely rugged construc-

<sup>a</sup> See "Progress Report on Railroad FM" by Arhold C. Nygren, FM AND TELEVISION, December, 1945, page 25.

page 25, \* See "FM Aids the Battle of Transportation" by W. S. Halstead, FM RADO-ELECTRONICS, page 23, July, 1943.



FIG. 12. THE 11-IN. FIRECRACKER ANTENNA CAN BE SEEN AT THE LEFT OF THE BELL

tion, projected less than 11 ins, above the hood, and resembled a locomotive whistle in appearance. The performance approximated a half-wave dipole, and proved superior to a ground-plane antenna of greater overall height. No insulator was required between the antenna and motor hood, thereby adding to the ruggedness of the antenna structure.

Details of VHF Equipment \* The VHF transmitter, of an experimental FM type, had a maximum power output rating of 15 watts and was designed for operation in the 152-162 megacycle band. Phase modulation was employed in the transmitter. with a frequency swing of 15 ke. during normal voice modulation. An andio-frequency peak limiting circuit was employed to prevent frequency deviations substantially in excess of 15 kc. Provision was made for the use of two crystals, to permit operation of the transmitter on either of two frequencies. However, only one frequency, 161.775 mc., was used in the tests, A frequency stability of  $\pm .005\%$ or better was obtained under normal operating conditions.

The experimental VIIF receiver had a power output rating of approximately 5 watts. Sensitivity of the receiver was such that an RF signal voltage of 0.5 microvolts at the input terminals would produce full saturation of the limiter circuit. The selectivity was sufficient for alternate channel operation, with response at least 60 db down at 120 kc, from the operating frequency. Provision for use of two crystals was incorporated in the receiver to permit optional operation on either of two designated carrier frequencies, as determined by the position of a



FIG. 14. ARNOLD NYGREN, LEFT, AND JOHN CURTIS, MANAGER OF THE FARNSWORTH MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, IN THE CAB OF THE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE

channel selector switch on the remote control unit.

**FM Induction Radio Equipment**  $\star$  The induction-radio transmitter, designed primarily for mobile use, has a power output rating of 35 watts. It employed a reactance-tube modulator to effect a frequency swing of  $\pm$  4 kilocycles with normal modulation. Since the andio frequency range of the equipment extended to 4.000 cycles, the deviation ratio was 1. An audio peak-



swing substantially within  $\pm$  4 kilocycles. The equipment was designed to provide a frequency stability of 0.1% or better under normal operating conditions. The transmitter was designed for operation on any selected frequency in the band between 150 and 250 kc.

limiter was used to restrict the frequency

The induction receiver was of the tuned RF type, covering 150 to 250 kc, with a sensitivity of approximately 10 microvolts for full saturation of the limiters. The power output rating was approximately 5 watts. Response of the receiver was within  $\pm 3$  db between 200 and 4,000 cycles. Selectivity was 70 db down at 13 kc, removed from the operating frequency, and 50 db down at 10 kc.

A carrier-operated relay was built into the receiver to permit automatic control of an associated space radio transmitter for repeater or satellite operation during reception of carrier wave energy from a coöperating induction-radio station.

**Test Results**  $\star$  Tests of the system over the S-day period demonstrated that solid 2way communication could be maintained at all points in the Flat Rock and Dearborn yards, almost 13 miles apart, in adjoining industrial districts, and on the main line between Flat Rock and Dearborn. In preliminary tests, solid 2-way communications were maintained in open country between Flat Rock and the steam locomotive over an air-line distance of 29 miles.

The test run in which the authors participated began from the Ford yards. Communications were immediately established with the Flat Rock station, both

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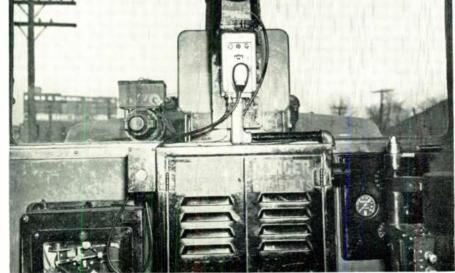


FIG. 13. LOOKING OUT OF THE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE CAB. SPEAKER AND MICROPHONE MOUNTING CAN BE SEEN, AS WELL AS THE RADIO EQUIPMENT MOUNTED OUTSIDE

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## FM AND TELEVISION SIGNAL PROPAGATION

The Variation With Frequency of the Signal Range of FM and Television Broadcasting Stations

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IT IS the purpose of this report to determine the effect of the carrier frequency on the expected maximum signal ranges of FM and television broadcasting stations as affected by the transmitting and receiving antenna gains and as limited by internal receiver noise and the ever present effects of cosmic noise received on VHF frequencies from inter-stellar space. The signal ranges shown on the attached charts are thus applicable only in the absence of local thunderstorms or man-made noise. The conclusions reached are those of the anthors and do not necessarily indicate the views of the Federal Communieations Commission.

During World War II, considerable progress 1, 2, 3, 4 was made in understanding the nature of the limitations on VHF and UHF receiver sensitivity arising from the presence of various fluctuation noise sources within the receiver such as the thermal noise from the resistance components of impedance elements and the random noise due to the fluctuation of electrons in vacuum tubes. Also, due to the work of several observers scattered throughout the world,4,5,6,7 we have a fairly precise knowledge of the intensity of cosmic noise throughout the portions of the HF and VHF frequency bands in which it is known to be important.

We will first discuss the concept of the noise figure used as a measure of the absolute sensitivity of a radio receiver. To

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are discussed with their relation to television coverage, and to FM broadcast coverage in both the old and new bands.

understand the meaning of the term noise figure, the concept of available power must first be appreciated. Consider a voltage generator V with an internal resistance R. The available power from such a generator is the power which it would deliver to a matched load, and is thus  $V^2/(4R)$ . If a load of different impedance were substituted, the actual power delivered would change, of course, but since the generator has not been touched, its available power is unaltered. This simple concept allows us to separate the effects of the load impedance from the properties of the rest of a circuit. In terms of available powers, the noise figure of a receiver is defined as follows:

$$\overline{\text{NF}} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \text{Available signal} \\ \text{power at input} \end{pmatrix}}{(\text{kTB})} \\ \cdot \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \text{Available noise} \\ \text{power at output} \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} \text{Available signal} \\ \text{power at output} \end{pmatrix}}$$
(1)

Where:

- $k = 1.37 \times 10^{-23} = Boltzmann's con$ stant
- T = absolute temperature in degrees Kelvin (taken as 300°)
- $\mathbf{B} =$  effective noise band width of the receiver in cycles per second
- $kTB = 4.11 \times 10^{-21}$  watts for a dummy antenna at room temperature  $(T = 300^{\circ})$  and with a receiver noise band B = 1 cycle/second and represents the available noise power from the passive resistance of the dummy antenna.8

We see by (1) that NF is simply the ratio of the signal to noise power ratio at the input to the receiver divided by the signal

to noise power ratio at the receiver output. If we write (S/N) for the signal to noise power ratio at the receiver output <sup>9</sup> and P<sub>a</sub> for the available signal power at the receiver input (1) may be written:

$$(S/N) = P_a/\overline{NF} kTB \qquad (2)$$

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The above equations define the noise figure of a receiver when  $T = 300^{\circ}$ .

In the report "The Maximum Range of a Radar Set"<sup>4</sup> it is shown how the effects of the external cosmic noise (often corresponding to antenna resistance noise temperatures of many thousands of degrees) may be combined with the internal receiver noise and expressed in terms of an effective noise figure  $\overline{NF'}$  to be used instead of  $\overline{NF}$  in (2) for determining the signal to noise ratio when the receiver is coupled to an antenna:

$$\overline{NF'} = \frac{\overline{NF}}{L_r} + (\overline{EN} - 1)$$
 (3)

In the above  $N\overline{F}$  is the actual noise figure of the receiver as measured with a signal generator having the same ouput impedance as that of the receiving antenna and with the same coupling between the receiver and the signal generator as that used in coupling the receiver to the antenna. L<sub>r</sub> is a transmission line loss factor defined as the ratio of the available signal power at the receiver terminals divided by the available signal power at the antenna terminals. EN is an external noise factor and provides a measure of the effects of noise picked up by the antenna. Thus, when a receiver is coupled to an antenna, the receiver input resistance is largely determined by the antenna radiation resistance and the absolute temperature of the latter is determined entirely by the noise which the antenna absorbs from its surroundings. If we write T<sub>a</sub> for the effective absolute temperature of the antenna radiation resistance, then, by definition:

$$\overline{\mathrm{EN}} = \mathrm{T_a}/300^\circ \tag{4}$$

A directional receiving antenna will absorb different amounts of noise energy as it is pointed in different directions. This directional dependence of EN may be expressed in terms of the directional dependence of T<sub>\*</sub> as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> D. O. North, "The Absolute Sensitivity of Radio Receivers," RCA Review, Vol. 6, pp. 332-343, January 1942.

<sup>1942.</sup> <sup>3</sup> H. T. Friis, "Noise Figures of Radio Receivers," *Proc. I.R.E.*, Vol. 32, pp. 419–422, July 1944. Also discussion on this paper by D. O. North, *Proc. I.R.E.*, Vol. 33, February 1945, pp. 125–127. <sup>4</sup> K. A. Norton and A. C. Omberg, "The Maximum Range of a Radar Set," *Technical Report* ORG-P-9-1, February 1942. Over fiered Barryet & G. 67.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Grote Reber, Proc. I.R.E., Vol. 28, p. 68, 1940 and Vol. 30, p. 367, 1942; Astrophys. J., Vol. 91, p. 621, 1940 and Vol. 100, p. 279, 1944.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> K. Franz, Hochfrequen en Tech. C. Electroakustik, Vol. 59, 1942.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> H. Nyquist, "Thermal Agitation of Electric Charge in Conductors," *Physical Review*, Vol. 32, p. 110, July 1928.

In the case of an FM receiver employing a limiter. (S/N) is usually taken as the carrier to noise power ratio just ahead of the limiter so that the FM characteristic of reducing the effects of the noise in the output are not included in the noise figure.

$$300^{\circ} \text{ EN } \equiv \text{T}_{a} \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint \text{T}(\Theta, \phi) \cdot \text{G}(\Theta, \phi) \, \mathrm{d}\omega$$

In the above  $T(\Theta, \phi)$  is an effective absolute temperature of the material in space as properly averaged with respect to distance along the beam in an elementary solid angle,  $d\omega$ , centered about the direction  $\Theta$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $G(\Theta, \phi)$  is the gain of the antenna in the direction  $\Theta$ ,  $\phi$  relative to that of an isotropic radiator. The proper method of determining the effective value of  $T(\Theta, \phi)$  may be seen most readily from the reciprocal problem in which energy radiated from the antenna is absorbed as it is propagated from the antenna out to a distance such that it is completely absorbed. The following artificial example will serve to clarify the problem. If  $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total energy radiated in the elementary solid angle  $d\omega$  centered on the direction  $\Theta \phi$ , were absorbed in a gas of miform absolute temperature 300° extending from 0 to 1000 miles from the antenna. another  $\frac{1}{3}$  absorbed in a gas of uniform absolute temperature 30° extending from 1000 to 1250 miles and the final  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the energy absorbed in a black body at the distance 1250 miles with a surface temperature of 600°, then  $T(\Theta, \phi)$  for that direction would be equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$  (300 + 30 + 600) = 310° absolute temperature. It should be noted that, when  $T(\Theta, \phi)$  equals a constant value T<sub>c</sub>, in all directions, then  $T_*$  will simply be equal to  $T_c$  since the constant T<sub>e</sub> may then be taken from under the integral signs and the integral is, by definition of  $G(0, \phi)$ , simply equal to  $4\pi$ . On the other hand, for a high gain antenna, if  $T(\Theta, \phi)$  has a very large value T<sub>6</sub> over the effective beam of the antenna and a very small value in other directions, then  $T_a$  will again be nearly equal to To since the contributions to the integral for directions  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  far removed from the maximum of the antenna will be negligible. Measurements of the effective noise temperatures of antennas in the UHF band beamed on the open sky are of the order of 10° absolute corresponding to the very low value of EN = 0.033. When these antenna beams are directed horizontally along the ground, a small part, say 1/10, of the energy which could be transmitted from such an antenna would be absorbed in the ground and, since the earth is at a temperature approximating 300°, the effective noise temperature of such an antenna used for reception and directed horizontally along the ground would be equal to  $T_a = \left(\frac{1}{10}300^\circ + \frac{9}{10}\right)$ 

 $10^{\circ}$  = 39° corresponding to a value of  $\overline{EN}$  = 0.13. In the future, when receivers with very low noise figures become available in the UHF band, it may turn out to be desirable to discriminate against the ground reflected waves in order to reduce the received noise; discrimination against the ground-reflected wave by means of highly directional receiving antennas has

already proven to be a valuable method for reducing, and in some cases practically eliminating, the adverse effects of withinline-of-sight fading due to the interference between the direct and ground-reflected components.<sup>10</sup>

At microwave frequencies the large antenna gains which are available have made possible the direct observation of radio noise from the sun by Southworth.<sup>11</sup> In the region 1–10 cm, Southworth has been equal to  $6000^{\circ}/300^{\circ} = 20$  when the antenna is pointed directly at the sun. At the two lower frequencies, the receiving antenna apertures were larger and this resulted in smaller values of EN; in other words the antenna "sees" some of the space adjacent to the sun which has a very much lower effective temperature.

Recently, several observers<sup>12, 13</sup> have reported the reception, at VHF frequencies, of unusually intense noise from the sum

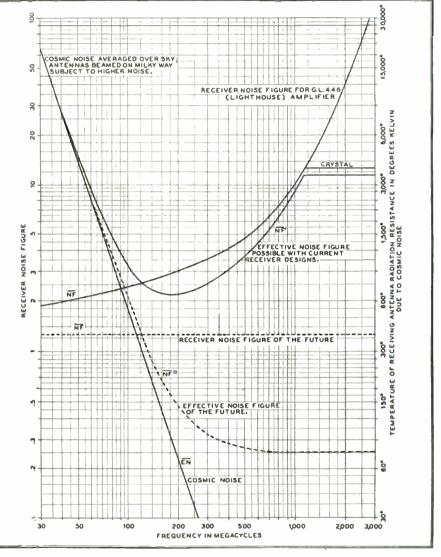


FIG. 1. EFFECTIVE NOISE FIGURES FOR VHF AND UHF RECEIVERS. THIS DATA INCLUDES EFFECTS OF COSMIC NOISE, CURVES ARE FOR PRESENT AND POSSIBLE FUTURE SETS

able to show that the radiation received from the sun is quantitatively only slightly greater than that to be expected from a black body the size of the sun with a surface absolute temperature of 6000°. Since Sonthworth used an aperture angle on his receiving antenna at his highest frequency comparable to that of the sun, it follows from (5) that  $\overline{\rm EN}$  should be approximately which appears to be associated with sun spots since it occurs only when large groups of spots are visible on the sun. As an indication of the possible practical importance of this solar noise a description will be given of some measurements of it made at the Federal Communications Commission monitoring station at Laurel. Maryland, from January 31 to February 12, 1946 during which time several large groups of sun spots were crossing the face of the sun. The solar noise was recorded at 44.9 mc. on a half-wave horizontal

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Thomas J. Carroll, "Complementary Diversity Reception on Microwaves;" *Propagation Report No. 2*, in connection with "Comparative Tests of Radio Relay Equipment," Radio Propagation Section, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> G. C. Southworth, J. Franklin Institute, Vol. 239, pp. 285, 1945.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> E. V. Appleton, Nature, 156, 534, Nov. 1945.
 <sup>13</sup> J. S. Hey, Nature, 157, 48, January 1946.

dipole 30 ft, above the ground. The sensitivity of the receiver, which had a noise band of approximately 120 kc., corresponded to a noise figure of about 10 and the Esterline Angus recorder used for indicating the amplified levels of the incoming signals at the intermediate frequency of the receiver would respond to signal generator voltages less than 0.8 microvolts. When coupled to the antenna, the usual noise voltage V<sub>n</sub>, appearing across perature T<sub>a</sub>, Thus, with V<sub>n</sub> expressed in microvolts:

 $T_a = V_n^2 \cdot 10^{-12} / 292 \text{ kB} = 2080 V_n^2$  (6)

We see by the above that the noise temperature of the half-wave dipole radiation resistance due to this solar noise reached a peak value of more than 450,000°. Furthermore, the equivalent temperature of a black body with the projected surface area of the sun must be much greater than

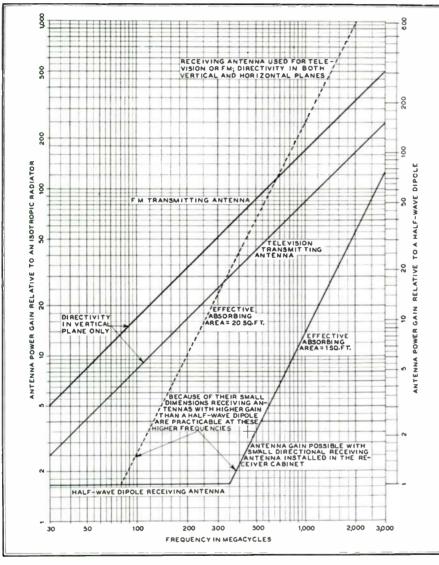


FIG. 2. TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING ANTENNA GAINS USED IN ESTIMATING EXPECTED SIGNAL RANGE OF FM AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS

the antenna terminals, was approximately equal to 1.5 microvolts but this increased during the daytime on each day of the above period, reaching a maximum equal to 15 microvolts at 1300 E.S.T. on February 6, which lasted a few minutes. The usual level of this solar noise as recorded during this period corresponded to something less than 4 microvolts. To convert these data into effective antenna temperatures we may equate the available noise power from the antenna  $(V_n^2/4 \times 73)$ to the available noise power kT<sub>a</sub>B in the 120-kc. receiver band, B, to be expected from the antenna resistance at the tem-

T<sub>a</sub> in order to produce this much noise power. This can be seen from (5) which can be written in this case:

$$\mathbf{T}_{s} = \frac{\Delta \omega}{4\pi} \mathbf{T}_{s}(\Theta, \phi) \ \mathbf{G}(\Theta, \phi)$$
(7)

where  $G(\Theta, \phi)$  is the gain of the dipole antenna in the direction of the sun and T<sub>s</sub> is the surface temperature of the sun. Over the small aperture angle,  $\Delta \omega$ , occupied by the surface of the sun,  $G(0,\phi)$ will be constant and since T<sub>s</sub> is practically equal to zero in other directions, (5) becomes equal to (7). Since the aperture of the sun,  $\Delta \omega$ , is equal to  $6 \times 10^{-5}$  steradians and  $G(\Theta, \phi)$  will never be larger than

1.64, we see by (7) that  $T_s$  would have to be at least  $4 \times 10^{10}$  degrees in order to account for the observed solar noise. We are thus forced to the conclusion that this solar noise observed at VHF frequencies and associated with sun spots is of an entirely different character than that observed at microwave frequencies. Observations <sup>11</sup> on various frequencies in the VHF band indicate that the intensity of this sun spot noise decreases rapidly with increasing frequency. This suggests that the source of this sun spot noise is similar to that of the cosmic noise from inter-stellar space, the intensity of which is known to be of importance in the lower part of the VHF band but which decreases rapidly in intensity with increasing frequency, becoming of negligible importance at microwave frequencies and, in fact, at present undetectable at such frequencies.

A good summary of the available data on cosmic noise has been prepared by J. M. C. Scott 15 and he finds that the cosmic noise, when averaged over the sky, or alternatively received on an isotropic receiving antenna, corresponds to an effective noise temperature which varies inversely as the cube of the radio frequency and with an absolute average intensity such that we obtain the following expression for EN resulting from cosmic noise alone:

$$\overline{\text{EN}} \stackrel{\sim}{=} 1.8(10^6) / f_{\text{me.}}^3$$
 (18 me < f < 160 me)  
(8)

This relation is shown on Fig. 1, together with a scale on the right giving the effective temperatures of the antenna radiation resistance due to this cosmic noise. Since these temperatures are considerably in excess of room temperature  $(300^{\circ})$ at frequencies below 120 mc., we may expeet that this cosmic noise, since it is always present, will form the lower limit to the sensitivity of radio receivers operating in the lower part of the VIIF band. The sources of this cosmic noise are not uniformly distributed over the sky, but tend to be concentrated in several regions on the celestial sphere, the principal source being in the region Scorpio-Sagittarius near the center of the galaxy. Consequently, when received on a directional antenna, the noise varies in a characteristic manner from hour to hour and from day to day.

It is interesting to speculate on the nature of this cosmic noise and the reason for the observed rapid decrease in the intensity of this noise with increasing frequency. It was suggested above that it might be the same as sun spot noise which is occasionally received from the sun, and the continuous nature of the cosmic noise could easily be explained as originating in

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 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> J. L. Pawsey, R. Payne-Scott, L. D. McCready, "Radio Frequency Energy From The Sun," Nature, Vol. 157, pp. 158-159, Feb. 9, 1946.
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the spots on the many thousands of stars in the Milky Way, each of which probably has its own eruption periodicity. The observed frequency-cubed law for cosmic noise is not far from the fourth-power law which applies to the effective antenna temperature due to the noise received from a local thunderstorm, and this suggests that sun spot and cosmic noise may have an electrical origin. Other investigaformance of radio receivers of modern design. Above about 1,000 mc., a crystal gives somewhat better performance than a radio frequency amplifier, and this is also shown on Fig. 1. If we assume no transmission line losses, then  $L_r = 1$ and this value of  $\overline{NF}$  may be combined by means of (3) with the value of  $\overline{EN}$  shown for cosmic noise to give the effective value of noise figure labelled  $\overline{NF'}$  on Fig. 1.

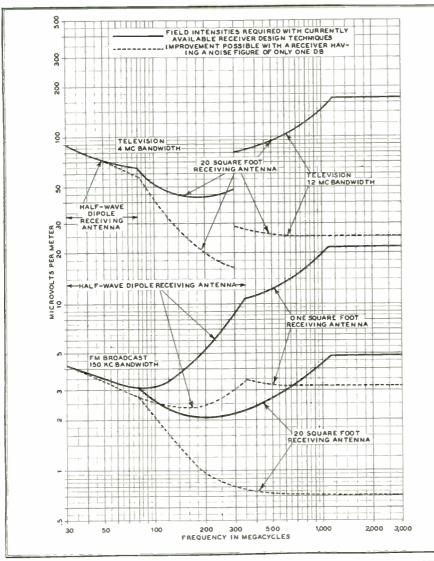


FIG. 3. FIELD INTENSITIES REQUIRED FOR SATISFACTORY TELEVISION OR FM RECEPTION IN THE ABSENCE OF THUNDERSTORMS OR MAN-MADE NOISE

tors have suggested that the frequencycubed law arises from variations in the absorption of the noise radiation occurring in outer space.<sup>16</sup> Whatever the explanation may be, the experimental data all point, without exception, to a very rapid decrease in the intensity of cosmic noise with increasing frequency. We turn now to a consideration of the practical effects of cosmic noise in limiting the reception of weak FM or television signals.

On Fig. 1, the solid curve labelled NF corresponds to the measured noise figure of a good receiver employing a GL446 (Lighthouse) amplifier and represents very nearly the present optimum perThis curve is believed to be a reasonably accurate measure of the maximum possible sensitivity to be expected from currently available receiver designs. It is interesting to note that the effective noise figure NF' with the receiver coupled to an antenna is actually less, above 120 mc., than the noise figure  $\overline{NF}$  measured in the laboratory; this is due to the very low effective temperatures of the antenna resistance at these higher frequencies. As an estimate of what may conceivably be expected in the future, we have shown the results to be expected from a receiver with a noise figure of 1.25, i.e., about one db. The curve labelled  $\overline{\mathbf{NF}}''$  gives the

corresponding value of the effective noise figure for the receiver coupled to an antenna. The large differences between  $\overline{NF'}$ and  $\overline{NF''}$ , which amount to nearly 14 db in the upper part of the UHF band, represent a challenge to the receiver engineers; reductions in these differences can usually be immediately translated into increased communication ranges or into reduced transmitter powers.

We turn now to a discussion of the transmitting and receiving antenna power gains used in calculating the signal ranges. Fig. 2 shows these antenna gains as a function of frequency. The gains are shown relative to an isotropic radiator as well as relative to a half-wave dipole. For both FM and television, the transmitting antenna gains are assumed to increase linearly with the frequency which would be the case for an antenna of fixed dimensions and with directivity in the vertical plane only. For television, a highly directional receiving antenna is often required for the elimination of ghosts. However, at VIIF frequencies, high gain may require very large structures. Consequently, as with FM, an antenna with a fixed size is assumed; an antenna with an effective absorbing area of 20 sq. ft. will have the frequency-gain eharacteristic shown. A receiving antenna with a high gain is also desirable with FM, and ranges are calculated with the 20-sq. ft. receiving antenna used for television as well as for a half-wave dipole receiving antenna.

We have now laid the groundwork for computing the field intensities required for FM or television in order to over-ride the receiver noise and the ever-present effects of cosmic noise. The available signal power from an antenna with an effective absorbing area,  $A_r$ , expressed in square meters and with a power gain, G, relative to an isotropic radiator in the presence of a field intensity E expressed in volts per meter may be written:

$$\mathbf{P}_{a} = \Lambda_{r} \mathbf{E}^{2} = \frac{\mathbf{G}\lambda^{2}\mathbf{E}^{2}}{4\pi\mathbf{Z}} \text{ watts} \qquad (9)$$

where Z = 376.7 ohms is the impedance of free space and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength in meters. When this is substituted in (2) with  $\overline{\text{NF}}$  replaced by  $\overline{\text{NF}}'$  and solved for E, we obtain:

 $E = \left[ (S \ N) \ Z \ N \overline{F'} \ kTB/\Lambda_r \right]$ volts per meter (10)  $T = 300^{\circ}$ in the above equation. With FM a signal-to-noise power ratio (S N) = 16, i.e., 12 db, at the input to the limiter will provide a satisfactory service with a receiver band B = 150 kilocycles. When these values are substituted in (10) we obtain for FM:

#### $E = 6.33 \sqrt{NF'} \text{ microvolts per meter (1)}$ sq. ft. receiving antenna) (11)

<sup>16</sup> H. Kramers, *Phil. Mag.*, Vol. 46, p. 836, 1923.

<sup>17</sup> Based on the effective receiver noise figures shown on Fig. I which include the ever present effects of cosmic noise; intermediate frequency RMS signalto-noise ratio =24 db for television and 12 db for FM broadcasting.

- $E = 1.414\sqrt{NF'} \text{ microlts per meter (20$  $sq. ft. receiving antenna)}$ (12)
- $E = 0.0178\sqrt{NF'} f_{ms} \text{ microvolts per meter (half-wave receiving antenna)}$ (13)

With amplitude modulation television, an output signal to noise ratio (S/N) = 256, i.e., 24 db, is required for satisfactory service. In the VHF band, a bandwidth

on Fig. 1, we obtain from the above equations the required field intensities shown on Fig. 3 for FM and television.

We can now determine the maximum range of an FM or television station by determining the distance at which the field intensities shown on Fig. 3 may be expected for given values of transmitting antenna input power and with the transmitting antenna gains shown on Fig. 2. The service ranges shown on Fig. 4 are

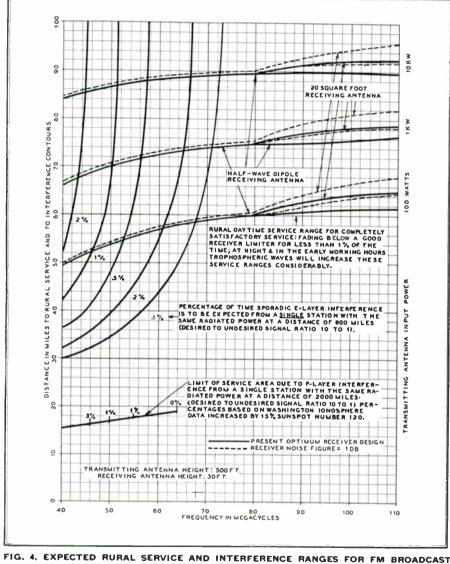


FIG. 4. EXPECTED RURAL SERVICE AND INTERFERENCE RANGES FOR FM BROADCAST STATIONS IN ABSENCE OF THUNDERSTORMS OR MAN-MADE NOISE. TRANSMITTING ANTENNA HEIGHT, 500 FT.; RECEIVING ANTENNA HEIGHT, 30 FT.

of 4 me, is assumed while 12-me, bandwidth is used in the UHF band. Thus:

- $E = 0.368\sqrt{NF'} f_{me} \text{ microvolts per meter}$ (VIIF half-wave receiving antenna)
  (14)
- $E = 29.2\sqrt{\overline{NF}'}$  microvolts per meter (VHF 20-sq. ft. antenna) (15)
- $E = 50.3\sqrt{\overline{NF'}}$  microvolts per meter (UHF 20-sq. ft. receiving antenna)

(16)

Using the values of  $\mathbf{NF}'$  and of  $\mathbf{NF}''$  shown

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ground wave to values much stronger than the ground wave. The received fields will reach their lowest instantaneous values when the tropospherie wave field intensities are approximately equal to the ground wave field intensities and, in that case, the instantaneous fields will exceed one-fifth of the ground wave field for about 99% of the time. Thus, the ranges shown on Fig. 4 are conservative figures. At night and in the early morning hours, the tropospheric waves will be much stronger than the ground wave and will thus increase these service ranges considerably.

Also shown on this chart are the reductions in service area in the old FM band which occur because of sporadic E transmissions and F layer transmissions from one other station operating with the same radiated power and on the same frequency at a distance of 900 miles and one other similar station at a distance of 2000 miles. We see by this chart that, regardless of the amount of power employed, a station operating on 50 mc, will be limited by two other similar stations for 1% of the time to a range of less than 17 miles due to F layer interference and for an additional 1% of the time to a distance of less than 69 miles due to sporadic E transmission. The interference ranges shown on this chart were obtained from the data shown on the curves 19 associated with Mr. Kenneth A. Norton's original statement made on October 28, 1944 to the Federal Communications Commissions at the Hearing in the Matter of Allocation of Frequencies to the Various Classes of Non-Governmental Services in the Radio Spectrum from 10 kilocycles to 30,000 kilocycles.

On Fig. 5 are shown the expected rural service and interference ranges for television broadcasting stations as determined by the calculated ground wave ranges corresponding to the required field intensities shown on Fig. 3. In this case, no allowance was made for fading since no threshold problem is involved as with FM and it was considered possible that the 24 db signal-to-noise ratio might furnish a margin which would permit some fading without a serious impairment of the entertainment value of the picture. Furthermore, except for the 10-kw. stations. the ranges are not as great as with FM, so that the ratio of tropospheric wave to ground wave field intensity would be smaller on the average. If a fading allowance is considered necessary, and the above described method of allowing for FM fading is adopted for television, then a 5 to 1 allowance for fading can be made simply by re-labelling the 100-watt and 1-kw. range curves with the new values 2.5 kw. and 25 kw., respectively.

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calculated ground wave ranges 18 and cor-

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equal to 5 times the required field intensi-

ties shown on Fig. 3. This factor of 5 was

introduced in order to allow for fading.

Thus, at distances beyond the line of

sight, tropospheric waves will be present

and they will combine with the ground

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tance, the tropospheric waves will vary in

intensity from values much less than the

<sup>18</sup> Kenneth A. Norton, "The Calculation of Ground

Wave Field Intensity over a Finitely Conducting Spherical Earth," Proc. I.R.E., Vol. 29, pp. 623-639, Dec. 1941.

 $<sup>^{19}</sup>$  These curves were published in FM and Television, March, 1945, pp. 27 to 31,

and F-layer transmissions were determined in the same manner used for FM except that the desired-to-undesired signal ratio of 100 was used since this value is appropriate for this amplitude modulation service.

Comments are invited relative to any of the points discussed in this report. The

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most troublesome problem at the present time in estimating the expected service ranges of VHF and UHF stations is the fading due to tropospheric waves. Any assistance or data which can be made available relative to this or other aspects of this report will be very much appreciated.

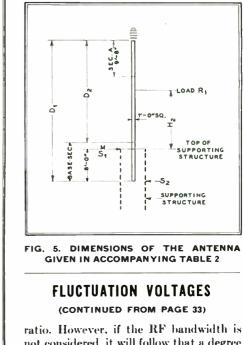
The "A" sections are 9 ft., 8 in. in length by 1 ft. square, while the base section is 10 ft., 8 in. in length by 1 ft. square.

The weight of the antenna, less beacon lights and conduits, can be determined by the following formula:

#### Weight (lbs.) = 500 + S(270) + N(70)

S = number of " $\Lambda$ " tower sections N = number of antenna units

The supporting structure must be designed to withstand the bending moments given in Fig. 5 and Table II. These moments include the 300-mm, beacon.



not considered, it will follow that a degree of coupling somewhere between critical and overcoupling will be optimum. An exact value of the best coupling in this case is not easily determined since it depends on arbitrary choices of circuit constants such as the value of the tuning condenser and best values of Q which are obtainable.

Summary  $\star$  There are a number of points which have been stressed. In the first place, the analogy between Brownian movement and fluctuation voltage phenomena has been reiterated. The simplicity resulting in the use of this concept in calculating the fluctuation voltage across a tuned circuit is of importance. Considering the complete frequency spectrum, the fluctuation voltage squared is given simply as KT/C. If only a portion of this spectrum is amplified by the following intermediate-frequency amplifiers, the bandwidth factor F must also be introduced. Finally, it has been shown that if receiver bandwidth is to be maintained, overcoupling is very desirable in all cases to improve the signal-to-noise ratio. If receiver bandwidth is not of consequence, and input tube noise is high, then it is desirable to use critical coupling.

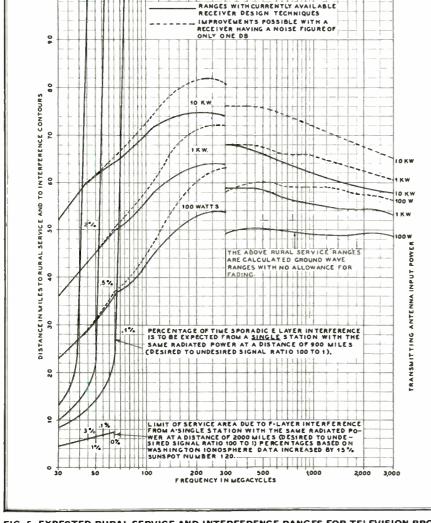


FIG. 5, EXPECTED RURAL SERVICE AND INTERFERENCE RANGES FOR TELEVISION BROAD-CAST STATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF THUNDERSTORMS OR MAN-MADE NOISE. TRANSMIT-TING ANTENNA HEIGHT, 500 FT.; RECEIVING ANTENNA HEIGHT, 30 FT.

#### **CLOVERLEAF FM ANTENNA** (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 37)

ing the impedance of the antenna array to the impedance of the transmission line.

ductor, each a quarter-wave long. These provide a low-loss transformer for match-

The antenna is comprised of one base section and a minimum number of "A" tower sections in accordance with Table I.

Number of Sections A	Load R:	Di	Dì	N2	Bending Moment at Top of Supporting Structure—FtLbs. M <sup>*</sup>	Reaction at Top of Supporting Structure S <sub>1</sub>	Reaction at Bottom of Antenna Tower Sy
1	326 lbs.	20' 4''	12' 4''	7.7'	2,512 ftIbs.	640 lbs.	314 lbs.
2	529	30' 0''	22'0"	12.65'	6,715	1,368	839
3	703	39'8''	31'8"	17.65'	12,892	2,341	1,611
4	933	49' 4''	41'4''	22.8'	21,080	3,568	2,635

\* These maments are given far the maximum (2) radiating units per "A" tawer section. The reduction in maments for less than 2 radiating units per section is negligible

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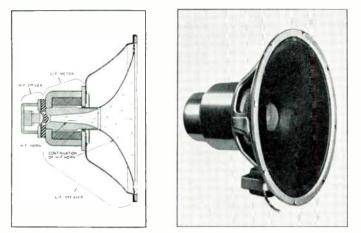


FIG. 1. CROSS-SECTION AND ASSEMBLED VIEW OF JENSEN SPEAKER

### **RADIO DESIGNERS' ITEMS** Notes on Methods and Products of Importance to Design Engineers

**Transmitting Tubes:** The complete line of Eimac transmitting tubes, rectifiers, vacuum capacitors, pumps, vacuum switches, and pulse-type tubes are described in a new bulletin from Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif, Copies are available on request.

**Coaxial Speaker:** First of a series of postwar speakers from Jensen Radio Manufacturing Company, 6609 S, Laramie Avenue, Chicago 38, is illustrated in Fig. 1, with a cross-section in Fig. 1. Designed particularly for use with high-quality amplifiers on FM receivers, the power-handling capacity of this 15-in, model is rated at 25 watts. The field is designed for 20 watts dissipation, or 14 watts minimum. A cabinet closure incorporating the bass-reflex principle is recommended.

Flexible Waveguides: An interesting development in flexible metal tubing of rectangular cross-section is the Waveflex tubing manufactured by Titeflex, Inc., Newark, N, J. It can be bent to a very small radius without distorting critical dimensions that affect electrical performance. Assemblies in accordance with A-N standards are made up with connecting flanges and with chokes, if required.

**Capacitors:** Electrical Reactance Corporation, Franklinville, N. Y., has issued a new bulletin on high-Q silver electrode ceramic capacitors of the CI type, with axial leads. Also shown are illustrations of the steps of manufacture and quality control. Listing of type designations is in accordance with JAN specifications.

**Communications Receiver:** Fig. 2 shows the post war model of the Super-Pro series of receivers produced by Hammarlund Manufacturing Company, Inc., 460 W. 34th Street, New York City, Five-band tuning is continuous from .54 to 30 mc., on the model X, with continuous band-spread on the 3 top bands. Model SX covers 1.25 to 40 mc., with band-spread on all 5 bands



FIG. 2. LATEST MODEL OF THE HAMMERLUND SUPER-PRO SERIES

Eighteen tubes include a 5U4G high-voltage rectifier and a 5Y3GT/G C-bias rectifier. Two 6F6 pentodes in push-pull class AB are used in the amplifier. Output impedance is 500 ohms. Connections are supplied for earphones. Other features include 3-stage IF amplifier with adjustable coupling, crystal filter, AVC on 2 RF and 2 IF stages, noise limiter, S-meter with external compensation.

**Volt-Ohm-Millianmeter:** A new multi-purpose instrument has been added to the line of test equipment produced by Hickok Electrical Instrument Company, 10530-A Dupont Avenue, Cleveland 8, Ohio. Operating on 105 to 125 volts, 50 to 70 cycles, this multi-range instrument measures AC and DC volts, DC milliamperes, resistance, capacity, and frequency up to 5 mc. The tube complement of the meter comprises two 6  $\times$  5 GT rectifiers, a 6SJ7 cathode follower, a 6SN7GT for the vacuum-tube voltmeter, and an OD3/ VR150 voltage regulator.

**Crystal Microphone**; A new cardiode unidirectional crystal microphone, Fig. 3, has been introduced by Electro-Voice, Inc.,



FIG. 3. ELECTRO-VOICE CRYSTAL MIKE

South Bend, Indiana. Designed to give wide-angle front pickup, and to be dead at the rear, this unit is equipped with a 2-position switch for either wide, flat response or wide range with a rising characteristic to emphasize the higher frequencies. It is intended for public address and recording, as well as for handling communications traffic.

**Relays:** A 640-page, pocket-size Relay Engineering Handbook has been published by Struthers-Dunn, Inc., 1321-A Arch Street, Philadelphia 7. Containing 863 diagrams, 81 tables, and 270 illustrations, the book covers all details of relay types and their applications, as well as relay servicing and inspection. Price of the Handbook is \$3.00.

Glass Materials & Components: Three bulletins of special interest to apparatus designers

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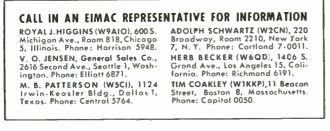


1. Designed to permit operations beyond the highest frequencies allocated for F M broadcast.

**2.** Extremely low plate to grid capacitance of these tubes permits operation without neutralization in many cases – simplifies neutralization in others.

**3.** The unique arrangement of low inductance leads, plus especially treated grids minimizes the possibility of parasitic oscillations.

4. The high power gain of the Eimac tetrodes makes possible the utilization of extremely low power exciter equipment. For example at 100 mc, the 4-125A will deliver its full rated output of 375 watts with less than 3 watts driving power.



**5.** Extremely low output capacitance reduces charging current to a minimum.

**6.** No internal insulators – Eimac 4-125A and 4-250A tubes do not load tank circuits with leaky internal hardware.

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 are now available from Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y. One is devoted to Vycor glass sheets, rods and tubes which can be fabricated for various components, particularly in high-frequency applications. Another bulletin concerns metallized glass for hermetic seals and other purposes, while the third has to do with glass components, ranging from insulators to relay covers, and from bushings to instrument windows.

**C-R Tubes and Oscillographs:** Two new catalogs are now available on request from Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., Passaic, N. J. One presents data on eight of the most widely used types of cathoderay tubes for oscillographs and experimental uses. The other describes six types of oscillographs designed for precision tests and measurements.

**Record-Changer:** Garrard record-changers are available again, through Garrard Sales Corporation, 401 Broadway, New York,

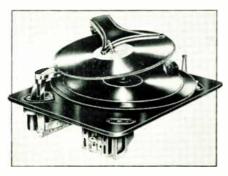


FIG. 4. GARRARD RECORD-CHANGER

One of the first new models, shown in Fig. 4, handles both 10- and 12-in, records, and is equipped with an auto-

matic stop. Either a magnetic pickup for interchangeable needles or a new 1-oz. crystal cartridge can be supplied.

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Hermetic Seals: An interesting improvement in cases for oil condensers is shown in Fig. 5. Cans of this design are being supplied with glass-seal terminals by Cincinnati Electric Products Company, Cincinnati 12, Ohio. For sealing without

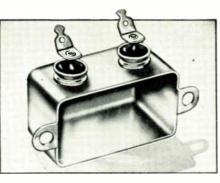


FIG. 5. SEALS FOR CONDENSER CASES

solder, round cans are supplied with separate tops carrying the glass-sealed terminals. The top is then rolled onto the can with a sealing machine.

**Pilot Lights and Mountings:** A great range of pilot lights and mountings, in many types, sizes, and designs are shown in a catalog just published by Gothard Mannfacturing Company, Springfield, Ill. These include variable-intensity lights with shutters or polarized discs. Also listed are various types of bulbs and an ingenious soft rubber lamp remover. Four pages are devoted to technical data on lenses and colors.

Resistors: Data on standard and special

resistors and controls is presented in catalog 46, issued by Clarostat Manufacturing Company, 285 N. 6th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Included are glass-insulated flexible resistors, composition and wire wound rheostats and potentiometers, constant-impedance input and output attenuators, voltage regulators and ballasts, and power resistance decade boxes.

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FIG.6. NOISE AND FIELD STRENGTH METER

Stoddart Aircraft Radio Company, 6644 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood 38.

#### **NOTES ON FM FREQUENCIES**

The FCC's decision to keep FM broadcasting in the band from 88 to 108 mc., announced on January 23rd and explained in a report issued March 5th, has been accepted by the radio industry as the final word insofar as the design of new FM receivers is concerned. Even though, as many believe, the Commission declined an opportunity to correct a previous error and reëstablish itself in the confidence of the industry, it is certain that FM will overcome the handicap of upper-band operation if, indeed, the handicap exists. Yet, because of the manner in which this matter was handled by the FCC, we shall hear still more about it.

However, to complete the record, we publish Major Armstrong's comments on the FCC's report which explained the denial of the Zenith-G.E. petition to retain the lower band:

The Commission's report virtually admits that its Engineering Department has made one of the colossal mistakes of radio history. The statement "There is nothing whatever in the present proceeding which casts any doubt upon the ability of the FM stations in the 88- to 108-megacycle band to render a superior interference-free and static-free service over ranges of sixty miles, and perhaps in excess thereof" makes this quite clear.

Of course the 100-megacycle FM band will go sixty miles. That was known eight years ago when I was developing FM on the only band available to me then, namely, the 117-megacycle band. But the question here involved is which is the best band. FM has demonstrated and is demonstrating every day that it will go over a hundred miles on the old band and cover two to three times the area of the new one. Why move it to where it will go sixty miles?

The reason the Commission gave when it first moved FM was the superior rural service of the higher band, based on the theoretical calculations of a Commission engineer, K. A. Norton. Those calculations were disproved by Zenith's and the Commission's own measurements, but the Engineering Department of the Commission has evidently chosen to ignore them to maintain a position previously taken but now untenable.

In addition to the refusal to face the plain implications of the tests, the report is full of mistakes of technical facts which would be amusing were their effects not so serious to the public. It is now in order to challenge the responsible members of the Commission's engineering staff to substantiate the technical findings of this report, which will have a profound effect on radio history for years to come.

Controversies concerning the laws of nature are never closed until the facts come out. The only way the facts in this situation can be suppressed is by shutting down the present 40-megacycle stations before the comparative performance of the two bands can be observed in actual practice by engineers and the public alike.

### What DOES Make a **BETTER Loud Speaker?**

 $W_{
m ILL}$  the possession of physical facilities and desire create a better product? No, because for all of their importance, these possessions are certainly not unique. All institutions have them to some degree. Is it fanciful claims and fluent use of superlatives in product description that make a product better? Obviously not. Is it the achievement of theoretically perfect performance in the laboratory? No, not that either, for perfection in such respects does not necessarily create the practical ideal.

The simple truth is that no product can be better than know how and the honest application of that know how as the product is created and its virtues described.

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<sup>6</sup>But the new Cobra Tone Arm, amazing as it is, is only part of this New Way to Play Records. Zenith, and only Zenith, has the Silent-Speed Record Changer. It is the world's fastest, with a change cycle of less than 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> seconds. It is gentle in action—can't chip or bind records. And, this new kind of changer plays both 10- and 12-inch records, *intermixed*. There are no gadgets or complicated adjustments. Just load records on the spindle and press a button. The new Zenith radio-phonographs, featuring this New Way to Play Records, offer scores of other important developments. Here is genuine Armstrong F-M, on both the old and new bands, with a patented and exclusive Zenith device that makes outside antennas or dipoles unnecessary, even for table model F-M sets. Zenith offers new circuits... new dials... new cabinets ... thrilling new performance.

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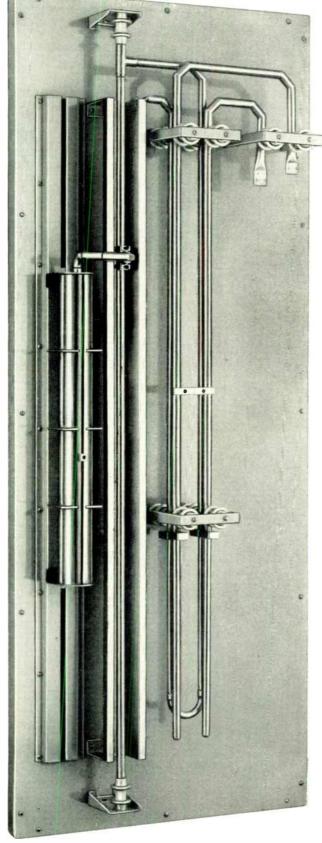
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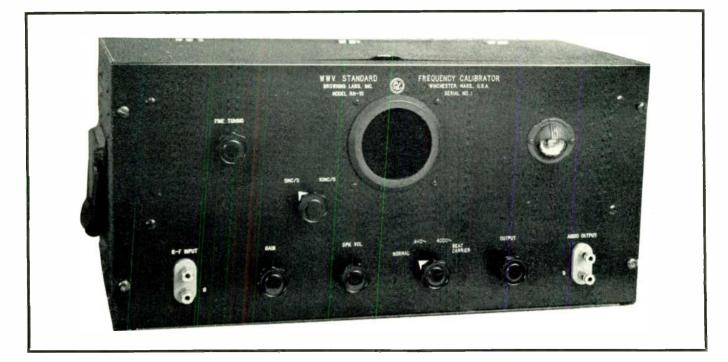
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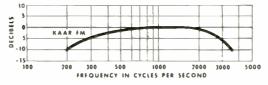
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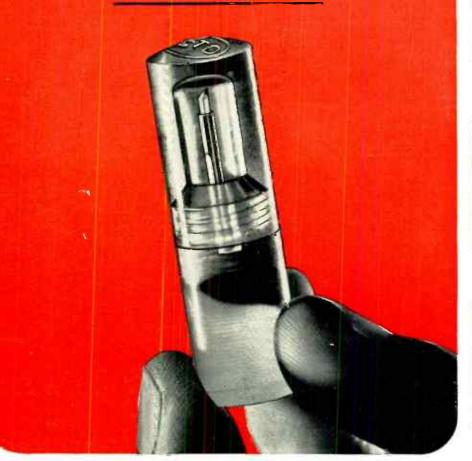
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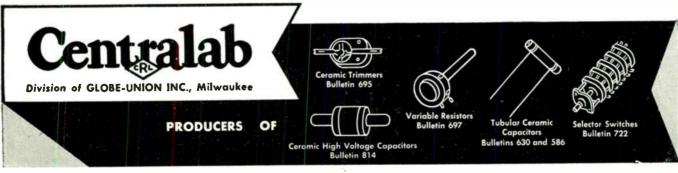
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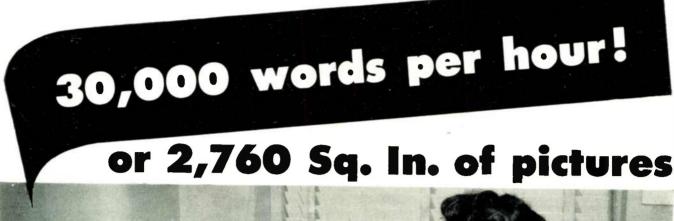
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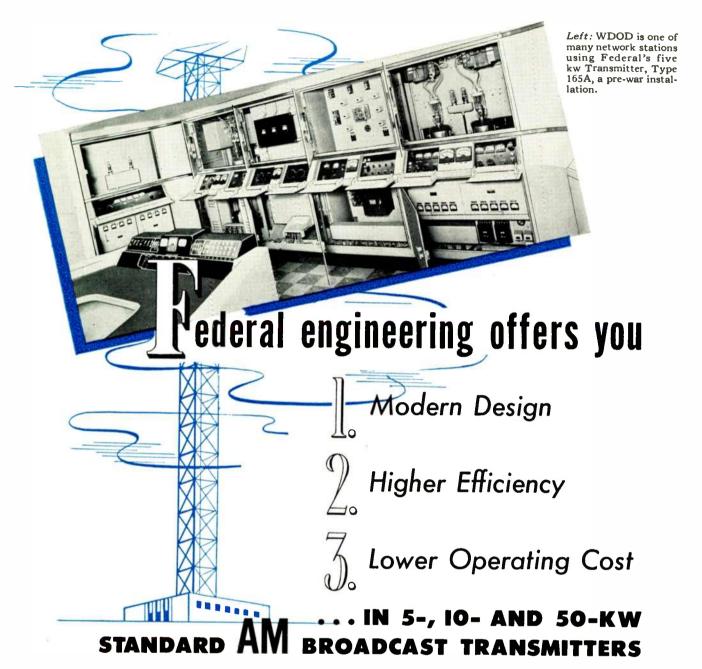
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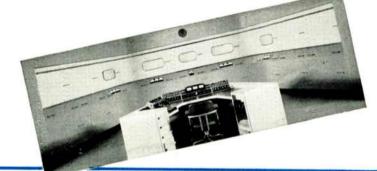
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#### ENGINEERING SALES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8)

Memphis; Edwin Lewis Simon, 827 Mart Bldg., San Francisco; and Hal F. Bersche, 621 S. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

Jensen: Karl Kramer has been transferred from engineering to the sales department. In his new position, he will act as liaison engineer with equipment manufacturers who use Jensen speakers. A specialist in acoustics, he has an M.Sc. degree from Ohio State University, Kramer joined the Jensen Company in 1935.

**Hytron:** Donald G. Haines, former RCA tube design engineer, has joined Hytron as sales and commercial engineer. He will make his headquarters at 4000 W. North Avenue, Chicago.

Lear: Sales office has been moved from the Furniture Mart Building, Chicago, to the Company's executive and manufacturing headquarters in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Parts Show:** Despite the fact that sales of radio parts and sets got off to such a poor start this year, there is a prevailing conviction that the Parts Show at Chicago will do much to set the ball rolling. For one thing, this will be the first postwar get-together of parts and set manufacturers and parts jobbers, and it is felt that many problems will be resolved in the light of the overall industry picture that will be presented there.

More exhibitors have applied for space than was ever expected when the show was announced. Every inch of available space will be filled with booths displaying new products.

Another favorable effect of the show is that it has set a dead-line for manufacturers to get their new products ready to display. This has resulted in speeding up plans which, otherwise, might have dragged along until fall. If one is to judge from advance registrations, this will be the most successful Parts Show ever held, both as to attendance and actual volume of business transacted.

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Each issue of FM AND TELEVISION mailed to you shows the expiration date of your subscription just below your address. This is the month and year of the last issue you will receive on your present subscription. When we receive your renewal, the date is changed accordingly. In this way, you can always tell the status of your subscription. Also, in case you wonder what the other numbers mean, they show your classification in our records as being connected with broadcasting, sales, manufacturing, etc. In case the number is 13, it means that, although we have asked you for this information, you didn't give it to us!

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#### **Meets Rigid FM-TV Standards**

A new coaxial cable, especially designed for FM and TV use, is now a reality at the Andrew Co. Scheduled for mid-June delivery to the first orders received, these new cables, in 4 sizes, introduce the following important engineering features: 1. Characteristic impedance of 51.5 ohms. (The regular Andrew cables for AM applications have a nominal impedance of 70 ohms.)

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2. Connectors and associated fittings have been engineered with special care to avoid reflections

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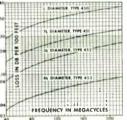
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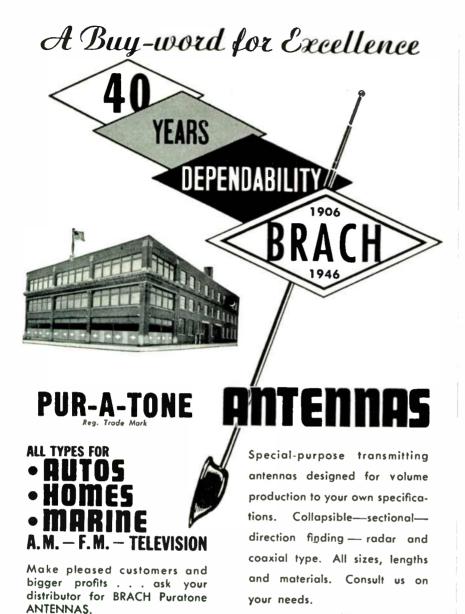


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#### SPOT NEWS NOTES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 34)

mits have been granted to the El Paso School District for a 2,15-kw, transmitter, and to the Sacramento School District for a .37-kw. transmitter.

William Reagh Hutchins: Has been appointed manager of FM broadcasting activities for E. Anthony & Sons, of New Bedford, Mass. For the past several years, he has been associated with Major Armstrong on FM and radar research and development at Columbia University and at Alpine, N. J.

Revising Television Sets: Allen B. DuMont Laboratories has started to change over television receiving sets of their manufacture so that they will cover the new frequencies assigned to WABD, WNBT, and WCBW, A flat charge will be made to cover the cost of this service, together with pickup and delivery, since the work will be done at the DuMont factory. Set owners who make application promptly should have their receivers back by the time the stations are back on the air at their new frequencies.

Adelbert R. Morton: Former chief engineer of Ansley Radio and production manager of Ford Instrument Company has joined Insuline Corporation of America as chief engineer of the electronics division.

London, England: Electronic Valves, Limited,

a new company formed by A. C. Cossor. Ltd., English radio manufacturers, will produce Sylvania receiver and cathoderay tubes in London, for the British markets, using Sylvania techniques.

RMA Appeal to OPA: Eleven months ago, the radio manufacturers were urging Paul A. Porter, then FCC chairman, to help avoid unemployment and reconversion delays but rendering a prompt decision on FM broadcast frequencies, Now, RMA has delivered a carefully organized, factual appeal to OPA administrator Porter for relief from pricing troubles which have stymied the efforts of set manufacturers to get under way with radio set production.

We recall that Mr. Porter wouldn't let radio executives testify on propagation matters because he didn't consider them qualified propagation experts. Yet Mr. Porter, having been educated as a lawyer, presumes to settle propagation or production problems of the most involved nature with equal facility.

This is one of the wonders and fallacies of government-controlled economy. However, no amount of propaganda will ever explain how a tap on the shoulder from our President can make any man so wise in a field of which he knows nothing that he can take over the economic control of even one type of business, and be wiser than men who have specialized in it all their lives.

WGHF: Equipment tests are under way at the Finch FM and facsimile station at 10 East 40th Street, New York City, Operating on 99.7 me., this transmitter has been heard at our Monterey, Mass, receiving station, a distance of approximately 105 miles, Herbert C. Florance is chief engineer of the station.

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license renewal. A typical example of this attitude is contained in the statement: "It has been the consistent intention of the Commission to assure that an adequate amount of time during the good listening hours shall be made available to meet the needs of the community in terms of public expression and of local interest.'

In the introductory paragraphs on "Commission Jurisdiction with Respect to Program Service", it is stated that "The Communications Act, like the Radio Act of 1927, directs the Commission to grant licenses and renewals of licenses only if public interest, convenience and necessity will be served thereby. The first duty of the Federal Radio Commission, created by the Act of 1927, was to give concrete meaning to the phrase

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The three channel model is furnished with two matching airplane type luggage carrying cases. Extra compartment in power supply case for microphone, extension cable and other accessories. Total weight, including cases, only 54 lbs.



Handsomely styled and ruggedly built for long hard service. Sloping front panels combine maximum visibility of controls with ease of operation. Strong steel-core handles snap flat when not in use.

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MAST TO GET GOING

### **REMOTE AMPLIFIERS** 1-Channel and 3-Channel

These Remote Amplifiers by Raytheon get a program "on the air" in a hurry. Operators prefer them because they are light weight and easy to carry, easy to set up, simple to operate and ruggedly dependable.

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public interest by formulating standards to be applied in granting licenses for the use of practically all the then available radio frequencies,"

The formulation of standards, if it had been done in 1927, might have headed off most of the present abuses of which certain broadcasters are now unquestionably guilty. By formulating such standards now for application to all stations, the FCC could stop abuses in the future. The NAB could contribute much practical guidance in setting up standard percentage of time allotments to various program categories. The matter could be resolved at an FCC hearing in which controlling factors could be made known by the broadcasters.

But, so far as the Blue Book reveals the FCC's intentions, that is not the plan. Instead, the Commissioners propose that the same devious methods introduced by Paul Porter are to be applied to reaching decisions on license renewals. In other words, an analysis of program composition will be used as justification for issuing or refusing a renewal, although the actual decision may be dietated by the applicant's political attitude or affiliations, his relations with some pressure group, or the administration's need of rewarding some competing applicant.

As the FCC proposal stands, it is another example of extending political control over private enterprise. Whether the broadcasters will act aggressively in self defense will be determined by their willingness to step out of the state of intellectual subservience into which they were cowed by James Lawrence Fly during his administration as FCC Chairman.

Published estimates set the annual Z1 cost to broadcast of AFM depredations at \$20,000,000, That is not the wages paid to AFM members for services on radio programs. It is the *extra* expense paid to AFM at the point of come-acrossor-else demands,

Since the extent and the scope of sustaining programs aired by any station must be related to operating profit beyond a reasonable return on capital investment, it is clear that the AFM is a directly contributing factor in limiting the amount which stations can spend on public service features. Yet the Commissioners continue to wear the blinders which shut out cognizance of this condition when they turn appraising eyes on the broadcast business,

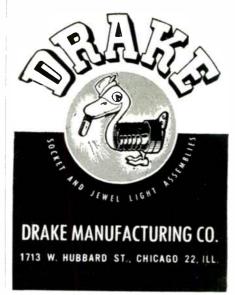
Each time AFM makes a new raid on radio stations, it seems encouraged to devise another effort. Its progress up to this point indicates that, unless it is curbed by Congressional action, some stations will be faced with the choice of (CONCLUDED ON PAGE 86)



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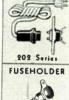
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cramming programs with still more spot announcements, thereby risking license renewals, or being forced out of business because of the rising cost of keeping peace with AFM.

The refusal of the Commissioners to recognize this condition, or to take part in correcting it, points up the difference in thinking between men who are appointed to their positions and draw their wages from the taxpayers, and men whose income is determined by the difference between the price at which they can sell their products and the cost of producing them.

**3.** The International Allied Printing Trades Association continues to The International Allied Printing maintain an active lobby at Congress to urge that the use of radio for advertising has cut into printed sales promotion and, therefore, broadcast station profits beyoud 15% should be paid to the Treasury to reduce the public debt, and radio salaries should be limited to \$25,000.

From this it would be inferred that the printing trades are taking a serious licking. What are the facts?

The truth is that the demand for printing is greater today than at any previous time. The demand for printing is now greater than the capacity of existing presses to turn it out. One of the serious reconversion problems confronting manufacturers is the difficulty of getting catalogs and sales literature printed. To a magazine publisher, an established connection with a printer is equivalent to a broadcaster's station license. If it is lost, he is out of business. Therefore, the publisher takes abuse from his printer in the same spirit of resignation that the broadcaster faces new demands and restrictions from the FCC.

After the brief skirmish between employing printers and the unions in the middle-west, other printers have been quick to accept union demands and to pass them on to their customers. Nor have the increases been limited to those resulting from higher wages,

If the printing trades have any justifiable complaint, it is against OPA for this agency has set a ceiling on printing machinery so low that the manufacturers continue to keep their plants closed down, rather than operate at a loss,

Publishers would be pleased to join the Printing Trades Association in a complaint not against radio but against OPA, for they are caught between Scilla and Charybdis of costs which are not limited by OPA, and by the continued postponement of full-seale advertising schedules on products that will not be manufactured until OPA sets prices at profitable levels, or is eliminated from the list of Government agencies. Milton B. Sleeper.



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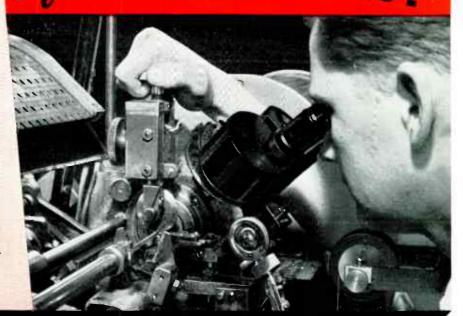




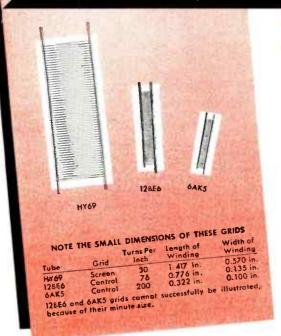
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