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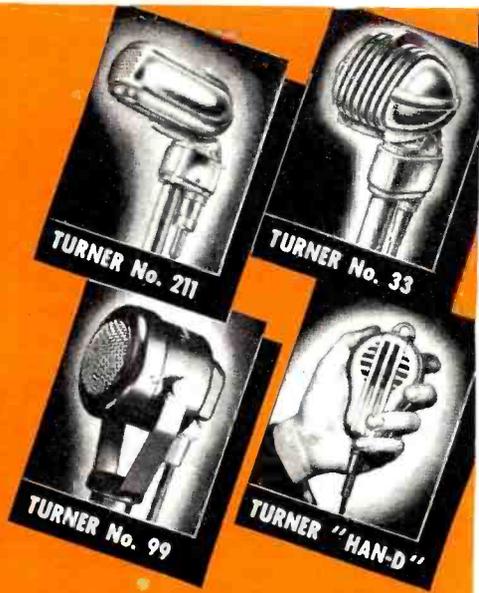
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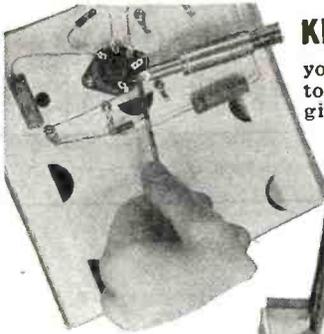
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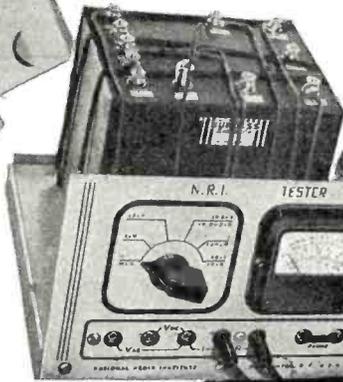
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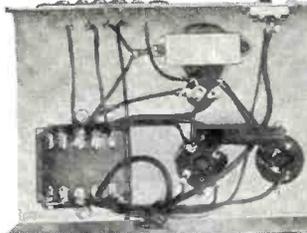
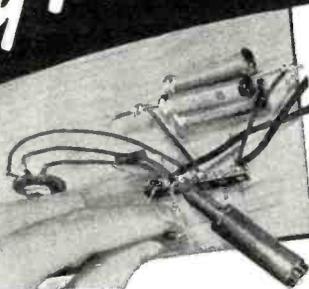


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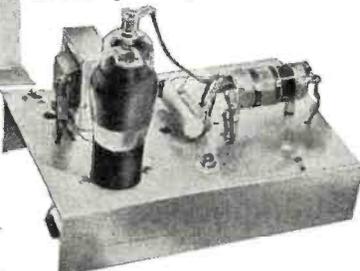
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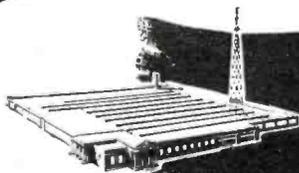


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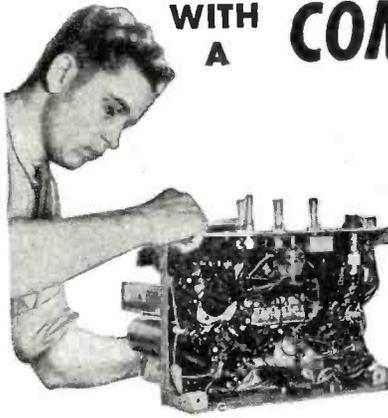
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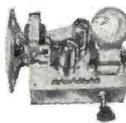
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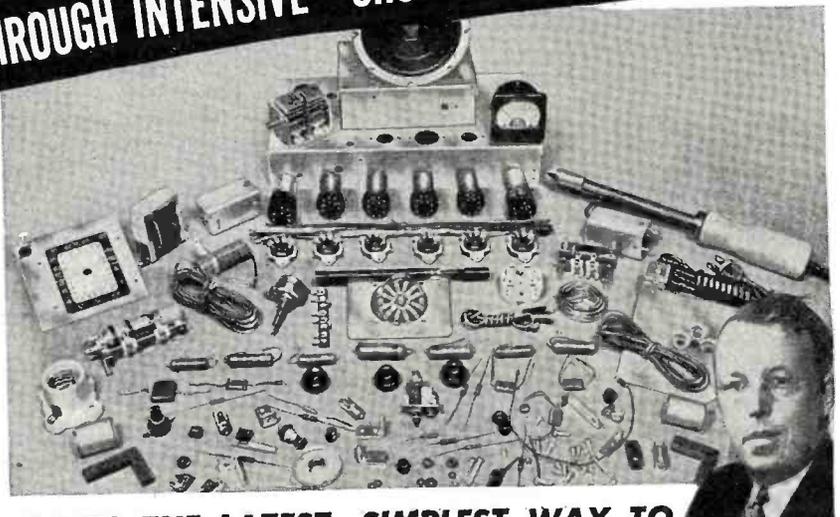


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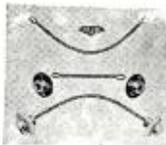


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BY THE EDITOR

THE amazing advances that have taken place in the field of electronics in recent years, coupled with a tendency for dealers to operate their own repair shops, have given many an independent radio serviceman qualms regarding his ability to retain his present position. We feel such fears are not justified, as can be seen from the following impartial analysis of the situation.

A large number of conventional broadcast receivers will be manufactured and put into use during the next few years. These receivers may be serviced in conventional ways. These, in addition to receivers now in use, will provide a very large chunk of servicing business. It is very likely that independent repair shops will handle the majority of this business.

For the progressive serviceman who is willing to spend some time and money studying and acquiring new equipment, there will be FM and television receivers to install and service. However, no attempt should be made to service such equipment without adequate knowledge of the circuits and theory involved, and without suitable equipment. Particularly in television receivers, the techniques of servicing and locating faults are quite different from those used in conventional broadcast receivers.

There is a very broad and profitable field opening up to the enterprising serviceman as a result of the growing public consciousness of the importance and reliability of electronic devices. This is the field of "gadgets" for the convenience, safety, protection, or amusement of the customer. Such items as photocell-operated or capacity-operated burglar protection devices, garage door openers, automatic devices for turning the radio on and off at a predetermined time, and electronic devices for playing various tricks on guests, all fit into this category. In general, no ready-made equipment is available for these various applications, which gives the serviceman a splendid opportunity to build units to suit the customer's particular need. Each installation will be different, and will require individual attention. These devices are not difficult to build and do not require more than average radio knowledge and skill.

To properly exploit this idea, the serviceman must acquaint his prospective customers with the possibilities of these various gadgets. This, of course, means advertising. If various service shops throughout the country had been equipped to provide burglar protection for homes, and had advertised this fact, they would have been flooded

with orders following the Degnan kidnapping case in Chicago. It is a relatively simple matter to set up an infrared light source, suitable mirrors, and a photoelectric cell relay arranged in such a manner as to set off an alarm, turn on a light, or perform any desired function if an intruder steps into a room and breaks the beam of light. Installations of this kind could prove very profitable to the installer, and it should not prove too difficult to secure this business.

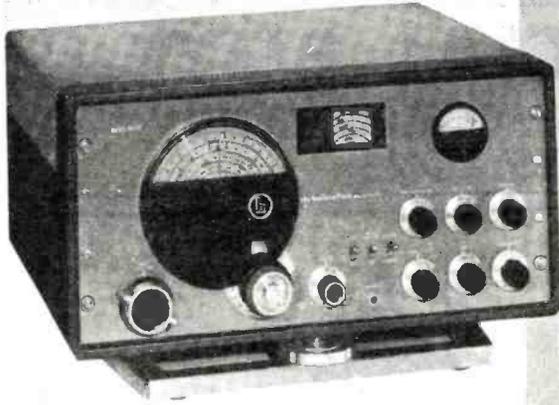
Automatic garage-door openers could also prove to be a profitable side-line. A system for this purpose must, of course, be made burglar-proof. This could be done by the use of one or two step relays, together with a coding system, so that a certain combination of flashes of long and/or short duration and no other would serve to open the doors. The photocell could be recessed in a long tube so the car lights would operate it in the daytime as well as at night. A miniature transmitter located in the car and a suitable receiver in the garage, again with a coding system, could also be devised to perform the same function.

Many people would like to fool their guests by apparently having a special "request" program suddenly appear on the radio. This may be accomplished by using a miniature transmitter of the type used in wireless record players, together with a suitable recording containing the "request" and the "program." This could be remotely controlled, and the receiver tuned to the correct spot.

There are innumerable ideas of this kind which will immediately become apparent to the mind of the reader. More specific information on many of these ideas, including circuit diagrams and construction details, will appear from time to time in RADIO NEWS.

A good deal of the industrial electronic control equipment now in use and to be installed in the near future is not much more—and sometimes much less—complicated than the average radio receiver. Large factories using this equipment will, of course, hire their own repairmen to keep such equipment in order. However, in many communities, there are smaller factories using only one or two pieces of electronic equipment. They cannot hire a repairman for the sole purpose of keeping this equipment in repair, and so there is an excellent opportunity for the radio repair shop in the vicinity to contract for this service. An excessive amount of study or additional expensive equipment should not be required in order to do an excellent job.

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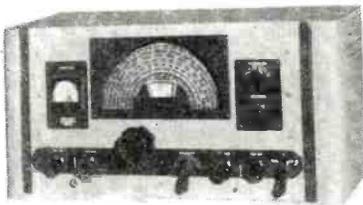
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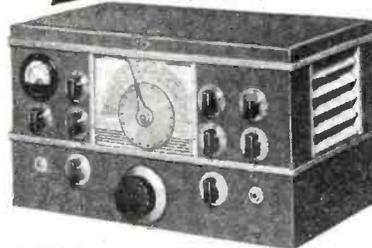
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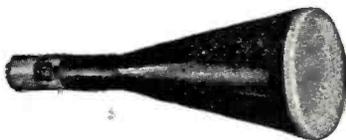
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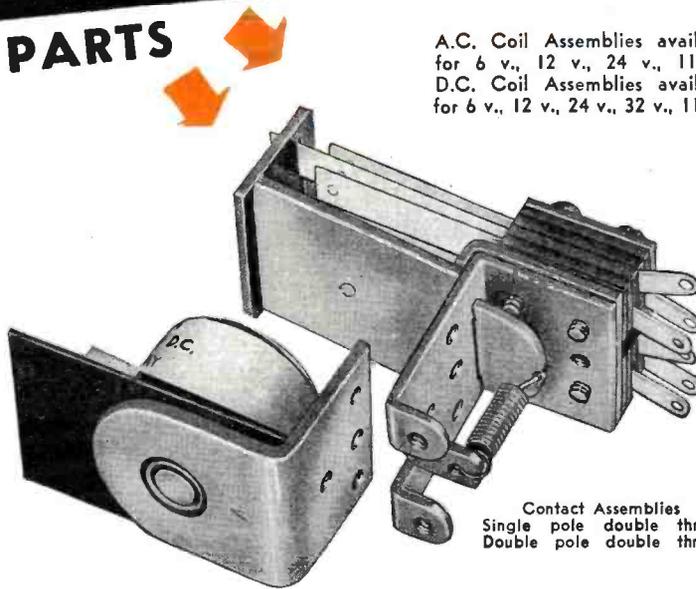
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Spot Radio News

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By FRED HAMLIN

Washington Editor, RADIO NEWS

IF RADIO doesn't have the biggest year in its history in 1947—even better than 1946—it will not be the industry's fault. According to plans which have been flowering since fall and will come into full bloom early next year, retail sales will be backed by one of the biggest national advertising campaigns of all time. Not only will the industry advertise widely, but radio ads will also be spread broadcast by the National Retail Drygoods Association, representing all the larger department stores; the National Retail Furniture Association, representing 8000 outlets, and the National Association of Music Merchants, with 7000 additional outlets . . . the theme of the sales drive, in case you haven't already heard, is "A Radio in Every Room for Every Purpose." Radios are being designed to back up the theme.

PRODUCTION, if figures available as this goes to press are any indication, will also back up the campaign—and how! Before the end of the summer, production totals had broken the records both for the industry and as against prewar averages, surging approximately to the million-and-a-half unit mark per month by the end of August. Better still, and continuing steadily into the fall, production of consoles and radio-phonographs rose substantially. Table models of the electric type continued to dominate the totals, coming off the line at the rate of a million a month. Even FM sets and television receivers showed steady gains, despite continued difficulties in getting all necessary parts. Wood cabinets continued to lead the list of short items.

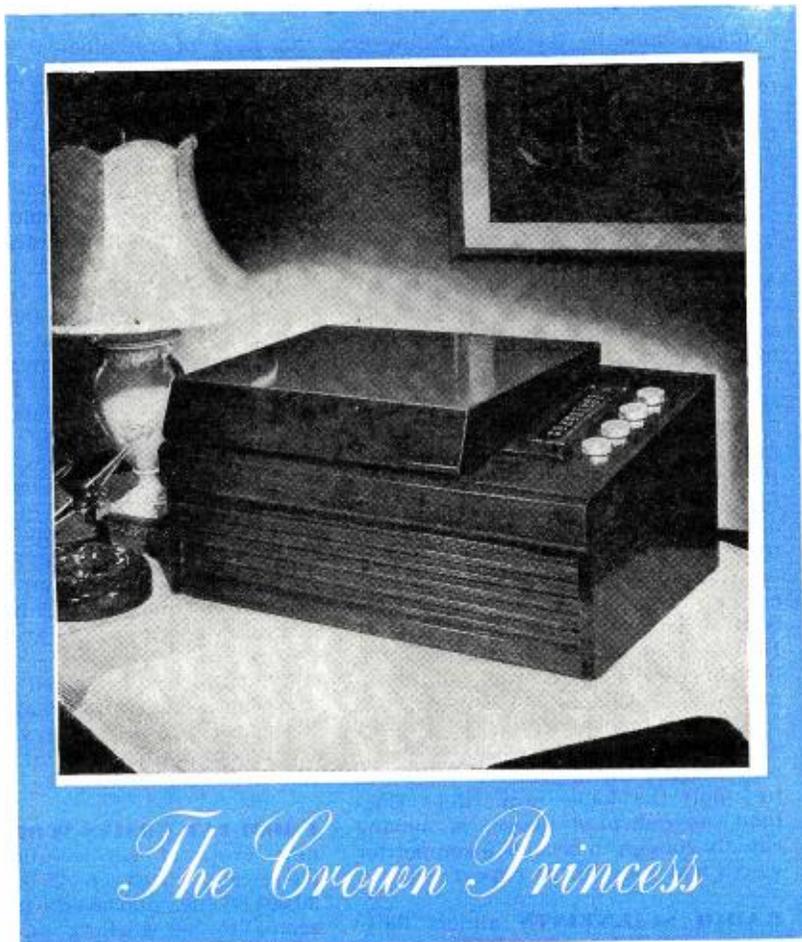
WITH THE RECEIVING end of the industry thus on the boom, FCC year-end summaries indicate an equally expansive year in the broadcasting field. Things are moving so fast that it is difficult to keep up with them, but if the number of stations now on the air or licensed to go on the air stay in business, and the applications in FCC files are granted, there will be more than three thousand outlets in operation by the end of 1947—more than five times the six hundred-odd broadcasting stations ten years ago. Three thousand is, of course, a somewhat inflated figure, since some of the new stations will not survive and a sub-

stantial percentage of the applications will fall by the wayside. But at worst, on FCC conservative estimates, there will be more than two thousand in business before mid-'47—not bad any way you look at it.

WITH DOMESTIC PRODUCTION showing signs of catching up with demand, if not outstripping it, during 1947, interest is heightening in outlets abroad. Wheels are already turning on this problem, both toward the manufacture of models designed for foreign markets and toward market research to discover where purchasers will be the most numerous and enthusiastic. Spearheading the research are the Radio Manufacturers Association and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce. Indications are good that first target will be the South American market, and for two excellent reasons: not hard-hit by the war, populations south of the Rio Grande are in better shape economically to buy radio equipment; and—because of the war—they have not been able to get a supply to meet the demand.

BEST CUSTOMER among South American and Central American countries is Brazil, followed by Mexico, Chile, Columbia, Cuba. Worst is Argentina, which has a radio industry that is supplying domestic needs and looking at the foreign market, too. These and other facts about the South American radio market are to be found in a book called "Latin-American Radio Receiver Markets—Merchandising, Design, and Digest of Tariff System," by Mort N. Lansing of the general products division, commodities branch, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington. The book is under the imprimatur of the Federal Government Printing Office and is considered so important to U. S. manufacturers that RMA is sending a copy to every one of its members . . . Regardless that Brazil is the best customer south of the line, our best prewar buyer was Mexico, who bought almost a hundred per-cent of its sets from U. S. makers. Farther south, before the war, stiffest competitor—you'll never guess—was Holland, but the Dutch are not reckoned as tough rivals at least for the next few years, owing to their problems in repairing

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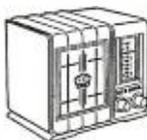
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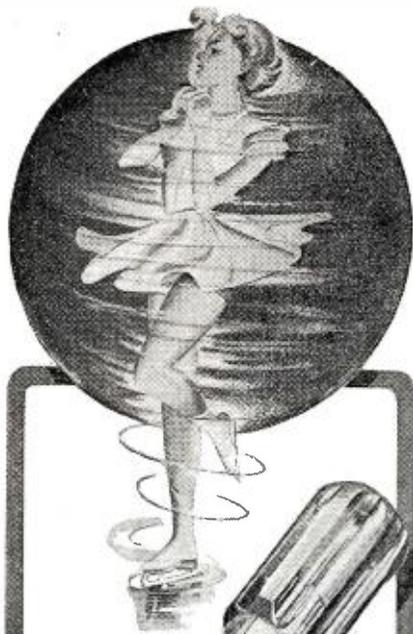
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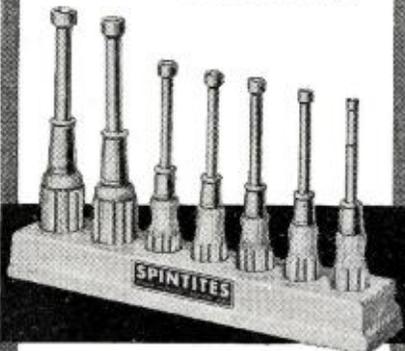


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ARGENTINA ISN'T THE ONLY NATION active in radio, according to scattered reports trickling into Washington from abroad. Russia, hailing itself as "the birthplace of radio" on the basis of the set demonstrated May 7, 1895, by Alexander Stephanovich Popov (that's what they say, boss!)—Russia now claims "the most powerful station in the world" at Moscow and (potentially) more receiving sets than you can shake a stick at. Newest Muscovite radio gadget—a receiver designed to fit on the handlebars of a bicycle, designed by a ham. Hams are steadily increasing in numbers in the USSR, according to the reports . . . Although not considered a formidable factor in the foreign market, France's radio industry is reportedly staging an impressive comeback to supply the domestic market. England, as indicated above, is moving rapidly enough to become a competitor worth watching in the export field.

RADIO SCIENTISTS almost daily reach farther into the stellar spaces, reporting events of such Buck Rogers proportions that the average observer can only come to one conclusion—anything can happen, and probably will before this gets to press. Among the most recent believe-it-or-nots is the statement by Grote Reber of Wheaton, Illinois, practically a next-door neighbor to our home office, that he has picked up signals from the Milky Way which he estimates have been enroute to earth as much as a thousand years. Mr. Reber didn't pick up the signals with a crystal set—used a sheet-metal mirror 31.4 feet in diameter and 20 feet in focal length which focuses the long-wave radio radiation which it collects from a systematic scanning of the sky. These radio waves originating outside the earth are called cosmic static and make a hissing sound similar to the boiling of a teakettle. Mr. Reber has found that at 160 mc. the sound is very strong in the direction of the Milky Way. Cosmic static, he reports, has a high intensity for the frequencies used by long-distance, short-wave commercial stations. It is weaker in the FM and television frequencies, faint at the lower radar frequencies, and fades out in the higher radar frequencies.

BIKINI BY-PRODUCTS are as numerous as the lessons learned at Operation Crossroads, but at least one that has an optimistic ring for those interested in radio turned up recently in the wake of the atom bomb tests. Jobs are waiting for men interested in

the field of radiological safety—the problem of protecting ships and personnel contaminated by an A-bomb blast. A school is already in operation to train experts in the field, with headquarters in Washington. It is in charge of Commander Draper L. Kauffman. Special problems of ship decontamination presented by the Crossroads vessels and the lessons learned at Bikini, plus fundamental concepts of nuclear physics, form the basis for instruction at the school. First students were Army, Navy, and Public Health officers. Faculty includes some of the outstanding A-bomb specialists—Lt. Col. A. Roth of the Army Ground Forces, Lt. Col. J. M. Talbot of the AAF, Commander E. G. Williams of the U. S. Public Health Service, Dr. G. Dessauer of the University of Rochester, Dr. R. J. Stephenson of Wooster College and Dr. M. L. Pool of Ohio State University. All actively participated at Operation Crossroads. Promising graduates of the course will be added to the faculty and other schools may be opened elsewhere in the country. Training techniques and a manual of instruction are being developed.

FROM FCC COMES WORD that the new table of service-allocation of frequencies between 25,000 kc. and 30,000,000 kc., approved early this fall, seems to be working out to everybody's satisfaction. Among the changes was the allocation of a new band for navigation radar aids between 5250 and 5650 mc., with merchant marine radar limited to 5460 to 5650 mc. The former 400 mc. amateur service band between 5250 and 5650 mc. was replaced by 200 mc. bands at 3300-3500 mc. and 5650-5850 mc. Non-government fixed and mobile services, who thus lost the 5650-5850 mc. band, were compensated with the band 3500-3700 mc. Provision was made for development and experimental work in radar by the merchant marine by allocation of the bands 3000-3246 mc. and 9320-9500 mc., in addition to 5460-5650 mc. The exclusion of the aeronautical mobile service from the international allocation for the non-government fixed and mobile bands above 1000 mc. was eliminated, as was the exclusion of non-government services from the radar navigation aids bands 8500-9300 mc. and 9600-10,000 mc.

THE FACSIMILE COMMITTEE in their report to the NAB convention held in Chicago revealed that the industry has agreed on several standards which will be submitted to the FCC. Briefly these are: page size, degree of definition, the speed and timing signal by which the station broadcasting facsimile controls the alignment of the page received by radio facsimile. Agreement on these points represents 10 months' work by this RMA committee and as a result it should push facsimile along at a more rapid pace.

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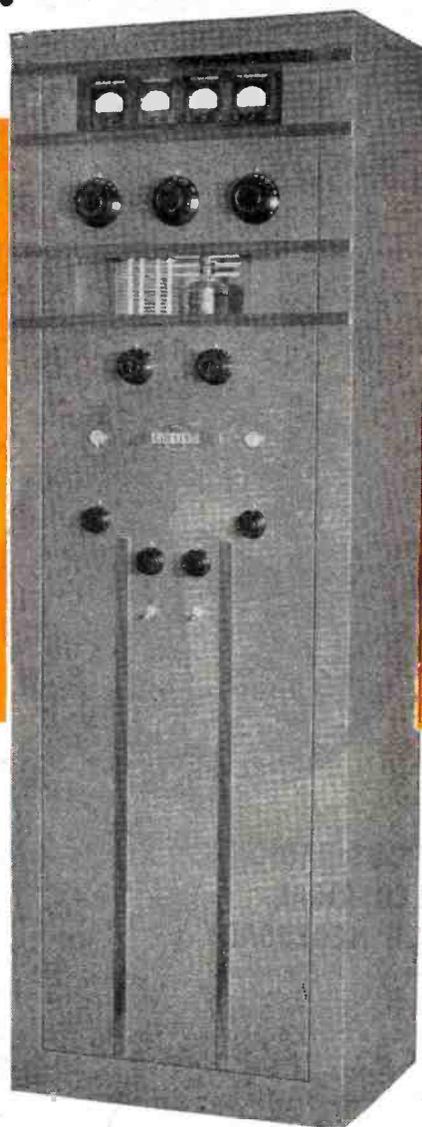
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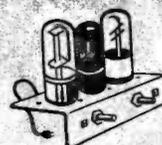
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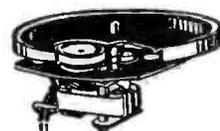
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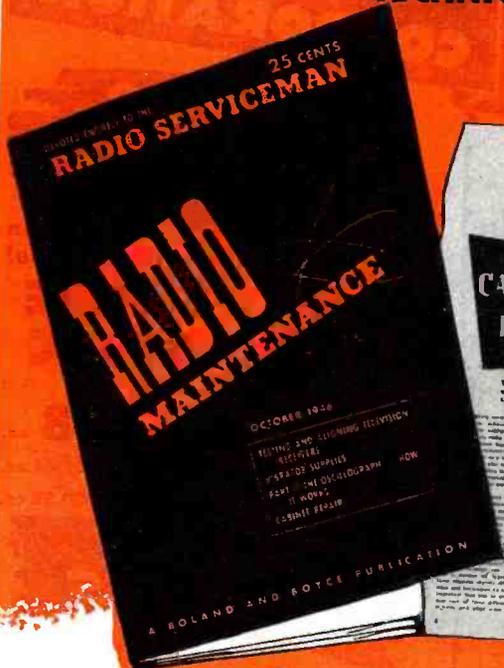
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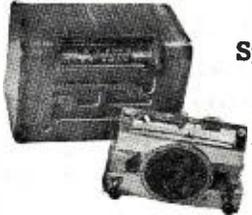
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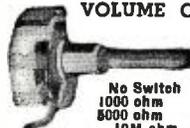
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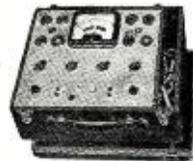
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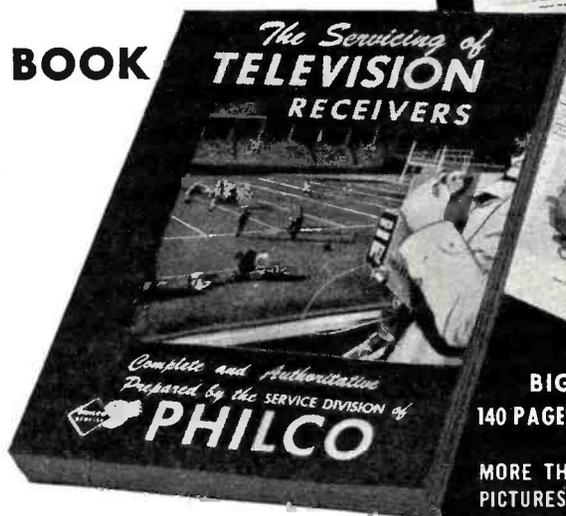
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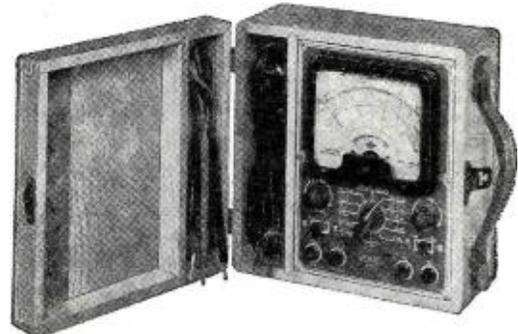
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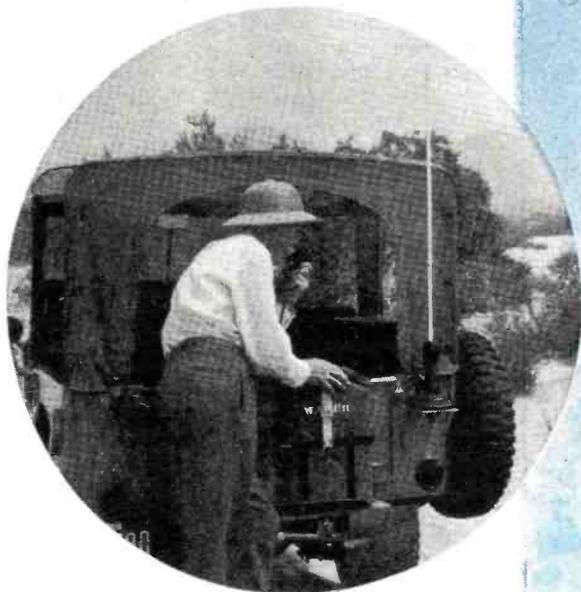
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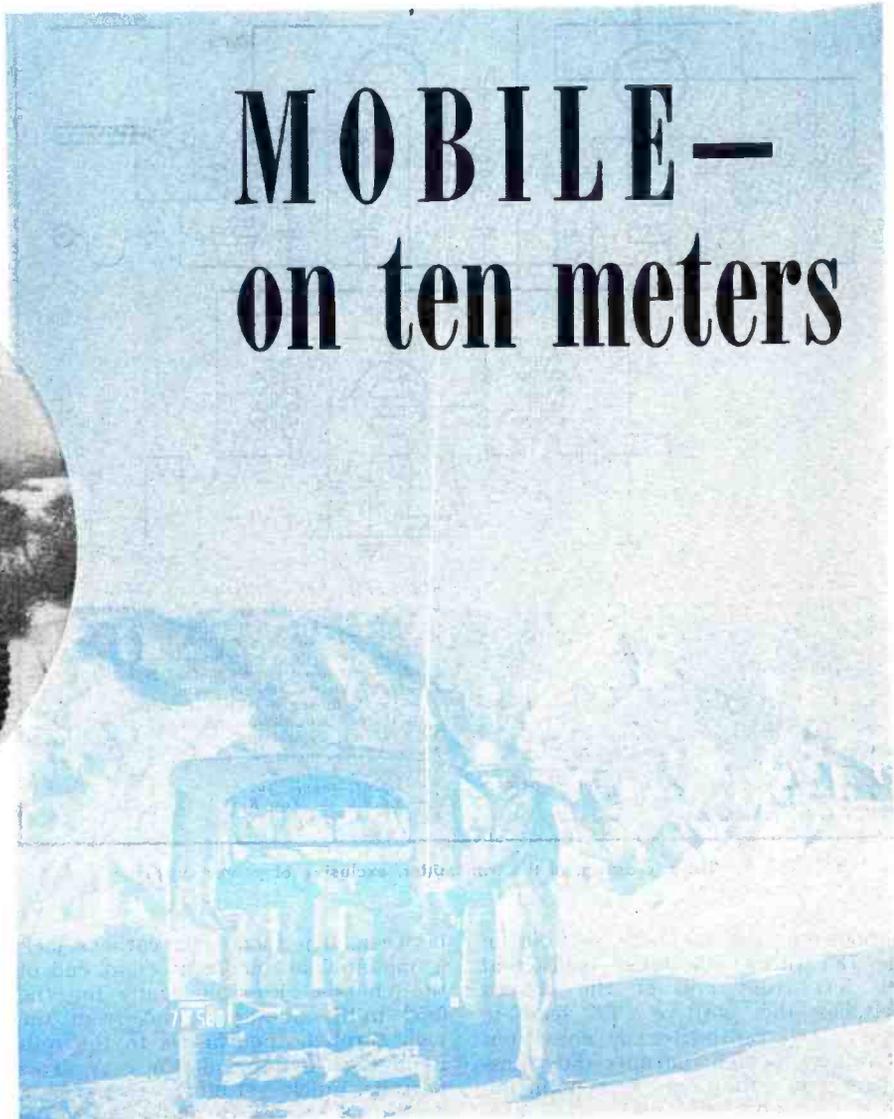
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(Above) On mobile or stationary operation contacts are readily made. Here the writer takes time out for a DX report before proceeding up a wash. (Right) Extending the sixteen foot flexible tank antenna.

IT'S a far cry from the comparatively cool paved highways of the West Coast where the writer lives, to the sandy arroyos and washes of the Mohave and Colorado deserts in southeastern California, where the writer has been making archeological studies for the past few years, and where the summer temperature often passes the 130 degree mark. On pre-war expeditions into those areas in regular stock cars it was rarely possible to venture far from a traveled road, but with a sturdy jeep becoming available a vast new field for desert exploration was opened. Along with the possibilities for reaching those heretofore inaccessible regions, came the realization that each mile extended from the beaten path increased the hazards of desert travel, a fall resulting in a broken bone, a bite from a poisonous insect or reptile, a sudden cloudburst, heat prostration—any of which might create an emergency that would make communication with the outside world most imperative. It was with that thought in mind that the mobile equipment herein described was built and installed in the writer's jeep.

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The transmitter is built upon a manufactured chassis measuring 5" x 9" x 3". The tube line-up beginning at the left is a 7F7 oscillator and doubler, a 7C5 doubler and amplifier, and a 7C5 modulator. Of the many

tubes available from the supply on hand, that combination seemed to offer the best possibilities relative to compactness and power output. A 6V6 could have been substituted for the 7C5 final amplifier, but for the sake of uniformity loctal tubes were desired throughout. In order to keep the size of the chassis within requirements, it was necessary to mount the oscillator tuning condenser and speech gain control, with their associated jacks, at the right end of the chassis. All are readily accessible, however, and provide space that otherwise would be lacking with conventional front panel mounting. While a neat appearing lay-out was desired, symmetry was of secondary importance to short r.f. leads. The microphone jack is mounted at the rear of the left end of the chassis, with the gain control directly below. A switch on the gain control turns the tube filaments on or off. At the same end are mounted the oscillator tuning condenser and jack for measuring the

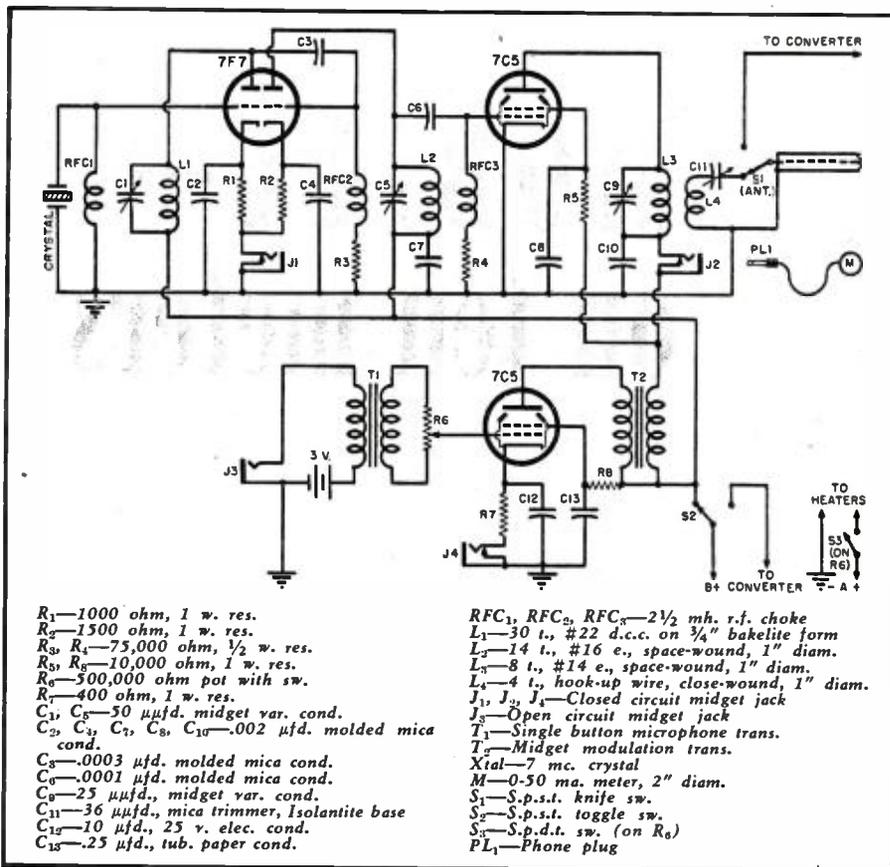
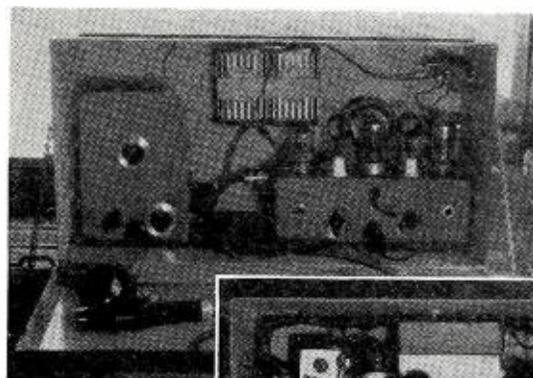


Fig. 1. Wiring diagram of the transmitter, exclusive of power supply.

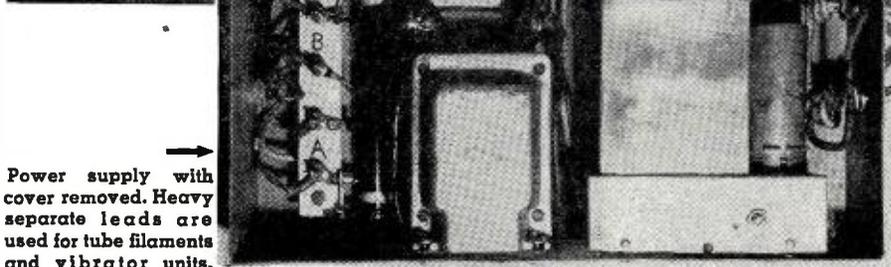
cathode current for both sections of the 7F7 tube. The toggle switch at the left front end of the chassis switches the positive "B" lead to either the transmitter or converter. That arrangement permits the transmitting tube filaments to remain hot while receiving and makes the converter inoperative when the transmitter is in operation. The doubler and final amplifier condensers are mounted below their respective coils, with the amplifier plate current jack in

between. The modulator cathode jack is mounted at the front right end of the chassis. Flexible leads for the 0-50 milliammeter extend from the jack through the chassis to the milliammeter mounted at the rear. This permits quick retuning whenever a crystal is changed and allows the operating condition of a tube to be checked at any time. The crystal is mounted in a tube socket directly back of the oscillator tube. The 20 meter and 10 meter coils are air

wound and mounted on low loss dielectric strips to banana plugs. Through-panel stand-off insulators provide jacks for the plug-in coils. Plug-in type coils were provided so that the transmitter could be operated on other frequencies at a stationary location. The transmitter is easily removed from the larger cabinet and makes an excellent stand-by transmitter for the home station. The antenna pick-up coil and trimmer condenser are mounted on small stand-off insulators directly back of the modulator tube. On mobile operation over rough roads vibration of the 20 meter coil was found to cause a frequency flutter. By reinforcing the coil with two strips of thin plastic and plastic cement it was made perfectly stable. The power leads terminate in a four-prong wafer socket at the right end of the chassis, which matches a hole for the power plug in the metal cabinet. The bottom view shows the general placement of the parts. The sockets were wired in first, after which the fixed condensers, resistors, and r.f. choke coils were installed. Mounting strips were used generously to eliminate the possibility of floating parts and connections. Also, a lock washer was placed under every machine screw nut. When the sockets were being connected short leads were soldered to all terminals that were to be connected to jacks or variable condensers. That procedure did away with the necessity of trying to solder terminals hidden by wires, resistors or condensers. The variable condensers were next installed and connected, followed by the jacks, "B" power switch, and gain control. The original plans called for dial locks on the variable condensers, but turning the shafts by hand indicated that the condensers might be tight enough to hold their settings without the use of locks. That conclusion proved to be justified when the jeep was driven over some mighty rough territory without the slightest shifting of the condenser from its original setting. Undoubtedly, the dial locks would be desirable where it was desired to maintain a fixed operating frequency, but with a large number of 40 meter band crystals on hand it is a simple matter to retune to another frequency whenever a more powerful station is operating on the original frequency. The modulation and microphone transformers were next mounted on the back of the chassis and connected. The microphone transformer is shown at the extreme right of the bottom view. The 40 meter oscillator coil, which consists of 30 turns of No. 24 d.c.c. wire wound on a 3/4" bakelite rod, is mounted directly ahead of the modulation transformer. Previous calculations gave 35 turns as the correct number, but that was later trimmed to 30 turns to give a more satisfactory LC ratio. The microphone battery leads and the filament and power leads for the converter are brought out at the left rear side of the chassis.



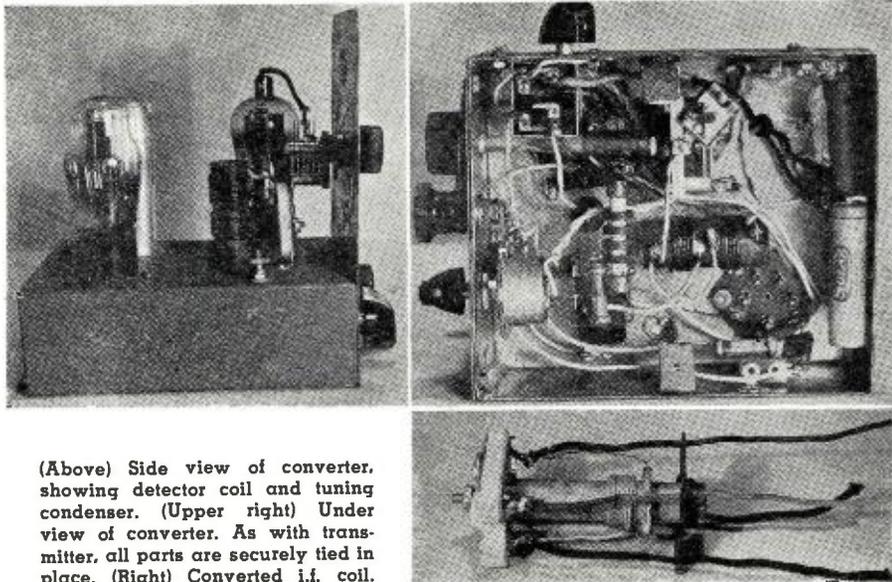
Transmitter and converter installed in hinged metal cabinet, secured to side of jeep. Power supply in final assembly is mounted below this cabinet.



Power supply with cover removed. Heavy separate leads are used for tube filaments and vibrator units.

When choosing a power supply for a low-power mobile transmitter, the set constructor must decide between a motor generator and a vibrator unit. Proponents of either method can readily point out the advantages of their particular choice, but in the writer's case the matter was easily decided by having a *Mallory* vibrator unit on hand from a prewar radio controlled boat rig. A visit to the local war surplus store provided a metal case with a cover that would take the vibrator unit and filter system and leave little unused space. Holes were drilled in the cover to provide for ventilation and a handle was made from a piece of strap iron to facilitate moving the unit. A switch in the base of power unit controls the output voltage and permits the power output of the transmitter to be adjusted to meet the conditions under which the particular transmission is taking place. That adjustment may be made quickly through a hole in the cover. No. 12 stranded wire was used for the battery leads, separate leads being provided for the tube filaments and for the vibrator. Previous experience with portable vibrator power supplies proved the advisability of keeping the filament and vibrator leads separate. When single leads are used the varying voltage drop caused by the vibrator may cause the transmitter to be modulated at the vibrator frequency. Likewise, a hard-to-eliminate hash is apt to appear in the receiver when the same power unit is used. The power and filament leads were brought to a bakelite terminal strip, from which they extend to the transmitter chassis through a four-wire laced cable. Since the power supply can be placed directly below the transmitter, it was found that No. 18 stranded wire could be used for the leads to the transmitter with negligible voltage drop. Both transmitter and converter have their own filament switches, so none was provided for in the power supply. The vibrator unit has its own r.f. filter built within, hence no trouble was experienced with vibrator hash in either the converter or transmitter. However, the lack of interference in the converter-receiver may be due more to the particular combination of converter and car radio, rather than to the filter within the vibrator unit. The power supply was loaned to a friend who was building a similar mobile unit for his car and only after an additional r.f. filter was installed in the power supply was the annoying hash in the receiver eliminated. The filter consisted of 20 turns of No. 12 wire wound on a three-fourths inch dowel, connected in the positive battery lead close to the vibrator, and by-passed to ground with a .25 μ fd. condenser.

In determining the type of receiver to use with the mobile unit, space requirements ruled out any thought of a separate receiver. Previous experience with both separate receivers and converters proved that the latter



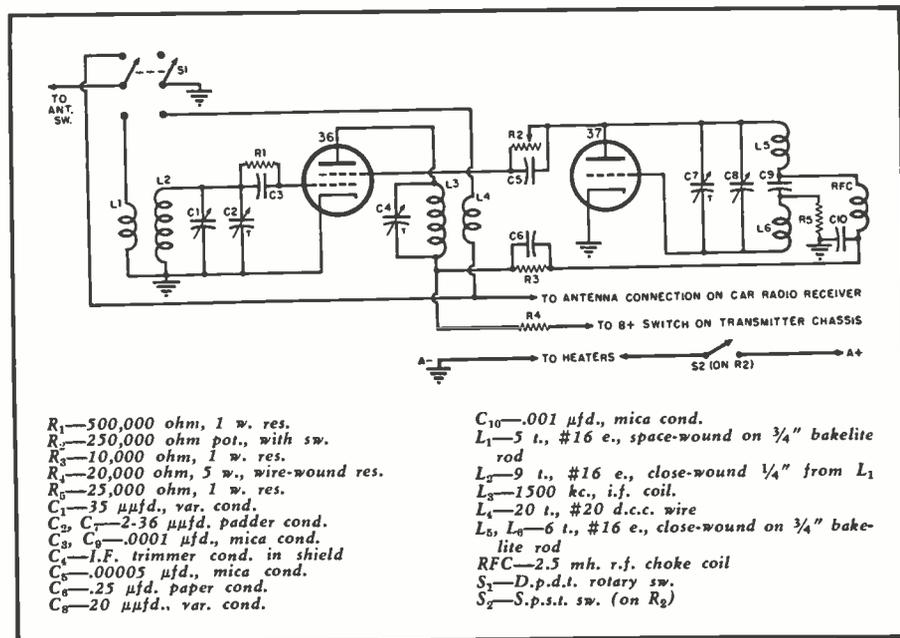
(Above) Side view of converter, showing detector coil and tuning condenser. (Upper right) Under view of converter. As with transmitter, all parts are securely tied in place. (Right) Converted i.f. coil.

could function as satisfactorily as the former, particularly when used with a good car receiver. It was originally planned to make the converter a one-tube affair, using either a heptode or a hexode converter, but inquiries to the local supply houses quickly demonstrated that the unit would have to be designed around a different type of tube. The writer's own supply of tubes revealed several each of the original automobile type tubes, 36's and 37's, so it was decided to assemble a temporary set to put the tubes to a test. The results were so satisfactory that the tubes were soon functioning in a permanent converter, which when compared with one-tube converters of the past leaves nothing to be desired. It oscillates smoothly over the entire band, has much more sensitivity than can be utilized, and operates with one main tuning control, it being necessary to adjust the detector tuning condenser only occasionally. And last-

ly, there is a plentiful supply of spares on hand, which is of no small importance when the purpose of the installation is considered.

The detector and oscillator coils are wound on three-fourths inch bakelite rod. The detector coil is mounted vertically on top the chassis, adjacent to its tuning condenser and trimmer. The oscillator coil is mounted underneath the chassis, next to the oscillator tuning condenser. The two sections of the oscillator coil are space wound, both in the same direction. There is a space of one-fourth inch between the two coils. The oscillator tuning condenser shaft is extended through the front panel with a piece of polystyrene rod. The d.p.d.t. switch which changes the car radio from regular broadcast to the converter is located on the right-hand flange of the chassis. The potentiometer, R_2 , serves as a volume control when the converter is operated out of reach of the

Fig. 2. Wiring diagram of the converter.



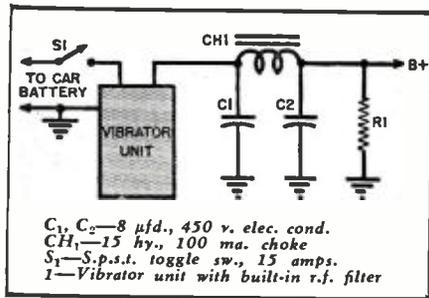


Fig. 3. Vibrator power supply.

radio volume control. Since a vernier dial for the underchassis mounting of the oscillator tuning condenser was unobtainable, one was improvised with a rubber grommet, a knob, a piece of $\frac{3}{16}$ " shaft, two brass washers and two lock nuts. The rim of the dial fits into the outer groove of the grommet. To change the tension on the dial it is necessary only to adjust the position of the two locknuts inside the chassis. The coil L_2-L_1 is a converted 1500 kc. i.f. The original secondary was removed from the coil and replaced with 20 turns of No. 20 d.c.c. wire. That arrangement provided a better impedance match to the car radio input over the usual condenser coupled method, and when tried out and compared with the latter gave by far the greater pick up. The power and filament leads terminate in a four-prong wafer socket, which is connected to the transmitter by means of a laced cable.

The converter and transmitter are secured at opposite ends of a hinged metal cabinet with machine screws through the bottom of the cabinet. Either unit may be removed from the cabinet for inspection or repairs in less than a couple of minutes. A s.p.s.t. knife switch mounted directly above the end of the transmitter serves as an antenna switch. The writer was fortunate in securing a 16 foot tank antenna at a war surplus sale. They are easily installed or dismantled and are joined together in such a way that they may be used for quarter-wave or half-wave operation

without any difficulty. Another excellent feature is the flexible mounting base, which permits the antenna to be sprung at a right angle to the base without any damage to the vertical sections. Such flexibility was not fully appreciated until the jeep was inadvertently driven into the garage with the antenna fully extended. The usual operating procedure is to use the quarter-wave antenna for local contacts and mobile operation and the whole section for stationary operation in unfavorable locations. A short section of coaxial cable connects the antenna to the antenna switch. The microphone dry cells are held in place with a clamp and wing nuts and are easily removed for testing or replacing. The hinged metal cabinet is held securely to the side of the jeep with bolts and wing nuts. A hasp and lock on the cover protects the transmitter against unauthorized operation. The power supply usually is placed on the floor of the jeep directly below the transmitter, but its flexible leads permit it to be located elsewhere when the loading of other equipment makes it desirable.

Operation

The transmitter (Fig. 1) is tuned by plugging the milliammeter into the oscillator jack J_1 and adjusting C_1 for maximum current. With the meter in the same position, condenser C_2 is next tuned for resonance dip. The meter plug is next placed in the final amplifier jack and the condenser C_3 is tuned to resonance dip. The antenna coil L_1 is next coupled loosely to the final plate coil and antenna condenser C_4 , adjusted to resonance with the antenna connected. The antenna coil coupling is next readjusted until there is only a slight dip on the meter as the plate coil is tuned through resonance. The jack in the modulator cathode provides a means for checking the operation of the speech and modulator circuits and the amount of plate current drawn by the modulator tube. All of the preliminary tuning adjustments are made with the power supply control

switch set at its lowest point. A flashlight bulb and a single turn of wire are carried to facilitate retuning when a crystal is changed in the field. When it is desired to key the transmitter, a key is inserted in the crystal oscillator cathode jack, J_1 .

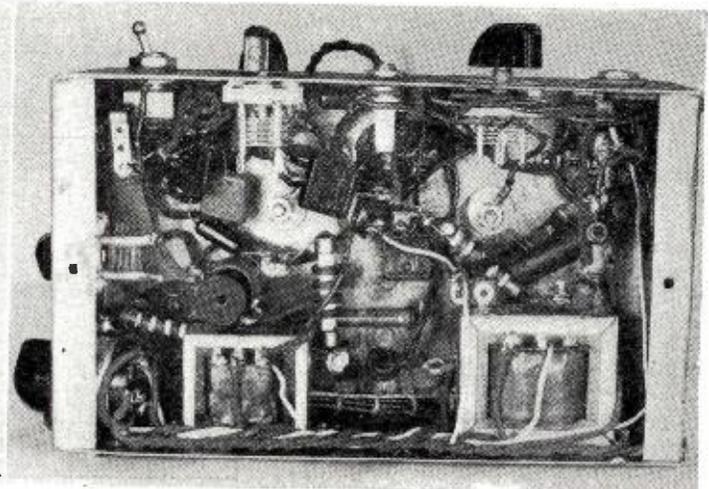
To operate the converter, Fig. 2, the car radio is first tuned to 1500 kc., after which condenser C_1 in the i.f. coil is tuned for the loudest "rushing" or background noise. Since the converter has more than ample sensitivity, the car radio may be tuned to one side or the other of an interfering broadcasting station without an appreciable loss of signal strength. The trimmer condensers, C_2 and C_3 , were set with an r.f. oscillator to give the proper bandspread in the ten-meter band. The volume control, R_2 , is the one most generally used for controlling the volume of received signals, although the regular control on the car radio may be used for the same purpose. On trips alone when mobile operation is desired, the front seat of the jeep may be removed and the metal box secured in its place. When another driver is taking the writer's place the equipment may be operated very satisfactorily in the rear of the jeep. That is the usual operating procedure.

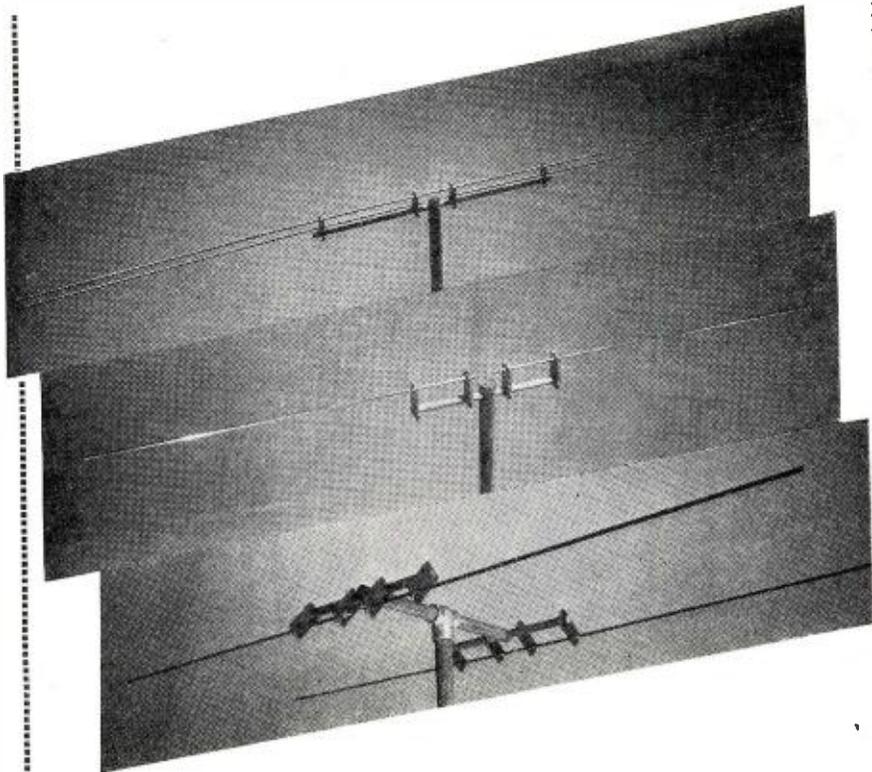
In spite of its low power, the transmitter has made many DX contacts, with a few foreign stations included. And there have been few locations where it has not been possible to make some contacts, regardless of intervening mountains or walled-in canyons. As stated in the opening of this article, the purpose of equipping the jeep with a transmitter was to provide for any contingencies that might arise on trips into the barren wastelands of California's deserts, but it is hoped that it will never be necessary to send out a QRR. If that occasion does arrive the writer is confident that the little transmitter will live up to expectations. In the meantime the pleasure derived from the many friendly contacts it has made possible has repaid the cost and labor of its construction many times. —30—

The complete 10 meter transmitter.



Under view of the transmitter.





Photographs illustrate some of the more simple television antennas. From top to bottom: bent dipole, dipole, dipole with reflector. The more complicated arrays would include parasitic type reflectors and elaborate directors.



The Television Receiver Antenna

By J. J. TEEVAN

Although there are many types of television antennas each has its specific application. Study your installation problem and choose the antenna carefully.

WITH the increase of television sets on the market, servicemen, "hams" and radio engineers are going to be called upon more and more to erect and adjust antennas. Orders and requests will range from the single element dipole to the array complete with parasitic reflector and directors. But whatever the type desired, the basic elements of frequency discrimination, directional properties, and physical construction are still going to determine the merits of the finished job.

An antenna tuned for resonance will insure the frequency discrimination so vital to good video reception. Frequency discrimination will attenuate any unwanted signals that are removed from the resonant frequency of the antenna in question. If the television user desires his receiver to cover the whole range of transmissions in his city or area, the antenna should be made a half-wavelength long at the geometric center of the

range. First, determine the allotted range of frequencies of the television stations in the area. The geometric center of this range can then be found easily enough. Assume that the range of a certain city's stations is found to be from 50 mc. to 80 mc. Then:

(1) Range . . . 50 to 80 mc.

(2) $\sqrt{50 \times 80} . . \sqrt{4000} . .$ about 63 mc.

Converting this 63 megacycles to wavelength it is found to be about 4.7 meters. Taking into consideration the difference between velocity of propagation in free space as against that in the antenna conductor, (about 10 per-cent) the corresponding wavelength of the antenna will be found to be about 4.2 meters. One-half wavelength would then be 2.1 meters. Converting this 2.1 meters we arrive at an answer of 6 feet 11 inches. The elements of the antenna must therefore be 3 feet 5.5 inches each in length.

If the order comes complete with reflector and director then the antenna element should be made a little

less . . . 95% of a half wavelength long at the operating frequency. The reflector should be a half-wavelength long at the operating frequency and the director 92% of a half-wavelength. As for the spacing between the elements place the director 0.1 wavelength in front of the antenna and the reflector 0.15 wavelength to the rear of the antenna.

To achieve physical discrimination, erect the antenna as high as physically possible, and as far removed from any type of electrical wiring as possible. Power leaks, defective neon signs and their ilk will play havoc with good video reception. Metal roofs can really be bothersome as can metal drain pipes but one cannot name all the varying disturbances that may be encountered. Each location will present problems unique to its own setting. Polarization will be determined naturally by that of the antennas at the various transmitters.

Reflections or ghost images on the television picture can be traced in most cases to one of two causes; (1) signals reaching the antenna from indirect paths and (2) faulty transmission line from the antenna to the input of the receiver.

As to the first, such signals reflected by near-by buildings and structures have traveled a greater distance than the main portion of the wave. The ghost image resulting is displaced by a time delay corresponding to this extra transmission distance. The degradation of the picture viewed corresponds to this delay and varies from a loss of fine detail to a distinct double image. To help combat this unwanted phenomenon, rotate the antenna until signals reaching it from any direction removed from that of the station desired are discriminated against. If one signal can be made to predominate sufficiently over the others, an image relatively free from ghosts will result. This applies, however, only to the reception of a signal from one station. But that kind of arrangement is not going to suit anyone who knows that there are five or six transmitting stations in his area. He isn't going to surrender his right to change programs that easily. In that case, a compromise adjustment must be found. Rotate the antenna until all the stations can be picked up with a minimum of reflections. If he desires to spend a little more, rig him up one of the rotating assemblies found in any one of several magazines these days.

An encouraging note for city dwellers has been sounded in this regard by the *Telicon Corporation*. In the system proposed by their engineers separate antennas are erected on a

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Striking Displays

CAN SELL RADIO SERVICE

By **PAUL H. WENDEL**
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A good location will not speak for itself. Window displays and signs must attract your customers.



A neat, attractive window display. Located in a metropolitan area, this simple presentation packs a terrific selling punch. The display shown in the inset definitely lacks selling force. Merchandise occupying the most desirable positions in this window has no connection with radio or the service offered by this store.

ONE of the most interesting postwar trends in the radio field is the keen interest being shown by the more experienced service dealers in improved business practices and selling methods. This acute awareness of a former serious weakness of the radio service industry as a whole augurs well for the future of many of these small radio enterprises. If pursued diligently by a large number of dealers it would lead to a broad, sound retailing base for all products of the radio art and an increased importance for the service dealer as a vital part of the national radio merchandising organization. Many reasons have been advanced in an attempt to explain why radio servicemen as a class have not

been highly successful business operators. The most popular "explanation" was to the effect that good technical knowledge and skill and merchandising acumen are rarely possessed by one individual. This reasoning presumes that to be successful in either of these specialties you must have a natural "bent" for it.

Actually, successful merchandising is a reward for the proper application of known principles for exploiting a product or a business just as good servicing is a product of knowing what makes a radio percolate. Both require continual study and application.

The average serviceman has been content to concentrate on the technical side of his business. Failing to

see that he also has something to "sell," as important to his business success as technical know-how, he has neglected to give any attention to learning "how" to sell his service and his business.

Before the war most radio service businesses were started as one-man enterprises and whatever growth they experienced came from the owner's favorable contacts with his customers and the coincidence of his shop location. Lacking at least a moderate application of merchandising practices, such shops usually attracted about enough business to keep the owner busy and returned a sporadic income. Unable to lay aside reserves for contingencies, most of these small shop enterprises immediately felt the full impact of every business recession.

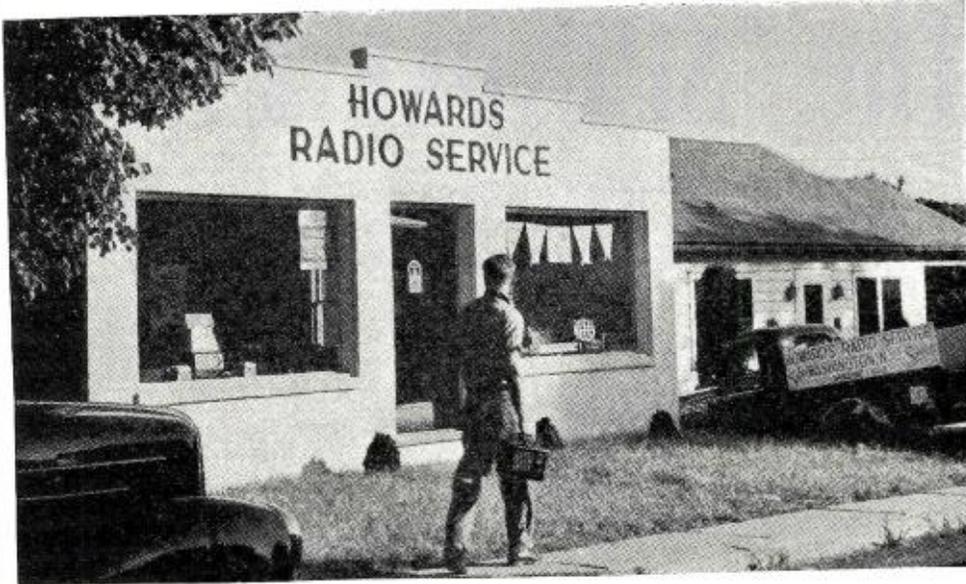
The most obvious weakness of the average small business operator is his failure to properly use many of the merchandising tools that are inherent parts of the business or the store location. He pays for many of these facilities in his rent and they could be put to work for him at very little expense. These merchandising "naturals" include the effective use of the entire store front, store interior layout and appearance and the exploitation of his window display space.

In this discussion we are directing our attention primarily to displays—window displays and identification displays. While it is difficult to divorce many of the inter-related factors involved in making an entire store or shop a selling force, the importance of effective window displays in a successful operation cannot be overestimated.

What makes a window display effective?

Roughly speaking, we can say it should accomplish one of two things. First, it must cause a passerby to

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In small towns serving rural areas, location is secondary to exploitation. Striking signs, however, must be strategically placed to make your location known. In Washington, N. J. this large readable sign (shown on opposite page) is visible to all Main Street traffic. It directs traffic to this radio shop located on a side street.

stop for a second look. Next, it should either help impel him to enter the store to buy a particular product or it should make a definite impression on his mind which will cause him to remember that particular store favorably.

You can stop a passerby by exciting his curiosity or stimulating his interest. There are many ways to create that necessary favorable impression. In designing a window display to accomplish these objectives, it is imperative that you consider first of all the peculiarities of your particular business and your business location.

The first factor to be considered is the kind of traffic your display must reach. If your shop location is such that you have good pedestrian traffic, your display should be designed to catch the pedestrian eye. On the other hand you may be in a location where you have to impress a message on the fleeting glance of the passing motorist. In that case your display must carry a fast visual punch. Here your problem is to impress your name and location—particularly your location—on car-borne minds. Tough? Sure it's a tough problem. But it is being solved successfully every day by many alert businessmen.

The three most effective media for stopping the eye for a second look are movement, light and color. Put movement into a window display and the average passerby will instinctively look at the window a second time. This also applies to changing colors or moving lights which visually simulate movement. Scientists say that over 85% of our retained mental impressions come through the eyes. Put a visual punch in your window displays, and you will put thousands of passing eyes to work in your interest.

Motion in a display is undoubtedly the most effective way of stopping a

passerby for a second look. But it must be motion with a purpose. It must be motion to help tell a story or round out a graphic picture. Never use it alone and don't use it too often.

When you change the window in which you have been using motion, follow it with a display that depends on color for its effectiveness. Many pleasing and striking effects can be obtained through the wise use of color. But here also a word of caution. Study the recognized effects of color on human emotions. Be sure that the combination of colors you decide to use will produce the effect you desire.

Lighting, properly designed for use in a given location, will provide the punch a window needs to impress your business on passing traffic. Most

power companies have lighting experts available to help you plan business lighting. Window lighting in itself is important enough to merit special consideration and careful planning. You should avail yourself of the counsel of the lighting expert available through your local company to get the maximum benefit from the illumination of your windows.

Of course, it is obvious that a display designed to sell radio service will be most effective if it has a radio or radio service slant. The entire radio industry is rich in opportunities for graphically portrayed visual stories. The phenomenon of radio is still a vast mystery to the average layman. He knows you can buy a receiver, tune in various stations and hear any number of programs. Beyond that his understanding of how the radio works is apt to be very sketchy.

The average man is constantly seeking information on everyday things which he does not understand or comprehend. He looks for simple explanations—some means of understanding commonplace things without too much mental exertion.

Sometime ago the writer, while in Arkon, Ohio for a weekend, spent an hour on Sunday afternoon observing traffic on South Main Street, the city's main business street. A. Polsky & Co., a large department store, had a display in one window that stopped all pedestrian traffic during that hour. The display that drew this interest was a cross-sectional reproduction of a cow in which was depicted, by mechanical movement, the functional operation of a cow converting fodder into milk. The display told a story by movement and small cards of explanation. It was interesting to observe that pedestrians who stopped to look at this display slowly window-

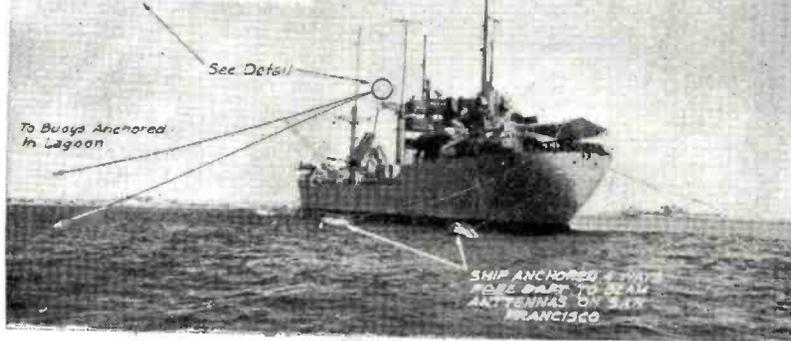
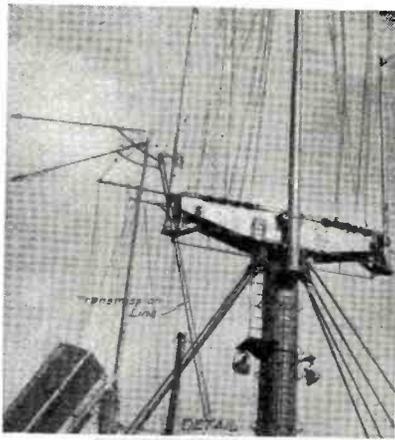
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This type of building lends itself to some type of distinguishing superstructure. This antenna mast identifies the store to both pedestrian and automobile traffic.



The "SPINDLE EYE"

This floating "Radio City" was used to send press dispatches, radiophotos and broadcasts, as well as the August Radio News story, to the mainland.



Because of prevailing winds at Kwajalein Lagoon, the "Spindle Eye," with standard bow anchor would lie on a course of approximately 70 degrees, setting up the maximum lobe of her signal at 340 degrees, or almost at right angles to the desired great circle course on San Francisco. To overcome this, the ship was placed on a course of 143 degrees beaming the maximum lobe on San Francisco at 53 degrees. This was accomplished by a four-way arrangement of anchors fore and aft. In addition to the delta-fed doublet antennas an inverted, unterminated V antenna was constructed between the ship's mainmast and special buoys anchored in place in the lagoon, as shown above. This arrangement improved signal strength by 30 per-cent.

By

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COMMUNICATIONS at Operation Crossroads, out in the Mid-Pacific, where nature's mysterious force was being toyed with, played an important role in directing and coordinating a team of some 42,000 people engaged in the world's greatest experiment, the Atomic Explosion.

Many stories have been written of this complicated, joint operation involving forces of the Army, Navy and Air Forces, to say nothing of the many civilian scientists, the pilotless craft of both services flying through the lethal cloud following the blast, the remote operation of hundreds of cameras, gauges and special recording devices and the intricate coordination and precision timing of all functions, none of which have more than casually mentioned the fancy communications involved. Each unit with its own individual function, regardless of the degree of its efficiency, would have been worthless to the over-all objective without reliable communications. Thus reliable communications were the main cog in Operation Crossroads, but, because they are usually accepted as a matter of fact, or taken for granted, their importance is almost never pulled to the surface.

This type of operation involved many classes of communications, such as command and administrative, provid-

ing channels of intelligence between the Forward Command at Bikini and Washington and other associated stateside locations. Then there were the tactical communications, quick conference arrangements between the flagship and widely scattered units throughout the entire test force area. Radio control and operation of drone planes, i.e., pilotless planes taking off, flying a particular mission, returning to and landing at proper bases, electronic control of cameras, observing equipment and television sets within the drone planes, the transmission of ever important meteorological data, remote operation of unattended special observing and recording equipment, including high speed motion picture cameras, and many other functions of this nature were involved which required split second timing.

Then we had the type of communications that kept the American public informed on what was going on 10,000 miles away from home. These facilities provided not only press copy for Radio News and newspapers of the country and world at large, including the transmission of news pictures known as radiophotos, but also provided a first hand, blow-by-blow description of the entire operation, relayed via the various broadcasting networks. Little does the average per-

son realize what goes on behind the scenes to make it possible for them to read in the local newspapers and sit comfortably in their living room or club and listen to an on-the-spot broadcast or eye witness story of the Atomic Test as it was unfolded out in the Mid-Pacific.

The communications established for the public information phase of this project were without doubt the most fantastic ever set up. Because of the amphibious character of the entire operation all circuits' connecting the many islands, planes and ships were, of course, by radio. In all, there were over 100 separate radio channels, ranging in power from 50 watts to 40 kilowatts, engaging some 150 radio transmitters and 300 radio receivers and requiring about 250 cleared frequencies.

As was mentioned previously, this communications plan was the most fantastic ever attempted. Many a headache was experienced during planning and rehearsal stages, making propagation studies, frequencies, reallocations and, in general, working out the bugs before A-Day. Visualizing the requirements while the project was in the planning stages back in Washington was relatively easy. However, going out in the Pacific and constructing the various island installations and equipping the various ships and planes

with the required apparatus, together with the operation and maintenance of this complicated seagoing network, was something else. However, on the predication of, "That which can be conceived can be accomplished," the objective was met. It was a supreme test of the combined efforts of the best the Army and Navy had to offer, not only in equipment and skilled personnel, which incidentally was at low ebb at that time due to our hasty redeployment activities, but also in the most ingenious imagination.

Thus, let's take a quick look at communications at the Crossroads, but let's get down to the purpose of this story, which is to acquaint you with the Army Communications Ship, USAT, "Spindle Eye," and give a brief description of its function in Operation Crossroads.

To begin with, it is only fitting that we review the historic background of the famous Army Communications Ship, "Spindle Eye." To all former G.I.'s with communications service in the Southwest Pacific, it will be interesting to note that the "Spindle Eye" is the successor to the now famous GHQ Communications Ship, "Apache," with call letters WVLC, which not only handled the important public information communications associated with the original Philippines invasion at Leyte, in October of 1944, and subsequent Philippine operations, but also slugged it out on several occasions with Jap air attacks and proudly displayed marks of distinction indicative of her victories.

It was back in June, 1945, in the City Hall at Manila in the office of Major General S. B. Akin, Chief Signal Officer for the Commander in Chief of the Pacific, General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, that the "Spindle Eye" was conceived. The author had the distinction of participating in planning the communications for what was then scheduled to be our greatest and most sensational operation—the inva-

sion of Japan, which included plans for a press and broadcast communication ship.

After carrying out the engineering phases of the ship and the necessary negotiations with the Transportation Corps for assignment of a vessel to be used for this purpose, I returned to Washington to expedite the procurement and shipment of the necessary special signal equipment which was rushed by air and fast freight from all parts of the country to the Todd Shipyards, Seattle, Washington. I then moved to Seattle to follow up this project where the "Spindle Eye" was already undergoing a first class face lifting under the supervision of the Transportation Corps, converting it from an Army transport to a special Army Communications ship. The ship was completed and sailed ahead of schedule to join the invasion fleet, but by a queer turn of fate the Atomic Bomb, with which the "Spindle Eye" was later to be associated in Operation Crossroads, brought hostilities with Japan to an abrupt conclusion.

The ship continued its course, however, changing its destination to Tokyo Bay, and was used for press and public relations activities by the Army Public Relations people at General Headquarters at Tokyo. She made several cruises to the various islands in the vicinity of Japan, to Korea and the China coast, carrying public relations and press representatives into these sections for stories furnished the American press. In February of this year she was designated to participate in Operation Crossroads and was ordered to proceed to Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, and placed at the disposal of the Commander of Joint Task Force One.

Broadcast Facilities

The special equipment carried by the ship is as follows:

An RCA 7.5 kw. high frequency voice transmitter, and a *Hallicrafters* BC610

transmitter. A master, sound treated broadcast studio, with specially constructed soundproof visual panel, providing the master control complete unobstructed observation of the studio.

An auxiliary broadcast studio specially equipped to make recordings with a similar visual panel to facilitate observation from the recording laboratory, which is immediately adjacent thereto.

The recording laboratory is equipped with *Presto* recording and playback tables, also a bank of wire and film recorders, all controlled through an RCA console to provide the necessary mixing and level adjustment, together with necessary associated amplifiers and patching panel to facilitate complete flexibility of this equipment.

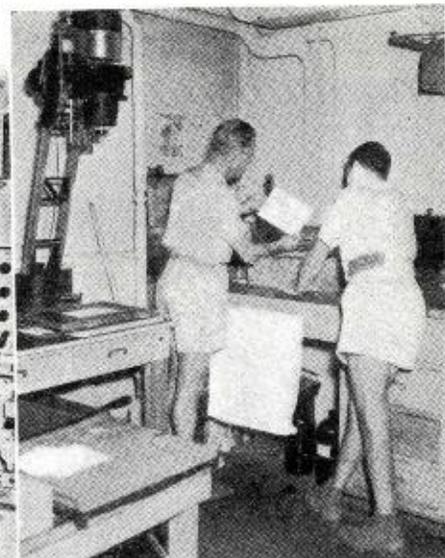
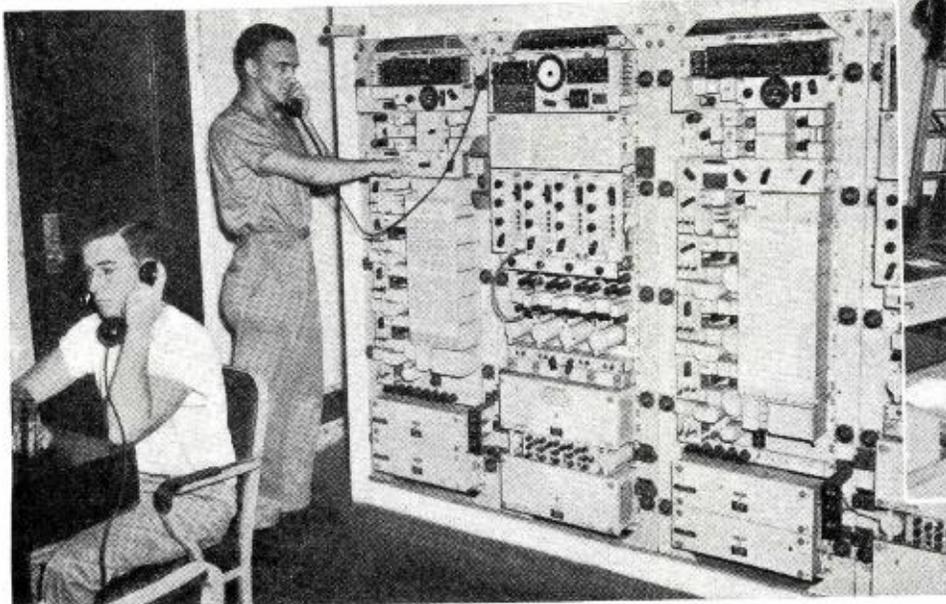
The master control room, immediately adjacent to the master studio, was also equipped with an RCA console and mixing panel, carrying level indicating devices and associated amplifiers and two special *Western Electric* compression amplifiers.

The control room also has complete command of all installations aboard ship, through the master patching panel, designed to facilitate picking up any piece of apparatus in the ship and combining it with any other as required. This patching arrangement also included adjustable attenuation equalizers, which could be applied to remote control circuits when frequency response equalization was required to produce acceptable quality.

A special bank of *Hammarlund Super-Pros*, RCA AR-88's and special *National* receivers comprised the receiving equipment in a special monitor room which again is equipped with a patching arrangement to facilitate feeding the desired reception to the master control room.

The radio photo laboratory consisted of two *Acme* transceiver units, together with associated receiving amplifiers, oscillator and level control ap-

Carrier terminal equipment installed aboard the "Spindle Eye" to facilitate simultaneous transmission of voice and radio teletype.



Complete darkroom facilities are provided in the "Spindle Eye's" photo lab. Colonel Luichinger (left) shows print to Radio News Editor O. Read.

Interior of air-conditioned broadcast studio. Capt. Weaver is at controls as Capt. Burke tunes Hallicrafters S36 monitor receiver.

Studio B and recording laboratory. Captain Diehl rides gain while Col. Luichinger adjusts the tape recorder.



paratus necessary for applying the functions of the *Acme* units to radio channels. Associated with this radiophoto transmitting and receiving equipment is a complete darkroom equipped for all modern photographic operations normally associated with radio news photo functions.

Teletype Facilities

Teletype equipment consisted of three table positions for tape poking operations and two table positions, each equipped with transmitter distributors and typing reperforator units.

The transmitting medium, for long distance purposes, being a 96C, four-channel, 2.5 kw. *Wilcox* transmitter, together with the two *Press Wireless* frequency shift units. For relatively short distance, or what might be termed local transmissions, the famous Signal Corps AN/TRC-1 plus CF 1 and 2 terminal equipment is used, the latter providing a multichannel system of simultaneous telegraph and telephone circuits.

The ship is also equipped with two units of high speed *Boehme* transmitting and receiving equipment, capable

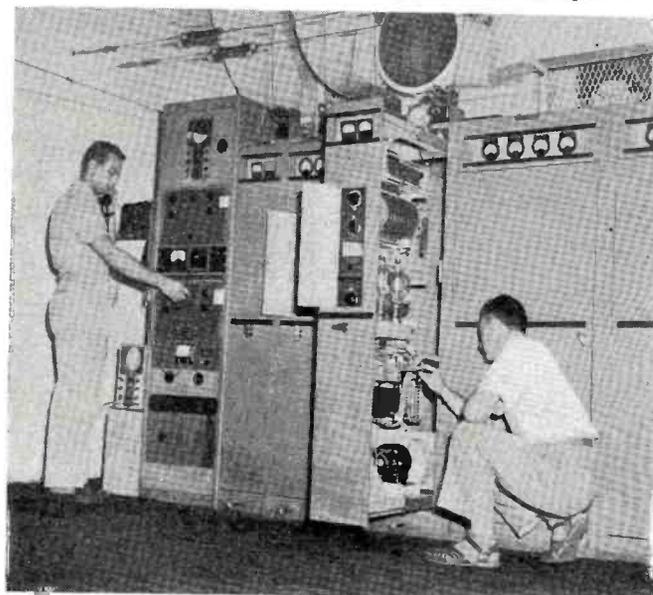
of speeds up to 500 words per minute in the regular telegraphic code. As a matter of explanation, going back to the master control room, it will be remembered we mentioned a master patch panel which facilitated complete flexibility of all equipment on the ship. While we designated the *RCA* and *Hallicrafters* BC610 in the broadcast class and the 96C transmitter in the teletype service, by special patching arrangements these transmitters could be switched from voice to teletype, or vice versa, or placed in dual operation in either, which also includes the use of either in radiophoto transmission service. Another special feature of the ship is a large press conference room, approximately 25 by 100 ft., equipped with 120 typewriter positions for correspondents, a stage, loudspeaking system, dual movie projectors and completely air conditioned. Incidentally, all of the other equipment rooms and studios aboard the ship were completely air conditioned.

The ship was also equipped with a 100-line common battery switchboard, which extended modern telephone service to all component sections of the ship, with trunking positions to extend the ship's telephone service to other
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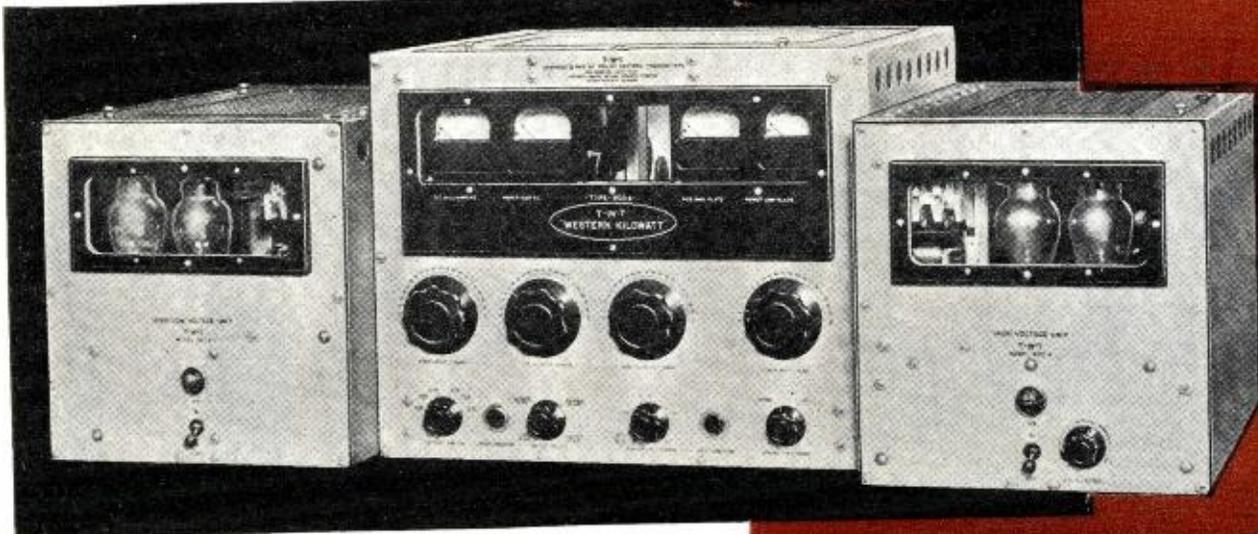
Captain Burke places a photograph on an *Acme* transceiver in radiophoto room. Picture was transmitted to San Francisco.



Wilcox 2.5 kw., 4-channel transmitter used during Operation Crossroads for the transmission of pictures via radiophoto.



A 1-kilowatt transmitter (center unit) is housed in a cabinet measuring only 42" x 15" x 21". Power supplies are separate, and are illustrated on each side of the transmitter.



Unusual PHONE TRANSMITTER

A new commercially designed modulation system permits cost and size of over-all transmitter to be reduced considerably.

ONE of the bugaboos of high power amateur phone transmitter design has been the necessity for including a heavy duty power supply and modulator. Many methods of simple efficiency modulation have been devised in the past to overcome this difficulty and reduce the over-all transmitter cost but all of these methods were lacking in some essential. Either complicated adjustments were necessary, or large tubes were needed to give reasonable output.

A new series of transmitters have recently been placed on the market by Taylor Western Transmitters of Los Angeles, California. These transmitters use a new high efficiency modulation system which permits the cost of the over-all unit to be reduced considerably. This new transmitter, with an input rating of one kilowatt and a conservative output rating of 700 watts, is only 42" wide, 15" high and 21" deep. Power supplies are separate and may be placed at some distance from the transmitter and connected by means of extension cables.

The tube lineup in the r.f. section is a 6V6 oscillator, a 6V6 doubler, a 3D23 second doubler or buffer and one 4-250A as the power amplifier. The power section consists of a 6V6 speech

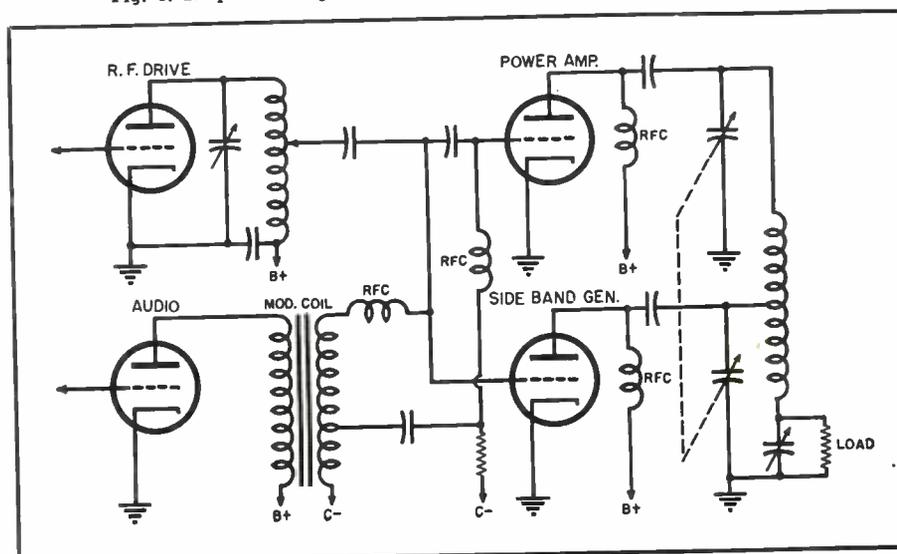
amplifier, an 807 as the second speech amplifier and a second 4-250A as a positive modulator. Band switching operation for five bands is provided.

A simplified schematic of the power amplifier and modulation system is shown in Fig. 1. The operation of the modulation system is as follows:

The modulation system uses two tubes in the output stage, one as power amplifier and one as sideband generator. The input r.f. voltage on the grids of both the power amplifier and sideband generator tubes is obtained from a tap on the plate tank coil of the buffer amplifier through blocking capacitors. The power amplifier is adjusted to operate class "C" at a plate efficiency of from 60 to 70 per-cent while the sideband generator is biased to approximately three to four times class "C." With no modulation, the sideband generator, due to extremely high bias, is almost non-operative since it has practically no plate power input and contributes very little to the transmitter output.

With no modulation the power amplifier tube is furnishing the carrier power and the sideband generator is
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Fig. 1. Simplified diagram of power amplifier and modulation system.



75 Watts in One Cubic Foot

By
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Front view of completed transmitter.

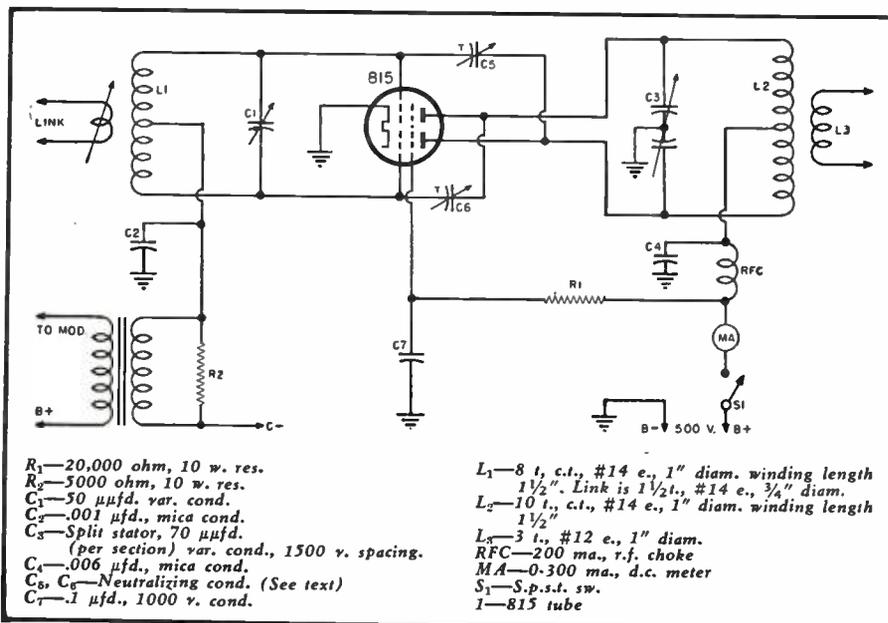
Although compactness is the keynote of this unit, the performance and efficiency compare favorably with many commercially built transmitters.

WITH the termination of the war and the reopening of the amateur bands, many of us now find ourselves so situated that it has become impossible to operate the old "6 foot rack and panel California kw." as we had so hopefully intended when we closed the shack for the duration. The transmitter to be de-

scribed here was designed to fill the needs of those who are now occupying cramped quarters where space for ham rigs is limited, and for those nomadic souls who are confronted with the ever-existent problem of transportation. The over-all size of the transmitter measures slightly less than 1 cubic foot, specifically 13 x 11

x 12 inches, and consists of a 5 x 9½ x 3 inch chassis bolted to the rear of an 8 x 11 x 12 inch cabinet. While compactness is the chief design consideration, the use of standard sized equipment with the high efficiency and ease of operation which go to make a good transmitter have not been sacrificed.

Schematic diagram of final stage of transmitter. This rig has been designed to operate within the tube manufacturer's rating, however operation at an increased voltage of 800 v. on the final (approximately 100-125 watts input) has proven satisfactory. This accounts for the "high-low" switch in power supply.



Circuit Design

The oscillator uses a 6V6 in an e.c.o. circuit with the grid tank operating in the 40 meter band and doubling in the plate circuit to give 20 meter output. This is capacitively coupled to another 6V6 doubler for 10 meter output. After surveying numerous tubes now available, an 815 was selected for the final stage because of its ease in driving and especially because of its small size in relation to its power capabilities. Of course, such things as its ease of neutralization, shielding, etc. were also a part of the consideration. The audio section uses a 6SJ7 speech amplifier and another 6V6 for the modulator. Since the circuit design is considerably influenced by the available space, grid modulation which permits a smaller modulation section and transformer was found to be the most practical. The comparatively low audio power necessary to modulate the final amplifier may be obtained from any number of tubes, however, the 6V6 is used because of its small size. The power supply consists of two sections; one delivers 500

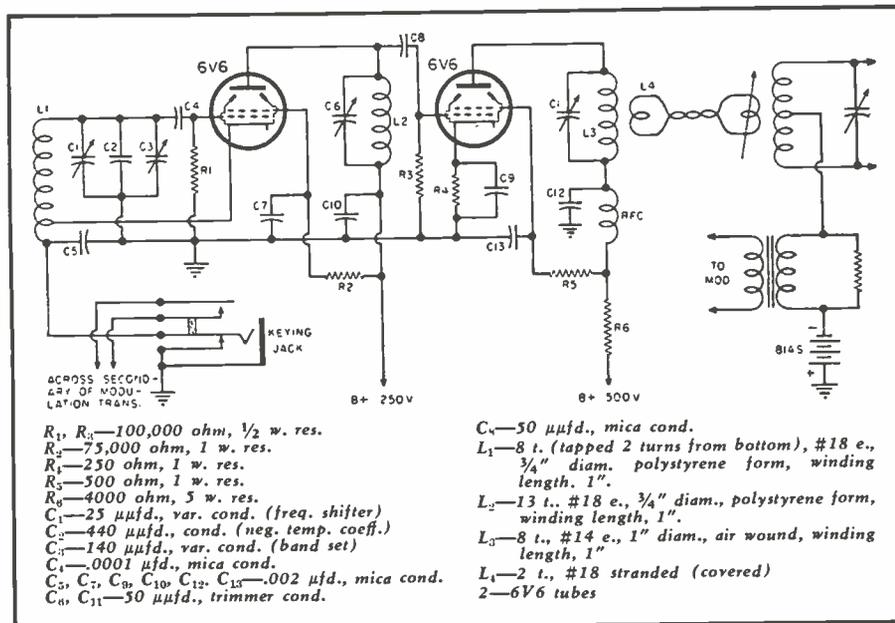
volts and the other 250 volts. The 80 type rectifier is used for the low power supply while two 816's operate in the high power supply.

The power supply is mounted on a 9 x 7 x 2 inch steel chassis, with the high-power transformer in the exact center rear. The large choke *CH*, is mounted to the rear, the filament transformers and small power supply transformer being appropriately spaced around these two units, as shown on page 38. The space to the right and front thus afforded is used for the modulator section and the lower half of the 815 as will be described later. Chokes *CH*₁, *CH*₂, condensers, *C*₂, *C*₃ and the bleeder resistor *R*₂ for the small power supply are all mounted below the sub-chassis. In the small chassis bolted to the rear of the cabinet are mounted the three rectifier tubes and the bleeder resistor *R*₁. The fuses *F*₁, *F*₂ are of the plug-in type and are mounted on the rear right side of the chassis, next to the "hi-low" switch of transformer *T*₂. A "chicken wire" grille of suitable size to enclose this small chassis is used to prevent any contact with the high voltage leads on the rectifier. The high voltage terminal strip is composed of feed-through insulators and is located in the left front position of the power supply chassis. Polystyrene insulators were used, not because of their characteristics, but because of their small size.

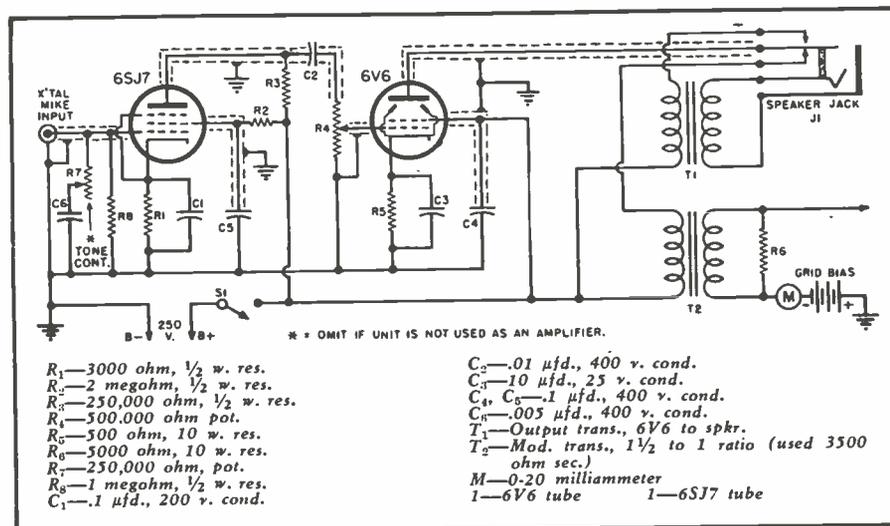
The modulator is constructed in an aluminum cabinet 10½ x 3 x 2¼ inches. The circuit is conventional in design, but due to its compactness care must be taken to shield the necessary parts of the circuit to prevent inter-stage coupling and r.f. pickup. This speech section is also used as an audio amplifier to operate the home phono pickup, the switching being done by means of a multi-contact jack which switches the plate lead of the 6V6 modulator to either *T*₁ or *T*₂ (audio section). The keying jack, mounted on the panel to the right of the microphone input jack, shorts the secondary of the modulation transformer and keying is accomplished in the grid circuit of the oscillator. To the left of the output jack is mounted the amplifier switch, which removes the plate voltage when the speech unit is not in use. An *Astatic* model R-3 crystal microphone is used in this transmitter. Obviously, however, one may use any type of microphone by making suitable changes in the input circuit.

The entire r.f. section is built on a sheet of aluminum 10½ x 6¾ inches. The e.c.o. and the doubler stages are built to occupy a space of 4½ x 6 inches on the left side of the chassis. The remaining space is used in its entirety by the final amplifier. The rear of this aluminum sheet is fastened to the back of the cabinet by means of a ¼ inch square brass rod which is tapped for two 6/32 screws. The front is supported by the top of the audio section, the support consisting of rubber grommets.

In considering the oscillator design,



Circuit diagram of e.c.o. and doubler stages of transmitter.

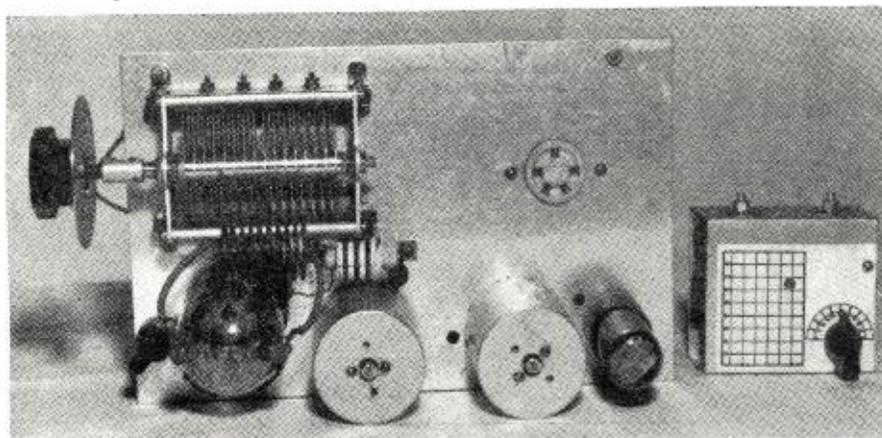


Circuit diagram of the audio section of the 75 watt rig.

the use of an e.c.o. presents many mechanical difficulties in limited space because of the need for ganged condensers and multi-tubes. However, as it is advantageous to be able to shift frequency, especially since the 10 me-

ter band is crowded these days, the e.c.o. is particularly desirable, therefore, a compromise was made. Although the circuit used is standard, it is not designed to cover the whole amateur band as would be expected,

Top view of r.f. section. The e.c.o. is shown to the right in the photograph.



but will allow enough frequency shift on either side of the center so that it becomes possible to shift out from under a strong interfering signal. Thus, it offers the advantage of the e.c.o. without the accompanying elaborate mechanical layout or circuit re-tuning.

The e.c.o. is built into an aluminum box $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 2$ inches. The box is divided into two sections thus affording a shield between the grid circuit and the plate tank circuit. At the same time, this allows the tube, which is one of the sources of heat, to be extended partly outside of the box. This minimizes the heat generated in the vicinity of the e.c.o. tank circuit. All wiring within the e.c.o. was done with No. 18 solid hook-up wire for mechanical and electrical stability. The placement of the various components is clearly detailed below. Another mechanical feature of this oscillator, which while not essential may

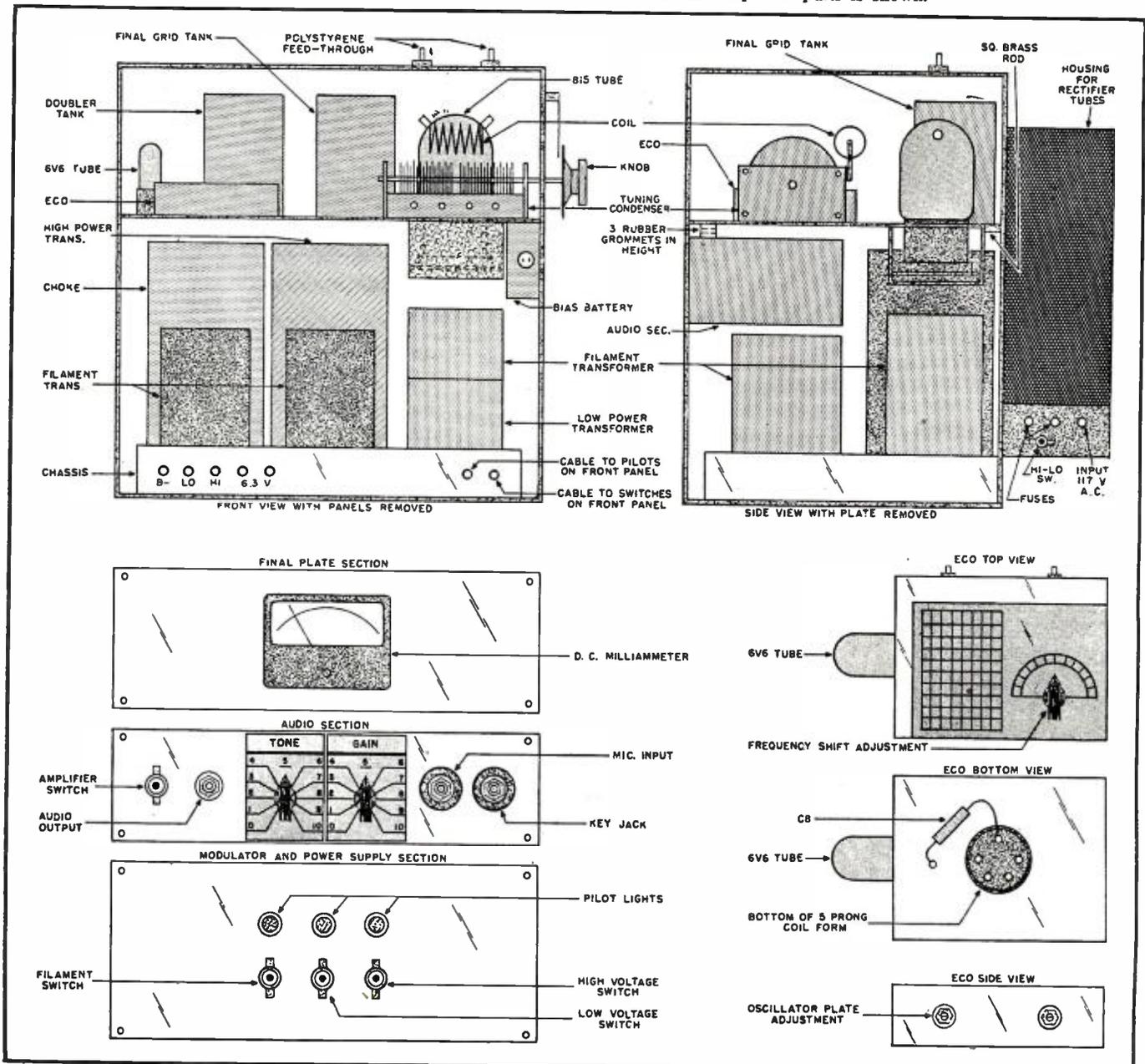
prove advantageous, is the fact that it is a "plug-in" unit, which allows the substitution of a crystal oscillator if so desired. The plug for the unit was constructed from the lower part of a standard 5-prong coil form.

The e.c.o. is capacitively coupled to the 6V6 doubler stage which is straightforward in design. The tank circuit which is enclosed in a 2 inch metal can consists of an air-trim midget condenser and an air wound midget coil which is connected directly to the condenser leads. No trouble, mechanical or electrical, should be encountered in this stage. One word of caution; all parts for the doubler and final grid tanks should be so arranged in wiring that they do not touch the transformers of the power supply when the chassis is placed in the cabinet.

In the final stage, the grid tank is installed in another 2 inch shield can, its component design being similar to

the doubler tank except that the link is made variable. In the construction of this link unit, the tank coil and the condensers are first connected and mounted in the shield can. A short polystyrene rod is then inserted through a shaft bushing fitted on the shield can. The link, which consists of $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns, slightly smaller in diameter than the tank coil is then slipped onto the polystyrene rod and firmly cemented with some good Duco household cement. This should preferably be left in this position overnight before attempting operation of the link. The other end of the polystyrene rod is slotted with a small saw so that adjustments may be made by using a screwdriver. A shaft lock, taken from an old variable resistor or similar unit may be used to good advantage to keep the polystyrene rod from slipping in too far. The plate tank condenser is mounted lengthwise at the
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Construction details of 75 watt transmitter. Position of all component parts is shown.



Sound Amplification by Air-Stream Modulation

By **JORDAN McQUAY**

High sound levels may be obtained at low power by the use of this new system of sound reproduction.

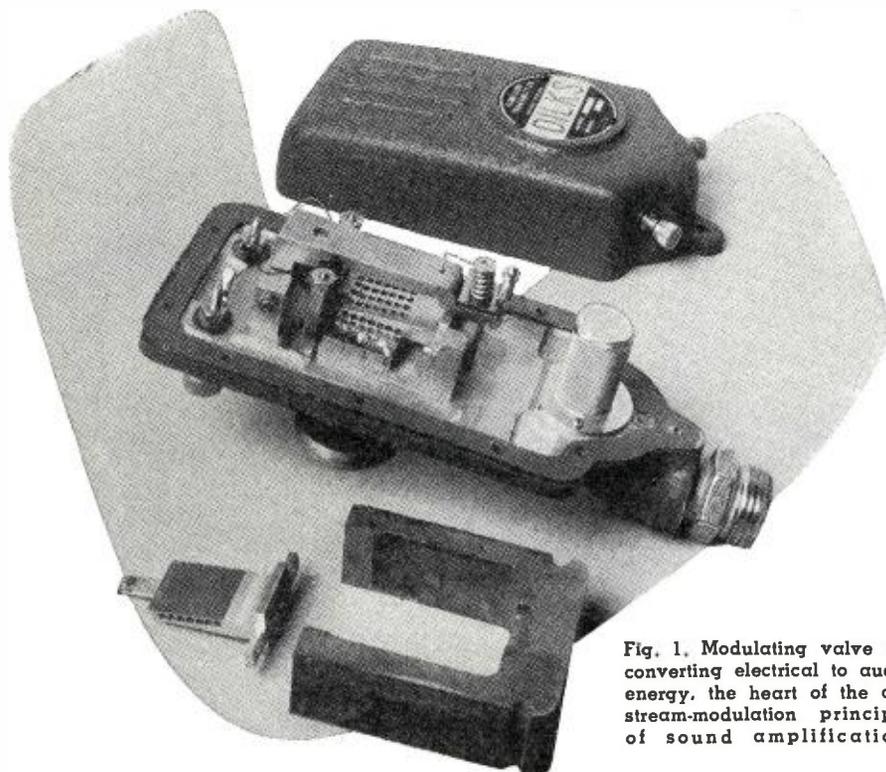


Fig. 1. Modulating valve for converting electrical to audio energy, the heart of the air-stream-modulation principle of sound amplification.

DEVELOPMENT of radar, television, and artillery devices were not the only electronic accomplishments of the war. In addition to such highly glamorous devices developed by our military laboratories and private industry, there was also a need for many technical items not previously considered to be military equipment. One of these prosaic items was public-address equipment—sound amplification.

Such p.a. systems played an important part in winning the war.

They were necessary whenever large groups of men gathered, for orientation, basic training, field training, and maneuvers. Then, too, sound equipment was used in entertaining our troops. Enormous systems were employed to direct propaganda to the enemy, both in Europe and the Pacific.

Sound communication also played tactical rôles in actual invasion, to direct landing troops, and effect liaison with supporting naval vessels.

At the outbreak of war, commercial sound amplification equipment—which American industry was already tooled to produce—was pressed into immediate military and naval service. The various systems were typical of prewar design, their operation based on the principle of electronic amplification followed by the conversion of electrical energy into sound energy by

means of an electromagnetically operated diaphragm or piston.

However, there is one important limitation of all such sound equipment.

To obtain a high output of audio power, particularly out-of-doors, it is necessary to use a large number of loudspeaker horns requiring, in turn, heavy duty multi-stage amplifiers, a source of considerable operating power, and weighty equipment.

Exterior sound installations must provide greater output than compar-

able or similar interior installations, because wind, humidity, and temperature are important attenuating factors.

Almost any velocity of wind, even slight breezes, can distort or greatly attenuate sound after it has left the radiating loudspeaker horns, thus communication may be entirely lost or largely unintelligible.

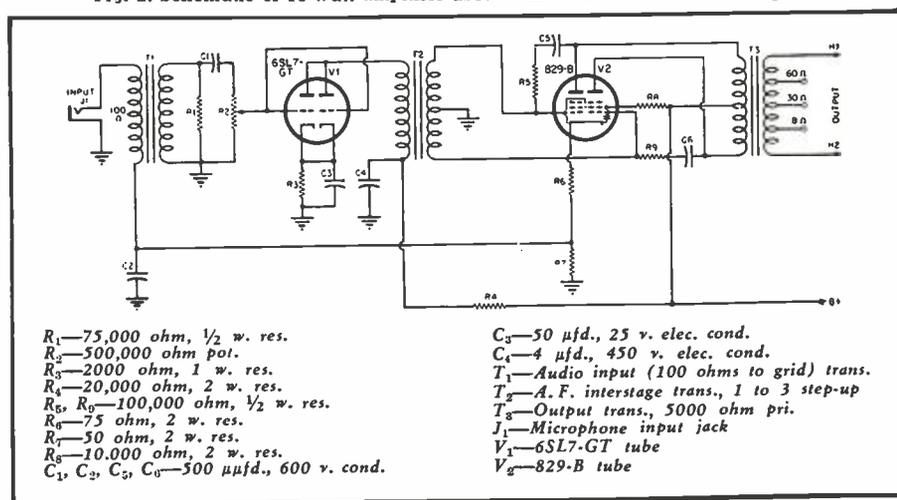
Because of the output requirements of such public-address systems, and because of the military necessity of portability and light weight, a different type of sound amplification became an immediate war requirement.

The problem was attacked by the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories working with sound engineers of *Dilks, Incorporated*. Exhaustive experimentation eventually led to the development of an entirely different method of sound amplification; *the modulated air stream*.

The new equipment has a remarkably low weight-to-output ratio. This is demonstrated by comparison with a typical 300-watt amplifying system. The older equipment weighs about 750 pounds; the air-stream-modulation system weighs only about 80 pounds.

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Fig. 2. Schematic of 15-watt amplifier used with air-stream modulated system.



Practical

RADIO COURSE

By

ALFRED A. GHIRARDI

THE question of tube noise is of great importance in the design of the mixer portion of a frequency converter, especially when the mixer is the first tube in the receiver (no r.f. amplifier stage employed ahead of it).

Types of Receiver Noises

There are really two main types of noises created within a receiver, (1) *thermal agitation* and (2) *tube noises*.

The first occurs in impedances, but is most apparent in those linked to the control-grid of the first tube in a receiver, owing to the large amplification following. We cannot do much about this source of noise.

Tube noise may be caused by several effects occurring in vacuum tubes due to the inherent electronic nature of their operation.

Sources of Tube Noise

One important source of tube noise, known as the *shot effect*,¹ arises from the fact that the currents in the tube consist of the movement of individual electrons rather than the flow of a continuous fluid. Since the electrons are discrete particles emitted from the cathode in a random way, any current resulting from such emission has a random variation that is termed "noise," since it results in a noise of some kind in the receiver output. This noise effect is distributed fairly evenly over the frequency spectrum. The noise for a given current is *maximum* when the plate is absorbing all the electrons that are liberated from the cathode. If the plate does not receive all the electrons emitted by the cathode, as happens when there is a very copious emission causing the current (electron flow) to be limited by the space-charge repulsion between electrons, then the noise is greatly reduced because of a cushioning effect exerted upon the variations in rate of emission by the great number of electrons emitted. Consequently, the noise is



Feature of new General Electric phonograph is the instantly retractable jeweled stylus. This stylus will not scratch or damage records if the tone arm is dropped.

Part 50. Covering tube noise in superheterodyne frequency converters and the proper selection of commercial types of mixer and converter tubes.

reduced in tubes in which the current to the plate is space-charge-limited.

Another source of tube noise arises from variations in the secondary emission taking place within the tube, and from a random variation of the division of current between the electrodes in multi-electrode tubes.

Equivalent Grid Resistance

Tube noise is conveniently expressed in terms of an *equivalent grid resistance*, R_{eq} . This is the value of resistance that, if connected between the signal control grid and cathode of the tube would produce a thermal agitation noise that would equal the noise actually produced by the tube itself, approximately. Thus it may be looked upon as an *equivalent* noise-producing resistance.

Noise Produced by Various Types of Amplifier Tubes

The noise energy in screen-grid, pentode and beam type tubes is *higher* than in triodes with similar characteristics because there is an added component of noise due to the random division of current between the screen

and plate in these more complicated form of tubes. For example, the noise energy from a pentode is about three to five times as great as that from a triode producing equivalent amplification.

Tube Noise in Frequency Converters

The mixer portion of a frequency-converter stage produces noise voltages in its output as a result mainly of random fluctuations in the space current of the tube and random variations in the way the space current divides between the plate and the other *positive* electrodes in the tube.

Experimental evidence indicates¹ that the major portion of the noise that is found in the output of mixers and converters employing *outer-grid* oscillator injection (tube types 6L7, 6J8, etc.) is due primarily to current-distribution fluctuations. The oscillator voltage changes the current distribution from plate to screen so that the mixer noise is given by the average of the distribution fluctuations over each oscillator cycle.

The major portion of the noise that is found in the output of mixers and converters employing *inner-grid* oscillator injection (tube types 6A8, 6SA7, 6K8, etc.) is primarily due to

¹ W. A. Harris, "Fluctuations in Vacuum Tube Amplifiers and Input Systems," *ECA Review*, Vol. 5, pg. 505, April 1941; Vol. 6, pg. 114, July 1941.

current-distribution fluctuations, but is complicated by the presence of the virtual cathode ahead of the signal grid.

Comparison of Noise Produced by Various Types of Mixer and Converter Tubes

Triode or pentode mixers and converters, in which both the signal and oscillator voltages are impressed on the same control grid (single-grid input), produce the least noise (highest signal-to-noise ratio) of any of the commonly-used types of mixers or converters (see Table 1). The reason for this has been made clear by studies of tube noise.¹ Tube noise is the combined result of shot noise in the cathode current (which is damped by space charge to a low value) and additional fluctuations in the plate current caused by random variations in primary current distribution between the various positive electrodes. Thus, in general, those tubes having the smallest current going to positive electrodes other than the plate have the lowest noise. Since the tetrode or pentode mixer or converter tube has a primary screen current that is only 25 per-cent (or less) of the total current, it is inherently lower in noise than the more complex modulators in which the current to positive electrodes other than the plate usually exceeds 60 per-cent of the total current. The triode, of course, has the lowest noise assuming an equivalent tube structure. The conversion transconductance of triode, tetrode, or pentode mixers is usually higher than that of multi-electrode tubes using a similar cathode and first-grid (G1) structure. That this is so is again largely due to the lower value of wasted current to other electrodes.

It is unfortunate that the design of pentagrid converter tubes makes them inherently more noisy than r.f. pentodes—the noise produced by them being about four times that produced in a super-control r.f. amplifier tube.

The special mixer and converter tubes used in broadcast receivers are distinctly inferior from the point of view of noise level. It is interesting to note that a high ratio of transconductance to space current reduces the noise level, so that the special pentodes designed for television receiver service (types 1852, 1853, etc.) have much lower noise output than ordinary tubes.

Advantage of Using R.F. Amplifier Stage Ahead of Converter

Generally speaking, the equivalent grid resistance representing the noise of a mixer or converter tube is always greater (2 to 4 times) than the corresponding equivalent resistance representing the noise generated in the same tube functioning as an ordinary

¹ E. W. Herold, "Superhet Converter System Considerations in Television Receivers," *RCA Review*, Vol. 4, pg. 324, January, 1940.

² If a tuned type of r.f. amplifier stage is employed, additional advantages involving freedom from certain types of spurious responses, etc., are also obtained. See Alfred A. Ghirardi, *Practical Radio Course*, Parts 27, 28, 29, 30; *RADIO NEWS*, October 1944, Nov. 1944, Dec. 1944, Jan. 1945.

Desirable Characteristics	Osc. and Signal Voltages on No. 1 Grid (Single-grid input)		Osc. Voltages on No. 1 Grid, Signal on No. 3 Grid (Inner-grid injection)	Osc. Voltages on No. 3 Grid, Signal on No. 1 Grid (Outer-grid injection)	
	Triode	Pentode	Hexode or Heptode	Pentode	Hexode or Heptode
High conversion trans-conductance	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
High plate resistance	Poor	Good	Good	Poor	Good
High signal-to-noise ratio	Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
Low oscillator-signal circuit interaction and radiation	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Good
Low input conductance at high frequencies	Poor	Fair	Good	Poor	Poor ²
Low signal-grid current at high frequencies	Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Poor ²
Low cost of complete converter system	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Poor

¹Due to feedback; may be increased to "Fair" by proper circuit design.
²May be increased to "Fair" by special constructions.

Table 1. Comparative appraisal of inherent operating characteristics resulting for each of the three general modes of frequency converter tube operation.

Class "A" amplifier. For example, an r.f. pentode tube used as an autodyne frequency converter will produce about twice as much noise as when used as an r.f. amplifier. Accordingly, when the internal impedance of the signal voltage source applied to the converter input does not greatly exceed the equivalent noise resistance of the mixer or converter tube, there is a decided advantage in employing a stage of r.f. amplification ahead of the frequency converter. In this way the main source of noise will be thermal agitation in the input circuit, instead of the large tube noise. The only practical case when r.f. amplification will not reduce the noise level appreciably is when triode or pentode plate-rectifier converters are used. In such arrangements, practical values of internal impedance of the signal voltage source applied to the converter tube can be made considerably greater than the equivalent noise resistance, except possibly in television systems.²

The conventional method of reducing the tube noise in any given superheterodyne receiver design in which

the type of mixer or converter tube to be used has already been settled upon because of other important desirable operating characteristics it may have (see Table 2), is to employ a stage of r.f. amplification having sizeable gain, ahead of the converter.³ When the r.f. amplifier stage is used, the signal amplitude fed to the signal grid of the mixer or converter tube is large compared to the converter noise. Consequently, this increases the signal-to-noise ratio to the extent that the converter noise usually becomes negligible.

Importance of Frequency-Converter Noise in Receiver Design

Converter noise often is an important consideration, particularly in u.h.f. receivers, short-wave receivers for distant-signal reception, and in loop-operated receivers of small size where the signal voltages delivered by the antenna circuit are not large and an r.f. stage often cannot be used because space is at a premium and the receiver cost must be reduced to a

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Table 2. Operating characteristics of various popular mixer and converter tubes.

Form of Tube	Type Number	Used As	Conversion Trans-conductance (μmhos)	A.C. Plate Resistance (Ohms)	Calculated Conversion Gain	Space-charge Coupling Present	Osc.-Frequency Stabilizer (As Converter)	
							Frequency Shift Due to Supply-Voltage Variations	Frequency Shift Due to A.V.C. Voltage Variations
Simple Pentagrid Converter	6A8	Converter	550	360,000	71	Yes	Poor	Poor
Simple Pentagrid Converter	1A7G	Converter	250	600,000	35	Yes	Poor	Poor
Modified Pentagrid Converter	6SA7	Converter	450	1,000,000	75	Yes	Fair	Good
Modified Pentagrid Converter	1R5	Converter	300	600,000	45	Yes	Fair	Fair
Pentagrid Mixer	6L7	Mixer	375	1,000,000	62	No	Fair
Triode-Heptode Converter	6J8G	Converter	290	2,500,000	54	No	Good	Good
Triode-Hexode Converter	6K8	Converter	350	600,000	52	Yes	Fair	Good
*Optimum values								



Panel view of generator. A spare crystal socket is provided for addition of extra crystals operating between 150-700 kc.

Crystal Controlled Signal Generator

A SIGNAL generator is one of the most important instruments used in servicing radio receivers. It is on this instrument that the serviceman depends for putting the final touch to his work by aligning the i.f. and r.f. stages properly, and the accuracy with which he can do this depends directly on the accuracy of his signal generator. With the increasing demand for greater precision in the radio service field there is need for a more stable frequency source; one which will maintain its calibration exactly for a long period of time.

The result of aligning the i.f. stages at a frequency above or below that specified by the manufacturer is graphically shown in Fig. 1. Only when the i.f. channel is correct will the receiver track exactly with its dial calibration. Even though the 600 and 1400 kc. check points are correctly set with their respective padders, the dial

calibration will be off over the rest of its range. Also, tracking will be poor and receiver sensitivity will vary over different portions of the dial. From this it can be seen why it is important to have an accurate source of signal for i.f. alignment. Of equal importance is the accuracy of the r.f. signal for spotting the 600 kc. and 1400 kc. points as well as frequencies between these two.

There are many fine examples of continuously variable frequency oscillators on the market today but their accuracy is subject to the limitations of the self excited circuits. These limitations include the effects of temperature, humidity, vibration, the ageing of tubes and components and variations in dial calibration.

Quartz crystals provide the most stable method of frequency control known today. They are employed in practically every radio transmitter in the world and their use is being ex-

Instant selection of any one of seven channels may be had by simply rotating a switch.

By

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panded to the control of fixed reception channels in receivers. These tiny wafers of quartz which exhibit a piezoelectric character will maintain their frequency calibration indefinitely. This method of frequency control is featured in a signal generator which was recently announced by the *Bliley Electric Co.*, of Erie, Penna. A set of seven frequencies have been selected for their usefulness in the alignment of i.f. and r.f. stages. An added advantage to the stability secured by these crystals is the instant selection of a desired channel by the simple flip of a switch. Not only does this result in considerable time saving, but also the possibility of error in dial setting is eliminated. Each switch position produces a single frequency channel which will remain accurate indefinitely.

In choosing the channels which are provided by this oscillator it was necessary to conduct a survey of the intermediate frequencies used by various manufacturers, in standard broadcast receivers. The survey included almost 7000 types made by twenty leading manufacturers since 1930, and the chart of Table 1 shows the result. Channels 455-456 and 260-262 are scored together because of the proximity of their frequencies. For the sake of economy, and because the i.f. channels with less than 2 per-cent representation are for the most part used in old radios which are rapidly being decommissioned, the first five frequencies were selected for use in the oscillator. They make up 91% of the frequencies used in the nearly 7000 receiver types covered by the survey. The results show that by excluding the odd frequencies used on sets made before 1936, the first five channels of Table 1 make up 95.2% of the total. Thus, the serviceman can expect to handle at least 95% of his i.f. alignment with crystal controlled accuracy.

In addition to the five channels provided for i.f. alignment, there are two for r.f. alignment. These are crystal controlled at 200 and 1000 kc. The 200 kc. is of particular usefulness in the broadcast band since it provides strong harmonics at 600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1400 and 1600 kc. The 600 and 1400 kc. harmonics may be used for low and high frequency padder adjustments. The 1000 kc. channel serves as a check point in the center of the broadcast band in cases where alignment is more than 100 kc. off calibration. Once the 1000 kc. point is located the 200 kc. points can be followed up and down the dial. The 1000 kc. channel is also

for use in alignment of short-wave bands. Its harmonics can be used up to 20,000 kc. on the average receiver, and up to 50,000 kc. on the more sensitive communications type of receiver.

An external socket on the front panel provides for use of extra crystals with frequencies between 150 and 700 kc. With two such crystals the oscillator may be used in the alignment of FM receivers. For example, a 5350 kc. crystal will produce a harmonic at 10,700 kc. for i.f. alignment and a 5000 kc. crystal will produce harmonics every 5 mc. in the FM band for r.f. alignment.

The crystals employed in this instrument are representative of the latest design trends in the low frequency range. The six units below 1000 kc. contain low temperature coefficient quartz plates on which silver electrodes have been deposited. Each crystal is rigidly supported by wires that have been soldered directly to this plating. This type of assembly insures maximum stability. The 1000 kc. crystal is also a low temperature coefficient quartz plate and is mounted conventionally in a free air gap assembly which restrains crystal movement and restricts any frequency shift to a few cycles. Both types will absorb far more punishment than could conceivably be encountered in an instrument of this kind. The crystals can be seen in the rear view photograph with the retaining disc removed. The low frequency units are in the aluminum cans which encircle the 1000 kc. crystal in the rectangular holder.

Another feature of the crystal controlled oscillator is the high output which is available. It is sufficient to practically eliminate the need for direct coupling to the receiver. In most cases it is only necessary to lay the output lead from the oscillator near the receiver and increase the output until the signal appears on the meter, or in the speaker, whichever method is used. There may be some instances where the receiver is so far out of alignment that a great deal of input is necessary. In this case the leads are clipped to the antenna post or to tube grids in the conventional manner.

The oscillator output is controlled by a five step attenuator switch and a vernier control. Maximum output on step X1 is approximately 1500 microvolts and each successive step multiplies by ten, resulting in approximately 15 volts output on step X10M. With the attenuator and vernier both set at minimum, the r.f. voltage present across the output clips is about 10 microvolts which is sufficiently low for most applications. For special cases decreasing the coupling will reduce this further.

It is very important to caution the user against coupling the oscillator directly to an antenna since its output is great enough to cause considerable interference. Some servicemen will find it convenient to attach the output to a short wire running along the

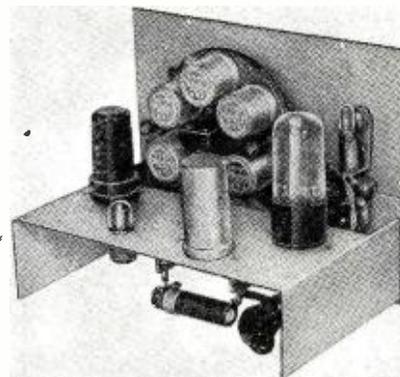
I. F. CHANNEL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
455-456	58.2
465	14.0
175	10.6
260-262	5.7
370	2.58
460	1.72
470	1.47
450	.94
445	.78
480	.65
181.5	.63
485	.53
252.5	.52
ALL OTHER CHANNELS	LESS THAN .5

Table 1. Survey shows that 95.2 percent of total receivers in use today employ one of five different i.f. frequencies.

bench and use its radiation alone as a coupling medium to the receivers, but such a wire must not be more than a few feet long.

A four position modulation control is provided on this oscillator in order to give maximum flexibility. The positions are: "OFF," "MOD. RF," "PURE RF," and "EXT. MOD." With the control at "MOD. RF" an internal audio oscillator modulates the r.f. output with a 400 cycle tone. On the six low frequency channels the internal tone modulates the output approx-

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Rear view of the crystal controlled signal generator. Crystal harmonics may be used for aligning short-wave and FM receivers.

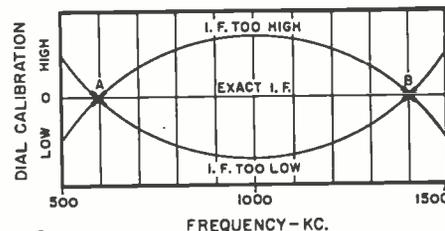
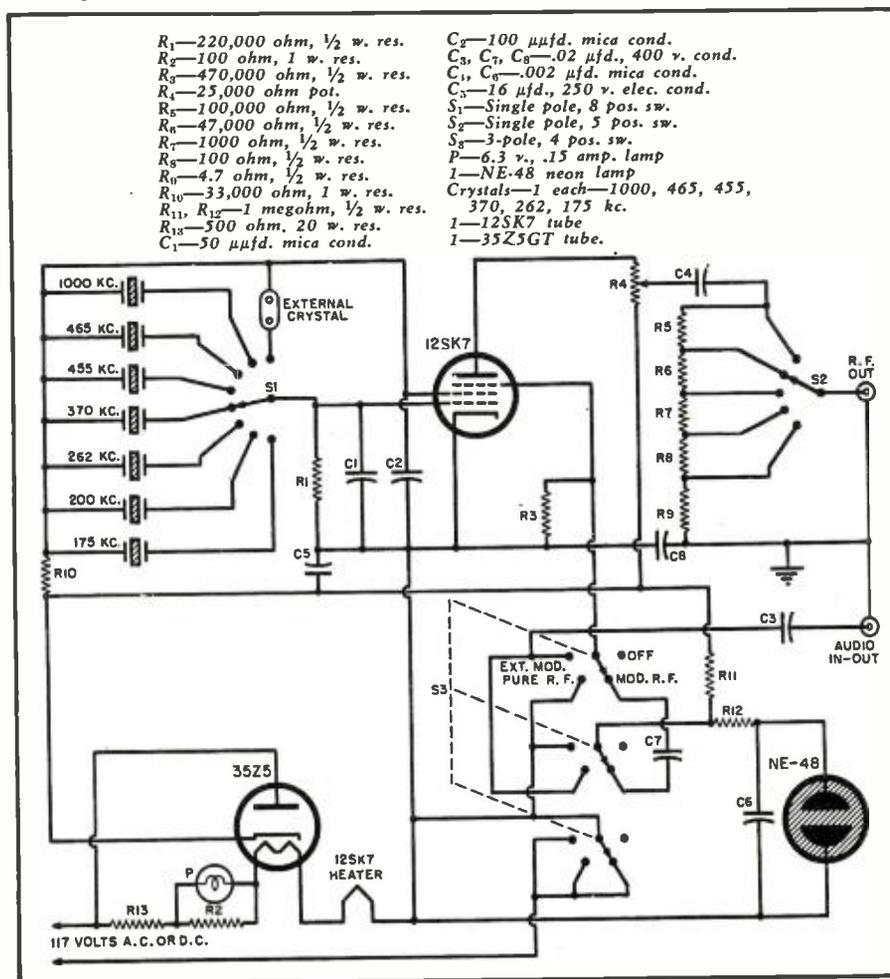


Fig. 1. Graph illustrates the effect on dial calibration if i.f. frequency alignment is above or below that specified by the radio receiver manufacturer.

Fig. 2. Circuit diagram of crystal controlled signal generator. An internal 400 cycle modulation signal is supplied by the neon tube relaxation type oscillator.





Small tire forms are electronically preheated in this unit prior to forming in steam-heated molds. The combined steam and electronic process has cut production time drastically in this application.

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Electronics has been hailed by the rubber industry as a means of cutting the costs while improving the quality.

ELECTRONIC DEVELOPMENTS

in the Rubber Industry

By

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MIRACLES sometimes happen! At least that is the opinion of the rubber industry after viewing with open skepticism the efforts of the Electronic Laboratories of the *Firestone Tire and Rubber Company* and the *B. F. Goodrich Company* of Akron, Ohio. According to announcements from these sources, electronic vulcanizing has been wholeheartedly

Engineer checks one of the rectifier tubes used in the electronic vulcanizer unit.



adopted as an important factor in the production of rubber articles.

With this support "Heatronics" has now come out of the laboratory and into the production of such articles as tires, *Foamex*, brake lining and plastics. Increased quality and greater consumer acceptance will be among the end products, while savings in production time will, in some instances, run as high as ten to one.

The background for this present development goes back to certain discoveries made in 1935 by two Frenchmen, Rene Dufour and Henri Auguste Leduc. These scientists, with background experience in medical diathermy as applied to the high frequency heating of the human body, discovered in the course of their experiments that the application of high frequency dielectric fields to compounds of rubber would produce curing or vulcanization quicker and more uniformly than was possible by the application of heat alone.

The work of these scientists was undertaken with the backing of the Sorbonne University, The French Academy of Science and the French Government. This method of heat treating was first demonstrated in 1937 at the Paris Exposition.

Since that date various experiments have been underway with the thought

of improving the process for industrial application. One such experiment has been successfully concluded at the *Firestone Tire and Rubber Company* and has resulted in the installation of equipment for the curing of *Foamex* at the Fall River, Massachusetts plant of the company. *Foamex*, the company's trade name for foamed rubber latex, is used in mattresses, automobile upholstery and similar applications.

This unit has been installed on three levels. The power and oscillator cabinets are mounted on the top level, about ten feet above the floor. The operating control unit, located at a lower level, overlooks the work which is handled at floor level. Conveyors deliver the material alternately to each of two trays which are so situated that one may be filled with foamed latex while the material in the other tray is being cured.

The contents of each tray, when finished, is tipped out onto a conveyor on which it is washed and given a brief final high frequency burst of power for preheating. The conveyor then carries the preheated rubber into a drying oven where, during its hour long journey, the product is dried.

This method of producing *Foamex* is capable of turning out a cured unit as large as a mattress of double bed size in four minutes of electronic heating

plus drying time (after washing) of one hour. These figures are in comparison with the former production times of thirty minutes in a steam mold and from 16 to 18 hours in a hot air oven. In addition, the new product achieves several points of superiority over that cured by the older method, i.e., the quick treatment "fixing" of the air bubbles before their dispersion and the retention of millions of tiny, uniform air pockets throughout the material.

This mass production unit is powered by a 125 kw. standard model *Westinghouse* high frequency oscillator with suitable control units for manual or automatic operation. The unit is designed to operate on frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, although proper shielding has been provided in order to insure a minimum of radiation. This unit was designed by *Firestone* engineers in cooperation with *Westinghouse Electric Corporation* of Baltimore.

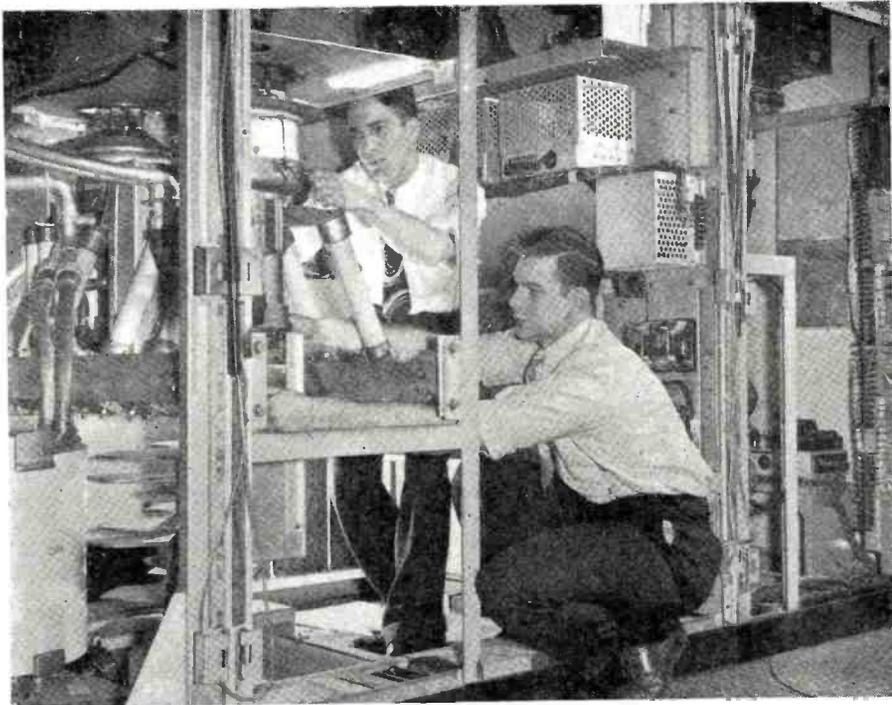
Until recently, steam heated molds were used exclusively by the rubber industry to convert the raw compound into the finished product. However, steam has certain disadvantages, such as the length of time required for the heat to penetrate the material in order for the necessary chemical action to take place.

Electronic vulcanization has decided advantages over steam in the curing of rubber compounds in that the so-called "molecular friction" set up by the dielectric field used in this process creates molecular activation and heat instantly throughout the object under treatment. After a brief period, the flow of heat is from the core out, regardless of the thickness of the object under treatment.

There are other advantages to this method such as better quality, due, apparently, to the extremely rapid vibration imparted to the sulfur and the molecules of rubber by the dielectric field. The frequencies used in this process range from 1 to 100 mc. This characteristic result of dielectric heating suggests uses in other fields where compounding may be aided by molecular vibration.

Some results achieved by this new process are impressive when compared to those produced by previous methods. Large hard rubber industrial wheels that formerly took five hours to cure with steam now require two minutes of electronic treatment, plus eighteen minutes in a shaping mold. Similarly, brake blocks which required seven hours to process by steam now are cured in 48 minutes.

The manner in which electric force is made to penetrate materials such as rubber compounds, resins, plastics, etc. might be described, in general, as follows. Many such substances ordinarily considered nonconductors, especially insofar as direct current or alternating current of a low frequency are concerned, may be made to conduct if sufficient potential is applied. However, the higher the frequency, the



Two Firestone engineers install one of the power tubes used in the electronic vulcanizing unit at the company's Fall River plant. Two tubes of this type provide 125,000 watts of electrical energy for production of Foamex mattresses.

lower the potential required to force a given amount of energy through the dielectric. In general, then, the higher the applied frequency, the lower the voltage required to produce a given heat in the dielectric.

Not all substances can be as efficiently treated by high frequency as rubber compounds, as the nature of the product influences the results obtained by the heating process. The factors governing dielectric heating efficiency in any given material are its dielec-

tric constant and its power factor. The higher these values run, the more efficiently the substance may be heated. For instance, air which is considered to be the most basic dielectric has a constant of 1, a power factor of zero and is not appreciably affected by dielectric heating. Pure phenol, on the other hand, with a constant of 5 and a power factor of 1 is an excellent subject for treatment. Rubber compounds, depending on the proportion
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Heat-treated tank tracks are put into this machine and pressed into their metal base. This unit applies steam curing which follows electronic process.





By CARL COLEMAN

UNITED Fruit which is a company always of interest to marine radio men recently launched the new Heredia, second of three of its class at Newport News, Va., The Parismina was put overboard a short time ago and the Metapan is to be completed shortly—the ships are all reefer jobs of a special design rated at close to 20 knots, 12 passengers with 320,000 cubic feet of cargo space of 12,890 tons and are about 455 feet in length. Also recently launched was the Santo Cerro, fourth in a group of nine being built for the company by the Bethlehem Sparrows Point Shipyard at Baltimore, the Santo Cerro, one of the "Yaque" class vessels has a rated speed of sixteen knots with reefer cargo capacity of 197,000 cubic feet, 12 passengers, 4600 tons and 385 feet long.

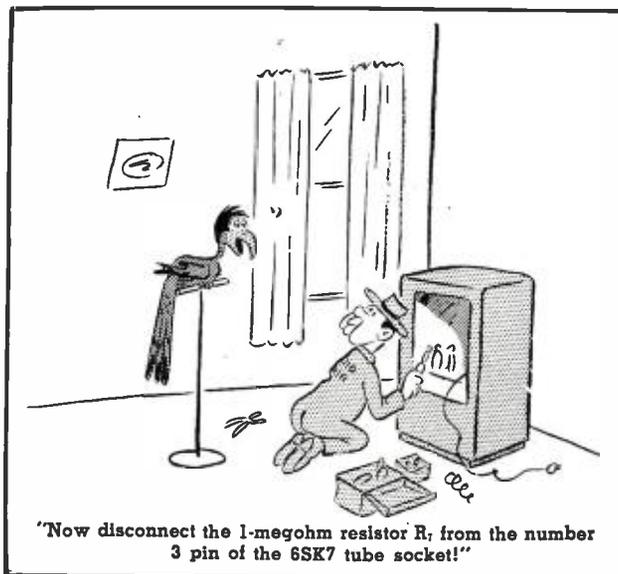
ALCOA recently announced that the George Washington, temporarily placed on the Bermuda run will be maintained on the schedule, through the end of the year due to the heavy demand for shipboard passenger travel to the island.

ALCOA, another line of interest to marine radiomen because of its large number of ships have three vessels recently launched on the West Coast at Portland, Oregon. The vessels are of the combined passenger-cargo type destined to serve the Caribbean out of New York and New Orleans. Each has a displacement of 14,870 tons and although 98 berths will be available on each ship the average per trip is expected to be about 60 passengers. The three, the Alcoa Cavalier, Alcoa Clipper and Alcoa Corsair were originally started by the U. S. Maritime Commission as Victory ships but were purchased shortly after they were started by Alcoa and completely redesigned. Company officials pointed out that in using a con-

siderable amount of aluminum a great saving in weight and also freedom from corrosion by sea-water is obtained . . . the two upper decks of the superstructure and the stack will be of aluminum which is also used in lifeboats, davits, hatch covers, air ports, ladders and windows . . . the ships have been constructed to achieve the maximum in safety, the hull has been sub-divided into seven compartments to insure the greatest possible stability under emergency conditions and fire resistant materials have been used throughout in the ships' construction. All passenger cabins and crew spaces will be air conditioned as will public rooms except the main dining room which will be open on two sides to the sea breeze. The cargo capacity of each ship will be 418,900 cubic feet, 14,850 cubic feet of reefer space has been provided. The ships are 455 feet long with a normal speed of 17 knots.

THE various airlines still are reporting a shortage of good radiomen in both ground and flight positions . . . understand American is looking for men with either phone or telegraph licenses.

J. M. SOKASH wanting to break into the marine radio operating field. H. Smith and H. Weiss both engaged in the marine field in New York. N. Campbell off again on a leave of absence due to illness.



THE Navy recently announced the expansion of its training program in the training of technicians in all phases of electronics to be effective the 4th of November. The basic course for electronic technicians mates and aviation electronic technicians mates will be extended from twenty to forty-two weeks under a program designed to fill 7900 positions now open in these ratings. The present advanced training course of twenty-eight weeks will be continued.

TODD shipyards which operate half a dozen ship repair yards on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific have taken over the operation of the Charleston Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at Charleston, S. C., it was announced recently . . . this is Todd's first venture along the lower south Atlantic coast.

THE Maritime Commission awarded Meritorious Service Medals to Capt. S. Saamundsen, master of the "Anne Bradstreet," and to E. J. Quinlan A. B., aboard the "Henry W. Longfellow" . . . Capt. Saamundsen for his leadership while his vessel was under fire and bombing attack, Seaman Quinlan for his part aboard the "Longfellow" when fire broke out while discharging high octane gasoline.

TO GET back to the steamship business—keels for two new gypsum rock carriers were laid recently at the Kearny yard of Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company it was announced—the vessels will be built for the Panama Gypsum Company a subsidiary of the United States Gypsum Company and are scheduled for delivery next spring . . . each will have a deadweight tonnage of 10,350 and a capacity of 300,000 cubic feet will be 436 feet long and with a speed of about 12 knots . . .

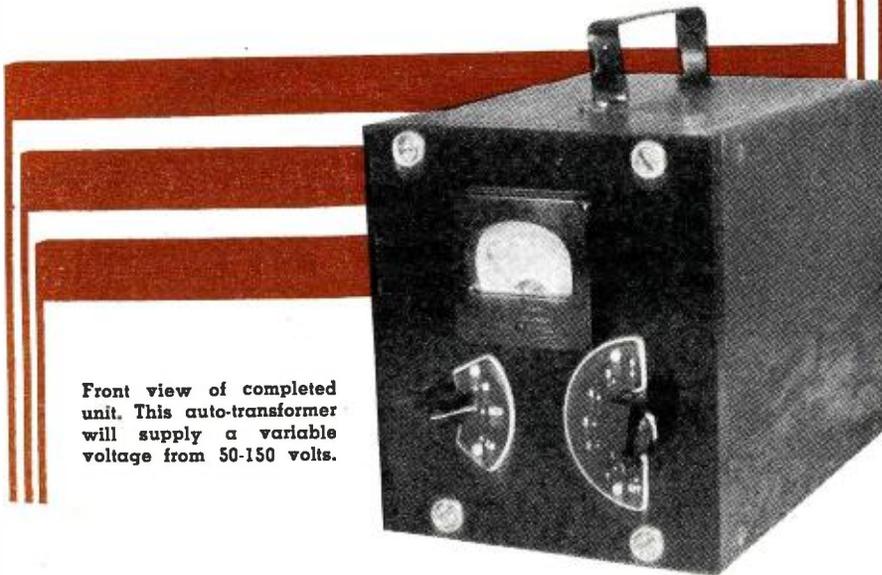
The new craft will be single screw turbine jobs and plans call for them to operate between ports along the Bay of Fundy and the plants operated by the company at Boston, New York, Philadelphia or Jacksonville . . . carrying gypsum rock.

THE U. S. Maritime Commission recently announced the opening of bids has been put off in connection with the reconditioning of two Lykes vessels and that the opening of bids has been indefinitely postponed. . . . No reason was given for the delay.

SHIPYARD production in 1946 will exceed that of any peacetime year since before the first war according to J. Lewis Luckenbach, president of the American Bureau of Shipping and noted that all construction was concentrated in shipyards that existed before the last war with the exception of two war emergency plants that will complete their contracts shortly.

MR. LUCKENBACH reported that most of the ships were for private account with Government con-
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Designing an AUTO-TRANSFORMER



Front view of completed unit. This auto-transformer will supply a variable voltage from 50-150 volts.

By R. L. PARMENTER, WJXF

Transformers, found in most junkboxes, will provide sufficient material to construct this handy gadget.

PROBABLY one of the most useful gadgets around the ham shack or experimenter's workbench is something that will provide a variable line voltage at a fair degree of current handling ability. Most laboratories and electrical workshops make extensive use of continuously variable transformers such as Vari-tran or Variacs. While these are not prohibitively expensive by any means and are now generally available there are many of us who would prefer to make use of something that we probably already have on hand. Also the saving of a few dollars usually seems to appeal to most of us. It has been my experience that while many of us will get along without the convenience that a transformer like this provides, once we have used one we will come to depend upon it more and more since it is a piece of equipment that may be used every day. We use it for reducing power input to our transmitters while making adjustments and tuning up, checking appliances, as a soldering iron control to keep the iron fairly hot but not hot enough to blacken it or burn it out and last Christmas we used it to reduce the line voltage when two of the irreplaceable tree bulbs burnt out.

Our original idea was to start from

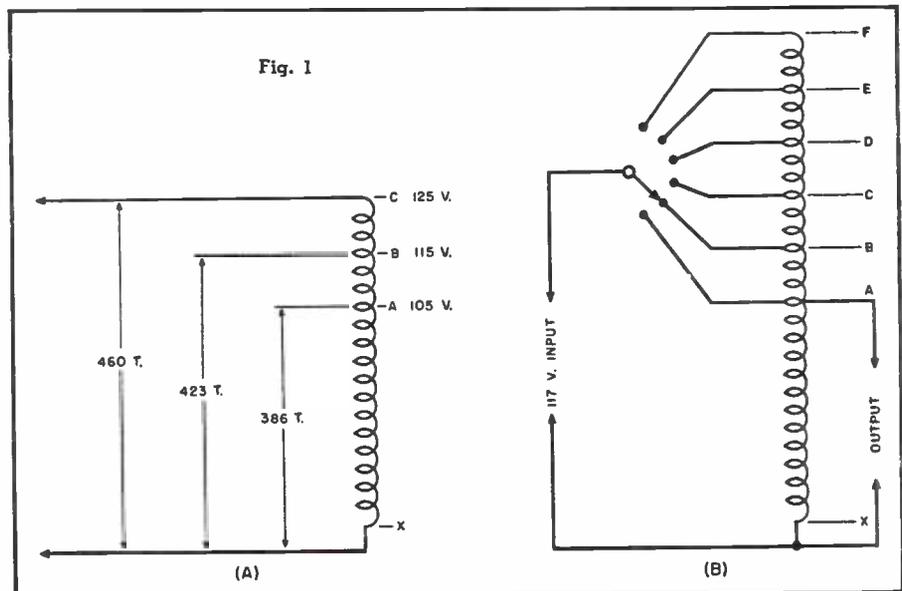
scratch with a fairly husky power transformer core and wind a complete winding which would provide a variable voltage from about 50 volts to about 150 volts at a current rating in the neighborhood of 1 to 3 amperes. This is quite feasible if the iron for the core and wire for the winding is available but while we

were looking through the junk box we came upon a unit which had a tapped primary with a shorted high voltage secondary. We decided to make use of this since much better usage of the windings could be made and the resultant voltages would be close enough to the desired values.

The transformer used was a 120 watt unit which originally delivered 1200 volts, center-tapped at 200 mils and two filament windings of 2.5 volts and 5 volts. While the following exposition will be specific as to values, the methods used in figuring may be applied to any unit of comparable size and rating. The transformer was hooked up to the 115 v. line through a 100 watt bulb at first as a precautionary measure. When it was ascertained that the high voltage secondary was merely opened and not shorted, we connected the 115 volts on directly and noted the low voltage secondary values of potential. The laminations were then removed and the core stripped of its high voltage winding, necessary caution being observed not to damage the insulation. Then the low voltage windings were carefully removed and the turns for each counted. By this means the turns-per-volt ratio was ascertained to be 3.7 turns per volt. Since this value is used in subsequent calculations it is important that it be found as accurately as possible either by the foregoing means or by means of a transformer table which lists core sizes and primary turns for certain voltages as well as wire sizes needed. These are available in many electrical handbooks as well as the ARRL "Amateur's Handbook."

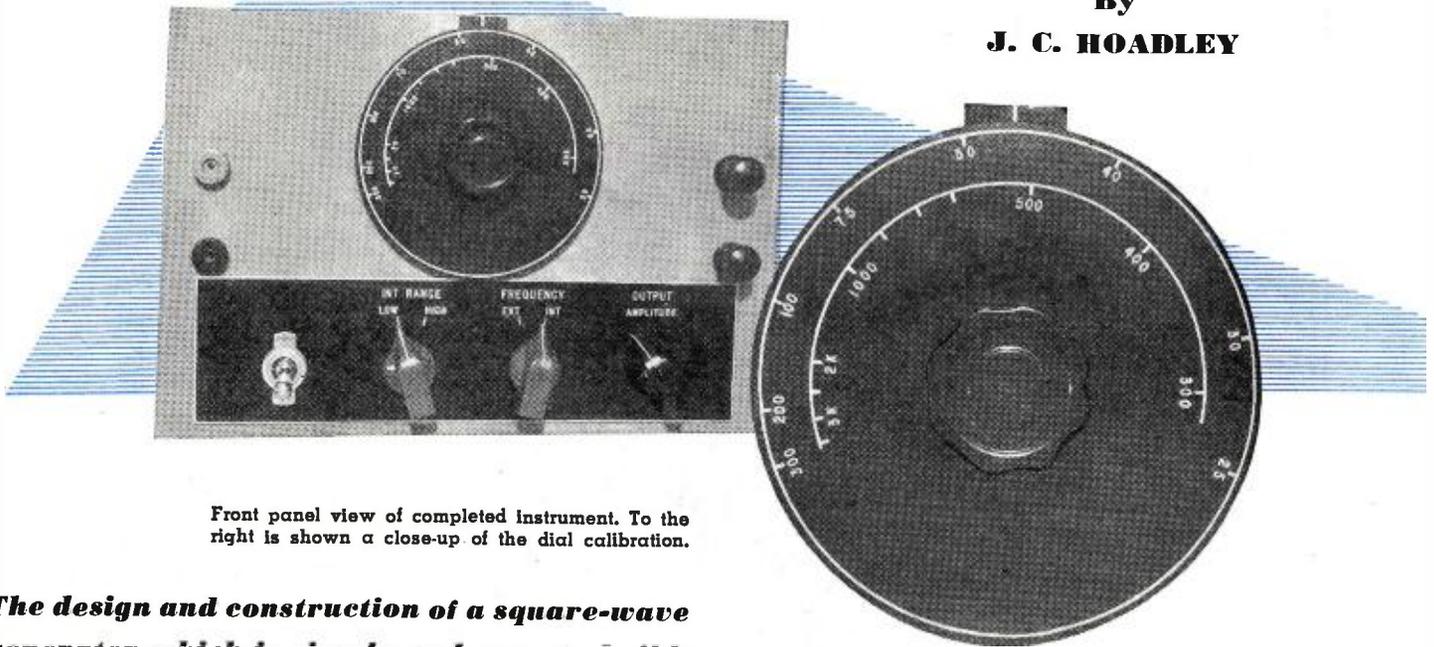
Since the primary winding was tapped for three voltages we assumed these to be 105, 115, and 125 volts which are the most commonly used. On a basis of 3.7 turns per volt this will figure to 460 turns tapped at 423 and 386 turns. Reference to Fig. 1A will show these voltages at their respective taps. It will be obvious at this point that more windings must

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Simple SQUARE-WAVE Generator

By
J. C. HOADLEY



Front panel view of completed instrument. To the right is shown a close-up of the dial calibration.

The design and construction of a square-wave generator which is simple and easy to build.

A HANDY unit for rapid observation of the characteristics of amplifiers and other equipment is a square-wave generator. It has a host of other uses, such as an electronic switch, supplying blanking pulses for the Z axis of an oscilloscope, and keying and synchronizing slave type multivibrator and trigger circuits.

The type of generator which is to be discussed here is the variable frequency symmetrical type, that is, one which produces a square wave, the frequency of which may be varied by the observer, and the output of which is a series of square waves with uniform spacing. A desirable waveform is shown in Fig. 1A. This is an ideal square wave.

Certain factors contribute to a departure from the ideal square wave. The most important of these is capacity. In the course of generating a square wave, capacities must be charged and discharged and this takes

time. Therefore, the front of the square wave will have a slope, instead of rising in an infinitely short time. The steeper this slope, the faster the rise time and the more desirable the wave. The same thing is true of the fall.

In the interest of making these rises and falls as rapid as possible, particular attention must be given to the lowering of circuit capacity and the choosing of low impedance circuits. A given value of capacity has less effect on a low impedance circuit than on a high impedance circuit. It is obvious that a given capacitance will discharge faster through a low resistance than a high one.

A square wave can be generated with a multivibrator circuit, which is really a two stage, resistance-coupled amplifier with its output connected to its input. The time constants formed by its grid resistors and coupling condensers determine its frequency of operation. When $R_1=R_2$ and $C_1=C_2$ the

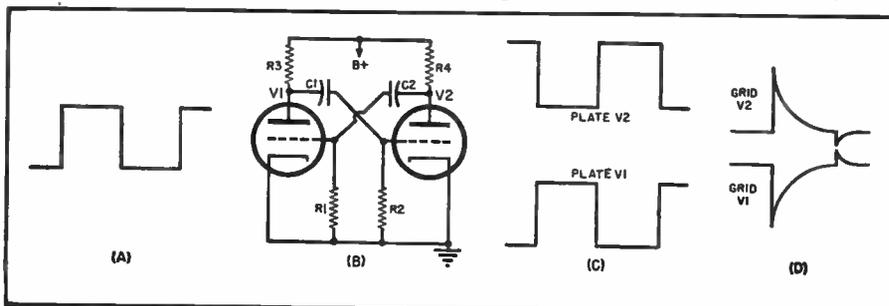
square wave will be symmetrical, presupposing $R_3=R_4$ and V_1 is similar to V_2 .

The multivibrator operates in the following manner. In Fig. 1B, plate voltage is applied causing a drop across R_4 due to V_2 drawing current. C_2 charges, shoving the grid of V_1 down a negative amount equal to the drop across R_4 . This cuts off V_1 . C_2 now starts discharging through R_1 . The time for C_2 to discharge to a value that will allow V_1 to again draw current is determined by the formula $T=RC$. The voltage applied to the grid of V_1 should be several times cut-off for the type of tube selected. This voltage is sometimes made as high as the square of the cut-off voltage to increase the effective time constant. This increase in time constant is not a linear function, however. Due to the exponential nature of the condenser's discharge, the time, as computed by $T=RC$ will be longer than the actual time which will be given by $2T=RC$. This value is approximate.

When the voltage on the grid of V_1 falls to below the cut-off value for the chosen tube, V_1 draws plate current through R_3 . The plate of V_1 is pulled down, charging C_1 , driving the grid V_2 negative, shutting off V_2 .

The plate of V_2 rises to "B+". This positive movement charges C_2 positively which drives the grid of V_1 very positive. This action happens very fast, the grid of V_1 being driven positive before the plate of V_1 has finished charging C_1 . The result is an extremely sharp waveform on the plate

Fig. 1. (A) Ideal square wave. (B) Simplified diagram of the multivibrator. (C) and (D) show waveforms at various plate and grid terminals of the multivibrator.



Autotune Transmitter

AN/ART-13

By

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Agency of War Assets Administration

MODEL AN/ART-13 Aircraft Radio Equipment is the long-range transmitter section of the modern communications systems used in medium and large Army and Navy aircraft. Navy men know the equipment as Model ATC or ATC-1. When the Armed Forces decided that their procurement was in surplus of peacetime needs, *Northwest Airlines*, *Pan-American*, *TACA Airways* and others purchased the equipment under the airlines' priority preference provisions. A limited quantity is still available to the general public.

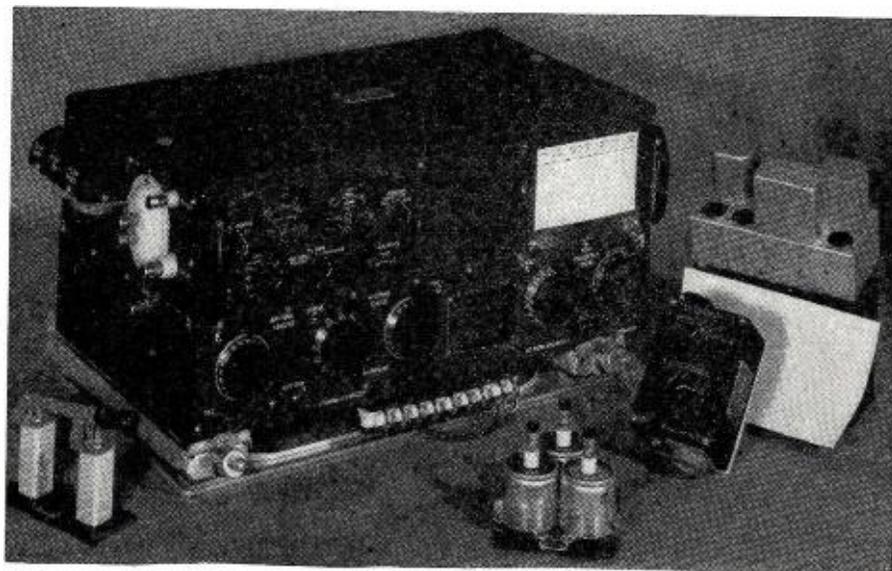
Nominal power output of the transmitter is 100 watts. It covers two frequency ranges, 2 to 18.1 mc. with no accessory equipment and 200 to 1500 kc. with the addition of a low-frequency oscillator and an external loading coil. The 2 to 18.1 mc. range includes the 80, 40, and 20 meter amateur bands and marine, police, forestry, relay-broadcast and aircraft frequencies.

This article will describe the equipment, an a.c. power supply to replace the aircraft battery and dynamotor, and an easy modification for crystal control. The low-frequency accessories will not be discussed because these frequencies have few applications of general interest.

AN/ART-13 was perfected to fill the need for a modern, high-powered, compact, and lightweight transmitter that could be operated and automatically tuned from either the radio-room or remote location.

General Description

Despite its light weight, only 67 lbs., the transmitter construction is sturdy and rugged enough to take the shock and vibration encountered in war-planes. It is housed in a black wrinkle-finished aluminum cabinet 23%



AN/ART-13 sub-chassis and miscellaneous component parts.

inches wide by 16 inches deep by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. The cabinet may be mounted on a rubber-cushioned shock-mount base.

The modern trend toward subassembly construction allows a lot of equipment to be packed into a small space without making components inaccessible.

Manual tuning and Autotune presetting are done with five dials on the transmitter panel.

Keying speeds up to 30 words per minute may be used on c.w. and m.c.w. operation without objectionable "chirp" or distortion of the length of the keyed characters. Both the 1000 c.p.s. tone oscillator and the speech amplifier work into an audio circuit which is capable of modulating the full-power r.f. carrier (100 watts nominal) at least 90% for m.c.w. or voice emission.

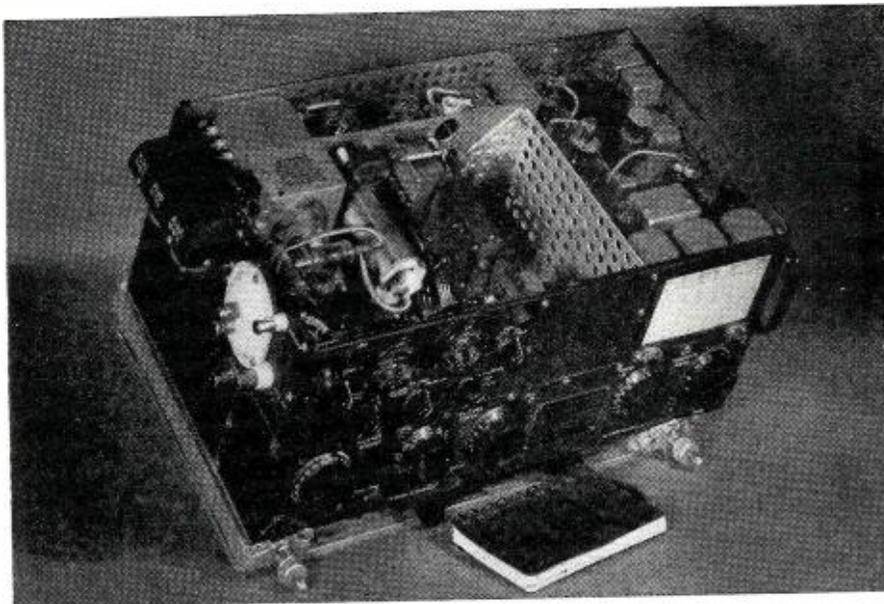
The "B" dial calibration is corrected by zero-beating the master-oscillator frequency with the output of the crystal-controlled calibration oscillator. The crystal furnished in the calibration oscillator is accurate to within .01% from 0° C to 70° C. The maximum frequency deviation due to temperature and humidity changes after the transmitter has been tuned for temperatures between -10° C and +50° C is only .0126% at 6 mc. These figures are not applicable if the transmitter is modified for crystal control. With crystal control, the frequency stability will be the same as the stability of the crystal used.

Autotune

The Autotune mechanism is a highly accurate motor-driven automatic tun-

ing system which allows selection of either manual tuning or any of 11 pre-tuned frequencies by turning a switch to the channel number desired. The 11 channel positions of the "Channel" switch on the transmitter panel are duplicated by a "Channel" switch on the remote control box. (The remote operator has no need for the "Manual" position of the switch.) Ten of the pre-tuned channel frequencies may be in one narrow range or they may be scattered among a number of frequency bands from 2 to 18.1 mc. The 11th position, "Low Freq.," is used in conjunction with the low-frequency accessory equipment to switch in a single pre-tuned frequency from 200 to 1500 kc.

Presetting the five control knobs for an Autotune channel is almost as simple as manual tuning. Each knob has a locking bar. To tune manually, the locking bars are left tight, the channel switch is turned to "Manual," and after the Autotune mechanism has stopped its motion, the knobs are turned to tune the transmitter as instructed in the calibration book. To preset an Autotune channel, the channel switch is turned to the channel number desired for the frequency being preset. Any of the 10 numbers may be chosen. Assume, for example, that 6 is the number selected. After the mechanism stops, the locking bars are loosened and the knobs are turned to tune the transmitter as in manual tuning. The position of each knob is then noted. They are next turned counterclockwise about one-quarter turn and then turned back to the positions noted. The locking bars are then tightened while the knobs are held at



Top view of AN/ART-13 transmitter. It is also known as Navy model ATC or ATC-1.

Conversion details for modifying a recently released surplus item. Instructions for converting to 117 volts a.c. operation are fully covered.

the noted positions. This completes the presetting for channel 6. Another frequency and channel number may be chosen and the procedure repeated, or manual tuning may be done, but as long as the locking bars are not loosened when the channel switch is at 6, the channel 6 setting will not be disturbed.

Power Amplifier

The power amplifier tube, at all frequencies, operates as a class C amplifier with -40 volts on the grid.

Audio Circuits

The audio circuits consist of a first audio stage, a driver stage, a class B push-pull modulator, a side-tone amplifier, and an m.c.w. tone oscillator. The microphone, the m.c.w. tone oscillator, and the crystal-calibration detector all feed to the first audio stage. Either a 40-ohm carbon or a 200-ohm dynamic microphone may be used.

Circuit values are chosen to provide equal voltage from either mike at the primary of the input transformer.

The modulator uses two high- μ triodes connected in push-pull. "CW" relay contacts, K103B, remove plate voltage from the modulators when c.w. emission is selected.

The push-pull output transformer has two secondaries, one to modulate the screen of the power amplifier while the other modulates the plate.

Calibration Circuits

Tuning accuracy is assured by a crystal-controlled oscillator circuit which provides calibration correction points every 100 to 600 kc. Calibration

is performed by zero-beating at the nearest check point given in the calibration book, and then moving the "B" dial pointer to correct the dial reading at the check frequency. The master-oscillator frequency is beat with the calibration-circuit output at intervals of 50 kc., but since the master-oscillator frequency is multiplied from 2 to 12 times, the 50 kc. check intervals are also multiplied by the same amount.

A regenerative frequency divider circuit is used with a 200 kc. crystal as the controlling standard. Plate voltage is applied to the tubes in the circuit only when the "Calibrate-Tune-Operate" switch is in the "Calibrate" position.

A.C. Power Supply

In order to make Army-Navy surplus more suitable for civilian use, the Belmont Radio Corporation agency of the War Assets Administration maintains a laboratory to work out recommendations and circuits which can be built by radio amateurs.

Any power supply for the AN/ART-

13 must take into consideration the need for a 28-volt d.c. source to drive the Autotune motor and to energize the relays, because a.c. replacements for these components are not available. Fortunately, many dry-disc rectifiers are available now as surplus equipment at moderate cost. It was therefore decided to design a power supply which can be cabled to the transmitter and which requires no changes in the transmitter.

The power supply circuit illustrated furnishes the plate and screen power formerly obtained from the dynamotor and also supplies 28 volts d.c. for the filaments, relays, and Autotune motor. The power supply outputs are wired as shown into a 9-conductor cable and terminate in a Type U-7/U plug; this plug is one of the AN/ART-13 components and is available with the transmitter.

Note that pin 7 of the plug is left blank. When the dynamotor is used for power, a 10-conductor cable is used and current for a power-controlling relay in the dynamotor is conducted through pin 7. This current is, in turn, controlled by the "Emission" switch on the transmitter panel or on the remote control box.

It is important to note that the "Off" position of the "Emission" switch does not remove power when the a.c. power supply is used. The switches shown in the a.c. power supply schematic must be used to turn the equipment on and off.

Crystal Control

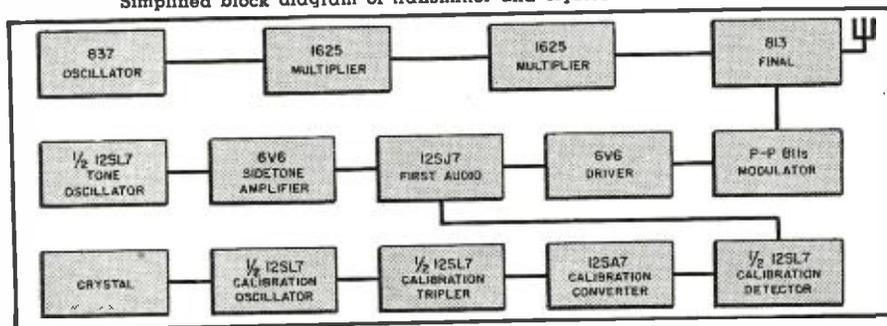
Despite the excellent stability of the AN/ART-13, it may be desired to crystal-control the master oscillator.

The master oscillator circuit is exposed by removing the mounting panel from the bottom of the transmitter, removing the black panel on the right end of the transmitter, removing the CFI subassembly, and, finally, removing the aluminum cover plate marked "Removal of cover changes—etc."

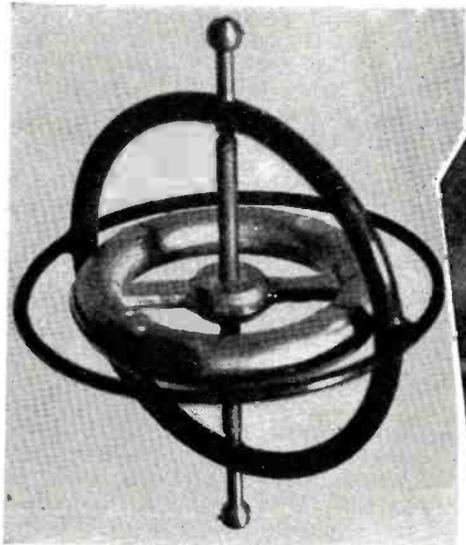
In order to retain the Autotune feature and to modify the original circuit as easily as possible, it was decided to use a crystal as a frequency-selective filter in the control-grid circuit. Bias resistor R101 (22,000 ohms) was left connected to the control grid (pin 4), but the lead from the grid to the tank circuit (junction of C104 and C103) was cut and a crystal was inserted.

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Simplified block diagram of transmitter and crystal control calibrator.



Build Your Own High-Speed Photo Flash



Action "stopped" although this top was rotating at high speed.

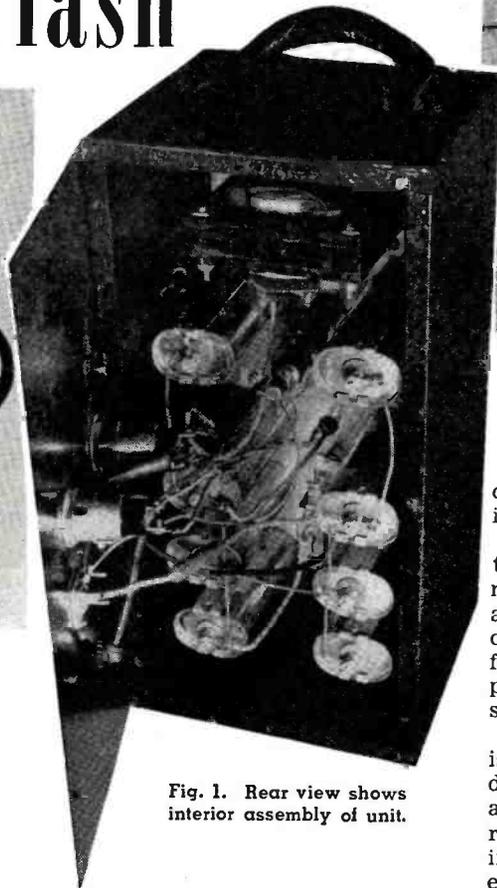


Fig. 1. Rear view shows interior assembly of unit.



"Frozen" water—air bubbles provide ideal shot for high-speed photography.

By
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This high-speed electronic photo flash can be constructed at an approximate cost of \$50.00.

SINCE a unit for high-speed flash photography is an electronic unit in function, and photographic hobbyists are numerous among electronic and radio men it was felt that a description of an easily constructed unit might not be out of place in the pages of RADIO NEWS. The operation of this unit is simplicity itself. Its construction is easy, all parts being available from radio and electronic parts houses. The glow lamp and high capacity, high voltage condensers are now being made generally available. The high voltage transformer was especially wound for the purpose, but it, too, is now available.

The heart of the unit is, of course, the glow lamp. This lamp is especially constructed to contain a conductive gas under low pressure, which becomes conductive only at a high voltage. Approximately 1700 volts is required to make the lamp "strike." Around 2000

volts was found best for the one used here. When conducting current, the lamp's resistance is about 6 ohms.

Here is something for one's imagination to play with: What is the current when 2000 volts is applied across 6 ohms? Yes, 333-plus amperes! That's what the power supply of this unit delivers to the lamp, but it is only instantaneous.

The high voltage a.c. from the secondary of the power transformer is rectified by a 2X2/879 tube, the resultant d.c. being used to charge up a bank of condensers. A protective resistor of 100,000 ohms is used to keep peak charging current down and protect the rectifier tube and transformer. The transformer also has a filament winding for the heater of the 2X2 tube. A normally open s.p.s.t. relay closes the circuit from the condensers to the lamp. It takes about 15 seconds to charge the condensers, but about

one "steenth" of a second to discharge it through the lamp.

No tests were made to determine the actual speed of the flash. The manufacturer states that the bulb has a speed of approximately 1/15,000 second. Whatever it is, it's fast enough for most high speed photographic applications, as attested by the sample shots shown here.

A bank of eight separate condensers is used as the "energy storage condensers." While this is often supplied as a single block, it was figured that replacement costs would be lower with individual units. Eight 3 μ fd. condensers make a total of 24 μ fd.

If you prefer "watt-seconds," which is directly related to light output, use this formula: $\frac{1}{2}CE^2$, or about 58 watt-seconds (our voltage is about 2200). These condensers have a plastic dielectric, heavy internal leads, and low apparent reactance.

This unit probably has its greatest value in portrait photography, especially of children. Your subject no longer needs to squint and squirm under powerful and blinding photofloods. Use a small house lamp in a reflector to get the shadows just right, then move the high-speed lamp into its place and fire away. Pupils of your model's eyes will be large and eyes will be bright. Children's expressions are caught easily, with absolutely no trace of movement. Think of the money you save on flash-bulbs. There is no available information on the life of the bulb, but the manufacturer believes that 5000 flashes, at least, may be expected. At that rate, and with the parts for building this unit totaling about \$50.00, your flashes cost you about "a penny a shot."

Fig. 3 shows the general view of the completed unit. The main part is housed in a tall metal case such as

those used for amateur transceivers. As indicated in the schematic diagram this main part is essentially a high voltage power supply. The glow lamp is installed in a standard reflector used for No. 1 photofloods. It is connected to the power supply by means of a coaxial type cable with high dielectric strength. Two more cables come from the power supply case—one for the 115 volt a.c. primary power source and another for the flash gun on the camera.

The power supply case measures 15 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 7 inches. This is just about the minimum of space that will house all of the parts. The chassis was built especially for the job and measures 6 x 13 x 2. Both the front and back sides are removable by means of self-tapping screws. The chassis lip was made to fit between the back and edge of the case, and is mounted vertically. Nearly all of the parts and wiring are on the top or front part of the chassis. One small 115 v. bulb and one neon bulb are mounted on the front panel, in pilot light brackets. All three cables and the a.c. "on-off" switch are also on the front panel. The back panel carries only the synchronizing control. Facilities were at hand for engraving a bakelite panel for identifying the cables, etc., on the front panel but, obviously, any type of markings will do.

Fig. 1 shows a view of the interior with connections to the back of the front panel. Note the heavily insulated wire used in the high voltage circuits.

The actual layout of parts on the chassis is not important. Care must be taken to see that the high voltage leads are isolated from other wires and parts, and from ground. At least a half inch clearance should be allowed to prevent arcing. So that the front panel may be easily placed into position after wiring, and for easy servicing later, no direct solder connections were made to the parts mounted to the front panel. The high voltage lead has a banana plug connector on it. Other leads have solder lugs on them and are fastened with screws.

The glow lamp socket assembly is a bit tricky but a professional job will result if the illustration and these instructions are followed. To start with it is necessary to obtain the outer shell of a bakelite a.c. socket of the pendant type. The cable is fed through the back of the socket and is connected to the No. 2 and No. 4 terminals of a 4-prong replacement type tube socket.

Remove the No. 1 and No. 3 terminals from the tube socket. Fit it into the end of the a.c. socket. Drill and tap two 6-32 threads, one opposite the No. 1 and one opposite the No. 3 terminals. Fasten the 4-prong socket to the a.c. socket by inserting screws into the tapped hole. These screws must be short and of the headless type, like those used in radio control knobs. They must be short enough so that

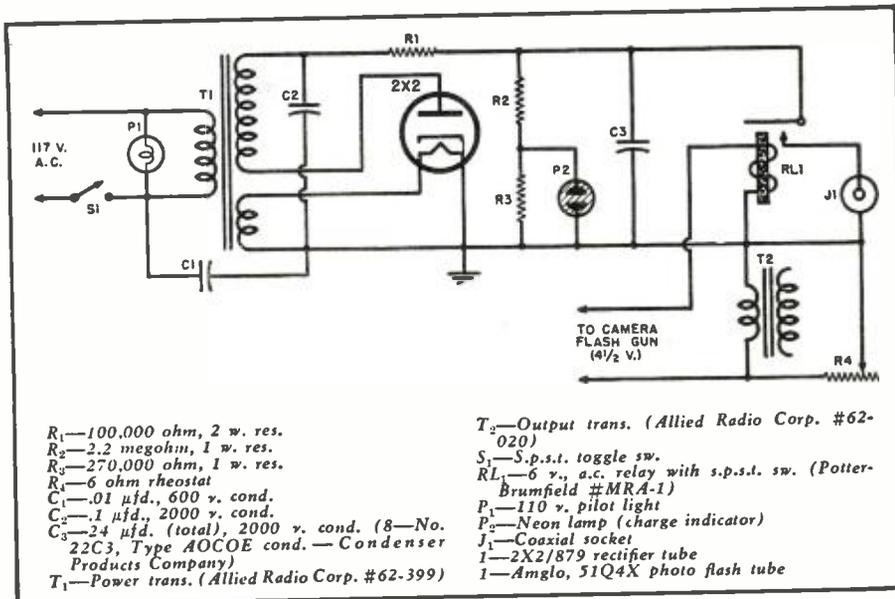


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram and parts list for electronic high-speed photo flash unit.

the head clears the reflector thread on the a.c. socket and does not protrude through the prong holes of the 4-prong socket. Now disassemble the socket and thread the coaxial cable through the back of the a.c. socket. Skin the cable to expose the inner conductor and some of the outer conductor, with about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch length of the polyethylene insulation between. A few turns of a heavy bare wire (about No. 10) should be wrapped around the outer conductor and soldered securely. This wire is brought up short and soldered to the No. 2 terminal of the 4-prong socket. The inner conductor is soldered to the No. 4 terminal. These connections must be well made or they may twist off when the reflector assembly is moved about later.

While the coaxial cable was selected for its insulating qualities, frankly, it is a little unwieldy. A flexible, two-conductor cable would be more acceptable, but the insulation between conductors must be capable of standing better than 2000 volts.

Wiring is straightforward, and according to the schematic diagram. All leads going through the chassis of panels should be protected from shorting to the metal by means of rubber or phenolic grommets. When you are ready to turn the unit on, remember one thing. The power supply develops about 2000 volts. Make a mental sign and keep it in mind always: DANGER—HIGH VOLTAGE.

The only adjustable control, used for synchronizing, is mounted on the back panel. It is not shown in the illustrations. It could just as well be mounted inside the case somewhere because, once adjusted to your camera's synchronized flash gun it need not be readjusted.

Adjustment and Operation

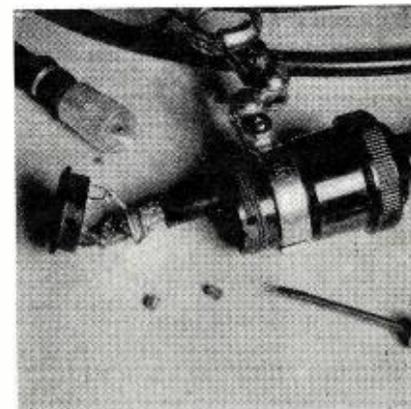
Probably the most novel feature of this unit, and one not yet found in commercial units, is the simple means of synchronizing with your flash gun without the necessity of upsetting the

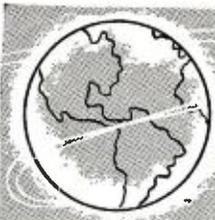
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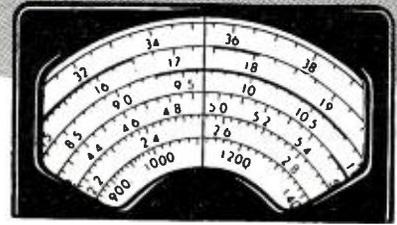
Fig. 3. External view of completed unit. Special photo flash bulb is shown in reflector at lower right.

Fig. 4. Details of lamp socket assembly. Cable and parts must withstand a breakdown potential of at least 2000 volts.





International SHORT-WAVE



Compiled by **KENNETH R. BOORD**

WE ARE indebted to Charles A. Black, York, Pennsylvania, for some interesting data regarding Radio Station ZKG, located on Pitcairn Island, the spot of land in the Pacific of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame. In a letter-*verie*, dated August 7, 1946, Nelson Dyett, Operator-in-Charge of ZKG, wrote:

"Your letter was handed to me by Andrew Young who operated VR6AY before the war and who would like to renew activities on 20 meters again now that the war is finished.

"The fact of the matter is that Mr. Young has applied for the renewal of his license but the Administration has so far failed to acknowledge his application. You may be interested to learn that VR6AY was active all during the war from December, 1939, to May, 1944, when the station was superseded by the present station which from that time became the Official Naval Station for this area of the Pacific.

"I am a New Zealander and came here to reorganize VR6AY, bringing my own gear, and to operate a coast-watching and weather-reporting station. Contact was maintained with both ZLW and VPD. Incidentally, my 'ham' call was ZL2FM before the war and when I return to New Zealand at the end of the year, I will become active once more.

"Like Andrew Young, I applied for a call under which I could operate on the 'ham' bands from here, but my application has been ignored completely . . .

"The transmission which you overheard was made on ZKG4, 12.110, and I was actually talking to the doctor on a passing ship, its transmitter having been on 425 kcs. A young boy on the Island required an emergency operation and I was getting instructions from the doctor. The patient is now quite well again, having been taken away on a ship carrying a doctor. The physician was able to perform another operation that removed the cause of the boy's trouble."

Mr. Dyett stated further that "the gear here consists of 750 w. m.f. transmitter and 1000 w. h.f. Class A1, 2, and 3; two h.f. receivers (National type made in New Zealand); two m.f. receivers; 1 Hallicrafters all-wave; 1 Ionosphere recording set; power source, two Hill diesels and 3-phase 6 kva. alternators.

"High frequencies employed are ZKG3, 8.635; ZKG4, 12.110; ZKG5, 7.270; ZKG, 8.290 and 12.450. A medium-wave frequency of 500 kcs. and QSW frequencies are used also. Operating schedules include these: ZKG4 works ZLW6 at 1:30 p.m. EST;* ZKG5 works VPD at 2:45 p.m.; and ZKG, 500 kcs., works at 1-5 p.m., or as required; no public correspondence is handled but WX broadcast."

(Verification from VR6AY, Andrew Young's station on Pitcairn in prewar days, were much sought after by ardent DX verifiers the world around.)



Kenneth R. Boord

Pitcairn Island is located in the Pacific, equidistant from America and Australia. The Island was discovered by Carteret in 1767 but was not inhabited until 23 years later when the mutineers of the "Bounty" landed there. Their existence became known in 1808 when ships visited the islands and gave assistance to the mutineers and their Otaheite women. The population became too large for the resources of the Island and the mutineers and their women, 192 in all, moved to Norfolk Island in 1856. Later, forty returned to Pitcairn and the population increased to 90 by 1879.

The area is two square miles and the 1941 population was 193. Pitcairn is a British Colony by settlement and was brought within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific in 1898. The islands of Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno (annexed in 1902) are in the Pitcairn group.

* Unless otherwise indicated, all times herein are American EST, 5 hours behind GMT.

Good Antennas

Many inquiries have been received by this Department concerning antenna systems for use in the reception of international short-wave signals. This month we present views on this subject as expressed by Frank E. Wooley, Irvington, New Jersey, member of the ARRL and a radio man of wide experience:

"Through the years, I have had various and sundry arguments on the subject of 'good antennas' from those who should know better and also from those who, due to misleading advertising and advice, did not know but who lived to learn later that all stories to the contrary, *you cannot beat a good skywire, when results are all tabulated.* (I challenge anyone who doubts this to send me proofs to the contrary. I'm from the well-known 'show me' stock, backed up by some thirty years' experience with everything from crystal to 'super-duper'.)

"For a moment, let's look at the basic function of the vacuum tube. You will find that regardless of the many refinements and dual and triple functions of the general run of tubes, they are, in a simple way of putting it, a mere form of electronic relay, and *can only pass on what they receive in the first place, nothing more.*

"There are those—and their number is far too great—who feel that all one needs in a radio is a quantity of tubes and you're all set to bring in the world. And what a howl we hear from some of them when this does not happen! I think that if there is any one part of the average radio receiving equipment that is neglected and considered as 'any old thing will suffice,' it is the average antenna used today by perhaps a majority of listeners, both BCB and SW.

"Yes, I can hear someone saying, 'This guy is "nuts," I get all over and I don't have an antenna on my set,' or something to that effect. (I have serviced many defunct sets during the last few years, and can assure you that is really a stock phrase!) I candidly admit that with the more modern types of receivers—particularly, multi-tubers—results of a sometimes remarkable nature are achieved, but what good are 'freak' results? They are never stable—so why *handicap* a good receiver with a junky antenna rig?

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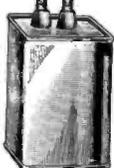


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"I also have had good results with the 'matched' or 'all-wave' type of antenna. This has a coupling unit at the approximate center of the antenna wire, which feeds the r.f. signals via twisted pair to another unit at the receiver. This type cuts down 'hash'; the lead-in of twisted pair can be quite long; and this lead-in—unlike the regular lead-in—picks up no local interference, such as house and other equipment noises, and gives a narrow spacing on dials. This feature is especially good on strong, local broadcast stations. It is good also for apartment house, hotel, and similar use, for that matter.

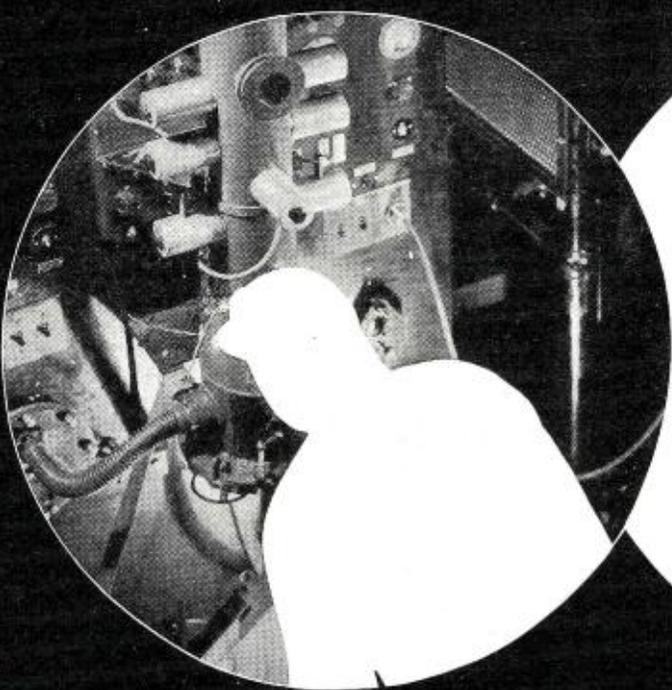
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"Remember—snow, ice, and rain, as well as dirt and carbon dust from smoke, all may hinder good reception. And don't be afraid to insulate well. Use good glass—or better yet, Pyrex, insulators. In closing, I would stress another point: that of neatness. It's



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SABC Schedules

From Mervyn Laubscher, Johannesburg, South Africa, comes these current schedules of the South African Broadcasting Company, as secured direct from the Engineering Division of SABC:

Transvaal Division, Johannesburg—3.450, in Afrikaans, 11:10 a.m.-4:05 p.m. (Saturdays to 4:45 p.m.); *English* news at 12:30 p.m. (except Sundays) and 3:45 p.m. (BBC); on Fridays, carries *English* programs, 1-4:05 p.m., with *English* news at 3 p.m. The 4.895 frequency is not operating. 6.007, 11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (Sundays, 12:55-1:10 a.m.), and 9-11 a.m.; *English* news at 1 a.m. (BBC). 9.523, 3:15-7:10 a.m. (Sundays, to 9 a.m.); *English* news at 6:15 a.m. The 11.710 frequency is not operating. (Foregoing is Johannesburg No. 3 with 5 kw. power.) 6.095, 11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (Sundays, 12:55-1:10 a.m.), and 9 a.m.-4:05 p.m. (Saturdays, to 4:45 p.m.); *English* news, 12 midnight (except Sundays), 1 a.m. (BBC), 11 a.m. (BBC), 12:30 p.m. (except Sundays), 3 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. (BBC); on Fridays, carries Afrikaans program from 1-4:05 p.m., with no *English* news at 3 p.m. 9.912, 3:15-7:10 a.m. (Sundays, to 9 a.m.); *English* news, 6:15 a.m. (Foregoing is Johannesburg No. 4 with 1 kw. power.) 4.373, 11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (Sundays, 12:55-1:10 a.m.), 3:15-7:10 a.m., and 9 a.m.-4:05 p.m. (Sundays, 3:15 a.m.-

4:05 p.m., Saturdays, to 4:45 p.m.); *English* news, 12 midnight (except Sunday), 1 a.m. (BBC), 6:15 a.m., 11 a.m. (BBC), 12:30 p.m. (except Sundays), 3 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. (BBC); on Fridays, carries Afrikaans programs from 1-4:05 p.m. with no *English* news at 3 p.m. (Foregoing is Johannesburg No. 5 with 0.2 kw.)

Cape Division, Cape Town—5.88, 11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (Sundays, 12:55-1:10 a.m.), and 11 a.m.-4:05 p.m. (Saturdays to 4:45 p.m.); *English* news at 1 a.m. (BBC), 12:30 p.m. (except Sundays), and 3:45 p.m. (BBC); on Wednesdays, carries *English* programs from 1-4:05 p.m. with *English* news at 3 p.m. 9.61, 3:15-7:10 a.m. and 9-10:30 a.m. (Sundays, 3:15-10:30 a.m.); *English* news, 6:15 a.m. (This is Cape Town No. 3 with 5 kw. power.)

Natal Division, Pietermaritzburg—4.878, 11:45 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (has no program on Sunday), and 3:30-7:10 a.m. (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 3 a.m.), and 9 a.m.-4:05 a.m. (Sundays, 2:15 a.m.-4:05 p.m., and Saturdays, to 4:45 p.m.); *English* news at 12 midnight (except Sundays), 1 a.m. (BBC), except Sundays, 6:15 a.m., 11 a.m. (BBC), 12:30 p.m. (except Sundays), 3:05 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. (BBC); on Mondays, carries Afrikaans program, 1-3 p.m. (This is Pietermaritzburg No. 2, using 0.5 kw.)

Mr. Laubscher comments that the SABC emphasized that call-signs are no longer used by the SABC and that identification is given in *English* and Afrikaans at sign-on and sign-off of each transmission.

He sent along a fine list of stations he's receiving in Johannesburg, including HER5, ZFY; XQP, 7.285, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, heard at 4 a.m. on

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FCC REGULATIONS REGARDING LICENSING OF TWO-WAY RADIO

(This is published in reply to the many letters received by Radio News as a result of Comdr. S. Freedman's article "Two-Way Radio for Everyone" which appeared in the September, 1946 issue.)

T. J. Slowie, Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission, sends the following information regarding the operation of two-way radio equipment and the licensing regulations that apply to the various types of operation.

Order No. 133, dated June 1, 1946, specifies that subject to the conditions stated below, the provisions contained in Section 318 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, are waived, insofar as such provisions require any person to hold an operator's license in order to operate the various classes of mobile or portable transmitting apparatus authorized for use in Emergency, Miscellaneous, Railroad and Experimental Services (Parts 5, 10, 11, and 16 of the Commission's rules). These conditions are: 1. The terms of this order DO NOT APPLY to any portable or mobile station using radiotelegraphy employing manual operation; 2. The terms of the order do not apply to any portable or mobile station operating on frequencies below 25 megacycles unless such operation is subject to control by a licensed operator of the associated land station operated by the same licensee; 3. The terms of the order do not apply to any portable or mobile station in the experimental service looking to common carrier operation on a regular basis other than in the General Mobile Radio Service and 4. The terms of this order shall not be construed to authorize any person not holding a proper operator license issued by this Commission to make adjustments to any radio transmitter.

Order No. 133 does not in any manner apply to the amateur service and does not waive the requirement of operators' licenses for the operation of all amateur transmitters. All operators of amateur transmitting stations must be licensed regardless of the frequency used.

In all instances, don't forget that your best bet before operating any radio transmitting equipment, mobile, portable, stationary, experimental, etc. is to get in touch with your nearest FCC Field Office.

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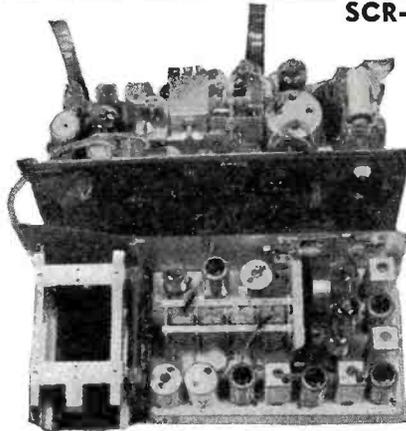
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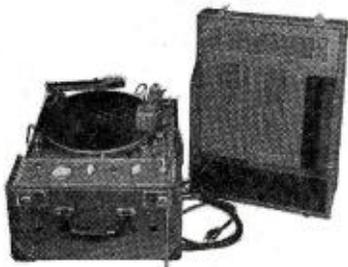
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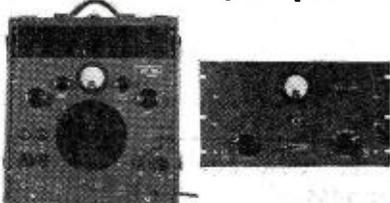
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Are You Qualified?

By C. H. PARKER

FOR many years there has been a problem facing the radio service technicians of this nation even though the majority of those working in the trade are unaware of this fact.

This problem takes the general form of ratings and classifications for those men who are working in the radio service trade. Just how good is a radio serviceman? The radio technician himself and the radio dealer who might hire the technician is vitally interested in knowing what are his capabilities.

Up to this time, no means have been developed to determine whether a radio serviceman is a learner or an apprentice, or whether he is a bona fide journeyman and deserving a journeyman's rate of pay. If he is an apprentice, how much training will be necessary to qualify him for full journeyman's rating? With this as the objective, the trade test for the classification of the radio technician and the training program for the upgrading was developed.

The development of a trade test that will be a true "yard stick" of a technician's abilities is by no means a simple matter. In order to make it valid, contributions and suggestions were requested from the leading radio technicians in San Diego. When the tentative program was outlined to these people, they gave it their wholehearted support. This proved we were on the right track and that some sort of a testing program was needed in the trade.

The questions which came in from the contributors were added to our own. These were written up into the first sample test and submitted to a committee, composed mostly of those making the contributions. Each question was discussed by the group for wording, its practical application and technical content. One thought uppermost in the construction of the test was to keep it practical. Most of the tests compiled in the past have dwelt too much on theory and not enough on practice.

After the test was written up in its final form, it was taken by each member who served on the committee. The time required to complete the test ranged from one hour and fifteen minutes to one hour and a half. This, then, represented the length of time that it should require a journeyman to complete the test. From the above figures, the time limit of one hour and a half was set for the test. The time devoted to the compiling of the test has been well justified, as to date, there have been no complaints from those taking it that it is unfair or biased in any manner. Being administered by a public school removes all taint of favoritism, whether the radioman is a newcomer from out of town, or whether he is an old timer in the community. With such a program under way, the future began to look very optimistic. Only one thing now darkened the horizon. At this time, there was no organization in San Diego for the radio service technician. The dealers have had for several years, a very active organization known as the "Bureau of Radio and Electrical Appli-

ances" which includes all of San Diego County. Of the several technician organizations that had existed at various times, none were active. In fact, it had been about four years since the last organization functioned. Now the need for organization is imminent. At this time, the "Electronics Division of the Bureau of Radio and Electrical Appliances" was organized. Mr. J. Clark Chamberlain, Secretary of the "Bureau," gave invaluable assistance in the organization of the "Electronics Division." This new organization is open to anyone who is interested in radio from the technical standpoint. This seems to be a very practical and logical set-up for the radio technician. In the past, most of the failures of technician groups everywhere were due to the lack of a solid foundation on which to build their organization.

In the regular training program of the San Diego Vocational School, the trade test has proved very useful as a means of evaluating past experience and deciding at just what training level the trainee should enter. It is also used to check the students who have completed the course. It gives them an unbiased evaluation of their abilities, compared to the competition in the trade.

As a result of testing several score technicians, a real need was revealed for a training program for the man working in the field in order for him to qualify for a journeyman's rating. This resulted in the organization of a Trade Extension Radio Class, which meets two nights per week. A few topics from the course content are listed here: A.F. Amplifiers, Measurements and Performance Testing, Analysis of Tone Controls and Compensation, Impedance and Speaker Matching, R.F. Amplifiers, Analysis of Tuned Circuits, A.V.C. and A.F.C., Oscillators, Current Distribution in Vacuum Tube Circuits, Use of Special Testing Equipment, Frequency Modulation, Analysis, Service and Alignment Problems, Special Type Antennas, Intercommunication Equipment, Practical Acoustics, etc.

The problem of how to get the returning service man back into civilian life and placed in suitable jobs is an acute one in San Diego, as it is in all centers of military and naval activity. Surveys have shown that there are more than twice as many men interested in getting into radio and related electronic fields as in the second most popular trade, refrigeration. If all of the men who declared an interest in radio were encouraged to enter this field, there would not be enough corners in the cities to accommodate their shops; and business failures would reach an unfortunate peak.

Many men who were in radio or some other branch of electronics before the war, or had extensive training in the Armed Forces are well prepared to take up the operation of their own shop, or to work for one of the established dealers. No effort is spared to help these men who are really qualified to get into good jobs. The real problem is to be able to distinguish between the competent men and the "would be's."

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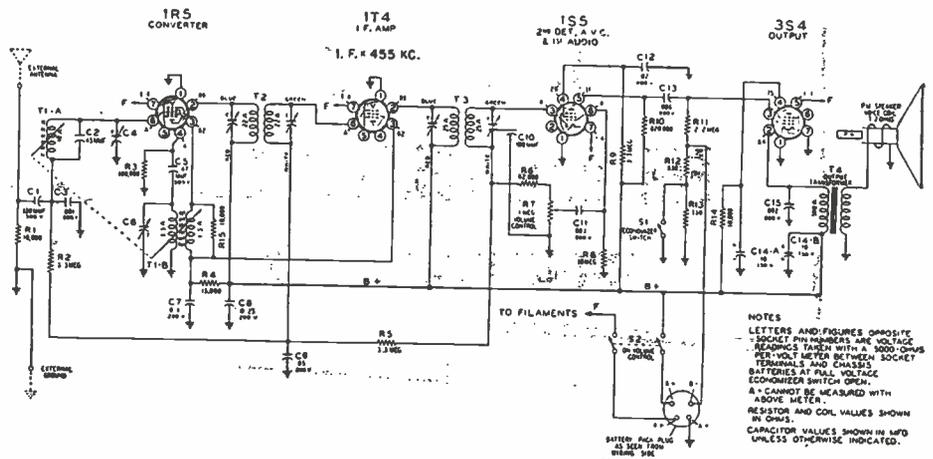


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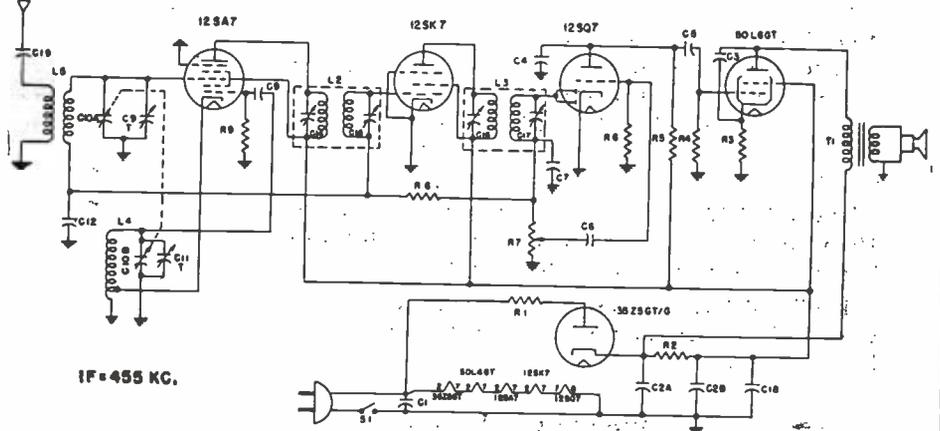
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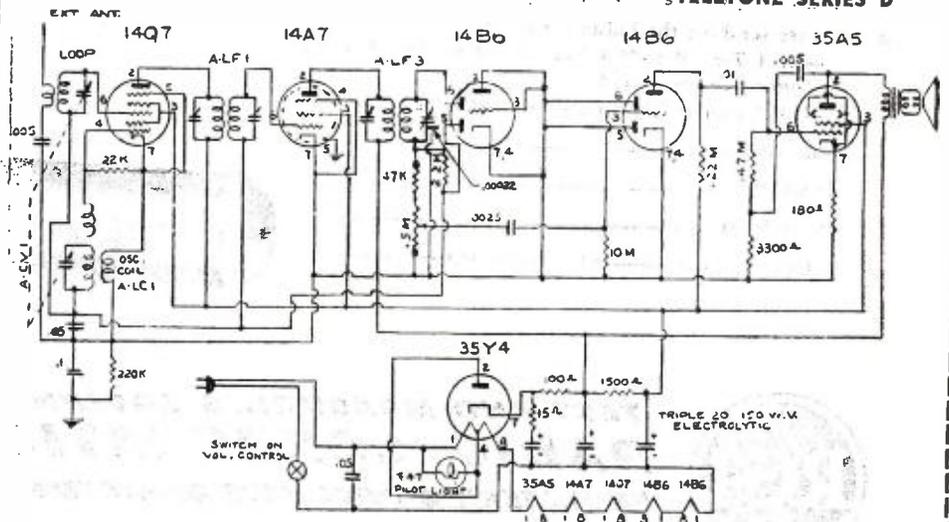
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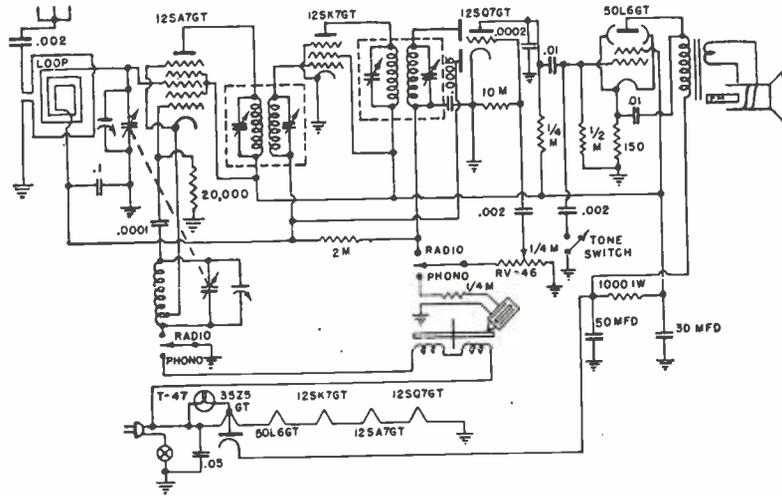
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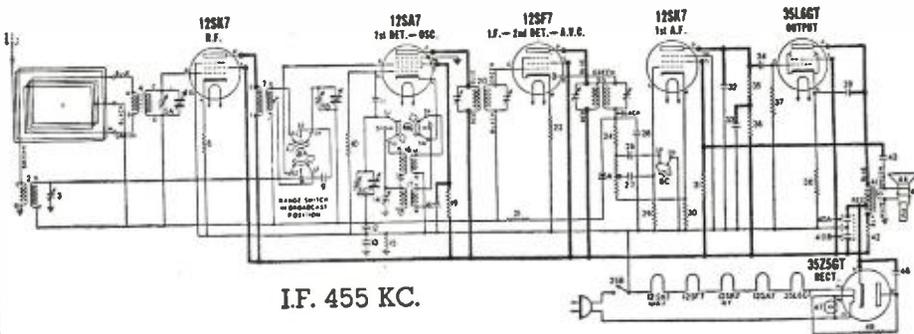
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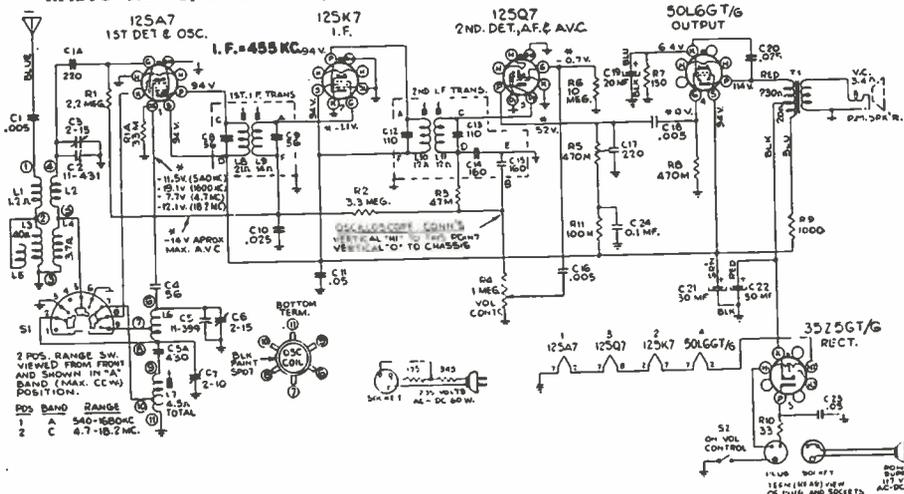
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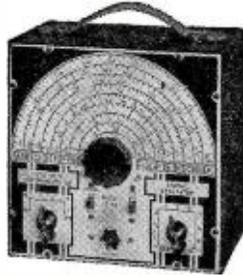
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NEW UTILIPHONE

Production of a new deluxe model Utiliphone for office use has been announced by *Electronic Laboratories, Inc.* of Indianapolis.

This unit, which provides a two-way intercommunication system for busi-



ness firms, consists of two speaker units, both of which are controlled by a push-button so that either speaker may be turned on or off at will. This is accomplished by means of a three-way wire connection.

Prices and further information on the deluxe model Utiliphone will be furnished by *Electronic Laboratories, Inc.*, Indianapolis, Indiana.

N.U. TABLE RECEIVER

National Union Radio Corporation has announced the availability of the first of their new line of home receivers which the company will market through their regular distributors.

The "Presentation Model," G-619, the first of the receivers to be on the market, is a 6 tube, a.c.-d.c. radio housed in a mahogany toned, all wood cabinet. The receiver employs a tuned r.f. superheterodyne circuit with



broadcast band tuning and full-vision slide rule dial scale.

This receiver is being manufactured by the *National Union Radio Corporation*, of Newark, New Jersey.

RESISTOR CHESTS

Olson Radio Warehouse of Akron, Ohio is currently offering a resistor assortment which is housed in a sturdy, walnut finished wood chest.

The chest which measures 9 1/4" x 6 1/4" x 3" has a removable tray. One hundred insulated resistors are housed in the 20 compartments in the chest. The resistance ranges covered

in the assortment include sizes from 5 ohms to 20 megohms, 1/2 w. to 2 w.

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Olson Radio Warehouse, 73 East Mill Street, Akron 8, Ohio, will gladly furnish prices and further information on this resistor chest.

ELECTRONIC VOLT-OHMMETER

The Specialty Division of *General Electric Company's* Electronics Department has recently announced a new electronic volt-ohmmeter, Type PM-17.

The new instrument which was developed and designed for general service and laboratory work, is capable of measuring audio and r.f. voltages at frequencies from 60 cycles to over 100 megacycles.

According to company engineers, the high input impedance and simple controls permit measurements to be



made without appreciably disturbing the existing circuit under test.

The PM-17 weighs 15 pounds and operates from 105 to 120 volts, 60 cycles. The ohmmeter circuit is included for convenience in measuring high and low values of resistance.

Further information on the PM-17 electronic volt-ohmmeter is available on request to the Specialty Division of *General Electric Company's* Electronics Department, Wolf Street Plant, Syracuse, New York.

PLUG-IN TRANSFORMERS

Newcomb Audio Products Company of Los Angeles has announced that all amplifiers built by the company are featuring a socket for each microphone channel into which may be plugged the newly-designed *Newcomb* plug-in transformers. These transformers are triple alloys, shielded to eliminate hum.

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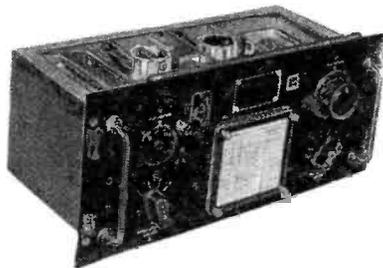


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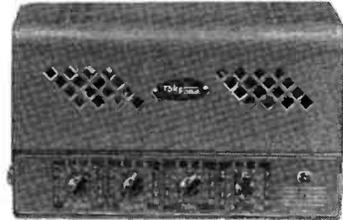
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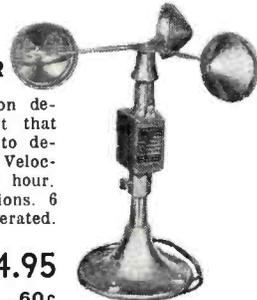
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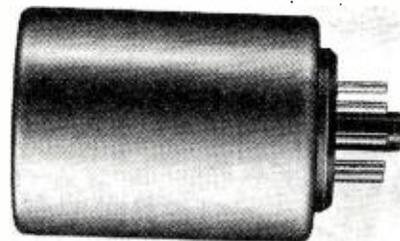
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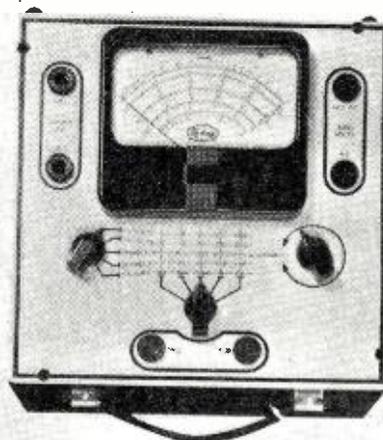
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This tester, according to the manufacturer, simplifies the selection of the desired function and range. The graphic tester is read like a graph. The desired function and range are selected by means of two switches of the graphic selector system. The left, or function switch is set for the type of measurement desired. The lower, or range switch, is set for the range of the type of measurement indicated by the function switch. The adjust-



ment knob at the right of the instrument is used to set the meter pointer to zero ohms for the three ohmmeter ranges.

Further details of the new electronic tester will be supplied by *The Sterling Manufacturing Company*, Cleveland, Ohio.

MERCU-TROL

Mack Electric Devices Company of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania have just announced a new control device, the Mercu-Trol.

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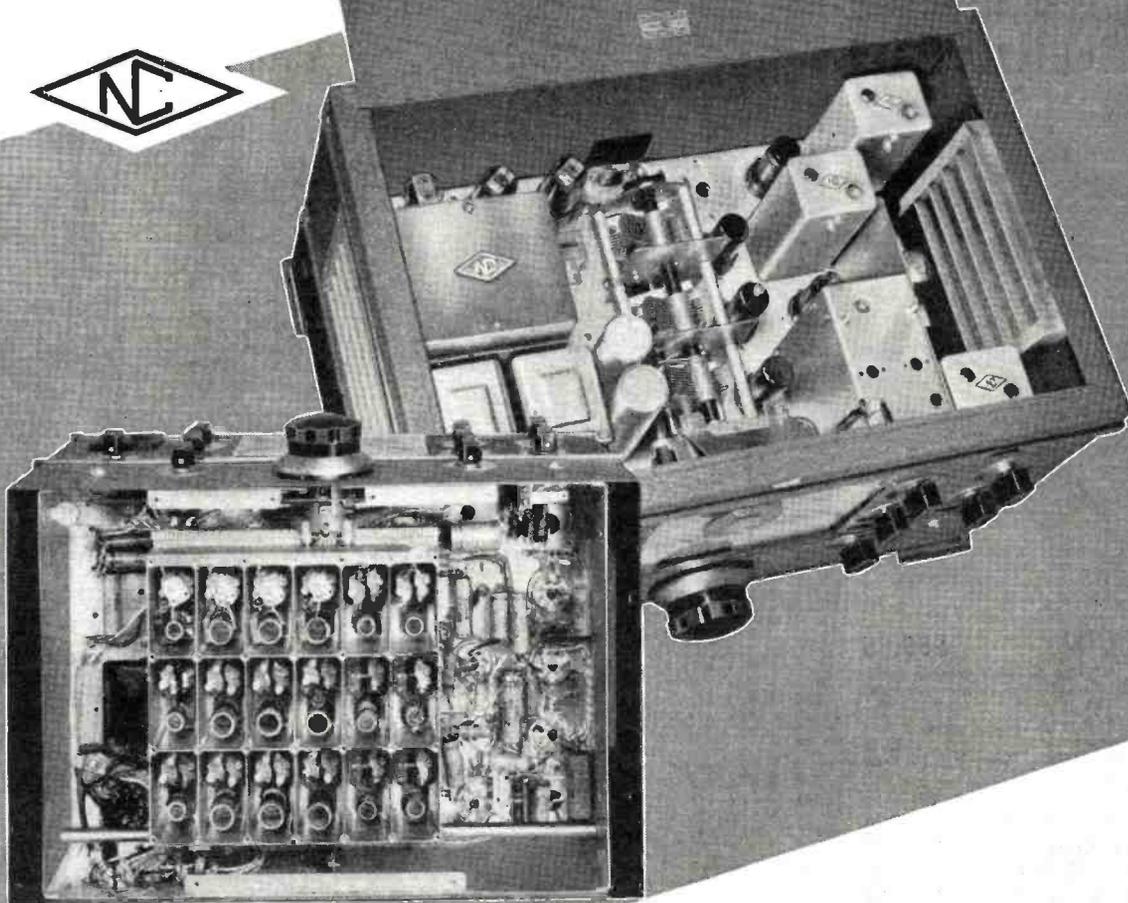
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Parts Lists

(FOR CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS APPEARING ON PAGES 64 AND 65)

GENERAL ELECTRIC MODELS YRB60-1, YRB60-2

Part No.	Code and Description
URE-007	R ₁ —18 ohm, 1 w. res.
URF-053	R ₂ —1500 ohm, 2 w. res.
URD-029	R ₃ —150 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
URD-113	R ₄ —470,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
URD-105	R ₅ —220,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
URD-145	R ₆ —10 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
SRC-004	R ₇ —5 megohm vol. control & sw.
URD-129	R ₈ —2.2 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
URD-081	R ₉ —22,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
URD-041	R ₁₁ —470 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
UCC-045	C ₁ , C ₁₂ , C ₁₅ —.05 μfd. cond.
SCE-003	C _{2A} , C _{2B} —40/40 μfd., 150/150 v. elec. cond.
UCC-041	C ₈ —.02 μfd. cond.
UCU-1040	C ₄ , C ₇ —330 μfd. mica cond.
UCC-040	C ₅ , C ₁₅ —.01 μfd. cond.
UCC-039	C ₈ , C ₁₅ —.005 μfd. cond.
UCU-1020	C ₈ —47 μfd. mica cond.
SCT-003	C _{10A} , C _{10B} —Tuning cond.

WARD—MODELS 64BR-1205A, 1206A

Part No.	Code and Description
BEC-9B1-74	R ₁ , R ₁₄ —10,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-34	R ₂ , R ₅ , R ₆ —3.3 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-86	R ₈ —100,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-76	R ₄ —15,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-85	R ₉ —82,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEA-10B-10368	R ₇ , S ₂ —1 megohm vol. control & sw.
BEC-9B1-37	R ₈ —10 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-97	R ₁₀ —820,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-33	R ₁₁ —2.2 megohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-56	R ₁₂ , R ₁₃ —330 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-9B1-77	R ₁₅ —18,000 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
BEC-8F3-11	C ₁ —330 μfd., 500 v. cond.
BEB-8G-10426	C ₂ —45 μfd., ceramic cond.
BEC-8D-10787	C ₃ —.001 μfd., 600 v. cond.
BEA-8H-10320	C ₄ , C ₆ —84-156 μfd., dual ant. & osc. trimmer
BEC-8F3-6	C ₅ —47 μfd., 500 v. cond.
BEC-8D-10770	C ₇ —.1 μfd., 200 v. cond.
BEC-8D-10775	C ₈ —.25 μfd., 200 v. cond.
BEC-8D-10770	C ₉ —.05 μfd., 200 v. cond.
BEB-13B-10334	C ₁₀ , T ₅ —Output i.f. trans., with trimmers. Range of trimmers 39-71 μfd.
BEC-8D-10786	C ₁₁ —.003 μfd., 600 v. cond.
BEC-8D-10774	C ₁₂ —.02 μfd., 400 v. cond.
BEC-8D-10785	C ₁₃ —.006 μfd., 600 v. cond.
BEA-8C-10258	C _{14A} , C _{14B} —10/10 μfd., 150/150 v. elec. cond.
BEC-8D-10784	C ₁₅ —.002 μfd., 600 v. cond.

STEWART-WARNER—MODEL 9000-B

Part No.	Code and Description
502140	6—390 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502130	10—22,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502133	15—220,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502291	19—4700 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502269	21—3.3 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
502264	22—47 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502145	22A, 22B—500,000 ohm vol. control & sw.

502131	24—47,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502136	29—10 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
502128	30—2200 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502135	31—2.2 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
502133	35-36—220,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502134	37—470,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502138	38—130 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
502469	42—1500 ohm, 1 w. res.
502574	48—33 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
502172	3, 14—25-100 μfd., trimmer cond.
502123	5A, 5B, 5C—Variable gang (with drum)
502162	9—315 μfd., 500 v. cond.
502159	11—50 μfd., 500 v. mica cond.
502155	12—.1 μfd., 200 v. cond.
502158	13—.2 μfd., 200 v. cond.
502262	18—.25 μfd., 200 v. cond.
502470	26—.0008 μfd., 400 v. cond.
502453	27—.002 μfd., 400 v. cond.
502160	28, 32—110 μfd., 500 v. mica cond.
502153	33—.05 μfd., 200 v. cond.
502156	34—.004 μfd., 400 v. cond.
502151	39—.01 μfd., 400 v. cond.
500256	40A, 40B—40/20 μfd., 150/150 v. elec. cond.
502152	43—.02 μfd., 400 v. cond.
502157	46—.05 μfd., 400 v. cond.

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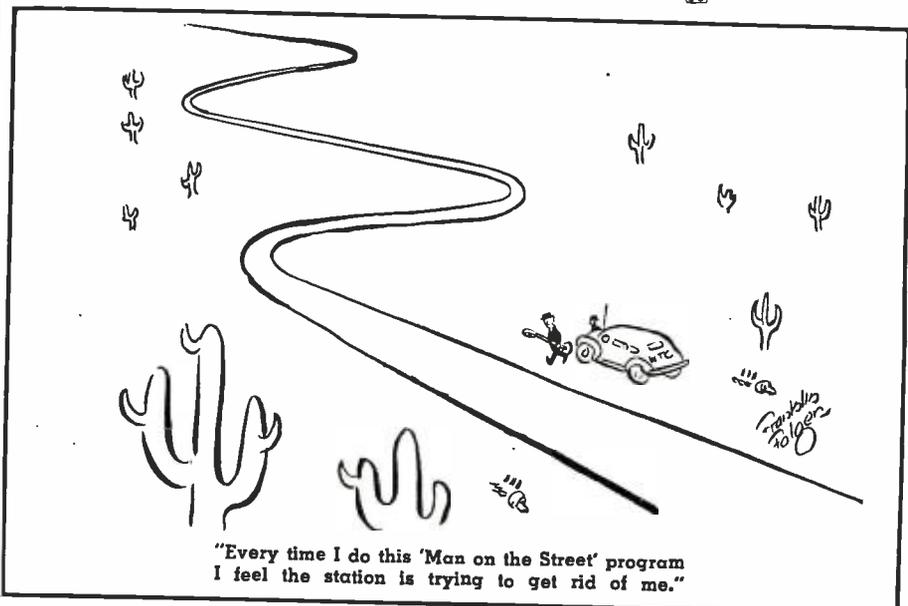
See circuit diagram for component values

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See circuit diagram for component values

RCA MODELS Q10, Q10A

Part No.	Code and Description
30649	R ₁ —2.2 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
12928	R ₂ —3.3 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
30787	R ₃ —47,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
38406	R ₄ , S ₂ —Vol. control & power sw.
30648	R ₅ , R ₆ —470.00 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
30992	R ₇ —10 megohm, 1/4 w. res.
30880	R ₈ —150 ohm, 1/2 w. res.
30152	R ₉ —1000 ohm, 1 w. res.
71290	R ₁₀ —33 ohm, 1 w. res.
3252	R ₁₁ —100,000 ohm, 1/4 w. res.
70627	C ₁ , C ₁₀ , C ₁₃ —.005 μfd., 600 v. cond.
39636	C ₂ , C ₃ , C ₅ , C ₆ —Var. tuning cond.
70366	C ₄ —56 μfd. mica cond.
39622	C ₇ —430 μfd. mica cond.
39643	C _{8A} —2.10 μfd. mica cond.
70367	C ₈ , C ₉ , L ₈ , L ₉ —First i.f. trans.
70612	C ₁₀ , C ₂₀ —.025 μfd., 400 v. cond.
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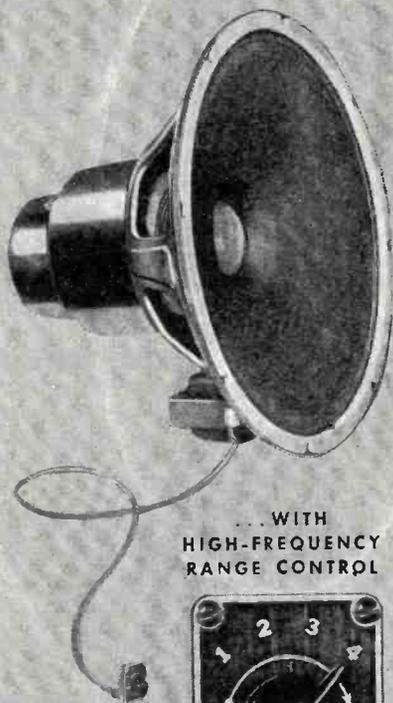
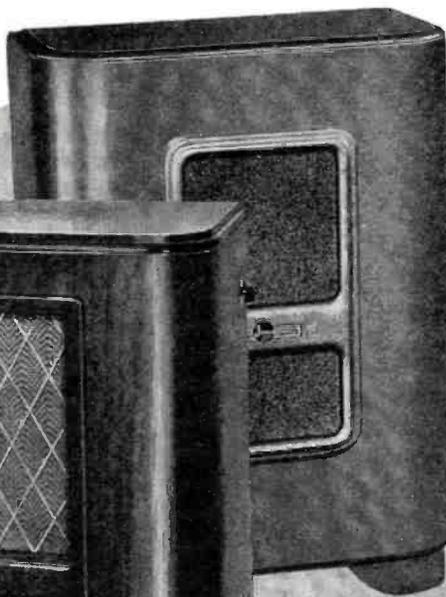
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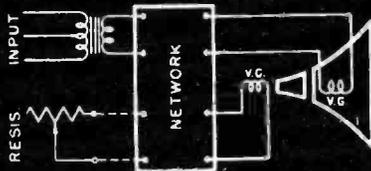


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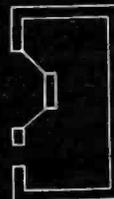
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The Rubber Industry

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of rubber, sulfur, pigments, etc. vary from a 2 to 3 constant and power factors from .5 to .9. These dielectric constants and power factors are well within the allowable range and as a result may be profitably heat treated commercially.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the load on the electronic generator changes with the state of vulcanization or cure. In other words, the extent to which the sulfur and the rubber molecules have joined or combined toward their final condition constitutes a changed condition reflected in their characteristic as a dielectric. The resulting change in dielectric constant and power factor show up as a changing load on the electronic generator.

In most of the rubber curing applications both electronic heating and the steam methods are combined. The mold is preheated electronically and then the job is finished by steam which is capable of maintaining the heat level obtained by the electronic process. This brings the two methods into full contrast, first the comparatively fast but expensive electronic power is used to raise the temperature of the object to full heat throughout and then the cheaper steam power is used to maintain the internal heat instead of trying to raise the temperature from the outside as formerly. Since rubber is a fairly good insulator, this method of heating from the outside in took a long time in addition to the inherent danger, which was always present, of overcuring the outside and undercuring the inside of the product.

As to the power requirements of the installation which as a pilot unit has been used for the preheating of ordinary passenger car tires, preparatory to a brief finishing operation in a steam mold, it draws 25 kw. from a 230 volt, three-phase, 60 cycle source and gives a maximum rated normal high frequency output of 15 kw. This is a regular production model using two RCA 892 R power oscillators and six RCA 8008 rectifiers. The unit stands 72" over-all and is used with an external power transformer and small associated items such as remote control switches, etc.

This development is only the beginning and its ramifications are many and varied. It seems certain though that John Citizen will get better tires, mattresses and rubber boots for less money; a great new field will be opened for electronics; new machinery will be made and installed and vast amounts of electric power will be consumed.

The impact on the rubber industry and, indirectly the public, has been considerable. The prospect now is that even greater things will come from this new electronic processing of the raw materials which go into American consumer goods.

High-Speed Photo Flash

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flash-bulb setting on the shutter solenoid. This unit was used with the writer's miniature *Speed Graphic* which is equipped with a *Kalart* flash gun. The relay in this flash unit is of the 6 volt a.c. type but operates well on 4½ volts d.c. It trips a little too fast, however, the flash going off before the camera shutter opens. A reactance was placed in series with the relay coil control line to slow down the relay. About 16 millihenries was found to be right. The secondary of the output transformer listed in the parts list was perfect and the impedance is varied by means of a 6 ohm rheostat across it.

Conducting the synchronizing test is a simple procedure. A piece of cardboard the size of the face of the reflector is fastened to the reflector. This cardboard should have a hole in the center about 1" in diameter. The purpose of the cardboard is to observe the flash on the ground glass of your camera without the light blinding you in the operation. With the hole focused on the ground glass, set up the flash unit to flash into the camera. Set the synchronizing control knob to the extreme right, open the lens wide, set the shutter for 1/400th, or the fastest between-the-lens shutter speed you have. (A focal plane shutter cannot be used except with the "open-flash-shut" method.). Plug the relay control line into your flash gun. Now press the button. You will probably see nothing on the ground glass the first time. Now advance the control knob to the left just a little. Try another flash. Keep this up until you begin to see something on the ground glass. Keep trying shot after shot until a setting is found where you no longer see the flash on the ground glass. If you have noted the positions of the two points, one where the spot first appeared and one where the spot last appeared, you will have the range in which the flash occurs while the camera shutter is open. Permanently set the control knob in the center of this area, and you are all set.

Obviously, it is not necessary to operate this with a synchronized flash gun. The "open-flash-shut" method may be used. In this case turn the rheostat to the extreme right and leave it there.

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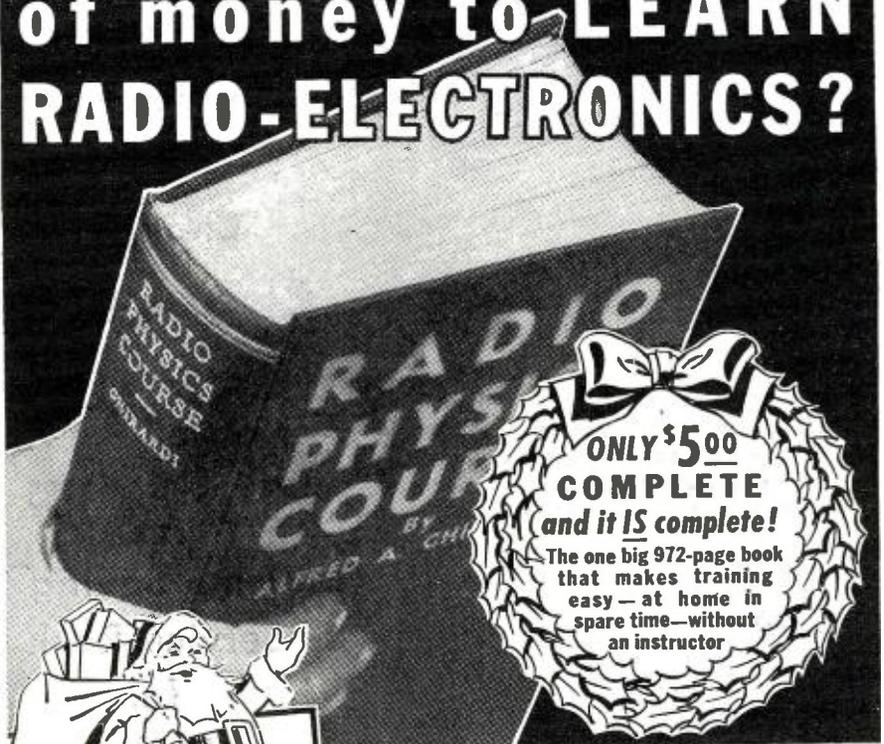
Your own tests should be made to determine proper exposure because reflectors will vary as to their light reflecting efficiencies and light concentration qualities. As a guide, the results with this equipment were as follows: *Agfa Isopan* Film; F-11 opening; light at 6 ft.

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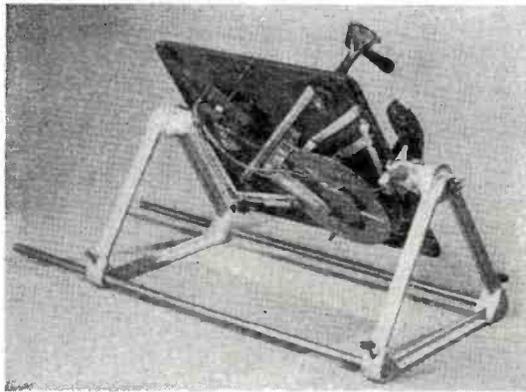
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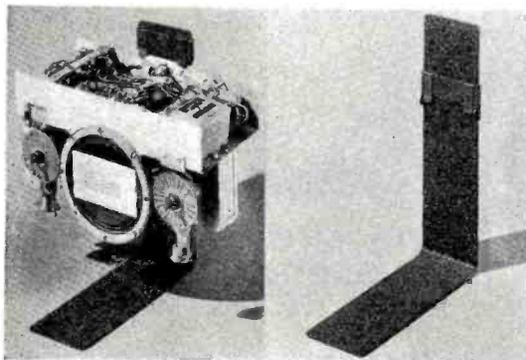
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Autotune Transmitter

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Fortunately, the one wire that had to be removed was the wire closest to the cover plate and very accessible. It was the bare wire running from pin 4 of the tube socket to capacitor C104. We cut this wire at both ends and soldered a length of solid No. 18 insulated hookup wire to pin 4 and to the capacitor. There was enough room between the socket and the top of the chassis to draw the wires up to the top, after which the aluminum cover plate was replaced. To keep the leads short, we mounted the crystal holder at the right edge of the master oscillator chassis with the crystal horizontal and protruding through a hole cut in the black panel which forms the right end of the transmitter cabinet.

The modification proved very successful, and we were pleased with the simplicity of the circuit arrangement. By substituting a jumper for the crystal, the original circuit is restored and the transmitter can be tuned up or the Autotune system set for a channel number by following the instructions in the calibration book. Crystal calibration of the tuning dial can be performed as usual, and when the tuning is completed, the jumper can be replaced with a crystal whose natural frequency is the same as the master-oscillator frequency.

We found that tuning was not critical and that the crystal controlled the frequency over a range of detuning considerably greater than any drifts that could be caused by the most extreme variations in temperature and humidity.

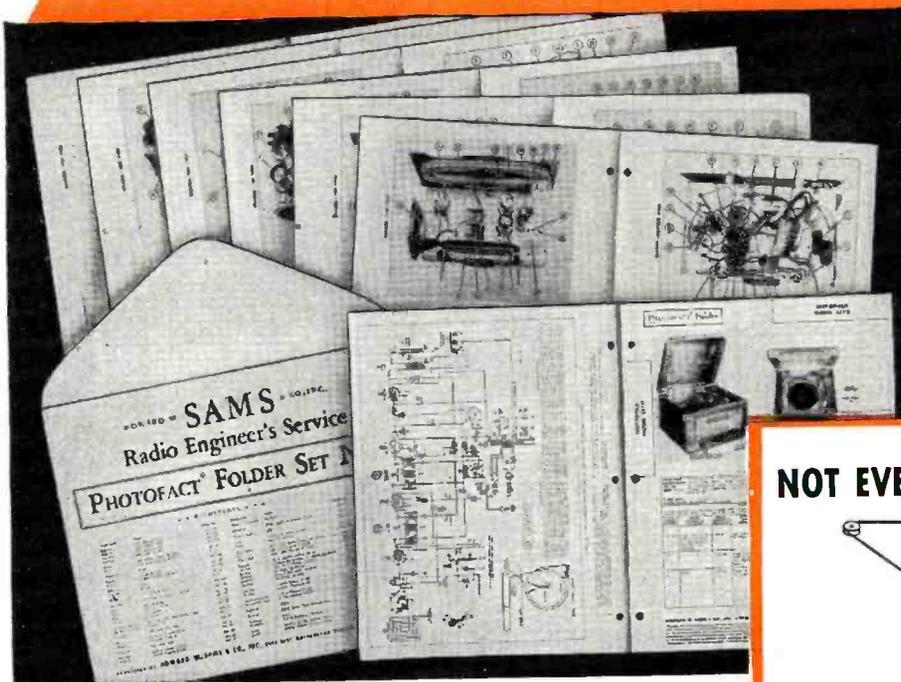
When the jumper is replaced by the crystal after tuning, the grid current remains at or near its maximum. However, for greater stability and less crystal current, it is advisable to turn the "B" knob slightly clockwise to operate on the high-frequency side of the resonance curve.

The next test was to set an Autotune channel for 12 mc., still using the same 1000 kc. crystal. When the channel switch was turned to other channels and then returned to the 12 mc. channel, the Autotune mechanism brought the transmitter to within 2 cycles of the original setting. The experiment was next repeated with the unmodified circuit (crystal replaced by jumper), and the Autotune mechanism reset the controls to approximately 30 cycles of the original tuning. This test proved that the automatic tuning, although excellent without crystal control, is still more accurate with crystal control.

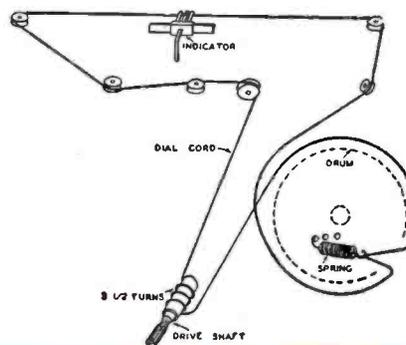
The same crystal can be used for more than one frequency. For example, a 1.190 mc. crystal can be used for final frequencies of 3.570 mc., 7.140 mc., and 14.28 mc. This example was chosen because all three final frequencies are in amateur bands, and illustrates how the same crystal can be

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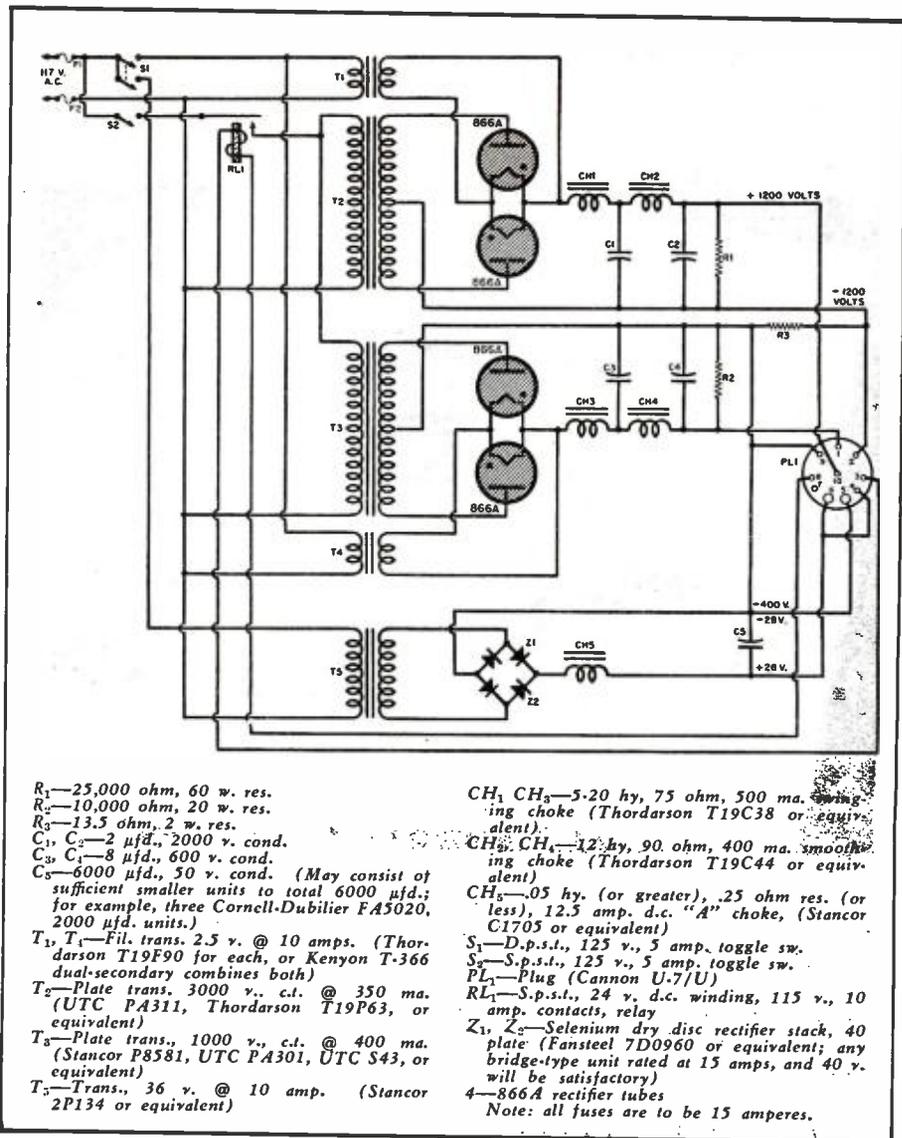


Diagram of power supply to be used for 117 v. operation. The transmitter as supplied, is designed for 28 v. d.c. power source.

used for an Autotune position in the 80-meter, 40-meter, and 20-meter bands. Without changing crystals, the amateur has a crystal-controlled frequency in each band, all pre-set, available by simply turning the channel selector switch.

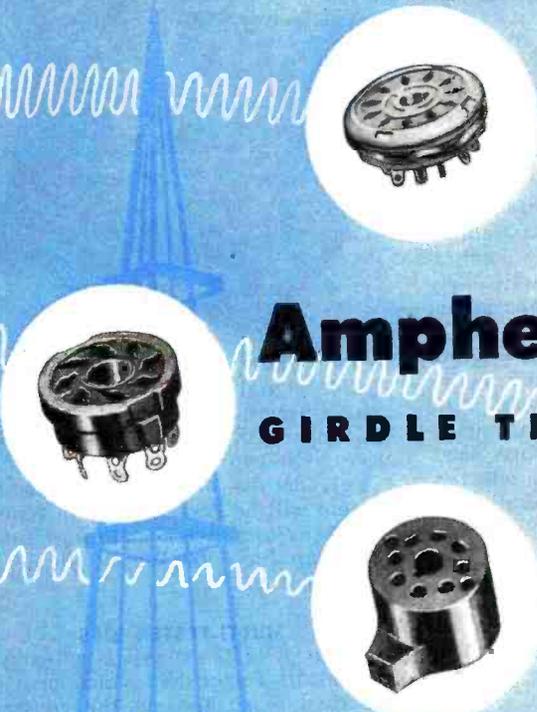
For frequency selection requiring a change of crystals, Autotune automatic tuning can be employed by simply

replacing the crystal in addition to turning the channel selector switch, assuming, of course, that the channels have been pre-tuned.

The writer is indebted to engineers H. M. Wood, who designed the a.c. power supply, and E. M. Brinck, who conducted the crystal-control experiments, for their valuable aid in preparing this article.

Table gives preset adjustments for autotune mechanism.

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2	1.2-1.51	2	—	2.4-3.0
3	1.0-1.2	3	—	3.0-3.6
4	1.2-1.51	3	—	3.6-4.0
5	1.0-1.2	4	—	4.0-4.8
6	1.2-1.51	4	—	4.8-6.0
7	1.0-1.2	2	3	6.0-7.2
8	1.2-1.51	2	3	7.2-9.0
9	1.0-1.2	3	3	9.0-10.8
10	1.2-1.51	3	3	10.8-12.0
11	1.0-1.2	4	3	12.0-14.4
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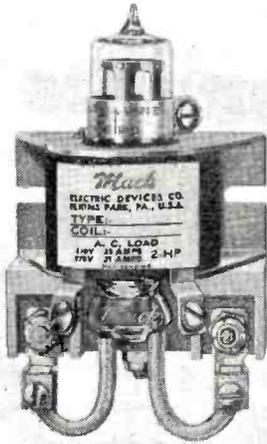
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What's New in Radio
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The physical size of the unit is small, 2 5/8" x 4 1/2" x 2 1/4". Motor loads up to 2 h.p. at 110 or 220 volts, a.c. can be handled, as can current loads

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Additional details and literature covering this relay will be furnished you on request by *Mack Electric Devices Company*, 518 Township Line, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

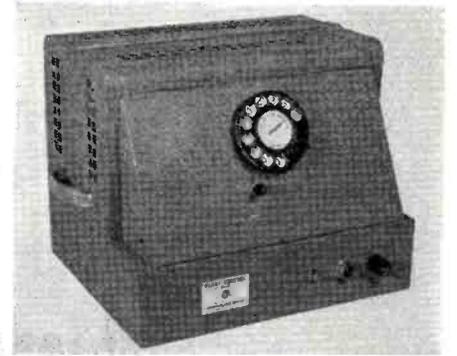
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The *Hammarlund Manufacturing Company Inc.* of New York has recently introduced a new two-way communications system which is particularly adapted for the routine operation of motor fleets.

The system features the selection of any one of 84 mobile units by means of signalling frequency when four digit code calling numbers are used. If five digit code numbers are used, 126 mobile units may be selected. Operation of this unit is similar to that of the dial telephone. Special features eliminate breaking-in by other mobile units when transmission is in progress and the non-interference with mobile units not being called. The system also provides for calling all units simultaneously or selected groups may be chosen at will.

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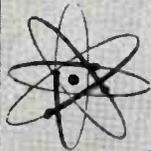
panel indicator light which gives a "busy" signal when the system is in use. Current drain during standby is .25 amperes at 6 volts and .0025 amperes at 180 volts, d.c.

Full details of this Fleet Control system will be furnished upon request to *The Hammarlund Manufacturing Company Inc.*, 460 West 34th Street, New York 1, N. Y.

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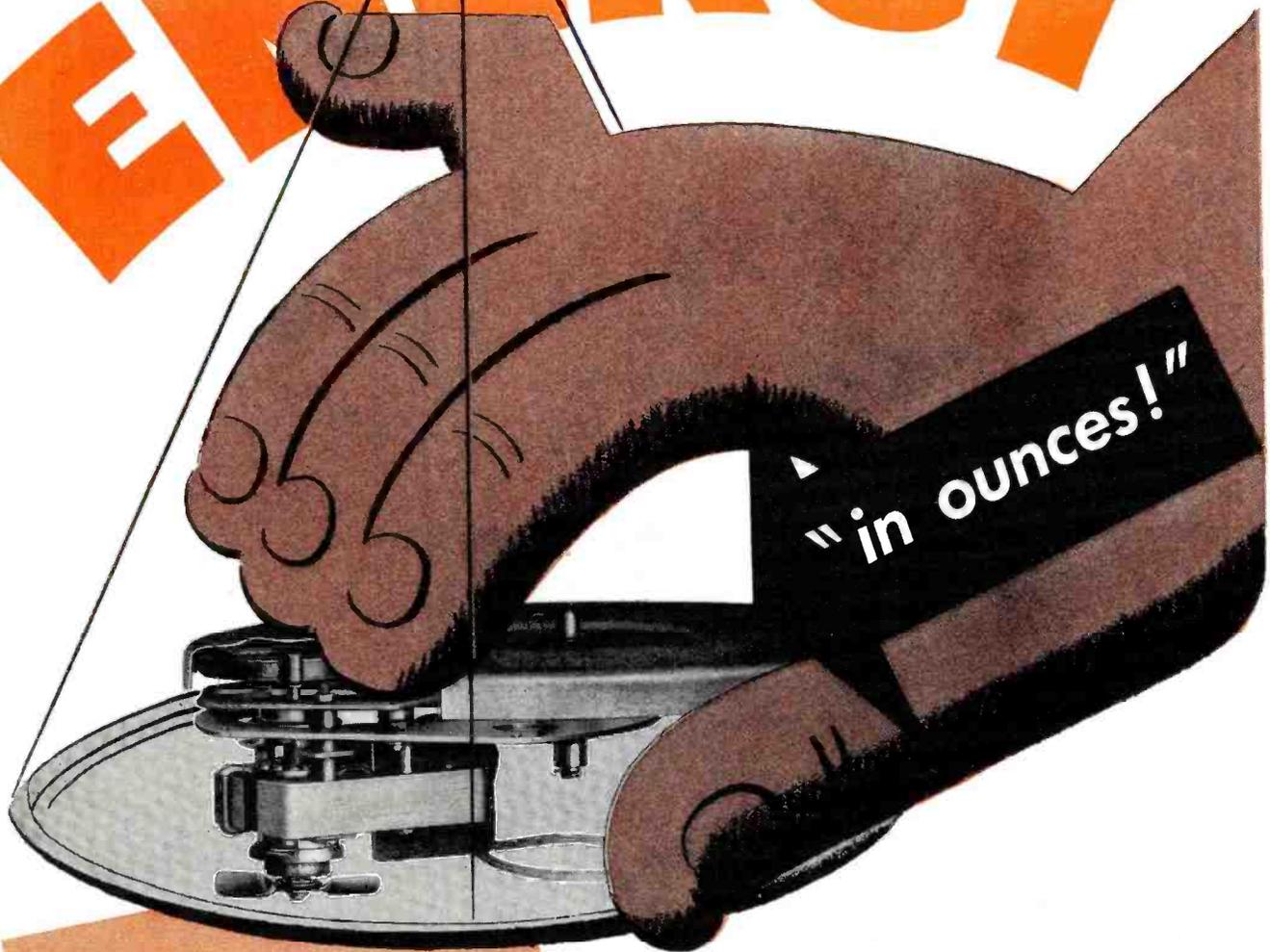
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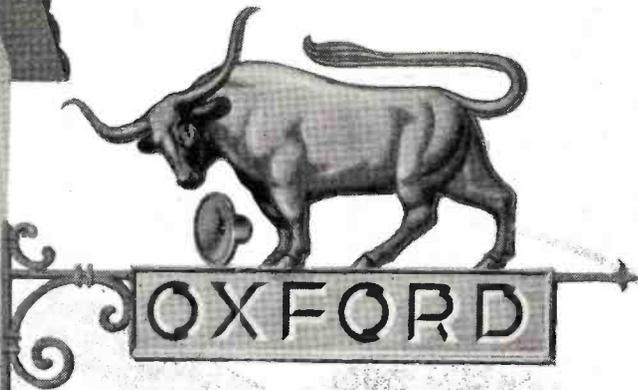
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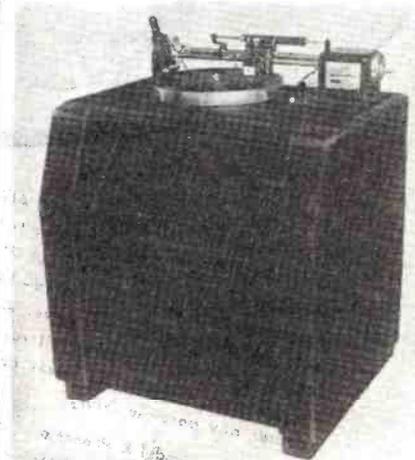


Radio Kits Company, 120 Cedar Street, New York 6, New York. Ask for information on Model 120.

STUDIO RECORDER

Of interest to broadcast engineers is the new No. 523 studio recorder recently announced by *Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation*.

This unit was designed to meet the requirements of commercial recording studios and the radio industry for instantaneous or wax recordings, or the sound film industry for dubbing sound from disc to film. The table accommodates 18" flowed wax masters, acetate or thicker wax masters. The positive 33.3 r.p.m. drive permits absolute



timing, with the synchronous motor, which also makes the a.c. line the only interlocking device needed for dubbing sound.

Additional details of the No. 523 will be furnished by *Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation*, Jamaica, New York.

COMBINATION CONSOLE

Western Sound & Electric Laboratories, Inc. has announced the production of their new Sheraton lowboy style radio-phonograph combination.

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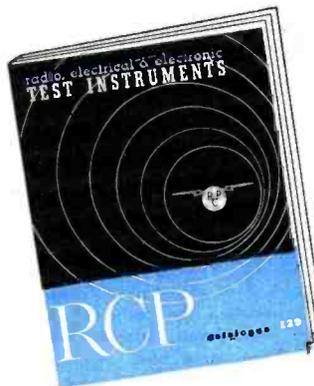
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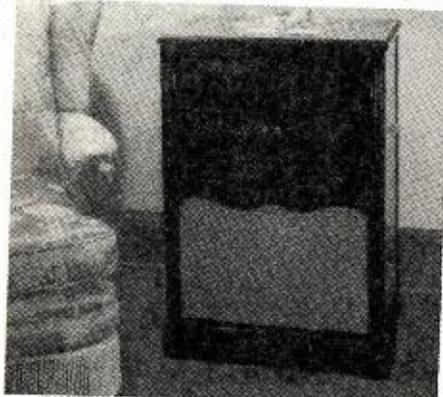


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and treble control on either phono or radio and automatic record changing for ten 12" or twelve 10" records. The unit operates with the doors of the cabinet either open or closed.

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Additional information on this Sym-



phonola Model 200 will be supplied by *Western Sound & Electric Laboratories, Inc.*, 3512 West St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin.

"FLEXITEST" SWITCH

Westinghouse Electric Corporation has announced a new test switch for the rapid and accurate testing of switchboard instruments, meters and relays from the front of the board.

Designed with up to ten elements and rated at 250 volts, 30 amperes, combinations of current and potential switches are included, as required, for

the various types of instruments to be tested.

The "Flexitest" switch is enclosed in a black Moldarta case with cover of similar material which blends with instrument and relay cases and with panels.

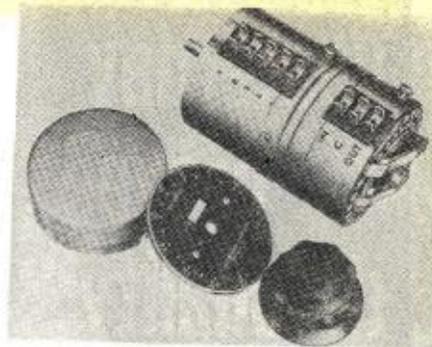
Individual switches are of the knife blade type and separated by barriers. Moldarta switch handles are recessed for inserting identification cards. Each switch handle is drilled for insertion of an interlocking bar to tie together any three adjacent handles. Means are provided for the attachment of spring clips when individual test leads are used instead of a test plug.

Further information on these switches may be secured from *Westinghouse Electric Corporation*, P.O. Box 868, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

tone COMPENSATING ATTENUATOR

Designed to enable the authentic reproduction of the musical scale, *The Daven Company* has recently announced their new Tone Compensating Attenuator, the Type LAC-720. Essentially a ladder network, designed so that the frequency characteristics follow the hearing response curves of the human ear, this unit provides a response such that the bass frequencies have a smaller loss than the middle or upper registers, without rendering a false response.

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Complete engineering information, including a series of six attenuation vs. frequency curves, will be furnished upon request to *The Daven Company*, 191 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

SILICON CRYSTAL CONVERTERS

The Electronics Division, *Sylvania Electric Products Inc.* has announced production on a line of compact silicon crystal converters for use as first detectors in high frequency superheterodyne receivers.

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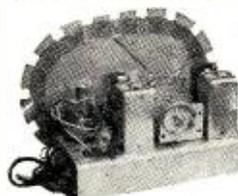
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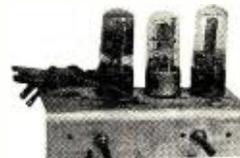
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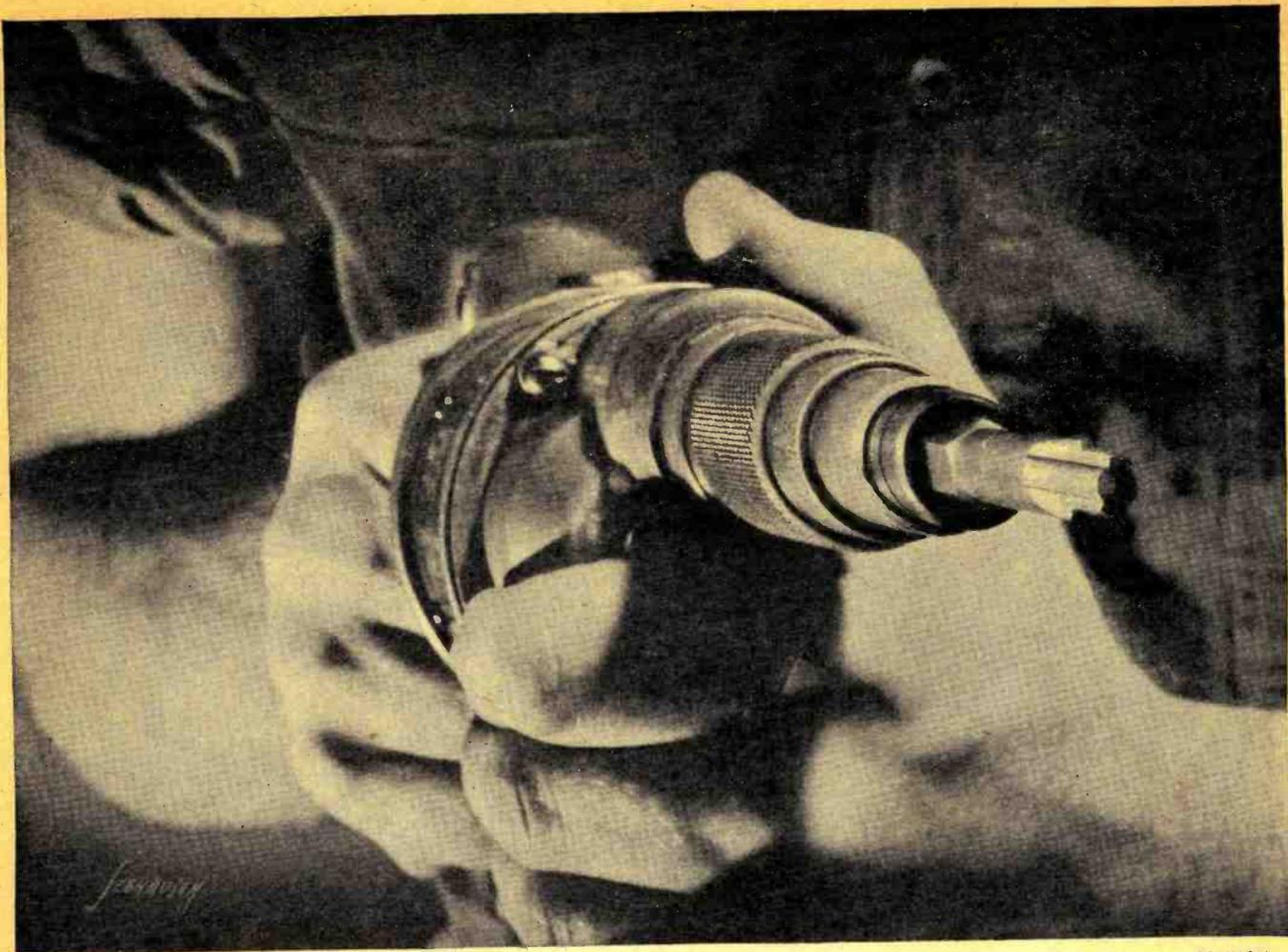
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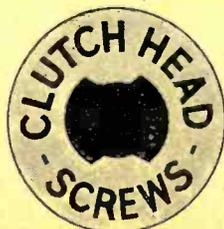
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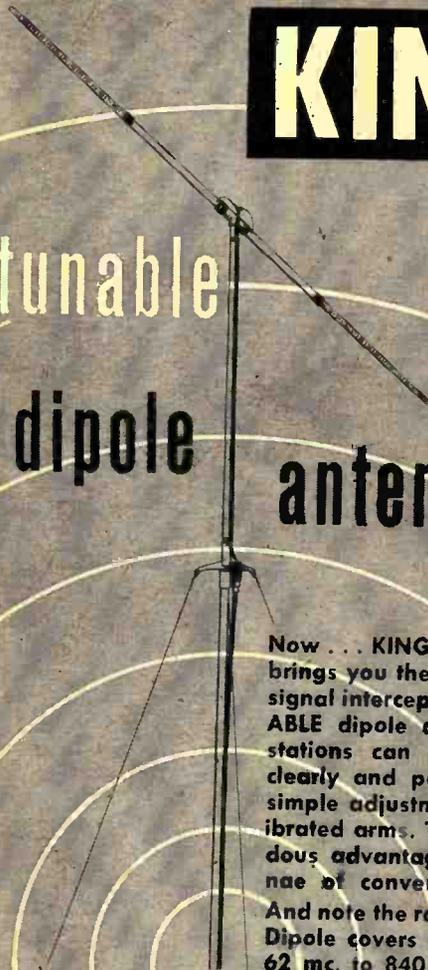
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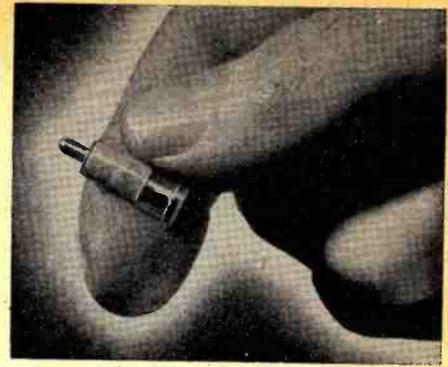
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Additional details of these converters will be furnished by *Sylvania Electric Products Inc.*, Emporium, Pa.

REPLACEMENT RESISTORS

A new line of composition resistors for the radio serviceman and other users of electronic equipment, has been announced by the Specialty Division of *General Electric Company's* Electronics Department.

Capable of being operated at full rating in ambient temperatures up to 70 degrees (168 degrees F.), these resistors are available in standard RMA values and in sizes of 1/2, 1 and 2 watts.

Three hundred and fifty volts r.m.s. may be applied continuously to the 1/2 watt unit, five hundred volts r.m.s. to the 1 watt unit and one thousand volts r.m.s. to the 2 watt unit, providing the wattage rating is not exceeded.

These resistors are highly resistant to humidity and feature pigtail leads which are claimed to be resistant to breakage at the body junction.

Further information and a specifications sheet on these new resistors may be obtained from the Specialty Division, Wolf Street Plant, *General Electric Company*, Syracuse, New York.

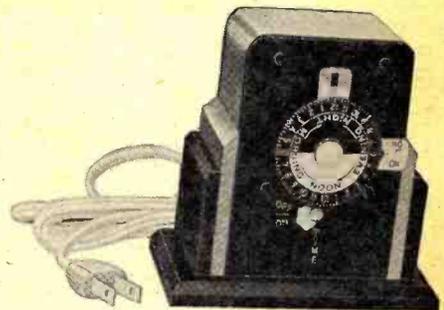
PORTABLE TIME SWITCH

An item of interest to the serviceman-dealer is currently being offered by *Miller-Harris Instrument Company* of Milwaukee.

Known as the Robot Portable Time Switch, this unit may be used in many home appliance and radio timing operations, including turning a radio on or off, controlling an electric roaster, starting electric percolators, defrosting refrigerators, etc.

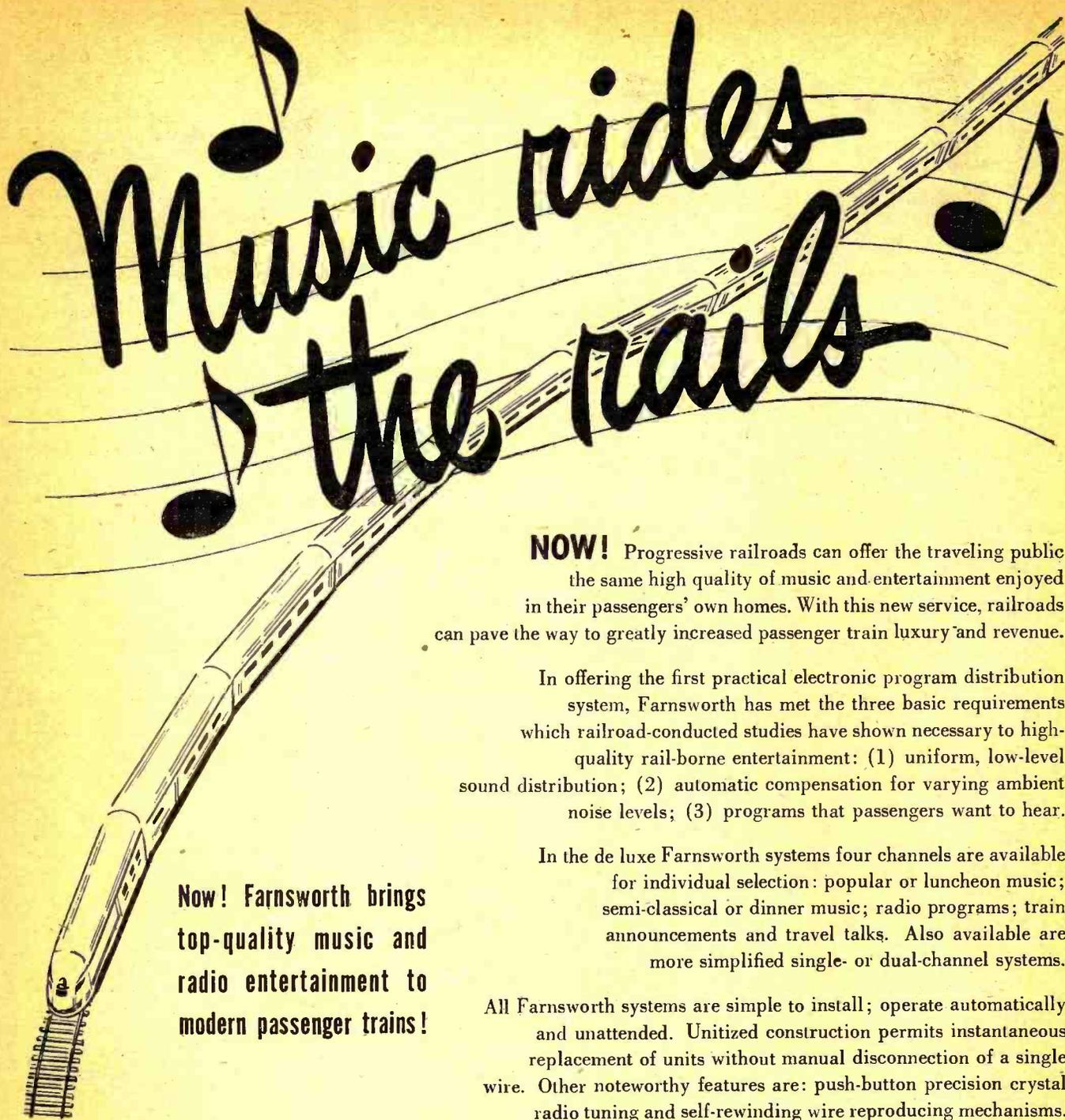
The 24-hour dial of the Robot has two pointers which can be set to turn appliances on and off at specified times. The unit is about 3" wide and 5" high. It comes in a metal and plastic case. The cord attached to the timer may be plugged into any electric wall socket, then the lamps, radios, refrigerators, and other appliances are then plugged into the socket in the device and are actuated at the desired time.

Miller-Harris Instrument Company, 1434 West Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee 6, Wisconsin, will furnish additional details of this timing switch.



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Currently available are the company's 6 and 12 volt selenium plate battery chargers which may be used



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The chargers come complete with cords, clips and plug ready to use. They operate on 110 volts, 50/60 cycles a.c., but may also be had in 220 volt, 50/60 cycle a.c. sizes.

Complete details of these units will be supplied by *Mellaphone Corporation*, Rochester 2, New York.

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Prices and delivery dates will be furnished by *E. W. Ehmman Company*, Box 123, Geneva, Illinois to those who request this information.

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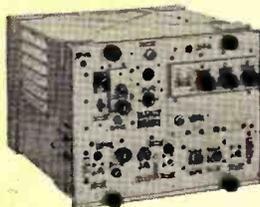
The "Spindle Eye"

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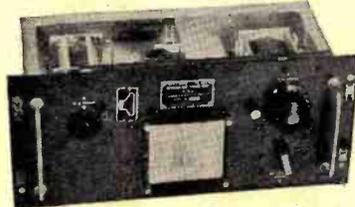
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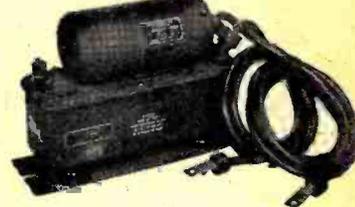
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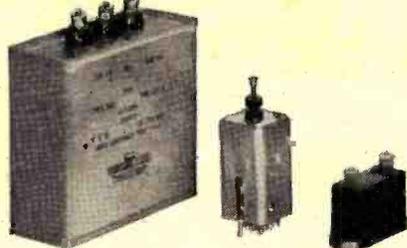


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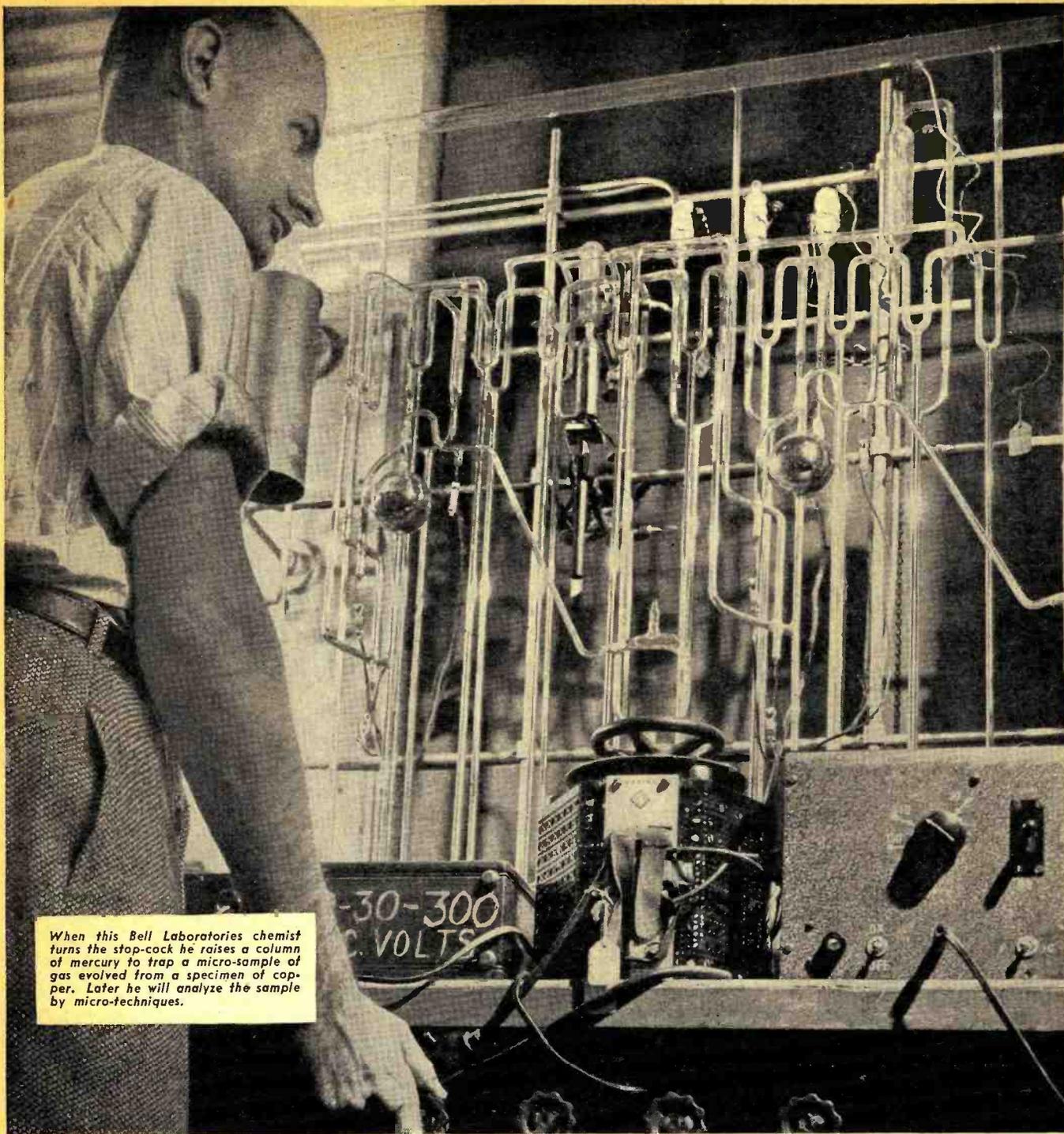
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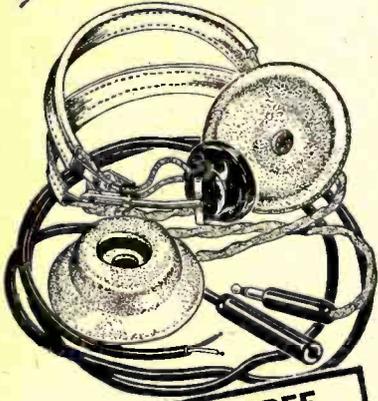
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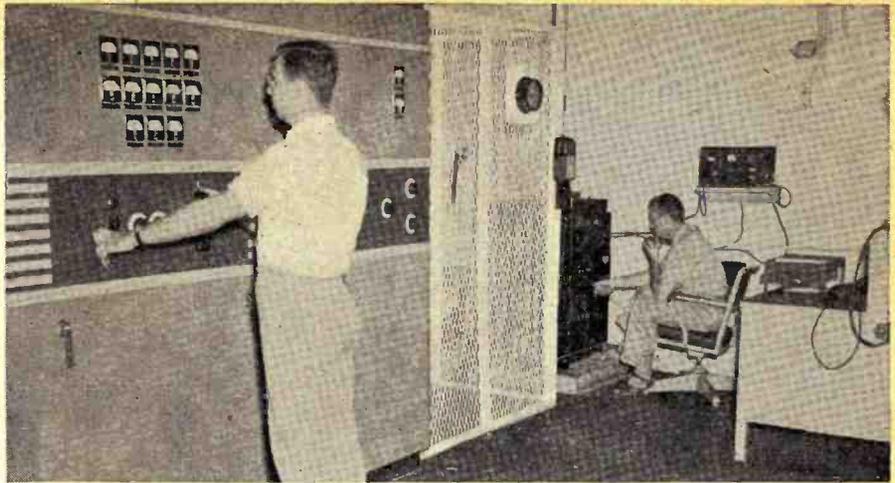
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RCA 7.5 kw. broadcast transmitter installed in the main transmitter room aboard the "Spindle Eye." Hallicrafters BC-610 500 w. transmitter was used between Kwajalein and Bikini as local order circuit for Admiral Blandy's net.

tors, with a small 15 kw. motor generator set as auxiliary, to be used only for operation of receiving and monitoring equipment when the transmitters were not in operation.

A series of photographs made of the exterior and interior of the "Spindle Eye" during Oliver Read's (Editor of RADIO NEWS) visit to the "Spindle Eye," at Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, show the various installations described above, and speak for themselves.

As mentioned previously, the "Spindle Eye" was dispatched to Kwajalein and was designated responsibilities of handling all voice broadcasts, press dispatches and radio photos filed by the various broadcast and press representatives based at Kwajalein, and to serve as a standby to the administrative communication facilities installed in

the joint communications center on the island. For the purpose of Operation Crossroads her call letters WVLC, were changed to NIGF. During the early days of our tests and rehearsals considerable difficulty was experienced in putting a consistently reliable signal into RCA at San Francisco, and Press Wireless at Los Angeles which was attributed to the peculiar orientation of our transmitting antennas. The antennas, of course, were limited to the standard delta-fed doublet, which have the characteristic of radiating the maximum signal at right angles to the antenna.

Because of the prevailing winds in the Marshall group, which are indicated on the chart (page 34, September RADIO NEWS) ships at normal anchor-
age, that is standard bow anchor,

FCC SLASHES FORMS AND OTHER PAPER WORK FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

To further speed handling of its postwar work load, the Federal Communications Commission is paring forms and other paper work to the barest minimum consistent with administrative requirements.

Of particular interest to applicants and licensees are condensed versions of forms required for new or modified radio facilities. For example, the Commission has adopted, and is about to issue, FCC Form 401-B for police, fire or forestry radio station construction applications. It comprises a single page as compared with the four double pages of its predecessor (FCC Form 401). The present 13 questions all appear on one side of a single letter-sized sheet, with brief instructions on the reverse. The old form spread 34 questions over eight pages.

On the press is a new application (FCC Form 401-C) for the utility or miscellaneous radio services. This has been boiled down to 15 questions on a single page in contrast to 34 questions covering eight pages on the old application (FCC Form 401).

In current use is another dehydrated form (FCC Form 404-A), which supplants FCC Form 404 for non-scheduled aircraft station license. A 5 x 8 inch card distills 15 questions which formerly required four pages. This card form is, in effect, a combination application and license. In other words, a section of the filled-in application is photographically reproduced on the license to expedite processing and delivery of the latter.

Another form (FCC Form 501-A), now being printed, does the same thing for radiotelephone-equipped ships. This, too, is a 5 x 8 card which permits the license to be issued photographically.

The application form for amateurs has not only been revised, but the preparation of individual records for this largest single group of licensees has been reduced from seven typing operations to one by the use of fanfold cards.

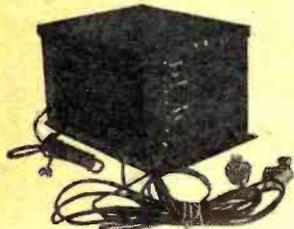
Also in preparation are simpler applications for broadcast and other authorizations. Details will be announced when these are ready for issuance. The Commission feels that it can simplify forms to a degree that will meet legal and engineering requirements yet, at the same time, be mutually convenient in reducing work in filling out and processing.

Other short cuts lately put into effect to save time and effort on the part of applicants as well as the Commission may be summarized, in general, as follows:

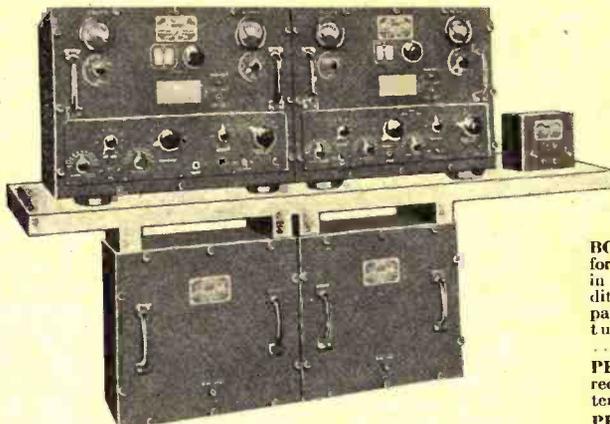
- Extending licenses by blanket order or in blocks when possible to do so.
- Making modification of licenses in certain categories effective for the next full license period, particularly in the case of aviation ground stations whose licenses expire on a common fixed date.
- Renewing special temporary authorizations without reissuing the documents.
- Terminating the requirement that operators furnish fingerprints and evidence of citizenship.
- Granting third class radiotelephone operator permits on declaration instead of examination.
- Relinquishing permit requirements for operators of some classes of mobile transmitters.
- Making it possible for aircraft radio operators to obtain permits at their home airports.
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- Abandoning designation of serial numbers in cases where a transmitter is replaced by another of the same type.
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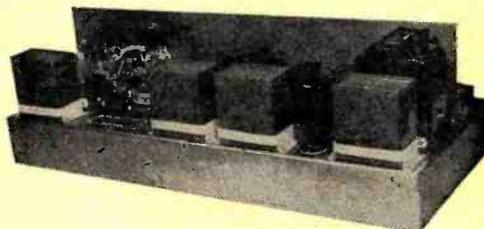
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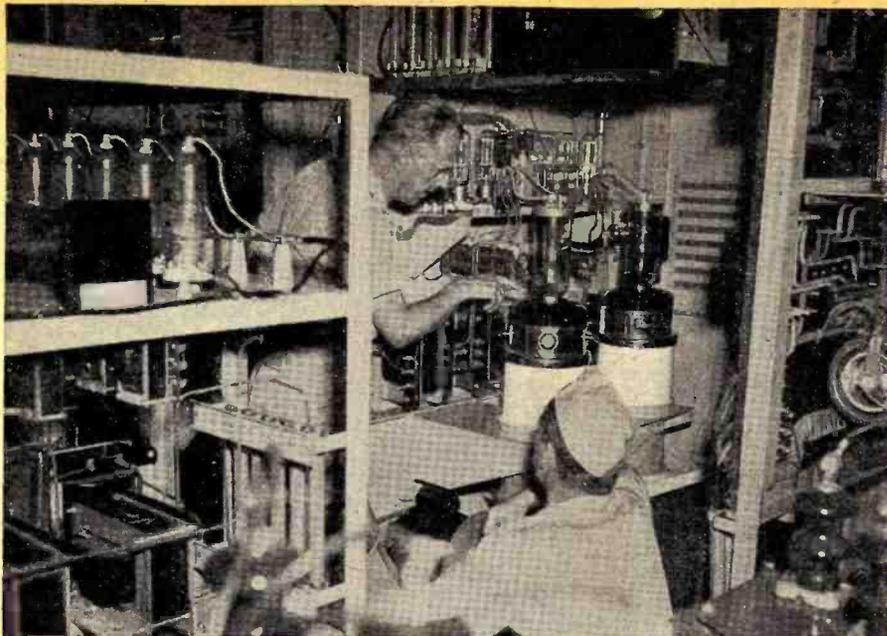
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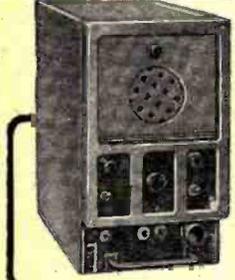
would lay on a course of approximately 70 degrees, thus setting our maximum signal at right angles to this course, or 160 degrees and 340 degrees. The true great circle course from Kwajalein to San Francisco was 53 degrees, and in order to place our maximum signal lobe on 53 degrees, it was necessary to set the ship on a

course of 143 degrees where she was anchored permanently into position by special bow and stern anchors. To further increase our signal strength to the West Coast it was decided to attempt what was at first termed impossible, that is, the construction of a V antenna, which up to now had always been confined to land based stations

only. Realizing the importance of putting a reliable signal to the United States broadcasting networks, every possible angle was considered. This inverted V, unterminated antenna was constructed by supporting the apex from the midmast of the ship and running the two sides out in the lagoon to anchored buoys. We admitted at the time that the idea sounded rather wild, but felt it was worth a try and the results that were obtained justified this unorthodox construction. A 30% improvement in the signal strength to the West Coast was our reward. The detail of this peculiar construction is shown in photograph (page 32).

Another special construction feature involved in the "Spindle Eye's" function, was our remote receiving station. Because of the high noise level at Kwajalein, as a result both of atmospheric and the mass of interference, to say nothing of the normally high noise level aboard ship, it was difficult to receive reliable cue signals from RCA and Press Wireless on the West Coast. Many times the signal-to-noise ratio was such as to render the State-side signals unreadable. To overcome this difficulty we selected a spot at the extreme northern tip of the island of Kwajalein and set up a remote receiving station. It was possible then to receive the cue signals at all times, fairly free of interference, particularly the electrical disturbances created on and in the vicinity of the ship. These signals were piped out to the ship over

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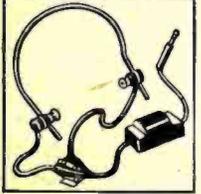


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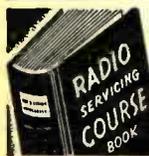
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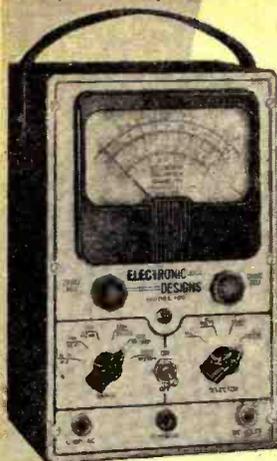
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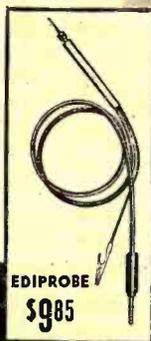
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As a sample of the kind of a job the "Spindle Eye" did, let's take a look at the A-Day show. Our first duty on Able Day was at 3:30 in the morning, Kwajalein time, when a blow-by-blow description was given by W. W. Chaplin and George Murad of NBC and CBS, respectively, of the evacuation of all unnecessary from the island of Kwajalein to the nearby island of Ebeye. This was a precautionary move by Commodore Wyatt, Commander of the Atoll, against the possibility of an accident in the take-off of "Dave's Dream," scheduled for two hours hence. Our next show was a remote pickup at 5:30 a.m., directly from the starting line of the long B-29 runway at Kwajalein where we carried our portable equipment to the roof of the Operations Building and, with the aid of the remote lines described above, the commentators for NBC, CBS and ABC described the take-off of "Dave's Dream."

Upon the completion of this task we picked up our equipment and headed back for the ship, where we prepared to take our place in the pool show which was to follow immediately after the signal, "Bombs Away."

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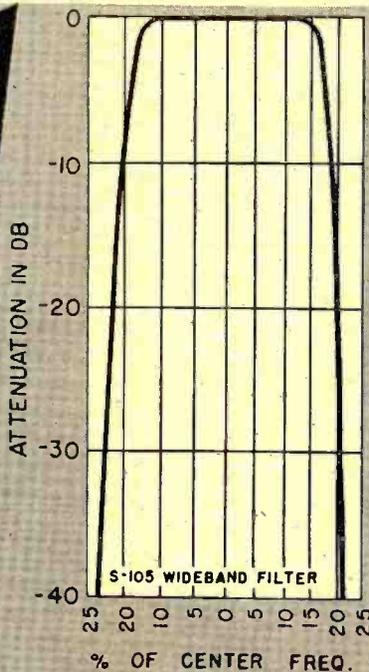
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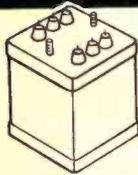
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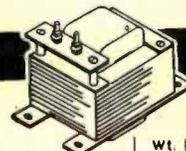
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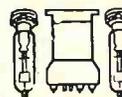
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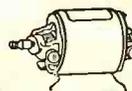


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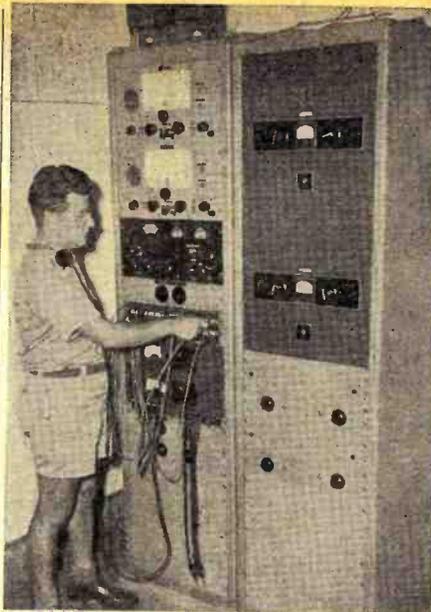
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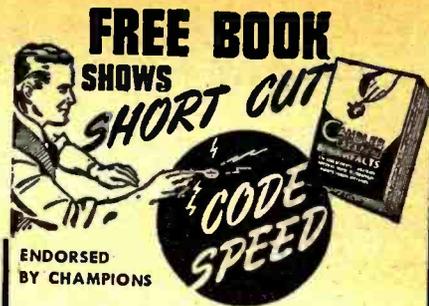


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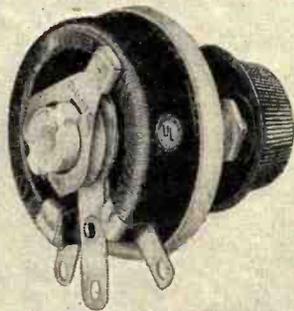
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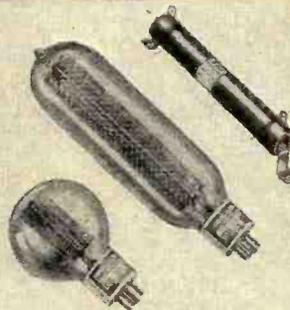
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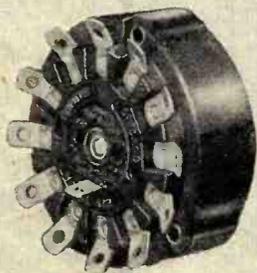
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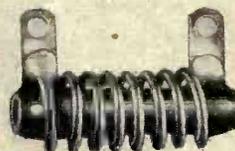
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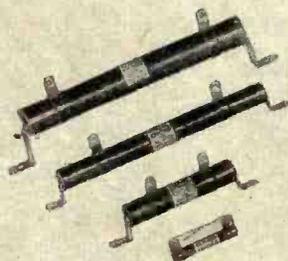
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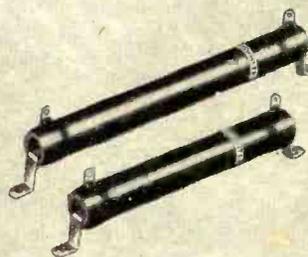
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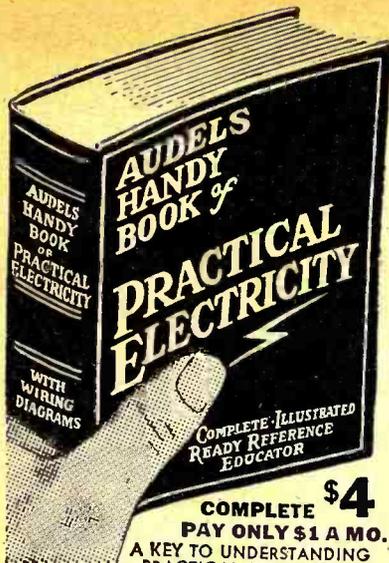


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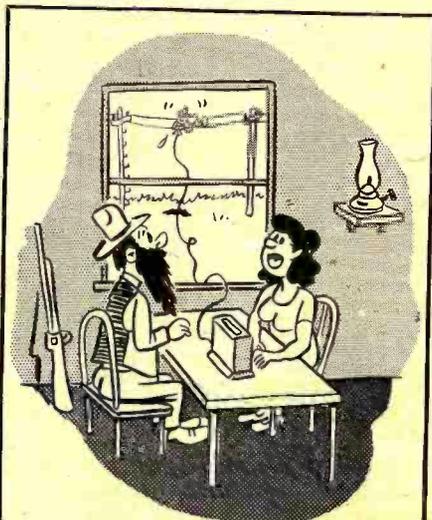
pens and preserve the continuity of the service.

This was a tough schedule to meet, considering the limited personnel with which I was forced to operate and it is entirely fitting to acknowledge here that our success on this operation was possible only because of the high caliber of boys I had with me. They not only possessed the ingenious "know-how" but that eager willingness to carry on in that well-known fashion—unselfish devotion to duty. My operating group was headed by Capt. Shelton "Buck" Weaver of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly of Radio Station WSM, who handled the master control room most of the time himself. Assisting him in these operations was Lt. Jack Panoff, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The recordings and receiving equipment were handled by Lt. Robert Diehl of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the transmitters and power by Lt. John Roling of Atlanta, Georgia, and Lt. Robert Dunbar, Hampton, Virginia, and the radiophoto v.h.f. voice frequency telegraph terminal and teletype equipment by Capt. Michael L. Burke, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

As pointed out earlier in this article, the series of photographs made during Mr. Read's visit with us at Kwajalein will tell their own story of the Army Communications Ship, "Spindle Eye" and its fine equipment. To those of us who operated her and to those whom she served I am sure her memory shall always be cherished as the last word in a seagoing broadcasting station, with all the modern frills of a Radio City.

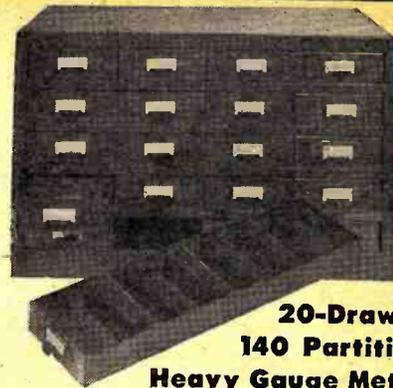
In concluding I would like to acknowledge the many fine letters we received from amateurs all over the United States, letting us know of our strong signals and fine quality. These letters were deeply appreciated by all of us aboard the "Spindle Eye," but time and pressing duties prevented individual acknowledgement. Again I say, speaking for all of the Signal Corps group—thanks a million!

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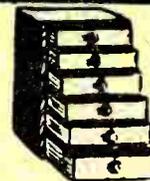


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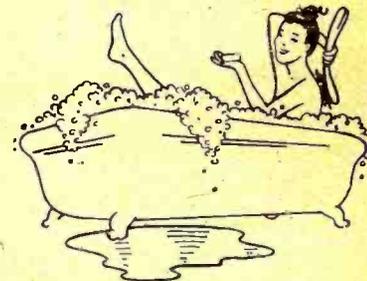
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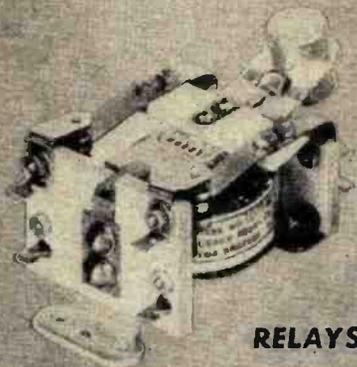
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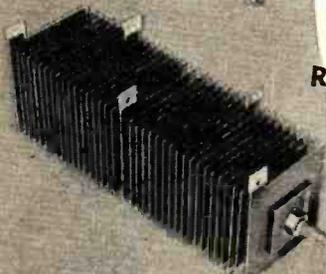
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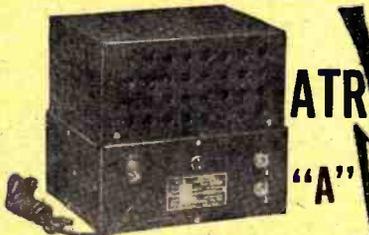
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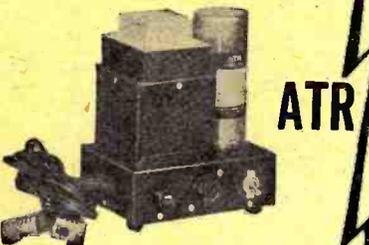


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With the shipping of operators as usual during a marine strike at a very slow pace there has been very little to report this past month in new assignments and arrivals.

THE present strike of the MEBA and MMP unions have the shipping interests of the country tied up again in a complete work stoppage which together with the previous strike of the NMU has kept the ships tied up for some time and many of the boys have been able to get more ashore time "home than was expected . . . "Bing" Crosby was in town recently to visit the gang and say hello . . . E. Sepe relieved from his "knot" boat which has been redelivered.

MEMBERS of the physics and electrical engineering departments of the Fenn College, Cleveland, have begun work on a \$13,000 radar project in research for the Army Air Corps it was recently reported.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ed Stetson, father of new daughter . . . C. E. Williams still working with UFCO as is Al Locher. Gene Calavas with new outfit now and thinking of another change shortly. H. Koch reported in 1A under new classification setup. 73

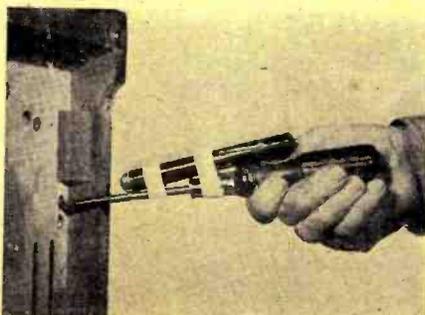
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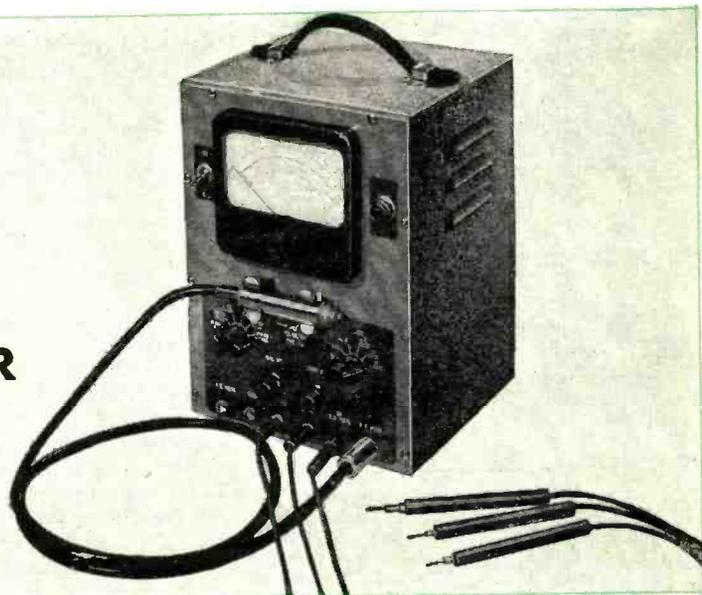
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from our readers

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"I HAVE just read the letter by Roger Harris in the September issue of RADIO NEWS denouncing the class D license, the test for which is to be the same as that for the class B, less the code test. I quote one paragraph from his letter. 'Personally I believe that the thousands-of-highly-skilled-persons story is a myth. My experience during the war was that most of these so-called experts worked with a technical manual in one hand and had little knowledge of what made the wheels go round. The exception in almost all cases were those who had been in radio long before the war.'

"I am not a ham and have no intention of becoming one in the immediate future, hence I have no personal interest in the proposed class D license. I must, however, take exception to the above-quoted paragraph, as my experience, and those, I am sure of thousands of others—was just the opposite.

"I can't speak of the Army's Radio training for I was in no way connected with it, but I should like to defend the Navy's Radio Technicians Training Program. This was a year-long intensive course in the theory and practical application of all phases of radio and electronics. Very few of the students had ever done more in radio than to turn on or off his home receiver. Did we hold a schematic and parts list in our hands while servicing? Of course! Who doesn't, when they are available?

"I have no special love for the Navy—I'm glad to be a civilian again—but in all fairness to the rest of my fellow ex-Navy radio technicians, I must say that a great many of them who do not know the code are technically qualified to operate transmitters. Why make them learn the code to get their license, even though they will never make use of this code."

J. Wensler
St. Louis, Missouri

RECORDING EQUIPMENT

"I WAS very pleased to read on page 154 of the September, 1946 issue, two letters from readers under the heading 'Recording Series.'

"Due to the kindness of a friend in the New World, I have been a subscriber to RADIO NEWS for the past 1½ years. My main interest is disc and all forms of recording and is the reason I obtain your magazine. During the time I have been a reader very little has been printed on the subject, and few adverts have appeared even to whet my appetite for the fine apparatus available in U.S.A. which is denied a growing recording public in

this country by British manufacturers and the Board of Trade Import Department. I have spent some \$20.00 obtaining photo copies of your articles from 1941 and through the courtesy of two U.S. firms received their catalogs. I hope if this letter reaches the eyes of other firms or amateur recorders they will send me details of their apparatus.

"I therefore look forward excitedly to the new series of articles and the new book you mention.

"In conclusion, a word of high praise for the quality of your excellent journal, and the varied and extremely interesting matter contained therein, which is far superior to any similar journal printed in this country—which is certainly not due to any lack of support by readers and amateurs like myself."

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"I am very much interested in experimental electronics and desire to operate under the condition outlined in these articles.

"However, I desire a more clear cut expression of the facts and all up-to-the-minute information which would permit me to operate either with or without a license."

David P. MacArthur
Syracuse, New York

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"NOTICE in your magazine an article by Comdr. S. Freedman, 'Two-way Radio for Everyone.' He spoke of operating without license.

"I would like to know if any kind of transmitter, such as the war surplus 'handie-talkies' or 'walkie-talkies' can be bought and operated without a license."

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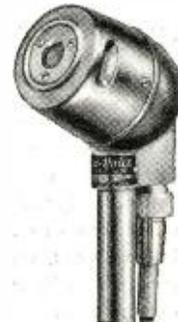


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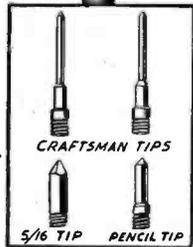
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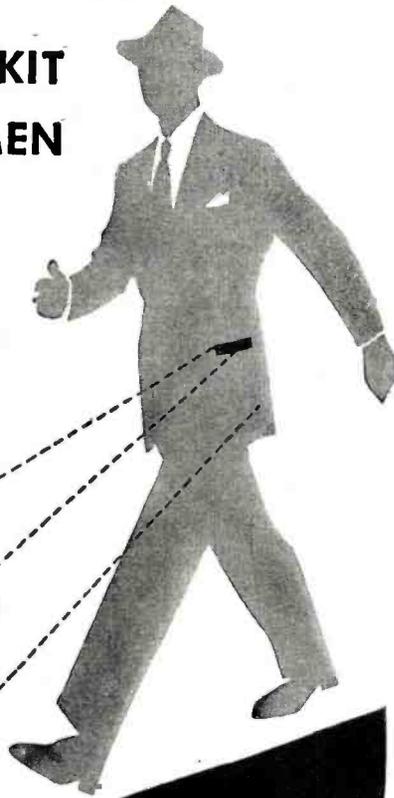
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For clarification on the licensing status, please turn to page 58. The FCC has kindly summarized the provisions for operating above 25 mc. for the benefit of our readers.

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TUBE COLLECTOR

"I HAVE been a subscriber to RADIO NEWS since 1923 and have recently become interested in tube collecting as a hobby. I find that I am in a poor geographical location as far as access to cities likely to have the early equipment.

"In looking over some past issues of RADIO NEWS, I note a column in the March, 1943 issue on "The Tube Collector." I wonder if any lists of people who may have early tubes for sale or trade are still available. I am also interested in early radio receivers such as the DeForest honey-comb coil receiver and early wireless equipment. Any suggestions that you may have to offer will be appreciated."

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TREASURE FINDERS

"I ENJOYED the article very much that appeared in the September issue of RADIO NEWS on treasure locators.

"I would like to add a postscript to that article about locating oil by the use of treasure locators.

"Having done quite a lot of geological prospecting with about every kind of instrument used to locate geological structure and with the following data to back me up, I will make the statement that there is no instrument in existence today that will find oil directly. There are many instruments today that will locate salt domes, faults, plugs, and outcrops, but not oil.

"A great many of the resistive methods read the conductivity of the top soil but very few read the resistance of the deeper structure.

"The use of treasure locators to determine a prospective point to drill for oil does have some merit only insofar as the treasure locator will indicate the mass density of the soil at the surface of the ground near the instrument. This is not a bad method as it will indicate the weight of the soil in terms of conductance.

"It has been found that when soil samples are dried and sifted and weighed the graph derived from these weights will coincide with the graph made with the treasure locator. The



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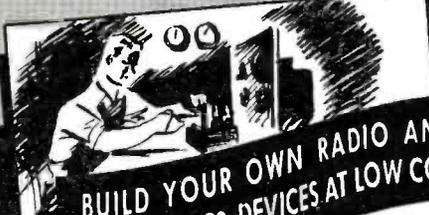


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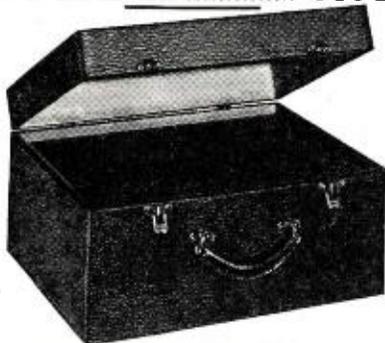


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International Short-Wave

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Sundays with *English* news; Bandoeng, 8,000 Java: OC5; FXE, 8,020, Beirut, Lebanon, with *English* news at 11 a.m.; CKCS; Radio Omdurman; Elizabethville, Belgian Congo, OQ2AB, 11,900, with musical program on Sundays at 8:10 a.m., no *English*; RNE, Madrid; XGOY, 11,92; Radio Saigon; FZI; ZNB, 5,90, Mafeking, Bechuana-land, musical programs, 6-7 a.m. and 12 noon-2:30 p.m., with SABC *English* news relay at 12:30 p.m.; and TAP.

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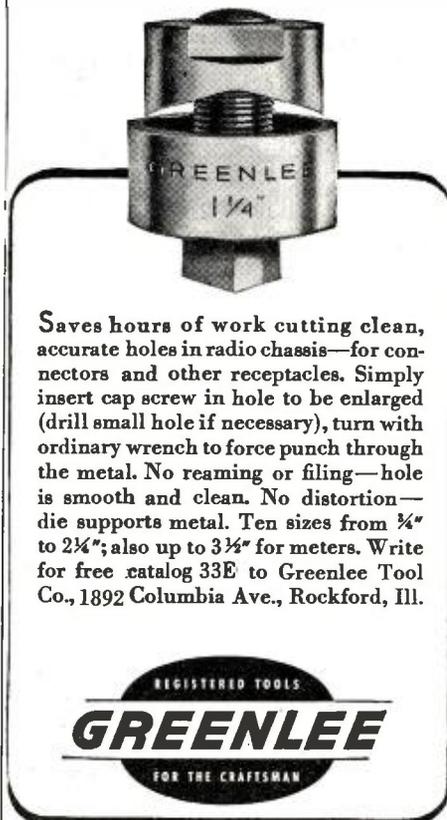
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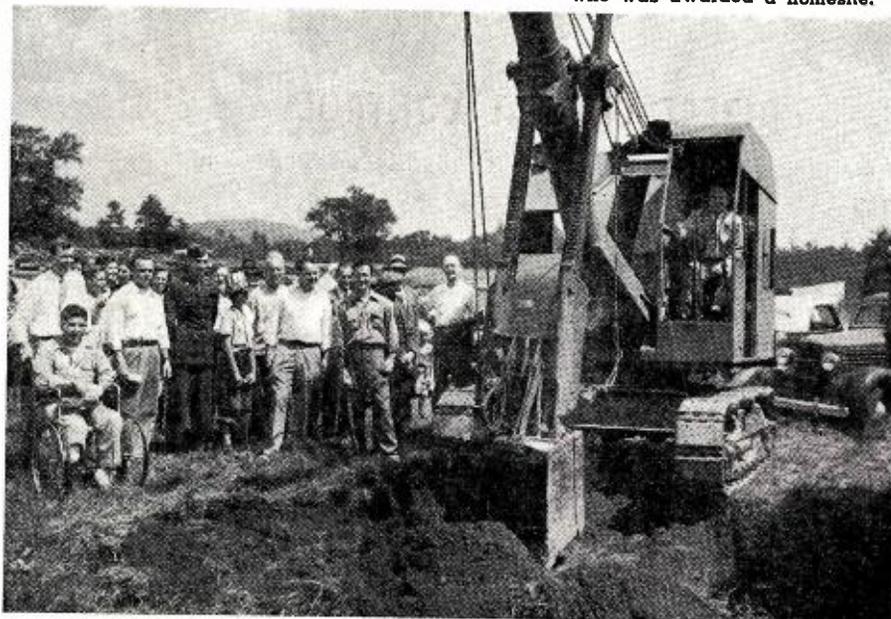
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Radio Club News

Grand National SWL Club—Officers for 1946-47 are George H. Jacobs, president; Edw. F. Shirley, first vice-president; Merton Meade, second vice-president; Dorothy J. Seiler, secretary. The Board of Directors consists of these officers plus Harold G. Fitzer and Walter C. Downes. Address of this club is P.O. Box 781, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

URDXC—Announcement has been made of the merger of the *Universal Radio DX Club*, 7507 Holly Street, Oakland 3, California, with the *Victory Radio Club*, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The new club will be known as the *Universal Radio DX Club*, its periodical will be the *Universalite*. Short-wave editor of the bulletin and of the short-wave log will be William "Bill" Howe; amateur section editor, Ralph Kastner; BCB editor of bulletin, Erick Johnson; assistant BCB editor of the bulletin, Bruce Kennedy, who will also edit the new BCB log; editor of the bulletin, Charles C. Norton. The new BCB log will be issued three times a year—September, January, May—with each issue a new and up-to-date revision of the previous one. While bulletins will continue to be mailed from Oakland, California, both the SW and BCB logs will be mailed from Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The VRC leaders, or other members of VRC, are to have representation on the Board of Directors of URDXC, either by election or appointment. The combined clubs will probably be the largest organization of its kind in

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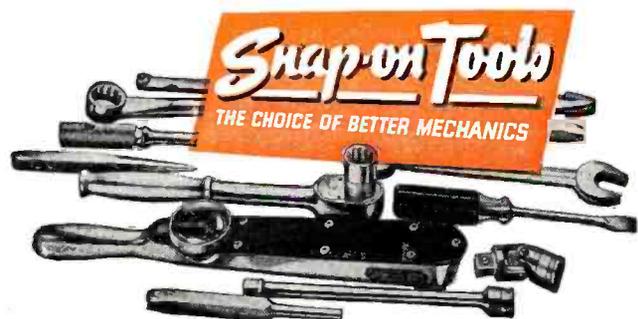
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This Month's Schedules

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Algeria—The station heard evenings in the East with a program mostly in Arabic and which has baffled some DXers as to identification is Radio Algerie, 12.115 (listed, but actually at present on 12.118). The Arabic program begins at 5 p.m.; from 4-5 p.m., this station relays the Paris transmission for the British Isles (in English).

Argentina—QRA of LRA5 is furnished by J. T. Jones, Pennsylvania, as follows: Sarimento y Avendia, L. N. Alem, Buenos Aires, Republica Argentina. LRA5, operating on 17.720, is heard well in the East each Friday, 4-4:30 p.m., with English at about 4:11 p.m.; languages used are Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French, in that order.

Another report indicates that LRA, LRA1 (9.690) were announced as also being used. (Ferguson)

Australia—Radio Australia has initiated a weekly DX broadcast of short-wave news from the Australian DX Radio Club; a 20-minute program is heard for North America on Saturday at 8:10 p.m. over VLA9, 21.600, and VLC9, 17.840 (good signal on VLA9, weaker on VLC9); a 12-minute broadcast for Britain is heard on Saturday at 10:45 a.m. on VLB2, 9.680 (fair signal reported by Harrison, England).

The new 100 kw. transmitter at Shepparton has been put into daily service in a number of transmissions, resulting in considerable rearrangement of Radio Australia frequencies. To Eastern North America, VLB ("B" for "boomerang") has replaced VLC5 on 9.540 at 8-9:15 a.m., with VLC7, 11.84, having been added; reception is excellent on either frequency; at 7:30-8:30 p.m., VLA9, 21.600, has been added; it sends a better signal to the East than VLC9, 17.840, the other frequency (this one runs to 8:45 p.m. sign-off). To Western North American between 11:45 p.m. (new sign-on time) and 12:45 a.m., the line-up is VLB8; 21.600, VLC4, 15.320 (the best), VLG7, 15.160, and VLA4, 11.770. (VLB8 is off Friday night.) Saturday morning when it is busy as VLB6, 15.200, to the Australian Forces. To Great Britain at 2-3:15 a.m., VLA9, 21.600; and VLB3, 11.770, replace VLA4 and VLC 11; at 10 a.m., VLB2, 9.680, has been added to 11 a.m., VLG9, 11.900, to 10:45 a.m., replacing VLG, with VLA8, 11.760, to 10:30 a.m., replacing VLA3; and VLC6, 9.615, being still parallel as before. Both the 2:30 a.m. (VLG10) and 6 p.m. (VLA6) transmissions to Japan have been discontinued. (Other

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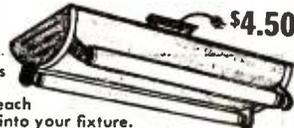
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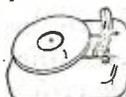
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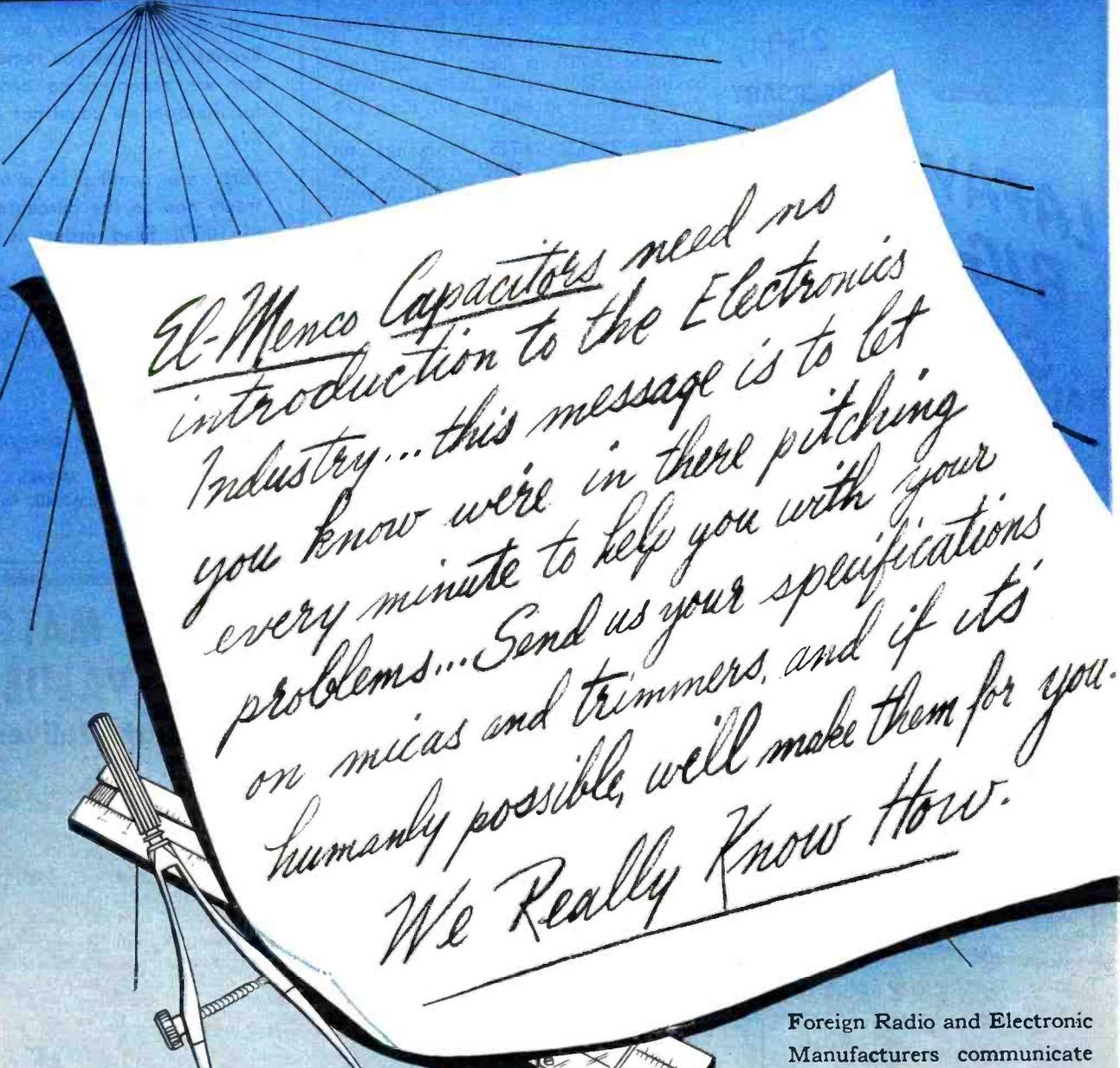
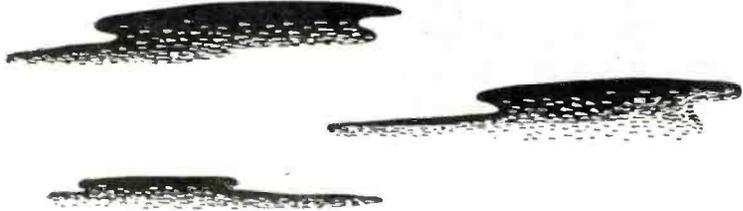
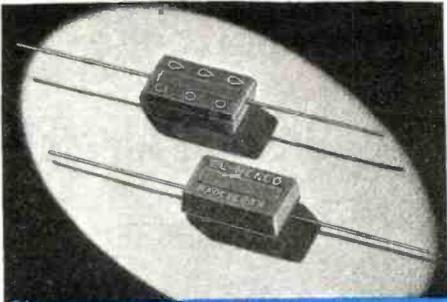
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Belgian Congo—The 11.720 and 6.295 transmission of *Radio Congo Belge* now opens at 5:15 a.m. instead of at 5:30 a.m., according to official sources. Sign-off is still at 7:30 a.m. French news bulletins are broadcast at 12 midnight, 1, 5:30, 6:30, 11, and 11:45 a.m., and at 1:45 and 3:30 p.m.; Flemish news at 12:15, 1:15, 5:45, 6:45, 11:30 a.m.; and at 12:30 and 3 p.m.; and Portuguese at 10:45 a.m.; 6.295 and 9.380 are used at all times *except* the 5:15 a.m. transmission.

OTCS, 17.770, is heard in England, beamed to Holland, at 1:30 p.m., with good signal strength; *no English heard.* (Harrison)

Since OTC2, 9.745 (varying) no longer relays the BBC evenings, this station is now heard, 7:15-8:15 p.m. only; opens with *English* news and usually has repeat around 8:10 p.m. The 17.770 frequency is heard with *English* news at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. (Ferguson)

Brazil—PRI3, 6.000, Belo Horizonte, official schedule is 5-9 a.m., 1-6 p.m.; uses 1 kw. at present; hopes to increase power to 5 kw. soon and to include *English* programs beamed to the U. S. PRE9, 15.165, Fortaleza, is heard Thursdays signing off at 8:30 p.m. with good signal.

British Guiana—It is interesting to note that ZFY, 6.000, Georgetown, is being heard in New Zealand at 5:45 a.m. sign-on; has *English* news at 6 a.m. (Milne)

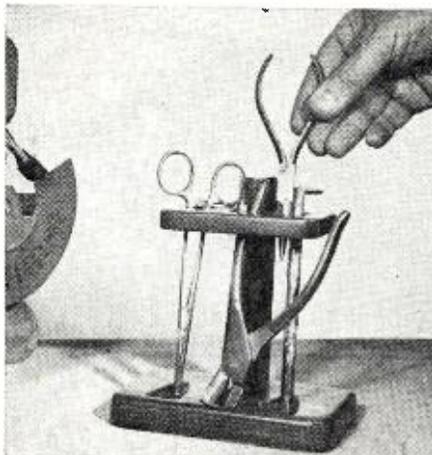
Bulgaria—*Radio Sofia's* second short-wave transmitter, 7.670, is reported heard in Sweden daily, 2-3:40 p.m., paralleling 9.330; *English* news is scheduled for 3:30-3:40 p.m.

Burma—*Radio Rangoon*, which has replaced 11.845 with 9.545 for the morning transmission, now opens earlier and again has *English* news at

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CKRX, 11.72, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is being heard well in the East after 5:30 p.m. (Bromley) This station has an *English* news period at 10 p.m.

Ceylon—Since *Radio SEAC*, G.P.O., Colombo, Ceylon, has replaced 11.770 at 7:30 p.m. sign-on with 15.120, it can now be heard with good level at nearly all hours; runs straight through on this 100-kw. transmitter to 12 noon sign-off; the 7½-kw. transmitter on 6.075 is in parallel most of the broadcast period. *Radio SEAC* has introduced a Sunday transmission to Great Britain, consisting of recordings dedicated by SEAC servicemen to their relatives and friends in Britain; this is also heard on 15.120, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; reception is surprisingly good for that hour.

China—A Chinese station on 9.555, with announced call believed to be XOPD, is heard daily, 5:30-7 a.m., and 8:15-8:30 a.m.; call letters are repeated several times; this would identify it as Hangchow, which has not been reported on its assigned frequency of 7.400. Band music played at 8:15 a.m. sign-on sounds like "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Hangchow has been heard mentioned. There is weak interference from Singapore on 9.558. The second transmission is all talk in Chinese by a woman. (Dilg)

A station on 9.57 (not KWID) is being heard in Asiatic language in the East around 6:30 a.m., may be Hongkong. (Bromley)

Curacao—PJC1, 7.250, Willemstad, "*Radio Princess Juliana*," is heard well in the East evenings to 9:30 p.m. sign-off.

Czechoslovakia—Prague, which returned its North American transmission at 7-7:30 p.m. to 15.230 some time ago, is heard with excellent signals here in the East. OLR4A, 11.840, has a new transmission, 5:30-6 p.m., with usual French horn at sign-on.

Ecuador—HC2AN, 7.350, formerly HC2DC (apparently the medium-wave call has been adopted for short-wave, too), verified by letter to Art Cushen, New Zealand, from Casilla 171, Guayaquil.

Egypt—SUX, 16.373, Cairo, calls the BBC early mornings. (Jones, Pa.)

England—Although printed schedules may still list Leopoldville as carrying a part of the North American Service of the BBC nightly, monitors report that Leopoldville no longer relays the BBC, but closes down at 8:15 p.m.

Finland—The evening North American program on 15.190, Lahti, is heard better now; 9.505 in parallel, remains weak; the period lasts, 7:22-7:47 p.m., with the *English* press review at 7:28 p.m.

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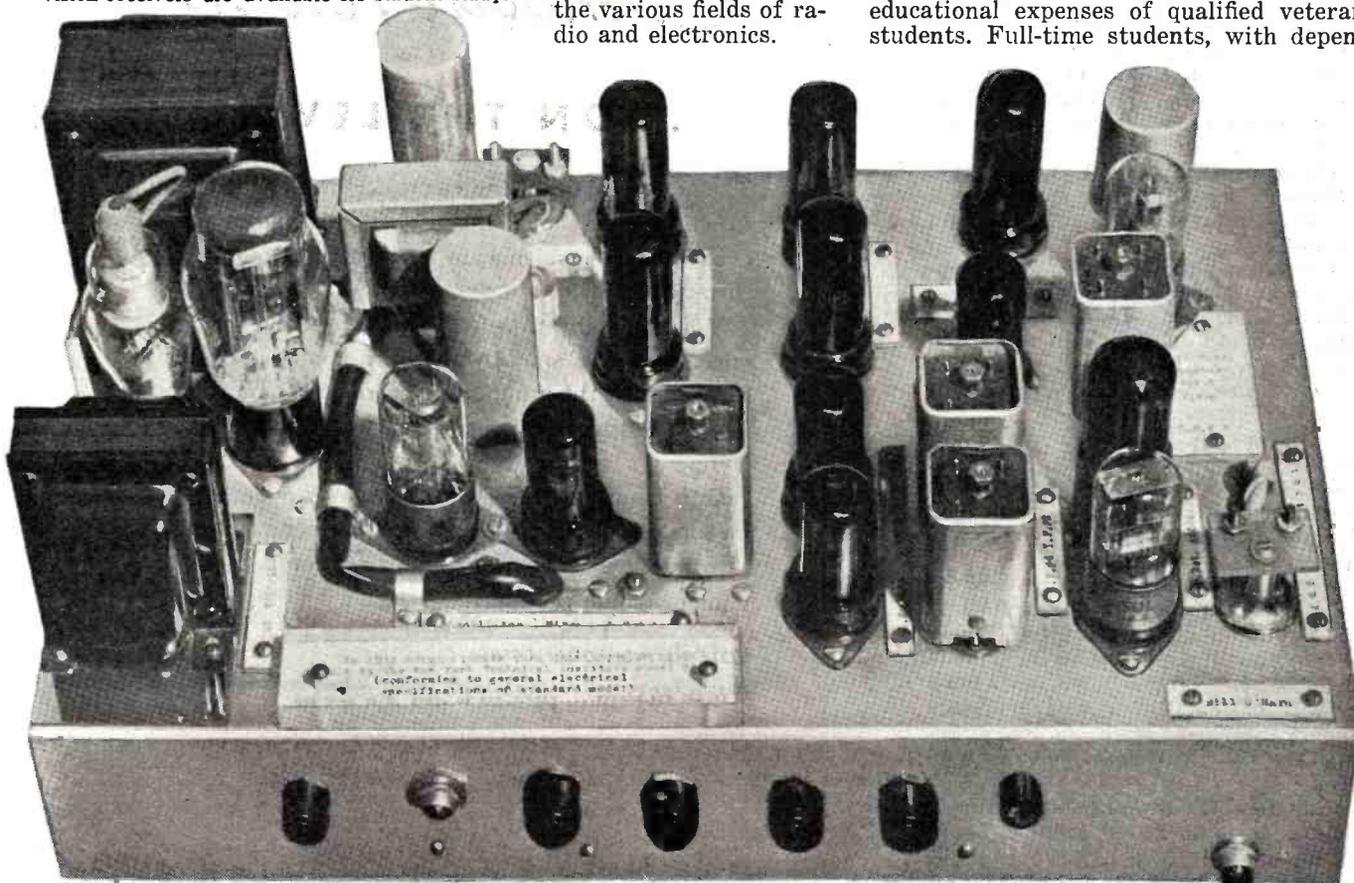
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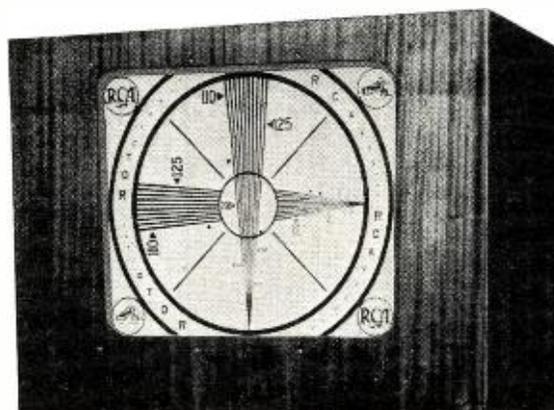
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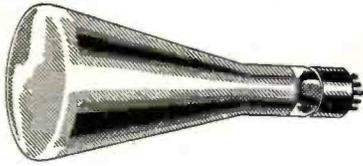
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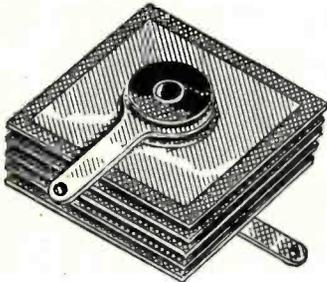


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French Indo-China—Radio Saigon, 11.778, is coming through with good level to the Eastern States, 5-5:30 a.m. (in English). (Jones, Pa.)

Germany—DTSB, 15.105, Munich, is reported heard with music at 8:45 a.m., prior to 9 a.m. contact with New York, point-to-point.

Swedish sources list schedule of Leipzig, 9.730, as 11 p.m.-3:15 a.m. and 5 a.m.-6:30 p.m. An Eastern DXer hears this station opening at 11 p.m. with good level.

Berlin's 6.070 has news in German at 11 p.m. (Saturdays) and signs off at 11:15 p.m. (Norris)

Guatemala—TGWA has returned from 9.685 to its previous 9.760 where reception is good.

Honduras—HEP1, 6.351, San Pedro Sula, is reported at 10 p.m. with American recordings to 10:30 p.m. sign-off. (Norris) Has news in Spanish at 8:30 p.m., no English heard. (Ferguson)

India—Widely reported in the East is the Delhi transmitter on 15.190, heard at 9:30 p.m. with English news. Fair to good signals are also heard in the East at 7:30 a.m. in English news from 9.59 and 9.67, both Delhi, and relayed from Bombay, 9.63 (best).

Delhi's VUD10, 17.830, is heard in English news at 12:30-12:40 or 12:45 a.m., then goes into Hindustani.

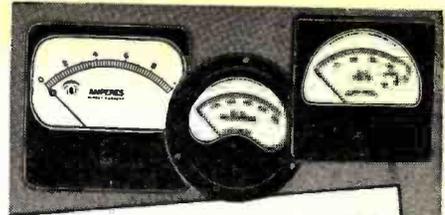
Italy—Radio Italiana, 9.630, is being heard after 6 p.m. in the East, sometimes with Italian amateur hour program, usually with good signal strength.

Japan—The Japanese Home Service, usually good around 5-6 a.m. on 9.505, announces the letters "NHK" at station break; those are not the call letters of the frequency being heard, but stand for "Nippon Hoso Kyokai" or "Japan Broadcasting Corporation." JLR, 6.015, relaying the AFRN, is heard with excellent strength some mornings here in the East around 5-6 a.m.

Call letter changes are being made; recent ones reported include 7.258, JLV; 9.505, JLW2; 11.705, JLW3; 7.552, JLW5; and 15.140, JLW6.

Both 9.560 and 9.505 are in parallel with JLW, 7.258, mornings; sign-off is usually at 8:30 a.m.; some mornings JLW runs until after 9:15 a.m. with a station on 6.095 in parallel. (Dilg) The Japanese Home Service has an English lesson daily at 4:45-5:00 a.m.

Java—It's difficult to keep up on the Java stations these days; frequencies used and times on the air vary from day to day. A new Dutch transmitter is reported heard on approximately 8.000, paralleling Radio Bandoeng, 10.060; apparently, it replaces 18.135, now used for telephony; signal is good on West Coast. Radio Bandoeng appears to have extended its schedule to 10:50 a.m. with Dutch entertainment, once appeared to be a PCJ (Hilversum, Holland) relay for the Forces; one Saturday, 8.000 and 10.060 were heard past 11:35 a.m. with Dutch entertainment. (This may be PMD,



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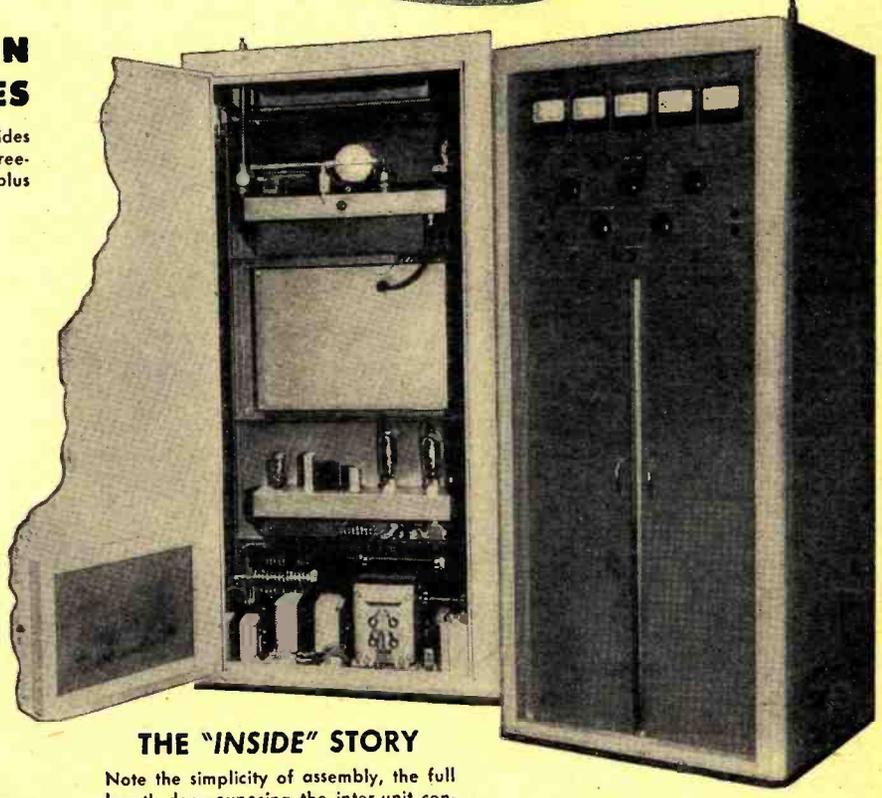
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Korea—JEW, 9.295, Seoul, 10 kw., is telephone station for official U.S. Army use; works JSO, 10.340, 6 p.m.-4 a.m. daily. (Miller, Japan)

Madagascar—Radio Tananarive has added a third transmitter, 10.615, to all its transmissions, which are given at 11 p.m.-12:15 a.m., except Sunday; at 3:30-5 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. (Sunday from 9 a.m.).

Malaya—The new Singapore 19-meter transmitters are now heard on their announced frequencies of 15.275 and 15.300; usually are audible after 5 a.m., sometimes good around 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. sign-off. Last English news period is now at 9 a.m.

According to a recent DX news broadcast from Radio Australia, Singapore's English news periods are now at 3:45, 6:45, 7:30, and 9 a.m.

Mauritius—Port Louis, on a reported frequency of 7.295, is scheduled 3:15-4:30 and 7:45-9:55 a.m. daily, except Sunday, according to the URDXC; is listed as simply 42 meters. Program consists chiefly of music and French news, but news in Hindustani is added on second transmission. Portions of the program, however, are announced in English. A medium-wave transmitter is used on 1333 kcs.

Monaco—Radio Monte Carlo, 6.130, is on the air now with a reported schedule of 1:30-3:30 a.m., 6-8 a.m., and 1-5:15 p.m.; is heard in Stockholm only after 3 p.m.; often has interfer-

ence from the Oslo, Norway, relay station on same frequency. (Skoog) Has news in French at 5 p.m.

Mozambique—CR7BE, 9.710, Lourenco Marques, is heard some nights in the East between 11 p.m.-12 midnight. (Kernan)

New Zealand—According to an announcement recently by Radio Australia, the new short-wave transmitters in this country will be ready for operation in January. ZLT7, 6.715, Wellington, continues to be widely heard in its 4:30 a.m. English news period.

Northern Rhodesia—ZQP, Lusaka, is scheduled to Africa, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, on 7.220, 7.285, and 3.900; Sundays, 4-5:30 a.m. (Kortvags-Lyssnaren)

Norway—A Swedish correspondent reports that LKJ2, 6.130, is heard in parallel with Oslo-Kloofta, 6.200, at 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; he did not state whether this replaces 9.540 or is additional.

Panama—By this time, the new Panama stations which have been testing for some weeks, will likely be on regular schedule. HOXB, 11.810, was put on the air in recent tests, in addition to HOXC, 9.660 (varying), and HOXA, 15.100 (first one reported to me). HOXB has been heard with excellent signals at various times afternoons and evenings, usually at 10-11 p.m. A non-directional antenna has been employed in the tests, but Central and South American beams were to be used when regular schedules are effected. Test announcements of "Radio Central Americana" ("The Voice of Central America" is also used) have been heard in Spanish and English, occasionally in German. Reports

S/Sgt. Dan DiThomas, one of the Army specialists assigned to the United Nations Recording Studios in the basement of Hunter College, New York, explains the operation of the Hart film recorder to Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish Ambassador to the United States and Representative at the United Nations Security Council. All of the deliberations of the Security Council are being recorded for preservation in the Archives of both the United States Government and the United Nations. Logs of the recordings are kept in order that any part of the record may be located by means of a trackage indicator.

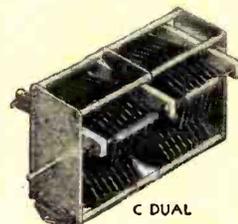
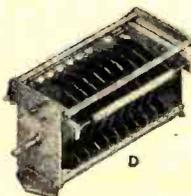
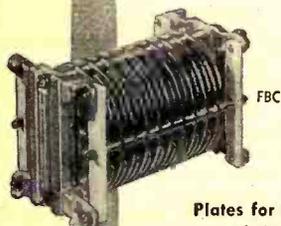
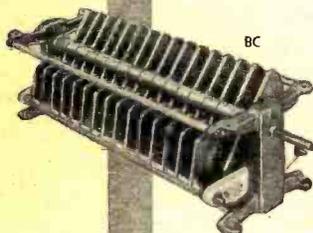
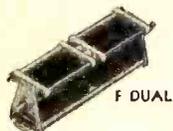


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Poland—Although a letter from *Polskie Radio*, Warsaw, states that the Warsaw III transmitter on 6.100 (varying) operates daily at 9:55 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on 9.530 only for one hour, 5-6 a.m., a report from England indicates that 9.530 is heard there at 4 a.m. identifying as Poznan.

Siam—*Radio Bangkok*, 5.990, is heard at 9 a.m. on the West Coast; sign-off is at 9:30 a.m.; no English has been heard by the reporter. (Gould)

South Africa—A station on 6.170, believed to be Durban, is heard with carrier around 12:08 a.m. and with piano-like chimes at 12:18 a.m. opens with march at 12:20 a.m., announcing in what appears to be Afrikaans; has usual setting-up exercises, talks, and music; no English heard. Extremely strong signals. (Ferguson)

Spanish Morocco—*Radio Tetuan*, 6.067, is heard, 2:30-3 a.m. (URDXC)

Sweden—SBT, 15.155, Stockholm, is coming through nicely again in the North American period, 10-10:55 a.m. daily.

SDB2, 11.780, was heard recent^{ly} at 4:15-5 p.m., clear, steady. (Kernan)

Switzerland — Ironically, perhaps, now that summer is ended, Bern has finally moved to summer frequencies for North America. At 2:20-12:55 p.m., HEI7, 15.320, replaced HED4, 10.405; HEI7 has some interference from Canada's CKCS on the same frequency;

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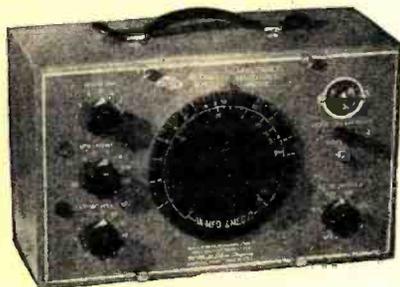


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Tahiti—According to Art Cushen, New Zealand, FO8AA, 6.980, the Radio Clube of Oceania, at Papeete, now transmits at 10 p.m.-12 midnight every Tuesday and Friday, usually with recordings until 10:30 p.m., news and talks to 11:30 p.m. (in French), and with a Tahitian program to sign-off. (Inquiries by me mailed direct to FO8AA are still being returned; does anyone have the correct address?)

Turkey—Some Eastern DXers report they are able to pull TAP, 9.465, Ankara, out of the "hash" on Sunday afternoons, 4:30-4:45 p.m., when the Postbag program is shown. Too much CWQRM for your short-wave editor! Reception from this quarter should be improving greatly now and TAP may come in well here in the East during the winter, such being the case last year.

U.S.S.R.—The Spanish Freedom Station, "Espana Independiente," is heard daily on four frequencies, approximately 13.640, 15.380, 15.480, and 17.270 (all vary from day to day and sometimes from hour to hour). Broadcasts are heard for 22 minutes duration each, beginning hourly on the half-hour from 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.; jamming is reported. Spanish is used exclusively, and the transmission ends with the phrase: "Viva Espana, Arriba Democracia!"

U.S.A.—According to a letter received by an American listener from Comdr. R. D. Thompson, U.S.N.R., on the Appalachian, NCLG's transmitters during the recent Atom Bomb Tests were rated at 600 watts; NXHC (Panamint) and NICO (Mt. McKinley) each 350 watts; NIGF (Spindle-Eye) 7500 watts; and NCKN (B-29) 40 watts. The B-29 used 2 mcs. for relays to the ships at Bikini Atoll. Higher power was not used on the ships because of space and interference limitations imposed by radioteletype and radio-photo equipment crowded on the ships; hence, the necessity of relays at Guam (KU5Q) and Oahu (WTJ, NPM) in order to provide good reception at San Francisco over the long hours communication was desired. Direct contacts were tried by the ships during daytime on all frequencies from 13 to 24 mcs., but usable signals were not obtained. Night contacts were reported as excellent.

Veries received on 10.640 show ship going down in water, Marshall Islands, Operation Crossroads, Bikini Atoll, and U.S.S. Appalachian—all printed prominently. (URDXC)

Vatican—The 15.095 and 9.660 frequencies are reported by Swedish lis-

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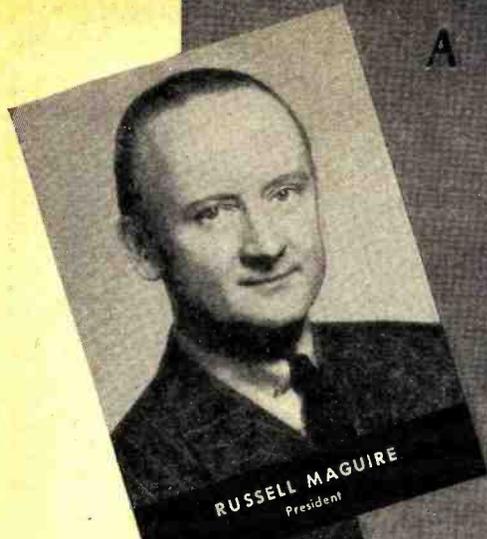
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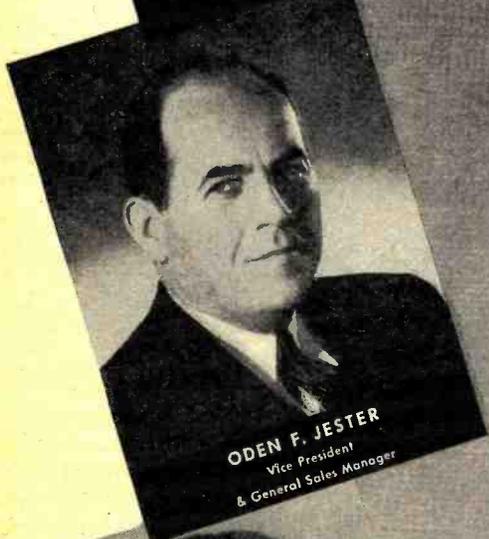
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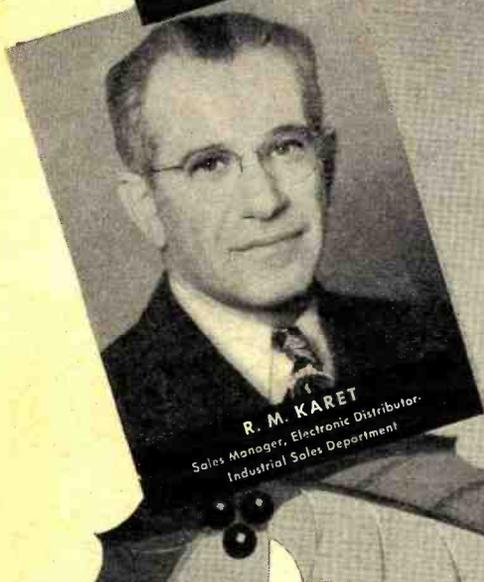
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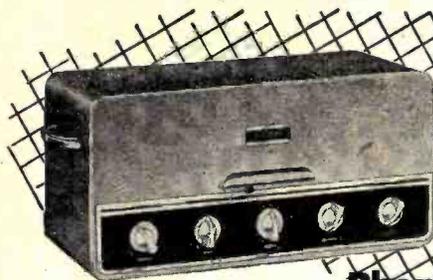
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Yugoslavia—*Radio Belgrade*, 6.150, has *English* news at 3:30 p.m. Schedule appears to be 3-5 p.m. (Skoog)

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Last Minute Tips

So many inquiries have been received concerning whether or not Moscow will verify that we are furnishing an address, given by the Russian Embassy in Washington to Eastern DXers as a "possibility." The Embassy "does not know" whether or not Moscow will verify. A registered letter report sent by a Pennsylvania DXer to the address indicated below has brought a signed return receipt—but at last report verification had not yet arrived. (If anyone is able to verify Moscow, please let me know!) Address given by the Embassy is: U.S.S.R. Society for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, Bolshaya Gruzinskaya 17, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

According to the "Newark News Radio Club," the *Baltimore and Ohio Railroad* uses a frequency of 15.6525 for test equipment—changing hand, typewritten sheets, photos, or blueprints into radio impulses; these are received exactly as transmitted.

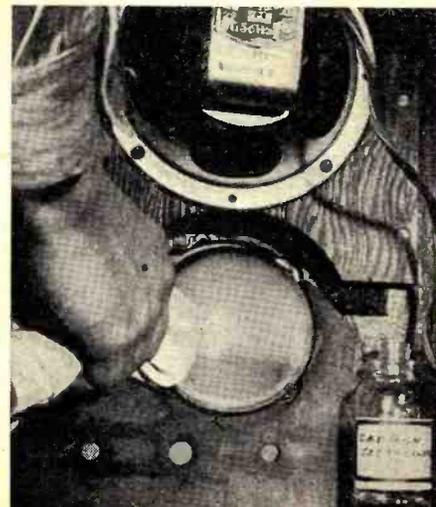
Radio Brazzaville concludes its broadcasts on 9.984, 11.970, and 9.440 now at about 8:20 p.m.; the 11.970 station returns to the air at 12 midnight with the "first" transmission of the day.

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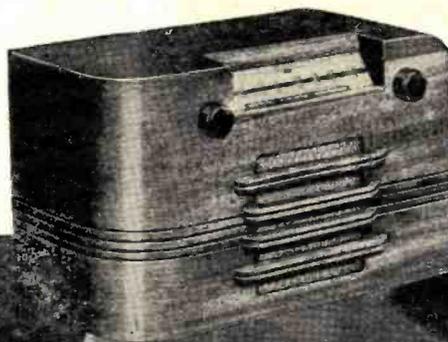
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The *Happy Station Programs* of PCJ, 9.590, Hilversum, Holland, are coming through nicely now in Kansas, 10-11:30 p.m. (Seckler)

Baden-Baden, 6.320, Germany, is weak at 11:30 p.m. beginning. (Beck)

Moscow's Latin American Service is now heard 7:30-10 p.m. over 15.41, 11.89, 9.71 and Leningrad, 11.63. *Radio Kiev*, 6.020, signs off at 6 p.m., and returns at 6:20 p.m. on 11.72 to the U.S.

Radio Belgrade, 9.420, begins at 12 midnight with chimes; a woman then reads the news in Serbian; has strong signal but fades rapidly around 12:45-1 a.m. (Beck)

An Indonesian station is being heard on 12.000 daily, 4-4:30 a.m. in *English*; *English* news irregularly at 4:15 a.m. This station appears to be part of the Indonesian Broadcasting Service, apparently is Dutch-controlled as the program continues at 5 a.m. in Dutch; sign-off is at 6 a.m. (Don Miller, Louisiana)

Radio Saigon, 11.778, is heard on West Coast to sign-off at 9:45 a.m. with "La Marseillaise"; reception good with occasional fading. (Gould)

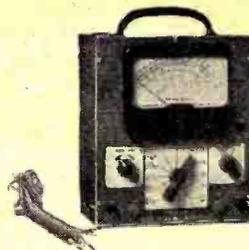
Some mornings, the Indonesian on 11.000 comes in well here in the East around 6:30 a.m. when *English* news has been heard on occasion; announces, "This is the Indonesian Broadcasting Station," and "This Is the Voice of Free Indonesia"; frequency appears to be that of prewar PLP. Usually fades out here in West Virginia around 7:30 a.m.

Radio Makassar, 9.358, Celebes, usually has a good signal here in the East around 6:30 a.m.; Dutch is the chief language, but does use *English* at irregular times.

Via airmail from Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche, Torino, Italy, comes this information: "A musical orchestral performance of 'Canzone del Pieavo' (Song of the Piave) by E. A. Mario, followed by the slogan, 'Qui la Radio Italiana,' marks the starting of our broadcasts, and the same song their end. Our short-wave stations are Busto Arsizio I and II (Varese), respectively, on 9.630 (50 kw.) and 11.810 (10 kw.); and Rome, 6.030 (1 kw.). Please note that all inquiries must be addressed to Rai-Radio Italiana, Via Arsenale 21, Torino, Italy. Italian is the language used during our various broadcasting periods but announcements in foreign languages are given when it is requested by special broadcasts. Schedule, Busto Arsizio I, 12 midnight-1:15 a.m., 5:55-7 a.m., 1-5:45 p.m.; Busto Arsizio II, 1-5 p.m.; Rome, 12 midnight-1:35 a.m., 4-8:10 a.m., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There are *no* newscasts in

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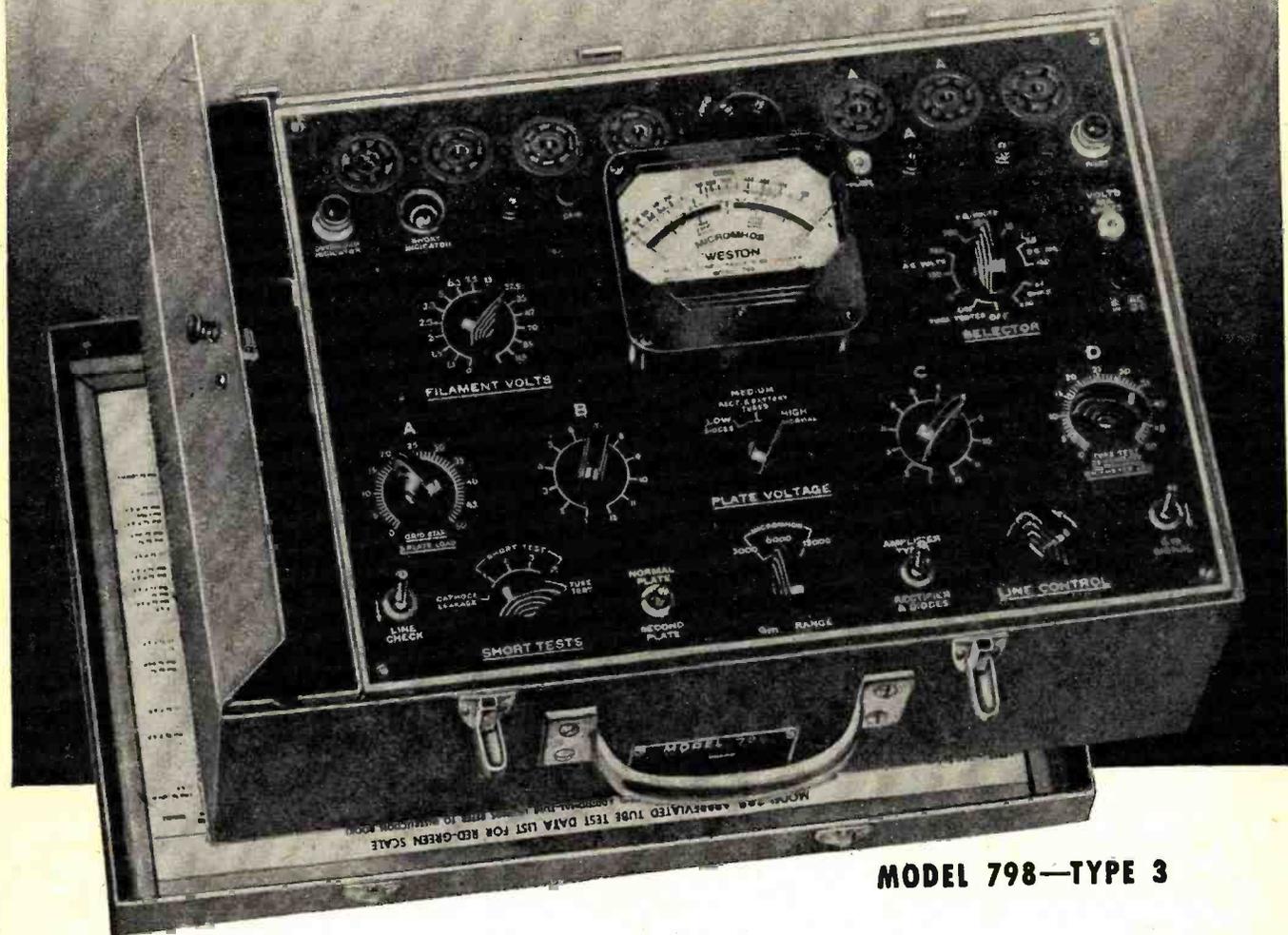
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1947 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SHOW

THE week of May 11th has been set by the directors of Radio Parts and Electronics Equipment Shows, Inc. as the date of the 1947 RPEE Show to be held in Chicago.

Sponsored by the National Electronic Distributors Association (NEDA); Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers; Sales Managers Club Eastern Division; and Radio Manufacturers Association (RMA), the show will feature a four-day session instead of the customary three days. The Exhibition Hall will be open from May 13 to 16 inclusive. A special event to be designated the "NEDA Day" with a program planned and executed by the distributors' association is to be another new feature of the show.

"Open House Day," during which time radio servicemen, amateurs, engineers, and the general public will be admitted, is another innovation which will be welcomed by those unable to attend previous exhibits.

Ken Prince, show manager, has also advised that advance registrants will receive their badges by mail to eliminate the necessity of their waiting-in-lines at the show.

The tentative program for the show includes: Sunday, May 11th, Organization meetings and sales meetings; Monday, May 12th, Organization meetings and sales meetings; Luncheon meeting of member exhibitors of RPEE Shows, Inc.; Keynote dinner for entire industry; Tuesday, May 13th, Exhibition Hall opens, hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Attendance at Exhibition Hall to be confined to members of sponsoring manufacturers, their booth attendants, their sales representatives and distributors; Wednesday, May 14th, Same as Tuesday; Thursday, May 15th, NEDA Day, featuring an elaborate program of events. Exhibition Hall open during same hours as above; Friday, May 16th, Open House Day, at which time radio servicemen, amateurs, engineers and the general public will be admitted without registration.

Arrangements for hotel rooms and housing will be similar to those of 1946. A priority system has been established to give exhibitors first preference in rooms at the Stevens Hotel. The Congress Hotel will be headquarters for manufacturer representatives, who have been allotted 400 rooms.

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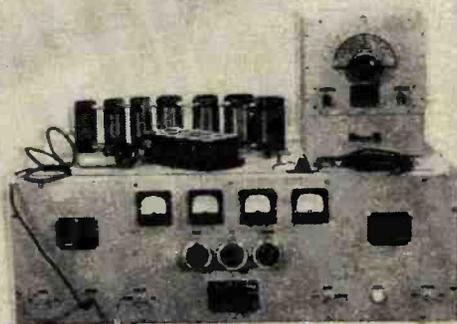
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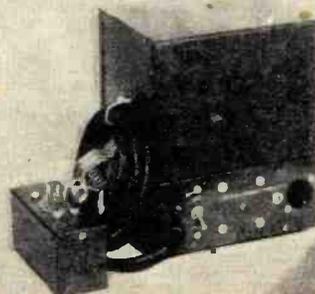
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L. E. BESSEMER, formerly chief production engineer of the Manufacturing Division of the *Collins Radio Company*, has been promoted to general manager of that division.

Mr. Bessemer joined the *Collins* organization in 1935, after receiving his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech. His first job at *Collins* was as wireman on a production line. He later became line foreman, then design engineer and in 1942 he organized the production control department.



GEORGE F. KNOWLES has joined the design firm of *Spectrum Engineers, Inc.*, Philadelphia, Pa., as consulting mechanical engineer. Mr. Knowles, who received his technical training in England, was production manager for *Fox Industries, Inc.*, during the war where he directed the design and production of radar scanners and precision aircraft instruments.

REX L. MUNGER resigned recently as sales manager of *Taylor Tubes, Inc.*, Chicago, Ill. A new sales manager has not as yet been appointed.

DICK MORRIS is the newly appointed general sales manager for the *Snyder Manufacturing Company* of Philadelphia.

Mr. Morris, who has been with the *Snyder* company for more than eight years, will direct future plans to open *Snyder* warehouses and offices in Los Angeles, Chicago and Canada. He will also supervise the expansion of the current lines, which include auto radio antennas, microphone stands and other equipment.

WORNER ELECTRONIC DEVICES of Chicago, makers of industrial electronic equipment and intercommunication systems, moved into their own new large plant at Rankin, Illinois, November 1st.

G. E. (ED) DE NIKE has joined the *Morris F. Taylor Company*, manufacturers' representatives, as vice president.

Mr. DeNike has been active in the radio industry since 1929 when he joined the *National Union Radio Corporation* as assistant advertising manager. He spent sixteen years with *National Union* serving successively as advertising and sales promotion manager, district sales manager, director

of public relations and sales manager of the distributor division.

In 1945 Mr. DeNike joined the *Ziff-Davis Publishing Company*, Chicago, in an executive editorial capacity.

He will make his headquarters in Silver Springs, Maryland from which office he will serve the southern New Jersey to Gulf of Mexico area.

BARKER & WILLIAMSON, manufacturers of air inductors, heavy duty variable capacitors, and various instrument specialties, have announced the leasing of a new factory building comprising 93,000 square feet in Bristol, Pa. This will be devoted exclusively to special and developmental work and will be operated as a separate unit from the company's main plant in Upper Darby, Pa.

SONORA RADIO & TELEVISION CORP. has taken over the plant, machinery, equipment and business of *Sterling Wood Manufacturing Co.* in order to insure the continuance of the flow of radio cabinets to *Sonora*.

Sterling is currently producing 30,000 radio cabinets a month, with an expansion program underway to increase the cabinet production to 40,000 a month.

BRUCE CUMMING has been appointed Chicago area district manager for *Solar Capacitor Sales Corp.* Mr. Cumming will have active charge of sales of *Solar* capacitors and other products to electrical and radio distributors in Chicago and vicinity.

SAM CASCIO, administrator of veteran affairs for the *Hallicrafters Company*, producers of high frequency radio equipment, has been promoted to personnel director of that company.



Mr. Cascio joined *Hallicrafters* in 1936. A veteran of four years Army service, he returned to the company in September, 1945 as a technician in the test equipment department.

In his new position, Mr. Cascio will have charge of all industrial relations and personnel functions in addition to his present position as veteran affairs administrator.

MARION ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT COMPANY of Manchester, N. H., is offering a special consulting service in connection with their new Benchtype Induction Soldering Unit, a special induction heater for production soldering

of small metal parts and assemblies.

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ALLAN G. WILLIAMS was recently appointed regional manager for the New England area of *Galvin Mfg. Corporation*, manufacturers of Motorola home and car radios and Motorola gasoline car heaters.



Mr. Williams joined the sales department of the *Galvin* organization in 1935. In 1942 he joined the U. S. Army. After two and a half years of foreign service with the Army Air Forces, Mr. Williams was honorably discharged in November 1945 and returned to *Galvin*.

His headquarters are at 376 Lexington Ave., Auburndale, Massachusetts.

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CLAROSTAT MANUFACTURING CO., INC., of Brooklyn, N. Y. has acquired the entire outstanding stock of *Kurman Electronics Corporation* with offices, research laboratory and plant in Long Island City, N. Y.

Kurman Electronics, manufacturers of a complete line of relays, electric timing motors, and self-starting clocks for household and other uses, will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of *Clarostat*, with its own engineering and production personnel and plant.

The new officers of *Kurman Electronics* are: Victor Mucher, president; George Mucher, executive vice president; Nathan Kurman, vice president in charge of research; William Mucher, treasurer; and Charles H. Burnell, secretary.

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ELECTRO-VOICE, INC., manufacturers of a complete line of microphones, announced recently that they have combined all the facilities of their former South Bend Plants No. 1, 2, and 3 into one big modern plant in Buchanan, Michigan, 14 miles north of South Bend. This move makes possible further expansion of *E-V* research, engineering and productive capacities.

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AIREON MANUFACTURING CORP. has announced the appointment of Kenneth D. Halleck as a vice president and Bernard D. Craig as a vice president and director. Mr. Halleck has been a director of the company for some time.

Mr. Halleck, who joined *Aireon* in 1943, has been assistant general manager of the company in charge of the general administration of production, sales and other executive management

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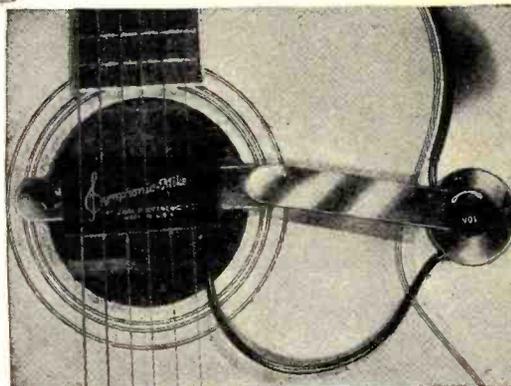


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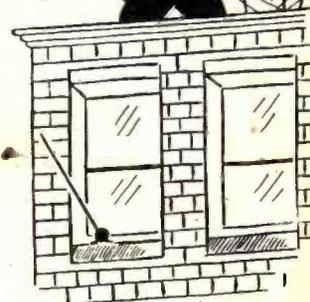
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under R. C. Walker, president and general manager.

Mr. Craig, who became associated with Aireon in 1942, is the company's attorney. He is secretary and director of *Cinaudagraph Speakers, Inc.* and of *Mid-Tool and Supply Co.*, operating subsidiaries of *Aireon Mfg. Corp.*

REMLER COMPANY LTD., electronic and plastic manufacturers of San Francisco, has purchased the stock of retiring president E. G. Danielson, one of the original founders of the firm. As a result of this transaction, Robert Coleman Gray becomes the sole stockholder and assumes the presidency of the reorganized company.

In assuming his new duties as president, Mr. Gray announced the appointment of H. J. Myers as controller.

ALFRED LANDES has resigned as general sales manager for the *Monarch Sales Company* of New York, national distributors of Electro-Tone products.

Recently returned from a tour of duty in the South Pacific, Mr. Landes has now opened his own office under the name of the *Daval Company* in New York City. The company is at present handling products in the electronic, radio and appliance field.

M. W. GASNER has been appointed Canadian representative of the *National Electronic Manufacturing Corp.* of Long Island City, N. Y., makers of automotive antennas and automotive radio parts.

The territory to be covered by Mr. Gasner will include all Canada with the exception of British Columbia and will provide a complete and rapid service to *NEMCO's* Canadian outlets.

ALFRED E. KAYWORTH has been named sales representative for the *Belden Manufacturing Company* in their New England territory. Mr. Kayworth will handle all of *Belden's* automotive, radio and electrical lines for merchandise outlets in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

Until his eastern appointment, Mr. Kayworth was stationed at *Belden's* Chicago plant.

Belden's sales expansion program has also brought about the appointment of Chester J. Frey as sales representative for the eastern sales district of the Buffalo, Syracuse and Pittsburgh areas.

GENERAL ELECTRIC will soon have in operation eight "roving radio laboratories" installed in colorful trailers and equipped with electronic testing and repair facilities for a variety of radio communication services.

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growth of radio in the fields of public service, safety, transportation and industry have necessitated the establishment of these roving laboratories for field service operation.

SAMUEL HEYMAN, former production manager of *Aerovox Corporation*, has been appointed factory manager for the *Tobe Deutschmann Corporation* of Canton, Massachusetts.



Mr. Heyman will have full responsibility for manufacturing all *Tobe* Products. One of his first duties will be the expansion and modernization of the electrolytic capacitor division.

ROY S. LAIRD, vice president and sales manager of *Ohmite Manufacturing Company*, Chicago, was recently elected chairman of the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers, to succeed J. A. Berman of *Shure Bros.*

Les Thayer of *Belden Manufacturing Company* was elected vice-chairman; Miss H. A. Staniland of *Quam-Nichols* was re-elected treasurer; and Ken C. Prince was re-elected executive secretary.

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Television Antenna

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roof for each of the television stations in the area. Each antenna is made as directional as possible to a single station. The antennas are then connected to an r.f. booster amplifier mounted right on the roof with them. The output of the amplifier is fed in turn down to the various apartments by a single coaxial cable. It is quite obvious that such an arrangement would help much for physical discrimination, eliminating the mass of wires crisscrossing each other that would be the result of each apartment owner setting up his own antenna.

Other experiments designed to help in minimizing reflections are being performed with the aid of planes cruising about six miles in the stratosphere. A low powered ground transmitter is used to send the program to the planes circling slowly overhead and the planes, in turn, transmit the program back to the earth. It has been proven in these experiments that such transmission greatly improves the reception of the program as far as the question of ghosts is concerned. However, until such arrangements become the rule rather than experiments, the problem of the elimination of reflections is right back in the lap of the service man, the "ham" and the radio engineer.

As the second cause of reflections, the transmission line was mentioned. It is imperative in the operating of any type of television receiver anten-

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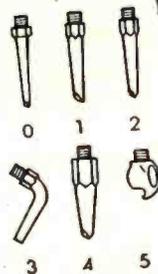


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na that the signal be restricted to the elements of the antenna only. In other words, the lead-in from the antenna to the receiver must take the form of a transmission line that has no signal pick-up. If in spite of all precautions, some reflections do occur as a result of some signals picked up, damp them out by terminating the line in its surge impedance.

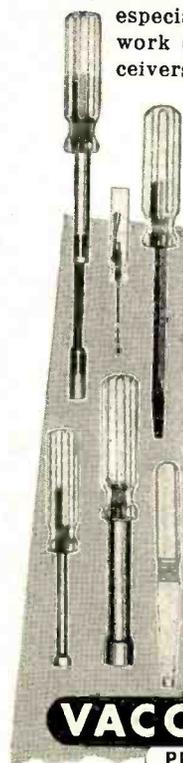
Three types of transmission lines are available for connecting the antenna to the input of the receiver; the parallel wire type, the twisted pair type and the coaxial type. Take your choice as to which you will use. Each has its own merits and staunch supporters. If your selection is the parallel type be sure that a fixed spacing is maintained throughout. In addition, make this spacing small in comparison to the operating wavelength to prevent appreciable radiation and yet not too small lest when the wires swing with respect to each other in a wind the line constants be caused to vary. Spreaders will answer the problem of fixed spacing. In many magazines published these days one will note the advertising of a type of feeder now available on the market which consists of two conductors spaced apart by a plastic ribbon. Different sizes with corresponding impedances can be purchased and it might be mentioned in passing that very favorable reports have been received from users of this type of parallel wire transmission lines.

The twisted pair type has a surge impedance of from 50 to 150 ohms and its high value of attenuation is excellent for suppressing unwanted reflections if, by any chance, a mistake is made in termination. If the transmission line is very long, however, say over 50 feet, difficulties will be encountered in the use of the twisted pair. The high value of attenuation mentioned will then cause a serious loss of the desired signal strength resulting in a weaker image. When such is the case, use the coaxial type with its low attenuation and insensitivity to signal pick-up. The attenuation in the coaxial type is from .01 db. to .05 db. per wavelength as compared to the 1 to 2 db. per wavelength in the twisted pair.

When the simple dipole is used as the antenna, a transmission line having an impedance of the order of from 50 to 150 ohms will render satisfactory performance. The average resonant impedance at the center of such a dipole varies from 72 ohms for a half-wavelength to 125 ohms for three-and-a-quarter-wavelengths. It is true that a mismatch is present in coupling a line of the impedance just stated to the center of a dipole but it will be found by experience that no serious loss of signal will result. However, very few television users are going to get by using the simple dipole as is. Directors and reflectors are going to be wanted and in most cases needed. If your requisition or order calls for such, remember that the impedance of the dipole drops considerably with

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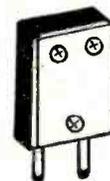
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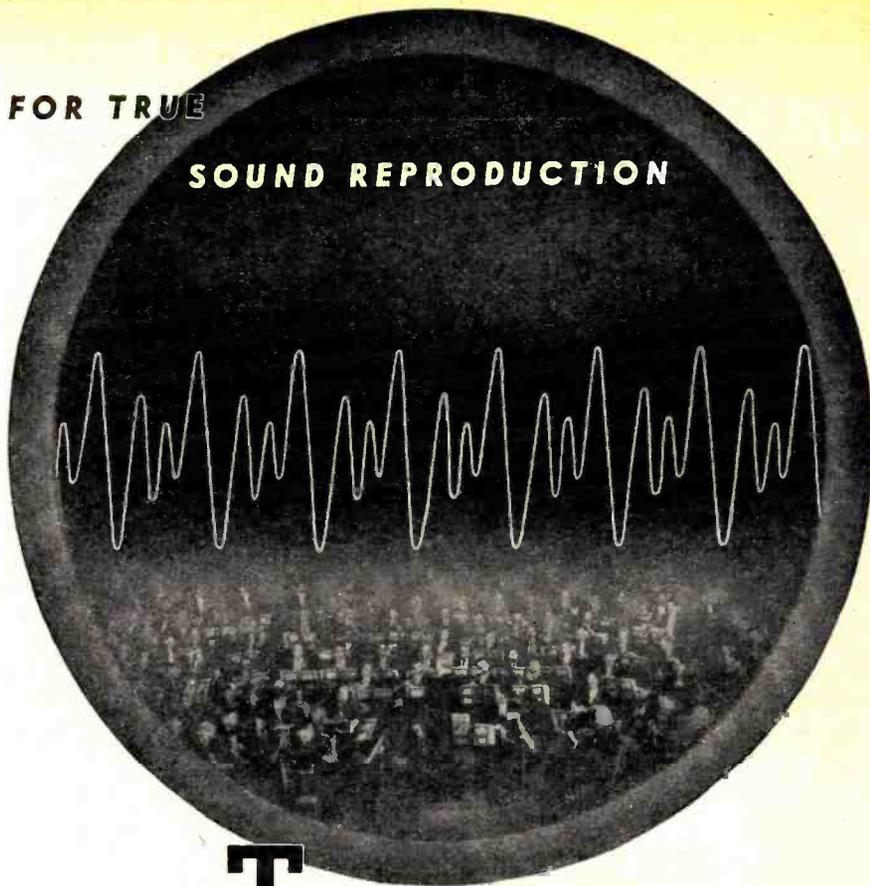
At the other end of the transmission line, if the input circuit of the receiver consists of an antenna coupling transformer, as is usually the case in television receivers, the impedance of the primary coil must match the transmission line impedance. Reflections will result if this match is not at least approximate and if the primary coil is not balanced with respect to ground. These reflections can produce ghost images on the screen as the result of waves traveling back to the antenna and then returning to the receiver with a delay in time proportionate to twice the line length. If care has been taken, however, in matching the impedance of the primary coil to that of the transmission line, little or no difficulty of this nature should be encountered. The balance between the primary coil and ground is essential with both the twisted pair and open wire types of transmission lines so that any unwanted signals picked up may cancel out each other. Coaxial transmission lines eliminate this problem altogether inasmuch as such a line is unbalanced in itself. The sheath of the coaxial type being grounded allows such a line to be connected to an unbalanced primary in the input transformer of the receiver.

The foregoing treatment of reflections was written more or less with reception in large cities in mind. However, television users dwelling in areas where trees and foliage are plentiful will attest to the fact that with the advent of spring, picture quality drops off markedly. All through the winter reception may have been very good but as soon as the foliage begins to appear on the surrounding trees, the pictures have become weak and in some cases very unstable. There is every reason to believe that foliage does act as an effective barrier for television frequencies. It would appear that this phenomena is caused partly by the physical effect of the presence of the leaves and partly by the moisture content increasing in the trees due to the rising sap. *Bell Laboratories* have reported strong standing wave patterns existing on the edge of wooded areas, especially in the warmer months. Here again, if your friend or client has his home in such surroundings, the problem will have to be met by shifting and orientating the antenna until the best possible reception is obtained.

By way of summary then, we cannot stress too much the importance of a good antenna for the reception of the video signal. The general public has to be sold on this. They must be shown that a little time and money spent on the proper construction and erection of the antenna will pay large dividends on the television screen. Convince them that a lot of

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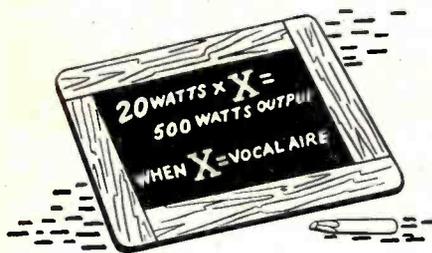
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Auto-Transformer Design

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be put on the core in series with the present primary winding to obtain the various potentials desired.

Assume that the transformer is re-assembled. If we now apply 115 volts across points A and X, (See Fig. 1A) the voltage across points C and X would be arrived at by the proportion:

$115:386=x:460$ then $x=137$ volts.
This value would be satisfactory for the upper limit of our variable voltage but if 115 volts is applied across points C and X the value of potential across A-X would be arrived at by $115:460=x:386$ then $x=96.5$ volts. This value is somewhat higher than is desired so it is evident that more windings must be added to the top side of the present winding in order to achieve lower values across A-X.

Now if we assume an additional winding (see Fig. 1B) from points C to D to E to F and we apply 115 volts across X-F we may arrive at the following proportion:

$115:x=78:386$
then $x=571$ turns
where x = the unknown total winding from X to F.

115 = line voltage used
 78 = the lowest voltage that we assume we can obtain across A-X without making the total winding too large.
 386 = the number of turns across A-X

Then by using the above system of proportions we may obtain a series of equations similar to the above for the points X-F, X-D, X-C, X-B. For example:

$115:(571-37)=x:386$
where $x=83.5$ volts or the potential across A-X.

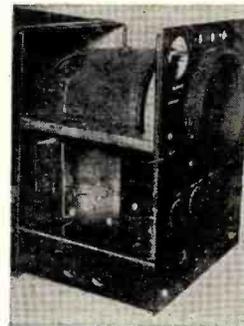
This will give a series of values which will be obtained for the output across A-X when the line voltage, 115 volts, is applied successively across points X and F, E, D, C, B, and A. This might be achieved by a rotary switch operating on the primary side, so to speak, (see Fig. 1B) and would be satisfactory for a voltage range from 78 volts up to 115 volts. This, however, would not allow for any values above 115 volts. By using the arrangement shown in Fig. 3 whereby a rotary switch is used on both sides of the winding, so to speak, a much greater range of potentials is obtained.

Referring to Fig. 3, if we set switch, S_1 , on point F we may rotate S_2 through points A to F and obtain voltages from 78 volts to 115 volts, as is the case in Fig. 1B. If, however

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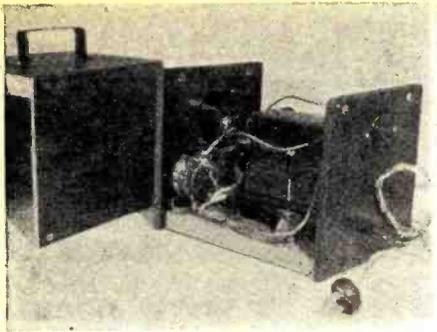
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we set S_1 on point C we will get an intermediate range of voltages by then rotating S_2 through A to F . This may be shown by the following equations:

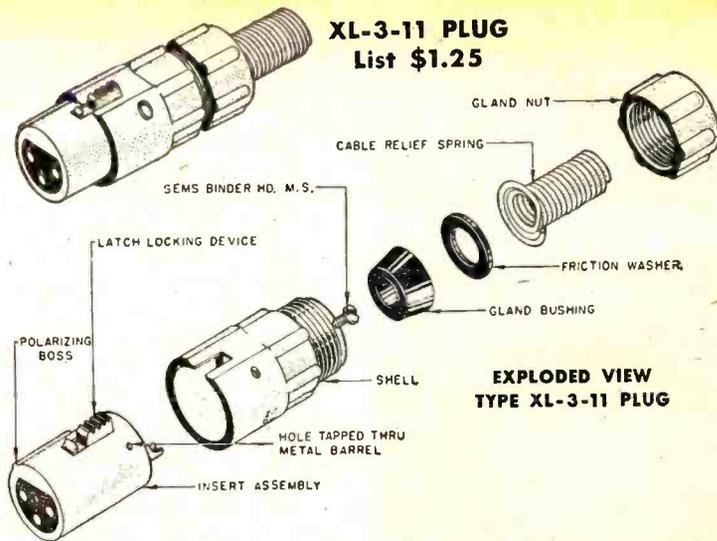
$115:460=x:386$, where $x=96.5$ volts with S_2 on A , and $115:460=x:423$, where $x=105$ volts with S_2 on B , and $115:460=x:460$, where $x=115$ volts with S_2 on C , and so on through points D , E and F .

For the high voltage range S_1 would be set on point A and then we would get a series of equations as follows:

$115:386=x:386$, where $x=115$ volts with S_2 on A , and $115:386=x:423$, where $x=126$ volts with S_2 on B , and $115:386=x:460$, where $x=137$ volts with S_2 on C , and so on through points D , E and F . This top range is somewhat higher than we wanted and could be lowered by using a different combination of settings for S_1 . For instance, by using three points nearer the top of the winding for the contacts for S_1 we could obtain a lower range but this would also result in very nearly duplicating some of the values on other ranges. This would probably be desirable in some cases where the steps of voltages would be closer but the over-all coverage would not be so great. In any case this is at the option of the individual since it is obvious that a fairly wide range of various potentials is available by manipulation of the two switches. If two six-point switches were used, it is evident that an even greater number of combinations may be achieved. In this particular construction it was not deemed necessary or desirable, so a three-point switch was used for S_1 and a seven-point was used for S_2 with one position on S_2 used for an "Off" position.

Construction of the Unit

After the necessary computation was completed as shown in the previous section, the additional winding was added to the original primary. If the paper insulation between the original primary and secondary windings has not been broken or damaged it may be left on but if any damage has been done it is better to remove it all carefully and replace it with new. Transformer cloth was used in this case, one layer being used and this being held in place with scotch tape until the windings were started. The new winding was then applied being careful to use the same winding



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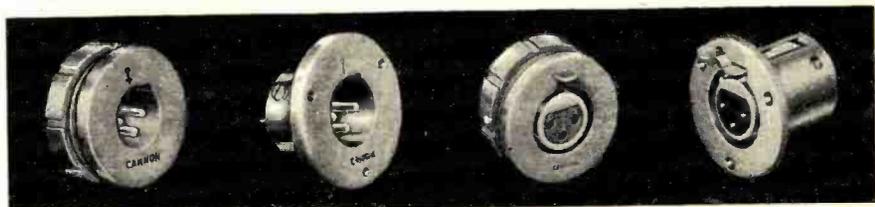


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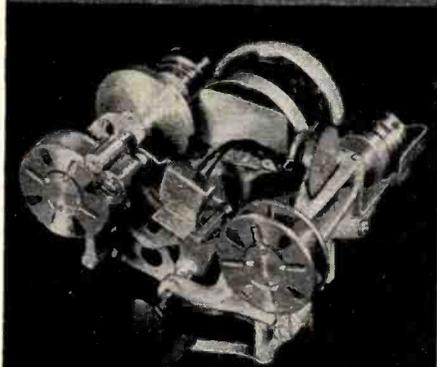
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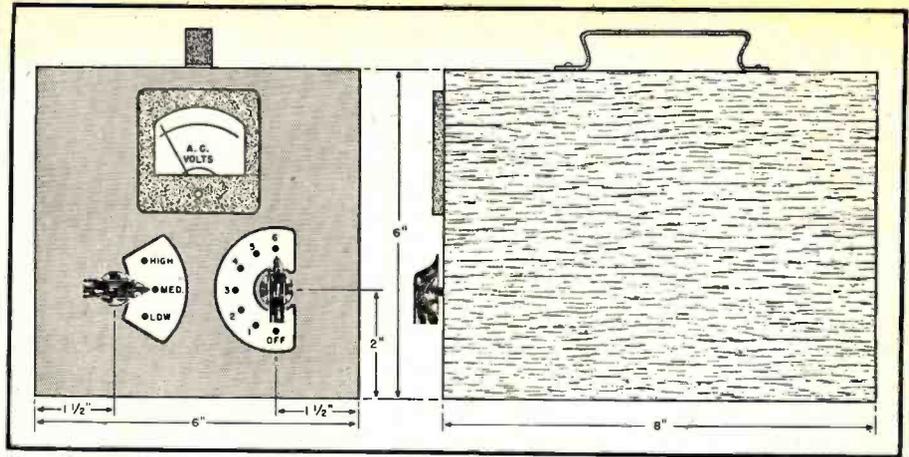


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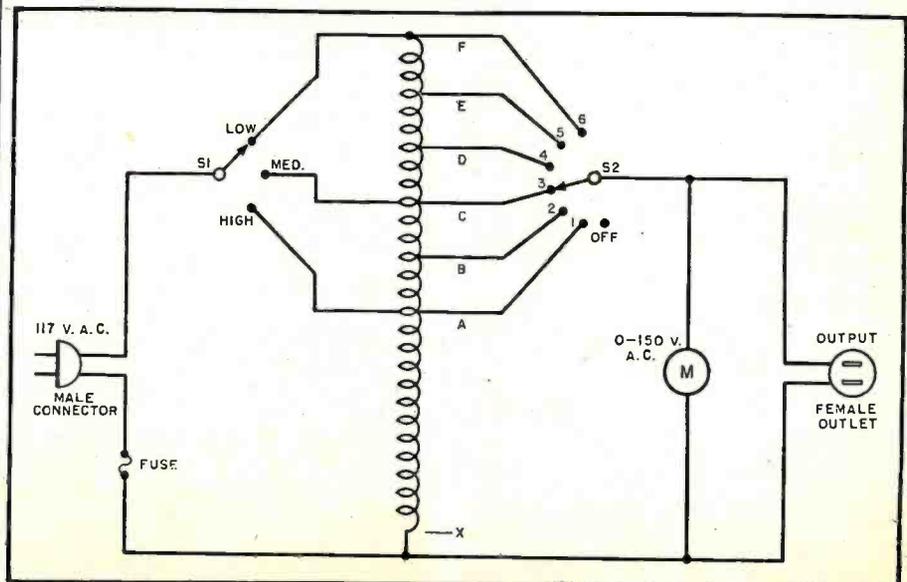
direction as the old winding. Number 18 enameled wire was used as it was available new and was determined to be sufficiently large to carry the current. The cross-section of this wire is 1624 circular mils and when figured at a rating of 1000 circular mils per ampere will allow for a continuous duty rating of at least 1.5 amperes. In all of the previous computation no allowance was made for transformer losses since these will be inconsiderable in a transformer of this size and type unless it is overloaded a great deal. This new wire may be applied fairly easily by unreeling a length and securing it in a vise and then winding the wire on the core by rotating it in the hands and walking up to the vise. By repeating this procedure as many times as necessary a good tight job will result and if care is taken it will approach a commercially wound transformer in compactness and neatness. When enough turns have been applied to make a tap on the winding, six inches of wire may be doubled back on itself and twisted around to secure it and then the winding may be continued.

When this new additional winding is applied no great care with insula-

tion is necessary as the voltages involved are relatively low. One layer of insulating paper between layers of wire was deemed sufficient. Fish paper, transformer cloth, (varnished cambric) or even a good grade of waxed paper may be used. At every 35th to 37th turn bring out a tap until the total additional winding of 111 turns is arrived at. A turn or two in 37 is not critical so no great care must be exercised in getting exact numbers of turns between taps.

The transformer was mounted in a box made of wood and plywood. The sides and ends are made of 1/4" plywood and the top and bottom of 3/4" pine. Dimensions are shown in Fig. 2 if the exact duplicate is desired, but if any other cabinet of similar dimensions is available it might easily be used. The front panel was made of black bakelite and the various components are mounted as shown. If it is desired a fuse holder may be mounted on the front for easy accessibility, a 3 or 5 amp. fuse being used and this is wired into one side of the line. Similarly, if a pilot light is desired it might be mounted on the panel to make a balanced panel arrangement. A 115 volt night lamp could be used with one of the large

Fig. 3



one inch bull-eyes used for a holder. This should be wired across the rotor of S₁ and point X on Fig. 3.

The switches used on this unit were the heavy duty wafer type but it would be advisable to use a heavier duty type such as *Ohmite* model 212 especially if a higher wattage transformer were used. This switch is rated at 15 amps. at 150 volts and will provide a good safety factor for this auto-transformer. The meter is an inexpensive type 0-150 volts a.c. and should really be incorporated for maximum convenience although it is not absolutely necessary. At the rear of the cabinet an ordinary 115 volt outlet is provided for the output and a five foot length of lamp cord with a plug is used for the input circuit.

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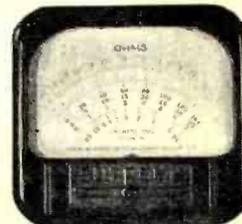
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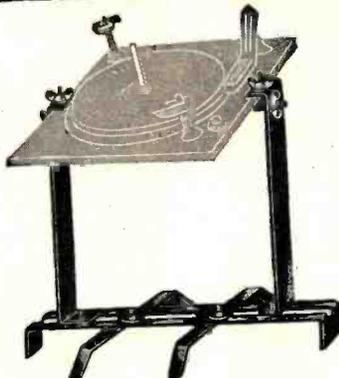
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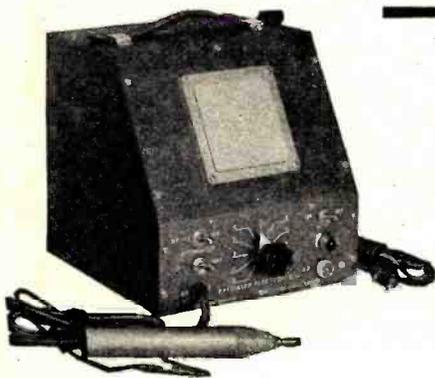


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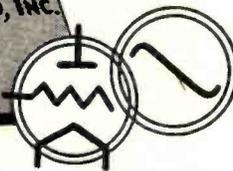
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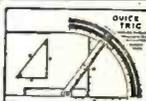


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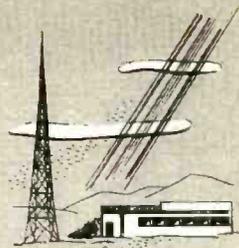
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front of the chassis, with the 815 in the upper right corner next to the grid tank shield can. The final tank condenser is mounted so that the shaft will clear the sides of the cabinet when mounting the unit into the cabinet. A coupling and a short bakelite or polystyrene shaft allows the dial to be mounted on the right side of the cabinet. The condenser was mounted in this manner, although the rest of the tank condensers are pretuned, to allow variations arising from coupling rhombics and "clothes lines" to the rig. The 815, being approximately 5 inches in height, was lowered $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches below the subpanel to allow clearance at the top of the cabinet. A small "U" shaped sub-chassis was built for this purpose. As mentioned previously in the construction of the power supply, sufficient room will be available for lowering the tube in this manner if care was taken in the placement of the transformers. Neutralizing condensers C_5 and C_6 for the 815 consist of two small metal sheets $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ inch in area connected to 2 pieces of No. 14 enamelled wire extending upward parallel with the tube from the chassis. Needless to say, they should be crossed underneath the chassis before being brought up to the side of the tube. The wire is about an inch in length and the metal plates were constructed by cutting in half the metal identification band that is wrapped around 10 watt resistors.

Operation

In operation, the e.c.o. band set condenser should first be set to the desired frequency by using a calibrated frequency meter. The frequency shift condenser should be at approximately half capacitance to allow for upward and downward shift from the original setting. The e.c.o. plate tank, the doubler tank and the final grid tank are then tuned to resonance in turn, with the coupling link to the grid tank set at maximum transfer of current. The final plate tank circuit should then be neutralized by moving the small metal tabs in and out until all indications of r.f. are removed when the plate tank is tuned through resonance, without the final plate voltage, of course. Next the final tank is coupled tightly to a dummy antenna, the plate voltage applied, and the tank tuned to resonance. The plate loading should be adjusted until the amplifier draws twice the carrier plate current, noting the antenna current at the same time. The coupling of the link should then be decreased until the plate current starts to drop. The grid bias should now be increased until the plate current drops to proper carrier current. The antenna current at this point should be approximately half of the initial reading. A few adjustments of antenna coupling, excitation and



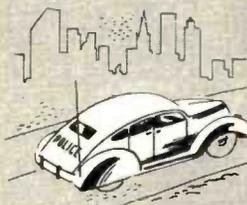
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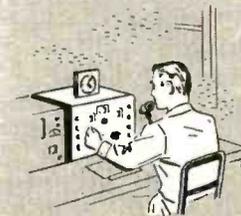
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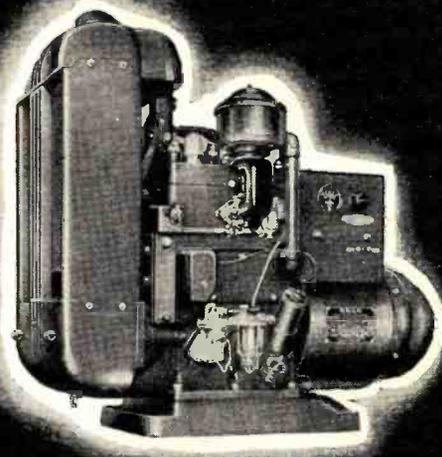
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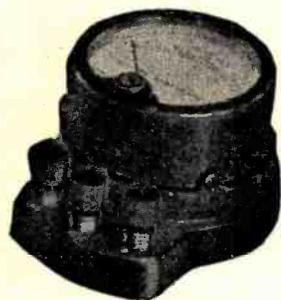
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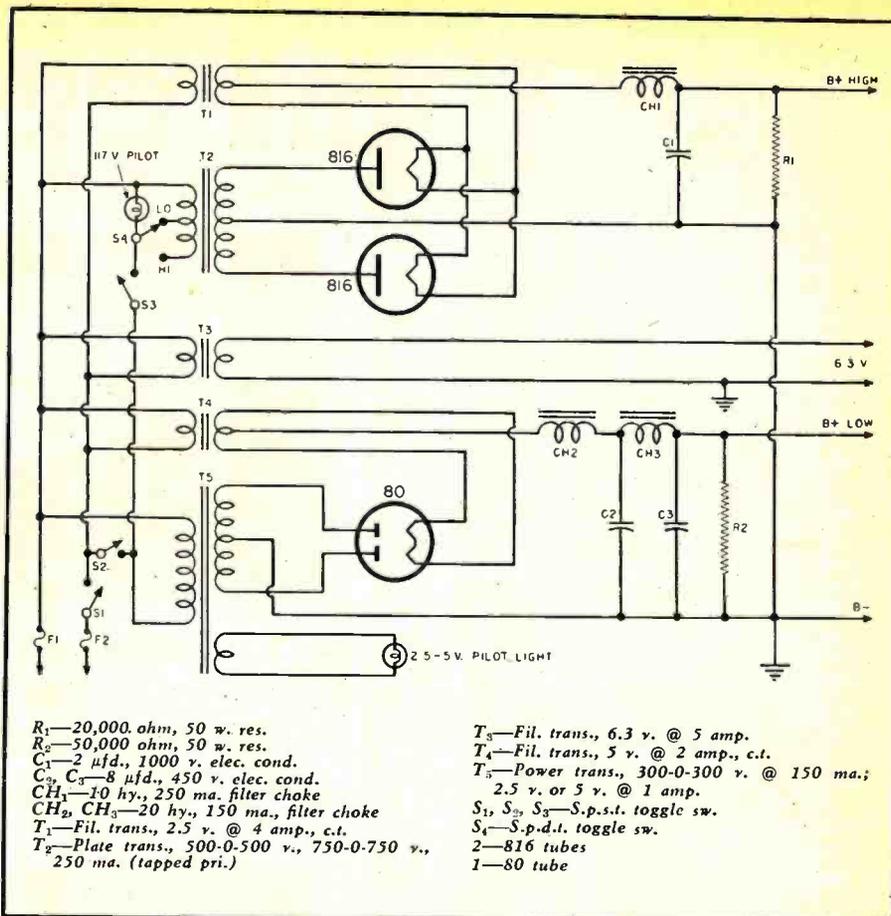
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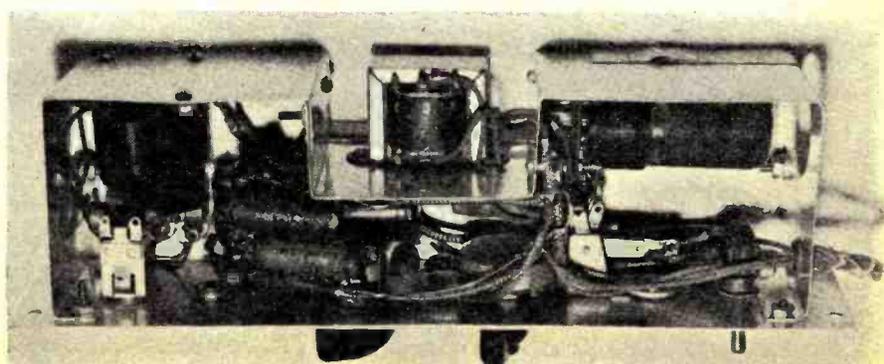
A word or two on the operation of the rig on c.w. should be appropriate at this time. For c.w. operation, the key plug is inserted into the key jack on the panel which automatically shorts the modulation transformer and keying is accomplished in the grid circuit of the oscillator. The coupling to the grid tank should, of course, be

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Under chassis view of audio section of transmitter.



Unusual Phone Transmitter

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not working. With application of an audio frequency voltage, the negative one-half cycle of audio voltage from the modulation transformer causes the power amplifier tube to be grid-modulated from the carrier level downward. Upon completion of the negative one-half cycle of audio frequency voltage, carrier level output is restored. With the application of the positive one-half cycle of audio frequency voltage, the plate current of the sideband generator tube is increased because the grid is swung in a positive direction.

The positive one-half cycle of audio applied to the sideband generator tube is increased because the grid is swung in a positive direction.

The positive one-half cycle of audio applied to the sideband generator grid lowers its impedance to such an extent that more radio-frequency excitation power is required from the buffer amplifier. This reduces the excitation applied to the grid of the power amplifier tube and tends to cause a reduction in its plate current.

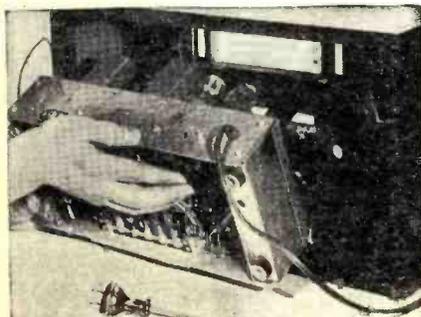
This reduction in plate current is offset by the fact that positive audio-modulating voltage is applied to the grid at the same time. With the completion of the positive one-half cycle of audio frequency from the modulation transformer, and the upward or positive peak of modulation, the plate current of the sideband generator tube is decreased to practically zero because of the high value of grid bias. The grid impedance is raised back to a high value, and maximum r.f. drive is again applied to the power amplifier, thus restoring the circuit to carrier condition of no modulation. Therefore, the power amplifier tube may be considered to be supplying the carrier power and negative modulation peaks, while the sideband generator tube supplies the power required for upward peaks of modulation, above carrier level.

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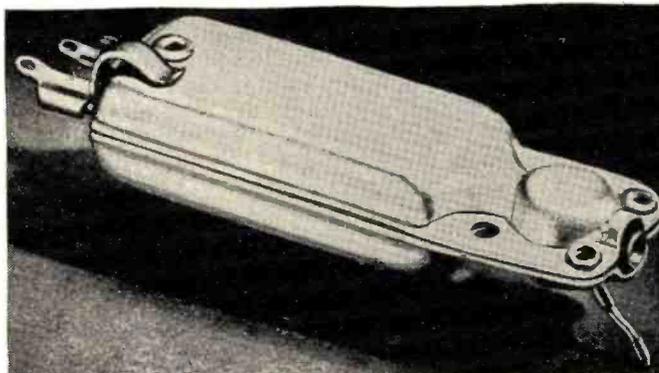


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Practical Radio Course

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minimum. In such receivers, use of a type of converter tube that has least noise consistent with other desirable characteristics is advantageous.

Problems in Choosing Type of Frequency Converter to Be Used in a Receiver

The construction and operation of the different popular types of mixer and converter tubes were described in the last few articles of this series. It was shown that although the *method* of operation differs in some types of tubes, the general principle of frequency conversion employed in all types of tubes and with all methods may be considered as being the same, i.e., a small percentage amplitude modulation is produced. Between various tubes and methods of operation, the differences in other inherent characteristics are so marked, however, that each application and the selection of the particular type of commercial mixer or converter tube to be used in a given type of receiver under consideration during design must be considered as a special and individual problem. The method of operation and type of tube to be employed must be intelligently chosen to meet the most important needs of the application. In making such a choice it is usually necessary to make practical compromises, for no one type of mixer

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Comparison of Operating Characteristics Obtained by Three General Modes of Frequency-Converter Tube Operation

At this point, it will prove instructive to summarize, in a qualitative way, a few of the important operating characteristics that result from each of the three general modes of frequency converter tube operation:

1. Single-electrode input.
2. Double-electrode input with *inner-grid* oscillator injection.
3. Double-electrode input with *outer-grid* oscillator injection.

The tabulation⁴ in Table 1 presents the data for a few of the more important operating characteristics. The appraisals presented are largely a matter of opinion based on experience and the present state of knowledge. Furthermore, in particular circuits and with particular commercial tube types, the relative standings may sometimes be quite different. However, a careful study of this tabulation should prove very instructive in a general way.

Summary of Mixer and Converter Tube Characteristics

First, the decision as to whether a *mixer*, or a *converter* tube will be used depends upon such factors as the space available, receiver cost, source of cathode-heating current (batteries, line, etc.), signal-frequency range of receiver, frequency-stability required, etc. The decision regarding the particular commercial type of tube to employ as the mixer or converter also depends upon these factors and other additional ones such as conversion gain produced by the tube, oscillator-frequency stability with a.v.c. bias voltage and terminal voltage fluctuations, tube noise produced, loss of gain at highest frequencies in operating range of receiver, etc.

Consequently, the summary of important operating characteristics of the popular general types of mixer and converter tubes presented in Table 2 should prove instructive and helpful.⁵ The conversion gain figures and the remarks concerning the comparative oscillator stability of the various tubes listed are particularly important.

The *conversion gain*,⁶ which depends on the variation of transconductance of the tube over each cycle of the applied local-oscillator voltage, was calculated on the basis of the use of a tuned load impedance of 200,000 ohms—which is approximately that of the better types of i.f. input transformers now available. The equation is:

⁴ E. W. Herold. "The Operation of Frequency Converters and Mixers for Superheterodyne Reception." *Proceedings of the IRE*, February 1942.

⁵ Values of Conversion Transconductance and A.C. Plate Resistance appearing here obtained from RCA Receiving Tube Characteristics Chart.

⁶ For an explanation of conversion transconductance and conversion gain of a frequency converter see Alfred A. Ghirardi, *Practical Radio Course*, Part 45, RADIO NEWS, June 1946.

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where g_c is the conversion transconductance in μmhos , r_p is the internal a.c. plate resistance of the tube, in megohms, and R_L is the effective series dynamic resistance of the tuned plate load circuit at resonance, in megohms.

In general, the following desirable characteristics are those most generally striven for in good frequency converter design:

1. High conversion gain with reasonable uniformity on all tuning bands.
2. High oscillator output of uniform amplitude and good frequency stability.
3. Freedom from interaction between signal and oscillator circuits.
4. Low tube noise.

Some of these desirable characteristics (for example, maximum conversion gain and minimum tube noise) are not obtainable *together* in any existing type of frequency converter tube. Consequently, the receiver designer must evaluate the relative importance of each in the particular receiver under consideration, and compromise accordingly when selecting the type of mixer or converter tube to be used and when working out the design of the oscillator and signal circuits to be associated with it.

Examination of the foregoing tabulation shows that the conversion gain realized in most popular types of converter tubes ranges approximately from 35 to 75. A low conversion gain in a frequency converter is not necessarily indicative of poor design, for in many receivers, a slight sacrifice of conversion gain (particularly during reception on short-wave bands) is deliberately made by reducing the oscillator signal strength, thereby reducing the variation in signal-grid-to-plate transconductance of the tube caused by each cycle of the oscillator voltage. This makes it possible to achieve a lower noise level and therefore a better signal-to-noise ratio. The conversion gain can also be reduced by increasing the negative bias applied to the signal grid.

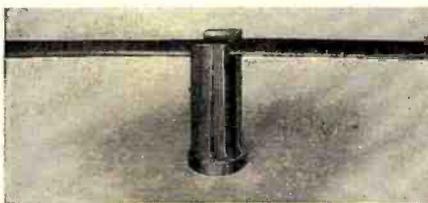
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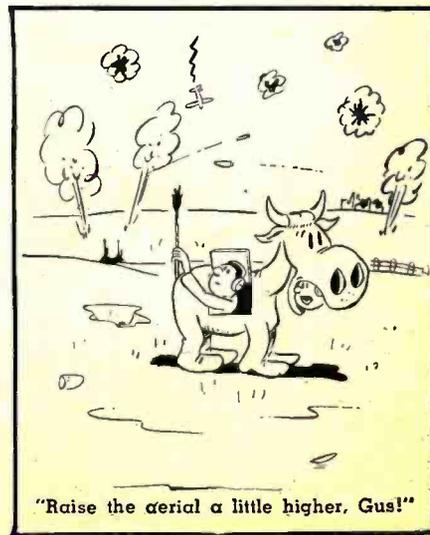
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HJCA, 4.857, Bogota, Colombia, is heard to sign-off at 10:37 p.m.; all Spanish. (Norris)

Brussels, 17.845, is heard most days around 12:55 p.m. in a transmission to Leopoldville; no English noted. Radio Brazzaville, 17.530, usually signs on at 11 a.m. (in French). Radio Espana Independiente on about 17.262, is heard 2:30-2:52 and 3:30-3:52 p.m., perhaps at other times; signs on and off with music. (Harris)

OIXI, 6.118, Helsinki, Finland, is heard in Sweden, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; no English reported. (Carl-Eric Petersson)

VUD7, 15.160, Delhi, good in Pennsylvania, 9:15-10 p.m. (Black)

Card verie (black and white with call letters and details in French) received from HH2S, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; also got a colorful job in blue and brown from YV5RN, Venezuela; WLWK, Cincinnati, verifies with a mimeographed card. (Norris)

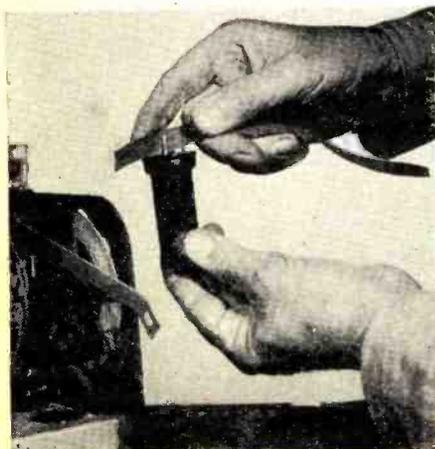
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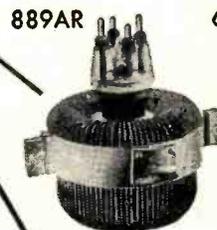
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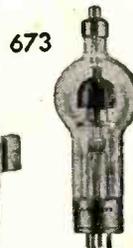
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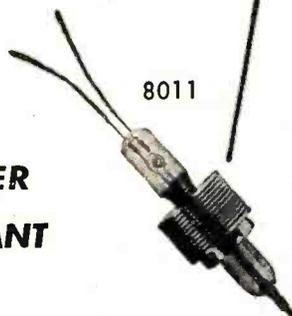
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Radio Dakar, 15.345, French West Africa, was heard recently signing on at 1:45 p.m. (Harris)

Via airmail from Rex Gillett, DX editor of "Radio Call" (South Australia), come these tips: JCV, Tokyo, is in relay with JLR, 6.015, carrying AFRS programs in the mornings; frequency of JCV is 3.075; it is, at poor level. Soerabaya has been reported as the location of Dutch-speaking station heard on 3.200; signals are good about 8:30 a.m. with musical program. A call sounding like XGOE has been heard on about 9.820 about 8 a.m.; typical Chinese programs are presented; location is unknown at present. Schedules of *Radio Tananarive*, Madagascar, are officially given as weekdays at 11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., 10.615, 9.693, and 6.138; 3:30-5 a.m., same frequencies; 10-11 a.m., 10.615, 6.138, and 4.370; Sundays, 3:30-5 a.m., 10.615, 9.693, 6.138; and 9-11 a.m., 10.615, 6.138, 4.370. Address is Le Chef du Service General de l'Information, Tananarive, Madagascar. Letter from *Radio Luxembourg* states power is 6000 watts, also that they are to add further *English* programs. Deputy P.T.T. Representative, De Katstraat, Bandoeng, Java, in verifying a report on PLY, 10.060, wrote Mr. Gillett that PLY is one of the prewar 3-kw. commercial transmitters of the Netherlands Indies P.T.T. Administration; the station was testing and relaying programs from "The Official Dutch Radio Station in Bandoeng," being heard on about 2.970; it now seems to be on the air regularly, heard from around 6 to about 9:30 a.m., good signals. *Radio SEAC*, Colombo, Ceylon, lists frequencies of 3.395, 6.075, 9.520, 11.770, 15.120, 17.770, and 21.620; last two were heard recently testing from 8:45-9:30 p.m. and 9:30-10:15 p.m., respectively. Tests on 9.520 some weeks ago resulted in poor signals in Australia, largely due to this channel being used by VLW7, Perth.

A letter from Mlle. Yelitzia Theodor, Roumania, indicates that there is widespread interest in Europe in Eddie Startz' *Happy Station Programs* over PCJ, Hilversum, Holland, Wednesdays and Sundays. Incidentally, in addition to the excellent signals heard here in the East between 10-11:30 p.m., PCJ comes through nicely now on 15.22, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, and over 11.730, 4-5:30 p.m., with 9.590 only fair in that period. (Eddie Startz is very grateful to WLWO, The Crosley Corporation, Cincinnati, for the fine cooperation in making it possible for PCJ to have a clear night channel to America.)

The Jaffa, Palestine, station on 6.135, 6.710, and 6.790 is heard signing off at 3 p.m. (Skoog)

Swedish observers report a new station on about 6.210 around 12:30-2 p.m., announcing as "Radio Rumania Libera"; uses American popular re-



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Last minute tips from Paul Dilg, California, list *Radio Makassar* as jumping around a great deal lately, last on 9.260 (has varied to as high as 9.400), with their announced 5.060 (actually 5.030) frequency being more constant. Most of the Chinese stations are erratic and drift in frequency from day to day. XGCA is now on 9.730 with a weak signal in the 9 a.m. *English* news; XGOL, 9.995, fair signal, also has *English* news at 9 a.m., signs off at 10 a.m.; XNCR, now on about 7.520, Yen-an, opens around 7 a.m. and signs off at 8:30 a.m.; XGOE, location unknown, 9.820, has not been heard on West Coast lately; Hangchow, XOPD, 9.553, seems to have made some changes, sign-off (or break) of first transmission is at 8 a.m., but comes back on at 8:30 a.m. and leaves the air (or breaks again) at 9 a.m. An unidentified Chinese on 6.050 (also reported by other monitors) may be relaying XORA, Shanghai, relays Chungking *English* news at 9 a.m. *Radio Saigon's* evening transmission on 11.778 is again audible on the West Coast, 6:15-7:30 p.m., but there is a bad heterodyne. VUD, 6.100, Delhi, is now scheduled 8:30-9:15 a.m., *English* news (at dictation speed) is heard at 9 a.m. The British Somaliland station on 7.126 is again audible with a weak signal, heard until after 10 a.m. Siam's 5.990 frequency signs off at 9:45 a.m.

Latest official schedules received from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation list its International Service: CKNC, 17.82, daily, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; CKLX, 15.09, daily, 11 a.m.-12 noon and Sundays, 7 a.m.-12 noon; CKCS, 15.32, daily, 12 noon-6 p.m. and 6:20-7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 6:20-9 p.m.; CHOL, 11.72, daily, 3:15-6 p.m.; CKRA, 11.76, daily, 6:20-7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 6:20-9 p.m. These frequencies may be changed on short notice due to changing broadcasting conditions; changes will be announced in regular transmissions. Address of *Radio-Canada* is CBC, International Service, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

BBC frequencies directed to North America from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. are GWH, 11.80, 5-6 a.m.; GSP, 15.31, 6-8:15 a.m.; GVO, 18.08, 8-11:15 a.m. and 12 noon-4:15 p.m.; GSP, 15.31, 4:15-7:45 p.m.; GWH, 11.80, 4:15-9:45 p.m.; GWO, 9.625, 4:15-11 p.m.; GWN, 7.28, 5-6:45 p.m.; GRH, 9.825, 5-11 p.m.; GVZ, 9.64, 7-11 p.m.; GSL, 6.11, 7-11 p.m.; and GSU, 7.26, 7:45-11 p.m.

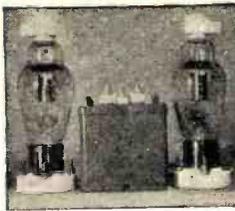
Ponta Delgada, 11.090, Azores, is heard 2-3 p.m. (Ferguson)

XMTA is the call of a new station on 12.217, heard in Australia opening with a strong signal at 6 a.m. daily, with an anthem; also heard at 5 p.m., but weak; location unknown. (Gillett) (I believe this is *XLPA, Changsha, China.*)

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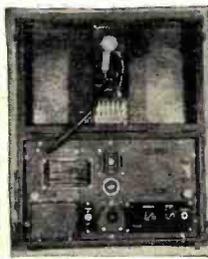
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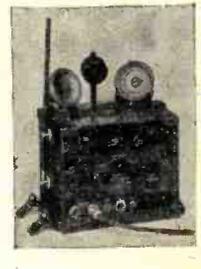
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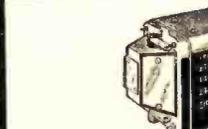
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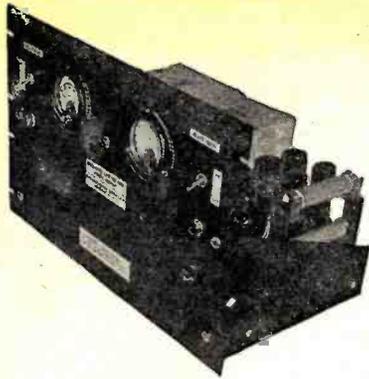


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ZQI, 4.700, Kingston, Jamaica, has strong signal on East Coast, 4:30-6:32 p.m.; headline *English* news is at 6:30 p.m. (Ferguson)

An *English* period is being heard from Italy over "Radio Italiana," Milan, between 1:20-2:10 p.m.; announces frequencies of 11.810 and 9.630; identifies as "The New Republic of Italy, Rome." (Grivakis)

A new AFRN station from Japan is being heard with a good signal in Australia on about 4.880, as early as 4 a.m. to closing at 9 a.m., in relay with JLR, 6.015, and JZC, 3.075. JLP, 9.605, is being heard best around 3:30 a.m., again is announcing as AFRN. (Gillett)

VUM-2, listed as on 7.255 but actually higher (7.265), Madras, India, is being heard in Louisiana at 7:30 a.m. relaying the *English* news from Delhi. (Crandall) Is also heard in California by Dilg who reports the schedule now as 5:30 a.m.-12 noon.

JLW2, 9.505, Tokyo, is being heard best in the East around 4:45 a.m. during the *English* lesson period; is heard in Japanese some mornings as late as 6:30 a.m.

CR7BE, 9.715, Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, heard going off the air at 3:30 p.m. with the Portuguese National Anthem; *English* news is scheduled for around 2:50 p.m. (Ferguson)

According to the British Short-Wave League, a British listener reports a station in Ankara, Turkey, heard at 12 noon on about 3.895 with an R-5 signal through heavy CWQRM.

Radio Kuala Lumpur, 6.175, Malaya, is scheduled 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. and 6:30-11:30 a.m., according to Swedish sources; uses 110-foot "delta matched dipole."

Address of *Radio Monte Carlo* (operating on 6.130) is 18 Bd. Princesse Charlotte, Monte Carlo, Monaco.

In a letter received by Rex G. Gillett, Australia, from an official of the Netherlands Indies Government Information Service, Capel Court, 375 Collins Street, Melbourne, C. 1, Victoria, Australia, it was stated that "Radio Makassar, Celebes, broadcasts in *English* each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. on 9.3575. The broadcasts are intended to give a picture of life in the Celebes by means of news bulletins, commentaries, and music."

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Rex G. Gillett, Australia, reports he "heard a strange broadcast for two nights only, the last days of August, on about 15.830, with a call of WVTD, British Commonwealth Occupation Forces' Station in Japan. The station was being officially opened by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Gen. R. H. Robertson; the deeply modulated sig-

nals, the unusual frequency, and the fact that it was heard only twice suggest a technical fault causing the station to break through from the BCB on which I believe it normally operates."

"*Ravag, Radio Wien*," listed on 6.190, actually on about 6.195, Vienna, Austria, was heard recently at 12:20 a.m.; had setting-up exercises (in German) at 12:24 a.m., and the news in German at 1:45 a.m. (Kernan)

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BFN, 7.290, Hamburg, is scheduled 11:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; has *English* news (BBC) at 1 a.m., local news at 1:10 a.m.; verified an airmail report within 15 days, with letter verie. (Moss)

VUD-5, 15.190, Delhi, has good signal in 9:30 p.m. *English* news. (Seckler) Same is true here in West Virginia.

Phototype postcard verie has been

received from HOX, bearing miscellaneous "shots" around the transmitter; letter verie was received from the British Army of the Rhine (BFN) with a complete description of their history, set up in mimeographed form. (Norris)

Canton, 11.650, now carries Chungking *English* news at 9 a.m. A Chinese station being heard on about 6.05 to 6.10 is believed to be XRRA, Peiping (listed on 6.091); carries Chungking *English* news at 9 a.m. also, and signs off around 9:30 a.m. (Dilg)

COKG, 8.955, Santiago de Cuba, verifies with a letter in *English* and a "color photo." Letter states they relay CMKW which operates on 1000 kcs. with 5000 watts. The transmitter was built from G.E. parts by their chief engineer, Augustin Medero, and the transmitting tower is 220 feet high. COKG itself operates with only 500 watts. Its transmitter has a pair of 806's, plate-modulated with two 849A's. The antenna is delta type, 50 feet high; both stations are located on Quintero Hill, "ten minutes from Santiago." Opens at 6:30 a.m., off at 12 midnight; station is owned by

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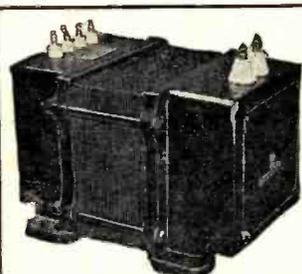
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HER7, 17.784, Bern, has been heard testing between 10 a.m.-12 noon, with call and frequency given in German, French, *English*. Used chime identification. Good quality with moderate fade. (Duggan)

Java's 10.060 is not on Sundays nor Mondays; now signs off around 11:10 or 11:15 a.m.; gives two wavelengths at sign-off, 99.45 meters and 37.?? meters; reception grows poorer. (Dilg)

HP5B, 6.030, Panama City, has news and comments in *English*, read by a woman, at 7:30-8 p.m.; relays "English by Radio" at 8 p.m. and news in Spanish at 9 p.m. (both from BBC). (Beck)

Singapore, 11.850, is heard in Denmark at 6 a.m. with poor strength. (Skerra)

Pat Casey, New York City, has just received a typewritten verie from *Radio Eireann*, Dublin, Eire; gave schedule of the 1.5 kw. transmitter as daily, 12:40-1 p.m. on 17.840; and 4:10-4:30 p.m. on 9:595.

TAP, 9.465, Ankara, Turkey, is scheduled 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Gimby) (Turkey should have reverted to standard time by now, making broadcasts one hour later than this.)

ZNR, 12.115, Aden, Arabia, has finally verified; stated that broadcasting has been suspended. (Legge)

Schedule of ZBW3, 9:570, Hongkong, China, is reported 4:30-8 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.-12 midnight. (URDXC) Power of the short-wave transmitter is to be increased to 35 kw. from present 2500 watts.

"Suedwestfunk," 6.321, Baden-Baden, Germany, is being heard in Sweden, 11:45 p.m.-1 a.m., 5:30-7 a.m., and 11:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. (Mohlin)

HOLA, 9:505, Colon, Panama, was first heard in September testing at 8:50 p.m. and announcing that they were in parallel with HOL on 1390 kcs.; asked for reports to P.O. Box 44, Colon; call themselves "Radio Atlantico." Good signal but bad QRM



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 The Oslo, Norway, transmitter on 6.200 is heard in Massachusetts at 1:15 a.m. with news in Norwegian; is their National Program relay. (Kernan)

Radio Bucharesti, 9.252, Roumania, is heard in England between 10 a.m.-3:50 p.m.; *English* news at 3:45 p.m.; weak early part of transmission. Ljubljana, 6.537, Yugoslavia, is heard to sign-off at 4 p.m.; no *English* reported; uses cuckoo identification. (Harrison)

CSX, 6.374, Lisbon, Portugal, is scheduled 12:30-6 p.m. with 500 watts; CSW6, 11.030, is scheduled 12:30-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. with 10 kw.; CSW7, 9.730, is scheduled 7-8 p.m. with 10 kw. (Ekholm) (The last two are officially listed as using 50,000 watts each.)

HER3, 6.166, Bern, is heard 12:20-7 a.m., 12 noon-5:15 p.m. to Europe, North Africa, and the Near East; *English* news at 4:20 p.m. (Ekholm)

A flash from K. G. Frick, Sweden, indicates that the Vorarlberg, Austria, station on 6.203 (or a little higher) is being heard in Sweden, 12 midnight-1:45 a.m., 4:20-7 a.m., and 12 noon-5 p.m., announcing as "*Osterreichische Sender-Gruppe West*." Is in French Zone of Occupation and sometimes relays *Radio Paris*.

Wilbur Croston, Ohio, reports CNR3, 9.082, Rabat, Morocco, heard 12 midnight-3 a.m.; JCKW, 7.220, Jerusalem, Palestine, 1-3 p.m. (quite weak signal); SVM, 9.935, Athens,

Greece, 1-5 or 6 p.m. with special relays; a station believed to be HNF, Iraq, was logged recently on about 9.80 at 8 a.m.; VPD2, 6.13, Suva, Fiji Islands, was heard 3-4 p.m.; EQB, 6.155, Iran, heard twice lately, 9-10 a.m. (this may be the station reported for that time by Dilg, California).

Frequencies assigned to Dakar, with calls, are FHE2, 15.345; FHE3, 11.712; FHE4, 9.562; FHE6, 7.298; FHE7, 7.210; FHE8, 6.062; and FHE9, 4.893. Additional ones for Bern are HED5, 9.545; HED6, 9.655; HED7, 15.120; and HED8, 17.770. These are from Bern Lists. (Legge)

"The Voice of Free Indonesia" on 12 mcs. is coming through nicely in Louisiana from usual sign-on at 4 a.m. to sign-off at 6:15 a.m. (irreg.); this station is operated by the Indonesian Broadcasting Centre; *English* news is heard at 5:30 a.m. most mornings. (Miller)

Stations heard on 6.138 and 6.060, opening Sundays at 9 a.m., weekdays at 9:20 a.m., may be *Radio Tananarive*, Madagascar. (Dilg)

Radio Luxembourg, 6.092, is putting in a weak signal on West Coast, although is heard much stronger in Arizona; best on Sundays between 3-6 p.m. (in *English*). (Gould)

DPGH, 14.780, Nuremberg, Germany, is the 1 kw. mobile transmitter in a van that was used at Naples and Rome by the U. S. Fifth Army and in France and Germany by the Seventh Army; it was constructed in this country in

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EPB, 15.100, Teheran, Iran, heard 6-7:15 a.m. with fair strength; *English* news is generally at 6 a.m. (Legge)

Radio Noumea, 6.208, New Caledonia, is heard on West Coast around 4 a.m. (in French); should be coming through in the East also. (Gould)

English sessions of *Radio Rangoon*, Burma, are now scheduled at 1:15-2 a.m. on 6.035; at 8:40-10:15 a.m. on 9.543; and at 8:15-8:45 p.m. on 11.840; news on 9.543 is now heard at 8:45 a.m. The schedule of the Burmese transmissions, as last reported, was 12:30-1:15 a.m., 2-2:30 a.m., 6:15-8:30 a.m., and 9-9:45 p.m., all on 6.035.

Prewar KZRM, Manila, has returned to the air on its old frequency of 9.570, but reception is poor due to severe interference from Hongkong and San Francisco on the same frequency. (Cushen)

ZFY, 6.000, Georgetown, British Guiana, now relays the 6:30-6:45 p.m. *English* news from Canada beamed to the Caribbean and West Indies by the CBC's International Service. A letter just in from Gerard V. de Freitas, of ZFY's staff gives schedules as Monday through Saturday, 5:45-7:45 a.m., 9:45-11:45 p.m., and 2:45-7:45 p.m.; Sundays, 5:45-11:45 a.m. and 2:45-7:45 p.m. The British Guiana United Broadcasting Co., Ltd., operators of the station, are now putting out a monthly "*ZFY Radio Guide*," and a



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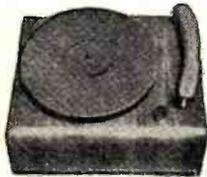
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"Apia Radio," 7.700, Apia, Western Samoa, with a call of ZMB6, was heard testing in September, 12:05-1:05 a.m., signal strength was fair, but had considerable interference. (Legge) Also heard on West Coast. (Dilg, Balbi)

"Radio Labuan," Borneo, reported on 2.995 to sign-off at 10 a.m. (Skoog) Radio Hanoi, 11.900 and 9.600, French Indo-China, has English news at 6 a.m., but with very poor modulation. (Skoog) The Hanoi station has not been heard lately on West Coast. (Balbi)

HVJ, 11.685, Vatican, has been heard opening at 3:30 p.m. (Skoog)

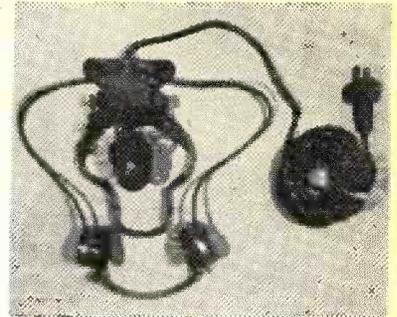
C. F. Bachman, Pennsylvania, reports official schedules of *Radio Congo Belge*, Leopoldville, as: 12 midnight-2 a.m., 9.380 and 6.282; 5:15-7:30 a.m., 11.720 and 6.282; 10:45 a.m.-4 p.m., 9.380 and 6.282; French and Flemish are principal languages used.

Late tips from August Balbi, Los Angeles; include VUD-2, 7.24, Delhi, heard 8:15-9:15 a.m., full schedule not known; JLW2, 9:505, Tokyo, signs off at 8:30 a.m., 4.91 and 4.93 heard irregularly to 10 a.m.; JLW, 7.285, and JVW, 7.26, heard from 2 a.m. irregularly, also JSL, 9.655, all in Home Service; an unknown Japanese on about 4.95, not in parallel with 4.91 nor 4.93, also heard irregularly.

The new Panama stations are now on a regular schedule of HOXA, 15.100, 7.5 kw., 12 noon-9 p.m.; HOXB, 11.810, 7.5 kw., 9-11 p.m.; it appears that HOXC, 9.660, is not scheduled at this time, although it was used in tests during late summer. (Davis)

FO8AA, 6.980, Papeete, Tahiti, is coming in with much improved signal on the West Coast, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 p.m.-12 midnight, but has long

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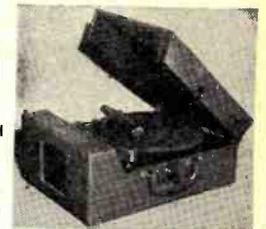
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gaps between modulations. (Gould)
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A letter verie from the BFN at Hamburg states that their station is actually located at Elmshorn, near Hamburg, and uses 50 kw. in the antenna, beamed to the west. (Cushen)

XORA, 11.698 to 11.705, varying. Shanghai, usually is a good signal here in the East in 6 a.m. *English* news.

XGOY, 9.64, Chungking, appears to have returned to standard time, with *English* news now at 9 a.m.; the 11.920 frequency now has *English* news at 11 a.m. and signs off around 11:45 a.m.; the 9.64 frequency may soon be replaced by 6.154 (varying) for the winter months, as happened last year.

Eastern DXers who are early-risers will find *Radio Saigon*, 11.778, French Indo-China, puts in a good signal at 5 a.m. in their *English* news period.

XTPA, 11.650, Canton, inaudible here in the East for some months, is again heard poor to good early mornings; usually peaks around 7:30-8 a.m.

CSWI, 12.400, Parede, Portugal, is heard best between 4:30-5:30 p.m. sign-off, some days is good as early as 3:30 p.m. (Beck)

OIX5, 17.802, Lahti, Finland, is reported heard under Cincinnati afternoons; sign off Sundays at 4:05 p.m., weekdays about 5 p.m.



The present home of "Radio Australia." This picture shows the transmitter hall.

Radio Bandoeng, Java, appears to be using 8.000 (probably is PMD, 7.997) and 3.016 (approximate) in parallel with PLY, 10.060; not heard Sundays, Mondays. (Dilg) Is heard with weak signal here in the East. PLP, 11.010 (varying), also Bandoeng, usually is at good level here in the East early mornings, with peak around

7 a.m. when *English* is usually used; suffers bad CWQRM most mornings.

During the Peace Conference, *Radio Paris* broadcast a special transmission of news to North America daily, 5:15-5:30 p.m. on 11.700 and 11.847, good signals on both frequencies.

An airmail letter just in from Sven Lindhe, Stockholm, lists XGOY2,

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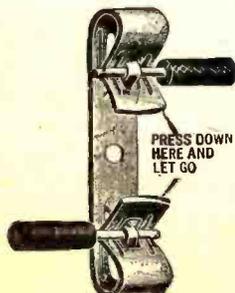
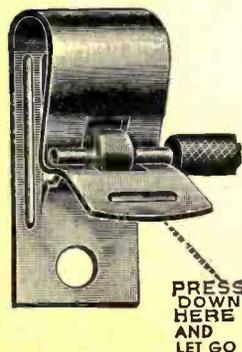
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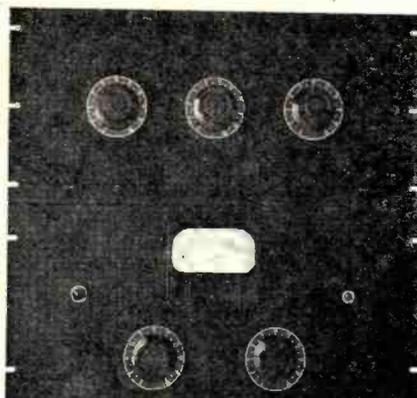
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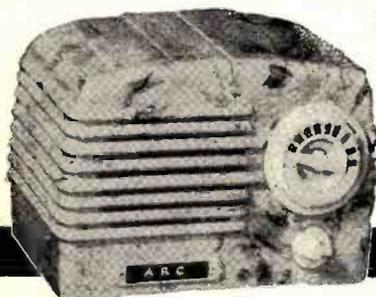
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11.918, Chungking, in *English* news at 10 a.m.; ZPA1, 6.274, Asuncion, Paraguay, 6:30-7:45 p.m.; ZPA5, 11.948, Encarnacion, Paraguay, 5:30-7 p.m.; XLPA, 12.217, Chengsha, China, heard 5:30-6 p.m.; CE960, 9.600, Santiago, Chile, "Radio la Americana," 5:30-6:45 p.m.; HI1N, 6.245, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, 7:58-8:45 p.m. He also reports "Bregents," 6.140, 5:45-6:30 p.m., probably is "Radio Vorarlberg," at Dornbirn, Austria (listed on 6.139); and "Austrian-sender in the French Zone," 15.105, heard between 11 a.m.-12 noon, announcing calls of both "Munche" and "Nyrnberg."

Radio Dakar, 11.715, is heard as early as 1:30 p.m. in Massachusetts. (Kernan)

The Swedish Radio is still asking for reports to Radiotjanst, Stockholm 7, Sweden (Sverige). Is expanding its facilities and programs. Better signals are reported in the U. S., particularly from SBT, 15.155, in the daily North American beam in Swedish and *English*, 10-10:55 a.m. SDB2, 10.780, is usually a good signal afternoons to around 5:45 p.m.

Prague's evening beam to North America, 7-7:30 p.m., over OLR5A, 15.230, has *English* news, read by a woman and fluently, at about 7:10 p.m.; the remainder of the beam includes news in Czech and music (often Slovak folk tunes).

The Press and Information attache of the Soviet Embassy in Washington reports that the Soviet Union has under construction a 100-kw. station; should be in operation early in 1947. (Strauss)

Radio Tananarive, 12.127, Madagascar, heard 6-6:30 a.m. in French. (Sutton)

Radio Polskie, 6.100 (varying), Warsaw, usually can be heard with news in Polish (at dictation speed), 7-8 p.m. sign-off. (Beck)

A last minute report from an East Coast monitor indicates that the special beam to Britain on Sundays from Radio SEAC, 15.120 (now announced as on 7.185, also), Colombo, Ceylon, is heard one hour later, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Excellent signal.

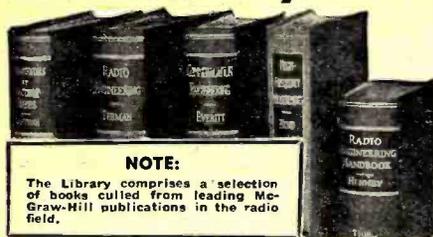
I find Singapore's 15.275 to be the most consistent frequency from Malaya during the late autumn, 4:30-9:30 a.m. sign-off; woman reads *English* preview at 4:30 a.m., *English* news is best in 6:45 edition; the 11.735 frequency is weak here, modulation being poor. Other frequencies announced as in parallel are 15.300 and 6.77 (last one is heard well in Louisiana).

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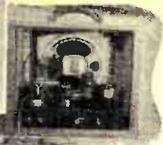
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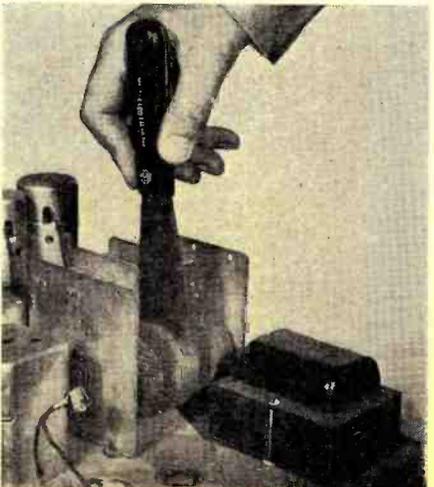
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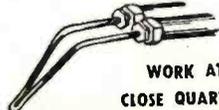
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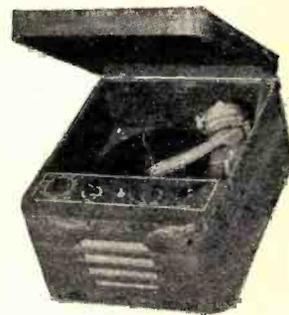
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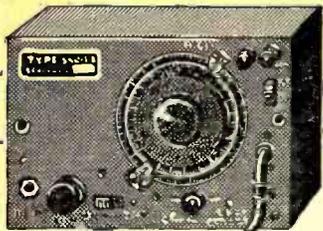
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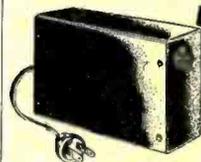
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Square-Wave Generator

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This waveform is now introduced into a cathode follower. As the waveform was inverted by the pentode the cathode follower can square up the other side of the waveform. The cathode follower cannot swing very far negative, so it will clip the other side of the square wave. This results in an output square wave which has very sharp rises and falls. Of course, there is a limit to the frequency at which the square-wave generator will operate and still produce an output wave which is square. The frequency components in the square wave extend much higher than the fundamental frequency. For the square wave to look square it must contain a minimum of frequency components, ten to twenty times higher than the fundamental frequency. A ten thousand cycle square wave will, therefore, contain frequencies from 10 kc. to 100 or 200 kc. and may extend to a megacycle or higher. As a matter of fact, the multivibrator may be picked up on a broadcast receiver.

The higher the frequency components, the steeper the rise and fall of the square wave. Therein lies a part of its usefulness. The square wave may be introduced into an amplifier and the amplifier's output inspected. If the amplifier has poor high frequency response or phase distortion, a comparison of the square wave introduced into the amplifier's input and the square wave from the amplifier's output will show up as a decrease of the rises and falls of the square wave. Fig. 3B is a typical example.

The flat top of the square wave is an indication of the low frequency components. If a 30 cycle square wave is introduced into the amplifier under test, it will have to have a response characteristic flat down to ten or fifteen cycles for the top of the square wave to be flat; otherwise, there will be a slope on the top of the wave (Fig. 3B). It becomes relatively simple to compare an amplifier with a standard and to note any deviation from results



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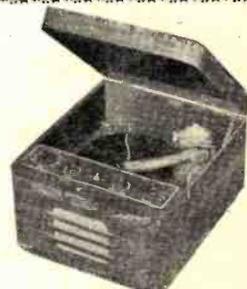
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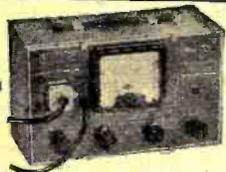
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This method of investigating the response of an amplifier is much more quickly performed than the usual method of taking measurements at many points with a signal generator and output voltmeter. Of course, it is not as precise, and constitutes a qualitative measurement, but it will quickly show major deviations from proper operation.

This square-wave generator is built on a chassis 8" x 8" x 2". The power supply is located along the back edge, and the tubes are lined up in back of the panel so that they will be close to the controls mounted on the panel.

The frequency of the multivibrator is varied by means of a dual potentiometer which changes the resistance simultaneously in the two multivibrator tube grids. As it is not good to cover too great a frequency range by the variation of this resistance, the capacitors in the grids of the multivibrator tubes are switched. Two ranges have been provided, extending from 25 to 3500 c.p.s. If a wider frequency range is desired, it may be added. It is feasible to include a range that goes as high as 50 or 100 kc., if the builder wants to apply square wave testing to video or wide band r.f. amplifiers. Small capacitors are merely switched into the same circuit.

The leads should be short and direct and kept away from the chassis to decrease unwanted circuit capacity. All of the circuits should be grounded to the common ground lug instead of depending upon the chassis for ground. The dial calibration is reproduced on page 48, and if the values are followed closely and the layout adhered to, it can be copied and pasted to a dial, or the unit can be calibrated if high accuracy is desired. The photographs appearing on page 49 show the author's manner of construction.

The power supply is conventional, except for the larger filter condensers. These are essential to eliminate common coupling in the power supply circuit, and the attendant introduction of unwanted products of one tube in the plate or grid circuit of another.

The use of a square-wave generator presupposes the user has an oscilloscope, as its uses require visual observation. The scope may be synchronized more solidly and accurately with a square wave or a differentiated square wave, because the synchronizing points are more accurately defined in time.

The rise of the square wave being so fast provides a nice synchronizing voltage if it is introduced to the sync input to the scope through a very small condenser (.00001 μ f.). This is also true when it is desired to synchronize a free running multivibrator. The multivibrator flips when its grid voltage rises to a certain voltage. If an external recurrent synchronizing

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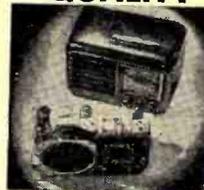
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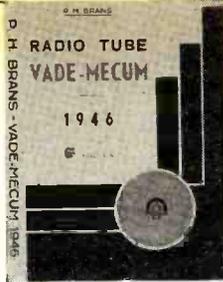
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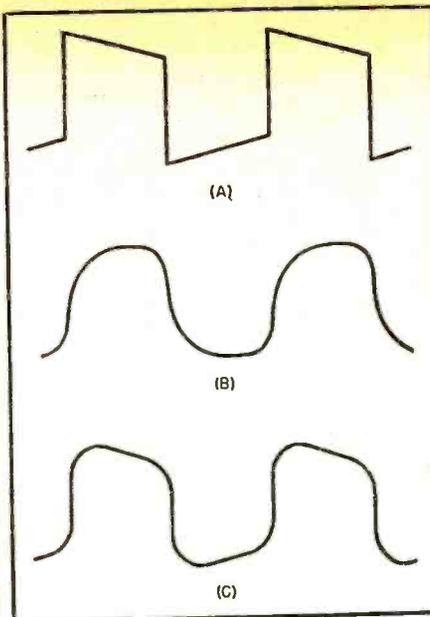


Fig. 3. Waveforms illustrate distortion present in square wave. (A) Poor low frequencies. (B) Unfavorable high frequencies. (C) Bad high and low frequency response.

voltage is introduced to its grid, it will flip sooner.

Therefore, a multivibrator may be locked in step with a synchronizing pulse, provided the frequency of the pulse is higher than that at which the multivibrator would run free. If that pulse is steep, the multivibrator frequency will be accurately determined by the frequency of the external frequency source.

The square-wave generator has many other uses which will come into more general usage as television circuits become more common, because the television signal is really a series of pulses, the fronts and durations of which determine the proper sweeping of the cathode-ray tube to produce a picture on its screen.

It is also useful in placing a signal on the intensity grid of the cathode-ray tube in an oscilloscope, to constitute a calibrating method for measuring the spacing or frequency of an unknown wave. It would alternately blank and unblank the trace on the scope and be apparent by producing a trace which is composed of a series of equispaced dashes on the screen instead of a solid line. If the frequency of the square wave is known, then it may be readily compared with the frequency of a wave introduced on the vertical plates. This is very useful when the sweep in the scope is not linear, as most of them are not at low frequencies.

The square-wave generator may operate an electronic switch to observe, alternately, two waveforms on the screen of a scope for direct comparison. This would constitute a convenient method to compare the input and output of an amplifier under inspection.

Use will suggest a host of other applications for this versatile square wave generator.

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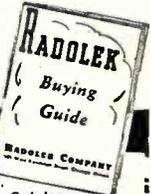


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In Fig. 2, page 116 of the September issue, resistor R₃ should run directly to ground instead of to the cathode. The lower end of primary of T₁ should be connected to ground. Paragraph 4 of the text should read R₁, instead of R₂.

On page 39 of the October issue, the value of L₁ in Fig. 2 should be 20 microhenries instead of millihenries.

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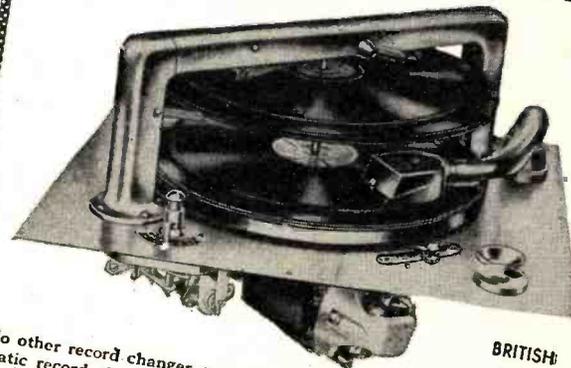
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