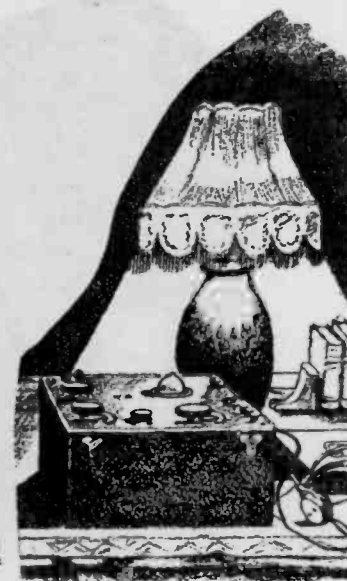


THE NEWSPAPER FOR
THE HOBBYIST OF VINTAGE
ELECTRONICS AND SOUND

THE HORN SPEAKER



RADIO-CRAFT for JANUARY, 1948



"Our American concept of radio is that it is of the people and for the people."

Freedom to LISTEN - Freedom to LOOK

As the world grows smaller, the question of international communications and world understanding grows larger. The most important phase of this problem is *Freedom to Listen* and *Freedom to Look*—for all peoples of the world.

Radio, by its very nature, is a medium of mass communication; it is a carrier of intelligence. It delivers ideas with an impact that is powerful . . . Its essence is freedom—liberty of thought and of speech.

Radio should make a prisoner of no man and it should make no man its slave. No one should be forced to listen

and no one compelled to refrain from listening. Always and everywhere, it should be the prerogative of every listener to turn his receiver on or off, of his own free will.

The principle of *Freedom to Listen* should be established for all peoples without restriction or fear. This is as important as *Freedom of Speech* and *Freedom of the Press*.

Television is on the way and moving steadily forward. Television fires the imagination, and the day is foreseen when we shall look around the earth from city to city, and nation to nation,

as easily as we now listen to global broadcasts. Therefore, *Freedom to Look* is as important as *Freedom to Listen*, for the combination of these will be the radio of the future.

The "Voice of Peace" must speak around this planet and be heard by all people everywhere, no matter what their race, or creed, or political philosophies.

David Sarnoff

President and Chairman of the Board,
Radio Corporation of America.

*Excerpts from an address before the United States National Commission for UNESCO.

WHAT READERS ASK

POPULAR RADIO, July 1922

QUESTION: I want to build a simple crystal receiver. The simplest circuit you could give me would be the best, as this will be my first attempt at building a set.

JOS. KENYON

ANSWER: The circuit shown in Figure 4 provides for a single slide tuning coil, a crystal detector, a small fixed bridging condenser, and a pair of receiving telephones. By adjusting the detector and moving the slider on the coil, different wavelength signals can be picked up. The range of this set is about 20 miles.

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QUESTION: What is the best detector to use in a radio receiver?

WM. HANSEN

ANSWER: The vacuum tube or audion is by far the most efficient. The crystal detector is cheaper and simpler to operate, but it will not detect distant messages or bring in signals as loud as the audion.

* * *

QUESTION: What is the correct length of antenna to use in order to receive the radio broadcasting on 360 meters? My antenna is only 40 feet above the ground.

F. G. ORNEROD

ANSWER: You should make your one wire antenna about 100 to 150 feet in length. Use as short a lead-in as possible.

* * *

QUESTION: I have a quantity of fixture wire which I can strip of its rubber and braided covering, if it would be of any use. Will this wire be suitable or not? I do not want to do all this work only to find out that the wire is no good for such a purpose.

H. BARNES

ANSWER: You may use the wire but you do not have to strip it of its insulated covering as it will work just as well with it as without it. The insulation does not affect the antenna in the least as far as functioning efficiently is concerned.

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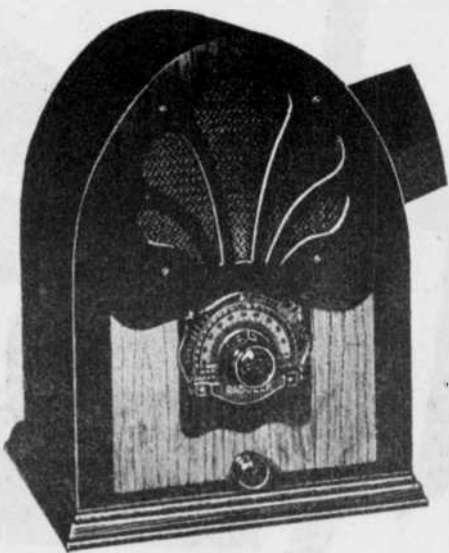
QUESTION: What is the difference between a variable condenser and a variometer?

L. L. ROMERSHEUSER

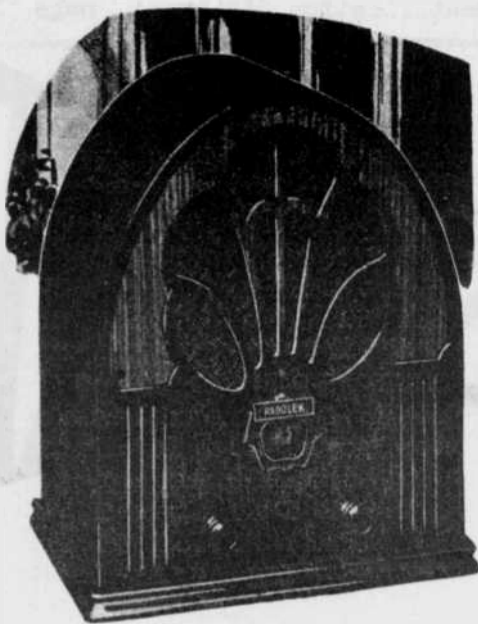
ANSWER: A variable condenser is an electrical instrument for controlling the amount of capacity in a circuit. A variometer is an electrical instrument for controlling the amount of inductance in a circuit.

RADOLEK

1933



The "Little Leader"



"Little Master"



SUPERHET

letters



GONE IS THE RESPECTED CITIZEN
Once I could pass by where the deadly stuff is sold and never bat an eye. To-day, alas, my feet carry me into the open doors where temptation lurks: I am no longer strong enough to "take it or leave it alone"

Hi Jim:

Need to find some old gear, so will advertise in your paper. Seems like everybody reads the Horn Speaker. Hi.

Keep up the great and much needed service.

73s,
Woody

Wm. W. Wilson, WA6KVV
408 Oak Manor Drive
Fairfax, CA 94930

Dear Jim:

I have received several issues of your magazine since subscribing, and I really have to compliment you on the fine job you're doing. I subscribe to other periodicals dealing with antique radios, but none have the combination of articles, ads and classifieds that yours does.

Do you have many subscribers from the New England area? I do restoration and repair on an-

tique radios but really haven't found that many true collectors in my area. Maybe this is true because most collectors probably do their own work and for that reason I never get to do business with them. Looking through some back issues, however, I do not see any ads or letters from my area.

Most of the repair jobs I get are for AC sets of the late 30s and early forties. I guess this category of radios is just old to be worth saving, but new enough to be plentiful. Many are sets once used by close relatives of my customers, and have a lot of sentimental value because the customer remembers it from childhood days.

Well, in any event, thanks for a fine publication and let's get going New England.

Sincerely,
Ron Boucher
376 Cilley Rd.
Manchester, Nh
03103

EDITOR...At the latest count we have about 150 names in the New England area or zips beginning with a zero.

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Dear Jim:

Thank you for your recent letter in reply to my query about my subscription to the newspaper. Enclosed please find a check for U.S. \$12.00 for a further subscription, this time for 2 years, to continue after my present subscription expires.

No new old time radios have come into my hands, but as a result of some newspaper publicity about the newly formed New Zealand Vintage Radio Society a few have surfaced which club members will look at. These include Atwater Kent, Zenith, Brunswick and Majestic. The Society is slowly sorting itself out and we have had talks on transformers, restoration techniques and lots of interesting discussions. At the meeting this month (28th April) I am giving a talk on "Neutralization, Antique and Modern" which I hope to demonstrate a mock up receiver using old Majestic 91 coils. If the test shapes up OK you would be quite welcome to a copy.

Membership of the New Zealand Vintage Radio Society is rising but slowly, but as funds become more readily available we will embark on a country wide advertising campaign which should net us some more members. If present enthusiasm continues there does not seem any reason against the Society prospering.

In passing I might mention that I have just finished reading HIS MASTERS VOICE WAS ELRIDGE R. JOHNSON a biography by E. r. Fenimore Johnston, -- State Media Inc. Milford Delaware.

The book was recently imported from the United States. I can recommend it as excellent reading about the early phonograph days. If and when you get time to drop me a line, it would be appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely
with kind regards,
Arthur E. Allen
452 Point Chevalier Road
Point Chevalier,
Auckland. 2
New Zealand

Gentlemen:

I enclose an ad I wish you would publish in your magazine. I enjoy reading your magazine, especially illustrations of old sets. I wish you would publish diagrams of wiring for old sets that are not in Riders or Gernsback books. Those of the early 1919 and 20s like Ace, Zenith portables-- sets using UV99 and WD11 tubes, etc..

I have several old sets but no hook-ups seem to be available.

Thanks for your service,
J. N. Clapp
1202 W. 5th Street
DeWitt, Iowa 52742

EDITOR...We will try to publish older diagrams, especially the ones with wide interest.

Dear Jim:

I found something quite interesting at our last Indiana Historical Radio Society meeting and swap meet-- a Philco extension speaker using mainly what is a modified model 71 cabinet and a very hefty magnetic speaker of 8 inch diameter. I've never seen any mention of this and there is no model number on it. It looks like there was a paper on the bottom of the inside of the cabinet. I will send some pictures later.

Best wishes,
Frank Heathcote

Dear Jim:

Collecting has been slow due to the pressure of business. I'm slowly restoring an IP501 as I get the time and I have yet to attack a Kennedy 525 amp which needs a total internal rebuild. Could any reader photograph the insides of this unit as a guide for me? I'd sure be grateful.

Best regards,
Louis Lindauer
3 Beacon Hill Road
Port Washington, NY
11050

EDITOR...I'm sure someone will furnish pictures.

Dear Jim:

I have noticed the increasing interest in the collection and restoration of the wood case radios of the thirties and forties and would be happy to contact readers who are likewise involved. I switched to this category after losing my entire collection of the earlier battery operated radios in a fire. Reviving the old plug-in carcasses so they look and work like they just came from the factory (American factories no less) is a hobby I am enjoying immensely in my retirement. Furthermore, I find the young married couples (much to my surprise) are the people most interested in acquiring these nostalgic gems.

You're correct at this point if you suspect that my main interest is in restoring rather than collecting. But make no

mistake, the worst part of the episode is when I must part with a child of my labors.

Yours truly,
M. Kranzel
7880-54th Ave.
No. 125
St. Petersburg, FL
33709

Dear Jim:

I'm enclosing a check to cover a year's subscription to your fine publication. Since I'm particularly interested in antique mechanical TV technology, also please send me the October 1979 issue that details Mr. Babcock's speech on mechanical TV at Elgin last year.

I've noticed a small but apparently increasing interest in mechanical TV over the years. Apparently the equipment is rare. In fact I've never even seen a schematic of the cameras (televisors) used by Baird, Jenkins, Ives, and Alexanderson back in the twenties and thirties. On the other hand, back issues of POPULAR SCIENCE and POPULAR MECHANICS have furnished me with diagrams of receiving equipment and I've even tried building some of it (modifying of course to suit my junkbox stock of parts).

Some day soon I hope to see more details on mechanical TV in your publication. In the meantime I'll be enjoying all the other letters and articles and some fascinating ads. Thanks.

Cordially,
James T. Hawes
550 Sherman Ave. No. 1
Evanston, IL 60202

EDITOR...Always glad to hear a reader's wants and needs so that we will know what to publish. Unfortunately, we do not have a detail account of Mr. Babcock's speech on mechanical TV, all I can remember is a picture. I hope that later he will send us something that I believe that you have in mind. Larry Babcock has already been most generous about sending information.

Dear Jim:

My dad, Morris BEitman, passed away a short while ago. I know you had corresponded with him in the past and thought you would want to know. I suppose many of your readers knew of him and probably have some of his Su-

preme books.

I have put together an ad for the newest edition of my Directory of Antique Radio Collectors and Suppliers. This is a great tool for your readers since it will help them reach local suppliers or find other collectors in their area. It is a real bargain (about my cost).

Please run the ad in the next edition and bill me.

Thanks for all your help. Looking forward to the next edition of THE HORN SPEAKER.

Sincerely,
Harty Beitman
646 Kenilworth Terrace
Kenilworth, IL 60043

Tnx agn. Jim, for all the vry fine articles. It goes without saying I enjoy your paper vry vry much. The old crystal set stuff is just great and anything about the old CW stations. Age is 57 and still pounding brass and building ham stuff and crystal sets. Just a big kid hi hi.

73 OM & TNX
John, W8CAE

arrester; Amperite 4V-199 in box Corwico insulators; telephone arrester; arrester; 3" dial; audio trans; 21 plate variable; 21 plate Cardwell; variocoupler basket mint; B T 3 circuit tuner; porc. panel UVs; siliccn crystal in original box; mounted galena; several other coils, rheostats, etc. Many items listed are multiple.

Been dicking with your fellow Texan Dachis (???) over in Austin, trying for a Halli-crafter 'Sky Buddy' (or Champion) to add to my small collection of old time gear. No go yet since his asking price is a bit higher than my available money, hi. Guess this keeps many an old timer from collecting, today's high cost.

I've been retired for four

years after 37 years with the local Sears, Roebuck operation and I'll be 66 February 12th--man does time fly.

If I didn't mention it in my other notes, I have sort of specialized in old amateur and related equipment. I am a student of 'George Grammer, old QST designs etc.' If you ever do any px on ole 1930 ham gear I'd like to send a px to be published.

Old (lovingly) Basil Abbott stopped here to see me during the holidays. Enjoyed the eyeball.

Well, lemme run- today is 'hams luncheon down at the 'po-boy' place, and I don't want to miss the fun and conversation.

Sincerely, Wes-W5DPM
Wes Chatellier
1950 Chevelle Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

CLINIC

FIND

You flatter me- wanting to publish my FIND. have at it, feller- but edit it to make publishing sense, hi. Enclosed is a full list of what was in the box, all for \$10.00.

Brassed based WD-12 open fil. but good for display; CX 200 in box open fil.; UV-199 Radiotron; 'Diatron' 201A mint; brass 201; audio trans.; knife switches; knob with pointer; metal vernier dial; 3" metal dials; Pilot 4" dials mint; A-B variable resistors; Frost phone jacks; Chelsea radio 3" dials; UV-199 sockets; tubular grid leak; speaker unit; Federal Radio phone tip to plug; Paragon rheostat with knob; radio foil; white porc. insulators; Chas. Freshman variable grid leak; General Radio coil forms, no plugs; Remler honeycomb coil; type 75 DeForest HC coil; Marle audio; tel. receiver; Gilfillan UV socket in original box; Boston Jr. no. 14; Leader watch-case battery meter; Murdock bypass; Benjamin cushion UX sockets; radio panel markers; 1921 Weston meter catalog; no. 30 carborundum det. in original box telegraph practice set; Philco

BRASSO

by Ron Boucher

If there is such a thing as an "all purpose cleaner and polish" for antique radios it would probably have to be "BRASSO". Anyone who has ever been in the military would probably be familiar with this product, as it is a very good polish for brass. It's available in many grocery stores. It comes in a can and is in liquid form.

I discovered its usefulness for antique radios quite by accident. I was shining up a brass dial plate on a radio one time, and as I was rubbing away, some of the polish got on the wood finish and some of it got on the glass, because luckily I had not bothered removing the plate from the radio. Once I was done with the rubbing I wiped away the excess polish and the brass was shining like new, but so was the glass and wood finish.

Apparently Brasso has a very fine abrasive in it and that is what does the trick. It scrubs off the dirt then takes off the roughness on the surface brought on by age. Regular cleaning usually leaves the surface dull. What a job it does on bakelite and tubes too. Careful, it removes the tube numbers.



The process is to rub the surface for a few minutes with a cloth "wetted" with polish. Let the polish dry, then clean off with a clean cloth. The important part is to rub so that the abrasive can work. After this, use some Old English Polish.

This is a good process for purists who do not want to lose the original finish as happens as you know when the cabinet is refinished.

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AUDIO RESTORATION LAB
NASHVILLE----The Country Music Foundation Library and Media Center announces the opening of its new audio restoration laboratory, an outstanding addition to the technical capabilities of Nashville's music industry.

The laboratory is the most sophisticated facility in the United States for restoring the sound on pre-stereo recordings to its original quality. Designed and built by Art Shifrin, a leading sound restoration authority, the Foundation's audio restoration laboratory is the result of over 18 months of planning and construction.

In addition to handling Country Music Foundation sound restoration projects, the laboratory will be available to outside companies for commercial uses. The laboratory will be especially useful to record companies involved in reissuing historical recordings.

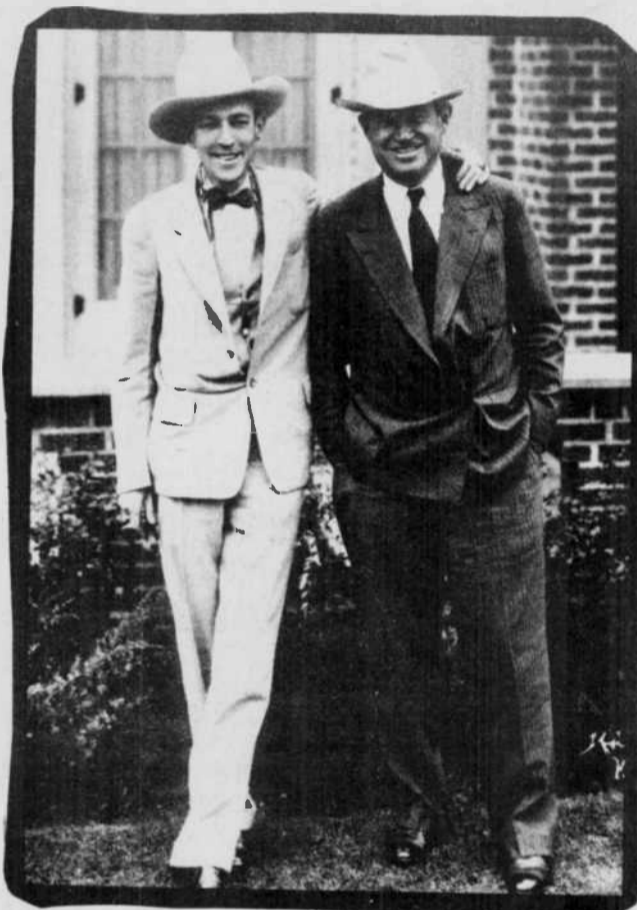
"Our laboratory is capable of producing master tapes from original recordings, test pressings, transcriptions, and early tape masters," said Danny Hatcher, the Country Music Foundation's deputy director for library operations.

The audio restoration laboratory has complete variable speed, two track recording capabilities for quarter-inch tape. Its basic mastering machines are full-track mono. The lab contains over 30 pieces of equipment, some of which was custom-designed for the Country Music Foundation. The lab includes two mastering machines, sound filtering and equalization equipment, special styluses for different record groove sizes, turntables, and noise suppression units designed especially for audio restoration work.

Bill Ivey, director of The Country Music Foundation, said, A primary use of our audio restoration laboratory will be for our library and media center to preserve the sound on materials that are deteriorating. The best example of this is acetate radio transcriptions, which literally fall apart with the passing of time.

"Secondly, we hope this lab, by being in the center of the country music recording industry will stimulate the re-release of historical material in the country field. Country music has lagged behind jazz in reissuing historical recordings and we'd like to spark an interest in this area.

"Thirdly, through licensing, leasing and other cooperative



Jimmie Rodgers and Will Rogers.



Dwight Butcher, co-writer of "Old Love Letters", one of the last songs recorded by Jimmie Rodgers.

arrangements, the Foundation hopes to reissue some historical recordings on its own label."

Ivey added that "With the holdings of our library, our staff's knowledge and the technical resources of our audio lab we can help any record label develop reissues of their own product. This means we can do everything from developing a concept for an album and choosing selections to producing master tapes."

Engineer Alan Stoker will operate the audio restoration laboratory for the Country Music Foundation Library and Media Center.



If you could only see them:— "And now folks, you are listening to a half hour for dinner music by the Three Husketeers, Dr. Veeral's Health Biscuit Trio."



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THE HEROINES OF VINTAGE RADIO

by Morgan E. McMahon

Gayle McMahon Rowland and Sarah 'Betty' McMahon are the heroines of Vintage Radio. These two nice ladies are now busily shipping books and chasing down those hard-to-find radio circuit diagrams. If it weren't for Gayle and Betty, there would be no place to get new copies of our old friends; VINTAGE RADIO, A FLICK OF THE SWITCH, GERNBACK'S 1927 RADIO ENCYCLOPEDIA or SUPREME'S MOST OFTEN NEEDED 1926-1938 RADIO DIAGRAMS. Also, our radio circuits research service would be no more.

The problem is that my wife, Gladie and I, who first published our radio collector's books, had to give up our little book venture. The reason is that I must return to my full-time career as technical director for TRW's active component businesses.

Gladie and I searched for someone else to take over Vintage Radio, but without success. We couldn't find someone with the time, interest and financial resources to take over the business, even though it does not earn an income. It looked like all our books would just go into storage, waiting for the day when someone would meet the challenge and start shipping books again. Things looked pretty dismal. Last Spring we announced that Vintage Radio would be shutting down.

Then two angels stepped forward. Gayle, my sister, volunteered to do all the correspondence, filing, paperwork and circuit diagrams research. Betty, my stepmother, volunteered to do the packing and shipping. Now these two ladies will continue to ship until present stocks are gone, or until someone else can take over.

After Betty and Gayle volunteered our problem was to get the books, references and shipping equipment from Los Angeles to North Highlands near Sacramento. It seemed that the time had come for a 400-mile adven-

Betty and Gayle. I introduced Gayle and her husband John Rowland to the mysteries of circuit diagram research like early Majestic was really Grigsby-Grunow and earliest RCA radios were really made by General Electric



Moment's rest: Gayle (left) and Betty take time to pose with their favorite book.

ture in moving. So we rented a truck and loaded it with 3,000 pounds of books, 3,500 pages of circuit references and topped the load with tables and machines needed to start Betty and Gayle in business.

Early one morning I drove off into the dawn of a fine clear September day. The sun greeted me as the truck labored over the Grapevine route through and over the mountains north of Los Angeles and stayed with me through the 100-plus degree of California's Central Valley Country. Three hamburgers and three root-beer frosties, later, the truck, load and I pulled into North Highlands. Along the way I acquired an Echophone EC-2 radio, my only trophy from 400 miles of small-town junk shops.

I was greeted by an enthusiastic group consisting of Gayle and Betty with their somewhat less enthusiastic husbands. Next day a large band of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends gathered to unload the truck, stacking books in the local U-Store-Em establishment. We hauled circuit references and shipping paraphernalia into the homes of

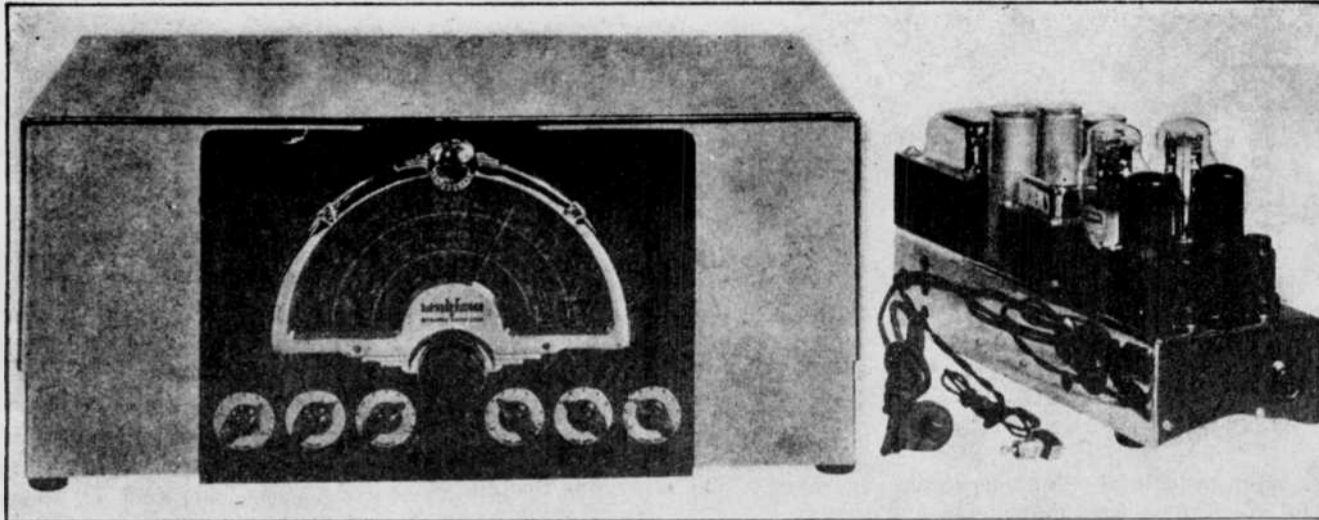
and Westinghouse. Incidentally, John has become a real sleuth of hard to find radio schematic diagrams and spends hours tracing down the impossible ones.

By the time I climbed aboard an airliner back to Los Angeles, Vintage Radio was all set up in its new home. Betty and Gayle picked up the routine very fast. Since last September books and diagrams have been coming to our readers just like before, but from a different post office.

Sales have gone so well that most of our soft cover books are gone except for Supreme's radio diagrams books. Our remaining books are VINTAGE RADIO, A FLICK OF THE SWITCH, hardcover, GERNBACK'S 1927 RADIO ENCYCLOPEDIA, hardcover, and the Circuit Diagrams book. With the rising cost of packing materials and postage, we have also had to add a packing and mailing charge of 50 cents per book. Gayle and John will continue to do the radio diagrams research service as long as they still have books to ship too.

Vintage Radio's new address is McMahon's Vintage Radio, Box 1331, North Highlands, California 95660. or phone Gayle at 916

RADIO NEWS FOR OCTOBER, 1936



A RECEIVER BOTH BEAUTIFUL IN APPEARANCE AND PRACTICAL IN OPERATION
The tuner assembly is chromium plated throughout with extra shielding provided by the overall chromium cover. The unit at the right is the power supply and 30-watt beam-power amplifier.

1937 Refinements in a New "Lab-Built" Super

Presenting information on this new receiver which is now undergoing "air tests" at the Fairfield Listening Post, the results of which will be covered in a near future issue

By McMurdo Silver

TO attempt in a brief article to fully describe a new receiver which offers a number of new engineering developments is an impossibility. What follows is therefore only the "high-spotting" of the new 20-tube Masterpiece V which consists of the 14 tube completely shielded tuner, the 6-tube electron beam-power amplifier and power supply, and the new 18 inch, 68 lb. speaker, several times more efficient and sensitive than existing speakers. Figure 1 shows the complete tube line-up, and while in itself unique and new, it gives no inkling of the many new circuit developments which it cannot show. The complete schematic diagram will be shown next month, together with further discussion of the circuit features.

4.2-2140 Meters

The tuning range, in five bands accurately calibrated on the 9-inch dial, is 140 to 430 kc. for long waves, and 535 to 70,000 kc. without a gap. This is 2140 to 700 and 560 to 4.287 meters, which covers every broadcast service on the air from long wave Europeans down to below the 5 meter ama-

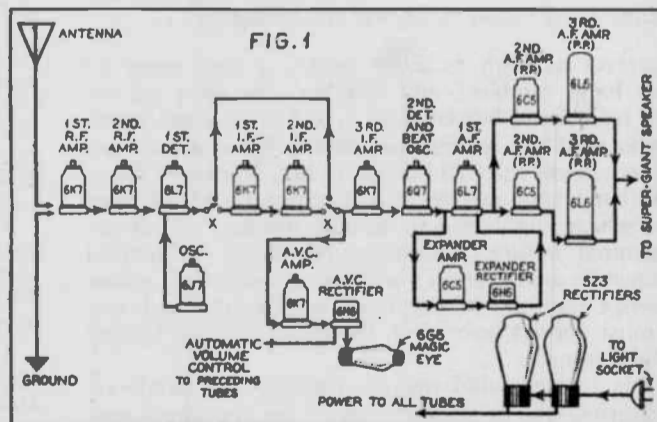
teur band, and includes the rapidly developing ultra high frequency "apex" bands of 26 and 31 to 40 megacycles.

The new "lance" dial makes tuning surprisingly easy for it sensibly enlarges tuning scale size for successive short-wave bands, making the 49 to 16 meter dial band 7 inches in diameter and the 16 to 4.3 meter dial being 8 inches in diameter. The dial can be read to 10 kc. even at 25 meters. This accurate reading is made possible by a knife edge pointer that effectively eliminates the parallax reading error of ordinary flat pointers spaced appreciably away from

the calibrated scale of the dial itself.

Separate band-spread reading is provided by a new micrometer dial behind the tuning knob, upon which main dial station spread and separation is amplified ten times for precise tuning. This method of band-spreading permits accurate "logging."

The single tuning knob provides a 50:1 ratio for one knob turn (in either direction) and then automatically shifts to a 10:1 ratio. Accurate tuning is made easy, and mandatory, by this "free wheeling" dial, and the "Magic Eye" on the dial, calibrated to measure signal strength, fading and over modulation of stations as weak as 1 microvolt.



Circuit Features

Circuitwise, the two stages of air-tuned radio-frequency amplification pioneered in all-wave broadcast receivers by the Masterpiece IV are retained in the new set. These are in circuit on four bands, from 140 kilocycles to 19 megacycles, and account for the complete absence of "repeat points" on short waves, and the phenomenally low inherent circuit noise.

These two stages of t.r.f. set the limit of inherent noise down at that low level of 15 milliwatts at maximum sensitivity—a small fraction of the internal noise found in receivers using only one r.f. stage.

Sensitivity from 140 to 19,000 kc. is set at one-half microvolt absolute due to the seven times greater Super-Giant speaker efficiency. Circuit and tube noise are substantially zero at sensitivities of 5.0 microvolts or greater.

Sensitivity is automatically regulated by an improved automatic sensitivity control (a.v.c.) and by a sensitivity switch on the expander knob which reduces sensitivity to 5 microvolts, at will, for local reception. This a.v.c. system uses two tubes, a tuned a.v.c. amplifier and a rectifier, and through its circuit position and constants

holds all signals above 20 microvolts at the same apparent ear volume.

Selectivity is no longer the conventional V-shaped side-band cutting curve, but rather one of the band-pass type. The fidelity knob gives the choices of 18 kc. or 8 kc. selectivity (corresponding to 9,000-cycle high fidelity and 4,000-cycle high-selectivity audio modulation bands.) Non-microphonic tuning and trimmer condensers and wiring, plus unusually thorough cushioning, completely eliminates that short-wave bugaboo, microphonic howling. Through the fidelity knob, a choice is provided of three 465 kc. dual air-tuned i.f. amplified stages for extreme DX, or one stage for local high-fidelity reception.

The diode second detector is unusual in that it is operated at the very low level of 1.0 to 1.5 volts, to decrease second-detector distortion. The triode portion of this 6Q7 tube is the beat oscillator, which operates at its second harmonic to eliminate spurious beats.

Following the second detector comes the three-stage audio amplifier with a built-in electronic volume expander and the new 6L6 electron beam power tubes which have long been awaited. The volume expander knob first drops average volume 20 db. and then adds it back into reproduction by expansion or the loudening to original naturalness of studio-compressed music. It is impossible to describe the effect on the listener of this expansion, so new and thrilling are its effects on music. The writer recalls in July, 1935, being one of over 100 engineers at the I. R. E. Convention demonstration of the first expanders. Being hard boiled we came to scoff—and remained to shout and stomp with enthusiasm when we heard it. Since that first revelation, expander adaptors have been made but it has taken a year to design and perfect the built-in expander employed in this new receiver.

The audio amplifier is resistance-coupled throughout to eliminate the last traces of the hysteretic distortion of audio transformers. Total distortion of all types is only 2 per cent at full 32 watt output, while at ordinary home play levels of one to five watts, it is so low as to be practically unmeasurable.

The net result of all this is tone so clear that the last small trace of scratch and "marbles" of previous fine amplifiers is completely eliminated. This tone is controllable (in addition to automatic aural tone compensation), to be anything desired. By two tone knobs it can be set "flat" from 20 to 9,000 cycles or its treble range can be boosted 10 db. to make up for treble tone absorption in particular rooms, or smoothly cut down so there are no treble tones left above 1500 cycles. Bass can similarly be cut completely out for noise reduction in DXing, or it can be boosted a total of 18 db. to the point where deep organ notes actually cause walls to shake. This new and complete control of tone makes the tone of this receiver instantaneously anything desired at the will of the user—all things to all men.

Conservative operation of the push-pull 6L6's dictates an undistorted power output of 30 to 32 watts. Intelligent design says that to put 30 watts into any ordinary loud speaker of 5 per cent efficiency is to get only 1.5 acoustic or sound watts. So for the "Masterpiece V" a totally new speaker of 35 per cent efficiency was developed. Its seven times greater efficiency results in this 30 watts equalling 210 watts fed to any ordinary loud speaker and more than takes care of crescendos in music—doing it without the least trace of blasting or distortion.

The new Super-Giant speaker is both a bass and "tweeter" speaker in one unit. It is the first loud speaker to cover the range of 20 (note the 1 to 2 bass octaves added) to 9,000 cycles. It does this by virtue of a new dual cone invention of Major Glen. The inner cone is stiff and small for "tweeter" operation, while the outer 16 inch cone is large and relatively softer, as it should be for bass tone.

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Spooks, in the parlance of the radio profession, are not disembodied spirits. On the contrary, they are very materialistic gentlemen, and sometimes ladies, although women are not generally credited with good "commercial" voices; hence, "spooking" being a strictly commercial proposition, lady spooks are not as much in demand as their masculine competitors.

You have doubtless listened in—if only momentarily, in the course of twirling your dial—to these suave gentlemen beseeching you to permit them to solve all your vexatious problems: apprehend and drag into the light of day that coy and elusive fate of yours which is ever hiding just around the corner of the future; advise you on all your doubtful decisions, from planting your potatoes by the light or the dark of the moon, to choosing your life mate or investing in oil stock.

Have you taken any one of these radio spooks at his word, and sent him a dollar to exercise his mystic powers in your behalf? Was the veil rent, and did Astrologer Koran, or Brandon the Man of Destiny, reveal those secrets which only the Fates are supposed to know? Judging by the deluge of fan mail from "satisfied customers," you would say that the most extravagant claims of these modern knights of the Mystic Veil are not exaggerated. A handful of letters picked at random from the files of any one of them might convince the most sceptical of their magic powers.

A YOUNG man wrote Gayle Norman the 2nd, one of the leading psychologists of the Mexican border fraternity of radio spooks, stating there were no funds with which to meet a mortgage of \$4,500 on his mother's home; would the loan they were negotiating go through

in time to save the home? The reply was that the loan would not go through, but some money would come to the family from an unexpected source in time to save the property. The day before the mortgage fell due, the mother went into the attic to search for some lost articles. In the course of the search she found under a loose board exactly \$4,500 which had been hidden there by her grandfather!

Certain notorious criminals in Texas had evaded the law successfully for too long a time. A peace officer with different ideas consulted Ethel Duncan, dean of women spooks, who employs as her trade name "The Good Samaritan," and the outlaws were promptly apprehended!

Are such records as the above proof that these radio mentalists can, indeed, perceive things hidden from us ordinary mortals? Or do they merely prove the prevalence of coincidence?

Gayle Norman the 2nd, whose mystic influence is credited with the finding of the long concealed sum which redeemed the mortgage in Oklahoma, visited the Kentucky Derby recently, and dropped most of his savings on the ponies. Ethel Duncan was swindled and deceived by a business partner. Was the outcome of the races too much for

Gayle to foresee? And could not Ethel's powers of divination warn her that her partner was making misstatements to her?

Now, here is the most surprising thing of all. Gayle Norman never even saw the letter from the young man in Oklahoma, much less the answer foretelling the materialization of the cash to pay off the mortgage!

HE receives as high as 2,000 letters a day, many of them long, rambling and illegible. He does not attempt to read them, but employs a staff of trained secretaries who read the letters and answer the questions according to general rules laid down by Mr. Norman. These rules contain certain taboos. For instance, no advice must be given which might lead to suicide, murder, or any act of a criminal nature. Questions pertaining to marital affairs must be answered in a manner to harmonize rather than disrupt families. Crime must not be discussed, and neither must queries bearing on the policies of the United States Government.

Does his master mind operate through the minds of the secretaries who in reality answer the questions sent to Mr. Norman? Is there anything to this "spooking" proposition, or is it just a racket? Your answer to that question is as good as mine.

I have spoken of Gayle Norman the 2nd, in particular, because for over two years he has been the most popular mentalist operating over the Texas-Mexico border stations. He has been located both at XEAW in Reynosa, Mexico, and at XEPN, at Piedras Negras. His announcer introduces him as the man who knows and has experienced life. You may think of him as an elderly sage, or at least a middle-aged man of pensive gravity and the experience which comes only with mature years. As a matter of fact, he is under thirty, good looking, with large, brilliant, blue eyes, wavy brown hair, and is a natty dresser.

WHEN recently pending Mexican legislation threatened to abolish radio psychologists—"spooks" to the profession—XEPN, at Piedras Negras, Mexico (with remote control broadcasting studios on this side of the line at Eagle Pass, Texas), concluded to cash in on such remaining time as was vouchsafed before the new laws went into effect. Three other spooks were engaged: Brandon, "Man of Destiny," an astrologer; Ethel Duncan, the "Good Samaritan," a secess somewhat on the order of Norman himself; and Marjah, a mysterious, Hindoo type of mentalist. Mr. Norman resented the intrusion of all this competition. The newcomers might be Indian princes, or second sighters or seventh sons of seventh sons, but Gayle did not care what they were sons of; they were poaching on his particular psychic preserves.

He informed the station owners that if the intruding spooks continued on the air, XEPN would be closed by the Mexican government not later than the middle of March, and would remain closed until the contracts of the other spooks were cancelled and his own contract renewed. The owners scoffed at such a prediction. Their spooks were engaged to minister to the superstitions of their audiences, not to put any "hoodoos" on the station itself. Plenty of red tape lay ahead, before Mexico would be ready to act on the new laws, just then being discussed, relative to border stations licensed by the Mexican government. Besides, XEPN had inside connections in Mexico City. Mr. Norman, however, made his preparations to leave for Kentucky during the enforced shut-down which he had predicted.

ON March 15th, Mexican officials ordered XEPN off the air. XER, the station owned and operated by Dr. John Brinkley, of rejuvenation fame, had already been closed because Dr. Brinkley's broadcasts conflicted with medical laws of the Republic of Mexico. XENT, at Laredo, was just opening, with a less powerful wattage than the older stations. XEAW, at Reynosa, was closed for repairs and internal changes.

XEAW, which, by the way, is having its call letters changed to XEM, is scheduled to open again early in July, with Ethel Duncan, the Good Samaritan, occupying its chair of psychology.

All the rival spooks have filtered out of XEPN, with the exception of Brandon, Man of Destiny, and Gayle Norman "foresees" his early egress. Mr. Norman has returned from Kentucky to resume his sway at XEPN. Whether the return of the prodigal spook at this time is due to the fact that he dropped his bank roll at the Derby and desires to replenish it, or to some occult assurance that the conditions of his prediction are about to be fulfilled and XEPN is about to reopen with himself as the station's sole mentalist, is also a question which only a radio spook may answer.

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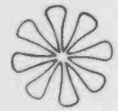
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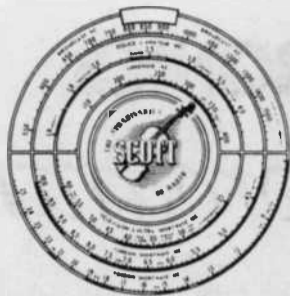
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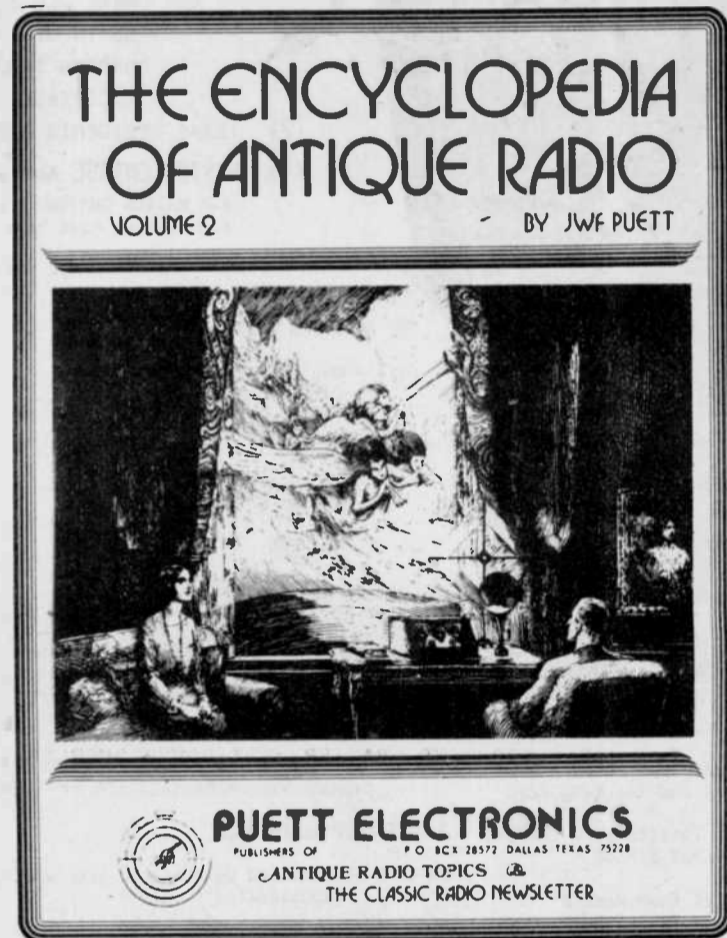
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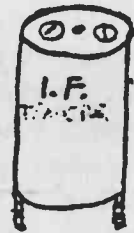
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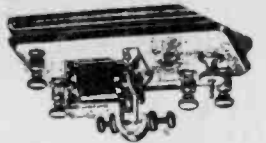
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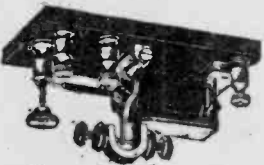
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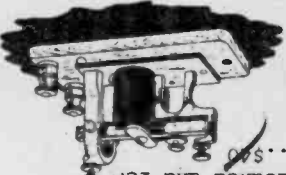
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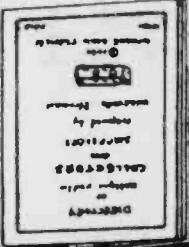


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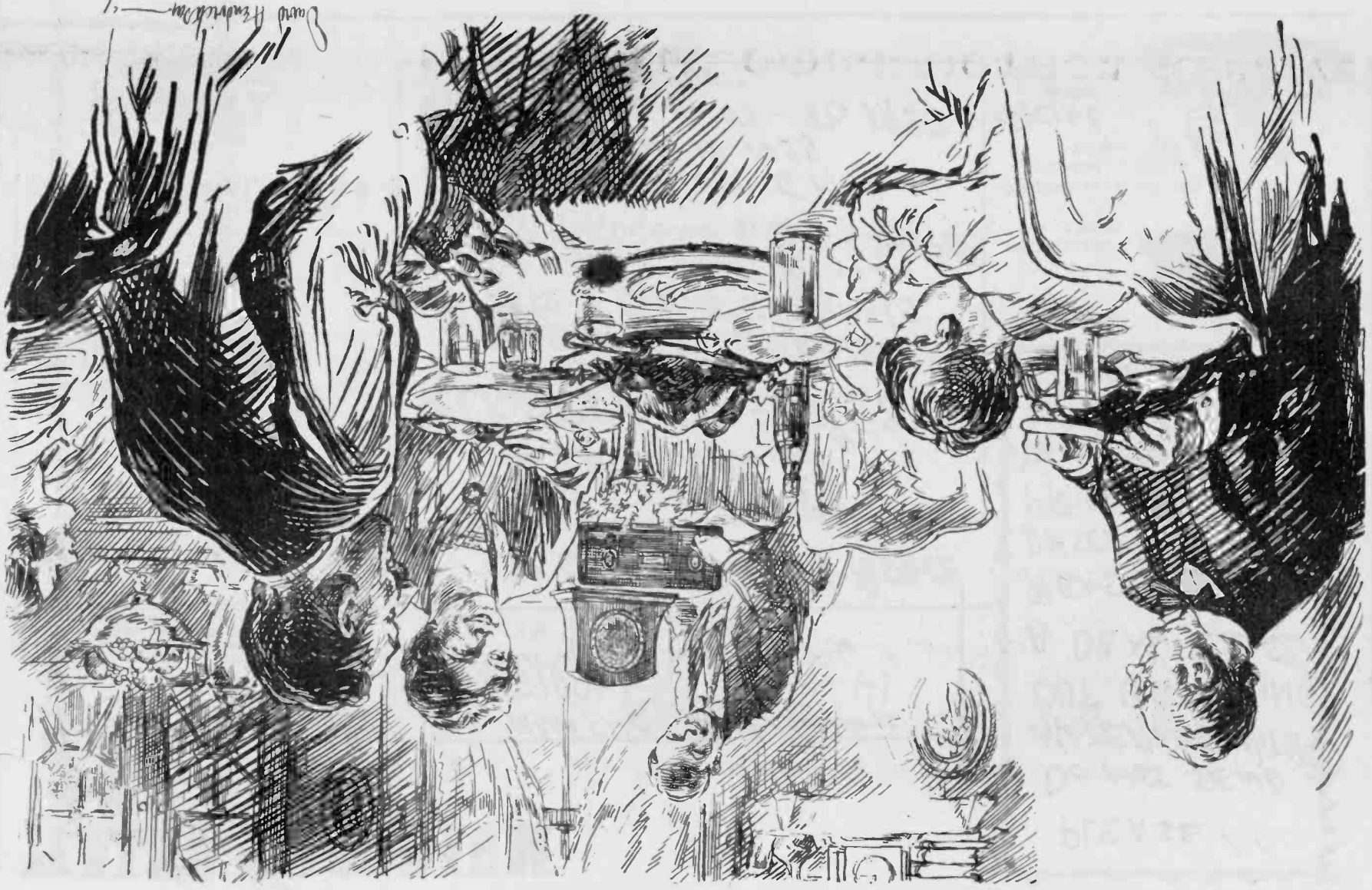
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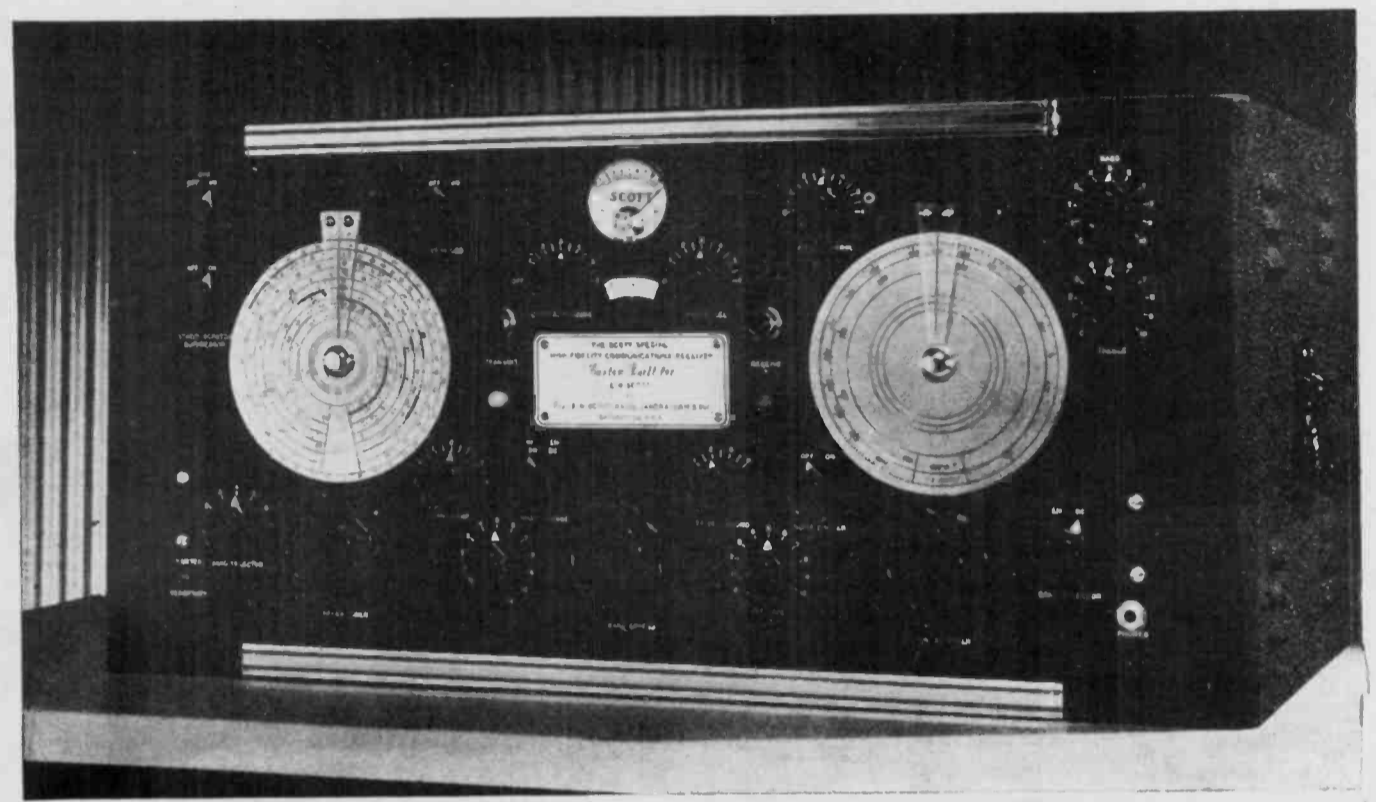
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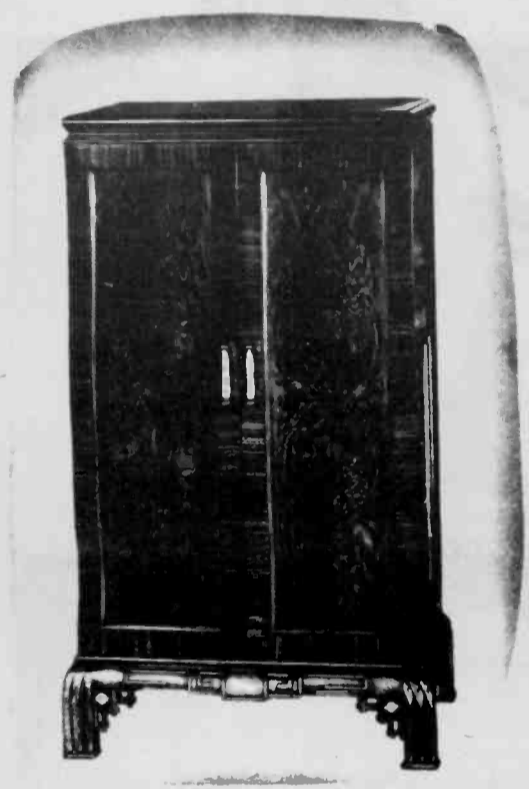
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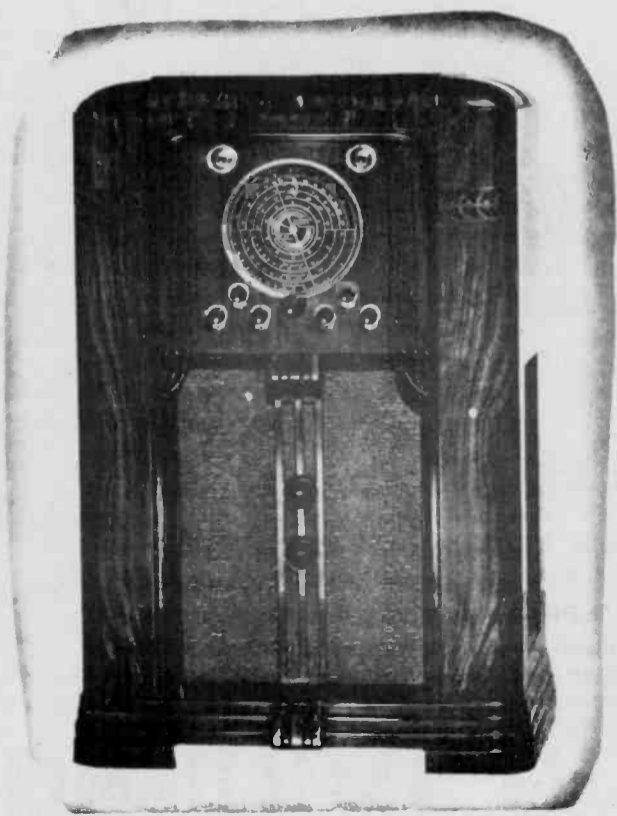
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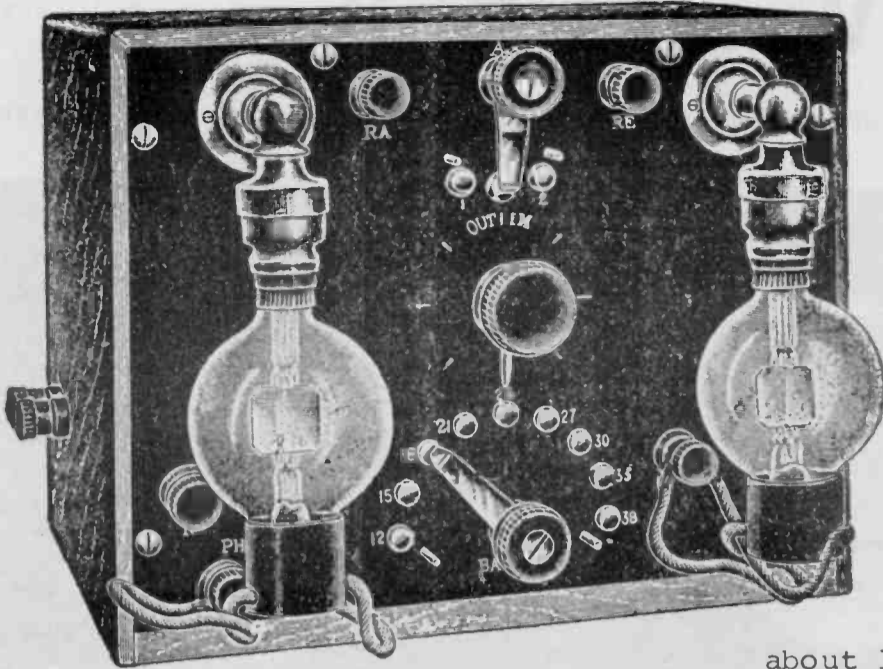
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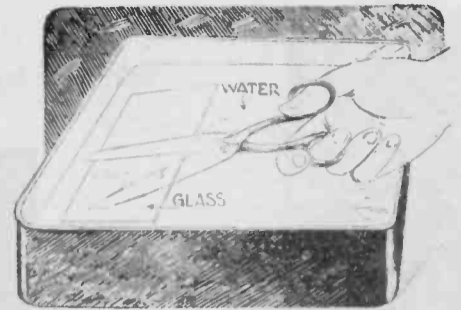
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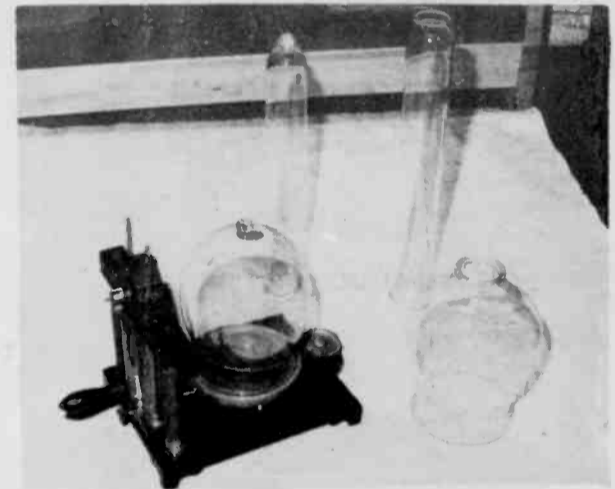
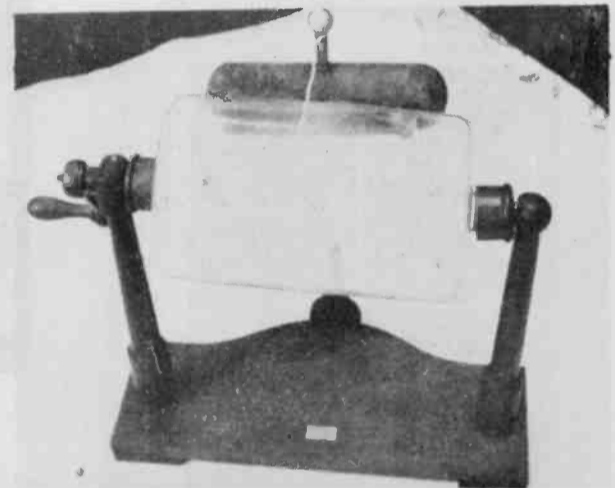
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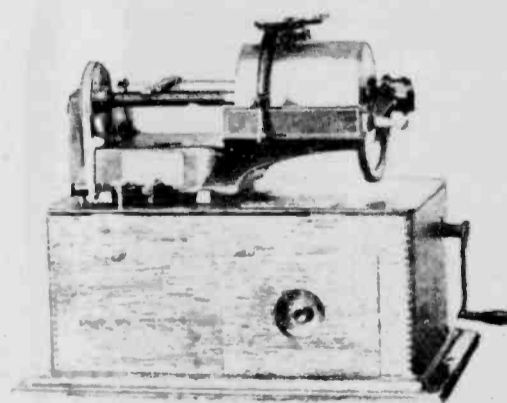
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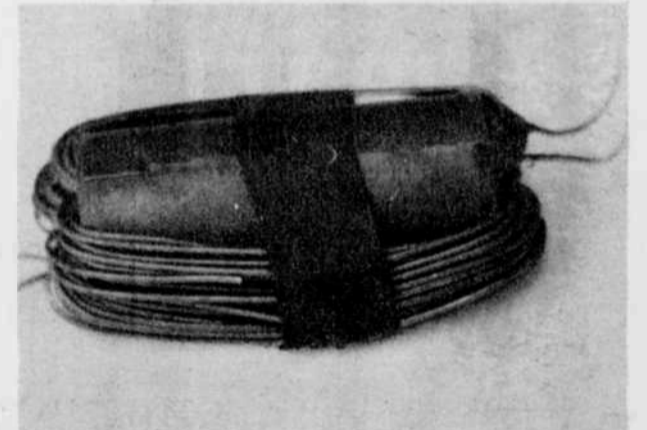
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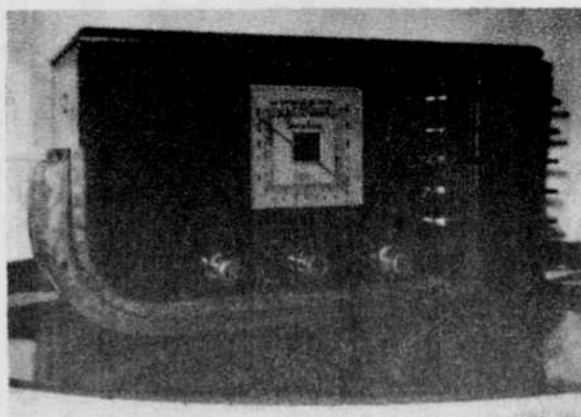
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