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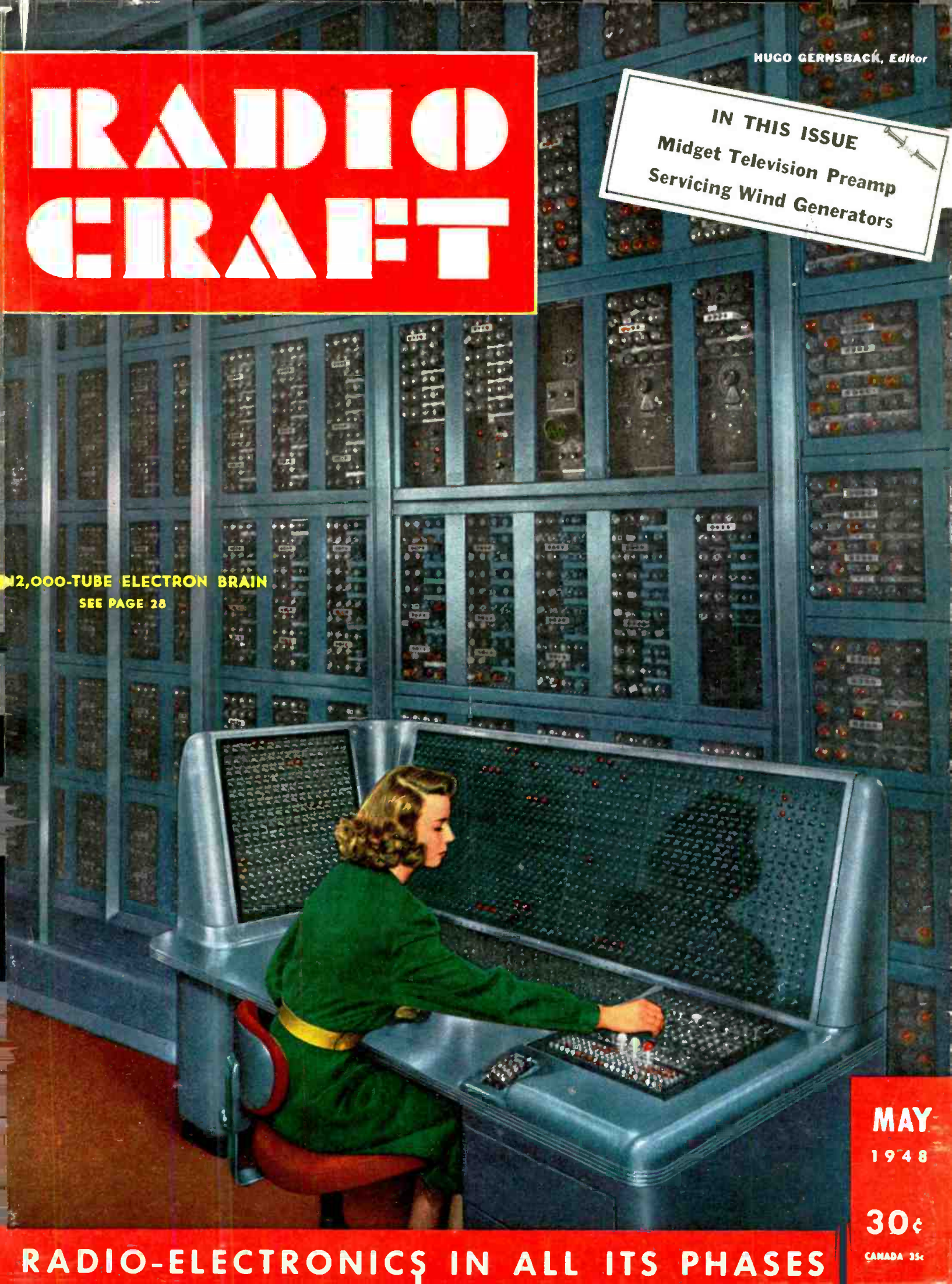

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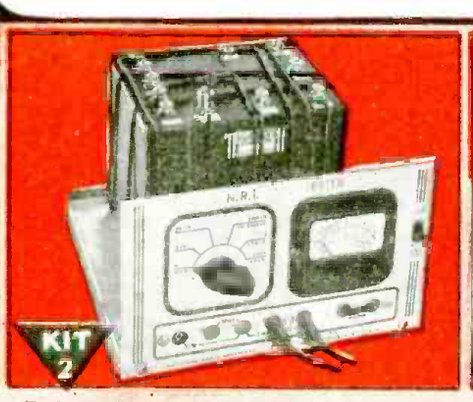

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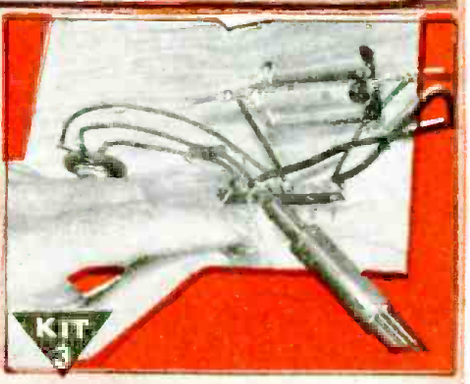

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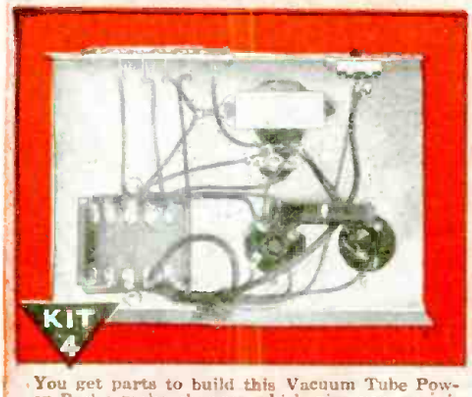

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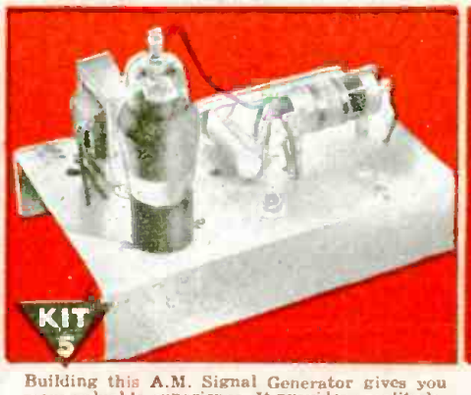

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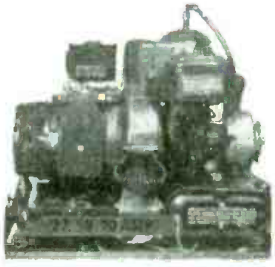

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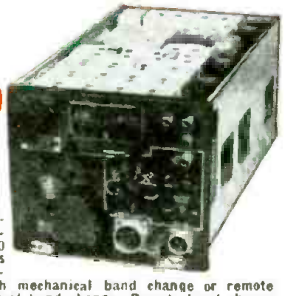

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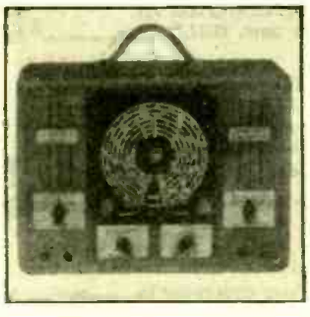

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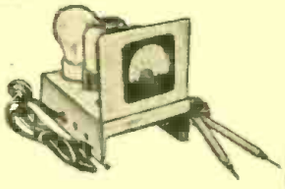

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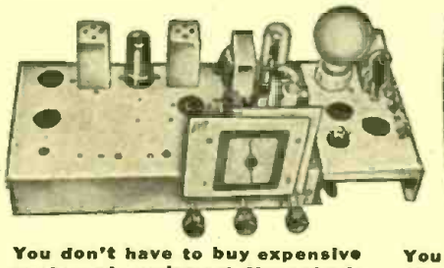

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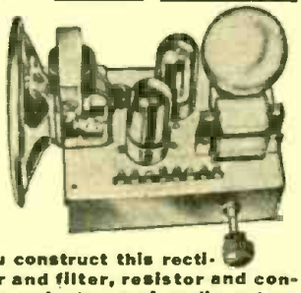

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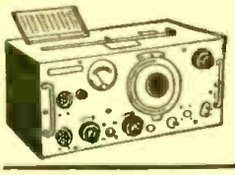

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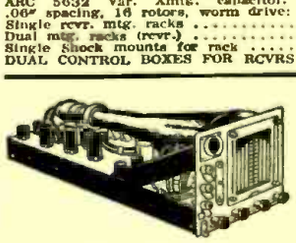

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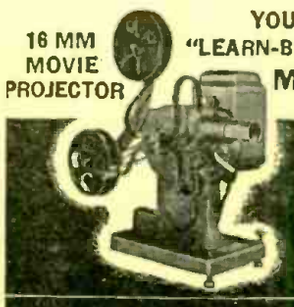

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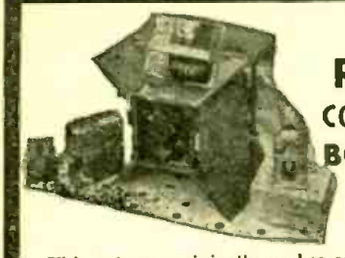

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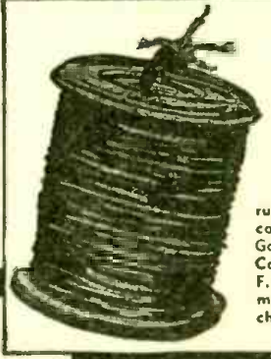

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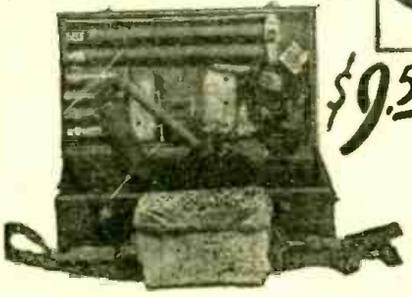

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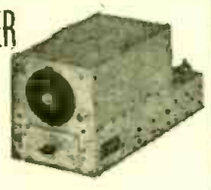

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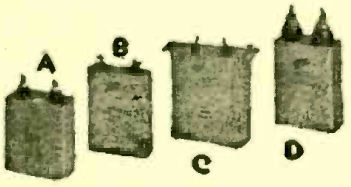

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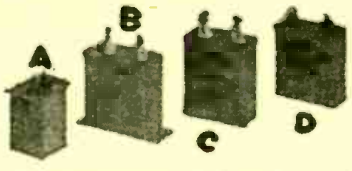

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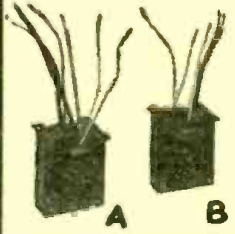

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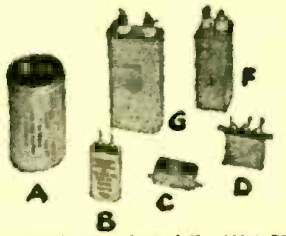

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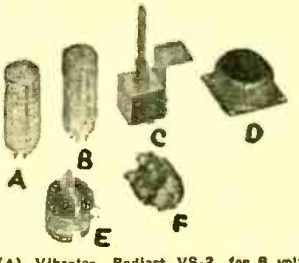

(A) Vibrator, Radiart VS-3, for 6 volt battery operation, used in vibrator supply PE104—which is used with BC654A transmitter-receiver. Type J-4 ....NEW $1.95

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(C) Relay, 110 volt 60 cycle AC plunger type for door interlock .....NEW 85c

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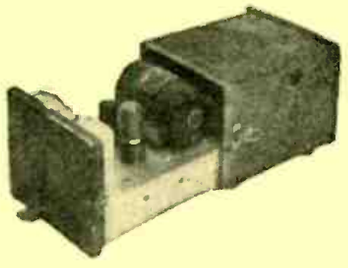
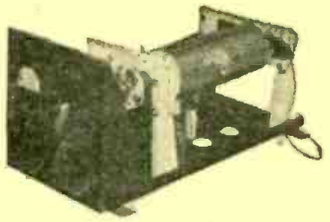


Interphone Amplifier, size 7" x 9" x 6" high, weight about 12 lbs. packed. Contains 6SJ7 and 6V6 tubes, 24 volt dynamotor. Use for phono or intercom amplifier. **$3.75**



Antenna Tuning Unit BC-729-C, size about 9" x 9" x 19" overall, weight 24 lbs. packed. Contains 0-15 ampere RF ammeter 3½" square case, Tuning Inductance, having 60 turns heavy wire on 3½" dia. coil form, completely variable, also split stator coil with swinging link, vernier dial and revolution counter, will easily handle 500 watts of RF power. Will match up any length antenna to any common frequency for amateur transmitters. **$9.50**

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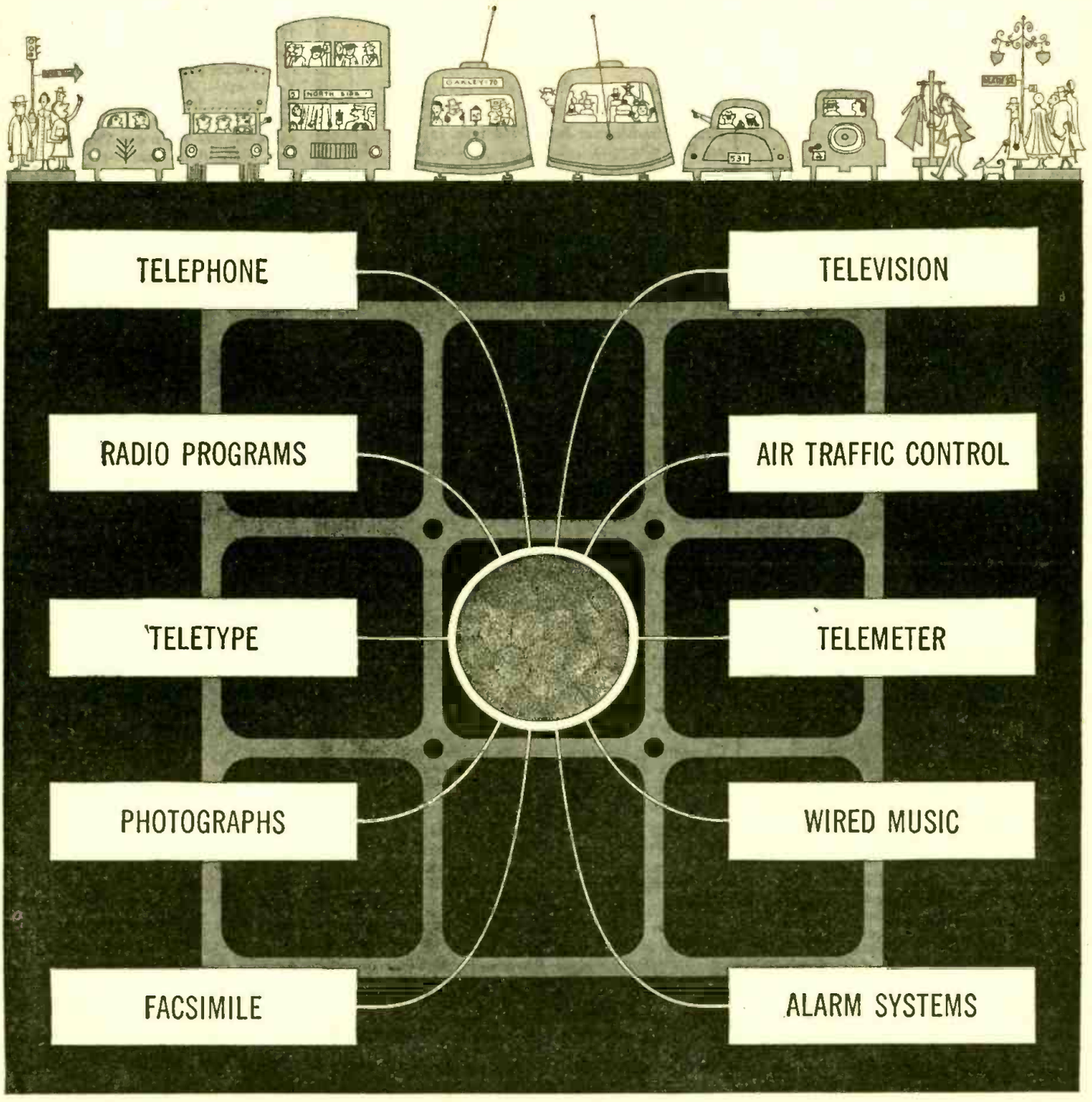

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It is certain that the wired radio receiver with its hundreds of wires and soldered connections will soon be completely outmoded.

The reason for this is elementary—from an economic standpoint wired and soldered radios are already dated, due to the tremendous labor costs. Then, too, receivers tend to become more complex as time goes on and the vast multiplicity of soldered connections no longer are workable. Servicing such sets is becoming more and more of a nightmare for that reason. Tracing circuits during trouble shooting is often a hopeless procedure and as the art progresses it becomes more hopeless both physically and economically.

At the present time top radio receiver manufacturers are racing toward the day when the wired component receiver will be replaced by something much simpler, which is cheap to assemble, and which will make servicing in the future a picnic—compared to our present receivers.

As reported in these pages repeatedly, the future receiver will either use a printed circuit in which the connecting wires are printed on a solid sheet of insulating material, or applied by some similar means. There are—and we mention only a few—the following:

Instead of printing the circuit it can be electroplated; it can be applied by the so-called silk screen process; or it can be done by spraying molten metal onto the surface.

Such new circuits also include the various resistors which are no longer solid blocks, but instead lines printed, sprayed, or applied to the surface by other means. An entire new art is springing up along these lines.

So far no "printed" radio sets have been produced for public consumption in the United States, but during the war there was great activity in this new art.

Dr. Cledo Brunetti, of the Bureau of Standards, outstanding exponent of printed circuits, produced many war radio sets where small size and guarantee of absolute performance were the prime considerations. These, however, were mostly along the miniature radio receiver lines. Standard receivers for home use, however, have so far not been produced.

In England one or two manufacturers have produced such radios, particularly those of the sprayed-circuit variety.*

Up to now there has not been an all-embracing term in the English language which would do justice to this new and very important art. Not all circuits are printed, nor are they plated, nor sprayed. Yet they all come under the same general classification.

We therefore advance the term "*appliqué*" (from the French)—rhymes with bouquet. The English dictionary defines the term as follows: "Appliqué—decorative detail superimposed on a solid ground, as in 'appliqué work.'"

Similar terms are "appliquéd" and "appliquéing." This term is now being used in various industries, such as textiles for instance.

The nearest all-English term would be application—"the act of applying or laying on," but obviously this term cannot be used. We can use the new term in various ways as: appliqué radio receiver; appliquéd radio circuits; appliquéing a circuit.

The great advantage of these new appliqué receivers is the fact that most handwork is done away with. *There are no soldered connections*—everything either being screwed on, riveted, or fastened by other mechanical means. This means that—as is now done in England—an entire radio set can be made by a robot; i.e., a machine that does all the work from beginning to finish, delivering the complete chassis at the other end of the production line. No human hand touches the chassis while being processed. This cuts manufacturing costs tremendously.

The enthusiastic proponents of the new art foresee the day when the average superheterodyne chassis, minus tubes and loudspeaker, can be sold for $1.00—certainly less than $2.00. The serviceman simply will take out the old chassis and discard it, replacing it with a new one. He will no longer hunt for hours to find a loose or intermittent connection—it will be far cheaper to install a new complete chassis with all its wiring, resistors, condensers, etc.

Some servicemen seem to think that this will ruin their business: Quite to the contrary, they will make *more* money because it will give them more time for installation and other radio work rather than wasting precious hours in hunting for open connections, blown condensers, burned-out resistors, and what not.

The future chassis will be light and small. It will weigh very little and will be completely foolproof. There will be few outside connections to be made to it, such as tubes, loudspeakers, etc.

Moreover, *the new appliqué radios will be equipped with miniature tubes*, for which they are ideally suited. To show how the wind blows, we quote the remarks recently made by L. W. Teegarden, vice-president of RCA Tube Department:

> "Today a large portion of RCA Tube Department production is assigned to miniature tubes. About 90% of all receiving tube developments is on miniatures."

Appliqué radios will bring down the price of ALL radio sets and particularly television receivers. At the present time only about 30,000 video sets can be manufactured a month. With appliquéd circuits, they can be manufactured by the hundred thousands per month, once the manufacturers have tooled up for the new art.

*See RADIO-CRAFT, September, 1947, issue.

RADIO-ELECTRONICS

COORDINATION of the efforts of radio technicians' associations is being undertaken under the leadership of the Federation of Radio Servicemen's Associations of Pennsylvania, the country's largest organization of radio technicians. Originating at a meeting held at Harrisburg in the early spring, the plan proposes to coordinate the objectives of member associations, to solicit the cooperation of all servicemen's associations with whom the Federation is in correspondence, and finally to invite participation in the organization's efforts to improve radio receiver servicing by servicemen and servicemen's associations wherever situated. The secretary of the Federation, Mr. John Rader of 704 Walnut St., Pittsburgh, Penna., was appointed secretary of the coordinating committee. Any interested individuals or organizations are requested to contact him.

The move toward coordination by the FRSAP was prompted by a review of the opinions the radio technicians representing more than 16 states at the Philadelphia convention last January.

MICROWAVE GENERATION with conventional tubes was demonstrated by DeMornay Budd Inc. at the recent Institute of Radio Engineers Convention. Development is expected to expand vastly the use of microwave equipment, which has been hampered by the necessity of designing it around the scarce and expensive Klystrons and magnetrons.

Previously, ordinary tubes, available for other purposes, have been considered unsuitable for microwave generation because of excessive transit time and grid conductance. This development overcomes these two problems by making the transit time between cathode and plate correspond to some multiple of 360 degrees phase shift. An alternate development achieves similar results by making the transit time correspond to any odd number of half periods of oscillation.

The potentialities for this development are considered to be an "open sesame" to the very roomy microwave region for amateur, citizens and mobile bands, relay and communication and navigation functions.

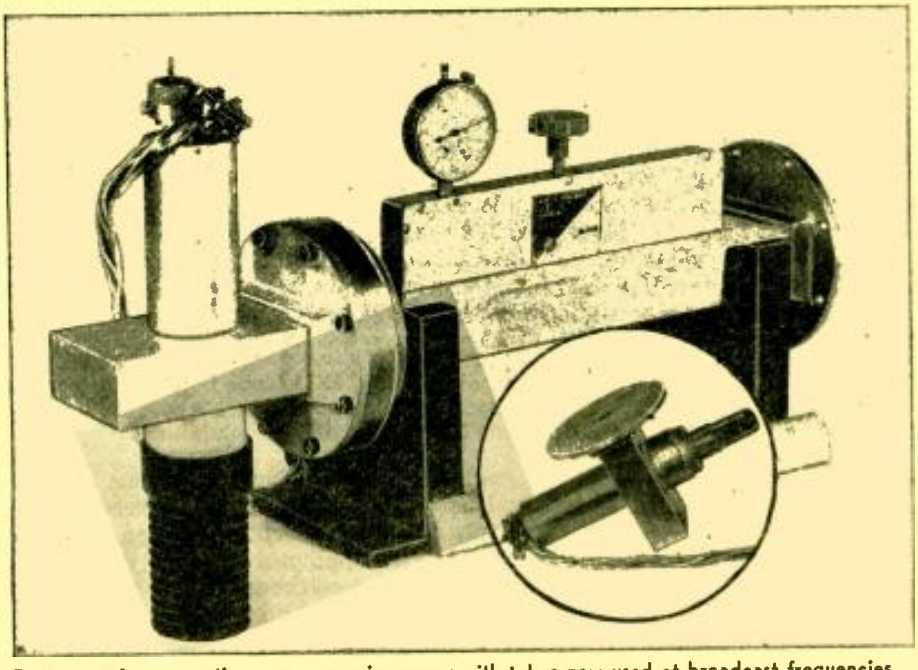
METALLIC TECHNETIUM, chemical element number 43, has been isolated by Dr. Sherman Fried of the chemistry division of the Argonne National Laboratory, it was announced last month.

One of the last four of the 96 elements to be named, technetium is revealed to be a silvery substance similar to the other rare metals, rhenium, osmium and ruthenium, which are located near it in the periodic table of elements.

Two tiny quantities of the metal were prepared from compounds manufactured in the atomic furnaces at Oak Ridge and made available by Dr. G. W. Parker of the Clinton Laboratories. Dr. Fried reported the isolation of the new metal in a report to the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

PUBLIC REACTION indicates that radio is doing a good job, according to a survey made by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center. The report released last month reveals that 70% of the people interviewed approved of the job being done by radio in their communities. Only 59% were as satisfied with their schools, 63% approved of their newspapers, and 42% were as pleased with their local governments.

A further study of the figures showed that 67% of the people were against government control of radio news, 76% opposed regulation of radio advertising, and 65% were opposed to government control of the programming of controversial issues.



Equipment for generating power on microwaves with tubes now used at broadcast frequencies.

TELEVISION COMPETITION is cutting into the movies and regular radio programs, Ed James stated in the *American Magazine* last month.

A survey of television set owners in New York by CBS disclosed that nearly half had attended movies less frequently since obtaining the set, and more than half reported there was no radio program they preferred to television. "Television," said one set owner, "is more entertaining than radio and more convenient than movies."

SIGNAL CORPS SCIENTISTS are preparing to explore the surface of the moon with radar in an attempt to map its mountains, valleys, and craters. They will use electronic improvements developed since January, 1946, when the Signal Corps first made contact with the moon from the Evans Signal Laboratory, Belmar, N. J.

The scientists said that the difficult part of the first experiment was in building a receiver sensitive enough to pick up the radar echo. Since then they have greatly increased the sensitivity of the receiver which will be used in the new experiments at Evans laboratory.

PRIVATE OPERATION of radio broadcasting in Canada is receiving strong public support, it was reported at the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters last month.

A Dominion-wide poll completed last December showed that 60% of Canadians polled favored private operation of radio against 22% in favor of a government-operated system. Canada has at present both a government broadcasting company and privately-owned stations.

RADIO FURNISHED TIME to people in California during the power shortage last March. The lack of power forced the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to reduce its frequency, causing all electric clocks to run six or more minutes slow per day. As soon as the situation became known, the principal radio stations began giving time signals on each station break, enabling listeners to keep their clocks adjusted.

ACCURATE RADAR SPOTTING of planes is prevented by this wartime development in which the plane itself in effect, becomes a non-reflector of radar signals. U. S. patent No. 2,436,-578, issued last month to Arthur Korn of Hoboken and Joseph Hess and Simon L. Ruskin of New York, covers this invention.

The plane is coated with a substance that is a poor or "scattery" reflector of radar waves. Three such substances are cuprous oxide and the elements selenium and tellerium. Various methods of applying the coatings, all involving rolling or pressure at fairly high temperatures have been devised.

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ATOMIC ENERGY will be used to power radio and television receivers in the future, David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America predicted at Boston University Founders' Day ceremonies.

"A miniature power supply in capsule form may make possible radio receivers no larger than a wrist watch, and television sets that may be carried in the pocket like a camera," declared General Sarnoff. "When that day comes people may carry pocket-size radiophones that will enable them to communicate with home or office, no matter where they are."

These fascinating possibilities are not "just around the corner" General Sarnoff pointed out, but we shall see these promises fulfilled if the world is at peace and science is unfettered. Beyond today's horizon, he said, automobiles, tractors, airplanes, locomotives and ships may be powered also by small capsules of nuclear energy.

More optimistic on the subject of atomic energy is Dr. Edward U. Condon, who at the recent meeting of the Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York City predicted atomic power plants "within a year or two" and ships running on electric energy "within a decade." Atomic power plants are now under way at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Chicago, Illinois, and Schenectady, New York, Dr. Condon told the assembled engineers, and it should be possible to realize experimental production of power within the next year or two. However, he believed that atomic power plants are likely to be too heavy for cars, planes or even railroad locomotives, though it is reasonable to believe that within a decade ships may derive their power from atomic piles.

A MICROWAVE RADIO relay system instead of the usual telephone lines is planned for the Rural Radio Network whose headquarters is in Ithaca, N. Y. The network expects to go on the air with three of its six FM stations early in May.

The new FM network, to be cooperatively supported by farmer organizations, will concentrate on the farm audiences in the agricultural areas of upstate New York.

THREE-YEAR LICENSES for FM stations will be issued beginning May 1, the FCC announced last month. This announcement complies with requests made by the Frequency Modulation Association. The Commission pointed out that it "recognized the rapid development of FM as meriting the statutory maximum license period."

First renewals will be for one, two, and three years to work into a staggered schedule of renewals by frequencies. Thereafter, all renewals will to be for the three-year period, according to the FCC.

THE INSTITUTE of Radio Engineers held its 1948 convention March 22-25 at the Hotel Commodore and the Grand Central Palace, New York City. The meeting was the largest on record, with an attendance of 15,000, as compared to the 8,000 engineers who appeared at last year's convention.

Dr. B. E. Shackleford, 1948 IRE president.

It was necessary to subdivide the subjects discussed and hold meetings simultaneously in five auditoriums to accommodate the more than 130 papers read. A symposium on nuclear science which consisted of five talks and occupied a full morning session indicated the Institute's interest in this very important new branch of science.

Dr. R. L. Smith-Rose, IRE'S vice-president.

The exhibits of new radio equipment also reached record figures, with 188 manufacturers displaying their equipment at the Grand Central Palace.

A special luncheon March 23 honored the new President, Dr. B. E. Shackleford, who with Dr. R. L. Smith-Rose as his vice-president, will lead the Institute in 1948.

THE RADIO PARTS SHOW will be held again at Chicago May 11, 12, 13, and 14. At this show, which is sponsored by the Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers, the National Electronics Distributors Association, the RMA, and the Sales Managers Club, all the leading manufacturers of radio and electronic components will exhibit their new products for the coming season.

It is believed that this year will see the industry's largest parts exhibition, and dealers, distributors and manufacturers expect to see a number of new developments, inventions and features which have been kept "under wraps" for release at the show.

TAPE RECORDINGS instead of discs will be used beginning April 25 for rebroadcasting of network programs by affiliates of the American Broadcasting Company during daylight saving time. This method will permit playbacks as needed with improved quality at lower costs.

Only regularly scheduled programs will be rebroadcast; outstanding special events will be aired live and when they occur.

"SNOWSTORM," a type of television interference that produces streaking on the television screen and is commonly produced by ignition interference has been found to be caused by the sun, it was reported last month.

Engineers of the British Broadcasting Corporation suspected the sun while they were tracing the cause of a brief but particularly violent snowstorm. A check with records of solar noises confirmed their suspicions.

TELEVISION RECEIVER production in February reached a new high level, the Radio Manufacturers' Association disclosed last month.

The manufacture of 35,889 sets in February brought the total number produced since the war to 250,937. The February television set output, 5,888 more than the January production, represented a 141% increase over the average 1947 monthly output.

TELEVISION WEATHER broadcasts are now being made on a daily basis. The ten-minute program, beginning at 6:05 pm, is carried over the Dumont stations in New York City and Washington, D. C.

EUROPEAN LISTENERS total between 150,000,000 and 175,000,000, according to a last month's State Department estimate. Over 100,000 of these are believed to have shortwave listening facilities.

THE MOTION PICTURE industry is planning to enter the television field actively, Frank Mullen, executive vice-president of the National Broadcasting Company, revealed at a press conference last month.

ELECTRET CONSTRUCTION

The author describes in detail the material, method and equipment for making electrets.

By VICTOR H. LAUGHTER

AN electret is a comparatively unknown scientific novelty which is the electrical counterpart of a permanent magnet. It consists of a slab of wax material that has been subjected to a strong electrostatic field while in the molten state. When the material is allowed to cool under electrical stress, a positive charge appears on one side and a negative charge on the other. These charges are retained for several years with little decrease in strength.

In 1925 Eguchi described a very interesting kind of electret made of equal parts carnauba wax and resin. These were melted and a high direct voltage applied while they were in the liquid state, the voltage remaining on until the mixture solidified. One theory of what occurs is that an orientation of the molecules takes place under voltage stress, this alignment being locked in by the cooling of the wax. The electret thus made shows a final positive charge on one side and a negative charge on the other. An electrostatic charge similar to the magnetic field of a permanent magnet, surrounds the electret. The writer has electrets three years old, apparently as active as when first made.

A unique feature is the action of the positive charge. When first removed from the cooker, the electret usually shows a positive charge on the side that was next to the negative polarizing plate and a minus charge next to the plus plate. This relationship is expected and is according to the law "unlike poles attract and like poles repel." Later a *reversal* of poles occurs; the positive side becoming negative, and the negative side positive. Once made, this reversal is permanent. The result is that the polarity on the electret is the same as that of the charging voltage. The positive charge thus formed holds. This is contrary to usual action. Normally a positively charged surface attracts free negative electrons, building up a negative space charge and thus shielding the positive effect. A crystal shows the negative shield. Just why the electret acts as it does is not known.

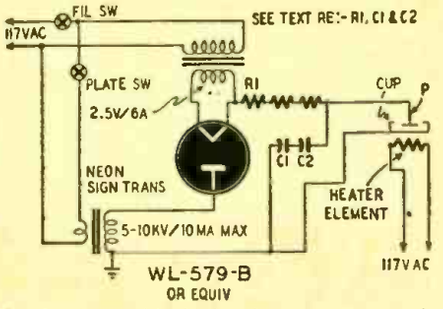

Fig. 2—A suitable high-voltage power supply.

The electret offers a wide field for the experimenter. Possible applications include a condenser mike with no polarizing voltage and no danger of breakdown, phono pickup, plate-repulsion-type oscillator, an interior element of vacuum tube in which the electret provides the necessary electrostatic voltage. Gemant has used electrets as plates of an electrometer, also as a microphone.

Equipment

The equipment shown in Figs. 1 and 2 was used by the writer in making electrets. High voltage is supplied by a neon-sign-type transformer delivering 5,000 to 10,000 volts at not more than 10 ma. The rectifier tube is a WL-579-B. Equivalents such as the 72, 73, RK-705-A, and 8013 may be used. The filament transformer must have good high-voltage insulation between its windings and should handle the rectifier tube used.

The current through the mixture decreases as the mixture cools, and the supply voltage rises to its peak value causing breakdown between the plate P and the cup. The dropping resistor R1 is included to prevent this breakdown. It consists of a number of small resistors connected in series and has a total value of about 50 megohms. One or more resistors may be shorted to adjust the voltage. The filter condensers C1 and C2 have a total capacitance of about 500 μμf and may be either air or mica types. The amount of capacitance is not critical.

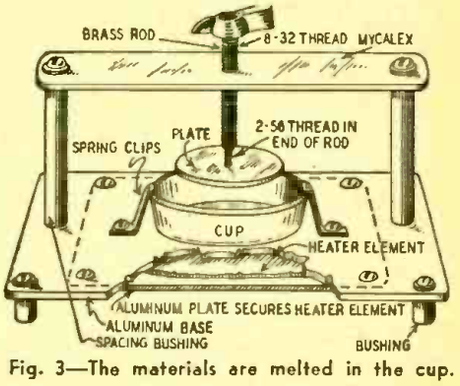

Fig. 3—The materials are melted in the cup.

Details of one type of cooker unit are shown in Fig. 3. Its base is made from ¼- or ½-inch sheet aluminum. An electric-iron heater element is mounted on the underside of the base and held in place with another sheet of aluminum.

Bushings support a mycalex strip which holds the plate. The strip is drilled and tapped at center for 8-32 threads. One end of a brass rod is threaded for an 8-32 nut. The other end is turned down and threaded for a 2-56 nut. The plate P is an aluminum disc about 1¼ inches in diameter and 1/16-inch thick, drilled and tapped at center for 2-56 screw. The cup is an aluminum drinking cup 2 inches in diameter and

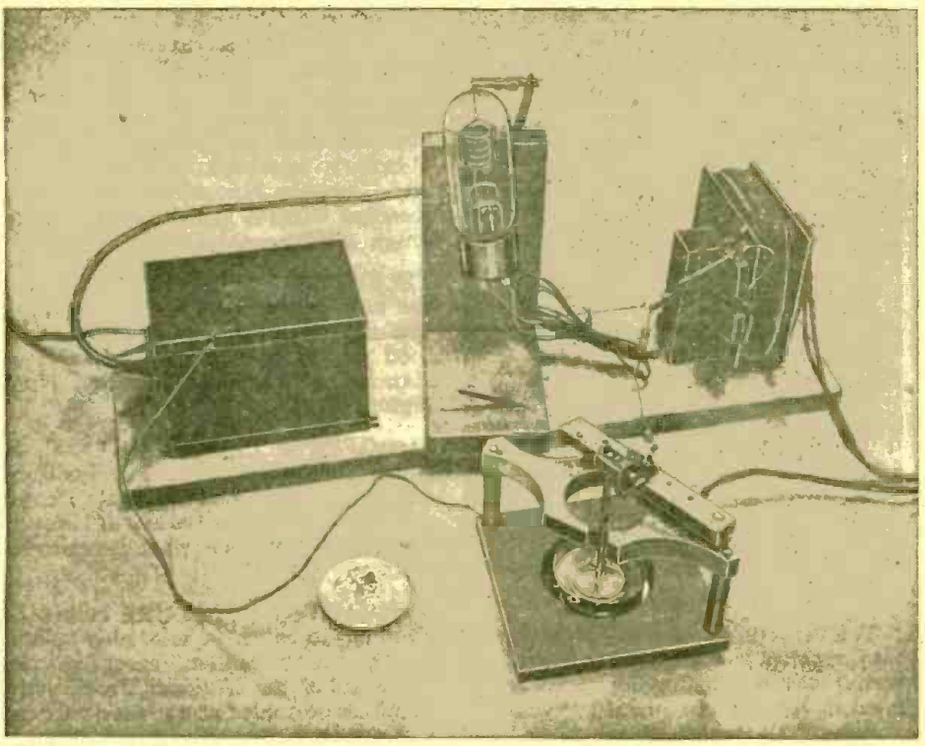

Fig. 1—Experimental set-up of one type of equipment used in the construction of electrets.

cut down to ½-inch height. Spring clips hold the cup firmly to the base. The cooker unit is simply a method for providing heat to a container holding the wax and a variable means for contacting the mixture, so you can change its construction any way you desire. The various electrical units should have separate switches so any desired operation can be selected. The writer has made several hundred electrets using sand pack, oil bath, gas heat and infrared, but prefers the type of heater shown here.

Materials for electret-making

The minimum material for making electrets consists of 1 pound of carnauba wax, 1 pound of resin, 1 pound of aluminum foil about .001-inch thick, a small can of silica gel or other dehydrant, and a quart can in which to keep completed electrets. Cut off a piece of foil and force down into and around the inside of the cup. Work smooth to remove wrinkles. Also wrap foil around the plate that is to contact the wax. The foil keeps the mixture from adhering to cup and plate, allowing easy removal. It can be stripped off later. Shave off about 2 teaspoonfuls of carnauba wax and resin. Place cup in position, run plate up out of way, and turn on only the heater.

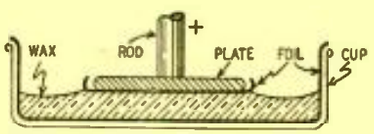

Fig. 4—Cross-section of melt ready to form.

Drop small quantities of the wax into the cup and stir the mixture with a rod as it melts. The depth of the wax should be about 3/16-inch for trial. Run the plate down until it contacts the melted wax. Connect the plate to the positive side of the high-voltage supply and the base to the negative side. The wax will wet the foil on the plate and allow backing up so that our final contact is about as shown in Fig. 4. Turn off the heater when the wax is thoroughly melted. Let the filament heat 15 to 30 seconds before applying plate voltage. The mixture should jump perceptibly when the high voltage goes on. If sparks break across from cup to plate, more resistance should be added to R1. Allow wax to cool to room temperature with voltage on. This should take 45 minutes to 1 hour. If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the product, remelt and remake. If the edges of cup are bent slightly, the cooled electret will break free and can be removed. Unscrew plate from rod and pry the electret off the plate with a knife blade. Strip off adhering foil and wrap in new foil. Place in the can—in which ½-inch of silica has been poured—until ready to test.

Testing electrets

The electrometer, a laboratory instrument, is the proper meter for testing electrets. Such meters are not generally available so other methods must be considered. The discharge test, as described here, can be made without cost and will


Fig. 6—A collection of typical electrets. Charge is preserved by foil "keeper" (No. 1).

reveal whether an electret is good or bad. To make this test, cut a disc of brass about .010-inch thick and slightly larger in diameter than the electret. See Fig. 5. Place the electret on a metal sheet (shown in Fig. 5 as COLLECTOR) resting on a block of insulating material. Hold the collector about 2 inches above the electret so that, when dropped, it will hit flat with the triangular part overhanging the electret coming in contact with the metal plate. What happens is that the collector, when dropped, travels through the electrostatic field, collects a charge which builds up, and is discharged when the triangle point contacts the metal plate.

HOW TO MAKE AN ELECTRET

A standard formula for electrets is Carnauba wax 45%, white resin 45% and white beeswax 10%.

Note that the collector has been cut with the triangular piece slightly longer than the thickness of the electret and bent down at an angle. The triangle section should be bent in or out for best spark action. *This test must be made in the dark.* Test both sides of the electret; one side will no doubt give a much heavier spark than the other. This is normal. Generally the heavier spark occurs on the negative side. The spark method is perfectly satisfactory as it indicates good or bad and, by the strength of spark, the comparative difference between electrets. A vacuum-tube voltmeter with an impedance of at least 1,000 megohms can be used and is of value for indicating positive and negative sides of an electret. This is a special type of instrument, however, and cannot be described in this article.

The wax mixture used by the writer is composed of equal parts of carnauba wax and Halowax. Halowax can be secured from the Halowax Products Division, Union Carbide and Carbon Corp. The addition of the Halowax gives an ivory-white finish, with good shrinking properties, allowing easy removal from cup. The electret should have a high melting point to be of more general use. It is advisable to experiment with various kinds of plastics and waxes that have a high melting range. Glass has been suggested as a medium and preliminary tests show some conductivity. The actual arrangement of the furnace, electrodes, and leads is a serious problem for the experimenter.

It may be that actual conductivity is not important as the electrical stress will no doubt give the proper orientation. So far tests indicate that the electret must have a fairly hard and brittle finish. Likewise some carnauba wax, even though in minute quantity, must be included in the mixture. Some component of carnauba wax forms under the electrical stress the permanent characteristic of an electret, but just what this element is is not known. Electrets

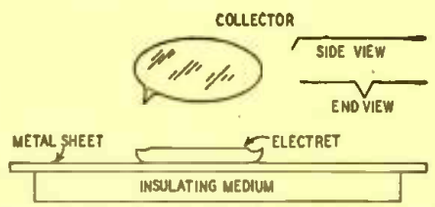

Fig. 5—Simple electret-testing equipment.

made without carnauba wax show only a temporary charge. It has been suggested that the carnauba shrinks when cooled, developing high internal stress resulting in a piezoelectric effect. This theory (if correct) indicates that certain kinds of glass should become electrets under proper treatment.

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Electronic Visibililty Meter

This device measures the air's clearness

By S. R. WINTERS

INDICATING the approach of fog six hours before the human eye sees it, this device designed by the National Bureau of Standards is a promising safety device for airports. It also can give reliable indication of the lifting of fog long before the naked eye can detect such clearance. The device can likewise control glaring approach lights and fog-dispersal apparatus at airfields and may have many other uses.

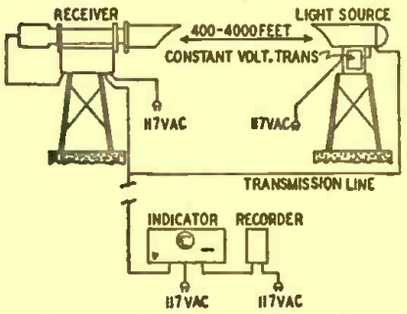
The Bureau of Standards calls this equipment a transmissometer. It is a four-in-one piece of apparatus—a light transmitter, a phototube receiver, an amplifier, and an indicator. This electronic gadget operates on the principle that the amount of light reaching the receiver from the transmitter is determined by the thickness of the fog or other obscuring atmospheric condition. The distance between the transmitter and receiver may be varied, but in practical tests good results have been achieved at ranges varying from 400 to 4,000 feet.

The transmitting unit has a 6-volt, sealed-reflector lamp, with a candle-power of 350,000, which differs from a sealed-beam headlight only in its cover and filament. The brilliancy of the light is controlled precisely by a voltage-regulating transformer. Adjustments are made by a series rheostat.

The receiver includes a lens, a diaphragm, a photo-pulse unit, and an amplifier. Light from the transmitter, focused by the lens on a pinhole in the diaphragm, falls on the phototube. The receiver develops voltage pulses at a frequency directly proportional to the intensity of the light falling on it. These pulses are amplified and sent over a signal line to the indicating unit. Frequency of these pulses ranges from 60 per second in fair weather to one every 20 minutes in thick fog.

The indicator consists of a two-stage amplifier, a frequency-measuring unit, and a calibrator. Since the latter operates from a standard power line, the calibration frequency is 60 cycles per second. The two-stage amplifier boosts and sharpens the incoming pulses, as well as cutting down noise picked up by the transmission line. The frequency meter levels and averages these pulses, thereby giving a reading directly proportional to the pulse frequency which is proportional to the transmission of the atmosphere between the light source and the receiving unit.

The indicator unit affords both dial readings and a record on a revolving drum, and can operate as far as 10 miles from the receiver. This flexibility

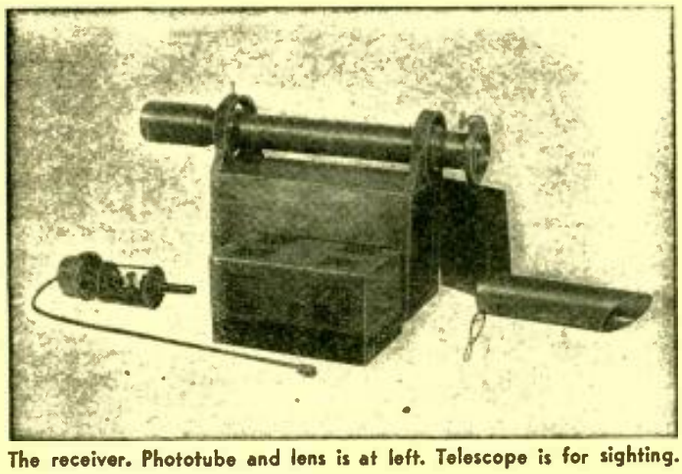


How the transmissometer equipment is set up.

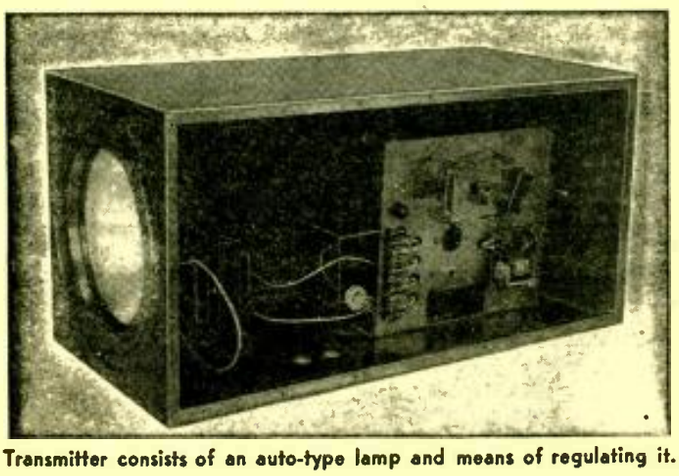
permits installing the indicator in the airport control tower and also the use of more than one transmissometer to "finger" across various sectors of the airport, while having the various indications converge at a single point for central observation.

Experimental units of the transmissometer are in operation in studies on fog-dispersal measures, glaring approach lights, visibility, and airport lighting equipment. Five are functioning at the Joint Landing Aids Experiment Station at Arcata, California. Others are in use at the Civil Aeronautics Administration's Experimental Station, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and at the Naval Air Test Center of the Bureau of Aeronautics, for visibility and airport lighting equipment tests; and at the Tiffany Foundation, at Long Island, N. Y., under guidance of the National Defense Research Council.

The Bureau of Standards lists six main uses for its electronic brain-child in aviation: (1) for controlling high-intensity apparatus; (2) as a supplement to routine visual observations by a continuous record of atmospheric conditions; (3) as replacement for visual observations where trained observers or satisfactory lights are not present; (4) as a means of giving accurate indication of visual ranges over a limited area remote from the observer, especially in an approach zone; (5) as a method of registering variations and rate of change conditions of visual range; and (6) to afford precise indications of the visual ranges when visibility is poor.



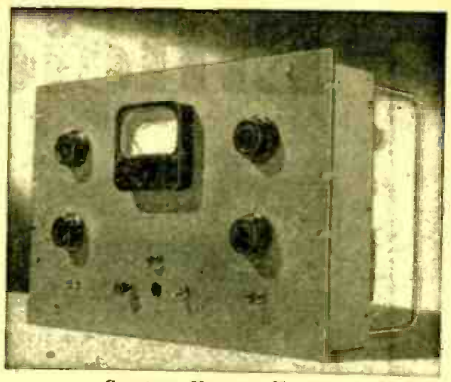
The receiver. Phototube and lens is at left. Telescope is for sighting.



Transmitter consists of an auto-type lamp and means of regulating it.

Noise Reduction In A. F. Circuits

By I. QUEEN, W2OUX



Courtesy Hermon Hosmer Scott, Inc.
A multi-tube commercial noise suppressor.

MODERN phono pickups, amplifiers and reproducers have excellent fidelity throughout the audio range. Unfortunately, hiss, scratch, hum and other background noises usually accompany the desired sounds to spoil what is otherwise life-like reproduction.

No circuits have been designed that can eliminate noise completely without affecting speech and music. It is possible to attenuate certain types of noise greatly with negligible effect on the signal. Two types of noise reducers are now used in high-fidelity phonograph reproduction and broadcasting. Each is capable of causing as much as 20 db drop in background noise.

Possibly the better-known type of noise control is the *Dynamic Noise Suppressor*. It is a development of Hermon Hosmer Scott, and is already in commercial use on a number of high-class audio amplifiers and radio-phono combinations. It is an electronic control that automatically adjusts the band width of an amplifier in accordance with the frequency of the incoming signal.

With no signal, two electronic gates limit the amplifier pass-band to about 250-1500 cycles. One of these limits highs, the other lows. Since hiss and scratch are high-frequency components and rumble and hum are very low-frequency noise, the amplifier will be quiet in this condition.

The high-frequency gate operates only on high frequency signals. This extends the upper limit of the amplifier pass-band. Low frequency signals operate the other gate to extend the low-frequency range. Between musical notes or words the band-width narrows again.

Dynamic suppressors are available in several models. They range from complicated 15-tube circuits for broadcasting to simple 3-tube affairs which give excellent noise reduction with good response for home phonograph reproduction. Fig. 1 is the schematic of the latter model.

The first tube is a 6SQ7 voltage amplifier whose diode plates are used to provide control voltages for the two 6SJ7 electronic gates. For convenience the diode plates are shown as independent rectifiers, D1 and D2. The triangular component of each rectifier is in each case the 6SQ7 cathode.

The first 6SJ7 is a capacitive-reactance tube. Condensers connected between its plate and control grid, and the high resistance between grid and cathode, cause the plate voltage to lag the plate current by 90 degrees.

Operation of the gates

The a.c. component of the 6SQ7 plate current flows through the control filter and high-frequency control circuit and is rectified by one of the diode plates (shown as the rectifying element D1). *Fundamentals* of desired high frequency components are filtered out and applied as varying bias to the control grid of the first 6SJ7. The filter allows only a narrow band of frequencies near 3000 cycles to control the high-frequency gate. This band was selected because it was found to contain the fundamentals of most of the high-frequency harmonics whose inclusion is desirable for good reproduction. If higher frequencies were permitted to operate the gate, the high-frequency noise itself would be able to open the gate. This of course would nullify the action of the circuit.

The parallel-tuned circuit L1-C6, the inductance L2 and the capacitive reactance of the first 6SJ7 comprise a low-pass filter. The varying grid bias causes a change in the tube reactance which changes the upper cut-off frequency. When this frequency is high enough, fundamentals and harmonics of high-frequency speech and music are transmitted through the amplifier.

The other 6SJ7 is connected as an inductive-reactance tube. This reactance —together with condenser C8 and the circuit capacitance—forms a high-pass filter with variable cutoff frequency, depending upon the instantaneous grid bias. The bias voltage is derived from D2, the second diode plate of the 6SQ7. After filtering, it contains only harmonics of low-frequency speech or music. Low-frequency noise such as rumble and hum do not operate the gate because these have negligible harmonics.

Several refinements are included in this suppressor. When S1 is opened, suppressor action is removed. S2 limits the amplifier frequency range for reproduction of very noisy records. S3 is a ganged push-button switch, added to demonstrate the effectiveness of the suppressor. When switched to B the circuit becomes a low-pass filter. High-frequency noise along with high-frequency sound components are attenuated.

Octave band transmission

Another noise reducer, associated with Harry F. Olson, of the RCA Laboratories, is simpler than the dynamic suppressor in principle and operation, and requires no tubes. However, special band-filters are needed.

Output from a pickup, microphone or other source passes through two rectify-

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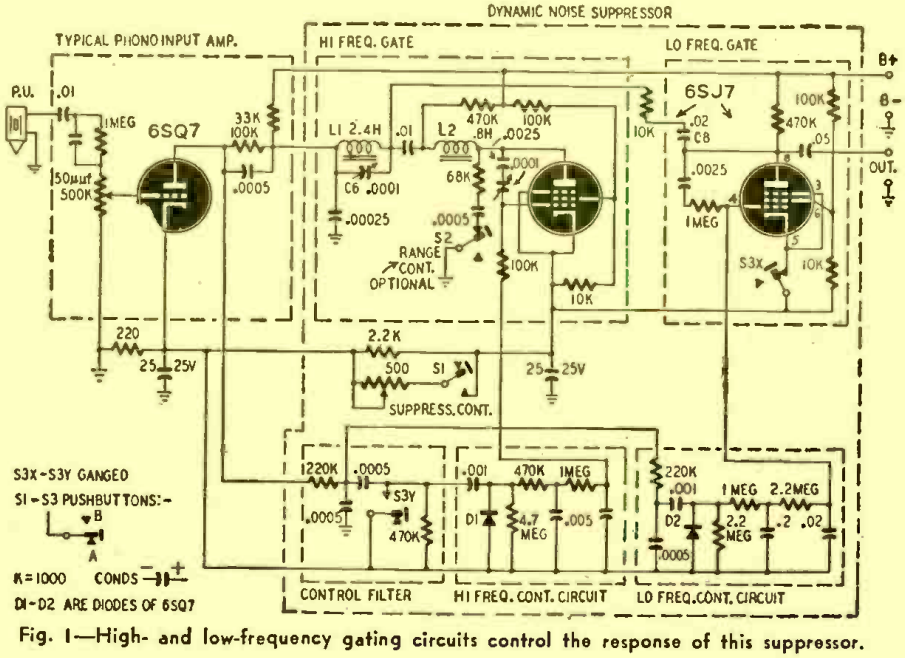


Fig. 1—High- and low-frequency gating circuits control the response of this suppressor.

Efficient 100-Watter

A transmitter which uses few tubes and components to achieve good results

By E. F. HARRIS, W8SJB

HERE is a 100-watt transmitter that has much to offer. It is simple and straightforward in circuit design and the almost miniature mechanical layout and the care taken to insure good looks has resulted in a unit which rivals professional models. The input power runs between 100 and 120 watts. If higher power is desired, this little unit is capable of pushing any final amplifier up to the allowable power limit on any band, from 80 to 10 meters. Because of this last feature, no modulator was included as an integral part of the transmitter.

To be compact, the transmitter had to be built around a physically small tube which could handle the required power input safely. An HK-24 was chosen for the job because it meets the requirements of size and power and is also very efficient at high frequencies. The other tubes are: 6L6 crystal oscillator, 5Z3 low-voltage rectifier, and two 816 rectifiers for the high-voltage power supply. A block diagram of the transmitter appears in Fig. 1.

The 6L6 in a harmonic oscillator circuit (Fig. 2) gives adequate output to drive the final amplifier on the fundamental, second, and fourth harmonics of the crystal. Feedback is obtained from the divider circuit formed by C1 and C2. Initially, C1 should be adjusted to give maximum output when the oscillator is used as a harmonic generator, and all that is necessary afterward is to choose the appropriate crystals and coils for the desired band and tune the plate tank to either the fundamental or desired harmonic of the crystal. The 60-ma pilot lamp in series with the crystal serves as a fuse to prevent crystal burnout. It should glow dimly when the oscillator is operating straight-through and should barely light or not light at all during harmonic operation.

Keying is in the oscillator cathode return to ground. The note is clean and free from clicks and chirps, even on harmonics. The .01 cathode condenser bypasses the r.f. to ground when the key is plugged into the jack. Omitting it will cause an appreciable loss of output, but, if c.w. operation is not desired, it may be omitted.

The oscillator is capacitance-coupled to the HK-24 final and provides sufficient drive on all bands. This type of coupling eliminates one tuned circuit, and is convenient to use.

The tank circuit of the final amplifier uses a 2,500-volt blocking condenser, which removes much of the danger of arcing in the split-stator tuning condenser. The neutralizing condenser is very small. It is actually one of the early disc-type neutralizing condensers designed for use with 6L6's. The disc plates are the size of a quarter, and proper neutralization takes place with the plates set from ½ to ¾ inch apart.

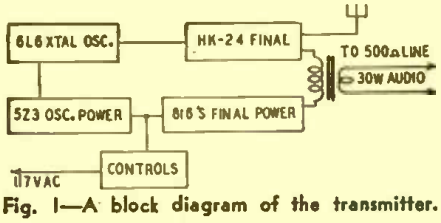


Fig. 1—A block diagram of the transmitter.

To avoid using fixed bias, a resistor is inserted in the filament return of the final amplifier. It provides sufficient cathode bias to limit the plate current to a safe value. This method is more convenient than battery bias, and the actual loss in plate voltage to the tube is less than 50.

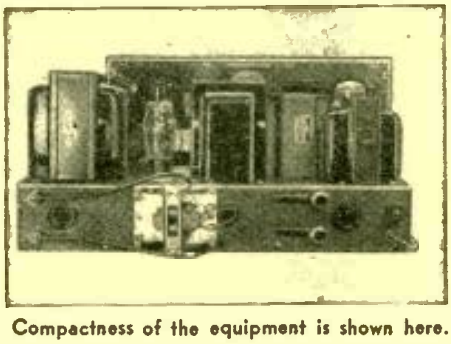
A multitap modulation transformer is mounted on the chassis between the oscillator and final amplifier power supplies. The transformer taps were selected to match the final amplifier's impedance (between 9,000 and 10,000 ohms) to a 500-ohm line. The 500-ohm line terminals are brought out to a 5-prong female connector at the rear of the chassis. With this arrangement any audio amplifier which can deliver about 30 watts and has a 500-ohm output connection may be employed.

In case a separate modulator is desired, the transformer may be used to match the impedance of the modulator tubes to the final amplifier. The transformer may be left mounted on the transmitter chassis and the modulator plate leads run to it through the 5-prong connector at the rear of the transmitter chassis.

The oscillator power supply delivers 350 volts to the oscillator under a load of about 60 ma. The bleeder resistor across the output also acts as a voltage divider to supply 250 volts to the screen of the 6L6.

The final power supply uses a pair of 816's in a full-wave rectifier circuit. The plate transformer's rating is 1,800 v.c.t. at 250 ma and the filter choke is also rated at 250 ma. Since the current drain is 100 ma under full load, the voltage at the plate of the final amplifier is slightly over 1,000 v (measured). The filter condensers are 8 μf, 600 working-volts each, and as the pairs are series-parallel connected they can easily handle the output of the rectifiers. A bleeder resistor is included to insure condenser discharge.

The metering and control circuits provide flexibility of operation, and the maximum utilization of the one panel meter. S1 is the a.c. line and filament switch. A 2- to 3-ampere fuse will, in the main line, give adequate protection. Switch S2 closes the center tap return of the high-voltage winding to ground



Compactness of the equipment is shown here.

in the oscillator power supply. It allows operation of the oscillator only when initially tuning up and also allows checking the frequency of the transmitter when listening to the receiver. Switch S3 is used in the initial tuning of the final amplifier. When it is on, a resistor is inserted in the primary lead of the high-voltage plate transformer to reduce the voltage on the HK-24 for tuning. It also energizes the relays Ry 1 and Ry 2. Throwing S3 to the off position after tuning has been completed shorts out the resistor and permits normal operation.

Switch S4 is the master send-receive switch. In the on position, high voltage is applied to the oscillator and power amplifier. It also connects the antenna to the transmitter (through Ry 2) and silences the receiver (through Ry 1). This system can readily be adapted to break-in operation.

S5 is a 2-pole, 3-position switch which connects a 150-ma meter across 50-ohm resistors inserted in the oscillator plate and final grid and plate circuits. The different currents may be read hy merely rotating the switch to the desired position. The resistors do not affect the operation of the circuits in any way.

To neutralize the transmitter, turn it on and tune the oscillator to resonance. With the final plate voltage off, rotate the final plate tank condenser. If the HK-24 is not neutralized, the grid current will vary. Adjust the neutralizing condenser, and again rotate the tank condenser while watching the grid meter. The amplifier is neutralized when turning the tank condenser causes no change in grid current.

Table I
Oscillator Coils

Band (mc)	Turns	Diameter (inches)	Length (inches)	Inductance (μh)
3.5	25, No. 18	1½	1⅝	1.6
7	16, No. 16	1½	1⅝	5.7
14	8, No. 14	1½	1½	1.5
28	4, No. 14	1½	1½	.7

Or B & W JCL series

The HK-24 tank coil is designed to work properly into a low-impedance line. A doublet antenna fed with co-axial cable or a folded dipole fed by 300-ohm twin lead will give good results. In any case, the output of the transmitter may be link-coupled to a universal antenna tuner and used with any antenna. Coil data for the transmitter is given in tables I and II.

Table II
Amplifier Coils

Band (mc)	Turns	Diameter (inches)	Length (inches)
3.5	26, No. 14	3	4
7	20, No. 14	2½	4
14	10, No. 12	2½	4
28	4, "	2½	4

*⅛-inch copper tubing or B & W TCL series

Load the transmitter till the final's plate current reads 100 ma. The input is about 100 watts with this amount of current. The oscillator plate current should be about 50 ma and the HK-24 grid current between 20 and 30 ma.

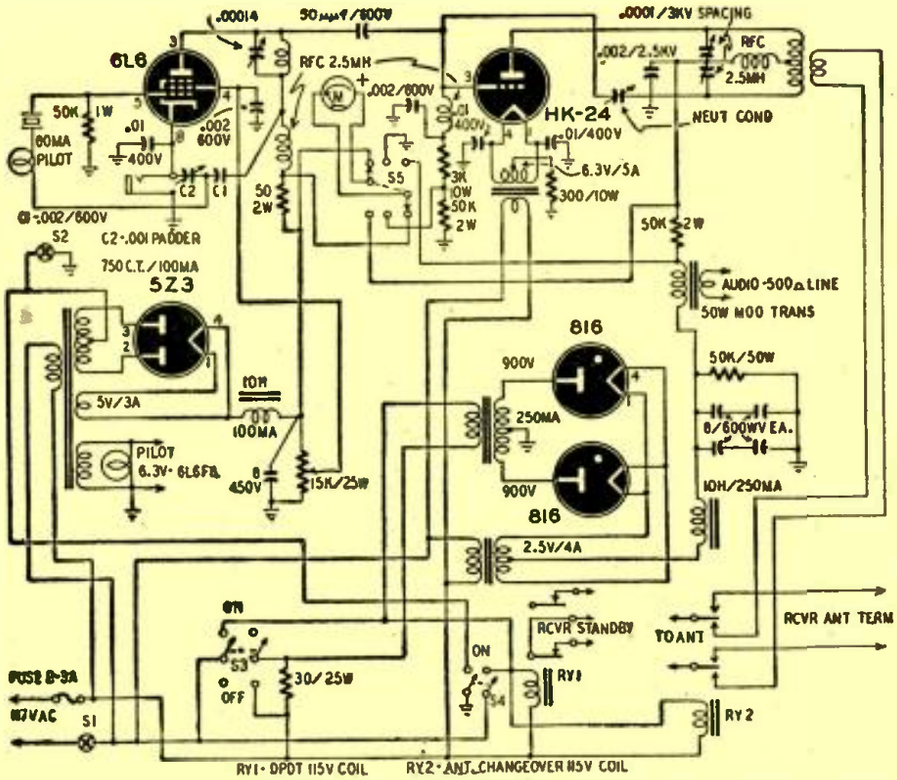


Fig. 2—The circuit is simple for a 100-watter. Provision is made for external modulation.

Amplifier Uses 6AD7 Inverter

THIS is the circuit of a good-quality phonograph amplifier with a total of 4 tubes. The amplifier uses a 6SJ7, a 6AD7, and a 6F6. The pentode section of the 6AD7 is driven directly by the 6SJ7 preamplifier. The triode section acts as a phase inverter and amplifier for a small portion of the signal from the 6SJ7 which it applies to the grid of the 6F6. Push-pull operation is thus obtained with a minimum of parts.

A low plate load resistor in the 6SJ7 stage insures good high-frequency response, and the 8-μf decoupling condenser provides a slight low-frequency boost as its increasing reactance increases the effective load resistance for these frequencies. Separate attenuators are included for adjusting the low- and high-frequency response. The .005-μf condensers from the output plates to cathode are for absorbing sharp peaks. A small amount of inverse feedback is provided by the 3-meg-ohm resistors from the plates of the output tubes to the driving plates to correct any distortion in the output and to improve speaker damping.

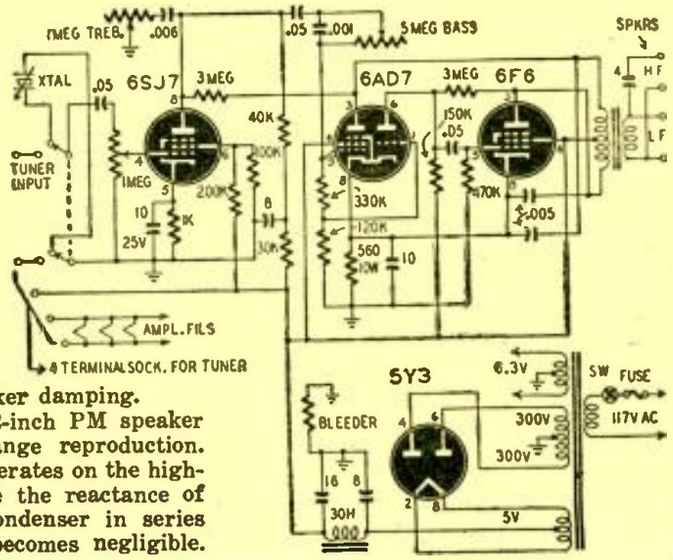
A 6-inch and a 12-inch PM speaker are used for full-range reproduction. The small speaker operates on the higher frequencies where the reactance of the 4-μf coupling condenser in series with its voice coil becomes negligible.

The output transformer has a plate-to-plate impedance of 10,000 ohms to match the impedance of the output tubes.

The tuner used with this amplifier is a conventional superheterodyne.

A d.p.d.t. switch is mounted on the amplifier chassis to switch the amplifier from the tuner to the phonograph pick-up as well as cut off the B-plus supply to the tunner.

Careful layout is important. The transformers are placed for minimum hum pickup, and filament leads are twisted and run in the angles of the chassis. All the ground leads from each stage are returned to a single point. To prevent feed-back the grid and plate leads are short and well separated.



Miniature 3-Use Fixed Oscillator

By WILLIAM LYON McLAUGHLIN

Component placement can be seen through the plastic case.

WITH so many monitors and signal generators on the market, this three-purpose oscillator makes its bid for fame only through its ultra-midget size.

As a simple signal generator, or as a monitor with phones in the circuit, it radiates a signal with terrific sock on any plate supply above seven and one-half volts. Its possibilities for c.w. with a key in the circuit are very interesting with B supply as high as 180 volts. The midget can also be used to calibrate crystals. The job has been tested on fundamentals and harmonics to 30 mc, so will obviously go much higher.

The circuit is the well proven Pierce oscillator, similar to the "CGQ" used by the U. S. Navy during the war.

The Raytheon CK-507-AX was chosen because of its small size as well as its output possibilities. The Burgess K20 B-battery was used because of space requirements. The little ceramic condensers were used for the same reason.

Requirement number one is a transparent, plastic, standard-brand cigarette case. Upon completion of the unit the case is not completely closed. The cover is permitted to overlap the body by a little over one-eighth of an inch. The two parts are held firmly together by drilling three small holes in the case and cover and fastening them with the smallest possible brass wood screws. No screw is used on the end where the B-battery is placed.

At one end of the cover, immediately above the B-battery, a plastic-bodied crystal holder adapter has been placed. Its contact pins have been cut down to about 5/16-inch in length. Three holes are drilled in the cover: two for the pins and one in the center for engagement. This last requires a matching hole to be drilled and threaded in the crystal holder. The author used a 6-32 screw which is screwed up from inside the cover.

The smallest possible r.f. choke is then mounted inside the opposite end of the cigarette case cover, as close to the top as possible. It is well to solder the 10-μμf condenser and the leads to the choke before mounting it in the cover.

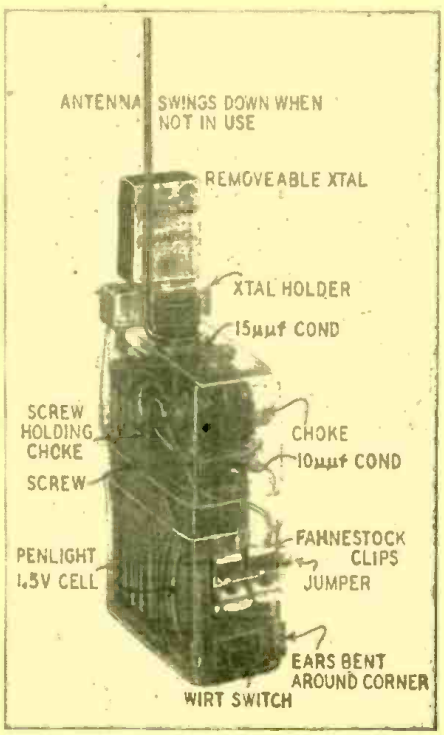
On one side of the cover, free from either the choke or the B-battery, a binding post is located. This supports the antenna, which is made from a piece of heavy wire shaped like an L, so that when not in use it can be dropped down alongside the case.

A Wirt sliding contact double-pole double-throw switch is mounted at one end, bottom, of the case, opposite the B-battery. The ears of the switch are bent ninety degrees to the body and drawn through slots cut through the end of the case as close to the side walls as possible. The ears are then bent around to hold the switch firmly against the case. Even though only one side of this switch is used it was chosen because it was the smallest available. It is well to remove the lugs on the unused side and then cut the remaining lugs down to a size that will permit soldering on the leads. To allow for the movement of the switch button an oblong hole one-half inch long and one-quarter inch wide must be cut.

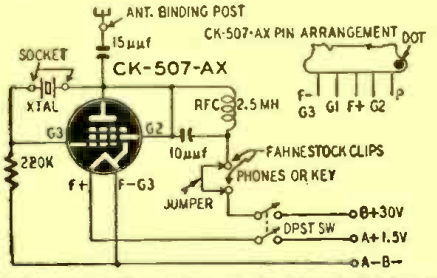
Two 3/32-inch holes are drilled 3/16 inch above the switch for the Fahnestock clips. The boss running up the end of the case will allow ample separation. As the width of the boss is about .08 inch the actual linear distance against current creepage is better than ⅛ inch.

The jumper can be made from a piece of hookup wire, twisted and soldered at one end to provide easy manipulation. This also permits attaching it to some point on the case to avoid mislaying it.

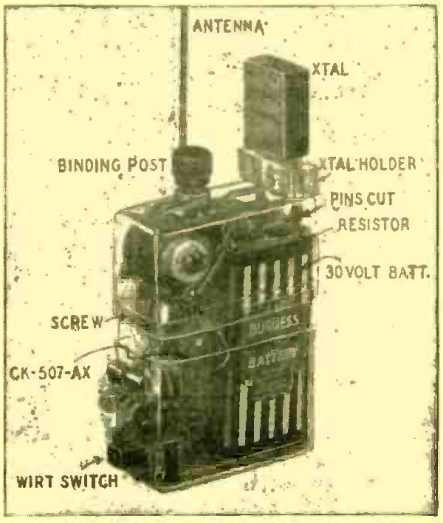
The tube pins are cut down to less than one-quarter of an inch. Pins P and G2 are soldered together. When assembly is completed the tube will be upside down next to the penlight cell and midway between the switch and B-battery. Care must be taken when closing the case to see that tube pins are kept about 1/32-inch from the lug of the choke.



The crystal oscillator as it appears in use.



Schematic follows that of the Navy's "CGQ."



All parts are referred to in the two views.

Laboratory-Type Oscillators

By WILLIAM B. MILLER

SOME oscillators for use in the laboratory are very elaborate, using 10 or more tubes, crystal control and regulated power supplies. A few are extremely simple, like the *Hummer* used to supply tone for an a.c. bridge. This is a tuning fork kept in operation by an electromagnet. The magnet current passes through the primary of a transformer, while contacts on the fork make and break the circuit.

A laboratory oscillator is required to have better than ordinary stability, freedom from unwanted harmonics, and as pure a sine-wave output as possible (unless special types of wave forms are needed for specific purposes).

An often overlooked cause of frequency shift is the relative phase of the grid-cathode and plate-cathode voltages. This relative phase shift—brought about by changes in tube electrode voltages—shifts the oscillator slightly off resonance so that the tank circuit may produce a compensating phase shift. Voltage regulation prevents this trouble. Other ways are equally effective and less expensive, although regulation is much used.

The tank circuit should have a low L-C ratio, and the grid and plate tuned-circuit inductances should have maximum coupling in feedback and Hartley circuits. Sometimes phase shift between the tube and tuned circuit occurs if grid or blocking condensers have insufficient capacitance or if shunt-feed chokes have too low an impedance.

Frequency also varies with temperature. For this reason tank circuits should not be close to large resistors or other heat-producing components.

The dynatron circuit

The dynatron oscillator (Fig. 1), if provided with automatic amplitude control, is an excellent circuit for laboratory use unless frequencies higher than 50 or 60 megacycles are wanted. It is a

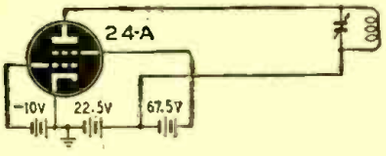


Fig. 1—Dynatron—early laboratory oscillator.

negative-resistance oscillator and depends on secondary emission from the plate for its operation. The screen grid is at a higher potential than the plate. In operation, an increase in plate voltage causes a decrease in plate current. This is a condition of *negative resistance*. Secondary emission from the plate creates this effect. The potentials on the grids (control and screen) control the number of electrons reaching the plate, while the plate voltage determines the velocity with which they strike it. The higher this velocity (within the practical limits of operation) the more secondary electrons are liberated by the primary electrons striking the plate. These secondary electrons are drawn to the more positive screen. The effective plate current is the difference between the electrons from the cathode and the secondary ones lost to the screen. When the secondary emission is greater than the cathode emission an increase in plate voltage may cause a decrease in plate current, a condition of negative resistance.

If a tank circuit whose parallel resonant impedance is greater than the actual value of the negative resistance is connected to the plate, oscillation will occur. The amplitude may be varied by changing the control-grid potential. By keeping the amplitude low, the harmonic content of the output wave can be kept small.

Transitron oscillator

Another type of negative-resistance oscillator, the transitron (Fig. 2), is an improved dynatron. The main difference is the use of the suppressor-grid.

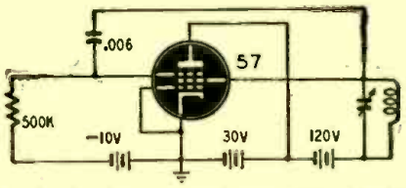


Fig. 2—An improvement over the dynatron.

It is negatively biased with respect to the cathode, and connected to the screen through a blocking condenser, so that its a.c. potential is the same as the screen's. A sudden increase in screen voltage raises the suppressor voltage, thereby permitting more electrons to go through it to the plate, usually maintained at a much lower voltage than the screen. These electrons are robbed from the screen current, with the result that the increase in screen voltage causes a *decrease* in screen current. If the screen (and suppressor) go negative, fewer electrons get through to the plate and more go to the screen. Again we have a condition of negative resistance, in which an increase in voltage causes a decrease in current, and vice versa.

Both the dynatron and transitron have frequency stability comparable to crystal-controlled oscillators that are not temperature-controlled.

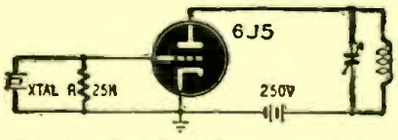


Fig. 3—Crystal oscillators are stable.

The best frequency stability is obtained with a crystal-controlled oscillator (Fig. 3).

Crystal oscillators

When a crystal is placed between two metal plates with a difference of potential applied to them, mechanical strains are set up in the crystal which cause it to produce an alternating voltage, of a frequency determined by the physical dimensions of the crystal itself. The bias resistor R in Fig. 3 controls the amplitude of the voltage through the crystal and prevents it from vibrating too violently. The Q of a crystal circuit is at

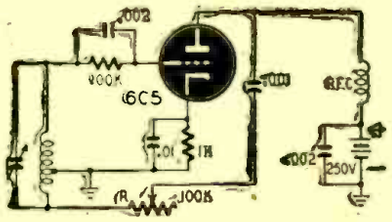


Fig. 4—The old familiar shunt-fed Hartley.

least 100 times that obtainable with commonplace capacitors and inductors. It therefore has a very sharp resonance curve, and it oscillates over only an extremely narrow range of frequencies. When its temperature is controlled with an oven, frequency variation can be kept within about two parts in ten million. Of course crystal-controlled oscillators can only be used for fixed frequencies.

A feedback oscillator is one that supplies its own input voltage of correct amplitude and phase. The Hartley (Fig. 4) is much used in the laboratory as it is easily adjusted, has excellent wave form, and oscillates over a wide range of frequencies. It is used particularly for audio and low radio frequencies. The tube, usually a triode, is operated as a class-A amplifier with self-bias.

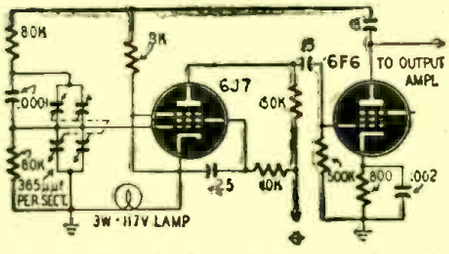


Fig. 5—Wien bridge; ideal for audio work.

R in this circuit is the resistance stabilization adjustment; it improves the frequency stability and wave form considerably at the cost of some reduction in efficiency. Since a change in the plate resistance of the tube causes a change in frequency, resistor R (usually from two to five times the value of the plate resistance) is high enough so that variations of plate resistance are of comparatively little consequence. Varying R controls the amplitude of oscillation.

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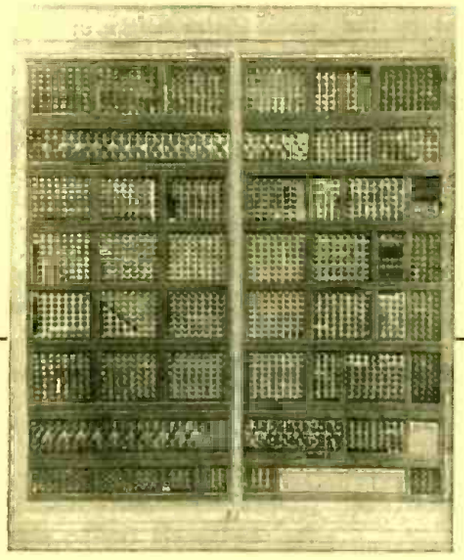
By A. PASCALE



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EQUATIONS USED FOR COMPUTING THE POSITION OF THE MOON ON THE IBM SELECTIVE SEQUENCE ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS REQUIRED FOR COMPUTING AND CHECKING ONE POSITION OF THE MOON

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ADDITIONS AND SUBTRACTIONS	10,710
MULTIPLICATIONS	6,680
TABLE LOOK-UP OPERATIONS	1,870
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LINES OF SEQUENCE INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED	1,170
LINES OF SEQUENCE PERFORMED BY CALCULATOR	10,350

Yet it took only seven minutes, with the help of 12,000 electronic tubes, 21,400 relays and 40,000 pluggable connections, all at the disposal of the scientist, to work this problem on the *IBM Selective Sequence Electronic Calculator*. Without this machine it would have taken 3 weeks.

The entire machine is made up of card reading tubes, sequence tubes, sequence relays, table look-up (for consulting reference tables), relay memory, meters, control relays, power distribution, tape memory, arithmetical unit, sequence interlocks, electronic memory, printers, card punches, and card readers, in addition to the control desk and pulse generator shown on our front cover. These are all housed in a specially-designed room, 40.6 feet wide x 86.6 feet long x 14 feet high, the walls of which are completely lined with panels of vacuum tubes and relays. These walls—with a number of pieces of floor apparatus, such as printers and control consoles—actually *are* the machine.

The calculating element of the machine adds, subtracts, multiplies and divides the numbers it receives. The machine can make 3,500 additions or subtractions of 19-digit numbers in a second; 50 multiplications of 14-digit numbers in a second, and 30 divisions of 14-digit numbers in a second. It has a storage capacity of 400,000 digits in tubes, relays and punched tapes. When punched cards are used for storage the capacity of operation becomes virtually unlimited.

Operation of the machine

Instructions are given to the machine by the scientist on punched cards or continuous card-stock tapes. The tapes are prepared in one of two ways—either by the machine itself or with an auxiliary tape punch which transcribes data from punched cards. When the instructions are given on punched cards the numerical data is converted electronically from the original decimal form to the binary-decimal form in which each digit is represented by a combination of the binary numbers, 8, 4, 2, 1, used by all the new giant electronic calculating machines.

As soon as the numbers are converted to the binary system, masses of neon lights carry on a fire-fly flickering at stupendous speed, while very intricate calculations are being made within the machine. The innocent onlooker is virtually overwhelmed by this display.

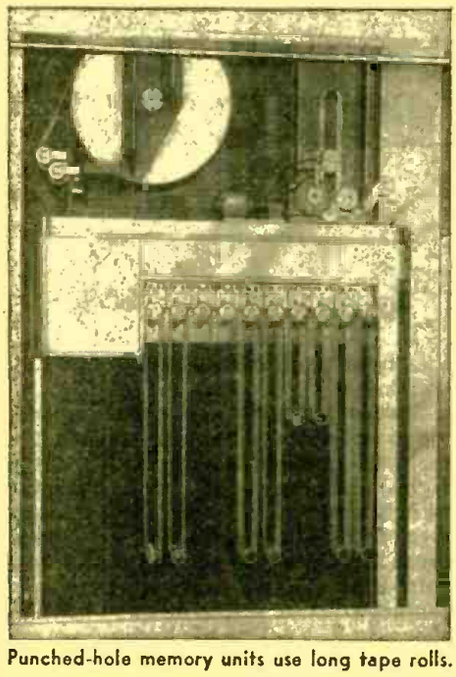
The machine follows the instructions on the cards or tapes and stores each intermediate result in a memory unit for later use in the course of the calculation. There are three means of storing numbers: electronic tubes (trigger circuits using 12SN7 tubes), relays and tapes. The relay and tape memory units are provided for general storage when large capacity is the dominant requirement. Electronic memory units are used in connection with the arithmetical unit where the need for speed predominates. But though the electronic system is more rapid, it cannot be used to the exclusion of tape and relay systems. If the present storage capacity of the machine, which is over 400,000 digits, were to be stored in electronic circuits it would be impracticable to house the machine in one building.

Not only does this machine add, subtract, divide and multiply, but it will also look up logarithm, trigonometric and other tables. If a table has to be referred to in the course of the calculation, the machine starts the tape of the desired table spinning. When the reference is reached, an electronic impulse stops it. The number then is stored in the memory section for future use.

The data for all computations and results obtained must flow to and from the arithmetical unit through any one of hundreds of channels throughout the machine, such as the reading and recording units and the great reservoir of stored results. Eight separate channels, each capable of transmitting simultaneously 19 decimal digits and an algebraic

sign, lead to and from the arithmetical unit. Traffic is directed along these channels to and from the other units by IBM electromagnetic relays. One of these relays, which is slightly larger than a conventional vacuum tube, can change twelve independent circuits in a few thousandths of a second. For some special problems it may even be desirable to change the whole mode of operation of the machine. This can be done in a few minutes by means of automatic control panels. About 40,000 pluggable connections on these control panels can be changed in units in a remarkably short time.

Problem results may be recorded either in punched card or in printed



Punched-hole memory units use long tape rolls.

record form, or if desired, in both forms. Since the machine is being utilized primarily for research purposes and because calculation proceeds at such a high speed, it is necessary that the scientists know at all times what results are being obtained, so that modifying instructions may be injected whenever necessary. Provision was made, therefore, for the continuous printing of results throughout the calculation.

The console, or operation indicator and control desk (shown on the front cover) is used for keeping a check on the operation of the machine. Have you stopped to consider what an immense servicing problem it must be to locate a burned-out filament in this maze of vacuum tubes? The control desk is useful for trouble shooting. If a tube burns out, or anything else goes wrong mechanically, neon lights in the panel on the control desk assist the operator in finding and diagnosing the trouble. A check is then made in the faulty section, the trouble repaired, and the machine goes on with its work. Of course, the trouble will be discovered only when the machine has to make use of that particular panel in the course of the calculation.

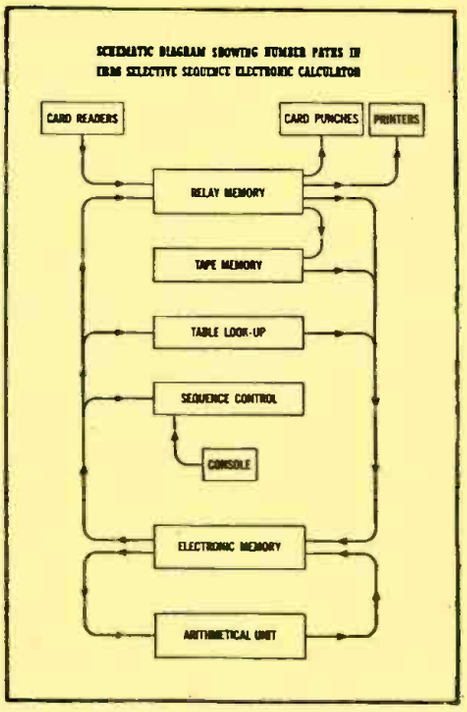
The machine requires 180 kilowatts of electrical energy. All the alternating current it uses is recitified by a large battery of rectifier tubes housed in cabinets in a room beneath the calculator. A large air-conditioning system is provided. It has a cooling capacity approximately equal to that required to air-condition completely a building containing 250,000 cubic feet of space. The system is capable of dissipating 200 kilowatts of heat.

The calculator is divided into three fire zones, each equipped with automatic temperature-detecting devices. Control of fire after detection can be either manual or automatic. Full release of the fire-extinguishing apparatus would discharge 32 tanks of CO_2 into the calculator units. The air conditioning and power supply would shut off automatically if gas were discharged. The instrument was built at a cost of $750,000.

Many branches of industry will be greatly aided by this machine. In certain commercial statistical fields calculations have to be made where complicated sequences of operations must be handled one at a time. The operations can be so speeded up as to perform calculations which now are considered impractical due to the amount of time that would be involved.

The scientist will be the one most aided by it. What once took scientists years upon years to work out, now can be done in a few hours, freeing him for further research.

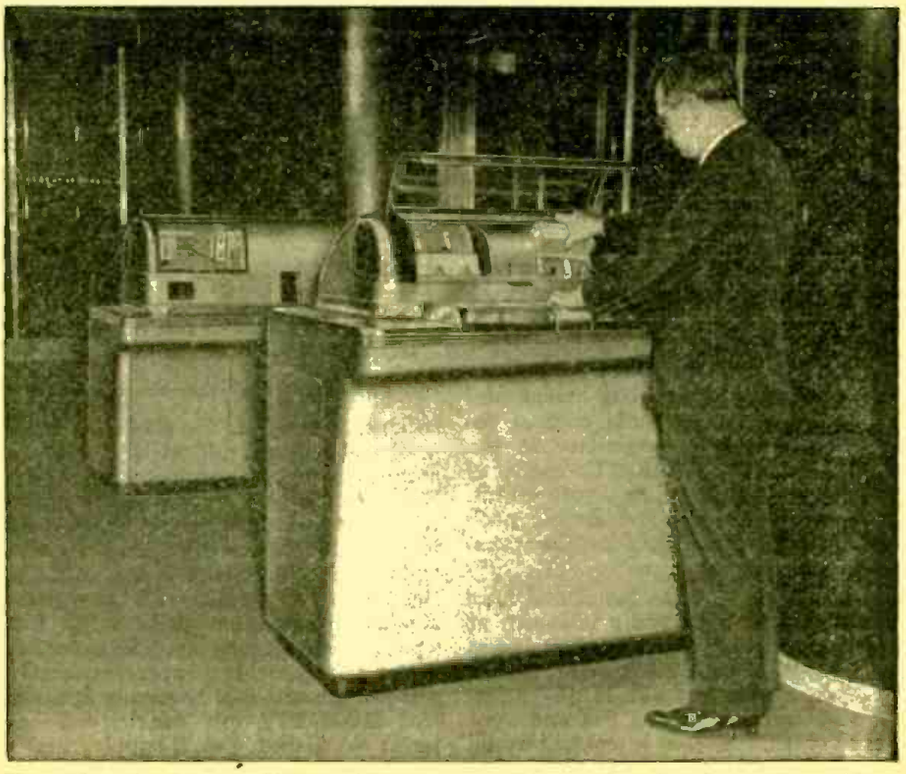
Greatest of all may be the effect of this new computer on the progress of atomic research. By performing the complex and laborious calculations required in the study of the atom, it will be a dominant factor both in keeping this country well ahead of all competitors in the military development of the atom and in speeding the day when atomic power will be available to peace-



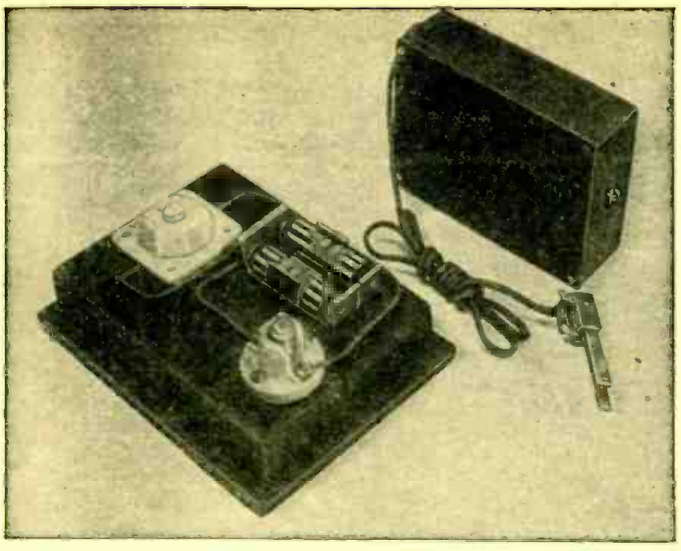
ful arts and industry.

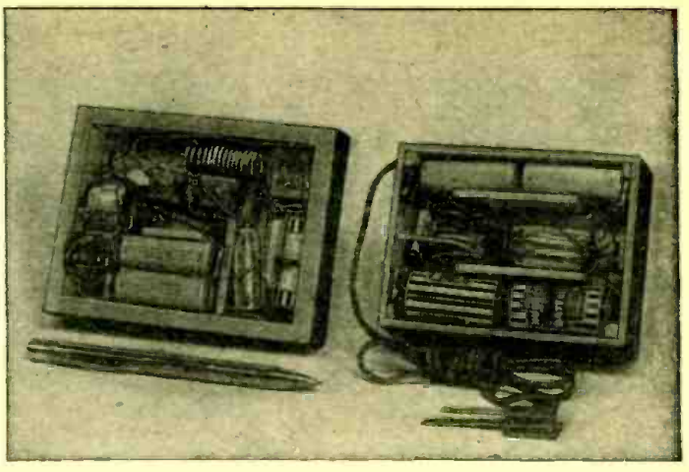
But, it cannot, and never will, replace the human scientist as its purpose is only to follow his commands. If the incorrect instructions are given to it, it will follow them. The scientist is supreme over the great electronic calculator, which is his child to assist him in exploring the ever-profound depths of science.

As President Thomas J. Watson of IBM said: "This machine will assist the scientist in institutions of learning, in government, and in industry, to explore the consequences of man's thought to the outermost reaches of time, space and physical conditions."



The card reader through which problems and instructions are introduced into the machine.





Left, Fig. 1—"The light with memory" and the secret transmitter.

Above, Fig. 2—Miniature components are used in the construction.

Light with a Memory

This remote radio control has several practical applications

By M. GORDON MOSES

IT has always been everyone's secret desire to press a button at one point and cause something to happen at another point. With the advent of radio control, this old dream became a reality. For example, model airplane construction has been combined with radio to produce remote-controlled planes which glide and turn in the sky —all at the whim of the operator on the ground.

An unusual application of radio control is the "light with a memory." The effect is startling even to those well-versed in radio. Briefly, the stage setting is this: A small wooden panel, with push-button, flashlight lamp, and batteries mounted on top, is shown. The batteries, push-button, and lamp are wired in series so that when the push-button is pressed the lamp lights. Pushing the button several times, say five, the "magician" waves his hand over the panel. Lo and behold! The light mysteriously blinks the same number of times as the miracle-worker pressed the button. Spectators are then allowed to press the button any number of times they desire, and the light—virtually a light with a memory—repeats the flashes!

The base of the panel is hollow and contains a complete radio control receiver. A compact transmitter in the operator's pocket is pulsed by means of a leaf switch concealed in a vest pocket. The lamp in the receiver flashes each time a pulse is picked up from the transmitter.

A photograph of the panel and base as the spectators see them is shown at the left in Fig. 1. The mechanical design was influenced by the special use to which the device was put. It was necessary that the unit be as flat and compact as possible, so that spectators would not suspect its existence. However, it is fundamentally a standard radio remote-controlled relay, and can be used in a variety of ways. The mechanical design can be modified to fit any particular application.

The push-button and miniature porcelain socket can be purchased in any electrical parts house, and the holder for the two penlight cells can be bought at a hobby supply store. The receiver with base removed is shown in Fig. 2, also at the left. Follow the placing of parts closely. The tuning coil consists of 14 turns of No. 14 tinned copper wire, wound to an inside diameter of ½ inch and spaced for an over-all coil length of approximately 1½ inches. Fig. 3 is the

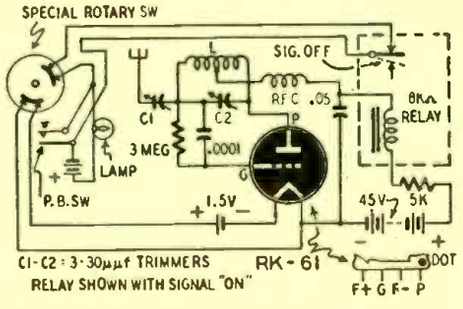


Fig. 3—Schematic of the miniature receiver.

receiver schematic. The .05-μf condenser is of a flat paper midget type and was obtained from a hearing-aid dealer. The 100-μμf condenser is a silver mica. An r.f. choke was made by winding a single layer of No. 32 enamel wire over a ¼-watt, 1-megohm resistor and soldering the winding in parallel with the resistor. A Sigma 8,000-ohm plate relay with s.p.d.t. contacts was used in a conventional self-quenching superregenerative detector circuit. Two Eveready Minimax No. 412-E 22½-volt hearing-aid batteries furnished the B-supply, and a penlight cell provided the A-supply for the miniature Raytheon RK-61 gas control triode.

Special attention is called to the unique rotary switch used to turn the receiver on and off. Shown in the upper right-hand corner of the panel, the switch consists of a ⅝-inch diameter disc of thin hardwood with two silvered brass segments glued on at spaced intervals. Four silvered brass wipers act as contact arms. A sketch of this switch is shown in Fig. 4. One of the wood screws used to hold the miniature porcelain socket on the panel is a dummy, and is actually used as a shaft to rotate the special two-circuit switch. One set of contacts goes to the filament circuit of the RK-61 tube, and the other set is in series with the contacts on the relay. Closing the rotary switch turns on the receiver and puts the relay contacts in parallel with the push-button switch mounted on top of the panel. More conventional switches are obtainable as band-change switches for short-wave receivers.

The antenna lead of the receiver is a 2-foot length of No. 22 d.c.c. magnet wire. Care must be taken not to bring any part of this lead too close to the tank coil and not to coil the antenna lead too much. The best arrangement is to run the lead around the inside of the hollow panel and bring the free end to

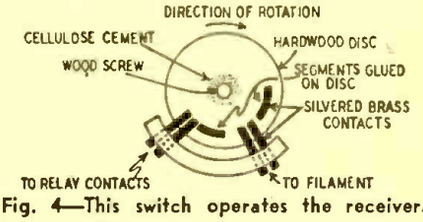


Fig. 4—This switch operates the receiver.

rest between the B-batteries. If concealment is not necessary, it can be led

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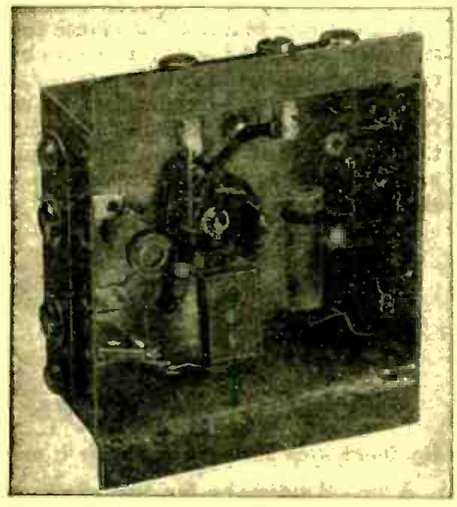
Radio Set and Service Review

Midget television preamplifier

THE great popularity of postwar television has caused many sets to be installed in areas where signal levels are not high enough for clear, stable pictures. In some instances set owners are further handicapped by not being able to put up adequate antennas. Very often weak signals can be boosted to satisfactory levels by inserting a preamplifier between the antenna and the antenna terminals of the set.

Several television preamplifiers are being made by various manufacturers and a number of independent servicemen —all of whom treat their circuits as trade secrets. All these preamplifiers use one or more stages; some require tuning and others do not. Many of these boosters, like the one we are about to describe, were designed from material appearing in the article, "Cathode-Coupled Wide-Band Amplifiers," in the October 1945 issue of the *Proceedings of the I.R.E.*



Under-chassis view, showing part placement.

Our booster, a 6J6 grounded-grid amplifier designed to operate on channels 1 through 6, amplifies the antenna signal two to four times while providing a substantial improvement in signal-to-noise ratio. It has several advantages. It does not require manual tuning; it is small enough to fit on the chassis or inside the cabinet of almost all television receivers and it does not require a special power supply.

The grounded-grid amplifier

The grounded-grid amplifier used in this circuit was developed to avoid neutralization when using high-frequency triode amplifiers. (See *Radio-Craft*, Nov., 1947, P. 32). The input signal is applied between cathode and grid, and the output voltage is developed across a load between plate and grid. The grid, either grounded directly or through a suitable bypass condenser, acts as a shield between the input and output circuits, thus forestalling oscillations until the input frequency is so high that the grid lead has appreciable impedance.

The grounded-grid amplifier has several advantages, which make it useful as an untuned r.f. amplifier between the antenna and televiser. These are: Lower tube noise, output capacitance less than one-half of that of a conventional neutralized amplifier, and low input capacitance—a necessity for high transconductance. The low input and output capacitances result in greater band-width without manual tuning.

Construction

The circuit of the grounded-grid preamplifier is shown in Fig. 1. It is constructed on a chassis 2½ inches square and 1 inch deep. The three terminal strips are for input, output and power connections. Filament and plate voltages are taken from the low-voltage supply of the set.

The tube is a 6J6 with its triodes connected in parallel. The cathode and plate coils are wound so that combinations of distributed and circuit capacitances tune them to cover the first six television channels. The antenna transformer is mounted on a bracket near the input terminals. The output transformer is fastened to the chassis with a machine screw threaded into one end of its form.

The primary of the antenna transformer is designed to match a 300-ohm balanced transmission line. It is an 8-turn winding tapped at the center. The cathode coil has five turns interwound with the primary. The output transformer has a 10-turn plate winding with a 2-turn output link interwound at its lower end. Both transformers are wound with No. 34 enamel wire on 5/16-inch polystyrene tubing. All coils are close-wound. Use 300-ohm twin-lead between the preamplifier and the antenna terminals of the set.

The unit is so simple as to make it unnecessary—and almost impossible—

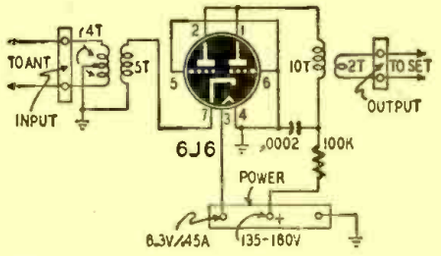
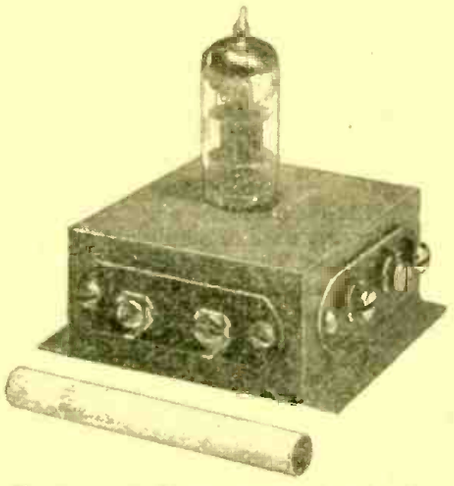


Fig. 1—The grounded-grid circuit is used.

to give any further construction details. An almost slavish adherence to original RCA development illustrated in the I.R.E. *Proceedings*, in regard to placement of parts, size of chassis and manner of making connections has been observed in more than one successful model. The constructor would therefore probably be well advised to follow the photograph closely—at least in his first model.

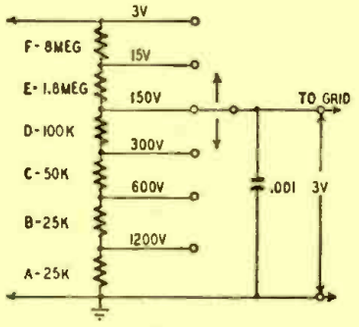


The preamp's dimensions are cigarette-size.

V.T.V.M. CALCULATIONS

THIS method of calculating the resistance values in a voltage divider may be useful to the serviceman who wishes to build his own vacuum-tube voltmeter.

As an example, assume that the desired ranges are: 3, 15, 150, 300, 600,



and 1,200 volts; the total input resistance is 10 megohms; and 3 volts are required on the grid of the tube for full-scale deflection. For the 1,200-volt scale, divide 1,200 volts by 10 megohms to find the current through the resistor A:

1,200/10 meg = .00012 amp.

Dividing the 3 volts (required for full deflection) by .00012 amp gives the resistance as 25,000 ohms. This is the value of resistor A.

For the 600-volt scale, the procedure is the same:

600/10 meg = .00006 amp (through resistor B).

Three volts divided by .00006 amp shows the resistance to be 50,000 ohms, which is the value of B plus A. Subtracting the value of A from 50,000 gives B as 25,000 ohms. By repeating the same procedure the remaining resistors are:

Scale (volts)	*Resistor*	*Value*
300	C	50,000 ohms
150	D	100,000 ohms
15	E	1.8 megohms
3	F	8 megohms

The total resistance is 10 megohms.

Phase Inversion Circuits

Part I—The transformer type of inverter, with some variations on standard circuits

By J. W. STRAEDE*

PHASE inverters are devices commonly used in amplifiers and large radios. Their purpose is to provide two equal but antiphase alternating voltages which are usually applied to the grids of push-pull output tubes. They are also used in electronic test equipment, including watt-meters, distortion meters and special types of oscilloscopes.

The signal voltage required by the following stage and the suitability of the system for use with negative feedback, are among the several factors that must be considered in the choice of a phase-inverter circuit. Power may also be required by the output tubes, as in class-AB2 operation, and, finally, the cost may override all other factors, no matter how desirable they might be.

Phase inverters are classified according to the way the signal voltages are fed from one stage to another. Classifications are: (1) Inductively coupled, (2) Resistance-capacitance coupled, and (3) Direct coupled.

The oldest form of inductively coupled phase inverter is the transformer with a center-tapped secondary, or with two secondary windings—one for each grid. Other inductive systems use a center-tapped choke coil, and a transformer with no center tap but with the secondary voltage divided by a pair of equal resistors. These three circuits are shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3,

Transformer coupling

Biggest drawbacks to the use of transformers are their cost, liability to hum pickup, and imperfect frequency response. Hum can be reduced by mounting them away from power transformers and chokes and by rotating them until a position of minimum hum is found. High-frequency peaks can be reduced by shunting the secondary with resistors (about ½ megohm), while things can be improved generally by using negative feedback in the driver stage.

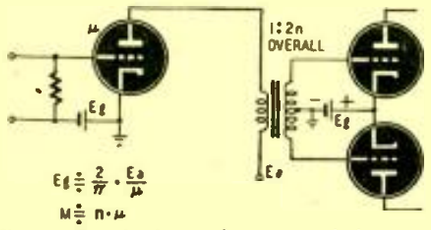


Fig. 1—Standard transformer-coupled circuit.

Advantages of transformer coupling are the large signal voltages obtainable, the low d.c. resistance in the grid circuits of the output tubes and its adaptability for class-AB2 operation. In this case, the transformer usually has a step-down ratio to match the minimum grid input resistance of the next stage to the plate resistance of the driver. (Grid input resistance varies from values too large to bother about when the grid is negative to values as low as a few hundred ohms when the grid is very positive.)

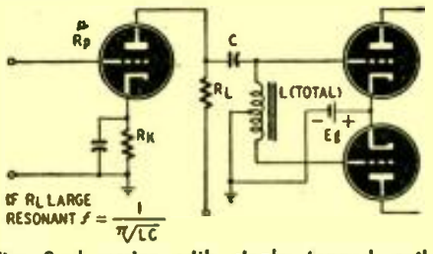


Fig. 2—Inversion with single tapped coil.

The gain M of the driver and the transformer is nearly equal to the product of the amplification factor and transformer ratio. The optimum grid bias is $\frac{2}{\pi}$ times the plate voltage divided by the amplification factor.

The center-tapped choke is a comparatively inexpensive device, but is full of faults, such as unbalance at very high frequencies, low response at very low frequencies, and low voltage output. It is still useful for compact car radios and small mobile amplifiers where only a limited frequency range is required. A good quality center-tapped output transformer can be used with fair results if it has enough inductance.

The low output voltage is due to the voltage drop across RL (Fig. 2), together with the drop in effective load impedance also caused by RL. If RL is decreased to avoid the first defect, the second defect becomes more pronounced. At medium to high frequencies, the gain M approaches

$$\mu\left(\frac{RL}{RL + Rp}\right)$$

where μ is the amplification factor of the tube, RL is the load resistance, and Rp is the plate resistance. The bass resonant frequency is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{LC}}.$$

The gain then is

$$\frac{\pi f L \mu}{2 Rp},$$

where L is the inductance of the choke in henries, and C is the capacitance of the condenser in farads.

Transformer with resistors

A transformer with resistors (Fig. 3) is often used as a makeshift, but is quite capable of good gain and frequency response if the output tubes require no driving power and if high grid-circuit resistance is permissible. The two resistors must be as nearly equal as possible and must be large to prevent high-frequency loss in the transformer and to present a reasonably large load impedance to the driver tube. This impedance is given by $\frac{2\,Rg}{n^2}$, where n is the step-up ratio of the transformer. The gain to each grid is then $\frac{n\mu\,Rg}{2\,Rg + n^2 Rp}$.

If the driver is a low-impedance tube such as a 6C5 and the grid resistors are each 0.5 megohm, the gain is very nearly equal to nμ at mid-frequencies. At low frequencies the gain is 3 db down when the reactance of the transformer primary is equal to the plate resistance of the driver.

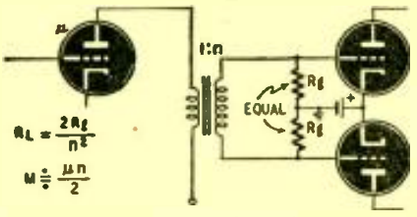
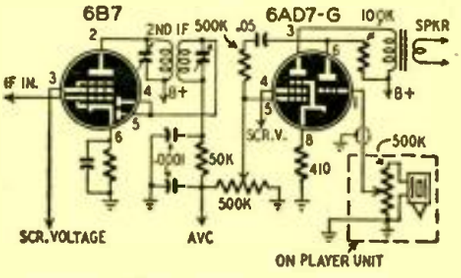


Fig. 3—How an untapped condenser is used.

A second article by Mr. Straede, in an early issue, will cover resistance-capacitance types of phase inverters.

PHONO PREAMPLIFIER

I have a small superheterodyne using a 6A8, 6B7, 6K6, and rectifier. I tried unsuccessfully to add a phono attachment by connecting it to the grid of the 6K6. The output of the pickup was too low for use without a preamplifier. I removed the 6K6 and wired in a 6AD7



as shown. The triode section is used as a preamplifier for the pickup without altering the performance of the set.

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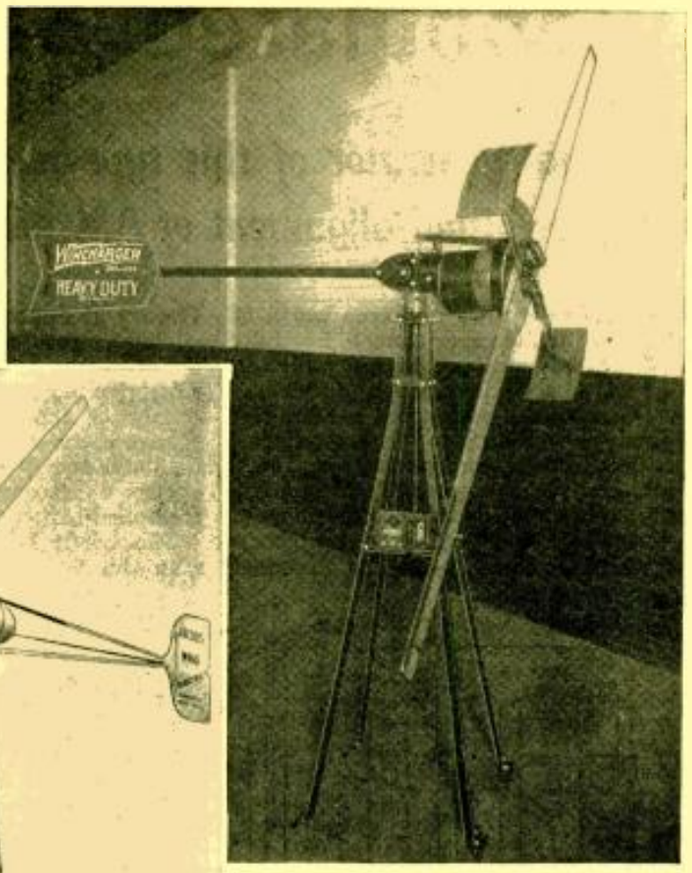
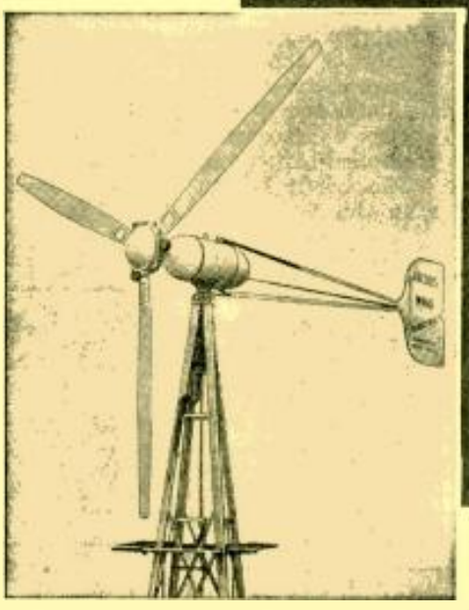
Servicing Wind Generators

By MAX ALTH





Above—The Wincharger; left—Jacobs Wind Electric, two common battery-charging units.

THERE is little chance that one of us will ever be called on to service the 1,000-kw giant wind generator atop Grandpa's Knob near Rutland, Vermont. But we *will* be called upon sooner or later to service one of the more than a million wind-driven power plants in use today.

Wind-generator servicing is not hard. After the tower has been climbed, there is really nothing to worry about. These generators are very similar to automotive generators. In fact the first units, some of which are still being used today, were auto generators.

If called upon to install a plant, select a spot as close to the load and as unobstructed as possible. The prop on a 6-volt machine should be mounted at least 15 feet higher than any obstruction within a radius of 500 feet. The larger, 32-volt job requires a clearance of at least 30 feet above anything within ¼ mile. Higher up the air is smoother and will develop more power. Raising the *Wincharger* Model 3227 from 65 feet to 105 feet has been found to increase the power output 30%.

Since the lines from generator to load carry high current at low voltage, they should be kept as short as possible from the point of view of both voltage drop and wire cost. A 32-volt line carrying 40 amps should be at least No. 6 wire if it runs 100 feet, and No. 4 if it runs 200.

The tower should be erected plumb so that the generator doesn't tend to fall off to one side. It should be well grounded as otherwise it would be a natural target for lightning.

After the unit has been erected, the prop should be checked for balance and track. On a *windless* day, remove the brushes or tie them back with a piece of string, and give the prop a quarter turn, then another. If the same blade comes to rest in the down position every time, the prop is unbalanced.

Correct unbalance by loosening the prop in its haft or holder, and wriggling. If there isn't enough play for correction, drive a wood screw into the lighter arm. First locate the balancing spot for the screw by temporarily fastening the screw to the prop with a piece of adhesive tape. If the screw has to be more than 2 feet from the center, it's best to locate a better-matched pair of prop blades. Some props are equipped with counter balancing weights. An out-of-balance prop will vibrate the plant and shorten its life considerably.

Check the track by measuring carefully from inner edges of each blade, from equidistant points from prop end back to a fixed point on the tower. Correct by again wriggling prop, or by slipping a shim between prop and haft. Out-of-track blades make whistling noises and reduce prop efficiency.

Be sure the unit is lubricated before placing in operation; some of these units are packed and shipped dry.

Now let her go and watch the voltmeter. If it reads backward, or if the relay chatters, disconnect before relay is injured. Your wires may be reversed. If the wiring checks O.K., the polarity of the unit may have been reversed at the factory. Run the generator as a motor for a few minutes by connecting the storage battery to it. In some cases closing the relay by hand will make this connection; in others it will have to be done with a jumper. Check the diagram furnished with each generator first. A typical 32-volt hookup is shown in Fig. 1—the 6-volt jobs are even simpler.

Motoring the generator will not only correct the polarity of the generator but will also give you a general idea of the condition of the unit, whether or not the circuit is complete, etc.

Servicing established units

Complaints fall into 2 general catagories: lack of immediate power, or insufficient power over a period of time.

If there is no power, first check the controls for proper adjustment, then run an ordinary continuity check up the leads through the slip rings and slip-ring brushes to the generator proper. Check the position of the third brush, if the model has one. The brush may have slipped back. Check the other brushes for seating and tension. The commutator should have a dull-brown oxide sheen. If it is lightly scored, it may be repaired by holding sandpaper against the commutator and turning it. If the commutator is deeply scored, it will have to be turned down on a lathe. Light or deep scoring indicates hard spots on the brushes. They should be

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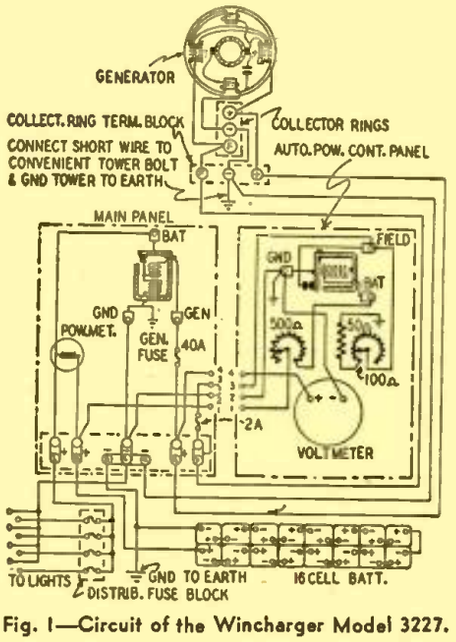

Fig. 1—Circuit of the Wincharger Model 3227.

Wobbulated Signal Generator

A signal generator of this type is necessary for visual alignment of AM receivers

By GEORGE W. SCHULTZE

THE versatility and true worth of an oscilloscope cannot be fully realized until you have actually had such a device on your bench for some time and used it for servicing or development. Perhaps the most important of these applications is visual alignment of receivers, requiring a frequency-modulated sweep generator or "frequency wobbler." The frequency-modulated signal generator described (Fig. 1) for use in alignment of AM receivers was developed and constructed by the author.

The following specifications were set up:

1. A center frequency variable from approximately 450 to 540 kc, giving an easily adjusted carrier frequency covering the i.f.'s of practically all modern AM receivers.

2. Frequency deviation adjustable from 0 to 30 kc. Such a maximum deviation will project the response curves of the i.f. and r.f. transformers in all AM receivers (including the high-fidelity ones) to zero response both sides of maximum.

3. Unit must be compact. Such a characteristic becomes a virtue on the average service bench.

4. Cost must be kept to a minimum.

5. Unit must be adequately shielded (as all good r.f. signal generators should be) to avoid radiation of unwanted signals to other equipment.

A separate power supply, connected to the wave generator by a multiconductor cable, was considered desirable. First, magnetic shielding is simplified. Second, by making the unit a universal power supply, it becomes an extremely useful tool for other activities as well.

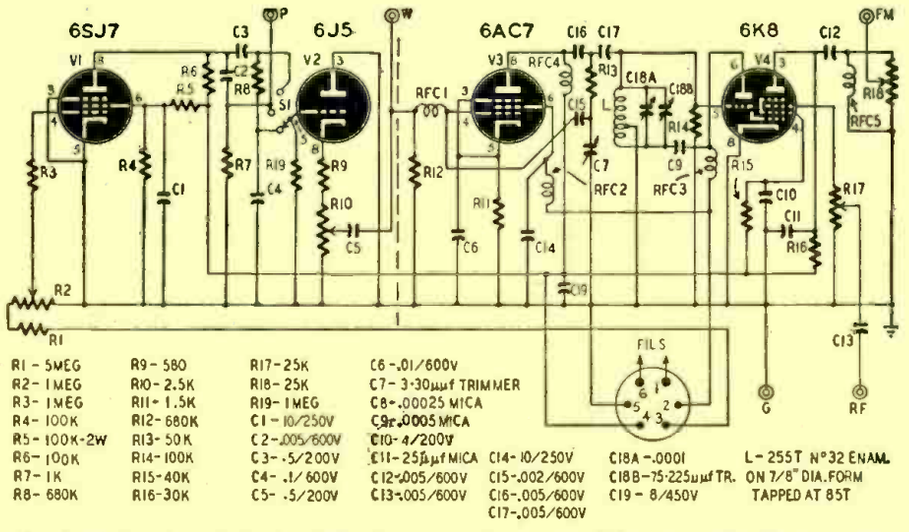

Fig. 1—Generator schematic. Radio-frequency chokes are of the large 60-millihenry type.

Theory of operation

Three operations are carried out in the frequency-modulated oscillator. An r.f. signal is generated; second, the frequency of the signal is varied by a change in the effective inductance in the oscillator tuned circuit; and third, the change in frequency is automatically controlled between fixed limits.

The triode section of V4 (Fig. 1) with the tank circuit L-C18 forms a simple Hartley r.f. oscillator. For a detailed account of the theory of operation of the reactance tube V3, the reader is referred to any of the standard texts. We can simply say that varying the control grid voltage of the reactance tube controls its effective inductance and, consequently, the oscillator frequency. If a low-frequency alternating voltage, say at 60 cycles, is applied to the control grid of the inductance tube, the output frequency from the oscillator will swing from a maximum to a minimum value, and back again, 60 times a second. It is desirable that the frequency change be linear to time. Such a triangular or "pyramid" wave (Fig. 2) is obtained across the integrating circuit R8-C4 (bottom tap on switch S1). The output from V1, a sine wave clipped to an approximate square wave (Fig. 3), appears at top tap of S1. The pulse formed across the differentiating circuit R7-C2 is available at point 2 of S1, and at the PULSE binding post (see Fig. 4).

V2 is merely a cathode follower buffer stage, and the hexode section of V4 is a mixer for injection of a fixed frequency signal when desired.

How generator is used

In visual alignment, the same series of steps are followed as are used in the output meter method. The output of our wobbler is injected into the receiver at the usual points instead of the fixed frequency signal, and the oscilloscope takes the place of the output meter. The oscilloscope should be connected across the detector load rather than across the output transformer. The pulse output is connected to the external synchronization post on the oscilloscope. The oscilloscope horizontal sweep is set for 120 cycles per second, which results in the trace from maximum to minimum frequency being superimposed upon the trace from minimum back to maximum.

The center frequency control C18a is adjusted to the required center frequency. R2 is set at about two-thirds maximum. R10 is set at or near maximum. If the i.f. stage being checked is considerably out of line, the double-trace response curve will appear as in Fig. 5. As the trimmers are adjusted to bring the transformer into alignment, the two traces will coincide, or approximately so, as shown in the oscillogram (Fig. 6). The shape of the response curve in the usual properly aligned transformer is of this general outline with a single smooth peak. High-fidelity receivers will have curves with a flat top or double peaks. During the above operations the frequency deviation control R10 should be adjusted to give a reasonably wide response curve without cutting off the ends.

The FM test signal is injected at the conventional points for checking the oscillator and r.f. circuits of the receiver. To obtain the necessary broadcast frequencies, a fixed-frequency signal from a conventional test oscillator is mixed in V4 with the FM signal to give the desired difference frequency. The response curves will be similar to those obtained from the properly tuned i.f. stages. The oscillator and r.f. adjustments are made for maximum height of response curve.

Whether the response curves will appear on the oscilloscope screen right side

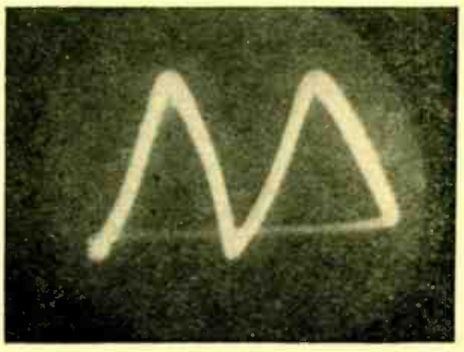

Fig. 2—Normal pyramid (time-linear) wave

Fig. 3—Square waveform from the plate of V1.

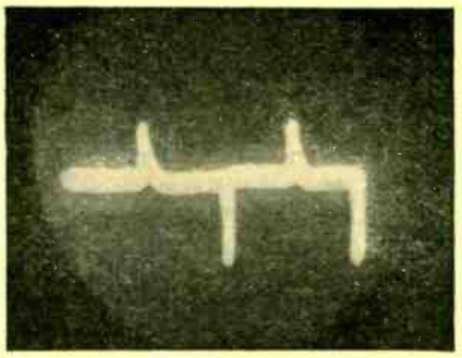

Fig. 4—Differentiated pulse output from V1.

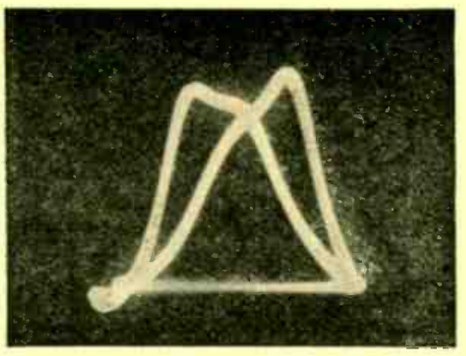

Fig. 5—Trace from a misaligned i.f. circuit.

up as shown in the oscillograms and drawings in this article, or upside down, depends upon the number of stages in the oscilloscope vertical amplifier, the orientation of the cathode-ray tube, and at what point in the receiver the test signal is taken off.

Construction

The FM signal generator was designed to go into a 7 x 7 x 7-inch enclosure. The low-frequency portion (6SJ7 clipper and the 6J5 buffer) is mounted in a 1½-inch deep horizontal steel chassis. The r.f. section, including the sockets for the 6AC7 reactance tube and the 6K8 mixer, is contained in a 2½-inch deep sheet-copper chassis, mounted vertically on the back edge of the steel chassis. This is clearly shown in the photographs (Figs. 7 and 8). The copper box is bent from 22-gage sheet, and the joints soldered. A copper back cover is secured with self-tapping screws. The same type of fastening is used to join the copper shield box to the bottom chassis. The panel can be either bakelite or (as shown) crackle-finish Masonite, 7 x 7 x 3/16 inches.

The power input socket, the binding posts, the potentiometers R2 and R10, and switch S1 are all mounted on the panel, as pictured below. The center frequency adjustment C18a and potentiometers R17 and R18 are located in the copper shield box with extension shafts extending to knobs on the panel. C18a must be insulated from the chassis by fiber washers, and the shaft couplings should be insulated. The five binding posts provide connections on the panel for the FM output, r.f. input (constant frequency generator), ground, 60-cycle wave, and pulse. The 60-cycle wave post provides a convenient connection for checking the output of the clipper circuit, as well as affording access to the three types of wave form, as selected by S1, for other fields of use. As mentioned before, the pulse output is used to synchronize the time base sweep of the oscilloscope.

V3 and V4 are either metal tubes or externally shielded glass types. If metal tubes are used, be sure to ground the No. 1 pins (internal shield). This is especially important for the 6K8 mixer. The phase-splitting condenser C7 is fastened inside the top edge of the copper box with a hole provided for external screw-driver adjustment. The center frequency range adjustment C18b is mounted to allow trimming through a hole in the back cover.

Bare, tinned wire is best for most of the r.f. wiring. All leads should be as short and direct as possible. All ground leads from V3 and V4 are brought to common single chassis connections. The tank coil L was wound on a ⅞-inch outside diameter plastic cylinder 2½ inches long. The base end of the form was plugged with a wood disc cemented in place. A hole for a 6-32 screw was drilled through the center of the plug and a hex nut cemented on the inside. The coil was then mounted on the side of the copper shield box with a counter-sunk head machine screw. The lead from R18 to the panel binding post was shielded in order to avoid low-frequency pickup. The 60-mh choke RFC5 filters out any 60-cycle amplitude modulation present in the output from V4.

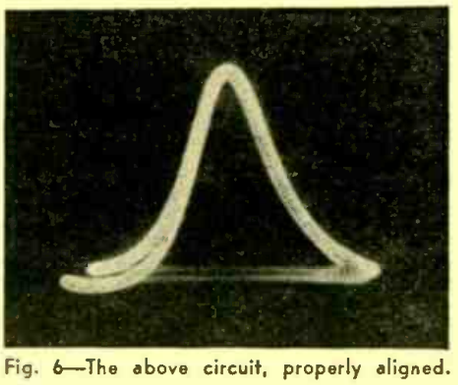

Fig. 6—The above circuit, properly aligned.

The panel is backed by an iron shield which provides an anchorage for the sheet-iron cover as well as magnetic

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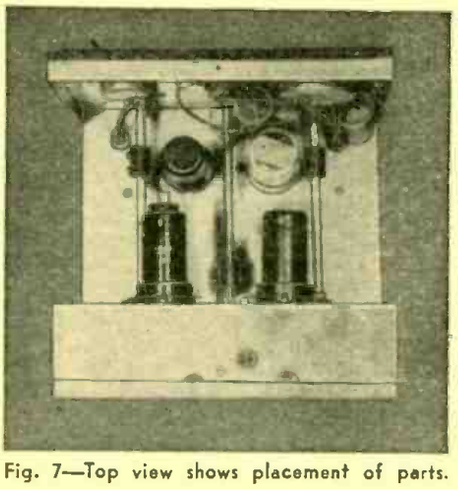
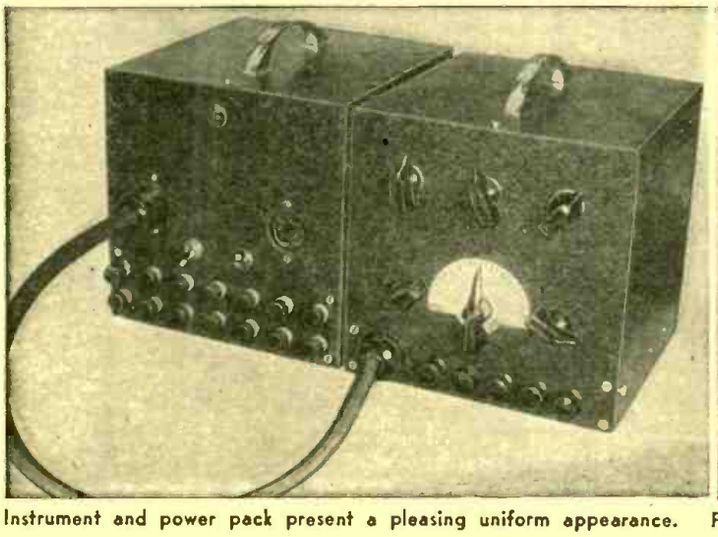


Fig. 7—Top view shows placement of parts.



Instrument and power pack present a pleasing uniform appearance.

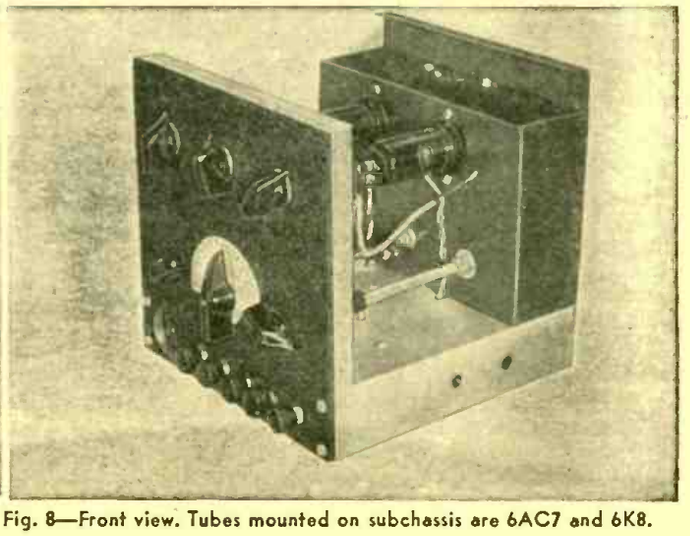
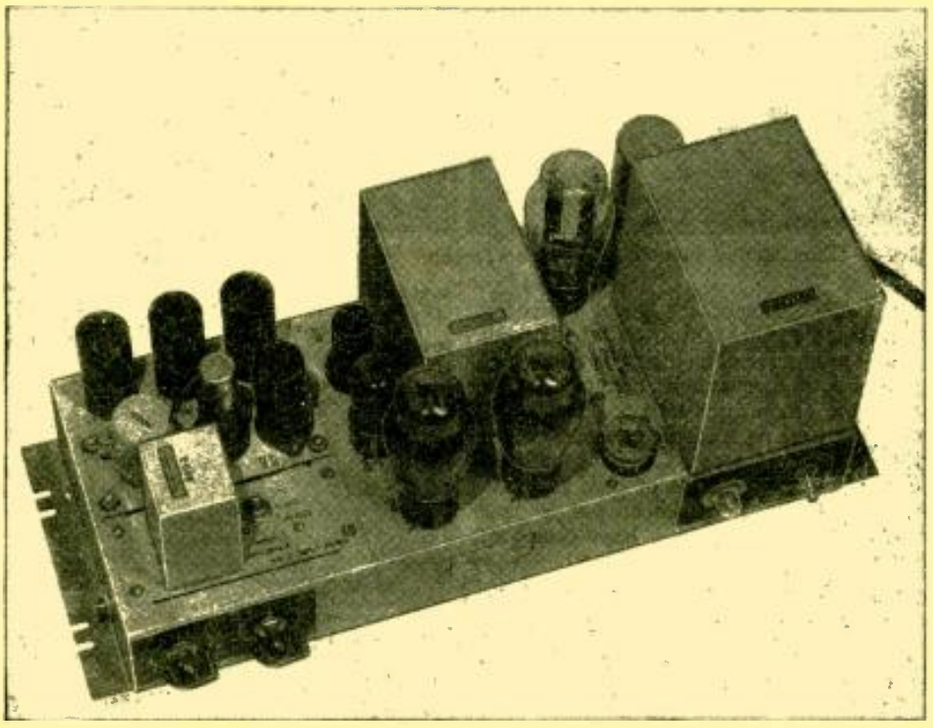


Fig. 8—Front view. Tubes mounted on subchassis are 6AC7 and 6K8.

High-Fidelity Amplifiers

Second of a series on wide-band amplifier construction

By ROBERT F. SCOTT



Above is the Langevin 610-C, a typical example of high-fidelity audio amplifier design.

DESIGN of a wide-band amplifier calls for special compensating circuits to offset the drop in response at the high and low ends of the audio spectrum. As pointed out in a previous article (March, 1948), response begins to drop off noticeably at the high end of the band when the shunting capacitances present a reactance about five times as great as that of the plate resistance and the coupling and load resistors in parallel. Additional losses due to degeneration in cathode and screen circuits can also occur.

These factors can be compensated for by careful design. Assume that an audio amplifier is to be designed to deliver 3.5 watts of power with response flat within 1 decibel from 20 to 20,000 cycles. Input is to be .015 volt r.m.s., and distortion negligible. Circuit may be that of Fig. 1.

The power amplifier selected is a 2A3, because it can deliver 3.5 watts without distortion. Specifications call for 250 volts on the plate, 45 volts cathode bias, and a 2,500-ohm load. Transconductance is 5,250 micromhos.

Manufacturers recommend that the peak a.f. signal on the grid of a class-A power amplifier equal the d.c. grid bias. Therefore we must supply a 45-volt signal to the 2A3 grid. A 45-volt signal on the grid of this tube develops 132 volts peak across a 2,500-ohm plate load resistor with a stage gain of 2.93. The peak voltage across the load is found from $E_{peak} = 1.414\sqrt{W \times Z}$, where W is output power and Z is load impedance. (The stage gain is equal to output voltage divided by input voltage.)

Our restriction to 1-db loss corresponds to a voltage ratio of 0.8913/1 or 89.13% and indicates that the signal at any point in the amplifier must be always within 89.13% of its value at mid-band.

Circuit constants

A 750-ohm cathode resistor will provide 45 volts of bias under recommended operating conditions. This resistor must be bypassed with a condenser with sufficiently low reactance to limit cathode degeneration so output voltage will not drop below 89.13% of 132, or 117.7 volts. At this level, the stage gain G is 2.6. Since gain with degeneration G is $\frac{G1}{1 + gmZk}$, when G1 is gain without degeneration, gm is transconductance in mhos and Zk is cathode impedance, we may transpose the equation to solve for Zk:

$$Zk = \frac{G1 - G}{G \times gm};$$

substituting,

$$Zk = \frac{2.93 - 2.6}{2.6 \times .00525}$$

$$Zk = 23.03 \text{ ohms.}$$

Since the impedance of the parallel combination is to be about 23 ohms, and the value of the resistor is 750 ohms, it is obvious that the parallel impedance will be roughly equal to the reactance of the condenser. We can therefore simply find the capacitance that has a reactance of 23 ohms at the low-frequency limit (20 cycles). The condenser should have a minimum capacitance of 257 μf.

This value may seem unreasonably large for a cathode condenser since it is seldom found in practice—even in video circuits—because other methods of low-frequency compensation are more commonly used.

A 500,000-ohm resistor is used in the grid circuit of the 2A3. This is the maximum permissible value according to tube manufacturers' specifications.

A voltage amplifier is needed to bring the input signal up to 45 volts peak. The 6SJ7 was selected from several tubes that will deliver this voltage because its high plate resistance and transconductance permit the use of a low plate coupling resistor and therefore its output is substantially level up to 20,000 cycles.

The high frequencies drop to 90% of mid-band level when shunting reactance (Xcs) is twice the equivalent resistance (Req) formed by plate, plate coupling, and grid resistors in parallel. Specifications permit the signal to drop to 89.13%. The 90% condition is within this limit, so we use its values to compute the value of the coupling resistor for the 6SJ7.

The shunting capacitance is the sum of the output capacitance of the 6SJ7, the input capacitance of the 2A3, and stray wiring capacitance. The output capacitance of the 6SJ7 is 7 μμf; the input capacitance of the 2A3 is Cgc + (G + 1) Cgp, where Cgc is grid-to-cathode capacitance (7.5 μμf), Cgp is grid-to-plate capacitance (16.5 μμf), and G is stage gain of the 2A3 (2.93 in this circuit). Assuming 10-μμf stray capacitance, the total shunting capacitance is 89.34 or 90 μμf. At 20,000 cycles, the reactance of 90 μμf is 88,495 ohms.

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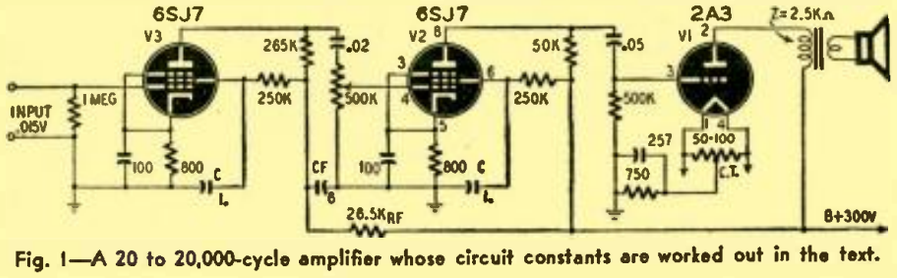
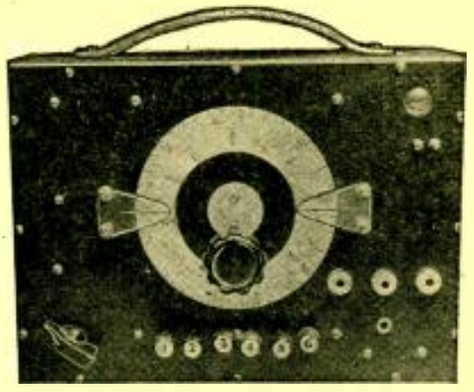


Fig. 1—A 20 to 20,000-cycle amplifier whose circuit constants are worked out in the text.

Push-Button Signal Generator

This European test oscillator circuit contains some ideas which have not been seen in American equipment



By ALFRED HAAS*

DESIGNED especially for outside servicing, this small 2-tube test oscillator is push-button operated, and the output is continuously variable in three steps. The frequency range is in four bands: 100 to 300 kc, 400 to 550 kc, 500 to 1600 kc, and from 6 to 18 mc.

The tubes are a 6K8 triode-hexode and a 12A7 diode-pentode. The diode section of the 12A7 serves as a half-wave rectifier for the B-plus voltage. The power transformer should be able to supply approximately 125 volts at 25 ma and 12.6 volts at 0.6 amp for the filaments. The heater of the 6K8 is connected across half the filament winding, or a 12K8 may be used and both tubes connected in parallel. Fig. 1 shows the circuit of the oscillator.

A 6-button d.p.d.t. push-button switch assembly is used for the band selector and control unit. The type of output is selected by pressing various button combinations as shown in Table I. Pressing No. 1 cuts off the audio, and pressing Nos. 1 and 6 together turns off the entire generator.

TABLE I

Output	Press
Modulated r.f.	2, 3, 4, or 5
Unmodulated r.f.	1 and 2, 3, 4, or 5
a.f.	6
off	1 and 6

The attenuator is a 500-ohm potentiometer and an L-network, providing three 40-db attenuation steps. The three taps are soldered to the output jacks which are insulated from the panel by ceramic washers. Since about 100 millivolts of r.f. is available, the outputs from the jacks are 10μv, 1 mv, and 100 mv. The a.f. output is about 5 volts, so the outputs from the jacks are 500 μv, 50 mv, and 5 v. The potentiometer permits continuous variation of output voltage in each range.

A neon bulb is connected across the filtered high-voltage supply to show the condition of the rectifier. It will start to glow about a half-minute after the generator is turned on. It is placed in a hole in the panel, so that no pilot lamp is necessary. A 50,000-ohm resistor in series with the neon bulb limits the current to a safe value. The 50-ma pilot bulb in the high-voltage lead acts as a fuse if the 12A7 rectifier current rises to much more than the maximum safe value of 30 ma.

The 6K8 is used as a plate-tuned oscillator, electron-coupled buffer amplifier, and mixer. The frequency is not affected by loading, and drift is negligible.

The pentode section of the 12A7 is connected as a Hartley-type audio oscillator with the screen grid tied to the plate. Inverse feedback provided by the unbypassed cathode resistor improves the wave form. The condenser across the primary of the audio transformer should be between .02 and .05 μf for a 400-cycle note.

The a.f. voltage applied to the grid of the 6K8 is adjusted by the voltage divider across the secondary of the audio transformer. Two resistors are used, one of 50,000-ohm resistance, and the other one adjusted till the voltage across the 50,000 ohms is about 3, checked with a vacuum-tube voltmeter. This gives 50-60% modulation. An ordinary a.c. rectifier-type voltmeter may be used to read the total voltage, and the resistors proportioned to give the proper voltage drop.

The audio wave form may be checked on an oscilloscope if one is available, or by a vacuum-tube voltmeter across the a.f. transformer secondary. As the value of the cathode resistor is increased, the a.f. output voltage will also increase until a further increase of resistance causes a decrease in output voltage. Beyond this point, the output has a good wave form. The value of the cathode resistor should be slightly greater than the one corresponding to the peak reading.

TABLE II, COIL DATA

Push	L1	L2
5	100-300 kc, 480 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.	26 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.
4	400-550 kc, 78 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.	6 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.
3	550-1600 kc, 62 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.	5 turns, No. 36 d.s.c.
2	6-18 mc, 8 turns, No. 22 enamel	3 turns, No. 32 d.s.c.

No chassis is used for the oscillator, and all parts are mounted on the panel (Fig. 2). The tubes are mounted on brackets made of 1/16-inch aluminum. The push-button assembly below the tuning condenser serves as a mounting base for the r.f. coils. This method insures extremely short leads between connections. The panel is made of ⅛-inch aluminum to give plenty of stiffness to the assembly, and the whole unit is enclosed in a metal cabinet for shielding.

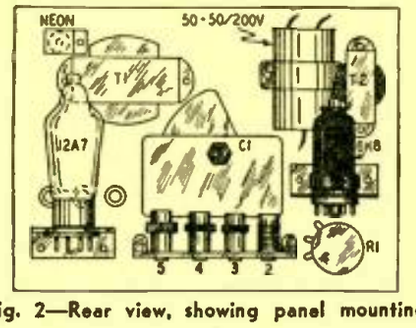


Fig. 2—Rear view, showing panel mounting.

The coils are wound on ½-inch forms with adjustable powdered-iron cores

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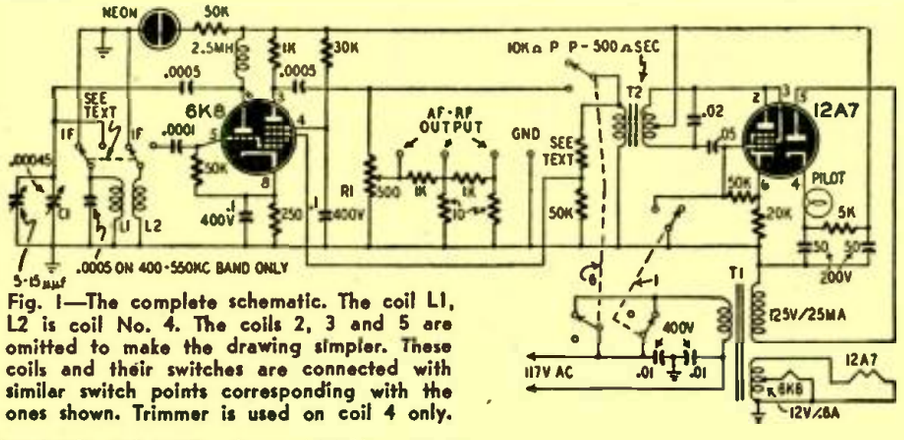

Fig. 1—The complete schematic. The coil L1, L2 is coil No. 4. The coils 2, 3 and 5 are omitted to make the drawing simpler. These coils and their switches are connected with similar switch points corresponding with the ones shown. Trimmer is used on coil 4 only.

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Transatlantic News

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RADIO-CRAFT EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

CURIOUSLY television is making little appeal so far to Jacques Dubois, the French equivalent of John Smith. There has been a regular television service in the Paris area for some little time, and not too bad a service either. Program times are: 1150-1205 (daily, except Saturdays and Sundays); 1600-1730 (daily, except Saturdays and every other Sunday); 2000-2130 (Tuesdays and Fridays). Times are GMT. Vision goes out on 46 mc with a peak carrier power of 30 kw, and sound on 42 mc with 5 kw behind it. Have any of you v.h.f. dx-ers picked up the audio part? I'd be rather surprised if you haven't, for v.h.f. is spanning enormous distances just now—a point to which I'll return later. The vision system is 455 lines per frame and 25 frames per second, so it will not suit American standard televisers. Either 25 frames per second or 50 frames interlaced are likely to be the standards of European countries for the frequency of their a.c. main supply is 50 cycles per second.

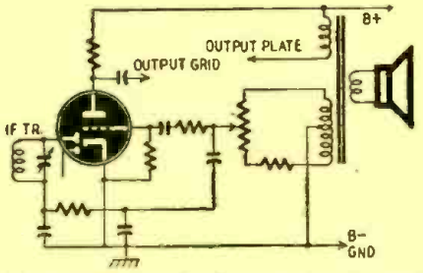
I don't know of any ready-for-service French televiser on the market. Certainly I have not seen one advertised in any French radio magazine. One sees a few kits of parts advertised, and there's an occasional article on how to build a televiser. But that's just about all. I believe that a few cathode-ray tubes with bigger screens than 2 to 4 inches are produced in France. The cost of the larger ones is prohibitively high. That may well be the reason why there are so few viewers of the programs of Télévision Française, the concern responsible for the present service.

Two novel circuits

Some of the new developments in broadcast receivers are a bit hard to evaluate. The technical value of some of them may be secondary to their advertising value. However, some of these "talking points" have real interest to the radioman.

The Bush *Bifocal Listening* is a variation of our old friend the local-distant switch. An arrangement for changing the i.f. bandwidth from 8-9 kc (distant stations) to about 12 kc (local) is linked to the volume control. On a loud local transmission the volume control is turned down and the greater bandwidth comes in. The phrase "bifocal listening" was coined by Christopher Stone: "Just as my bifocal glasses enable me to see clearly at long or short distances, so my Bifocal radio gives me good listening on near or distant stations."

The Kolster-Brandes "bridge positive-negative feedback" links the feedback control and the volume control—rather, makes them one and the same thing. The output transformer is said to have a third winding, tapped and grounded at its center and connected across the volume control, as shown in the sketch.



Bridge-positive feedback, approximate circuit.

Audio voltages from the transformer aid or buck those from the diode, according to the position of the control. When it is on dead center, there is no feedback. By moving it in either direction, positive or negative feedback may be applied. I can't, I'm afraid, give constants, as none have as yet been published and firms are, as a rule, rather sticky about releasing them. But the circuit doesn't look as if any values would be very critical. Experimenters may find it interesting.

The drawback is, of course, that as the sensitivity is increased on distant stations, distortion is automatically made worse. However, where great volume is required, as for dancing, extreme quality is not demanded, and where plenty of negative feedback is applied for high fidelity, the volume needed is as a rule not great.

And in Russia

The Russians are taking television very seriously. The technical development and the program services are, of course, both official matters there; so there can't be much doubt that television will be popular. If the authorities decide that television is good for the soul of Ivan Ivanovitch, he'll have to be keen on it, whether he likes it or not! An article in the Soviet magazine *Radio* gives an account of the expansion contemplated between now and 1950. In addition to the stations which have been working for some time in Leningrad and Moscow, new transmitters of moderately high power are to come into action at Kiev and Sverdbovsk. But that is a long way from being all. Assuming that a field-strength of 1 millivolt per meter is required for good reception, it's calculated that the following service areas are obtainable from small transmitters with antenna systems 50-60 meters in height.

Transmitter output (watts)	Radius of service area (miles)
80	5
200	6.25
500	7.8
800	8.4
2,000	10.3

It must be remembered that in most parts of the U.S.S.R. there is comparatively little man-made static to cause interference with v.h.f. transmissions.

Now, here comes a very interesting idea. It is suggested, not only that transmitters rated up to 1,000 watts can be made from standard components by amateurs, but that they *should* be made all over the country. These stations (which can use air-cooled transmitting tubes) won't be owned or used privately. They'll be built and brought into action, in small towns, by the cooperative effort of local fans and will then be handed over to the municipal authorities to supply the television entertainment of the townsfolk.

That strikes me as a magnificent idea for getting a nation-wide television service going in the quickest possible time in a vast country which contains innumerable small towns and villages. The big snag seems to be not the technical, but the entertainment side. There's no provision for long-distance hookups; hence the programs must, presumably, be of local origin. My own feeling is that I'd pay quite a bit to be spared nightly entertainments by *my* local citizenry!

Long-range V.H.F.

I often think that the writers of radio textbooks published twenty or more years ago must feel like taking running jumps into the nearest and deepest lake when they re-read some of the statements that they once made in cold, hard print. You'll find it was stated in the 1920's that frequencies above 3 megacycles were unlikely ever to be of any great value for long-distance communications. More recent writers state categorically that the range of transmissions on frequencies above 30 mc cannot be much beyond the visual horizon. It has, in fact, often been declared that with v.h.f. transmissions there is no usable ground wave and no usable sky wave, the only serviceable kind of propagation being the direct wave.

Things move so rapidly in radio today that you hardly know where you are sometimes. If ever I write another radio

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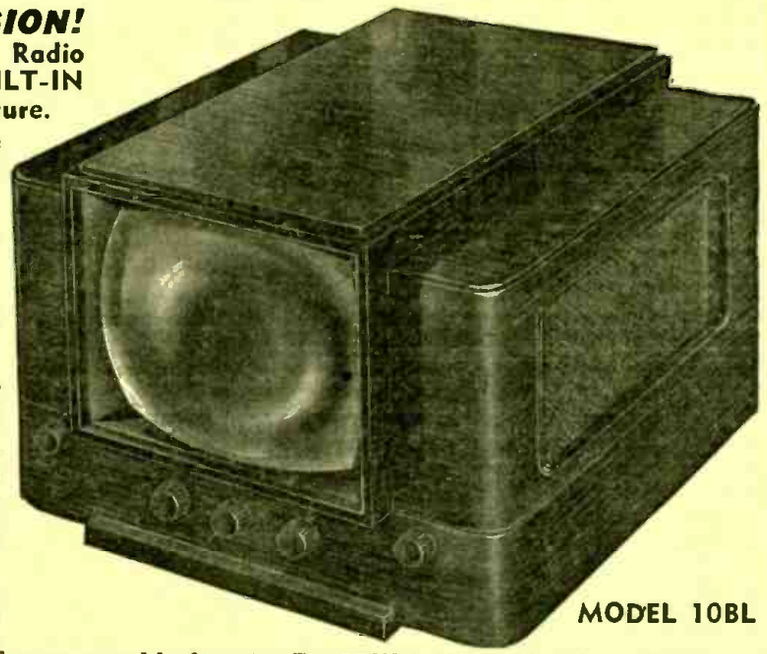

MODEL 10BL

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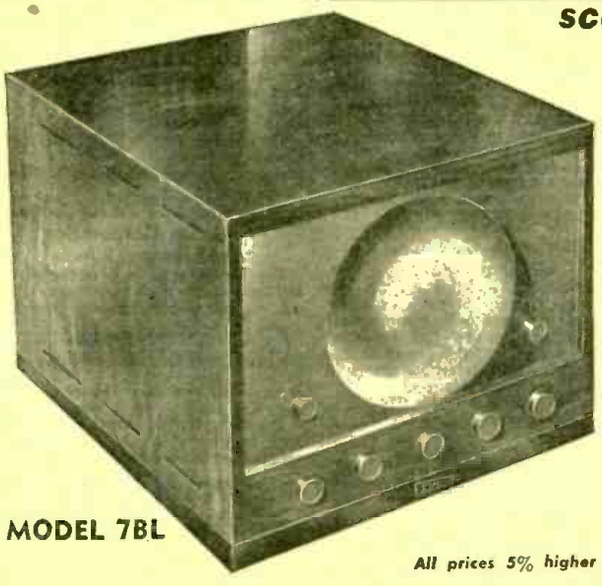

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The Beam-Bender is used with television cathode-ray tubes that require an external means of controlling loose ions. This permanent-magnet type is entirely self-contained and can be attached without tools, which also means elimination of the breakage hazard.

The unit consists of two ring magnets held in a nonmagnetic mounting collar. The magnets provide magnetic flux proportional to the required beam-bending function in the tube. The forward magnet, indicated by the arrow stamped on the mounting collar, is adjustable.

The assembly is slipped over the base of the tube and onto the right position on the neck. Three spring fingers provide an adjustable frictional fit.

Since there is no rubber or organic material in this assembly, there is no danger of the mounting adhering to the glass neck of the tube.—RADIO-CRAFT

MODERNIZATION UNIT

Radio City Products
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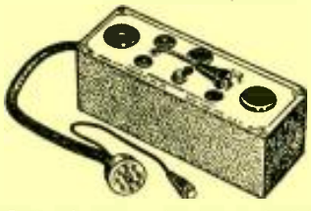
The models 120 and 125 are complete modernization units, designed to bring up-to-date many tube testers that have become obsolete.



Each of these units has a flexible cable with a plug that is inserted into the loctal socket of the old tube tester. The new tubes are then tested in the sockets provided in the units. Sockets are included for the new miniature and subminiature tubes. Extra blank sockets and spaces are provided for additional new sockets, should new types of tube bases be brought out in the future. Tube-testing charts and data are supplied with the unit.—RADIO-CRAFT

V.T. VOLT-OHMMETER

Electronic Manufacturing Co.
Harrisburg, Pa.

The Model 110 vacuum-tube volt-ohmmeter is designed for servicing television receivers. The d.c. ranges are

0-3, 30, 150, 300, 600, 3,000, and 15,000 volts. On a.c. the ranges are 0-3, 30, 150, and 300 volts. The a.c. range is accurate up to 300 mc.

The entire unit is fungus-proofed to maintain stability over a long period of time.—RADIO-CRAFT

A.C. POWER PLANT

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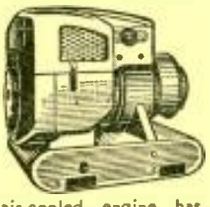
The 3CK-1R has electric push-button starting, in the form of a special winding on the plant's generator which serves as the cranking motor during the starting cycle. A 12-volt automotive-type battery furnishes the starting power.



The air-cooled engine has a removable cast-aluminum engine hood to protect it from dust and water.

The new plants will produce about one-kilowatt hour of electricity per quart of gasoline.—RADIO-CRAFT

AUDIO AMPLIFIER

Newcomb Audio Products Co.
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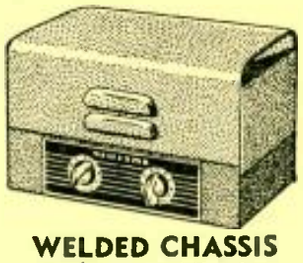
The Model E-10 amplifier uses push-pull 6V6 tubes in a multistage inverse feedback circuit. Power output is 10 watts at less than 5% distortion. The frequency response is from 50 to 10,000 cycles within 2 db.

Two inputs are provided: 2 megohms for a microphone, and ½ megohm for a phono pickup. The tone control is of the treble-attenuation type.

The unit consumes 60 watts and weighs 10½ pounds. Its over-all dimensions are 5¾ x 10⅜ x 6¾ inches.—RADIO-CRAFT



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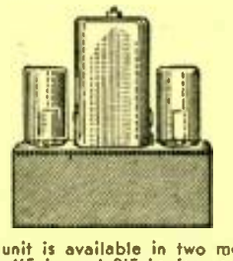
The units are supplied with a 6-foot line cord and plug and a receptacle. Various sizes are available from 75 to 2000 watts.—RADIO-CRAFT

FM ADAPTER

Schuh's Radio Parts
Chicago, Illinois

This new FM adapter can be installed on any AM receiver to adapt it to narrow-band FM reception.



The unit is available in two models, 455 to 465 kc and 915 kc for use with BC-348 surplus receivers. The two tubes are a 6AK5 limiter and 6AL5 discriminator.—RADIO-CRAFT

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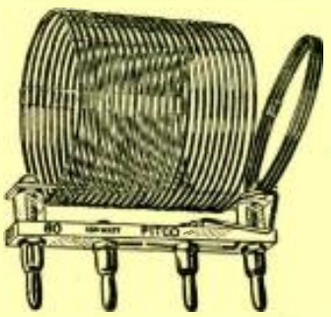

CONTACT MICROPHONE

Electro-Voice, Inc.
Buchanan, Mich.

Contact microphone Model 805 is designed for stringed instruments.

Frequency response of the pickup is 40 to 8,000 cycles. The output level is from 0.1 to 1 volt, depending upon the type of instrument. An inertia-type crystal, sealed against moisture and acoustic feed-back, is the generating element of the unit.

The microphone is 2¼ x 1 x 7¾ inches and weighs 2 ounces. It comes complete with a clip for attaching it to the instrument, and a 15-foot shielded cloth-covered cable.—RADIO-CRAFT

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V. T. VOLTMETER

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The Eico Model 221 is a wide-range completely electronic vacuum-tube voltmeter and ohmmeter.

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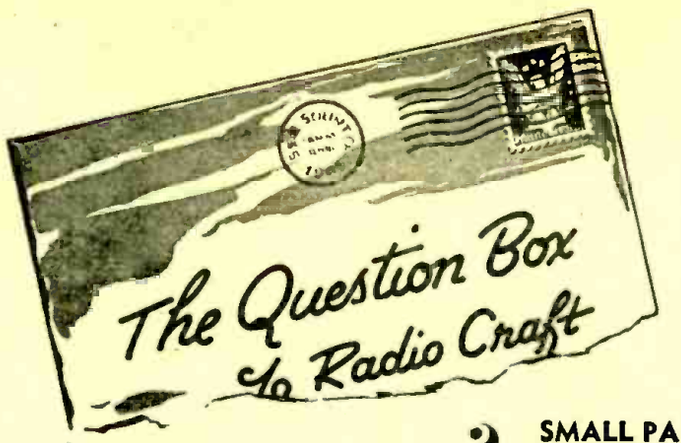

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? WIND INDICATOR

Please print a diagram of an electronic wind velocity and direction indicator.—W.R.H., Newport, R. I.

A. Fig. 1 is the diagram requested. The contact interrupter wheel, in the velocity indicating circuit, is a small gear or commutator mounted on the shaft of an anemometer. Its purpose is to break the connections between the 6V6 grid and ground from 10 to 20 times per revolution of the shaft. One break per revolution will suffice if larger condensers and resistors are used in the range switch circuit.

Two velocity ranges are provided. One is for winds of low velocity and the other for strong winds. The sensitivity control and the 100,000-ohm range resistors should be adjusted for best results.

The wind direction indicator is designed around the Ohmite RB-2 direction-indicating potentiometer. Its shaft may be directly coupled to the shaft to the vane or a 1:1 link may be used.

The 1,250-ohm resistor in the high-voltage lead should be adjusted so the voltage regulator tubes draw 40 ma with the 6V6 out of its socket.

? SMALL PA AMPLIFIER

I would like to have a diagram of a small 3-tube PA amplifier with input channel for a radio tuner or phono pick-up and a separate channel for a crystal mike.—L.T., New York, N. Y.

A. This small amplifier (Fig. 3) delivers about 0.8 watt and gives good results when used with an 8- or 10-inch PM speaker. The low-gain channel will work with a radio tuner or a high-output phono pickup. The high-gain channel can be used with most crystal mikes.

? FENCE CHARGER

I would like a diagram of an electronic fence charger to operate from 117-volt a.c. lines. Please include pulse rate and voltage controls.—J.Y.R., Bethlehem, Penna.

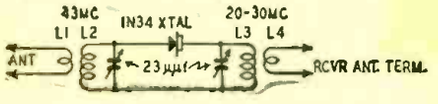
A. This fence controller (Fig. 2) has variable output and variable pulse rate. C1 and R2 control the output voltage. If C1 is made up of a number of small condensers which may be connected in parallel through a switch, a wider voltage variation is possible. R1 sets the pulse rate. This should be adjusted to produce about 1 pulse per minute.

T1 is a special fence controller transformer with a 200-volt primary and a secondary delivering an instantaneous voltage peak of 3,000 volts into an open circuit. This unit may be a Stancor type P-6126 or equivalent.

? TUBELESS CONVERTER

I have an all-wave receiver tuning down to 30 mc and would like to increase its range to about 43 mc by using a tubeless converter like the one described on page 19 of the February 1947 issue of Radio-Craft. Can you supply the necessary coil data?—A.T.S., Cleveland, Ohio.

A. L2 consists of 11 turns of No. 10 enameled wire air-wound with an inside diameter of 7/16 inch. The coil should



be about 1½ inches long. L1 consists of 2 turns No. 18 d.c.c. wire interwound with L2. L3 has 24 turns of No. 18 d.c.c. wire air-wound on a 7/16-inch form and spaced to about 1½ inches. L4 is 3 turns of No. 18 d.c.c. interwound with or closely coupled to the low end of L3. L1 and L4 may be adjusted for best performance with a particular antenna and receiver. The length of L2 and L3 may be varied to alter the tuning range.

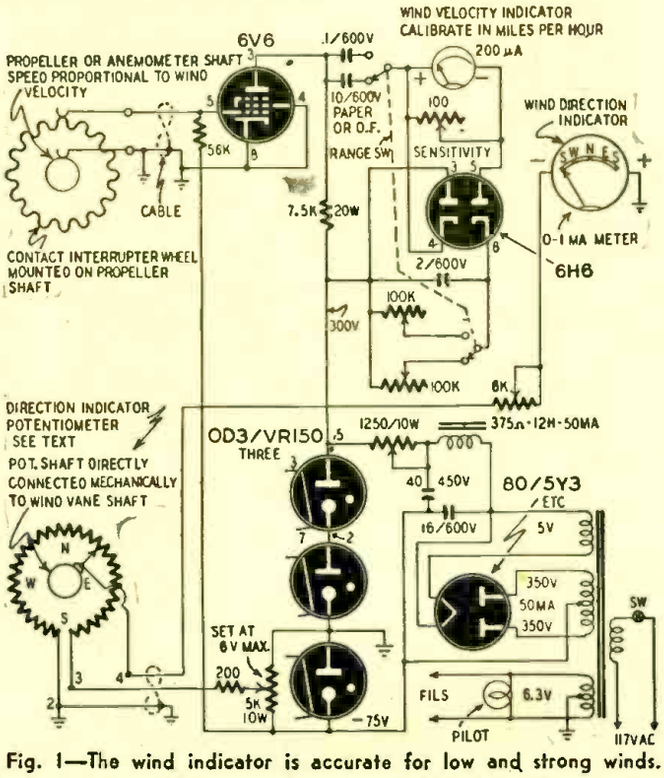


Fig. 1—The wind indicator is accurate for low and strong winds.

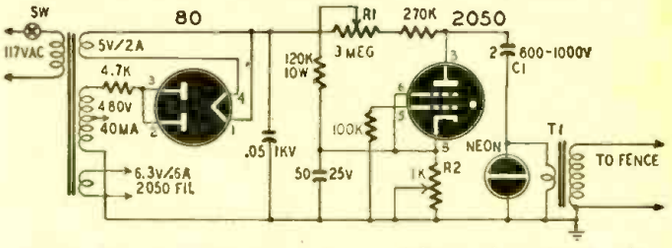


Fig. 2—This electronic fence charger delivers about 3,000 volts.

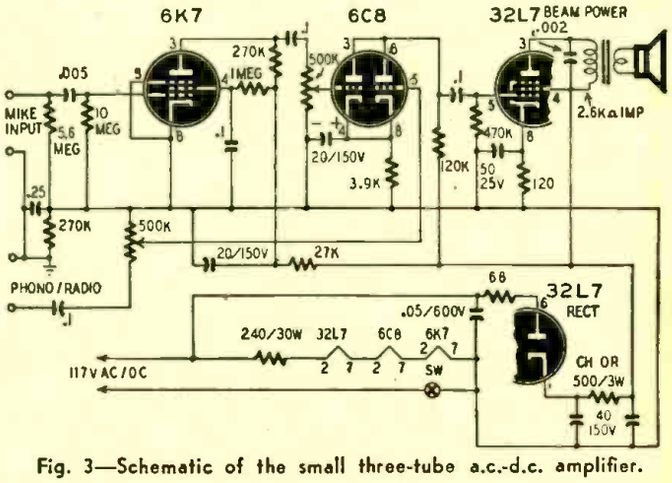


Fig. 3—Schematic of the small three-tube a.c.-d.c. amplifier.

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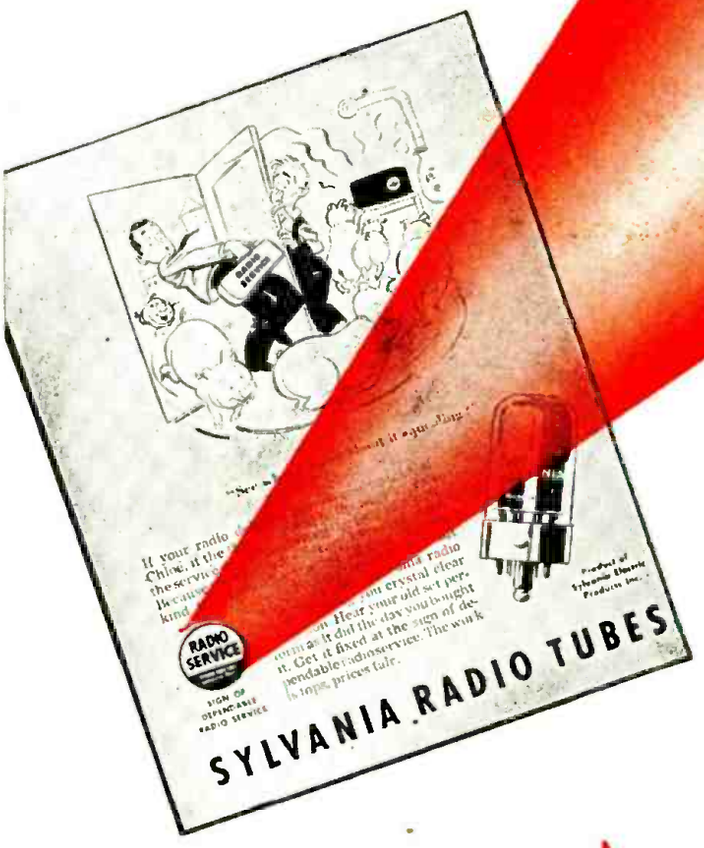

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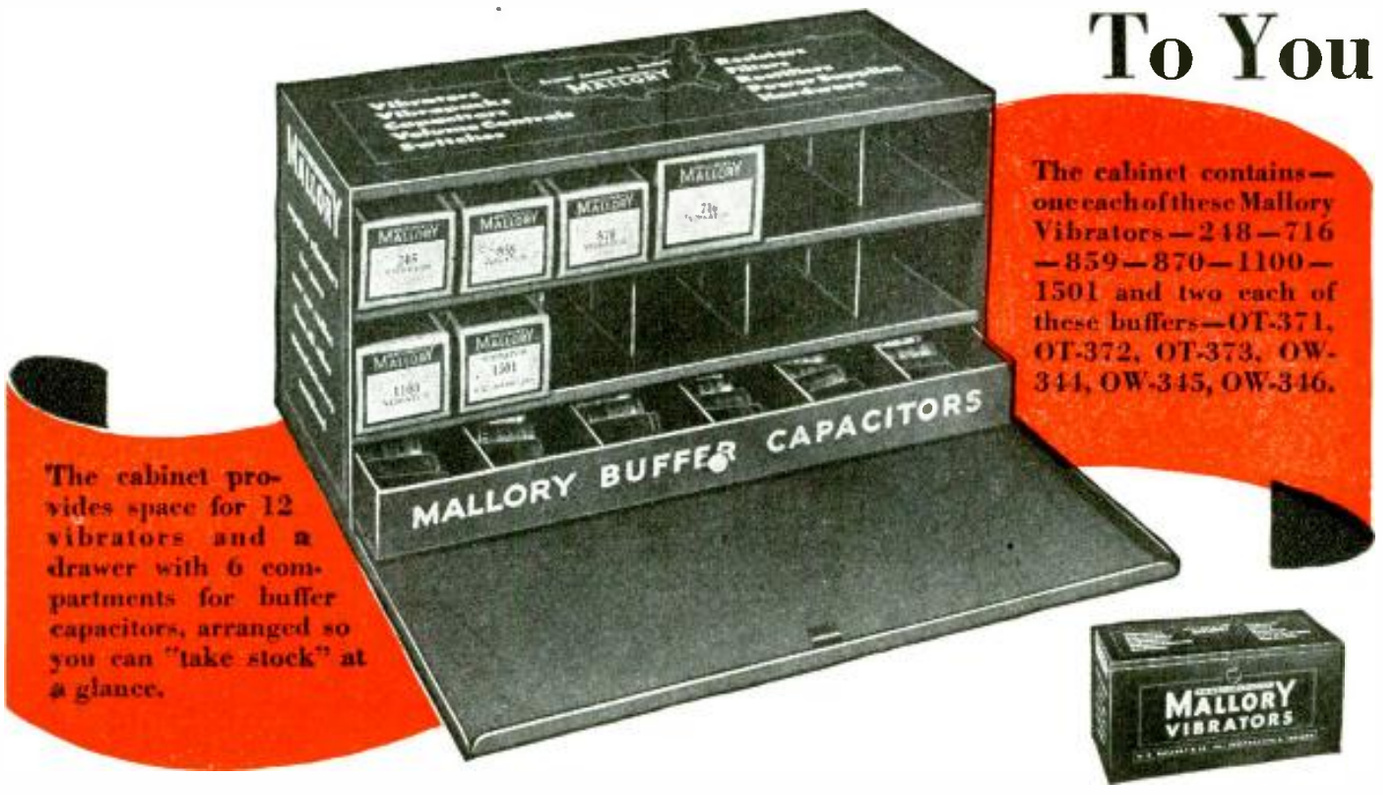

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Technotes

. . . . PHILCO AUTO RADIOS

If the new models suddenly go dead, take a look at the i.f. transformers. Midget i.f. transformers are used in the models CR-4 and CR-6. There is very little clearance between the lugs and the can. If great care is not used when soldering leads to the lugs, solder will run down the lug and short to the can. On several sets I have found the plate or B-plus lugs shorted to the chassis.

HAROLD L. BLISS,
Francesville, Ind.

. . . . OSCILLATOR FAILURE

Some sets play perfectly in the shop yet suffer oscillator failure when the set is returned to the owner's home. To prevent this, I have a Variac and a.c. voltmeter in the line and lower the operating voltage on the set until the oscillator fails. If the set is a 3-way portable or a.c.-d.c. model, the oscillator will probably cut out between 80 and 90 volts input. If it cuts out above 90 volts, with normal B-voltages, try replacing the oscillator tube. If this does not cure the trouble, check the components in the oscillator circuit.

JOHN B. MOORE,
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. . . . GROUNDING A.C.-D.C. EQUIPMENT

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It is sometimes convenient to attach equipment to earth, and at other times there is danger of accidental grounding. This kink is useful in either case.

ERIC LESLIE,
New York, N. Y.

(This circuit will not work if the equipment has a negative return isolated from the chassis.—*Editor)*

. . . . ECHOPHONE EC-1 AND EC-1A

If the pilot lamp burns brightly and then burns out, look for a shorted bypass condenser at the plate of the 35L6. Replacement with a 600-volt unit prevents future breakdowns of this sort.

RICHARD LYTWYN,
Detroit, Mich.

. . . . INTERMITTENT COILS

Automobile sets and others sometimes develop intermittent noise from corrosion in the i.f., oscillator and r.f. coils caused by dampness. If the coils are in a plate circuit, shorting the plate to ground through a 2,500-ohm resistor will draw enough current through the coil to open it permanently.

B. BUEHRLE, JR.
Ferguson, Mo.

. . . . BATTERY RADIOS

When the complaint is distortion in the audio section of farm or portable radios with 1.4-volt tubes, replace the output tube.

This should be tried even when the tube and all components check good. This trouble is very common in sets with 3Q5's.

JOHN MEDNANSKY,
Belle Fourche, S. D.

. . . . FIRESTONE 4—A—30

If the complaint is very poor volume, look for an open screen resistor to the 6SJ7 first audio tube. Poor volume with serious distortion is often caused by the 6K6 cathode resistor changing in value. Replace with a 450-ohm, 10-watt, wirewound unit. Reception with push-button tuning only may be due to a shorted .01-μf condenser from the screen of the 6SA7 to ground. Replace with a 600-volt condenser to prevent future trouble.

If the dial turns hard, look for misalignment in the guide pulley on the side of the chassis. Bending it back into alignment will remove the stiffness.

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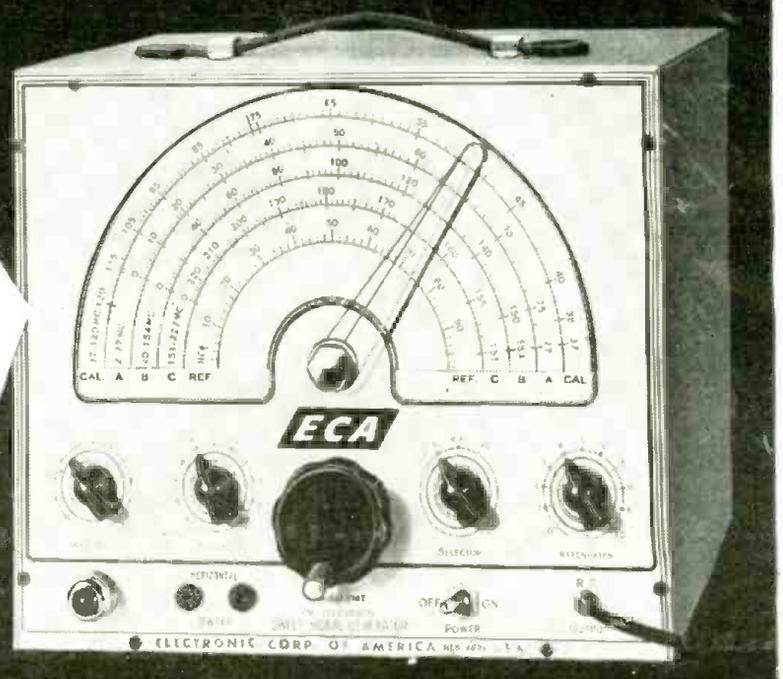

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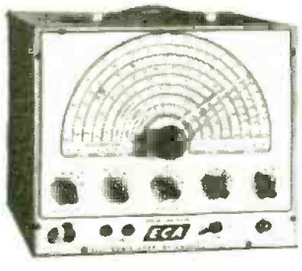

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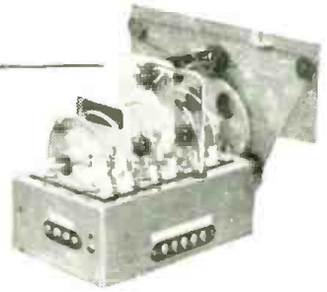

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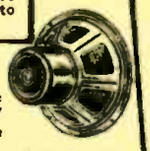

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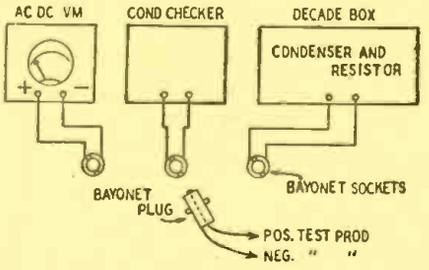
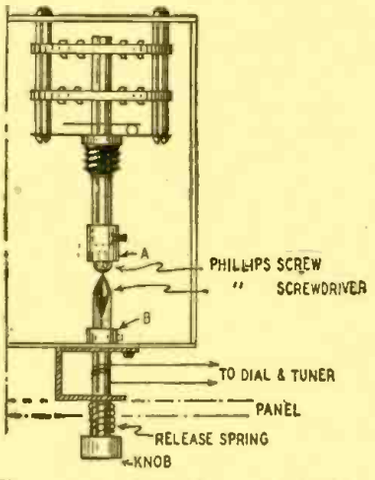


The negative lead is soldered to the shell of the plug and the positive lead attached to the center terminal. A bayonet socket is attached to each instrument. Inserting the plug into the socket makes the proper connection automatically.

JOHN J. MACGOWAN,
Minneapolis, Minn.

NOVEL BAND SWITCH

While constructing a two-band receiver, I used an idea for making the manual tuning control also serve as a band-switch control. The band switch was mounted at the rear of the chassis, its shaft directly in line with the tuning control shaft. The original tuning shaft was replaced with the blade of a Phillips-type screw driver, and the only other additions were a compression spring, a short Phillips-head screw, and two metal inserts salvaged from old knobs.



The screw was set in one end of insert A and soldered into place. The assembly was then attached to the band-switch shaft. The other insert B was then attached to the tuning shaft and placed to keep the driver point about ⅛ inch out-of-mesh with the screw.

To operate the switch it is necessary only to push the tuning knob in a bit and turn to the right or left. Upon release of pressure, the compression spring between knob and shaft bracket pulls the screw-driver end out of mesh, and stations are tuned in normal way.

OLIVER HORNUNG,
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WIRE STRIPPER

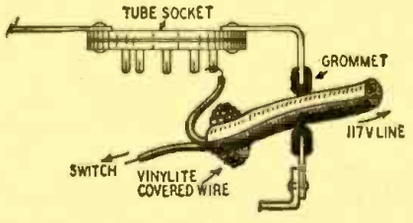
A metal photo clip makes a good wire stripper for hookup wire. Merely put the wire between the jaws of the clip, squeeze them together, and pull the wire out fully stripped.

This clip is also very handy for holding ends of wire together for soldering.

GEORGE WECHSLER,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

NON-SLIP LINE CORD

To anchor a thermoplastic-covered line cord simply and neatly inside the chassis, wind two or three layers of thin vinylite-covered wire onto the end of the line cord inside the set. With the flat side of a *clean* chisel-shaped soldering iron, heat the insulations of both the



cord and wire till their surfaces merge. When the wires cool, a smooth resilient skin will cover the anchor knot.

LUDWIG FURTH,
London, England

ODD SIZE RESISTORS

When I cannot obtain an odd-size value of resistor, I make one as follows: Roughen the surface of a small strip of 1/32-inch sheet mica and paint a line with India ink down the length of each side. Wrap two turns of No. 24 wire around each end of the strip and hold them in place with a conducting cement to assure a good connection. (This cement is made of powdered graphite mixed with coil dope to form a medium paste.) After the cement dries, coat the entire unit with thinned coil dope.

One resistor made in this way measured 47 megohms. Other values can be obtained by varying the amount of ink used or the size of the mica strip.

CHARLES J. APPLEGATE,
Champaign, Ill.

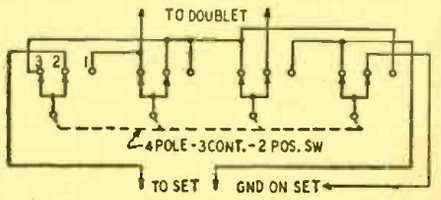
HEADPHONE REPAIR

When headphones become defective, almost always one of the coils is found to be open. This coil can be shorted out, allowing the current to pass through the other coil. The phones are less sensitive, but still usable till replacements can be obtained.

JOSEPH FIEDERER,
Worcester, N. Y.

ANTENNA SWITCHING

A simple doublet antenna is very effective for reducing noise on short-wave bands. However, an antenna of this type gives poor results on the broadcast band. To rectify this shortcoming, I used the arrangement shown, with good results. The switch is a 4-pole, 3-



contact, 2-position type. Throwing it from the first position to the second converts the doublet to a T antenna and makes all the necessary changes in connections to the receiver.

OTTO WOOLEY,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

COIL WINDING TIP

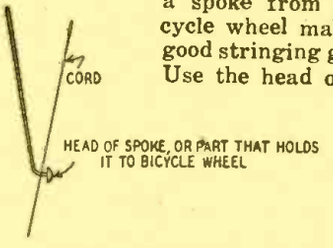
It is usually hard to thread the end of a thin wire through the pin of a coil form. But if the wire is first threaded through the eye of an ordinary sewing needle, the needle then can be used to pass the wire through the hole in the pin.

RALPH WALTER,
Jersey City, N. J.

(The fine wire also might be soldered to the end of a heavier wire.—*Editor)*

DIAL CORD REPLACEMENT

When a dial cord is difficult to replace because of the position of the pulleys, a spoke from a bicycle wheel makes a good stringing guide. Use the head of the



spoke to push or lift the cord over the pulleys that cannot ordinarily be reached.

GEORGE A. FELIX,
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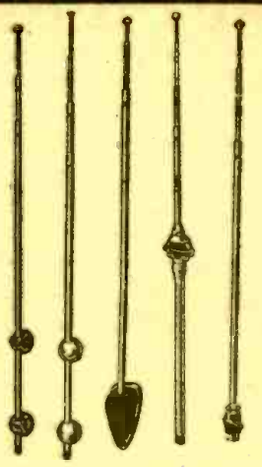

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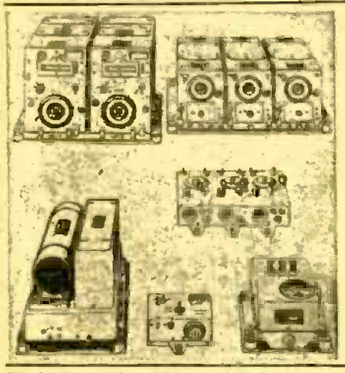

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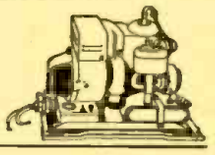

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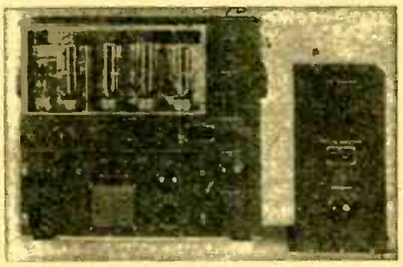

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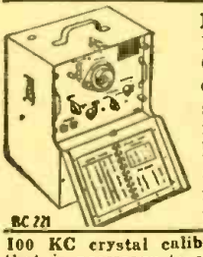

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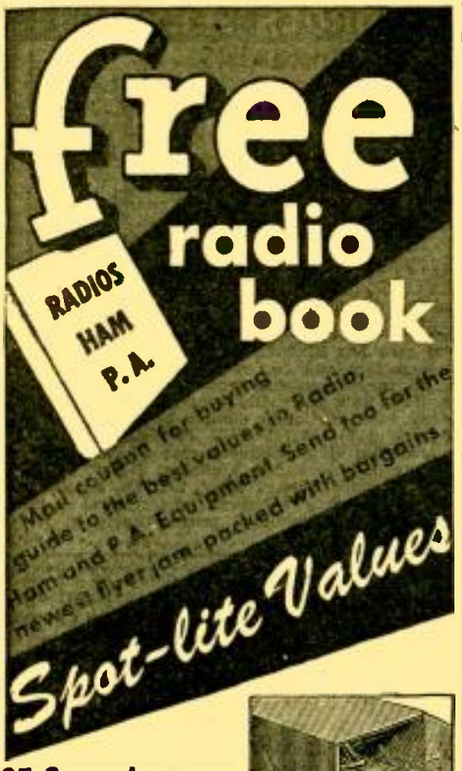

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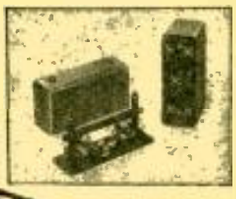

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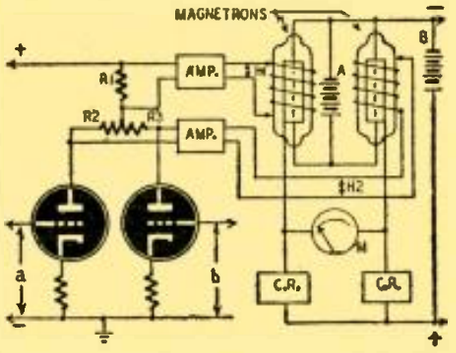
Patent No. 2,433,237

Magnetrons are well known as generators of high-power microwave energy. Here they have another important use. A pair of magnetrons is used with associated apparatus as an instantaneous multiplying machine.

A simple relation exists between the magnetic field of a magnetron and its anode voltage, when the anode current is maintained constant. For this type of operation, the anode voltage E is proportional to the square of the corresponding field H. We may write

$$E_1 = KH_1^2 = K(a+b)^2;$$
$$E_2 = KH_2^2 = K(a-b)^2;$$
$$E_1 - E_2 = K(H_1^2 - H_2^2) = 4abK.$$

The third term of each equation simply emphasizes the fact that any two numbers (or quantities like 1 and 2) may be regarded as the sum and difference of two other numbers. For example, 9 and 5 are the sum and difference of 7 and 2.



The equations show that if the magnetic field of one magnetron is made proportional to the sum of two voltages (a+b) and, if the field of the other magnetron is proportional to the difference (a—b), then the difference between anode potentials is proportional to the product (a × b).

Referring to the circuit diagram, 2 triodes are used as class-A amplifiers. The input voltages are a and b, respectively. Both plate currents flow through R1 in the same direction, therefore the voltage across it must be proportional to (a+b). Currents flow in opposite directions through the halves of resistor R2-R3, therefore the voltage across it is proportional to (a — b). These voltages are amplified and then connected across the magnetron field coils.

It is clear that H1 is proportional to (a+b) and that H2 is proportional to (a — b). The anode current of each magnetron is held constant by a current regulator. Then, by the previous equations, the difference between anode potentials must be proportional to the product (a×b).

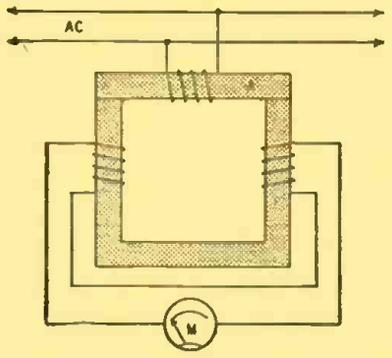
To operate the calculator, input potentiometers are adjusted to apply desired potentials to the amplifying tubes. The product is read off at once on the calibrated meter M.

COIL TESTER

Joseph K. Thompson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
(assigned to Westinghouse Elec. Corp.)
Patent No. 2,432,948

This is an improvement in the method of testing coils by comparison. In the usual method the coils are placed on opposite legs of a transformer core in which an alternating field is produced. The coils are connected in series so that the current induced in one bucks that in the other. A meter connected in the circuit will read zero if the coils are identical.

Usual practice is to place the standard and unknown coil on the opposite legs of a U-shaped core. The a.c. winding is on the bottom of the U. A fourth and removable side completes the magnetic circuit. This method, while convenient, leaves air gaps which are effectively in parallel with the usual leakage gap. Since the air gaps cannot be made exactly alike, the magnetic flux through the core legs is not the same.



In this method the primary is wound on the removable side (A) of the core. The air gaps are now *in series* with the core, and cannot cause unequal flux through the core legs.

RADAR TELEVISION

James W. Gibson, Avenel, N. J.
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Patent No. 2,429,933

Radar and television may be combined to form images and scenes otherwise invisible to the naked eye. Short radio waves are directed against the desired target. Reflected energy is picked up and converted into electric currents. These are video currents which may be used to control a television receiver.

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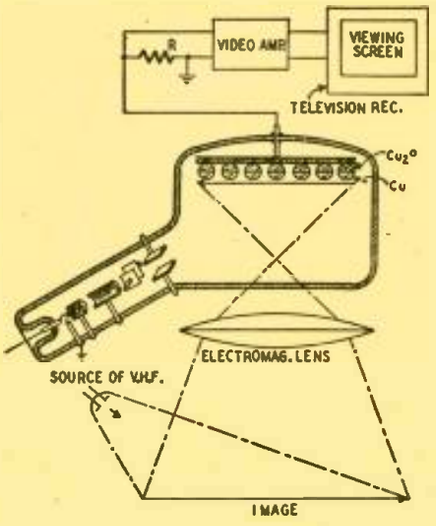
The focused image is made to fall upon a mosaic within a vacuum pickup tube. This mosaic is made of tiny rectifying elements attached to a plate. Each element is spherical in shape. The exposed portions of each element are made of copper and the parts which contact the plate are of copper oxide. When electromagnetism travels through these elements, they induce currents which are rectified. Positive charges appear on the exposed parts, and the plate becomes negative.

An electron beam is caused to scan the mosaic as in a conventional television tube. As this beam strikes an element it causes the latter to discharge through resistor to ground and back to the tube cathode. These video currents are amplified and reproduced.



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$$Req = \frac{RL \times Rp \times Rg}{RL \times Rg + RL \times Rp + Rg \times Rp},$$

where Rp is the plate resistance and Rg is the grid leak of the 2A3. The equation calls for a 51,019-ohm resistor. In practice we use a 50,000-ohm resistor.

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$$Rg + \frac{(Rp \times RL)}{Rp + RL}.$$

We find R is 504,761 ohms, so Xcc is ½R or 252,380 ohms. A .031-μf condenser has this reactance at 20 cycles. A larger condenser—a .05 μf for example—may be used.

The cathode bias (3 volts) for the 6SJ7 is developed across an 800-ohm cathode resistor. The value of the cathode bypass condenser is computed by following the methods applied to the 2A3.

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A 1-megohm resistor is permissible in the grid circuit of the 6SJ7. Therefore one is used to decrease the shunting effect of capacitance across its input circuit.

Another stage

Our signal source develops .015 volt r.m.s. (.021 volt peak), so added gain is needed to raise this to the 0.72-volt level at the grid of V2. Another 6SJ7 was selected for the job, and circuit constants were designed in the same manner as those of V1 and V2. Note that the load resistor of V3 is much larger than that of V2. This is because Miller

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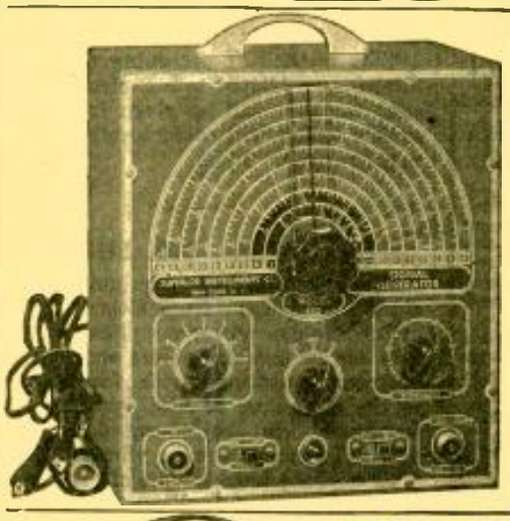

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effect is negligible in pentodes. The shunting reactance between V3 and V2 is the sum of the output capacitance of V3, the input capacitance of V2, and stray capacitance. The gain of V2 is ignored in this case. Using constants from the tube manual and assuming 10-μμf stray capacitance, we find a 265,000-ohm coupling resistor may be used. This permits V3 to develop a gain of 242—about seven times more than is required in the specifications. The additional gain available from V3 is useful in overcoming circuit losses which may be caused by reduced operating voltages and component ageing.

Feedback and motorboating

Degeneration and motorboating are likely to occur when three or more amplifier stages are operated in cascade from a common power supply. This is caused by the plate circuits being coupled through the impedance of the power supply and is eliminated by using a decoupling filter Rf and Cf in the plate circuit of V3.

In a.f. circuits, decoupling constants are selected by making Rf equal to one-tenth the value of the coupling resistor—greater where power supply voltage permits. The decoupling condenser is selected to have a reactance of Rf/20 or less.

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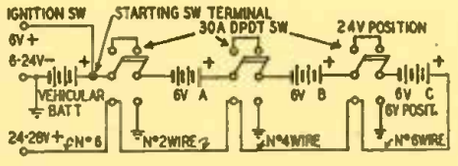

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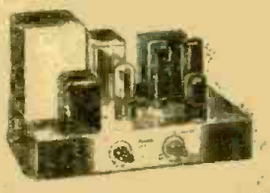

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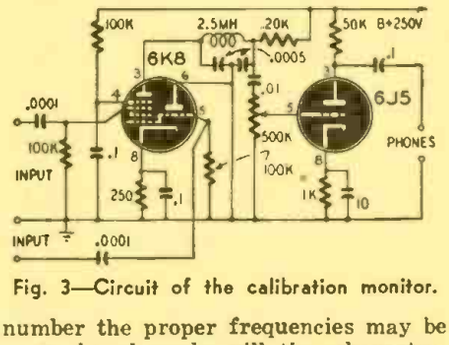

Fig. 3—Circuit of the calibration monitor.

number the proper frequencies may be covered and good oscillation characteristics obtained.

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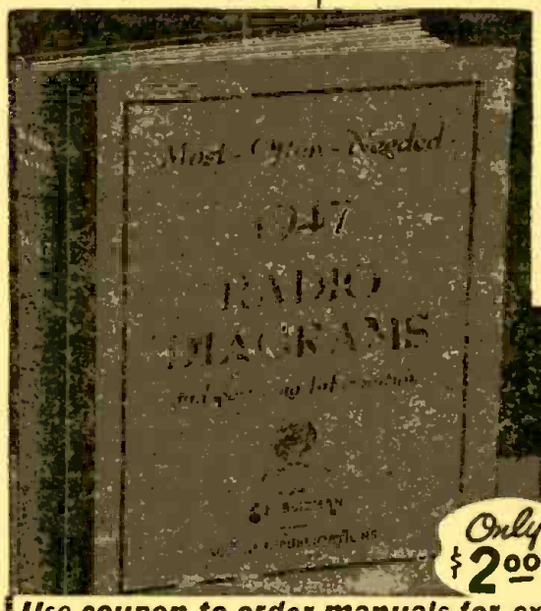

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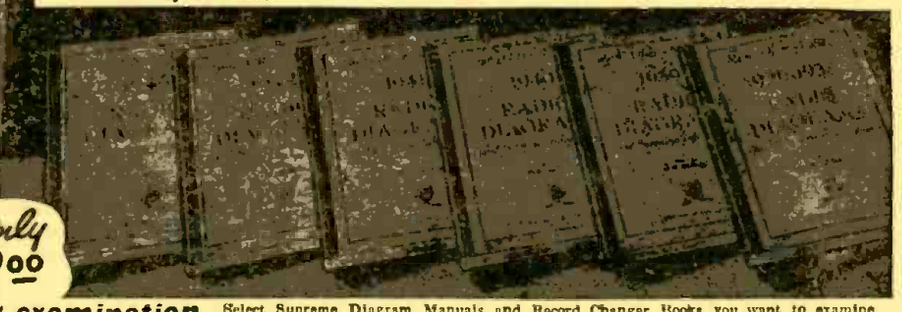

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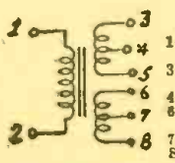

1-2	1 ohm D.C. Res; .25 ohm. Imp.	
3-4	220 ohm D.C. Res.	3-5 500 ohm. Imp.
4-5	235 ohm D.C. Res.	
6-7	850 ohm D.C. Res.	6-8 2000 ohm. Imp.
7-8	400 ohm D.C. Res.	

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ing crystals (or properly biased diode tubes) connected oppositely and in parallel (Fig. 2). The a.f. currents are not rectified because they can flow in either direction. Each crystal has a fairly constant resistance when more than 0.5 volt is applied across it, but below this value its resistance rises sharply. When the voltage is very low, as it is when only background noise is present, there is practically no transmission. Medium and loud speech or music will pass freely, however, along with whatever noise may be present at the time. Such noise is then masked effectively by the desired signal.

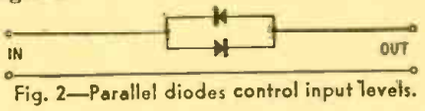

Fig. 2—Parallel diodes control input levels.

This system reduces noise and requires only a simple circuit. Unfortunately, the output cannot sound exactly like the input since the transmission is non-linear. Harmonics and beats are introduced along with the original frequencies. However, spurious responses are at least one octave removed from its original frequency. Filters can therefore be used to eliminate the undesired harmonics.

NOISE REDUCTION

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Two filters are used for maximum effect, one at the input and the other at the output of the channel. Each is designed to attenuate response outside of a given octave. To cover the whole audio range, many separate octave-filtered channels in parallel must be used. However, the higher frequencies carry most of the noise, so the lower sound register (up to several kc) may be transmitted through a separate parallel channel with no need for noise reduction.

For home reproduction of phonograph selections two channels are sufficient. One can pass up to 3 kc with no noise reduction. The other can be an octave-filtered channel transmitting 3-6 kc. For still higher fidelity, more channels are required. One circuit has been designed with four channels. Three of them are filtered to transmit the following octaves respectively: 1.5-3 kc; 3-6 kc; 6-12 kc. The other channel is a low-pass network which transmits frequencies below 1.5 kc. Block diagram appears in Fig. 3.

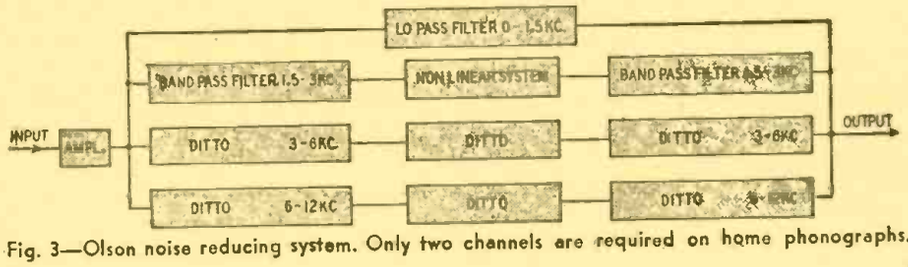

Fig. 3—Olson noise reducing system. Only two channels are required on home phonographs.

Advantages claimed for the octave-transmission system are: There is no audible "swish" due to time constants because the circuit operates instantaneously. Furthermore, the output level is identical with the input for volume greater than the threshold value. Finally, the circuit requires practically no maintenance and is easy to operate.

The author will be pleased to answer any questions in connection with the above article. Simply address I. Queen, care of this magazine.

POLARITY TESTER

On a.c. operated instruments, it is often necessary to determine the line polarity to avoid shocks and possible damage to meters and components. Determine which prong of the line plug must be grounded and solder one terminal of a small neon lamp to it. To the other terminal of the neon lamp attach a short piece of wire with an insulated phone tip at the end. Insert the plug into the outlet and touch the phone tip to the grounded plate or screws of the outlet box. If the lamp lights, reverse the plug.

The lamp is very small and fits neatly into a recess cut in the body of the plug. The plug is wrapped with transparent tape to hold the lamp firmly.

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New York, N. Y.

WORLD-WIDE STATION LIST

Edited by ELMER R. FULLER

REPORTS were received this month from Gil Harris of Massachusetts; Charles Edwards of Massachusetts; Charles H. Fuller of New York; the Department of State; and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Several new frequencies are now in use by the U. S. shortwave stations. The log this time went to press before the information was received and therefore the necessary changes were not made. The following information supplements that given in the list:

WRUW, Boston, on 11.720 to Central America from 1730 to 1900 and 2000 to 2400 hours, EST. WRUX, Boston, 17.750 to Europe from 1435 to 1715 hours. WLWR2, Cincinnati, 15.330 from 1800 to 2400 to South America. KCBF, Delano, 9.700 to Japan and China from 0400 to 0930 hours. KCBR, Delano, 9.750 to the Philippines and the East Indies from 0400 to 1005 hours. KCBF, Delano, 11.810 to Alaska from 2000 to 2200 and 2215 to 2400. KNBA, Dixon, 6.060, to Hawaii from 0400 to 1005. KNBI, 6.120, to China and Japan from 0400 to 1005. KNBX, Dixon, 11.790, to China and Southeastern Asia from 0400 to 1005.

KNBX, Dixon, 15.250, to South Pacific islands from 0030 to 1700 and to South America from 1900 to 2400. WCDA, New York City, 11.830 to Mexico from 2000 to 2200. WCBN, New York City, 15.270 from 1115 to 1630 to Europe and to South America from 1645 to 1700. WCBX, New York City, 17.830 to Europe from 1115 to 1630; to South America from 1645 to 1700 and 1800 to 1900, and to Brazil from 2000 to 2200. WNRI, New York City, 18.160, to Europe from 1000 to 1800. WCRC, New York City, to Europe from 1100 to 1630; to South America from 1645 to 1700. KGEX, San Francisco, 11.730 to the Philippines from 0030 to 0345 and to the East Indies from 0400 to 1005. KWIX, San Francisco, 11.860, to Japan and Korea from 0400 to 0930. WGEO, Schenectady, 15.330, to Europe from 1115 to 1730.

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UNITED STATES			
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Boston, Mass.	WRUX	9.540	Central American beam, 1725 to 1800
Boston, Mass.	WRUW	9.570	South American beam, 2000 to 2200
Boston, Mass.	WRUS	9.570	European beam, 1430 to 1805
Boston, Mass.	WRUW	11.720	Central American beam, 1730 to 1900; 2000 to 2400; Sundays, 1730 to 1800; 2000 to 2400
Boston, Mass.	WRUL	11.720	Central American beam, 2000 to 2400
Boston, Mass.	WRUW	11.730	European beam, 1435 to 1715
Boston, Mass.	WRUA	11.790	European beam, 1430 to 1805
Boston, Mass.	WRUA	15.200	European beam, 1100 to 1400
Boston, Mass.	WBOS	15.210	European beam, 1100 to 1700; South American beam, 2000 to 2200
Boston, Mass.	WRUA	15.290	Central American beam, 2000 to 2400
Boston, Mass.	WRUL	15.290	European beam, 1115 to 1715; South American beam, 1730 to 1900 Sundays to 1800
Boston, Mass.	WRUX	17.750	European beam, 1135 to 1715
Boston, Mass.	WRUW	17.750	European beam, 1115 to 1430
Boston, Mass.	WRUX	25.600	African beam, 1330 to 1400
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS	6.080	West South American beam, 1900 to 2400
Cincinnati, O.	WLWO	9.590	European beam, 1530 to 1700
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS2	9.700	South American beam 1900 to 2400
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS	11.700	European beam, 1515 to 1700
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS2	11.700	North African beam 1515 to 1700
Cincinnati, O.	WLWR	11.710	South American beam 1800 to 2400; Sundays 1900 to 2400
Cincinnati, O.	WLWO	11.790	South American beam 2000 to 2200
Cincinnati, O.	WLWK	15.250	European beam, 1200 to 1700

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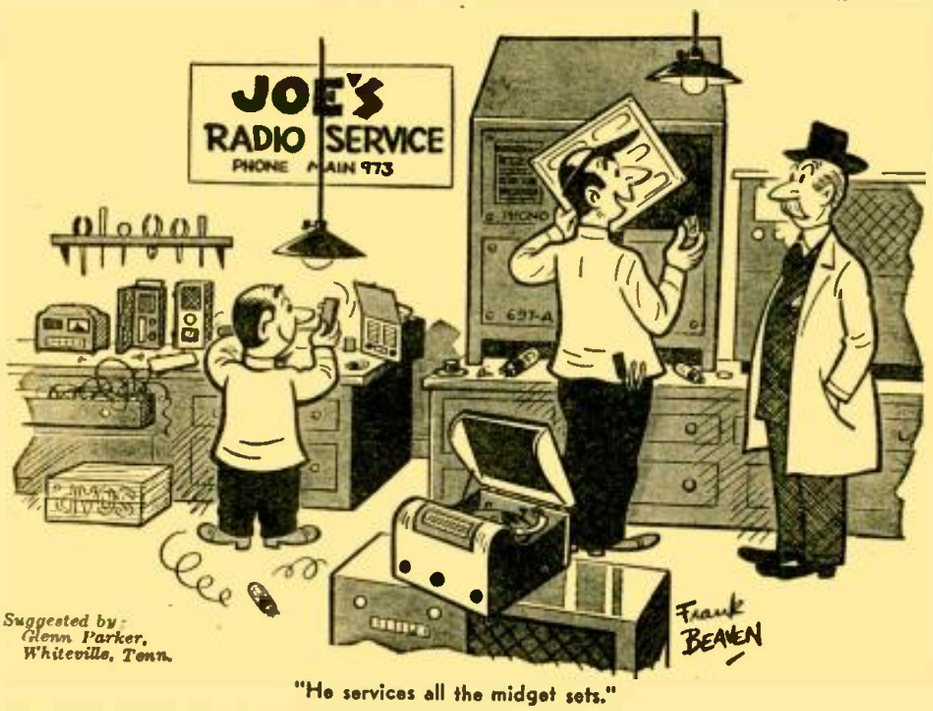

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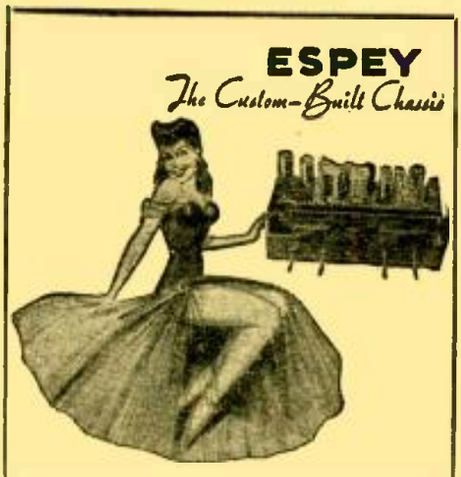

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Cincinnati, O.	WLWR	15.350	North African beam, 1800 to 1700
Cincinnati, O.	WLWO	17.800	European beam, 1200 to 1515
Cincinnati, O.	WLWK	17.800	South American beam, 2000 to 2200
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS	31.650	European beam, 1200 to 1500
Cincinnati, O.	WLWS	21.650	North African beam, 1200 to 1500
Cincinnati, O.	WLWL	31.690	European beam, 1100 to 1700
Delano, Cal.	KCBA	6.170	Guam-Philippine beam, 0400 to 0930
Delano, Cal.	KCBF	9.700	Japanese-Chinese beam, 0430 to 0930
Delano, Cal.	KCBR	9.750	Philippine-East Indies beam, 0400 to 1005
Delano, Cal.	KCBR	15.130	South American beam, 1900 to 2400
Delano, Cal.	KCBA	15.150	Alaskan beam, 2215 to 0345
Delano, Cal.	KCBF	11.810	Alaskan beam, 2215 to 0345
Delano, Cal.	KCBA	21.460	South American beam, 1900 to 2400
Dixon, Cal.	KNBA	6.066	Hawaiian beam, 0400 to 1005
Dixon, Cal.	KNBI	6.120	Chinese-Japanese beam, 0400 to 1005
Dixon, Cal.	KNBA	9.650	Hawaiian - Australian beam, 0230 to 0845; off Mondays
Dixon, Cal.	KNBI	9.760	Chinese beam, 0230 to 0345
Dixon, Cal.	KNBX	11.790	Chinese-Southeast Asia beam, 0400 to 1005
Dixon, Cal.	KNBX	15.250	South Pacific beam, 0630 to 1700; South American beam, 1900 to 2400
Dixon, Cal.	KNBI	17.770	South American beam, 1900 to 2400
New York City	WCBN	9.650	South American beam, 2000 to 2200
New York City	WNRX	9.670	Brazilian beam, 1800 to 1900; 2000 to 2200
New York City	WOOW	9.700	European beam, 1515 to 1800
New York City	WCDA	11.730	Mexican beam, 2000 to 2200
New York City	WNRX	11.830	European beam, 1400 to 1700
New York City	WNRA	11.870	European beam, 1515 to 1800
New York City	WOOC	15.130	European beam, 1000 to 1800
New York City	WRCA	15.150	European beam, 1100 to 1700; Brazilian beam, 1500 to 1900; 2000 to 2200
New York City	WCBN	15.270	European beam, 1115 to 1630
New York City	WCRC	15.270	South American beam, 1900 to 2400
New York City	WNRE	15.280	European beam, 0500 to 1815
New York City	WNBI	17.780	European beam, 1100 to 1800; South American beam, 1900 to 2400
New York City	WCBX		European beam 1115 to 1630; South American beam, 1645 to 1700; 1800 to 1900; Brazilian beam, 2000 to 2300
New York City	WNRI	18.160	European beam, 1000 to 1800
New York City	WOOW	21.500	European beam, 1100 to 1500
New York City	WCRC	21.570	European beam, 1100 to 1630; South American beam, 1645 to 1700
New York City	WNRA	21.610	European beam, 1000 to 1500
New York City	WNRX	21.730	European beam, 1100 to 1330
San Francisco	KGEI	9.530	Mid-Pacific beam, 0630 to 0530; Philippine beam, 0545 to 0930
San Francisco	KWID	9.570	Chinese beam, 0700 to 1000
San Francisco	KWIX	9.570	Alaskan beam, 2215 to 0945
San Francisco	KGEI	9.670	South American beam, 2230 to 2400
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Schenectady	WGEA	11.810	Brazilian beam, 2000 to 2200
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Washington	WWV	20.000	U. S. Bureau of Standards
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Moscow		15.320	0000 to 0500; 0530 to 0800; 0830 to 1100; 2200 to 2300
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VATICAN CITY	HVJ	15.130	0830 to 0830; 1100 to 1145
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Maracaibo	YV1RL	4.810	0630 to 2230
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Puerto Caballo	YV4RQ	3.480	1700 to 2130
San Christobal	YV2RN	4.830	1100 to 2130
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But when it comes to setting up a business of his own—to actually establishing a service shop—the radio technician has no knowledge to guide him. Starting with a given capital, he wants to know the answers to such simple questions as "How much rent can I afford to pay?" or "What part of my investment should I devote to test equipment?"

One of the leaders in bringing technical knowledge to the radioman, Howard W. Sams of the PhotoFact Service, decided to prepare a study on this important serviceman's problem. He found that nobody had any facts on which such a study could be based. And there seemed no way to get them. Various surveys had turned up bits of information on the business side of radio servicing, but these scattered and unrelated items were of little use to the radio technician starting up in business.

There was but one way to get the information—actually establish an experimental radio service shop, and learn the hard way—the only way a would-be serviceman can now learn anything about the business angles of his trade. Sams decided to start his own shop and learn by experience the opportunities and pitfalls of radio servicing.

The first step was into one of the pitfalls. A likely location was chosen. It was selected to combine low rent with a large volume of traffic past the store. An apparently ideal spot was found at

Work on the new Sams' test bench. Left portion is part of a second identical bench used to double length. The large stock of meters represents part of Sams' equipment-testing program.

the crossing of two main traffic arteries and a store was rented.

Only after starting work in the new shop was it noted that other considerations than rent and prospective trade are important in selecting a location. The new place was noisy. The trackless trolley past the shop daily took hundreds of prospective customers past the door, but it also sent out high-power broadcasts with each shower of sparks from the overhead conductors. Flashing neon signs on the two filling stations across the intersection also made plenty of noise, as did those of the supermarket next door. "Signal tracing" showed that three doctors and one dentist—with X-ray machines—were located in the block. Sams wrote his heading for Lesson One: "Check your proposed location for noise as well as its business possibilities."

Lesson Two was a design project. Problem: To find or design an efficient and suitable workbench. Sams had learned from many servicemen that what the majority wanted was something relatively inexpensive. For those who could afford a higher-priced bench, there were excellent commercial models.

The designers abandoned tradition and struck out along revolutionary lines. The bench they produced consists of two parts—a flat top and a pair of shelves behind it. These shelves are the novel feature.

The back of the average bench is used as a panel for instruments. But most instruments used today are the portable type. In servicing FM or television sets —where two or three instruments may be connected to the same receiver—the mobility and flexibility of the portable instrument are especially important. This bench is designed for use with portable instruments. They can be stacked on the lower shelf at bench level and directly behind it, and used either in place or pulled out to best position. Those used less can be kept on the upper shelves.

Another point in favor of the shelves is that customers dislike to see their sets scattered over the floor, where someone may step through the loudspeaker. The shelves provide space for such radios. Receivers whose repair is temporarily interrupted—while waiting for parts, for example—can also be lifted to a shelf. This frees bench space and thus adds to virtual bench area.

Another feature the technician will appreciate is the overhang at the front. See drawing, Fig. 1. Much repair work is done sitting down, and the overhang provides kneeroom. There is an accompanying disadvantage — the drawers must be spaced a few inches below the bench top for accessibility. Shelf space in the compartments beside the drawers permit storage of parts, radios, or larger tools, depending on the serviceman's need and the other fittings of the shop.

The bench may be expanded by placing its end to the wall and putting a second bench on the other side of the shelf rack. Two repairmen can then work without getting in each other's way, but both within reach of instruments.

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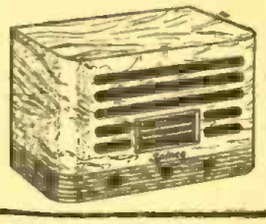

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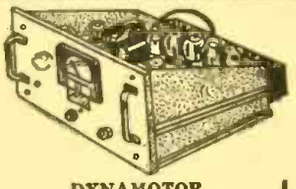

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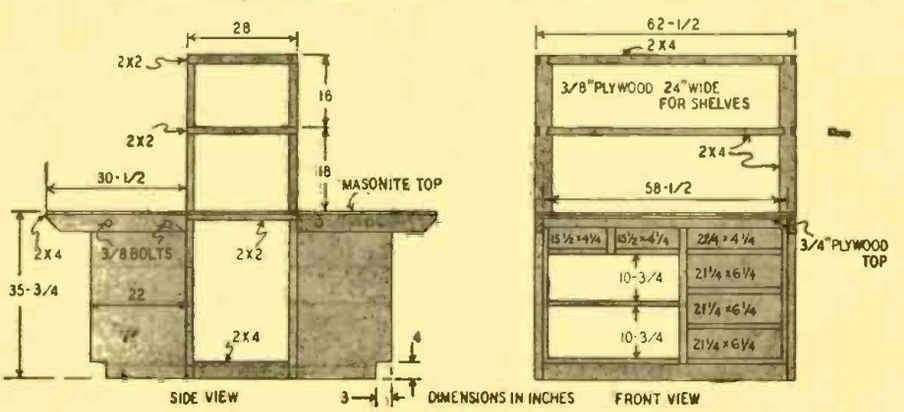

Fig. 1—The "kitchen cabinet" workbench, front and side views. Smaller areas on front view are drawers. Larger ones may be open shelves or be fitted with doors and back as closets.

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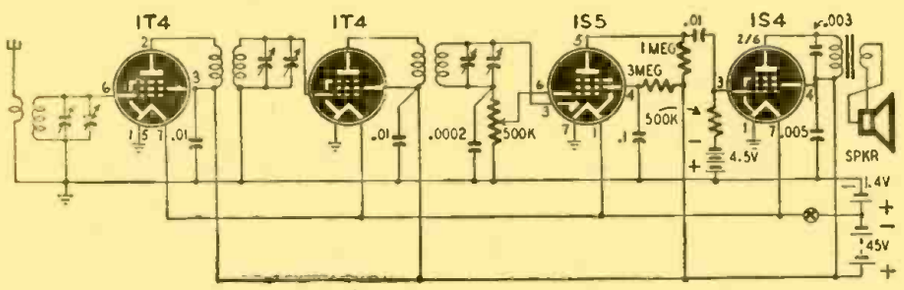
Lesson Three is on test instruments themselves. What instruments does the technician use most, and which can the small shop most easily do without? Are the test instruments offered to the radio repairman exactly adapted to his needs? To get the answer to these questions Sams enlisted the test instrument manufacturers. Cooperating to the fullest, they have supplied specimens of practically all pieces of test equipment currently on the market. All these will be used in checking radios on the bench. Not only will general conclusions be drawn, but weak and strong points of individual pieces of equipment will be noted and the manufacturer advised. Thus both manufacturer and his eventual customer, the radio technician, will benefit.

The new clinic expects to reverse the history of the small neighborhood radio shop. Many a serviceman has started in a small way and built up a reputation for skillful and reliable servicing, then moved on to the steadier dealer servicing, with its better income and reduction in the number of individual problems. Sams — reputation already assured — plans to start with the simpler dealer or manufacturer servicing. When some experience in general servicing has been obtained, the doors will be opened to radio owners of the neighborhood and the shop will proceed to the more advanced subject of individual customer servicing.

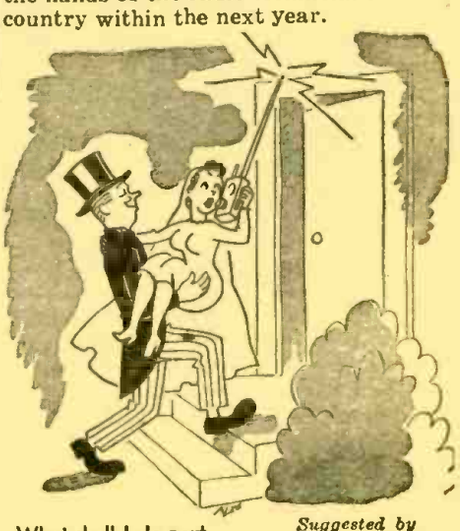
The lessons to be learned in this pioneer effort should be very valuable to the American radio technician. Indeed, there are so many things to be learned and this is so obviously the common-sense way to learn them, that the onlooker can only echo Sams himself and ask, "Why hasn't someone done it before?"

Baffling indeed are the problems which face the man trying to start his own radio service business. Sams intends to find some of the answers, and expects to have some of his solutions in the hands of the radio technicians of the country within the next year.

AN ITALIAN POCKET RADIO CIRCUIT



This little receiver is of Italian design, but uses standard American tubes. Built to fit in a pocket, it uses a t.r.f. circuit. American constructors will find the volume control connection and the use of a C-battery to supply bias to the output tube novel and interesting design features. The little set uses a 2-inch magnetic loudspeaker.



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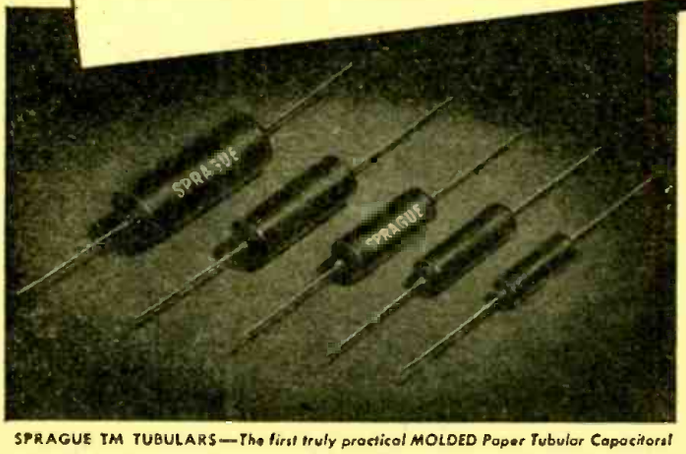

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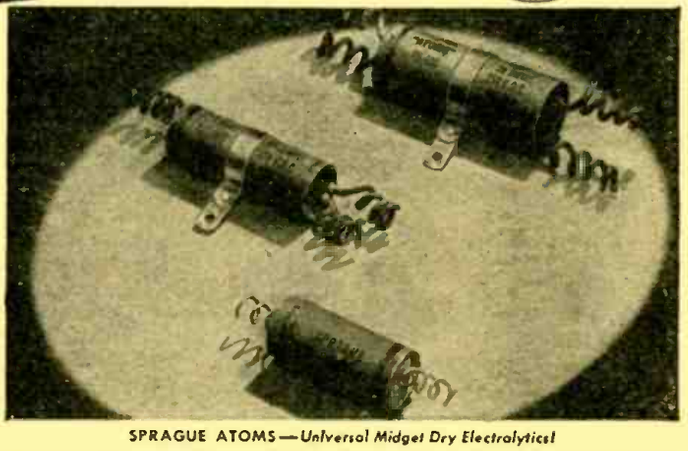

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book, I think I'll play for safety. In the final revision of the proofs, besides changing every "is" into "may be" and every "know" into "believe," I'll insert "probably" into most of the statements.

Recent investigations in Britain have shown that *v.h.f. transmissions can, and regularly do, travel in no less than three other ways than by the direct wave!* One of these, the atmospheric duct, has been known for some time; but it was regarded rather as a freak condition. It has nothing to do with ionization. What happens is that, under certain conditions, a kind of wave guide is formed between a layer of air (which may be at a height of only a few meters) and the surface of the earth. The new discovery is that this is no freak; it is a common state of affairs in fine settled weather, such as we had over here last summer. This accounts for the regular reception in Europe at ranges of 130-150 miles of frequencies up to 58 mc.

But it doesn't account for transmissions of similar frequencies which span distances up to 1,400 miles as they did for many months in 1947 when European v.h.f. transmissions interfered badly with one 43-45 mc television service. That has been shown convincingly to be caused by sporadic E-layer ionization, which is found to be pretty frequent in summer time in these latitudes. Sporadic E is a superionization of the lower reflecting layer, which occurs more often and more widely than was formerly suspected and is influenced by sunspot activity. Appleton has shown that it can be caused by meteoric dust. Strong sunlight can also bring it about.

And now for a quiz question for which no prize is offered. Two places, A and B, are 1,000 miles apart. One set of radio waves from A reaches B by reflection from the E-layer at a height of 65 miles; a second gets there by reflection from the F-layer at a height of 200 miles. Which set meets the reflecting layer at the larger angle?

Those that travel *via* the E-layer? Right! The bigger the angle the smaller is the chance that the waves have of going smack through the layer and the greater the chance that they will be reflected, supposing that each layer is ionized to an equal degree. It follows that v.h.f. waves which would escape into space and never come back to earth under ordinary conditions may be returned to earth by a superionized E-layer. The observed critical frequencies of sporadic E are such that the maximum range obtained in this way by v.h.f. is about 1,400 miles.

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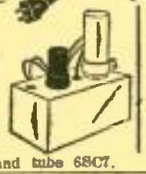

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Resistance-capitance oscillators

The resistance-capacitance tuned oscillator in Fig. 5 is used for the generation of audio frequencies. Frequency is controlled by an R-C network that provides regenerative coupling to a feedback amplifier. Main design points in this circuit are to use as few bypass condensers as possible and to make the ones used of high capacitance to minimize phase shift at very low frequencies. The amplifier must be designed for wide-band response to prevent phase shift at the higher frequencies and must also use a large amount of negative feedback. A 3-watt, 117-volt lamp is usually used in the cathode of the oscillator to provide the negative feedback. The lamp also automatically controls the amplitude.

Audio frequencies may be produced by a beat-frequency oscillator (Fig. 6),

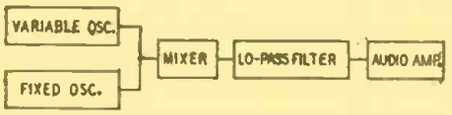

Fig. 6—A typical beat-frequency oscillator.

which is a combination of two r.f. oscillators, one fixed at about 100 kc and the other variable. The two outputs are fed into a mixer, then amplified. The difference between the 2 frequencies represents the audio output. A very wide range of frequencies extending well into the r.f. region can be covered with this type of circuit.

The b.f.o. has several drawbacks. The chief one is the tendency of the oscillators to "lock in" with each other at low frequencies. Unless filters are used together with careful design, cross-modulation of the higher harmonics occurs. For this reason the R-C feedback circuit is rapidly displacing the b.f.o.

Electron-coupled oscillator

Buffer stages are needed between most oscillators and their loads. A load connected to an oscillator changes the current in the tank circuit which in turn affects the frequency and might even stop oscillation entirely. If the load varies the oscillator will be adversely effected. The buffer stage can be eliminated by using an electron-coupled oscillator (Fig. 7). This is the Hartley circuit

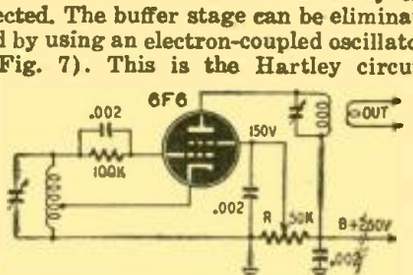

Fig. 7—Electron-coupled Hartley oscillator.

with a few changes. The screen grid is used as the anode and output is taken from the plate. The cathode is at an alternating potential above ground, but the screen is grounded.

The electron stream which reaches the plate is "modulated" at the frequency of

oscillation, and by inserting a tuned circuit in the plate lead as shown in the figure, it can transform the r.f. energy by either capacitive or inductive coupling to an external load. The plate circuit is at all times well shielded from the oscillating circuit, because the screen is grounded at radio frequency.

In all the above types of oscillators good wave form has been one of the most important features to be considered, but one oscillator with very bad wave form is much used—the multivibrator (Fig. 8). It is useful because it

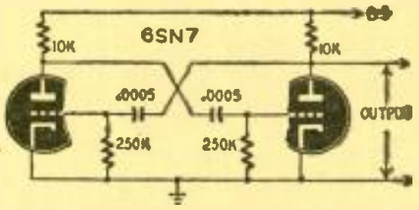

Fig. 8—A simple twin-triode multivibrator.

can "count down" a higher frequency to a lower one in predetermined steps. One important use is to divide the frequency of a crystal oscillator into a frequency suitable for running a synchronous clock. In this case, the crystal oscillator usually has a frequency of 100 or 1,000 kc. The output triggers the multivibrator, which generates subharmonics of the original frequency. By using two multivibrators, an output of 1 kc—or even down to 10 cycles—is entirely possible. The output will be just as accurate and stable as the crystal oscillator itself.

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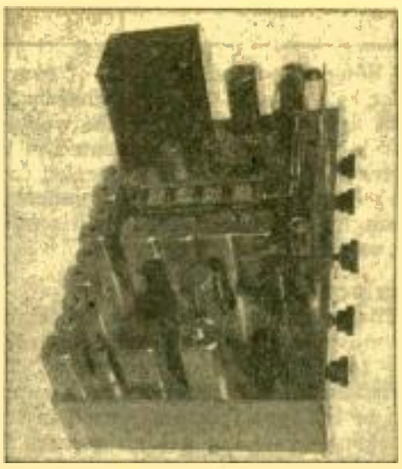

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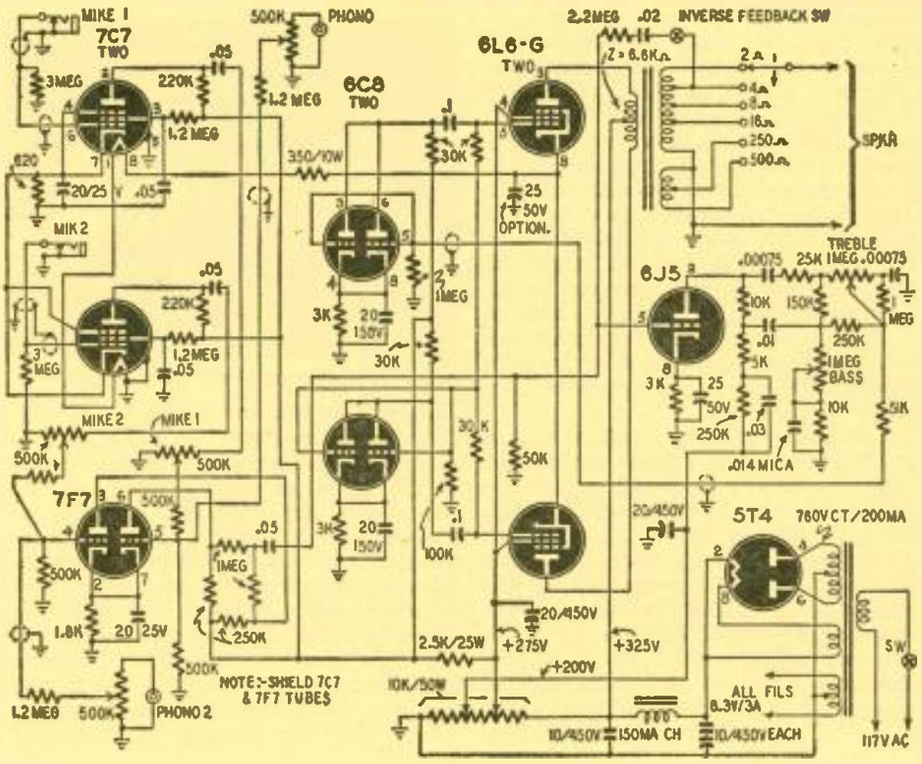

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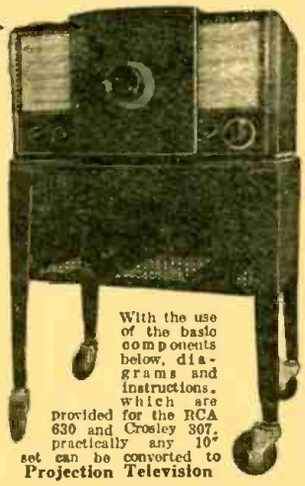

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shielding. The binding posts, of course, must be insulated from the chassis. No pilot light was installed in the wobbler, as this feature was incorporated in the power supply. All power is carried from the power supply to the signal generator through a rubber-covered multiconductor cable.

The power supply

The power supply (Fig. 9) was designed for universal use. The case is identical in size to the FM signal generator. The transformer for the universal supply can be the type frequently used in tube checkers, providing a high voltage for B-supply and various voltages for filaments. The author removed the filament windings from a large receiver power transformer (noting the turns/volt ratio) which had excess space in the winding window. A new filament winding was then wound, providing taps at the proper points for filaments up to and including 35 volts.

Precise voltage regulation of the B-supply is usually desirable for applications such as our FM generator. The original model did not include this feature, although voltage regulators were tried in some of the tests. The two VR tubes and the 2,500-ohm dropping resistor R25 shown in broken lines may be added within the same cabinet. When the regulator tubes are installed, S3 should be a d.p.s.t. switch.

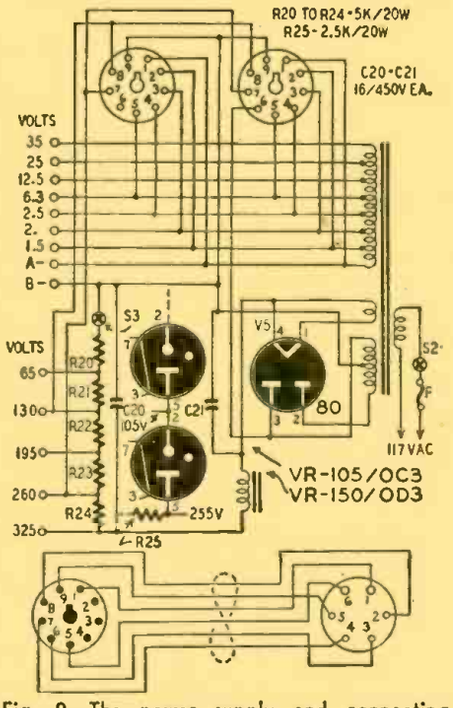


Fig. 9—The power supply and connecting cable. Note error in polarity of C20 and C21.

Adjustment and calibration

After the usual checks have been made on filament, plate, and screen voltages, the unit is ready for adjustment. First check both the input and output of the buffer tube V2 for proper form of all three wave shapes (Figs. 2, 3, and 4). The voltage gain of V2 will be slightly less than one, and the input and output wave forms should appear practically identical. While the wave shapes are being checked, the oscilloscope vertical input should be connected at the grid of V2 or V3 (binding post W). The square wave will show considerably greater amplitude than either of the other two, and great enough to allow production of a sizable trace without using the oscilloscope vertical amplifier. This method should be used to see the true shape of the square wave because the usual single-tube amplifier found in most oscilloscopes will distort such a wave shape. The triangular or pyramid wave is the one in which we are particularly interested.

Assuming everything has gone well so far, we now have linear triangular excitation for the frequency modulator. Start adjustment of this section of the unit with C7 at maximum (closed), R10 at maximum, and C18b partly open. The setting of C18b is unimportant for the moment. Connect the FM output to the oscilloscope vertical amplifier and adjust the oscilloscope sweep to 60 cps. Connect the output of a constant-frequency test oscillator (signal generator) to the r.f. terminal of the wobbler.

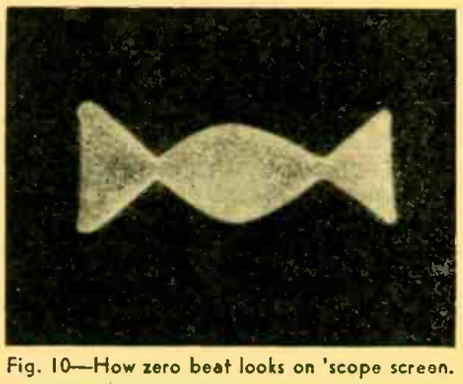


Fig. 10—How zero beat looks on 'scope screen.

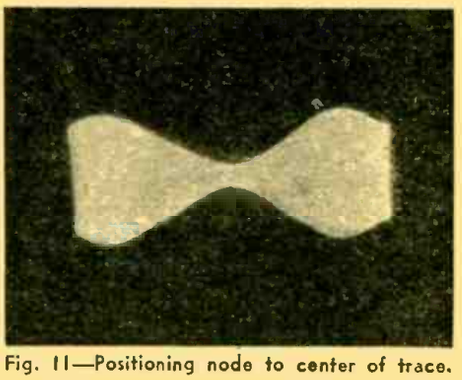


Fig. 11—Positioning node to center of trace.

Slowly tune the test oscillator 100-200 kc both sides of 450 kc. When the frequency of the constant signal falls within the deviation range of our frequency modulation, zero beat will be evident as indicated in Fig. 10. As the constant-frequency signal is changed, the zero-beat point will move back and forth across the 'scope trace. By adjusting (and reading) the constant-frequency oscillator dial so that the zero-beat nodes occur at the ends of the trace, and again so that they coincide in the middle (Fig. 11), the amount of frequency

sweep can be determined. The desired maximum sweep is 60 kc or a deviation of 30 kc each side of the center frequency. The exact amount of maximum deviation is not critical as long as it is adequate.

The value of R13-C7 determines the relationship between the out-of-phase voltage on the reactance tube grid and its plate current. Adjust C7 to give the desired 60-kc sweep. When R13-C7 becomes too small, oscillation over part of the sweep cycle may be blanked, as evidenced by a 'scope trace such as Fig. 12, obtained on the oscillator plate. Parasitic oscillations and complete instability can also result. Extending the sweep too far will also give a non-linear grid potential *vs.* frequency characteristic for the reactance modulator.

The final adjustment consists of setting the range of center frequency, after which the dial on C18a can be calibrated. The center frequency of the FM signal output at any particular setting of C18a is determined as follows. The FM output is connected to the oscilloscope vertical amplifier. The constant-frequency generator signal is injected at the r.f. terminal of the wobbler. The oscilloscope horizontal sweep is adjusted to 120

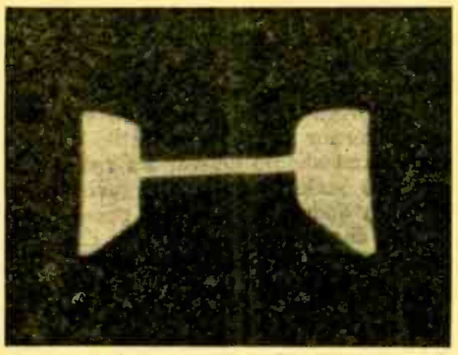


Fig. 12—Effect of making R13-C7 too small.

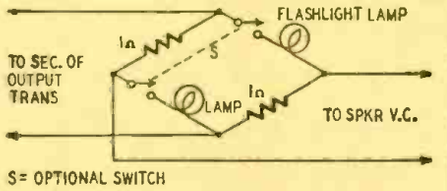
cycles per second. When the constant-frequency signal lies within the deviation of the FM signal, a double trace will appear on the 'scope, each trace being one-half of Fig. 10. When the zero beat points on the two superimposed traces coincide at the center, the constant signal is at the same frequency as the center of the FM signal. C18b is adjusted to give the desired center or carrier frequency range as determined by readings taken at the maximum and minimum settings of C18a. Varying C18b, of course, moves the range up or down the scale of frequencies as well as widening or contracting the range somewhat. It may be necessary, therefore, to alter the inductance of L slightly.

With the end points at the desired values, it is now necessary only to set the constant frequency at, say, 5-kc intervals over the selected range, bring the zero beats together on the superimposed 'scope traces, and mark the dial on C18a. The spaces between the 5-kc marks can then be divided into five divisions to give 1-kc calibration. The calibration will be essentially linear. Final calibration should be done with all shields and covers in place. Needless to say, the calibration will be no better than that of the fixed-frequency test oscillator used.

VOLUME EXPANDER

You may want to try a simple volume expander which will increase the dynamic range of phonograph records or radio programs. The only materials required are two flashlight bulbs (3½-volt, green-bead lamp for 3-cell flashlight seemed to be the most satisfactory in the model constructed), two 1-ohm resistors (a 4-inch length of No. 26 nichrome wire makes a very satisfactory 1-ohm resistor), and enough wire to connect these components together (as shown in the diagram).

At low levels, the lamp filaments pass little current and are quite cold. The resistance is low (in the order of several ohms) thereby almost balancing the volume expander bridge circuit to pro-



duce a small output to the loudspeaker voice coil leads. When the magnitude of the sound is increased, the lamp filaments heat up, and their resistance increases considerably, unbalancing the bridge circuit to produce a much greater output to the loudspeaker. In this way, changes in the dynamic level are accentuated.

To connect the volume expander to your radio or phonograph, disconnect the leads of the loudspeaker voice coil and insert the expander between the secondary of the output transformer and the voice-coil leads.

With the components used there may be too little or too much expansion to suit your taste. Substitute higher-voltage radio pilot lamps (such as 6-volt, brown-bead) to reduce the amount of expansion, or lower-voltage lamps to increase it. If you wish to use the expander for music only, a simple double-pole, single-throw toggle switch may be inserted in the circuit to break the legs of the bridge in which the lamps are inserted.

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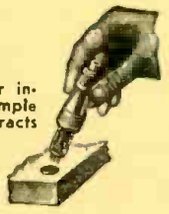

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replaced. Brushes should also be replaced if they have worn down to where they do not hold their proper position in the brush holders. The mica between the commutator segments should be below the level of the copper bars. If it is not, it should be undercut, as the raised mica will prevent the brushes from making proper contact with the commutator. An ordinary hacksaw blade of the right thickness may be used.

Incidentally, an open bypass condenser or arcing at the brushes—caused by several reasons including those mentioned above—will cause static on the radio.

Check the field for continuity and voltage. If the field current has to be turned way up and the third brush all the way into the direction of rotation to make the generator produce a nominal amount of current, or if the strongest wind doesn't suffice to bring the output up to normal, the armature is either open or shorted. In either case it should be sent to the manufacturer or a motor shop for test and repair.

Generator speed has to be up to normal before maximum output can be expected. It can be checked without using a tachometer, by observing the governor. If the wind is strong enough to make the governor act, the generator is up to speed and should deliver its rated output. To make certain the governor is actually operating, slow the prop by applying the brake used to lock the prop when the generator is not being used, and watch to see if the governor relaxes.

Some of the governors turn the prop out of the wind. Others change its pitch, and still others throw out vanes which act as air brakes. No matter what the principle, the action is the same. They keep the prop's speed from exceeding its rated level. For example, *Wincharger* Models 617 and 1217 are set for 1,100 r.p.m. Governors can be relied on to do their job when in good condition and their action unhampered.

Insufficient Power problems

Lack of power over a period of time can be traced to one or more of the following: improper adjustment of control equipment, lack of sufficient storage-battery capacity, an undersized plant, or a plant poorly located with respect to the wind. An unrealized load may cause a complaint of low power. An example is a refrigerator lamp that doesn't go out when the door is closed. The lamp might draw a mere 25 watts, but, running 24 hours daily, it would draw a sizable amount of power. Other examples are a partially shorted motor and an incorrectly rated electric iron, any or all of which may lead the plant owner to believe he is consuming less power than he actually is.

Going back to the adjustment of controls, the smaller types of generators use the simple third brush and reverse current relay adjustments and controls. The third brush is connected to the field

and supplies it with a portion of the current generated. Moving the brush against the direction of rotation increases the field strength and output.

The reverse current relay (left relay in Fig. 1) is a simple cutout relay with a dual coil arrangement. One coil of fine wire is shunted across the generator output, and another of heavy wire is in series with the load and the contacts. Both are on the same core. When the generator starts to deliver current, the shunt coil is energized and closes the relay, connecting the generator to the load. When the wind stops, the battery voltage tends to drive the generator as a motor. The current, reversing through the heavy coil, opens the relay and breaks the circuit.

A typical adjustment for a *Wincharger* 6-volt relay would be: closing voltage, or cut-in: 6.9 to 7.3 volts, reverse or opening current: 1.5 amperes.

These measurements can be made with voltmeter and a 20-0-20 ammeter. To simulate a no-wind condition, the brake can be applied slowly and the generator slowed down until the reverse current opens the relay.

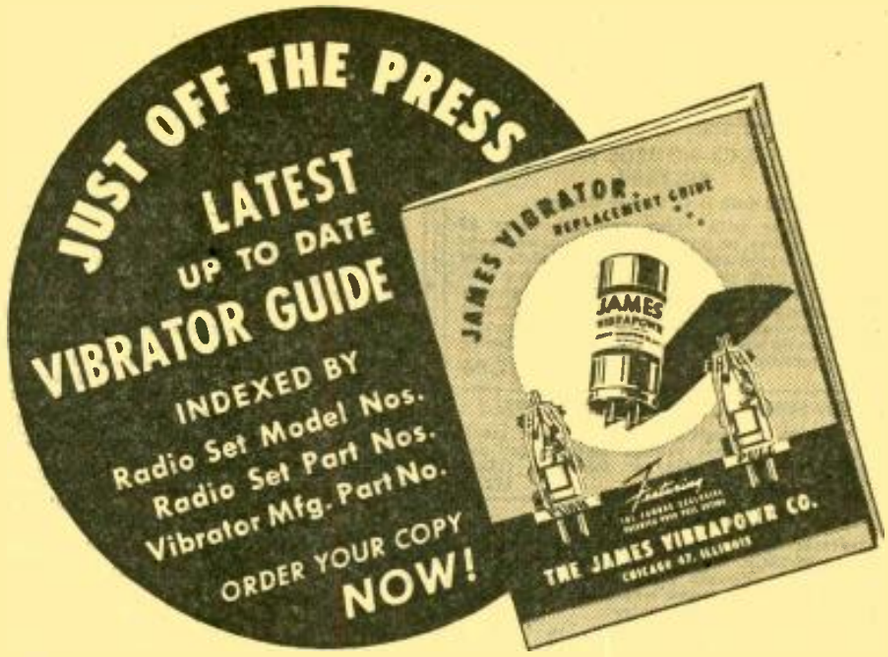
The larger plants have slightly more complicated controls. They dispense with the third brush and control the voltage with compound-wound field or a rheostat in series with the field (or both). To cope with fully charged batteries some of the control panels have a relay with contacts in series with the field and shorting a trickle-charge control rheostat. This appears on the right side of Fig. 1. When the battery voltage comes up the relay opens, putting the rheostat in series with the field and so lowering the generator output to a predetermined level.

Incidentally, operation of these relays is affected by room temperature, which should be checked before corrections are made.

Lack of sufficient storage capacity usually leads to continually run-down cells. Run-down cells, operated continuously around 1.150 instead of up around 1.250, will sulphate—develop a hard film on the surface of the plates that prevents the plates from taking a charge. The cure (when it works) is a long, slow charge. Prevention technique is to watch the hydrometer reading and charge the cells once a month until they emit gas for a few hours. This will also equalize them and bring their specific gravity up until their charge is equal.

Lack of capacity leads to a high charge and high discharge rate which shortens the life of the battery. Further, a discharged battery will freeze at a much higher temperature than will a fully charged one.

A word of warning. *Take care when you climb the tower!* Make certain the guys are in place and secured. Make certain no one is going to fool with the controls and relays. The generator, run as a motor, can easily throw you off the tower. Disconnect the batteries before going up. *And stay off in a strong wind!* The brake which locks the prop may loosen, and let go. One whack from the revolving prop can cut you in two.



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An automobile accident seven years ago crushed his spine and left his legs permanently paralyzed. His health was gradually restored, and his physical needs were well cared for, but he was oppressed by the growing futility of a life that did nothing but exist from one day to the next.

The radio was his greatest source of enjoyment. One day about 3 years ago he switched on for fifteen minutes of news analysis. The old Motorola warmed up smoothly, gave with the commercial, then squeaked, grunted, and died. That was the last straw. The only radioman in town had gone to the army a month ago, and there was no other set in the house. New radios, of course, were only a memory.

There was a screw driver and pliers handy, and Paul figured a pile of junk was just as good as a radio that didn't work. At least that's what he thought until a lunatic's dream of parts, wires, and connections confronted him. Grabbing the chassis firmly with his left hand, he probed every accessible spot with his right index finger. A large metal tube was intriguing, and he took a good grip on the heavy wire leading to it. The shock wore off in about half a minute.

"It was pure luck," Paul told me, "but that Motorola played after I put it back in the cabinet. Sleep came hard that night, but it was because I felt so good; I had accomplished something useful! Pretty commonplace to the man who gets out and hits the ball every day, but a million bucks wouldn't have pleased

Paul Skelton on his way to pick up a radio.

me more. The next day I thumbed through the magazine ads of the various correspondence schools, and picked out one by the heads-or-tails method."

With the aid of the State Rehabilitation Commission, Paul enrolled with National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C. As far as he knew, ohm was something that rhymed with home, so the first lessons pushed him around a lot. Furthermore, the habit of work and concentration had dulled. It was easy to let attention drift away from pages packed solid with technical material. But the course kept hammering away at the *chain* idea—the radio is fundamentally a chain of stages that boost the strength from antenna to loudspeaker. At last light began to seep through the murk. The first kit of experimental parts came. That helped by giving him something solid to work with. There is nothing theoretical about a hot soldering iron.

Finally the vacuum-tube multitester supplied by the school was assembled, and Paul borrowed a tube tester, since test equipment was not yet available. That was good—he was practically a serviceman now. The lady next door dropped her little set and brought it over. She wanted it in a hurry. Six hours later he was covered with cold sweat and cursing himself, the radio, and that multimeter. The lady came back and looked the set over critically. "Is that little wire over there supposed to be loose?" she asked.

He turned the set on and touched the loose end of the resistor to the various terminals around it. On the third try—music! He knew then they hadn't been kidding when they said to take a minute to look the set over thoroughly before starting trouble shooting procedures.

Trouble shooting broke down on the next set too, and it was guess and test until a shorted coupling condenser showed up. With the realization that there was plenty more to learn, Paul turned back to the course. Experience and study gradually made servicing more simple, but now the tube shortage came into the picture. Fifty percent of the jobs had to be turned back unfixed because there is no substitute for a burned-out tube. The school sent a list of wholesale radio supply houses in the area, but a score of letters produced not a single tube. He thumbed through the Sears, Roebuck catalog until he came across their list of available numbers. A good many 6-volt and several series rectifiers and loctals that could be substituted were there. Maybe it was technically dishonest to certify that those tubes were needed for equipment that was personally owned, but Sears, Roebuck kept him alive for the next year, and every tube they sent helped to put a radio back in working order.

Paul is over the hump now as far as technical knowledge is concerned. He now has a special wheelchair powered with a small gasoline motor, and which has gears, throttle, and brake completely hand-controlled. The tires are small 4-ply pneumatic, just like an automobile, and with this he is able to get out on the streets and go anywhere in town. Thus he is able to pick up and deliver some small sets. Due to the fact that his sitting-up time is limited by the spinal condition, he has to do part of his work while lying on his side in bed. Try it sometime! However, he hopes to be able to stay up the whole day eventually, and do all his work sitting at the bench.

There is new, adequate test equipment in the shop now, and the money he has earned has enabled him to build up a stock of tubes, parts, and diagrams. Of course, there are plenty of aggravations. He can't follow a radio into the home and see that it is hooked up properly, nor can he go after the chassis from a console model. Similarly, a lot of profit is missed on installing and servicing auto sets. To realize their full potential, a person handicapped in this way should have an active partner or employee so that he can devote his time to bench work. But radio servicing has put Paul back on the road to being a useful, self-sufficient citizen, and he believes it offers perhaps *the best opportunity of any available field.* He knows that nothing else could be as satisfying.

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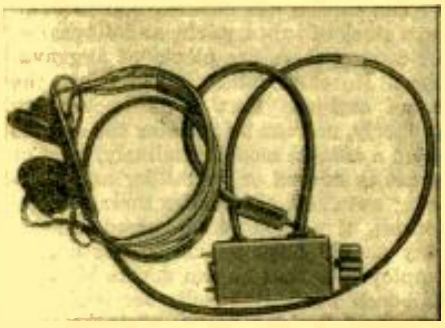

This limiter is a simple and compact device.

This simple noise limiter can be constructed for as little as two dollars at current prices. However, the average experimenter already has most of the parts in his junk-box, with the possible exception of the crystal diode. A 1N21 crystal was used because it was available, but any equivalent type may be readily substituted.

The principle of this type limiter is as follows: the diode is biased at 1½ volts by the dry cell and does not conduct until the audio voltage exceeds the bias voltage. When the signal exceeds the bias, the diode conducts, short-circuiting the headphones for the duration of the noise impulse. This amount of bias allows a 3-volt audio signal which is a comfortable signal in the headphones.

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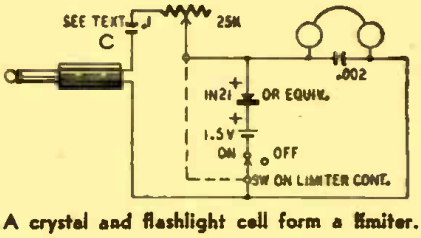

A crystal and flashlight cell form a limiter.

The limiter is built into a discarded i.f. can, although it can be made in several other ways as well. The parts are wired together, and the cables attached. The unit is then pushed into the can with the control shaft brought out through a hole in the closed end. Line the can with stiff paper to avoid short circuits between can and wiring.

The size of condenser C is determined by experiment and will vary with some receivers depending upon the output circuit. In this model it is 0.1μf. There is no drain on the dry cell, and it should last a year or two.

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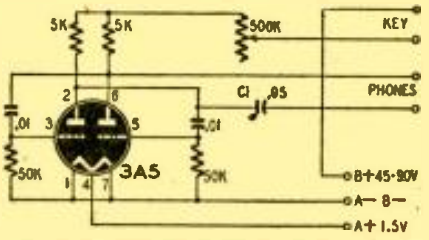

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straight out. Frequency can be changed by adjusting the trimmer condenser in parallel with the tank coil; the relay plate current is controlled in part by the antenna trimmer.

A base of ¼-inch plywood, hollowed to receive part of the relay, is affixed to the bottom of the panel by small brass screws. The receiver base is felt-lined, and both receiver and transmitter housings were painted with black crinkle-

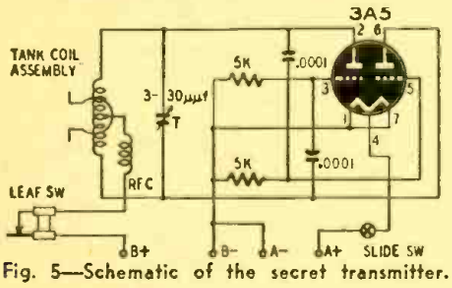

Fig. 5—Schematic of the secret transmitter.

finish lacquer. The hollow panel was built up of white pine.

Any small h.f. oscillator can be used. The one employed here was a type 3A5 twin triode in a push-pull circuit. Fig. 5 is the schematic, and a photograph of the transmitter with covers removed is shown at the right in Fig. 2. Two No. 412-E batteries were used to save space. A length of flexible 2-conductor wire is lead out of the transmitter to a leaf-type switch. The tank coil is 8 turns of No. 12 bare copper wire, ⅝-inch inside diameter, and a one-turn coil covered with insulation acts as an antenna and coupling coil. The r.f. choke is similar to the one in the receiver. Two C-cells in series with a slide switch furnish the filament supply. To conserve space the condensers and resistors are soldered directly onto the base of the tube.

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CORRECTION

The grid coil L1, in the phono oscillator diagram on page 77 of the January, 1948, issue, is shown with a direct short circuit across its terminals. The diagram should show a 365-μμf condenser inserted in the lead which shorts L1. A standard-size condenser or a small mica compression type may be used.

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ELECTRETS

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Electrets in general

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Electrets are extremely subject to moisture. Dipping in a moisture-repellent solution has been tried with poor results. A very good and practical method for keeping electrets is to wrap them in foil and place in can with a dehydrant.

Electrets show the greatest charge if tested immediately when removed from their short-circuiting foil wrap. Repeated discharge tests show a gradually diminishing spark. This, when considered with moisture effects, indicates a use where the unit can be enclosed almost to a short circuit and, if possible, space included for renewable dehydrant. A condenser mike or phono pickup could be made in this manner. Electrets have been made from the size of a 25-cent piece to 4 inches in diameter, and apparently the size can be increased. Thus, perhaps, a large diameter electret can be used as a condenser loudspeaker. The charge can be placed on wax from any angle that physical conditions will allow, therefore indented areas can be molded in so as to allow free vibration of the diaphragm. As an alternative, small electrets can be assembled in the same plane of polarization to any desired area, with air space included, giving the same field as a one-piece unit. The voltage to use for charging electrets of any size is that just under the breakdown point.

It should be understood that the electret represents a static charge and is not a source of power in the usual sense. We must do work in front of the surface to get an indication. The polarization is not a surface effect. The writer has shaved an electret from .18-inch thickness down to .120-inch and could still get a good spark discharge.

A group of finished electrets is shown in Fig. 6. No. 1 has foil partially removed and illustrates manner of wrapping. Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6 are made with carnauba and Halowax; No. 2 with carnauba and resin; and No. 5 with carnauba, resin, and Halowax. No. 6 has top plate left in position as when charged. No. 4 is cracked badly due to quick cooling.

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K. E. FORSBERG,
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A CHANGER USER REPLIES

Dear Editor:

Jack King, in his article, *Selling A Radio*, in the December, 1947, issue, expressed amazement at the popularity of record changers. Surely the reason for this popularity is obvious.

I don't believe that anyone who plays a single record at a time ever hears more than the middle of the record. The beginning and end are obscured by his dashing to the phonograph, changing the record, and finally dashing back to the cozy armchair for another few minutes, and so on and on.

I have used a changer for the past 12 years or more and wouldn't think of using a manual record player, no sir!

Is a changer unreliable? Only if it is misused! And the maintenance costs? A drop of oil once in a while, that's all.

The only thing that amazes me are the weird arguments against changers by people who don't seem to have a clear idea what they are talking about.

R. G. YOUNG,
London, England

DON'T WASTE GOOD SPACE!

Dear Editor:

Please, *please* stop wasting space—valuable space—in RADIO-CRAFT telling servicemen how to run their business. And this stuff about licensing servicemen! They license doctors and lawyers—but they don't guarantee their continued excellence. Let the good servicemen go about their business unperturbed. The service field will never be crowded for the GOOD serviceman.

Don't print so many how-to-build articles that ordinary people can never hope to build—like the 17-tube FM receiver. I'll bet that not 25 of your readers built it. Why not concentrate on more simple educational articles?

H. W. SMITH, *Radio KNAF, Fredericksburg, Texas.*

(What say, servicemen and constructors?—*Editor*)

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Dear Editor:

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you have published, to say nothing of its low cost. All parts except the tube and batteries came from the junk-box.

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I find a 20-megohm grid leak works much better than the 2-megohm in the original. I also changed the 500,000-ohm volume control to one of 250,000 ohms. Otherwise the hookup remains the same except for the necessary changes in using it with a separate probe.

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Mr. Grace's idea of using two secondaries appears to be the secret of the performance of this set. Funny we never thought of trying that!

JOSEPH AMOROSE,
Richmond, Va.

PORTABLE ANTENNA

Dear Editor:

The one drawback to my 2-tube regenerative portable receiver was that it needed a rather long antenna. After tacking a small plate of galvanized iron on the heel of each shoe and connecting them in place of the antenna I found that the set pulled in the locals satisfactorily when I walked on the damp ground.

BEN GREEN, JR.
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(Here at last is the true portable, rotatable antenna. But what happens on a boardwalk or clean dry sand? On second thought, the equipment could be used as a soil analyzer, the strength of signals showing the conductivity characteristics of the ground immediately below.—*Editor*)

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It is indeed difficult to review "The Handbook" for we feel that it is too well known to need an introduction. We cannot imagine anyone with an interest in radio without at least one edition in his possession.

The latest edition of the handbook has 25 chapters—four more than last year. We cannot compare these editions by counting chapters. This year, the editors have found several opportunities to combine theoretical and construction material. For example: the material that was in the chapters on radio-frequency power generation and transmitter construction in previous editions has been combined in a chapter on high-frequency transmitters. When theoretical and practical material is correlated in this way, the reader is often able to grasp difficult ideas that he is unable to understand from orthodox texts.

In addition to the usual transmitter and receiver circuits, there are five new chapters devoted exclusively to v.h.f., u.h.f. and microwave techniques and equipment. The vacuum-tube data tables have been brought up to date to include the latest tubes.—*R.F.S.*

ELEMENTS OF RADIO SERVICING, by William Marcus and Alex Levy. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Co. Stiff cloth covers, 6½ x 9½ inches, 475 pages. Price $4.50.

Written to provide needed information on radio servicing especially for the beginner, the authors assume that the reader already has a knowledge of radio theory, but theory is reviewed wherever they feel it would clarify a procedure.

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PREPARING FOR FEDERAL RADIO OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS, by Arnold Shostak. Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc. Stiff cloth covers, 5⅛ x 7⅝ inches, 404 pages. Price $3.75.

This book was written expressly for the student who is preparing to take the examinations for commercial radio operator's licenses.

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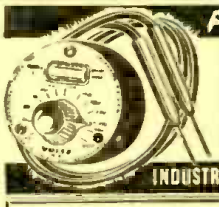

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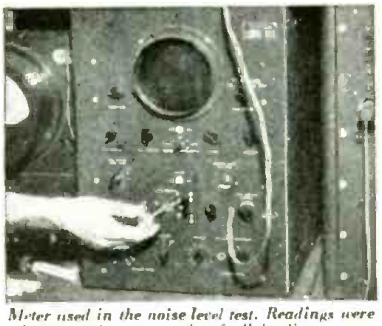

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