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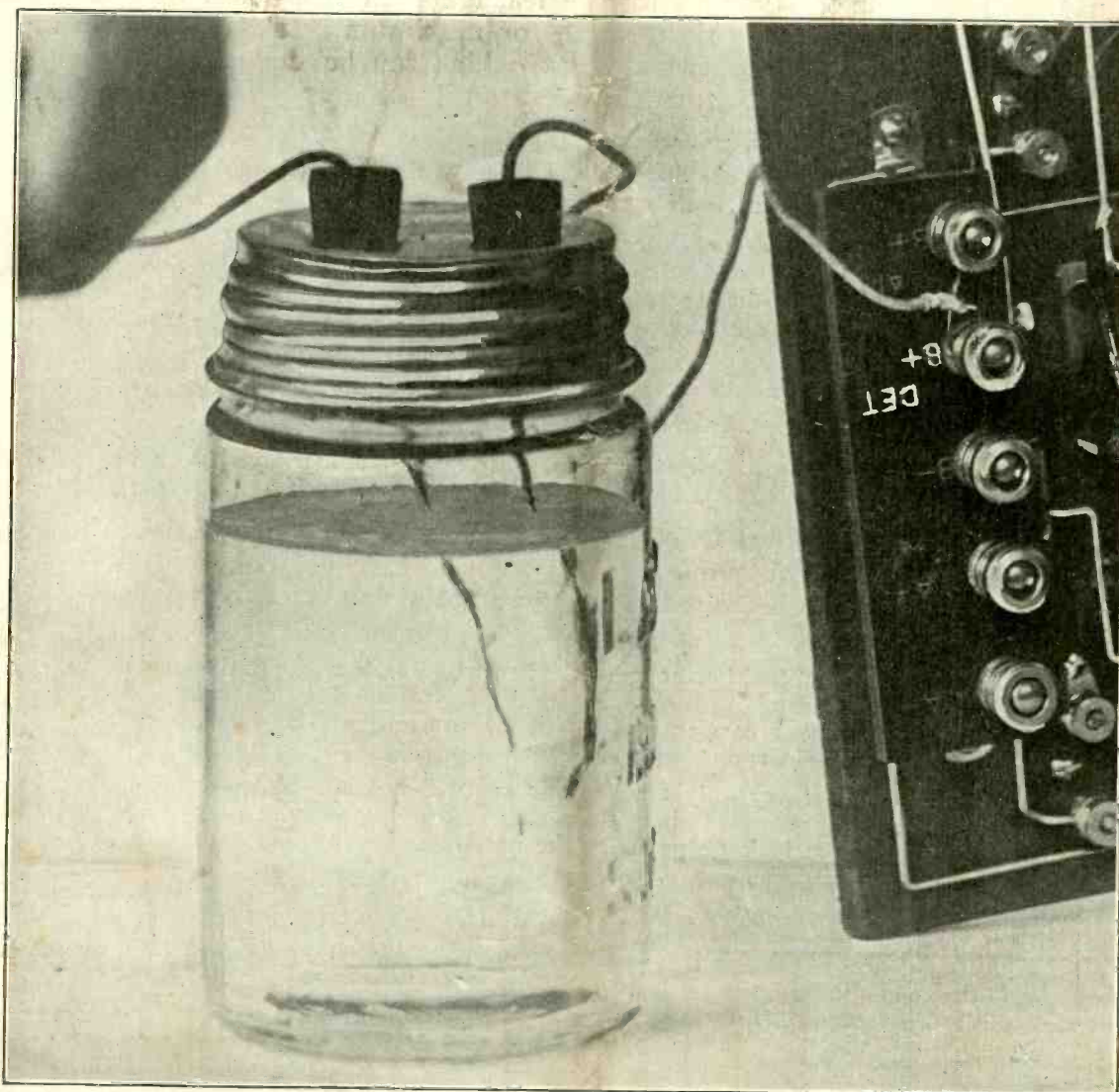
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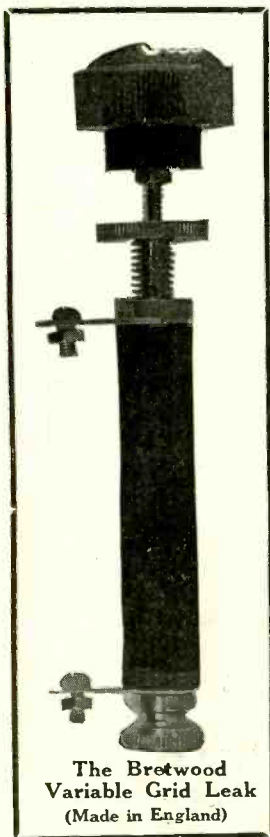
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The 4-Tube DX Special Through Service to Far Distant Stations

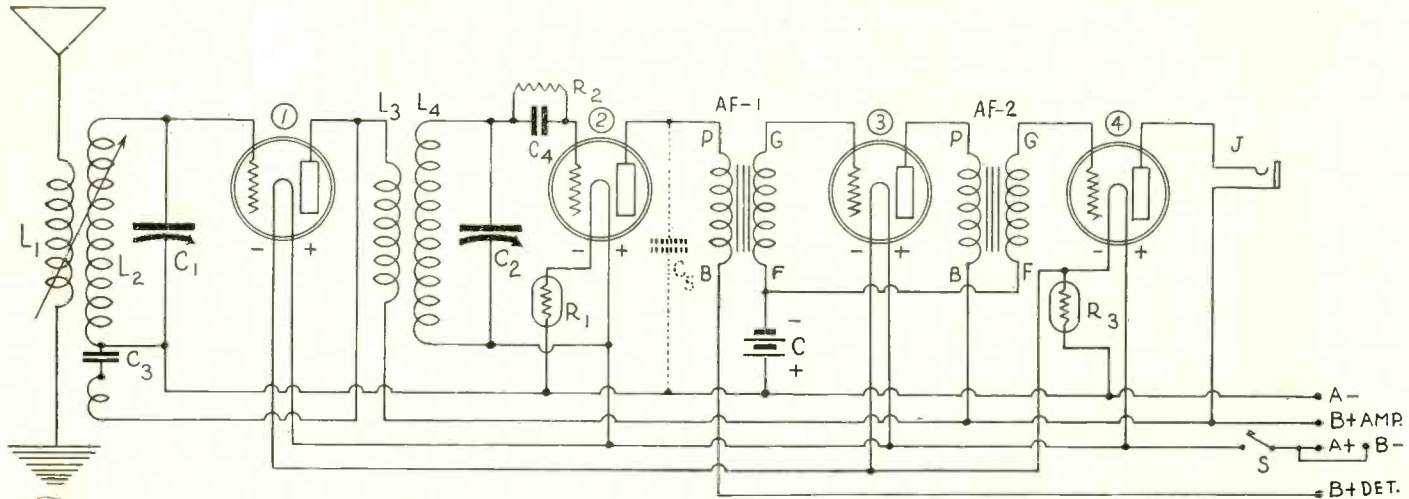


FIG. 1, the wiring diagram of the A-A Receiver, which is convertible in a moment from a DX set to a strictly quality receiver. Thus it may be made as selective as needs require. The antenna coil is variable and may be used for regeneration control.

Embodying a Novelty in Hookups, Makes Its Bow — Finely Selective, It Cuts Through Locals and Brings in the Far-off Stations With Volume.

By Herbert E. Hayden

PART I

THE compromise between tonal quality and distance reception is one not easy to achieve in all cases. Where one lives fairly close to local stations and uses a very selective receiver the tone quality will be very good, due to the power of the transmitters and the drowning effect of the locals. They push their way in, so that the real problem may be to cut them out when desired. Nevertheless, they assure themselves of being satisfactorily received, so that the necessary side bands are accommodated in the set, instead of being chopped off, as is the case when a very selective receiver does not encounter such powerful transmitters of proximate location.

But not everybody lives near to many powerful locals. Such a condition exists only in a few large cities. Therefore it is gratifying to have a receiver that is splendid for the reception of distant stations, when one if after DX, but which receives stations, say 100 or 150 miles away without any sacrifice of quality. This is done by employing regeneration when it is needed and omitting it when it is not. No alteration of the wiring is

LIST OF PARTS

- One Aero antenna coupler, L1L2.
- One Aero Wave Trap Unit, L3L4.
- Two .0005 mfd. Amsco Allocating Straight-line Frequency Condensers, C1, C2.
- One Daven Leakandenser, R2, C4.
- Seven engraved G-K Spring Cap binding posts.
- Two Fynur dials.
- One knob for $\frac{1}{4}$ " shaft.
- One .0005 mfd. Hilco fixed condenser, C3.
- One .001 mfd. Hilco fixed condenser, C5.
- Four standard sockets.
- One 7 x 21" Radion panel.
- One 7 x 19" baseboard.
- Two Ambassador Low-Boy AF transformers, AF1, AF2.
- One $\frac{3}{4}$ -amp. Daven ballast, R3.
- One 1-A Amperite, R1.
- One Yaxley filament-control jack (or one A battery switch and single-circuit jack, J).
- Two Eureka dial pointers.
- Accessories: Two 45-volt B batteries, one $4\frac{1}{2}$ -volt C battery, one jack plug, one speaker, one storage A battery, aerial wire, lead-in wire, ground clamp, lightning arrestor, four tubes.

necessary to achieve this goal. All one need do is regulate the B battery voltage, particularly on the detector plate. As a rule, if 22½ volts are used here, not even free oscillations on the lower broadcast wavelengths will be encountered. But by increasing this voltage to 45 or just a little more, the regeneration will be ample. It is controlled then by adjustment of the variable primary, L1.

The important part of the radio set, in this case, is in the radio-frequency stage. It is imperative to have a tube that is a

ready oscillator. The output of this tube is delivered to two points: (1) back to the grid, through the fixed plate coil, not designated by letter in Fig. 1, and then across the fixed condenser, C3, to the low potential end of the secondary, L2; (2) to the primary, L3, of the interstage coupler, so that the energy is passed on to the second tube for detection.

Feedback Features

Whether there is any feedback depends much on the plate voltage on the detector and, to a lesser extent, on the amplifier plate voltage, and on the C3 capacity.

All three amplifier tubes—one radio and two audio—are connected to the same B plus lead, normally 90, but for louder signals this voltage may be increased, and the grid bias on the audio tubes made greater. For 90 volts on the plates of the two audio tubes 3½ negative grid volts will usually be found all right, while 4½ to 6 may be used if the voltage is increased to 135 (three 45-volt B batteries in series).

Without regeneration, you still have a sensitive receiver, one that is bound to pick up some distant stations, and still without any of those common muffling effects due to the elimination of side bands of the audio-frequency supplement of the carrier wave.

The Hookup Novelty

The set uses standard coils. For instance, the one in the antenna circuit is a regulation 3-circuit tuning coil, while the other is a radio-frequency transformer of the tuned type. The novelty surrounding the use of the 3-circuit tuner lies in the connections of the rotary coil, L1, and the small fixed coil (not designated). Normally, the rotary coil is used, in other sets, as a tickler to supply inductively feedback plate current. This is the most common way of using regeneration. But in Fig. 1 the rotary coil, instead of being

Tuned Aerial Sensitizes Set

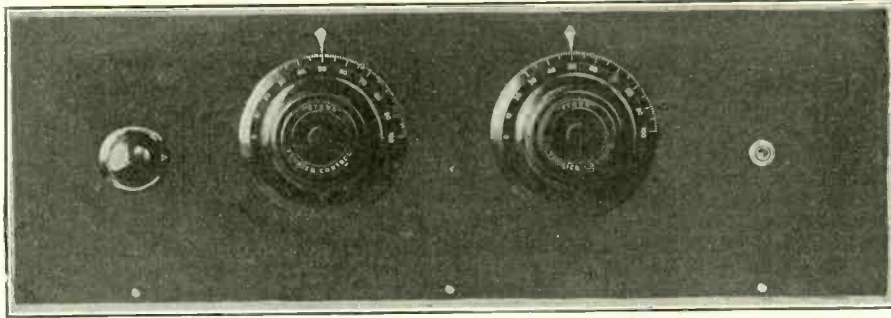


FIG. 2, the panel layout. Note the utter simplicity. Vernier dials are necessary.

in the plate circuit, is put in the antenna circuit and used both to regulate the antenna input and to control regeneration because of varying the effective resistance of the antenna upon the tuned secondary. This is a very easy way of handling regeneration, and no dial is necessary, a knob serving the purpose excellently. Even when the set is put in a regenerative state, L1, the rotary coil, may be put in a given position so as to avoid self-oscillation even on the lower broadcast waves. Thus the set, in two ways, may be operated as a neutrodyne would be.

The coil that in the 3-circuit tuner hookup is conventionally the aperiodic primary is here put in the plate circuit of the RF tube, to help build up the natural period, so that regeneration will be assured. The result is not achieved, however, unless C3 is sufficiently high enough in capacity. As it is a series condenser, it will reduce the natural period of the plate circuit unless it is of higher value than the reactance in the plate circuit, made up, in this case, of the inductance of the fixed coupling coil in the plate circuit, the capacity of the plate electrode of the tube, and the resistance in those two components.

This small coil connected to C3 is called fixed because it is left in one position, although if it is of the adjustable variety, its position may be varied until best results are obtained, and then the coil is locked at that angle. However, there is nothing critical about this particular coil, and unless the set is fiercely oscillating, it matters little what position the coil occupies. This is because it is used for its inherent self-inductive value, no reliance being placed on the chance mutual inductive coupling that may result between it and L2. The 3-circuit coil used in the set shown in the photographs was the Aero antenna coupler, while the interstage transformer was the Aero wave trap unit. These have on inductance rendering them available for tuning with .0005 mfd. straight-line frequency condensers. The Amsco allocating type was used and the circuit called the A-A, for the Amsco and Aero instruments.

Tuning In Step

The two condensers will tune approximately in step. If there is any divergence, readjust the dial that gives the lower reading, to make it conform for some midway station with the reading on the other dial for that same station. This will mean a station of about 300 meters wavelength. For instance, if the reading is 45 for the left-hand dial and 50 for the right-hand one, then leave the right-hand dial alone and adjust the other so that it reads 50 also for the same station. The synchrony at one point may not be preserved all the way through, but the divergence will be slight.

The idea of simplicity was carried out,

so far as possible, in the entire A-A set. No rheostats were used. A $\frac{3}{4}$ -ampere ballast was employed to regulate the filament heating of all three amplifier tubes. This was a Daven product. The detector tube filament voltage was cut down to the required amount by using the 1-A Amperite. The set employed 6-volt storage battery tubes. The 201A, 301A or DV5 may be used throughout or interchangeably, but remember that the detector plate voltage may have to be changed for best results if you change tubes.

Another item of simplicity is the use of the Daven Leakendenser, a combination grid condenser and grid leak (2 meg.).

The constructor may use an A battery switch to turn the set on and off as a unit, as shown in Fig. 1, or may use instead of a filament control jack. The diagram shows a switch, the A minus lead being interrupted therefor, but the photographs reveal a filament-control jack. With a switch there is, of course, that extra item on the panel, not shown in the photographs, while with the FCJ it is necessary to remove the speaker plug when the set is not in operation.

Panel Data

The set is constructed on a panel, 7 x 21", with the variable condenser shafts well spaced apart, to allow sufficient room for unrestricted operation of the Amsco allocating straight-line frequency condensers. You may follow the same layout as shown on the panel, or may change it slightly to meet any particular choice of your own, but it is well to play safe and use the panel arrangement as revealed in the photographs. The dimensions will be all right if you measure them in the photograph of the panel view and multiply by 5.

The baseboard is 7 x 20" and most of the parts are laid out thereon. The full-length picture, more than half the original size, plainly exposes the location of the board-mounted parts. Note the manner in which the interstage coupler is mount-

ed on the backs of the two variable condensers.

C Battery Wiring

The C battery leads are not shown photographically as they would have obscured part of the pictures. Flexible wire is used. There are two leads, each 6" long. The wire must be insulated. At both ends of each lead scrape off a little insulation. Connect one end of one of the flexible leads to A minus. If a FCJ is used, this may be done at the jack. One end of the other lead is soldered to the F posts of the two audio transformers. Identify the lead from the A minus as C plus and the other as C minus and connect to C battery accordingly.

Binding Posts

The binding posts have a secure grip and may be used for either plain wire, in which case the wire tip is passed through the hole in the binding post shaft and the sprung knob is released upon it, or if lugs are used, lift the knob, insert the lug and let go. These posts are G-K Spring Caps.

Precautions

See that the variable primary L1 is nearer the A minus connection, which goes to the rotor plates of C1. The C3 connection, therefore, also is made at the L2 terminal nearest the primary. If a home-made 3-circuit coil is used, you should put the rotor shaft just above the secondary, which would force the plate coil at bottom, next to the end of the primary. The end of the plate coil goes on C3. In the Aero coils, made by the Aero Products Co., the small windings are inside the large ones.

The Coils

The correct inductance will be the result if one uses a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " outside diameter, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " high, and winds 60 turns of No. 22 double cotton covered wire for the secondary, L2. Leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " space, wind 8 turns for the plate coil. The rotary coil is wound on a form $2\frac{1}{4}$ " outside diameter. The same kind of wire is wound until the form is covered. In other words, get on as much as you can, without starting another layer. Remember to leave room at the center for the rotor shaft to protrude.

The interstage coupler may be wound on a $3\frac{1}{4}$ " outside diameter, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " high, and comprise 8 turns for the primary and 63 for the secondary.

The Filament Jack

To wire the set with a filament jack, omit the switch.

(Part II, dealing with the wiring, tuning and trouble-shooting, will be published next week.)

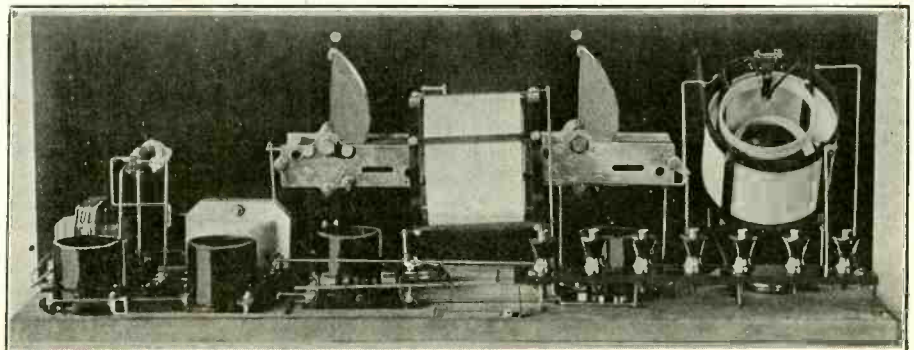


FIG. 3, the rear view of the A-A. The flexible C battery leads should be brought out between the third and fourth tubes (at left). Note particularly how L3L4 is mounted on the backs of the two SLF condensers.

How to Mount Parts on Baseboard and Panel for the A-A Receiver

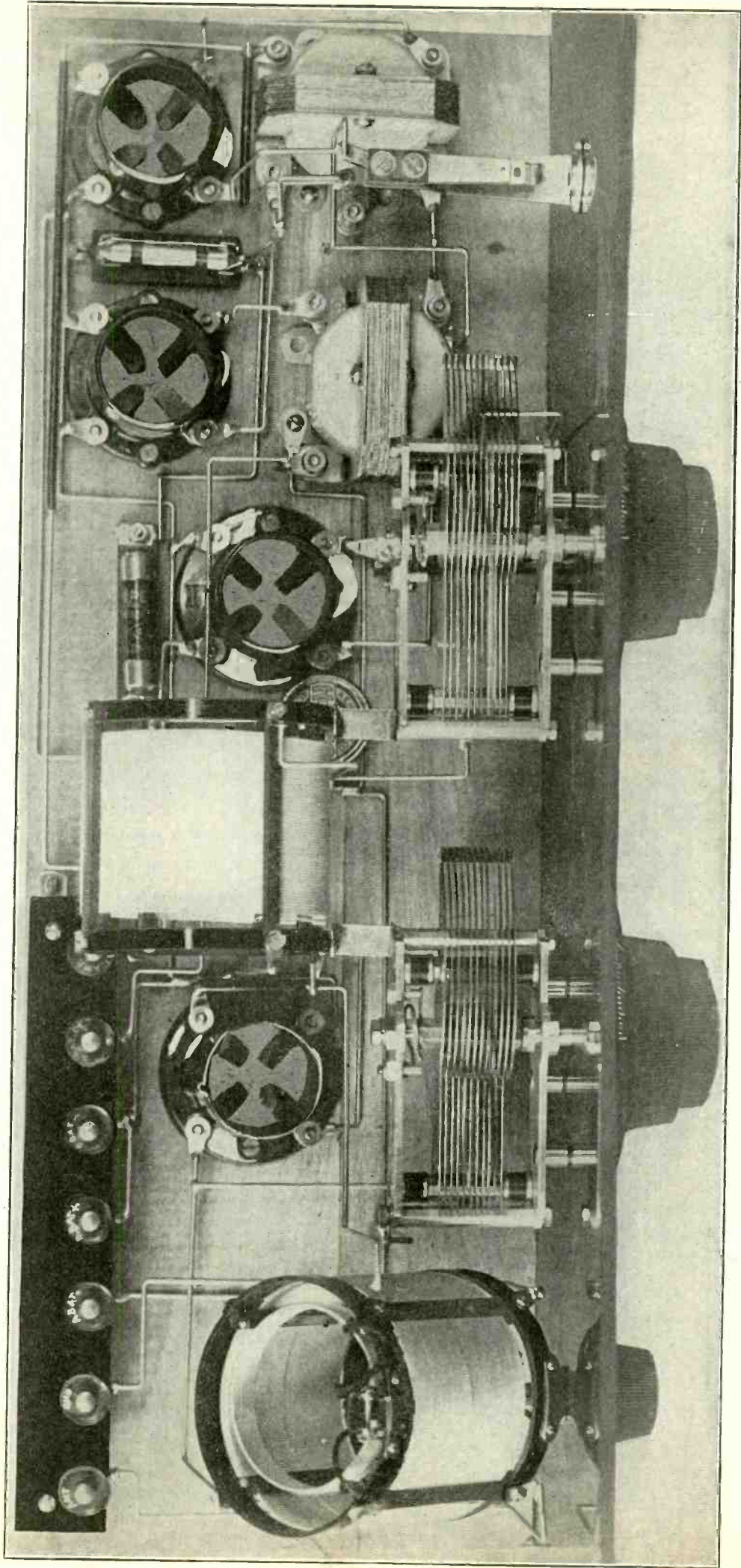
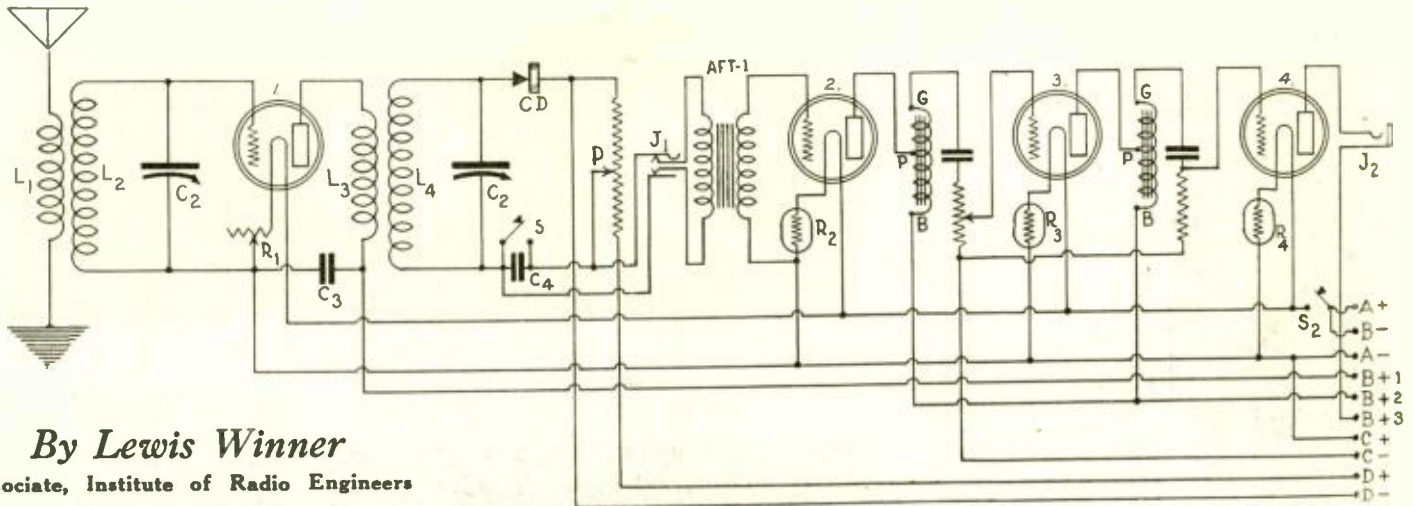


FIG. 5, top view of the receiver, showing the location of all the parts, both on panel and baseboard, and plainly revealing the wiring. One fixed condenser, C3, is obscured by the coil at left.

A Receiver for Music Lovers



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THOSE who are satisfied with listening to reception from the local broadcasting stations and who demand nothing but finest tone quality, will be interested in the receiver, Fig. 1. The farthest-off station that was received with this set in New York City was WGY.

This receiver gives forth the most nearly perfect reception that I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. This is due to the crystal detector and the audio-frequency amplification. In the last two stages autoformers are used. The set is a bear on volume.

Of course, a person who owns a set that employs a crystal as a detector is usually sure of sweet reproduction.

The set is selective, another good characteristic, which is not true of all crystal sets using a crystal rectifier.

This set is not difficult to wire or assemble. In fact many folk will have all the necessary parts to make this set, with the exception of the auto-transformers. In this circuit, we have a fixed condenser, C4, across the phones or the primary of the first audio-frequency transformer, for bypass action.

Making the RFT

The radio-frequency transformers used here are of the standard commercial type. Those desiring to construct their own should follow the instructions with care. The two forms should both be 3 1/4" in diameter and 4 to 4 1/2" high. The height is not important. This depends upon the manner in which the coil is wound, that is, tightly or space-wound. If you have a machine, the complete coil can be put on a form 3" high, and still have plenty of room for spacing the wires, after the coil is wound. If the coil is wound by hand the form preferably should be 4 1/2" high.

These forms can be of the air, bakelite or hard rubber type. I used the air type, which I made, and which are very simple to make. All you need are two pieces of white pine, 3/4" thick and 9" square, two strips of hard rubber, 9" long and 3/4" wide. The accessories, such as a hack saw, vise, and drill are taken for granted, that they are in the workshop.

First saw the piece of wood in half, making each piece 4 1/2" square. Place the wood in a pair of small vises, one end gripped in one vise, and the other end gripped by the other vise. In the center, place a small box, so that the wood will not crack when subjected to pressure, due

FIG. 1, showing the electrical diagram of the receiver. Consider the potentiometer of third tube R5 and the one in the last tube R6.

to the pull on both sides, and then weighing down later on under the drill pressure. Exactly in the center make a dot. Now take your ruler and measure off from this dot 3 5/8". Make a dot at this point. This dot can be anywhere in the square as long as it is in that specified distance from that point. Now in a circular row, make dots at 6 or 7 different points. All these points are 3 5/8" from the center, and are approximately equally spaced. Take a compass, adjust it, and draw a circle through these dots. The center of these dots should all be hit during the passage of the needle of the compass around the circle. From the center again measure off 2 7/8". Make dots all around the form, all of which are 2 7/8" from the center point. Between the inside and the outside circular line you will have a 5/8" diameter form. Make holes all around the inner and the outer circumference. These holes should be very close to each other, and may be of any size, the bigger the better. First drill the inner holes. When you have completed drilling the inner holes, take a hammer. Knock out the center. Now saw off the outer portion which is out of the outer circumference line. When completed file off the rough edges.

Do the same with the other three portions of wood. This will give you four pieces of wood all 5/8" in width all around. Now cut four slots in each piece of wood. These slots should be 3/8" deep, and 3/16" wide. They should also be equally spaced. Now take the strips of bakelite, and saw off portions 4 1/2" in length and 3/8" wide. There should be eight pieces sawed off. These pieces should fit into the slots of the circular form, four for each form. This will give you a perfect air form. Place four binding posts on each form, two on each end.

That is all there is to the mechanical portion of the making of the transformer. The winding of the coil now takes place. The primary is wound on one end, the beginning of the wire being 1/2" from the edge. There are 10 turns wound. This constitutes L1. The secondary L2 is wound right next to the primary. There are 45 turns put on. The beginnings and the ends of the wire are brought to the binding posts on the circular strip. The primary of the other coil, L3, also has 10 turns, which are put on the other form in the same manner. The secondary is wound right next to the primary and has 45 turns, the beginnings and the ends of the coils being brought to the binding posts on the circular portion. It is a good plan to mark these posts, with the let-

ters Beg. and End, so that you will know where to bring the various connections when wiring the set. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used when winding these coils. Try to make the windings as tight as possible, so that you will not need to place any holding material on the wire to hold it in place. See that the leads of the windings which go to the binding posts are properly tightened down. That is, see that the insulation is off the wire and making perfect contact with the screw of the post. Many times the insulation only touches the screw and causes a great deal of trouble. Keep all the windings in the same direction.

Drilling the Panel

There are only two major controls on the panel. These are the condensers which tune the secondaries of both radio-frequency transformers. The panel is 7" high and 24" long. The shaft of the first variable condenser, C1, is placed through a hole which is drilled in the panel, this hole being 4" from the right-hand edge and 3 1/2" from the top and the bottom. The hole for the shaft of the other variable condenser, C2 is 6" from the one just drilled and also 3 1/2" from the top and the bottom of the panel. The holes are 5/16" in diameter. The center hole of the template is then laid over the hole drilled, and the other holding holes drilled. The hole for the arm of the potentiometer is 6" from the left hand edge. It is also 2 1/2" from the bottom. Three inches from the left hand edge of the panel, drill a hole for the arm of the high resistance potentiometer, R5. Four inches from this hole drill a hole for the arm of the rheostat, R1. Both these holes are 2 1/2" from the bottom or in line with the plain potentiometer arm. The holes for the brackets are next. The bottom one is 19/32" from the bottom, and 7/8" from the left hand edge.

The one on the top is 51/32" from the one just drilled and 7/8" from the left hand edge. Now on the other side, the bottom hole is 19/32" from the bottom, and 7/8" from the right hand edge. The only remaining hole is 5 1/32" from the bottom one and also 7/8" from the right hand edge. Now the switch, S, is placed directly underneath the potentiometer arm, which is 6" from the left hand edge. This hole is also 1/2" from the bottom. The jack, J1, is 1/2" from the bottom, and 2" from the left hand edge. The switch, S2, is 1/2" from the bottom, and 11" from the right hand edge. The jack, J2, is 1/2" from the bottom, and 7" from the right

Wiring the Tone-Charm Set

hand edge. That is all the holes that are to be drilled in the panel. The next important thing to do is to mount the parts for which the holes have been drilled. After this has been done, the laying out of the parts on the socket shelf is executed.

What to Place on The Shelf

The socket shelf strip is 23" long and 2½" wide. The figure diagram Fig. 3, gives you one method of placing the parts on the shelf without any crowding. The radio-frequency transformers are mounted behind the variable condensers. The two Autoformers are placed on the top of the shelf, while the small regular transformer is placed underneath the shelf. The ballast resistors are placed right near the filament posts of the last three tubes. The binding posts strip is placed all the way in the back of the shelf, on the condenser-transformer side. All the other parts, such as the two large fixed condensers, and grid resistances, are placed according to the sketch. The crystal detector can either be put underneath the panel, or on the top of the shelf, this depending upon the type of crystal detector that is used. If you are going to use one which is adjustable, it is best to mount it on top of the shelf, so that you will be able to regulate it, while if you are going to use one which is fixed, it may be placed underneath the shelf. The transformers are shown mounted parallel to each other. They may be placed in this fashion or at right angles. If you are going to place them at right angles, you will have to place the transformer, L3 L4 between the panel and the shelf, with angle irons for holding, as there will not be enough space on the surface of the shelf. Screw all parts down securely.

Wiring The Set

After you have everything mounted, and placed, the wiring is the next thing to be thought of. Procure about 1 dozen strips of bus bar or a roll of annunciator wire. Now start the wiring, and take your time. Make one connection, go over it, and then test it for conductivity. That is see if the wire is not broken. Sometimes the insulation will just have been connected to the lead, etc. The beginning of the primary of the first radio-frequency transformer, L1 goes to the antenna binding post on the terminal strip. The end goes to the ground post on the strip. The beginning of the secondary, L2 goes to the rotary plates of the variable condenser, C2, to the arm of the rheostat, R1, and to one terminal of the fixed condenser, C3. The end terminal of the secondary L2, of the first RFT goes to the stator plates of the variable condenser, C2, and to the grid post on socket, 1. The beginning terminal of the primary L3 of the second RFT goes to the plate post on socket, 1. The left off terminal of the fixed condenser, C3 goes to the end of the primary winding. This same terminal goes to the B+ 1 post on the terminal strip. The F+ post on the socket goes to the F+ post on socket 2. The beginning of the secondary, L4 of the second radio-frequency transformer goes to the rotary plates of the variable condenser, C2, to one terminal of the fixed condenser, C4, and to one terminal of the switch, S. This same connection also goes to the top terminal of the jack, J1. The end of this winding goes to the stator plates of the variable condenser, C2, and to the cat-whisker of the crystal detector. The base of the crystal detector goes to the D— post on the terminal strip. It also goes to one of the resistance terminals on the potentiometer. This is situated on either end of the 3 posts, which are on the

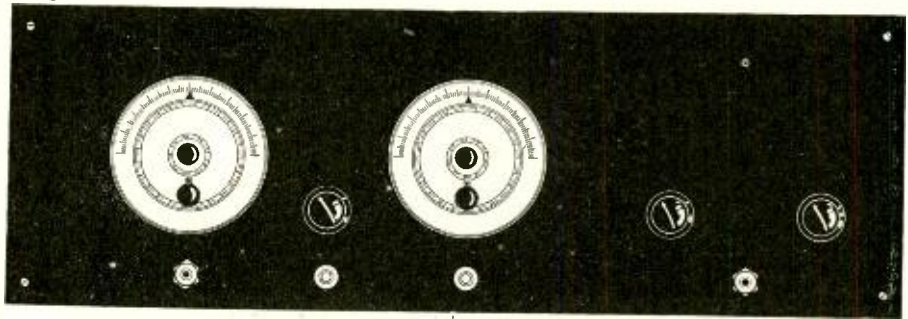


FIG. 2, showing the panel layout.

LIST OF PARTS

- Two R F transformers (L1, L2, L3, L4).
- Two variable condensers, of .0005 mfd. capacity (C1C2).
- One 10 ohm rheostat (R1).
- One 400 ohm potentiometer (P).
- One 500,000 ohm potentiometer (R5).
- One 500,000 ohm leak (R6).
- Two .001 mfd. fixed condensers (C3C4).
- One fixed or variable crystal detector (CD).
- Two filament switches, (S, S2).
- One low ratio AFT, (AFT1).
- Two Autoformers.
- Two 1 mfd. fixed condensers (C).
- Three ¼ ampere ballast resistances (R2R3R4).
- One double circuit jack (J1).
- One single circuit jack (J2).
- Five sockets.
- Two 3½" dials.
- One 7x24" panel.
- Accessories, 5 tubes, A, B, C and D batteries, aerial and ground wire, connecting wire, nuts, bolts, etc.

potentiometer. The other terminal of the fixed condenser, C4, goes to the arm of the potentiometer, which is in the center. It also goes to the bottom terminal of the jack, J1. The other terminal of the potentiometer goes to the D— post on the terminal strip. The next portion to be wired is the amplification unit, which consists of 3 stages of audio. The top terminal of the two inner terminals of the double circuit jack, J1 goes to the P post of the audio-frequency transformer, AFT1. The only other terminal left, or the bottom inner terminal goes to the B post on the AFT. The grid post on this same AFT goes to the G post on socket 2. The F— post on the AFT goes to one terminal of the ballast resistance, R2. This same connection also goes to the A— post on the terminal strip. The other terminal of the ballast resistance goes to the F— post on the socket. The F+ post goes to the F+ post of socket 2. The P post on this socket goes to the P post on the Autoformer. The B post of this AF goes to the B post on the second AF. This common terminal goes to the B+ 2 post on the terminal strip. The G post of the first Autoformer goes to one terminal of the large fixed condenser. The other terminal of this large fixed condenser goes to one terminal of the high resistance potentiometer, R5. The other terminal, end post of this resistance goes to the C— post on the terminal strip. The arm of the potentiometer goes to the grid post on socket 3. The F— post of this same socket goes to one terminal of the ballast resistance, R3. The other terminal of this resistance goes to the A— post on the terminal strip. The F+ post on this socket goes to the F+ post on socket 4. The plate post of this socket, 3 goes to the P post on the Autoformer. The G post on the Autoformer goes to one terminal of the large fixed condenser. The other ter-

minal of this condenser goes to the G post on the socket. It also goes to one terminal of the resistance, R6. The other terminal of this resistance goes to the resistance terminal of the resistance, R5 which goes to the C— post on the terminal strip. One terminal of the ballast resistance goes to the A— post on the terminal strip. The other terminal goes to the F— post on the socket, 4. The F+ post of this socket goes to the F+ post of all the sockets. This we did as we were wiring up the receiver. This common lead goes to one terminal of the switch, S2. The other terminal of the switch goes to the A+ lead on the terminal strip. This same lead also goes to the B— lead on the terminal strip. The top terminal of the single circuit jack, J2 goes to the plate post of the 4th socket. The bottom terminal goes to the B+3 post on the terminal strip. The C+ post is connected to the A— post on the terminal strip. There are 3 leads from the B batteries.

Interesting Points to Note

There are four batteries used here, A, B, C, and a new one to the family D. A switch is placed across the fixed condenser, C4 so that this may be shorted and therefore be omitted. There are two potentiometers, one with a comparatively low resistance and one with a high resistance, the latter being used in the audio-frequency amplification unit. There is a C battery used for the last two tubes only. The first audio tube employs no C battery. In order to obtain the proper voltage for the crystal, place 6 dry cells in series. This will give you a total voltage of 9 volts and is known as the D battery. These batteries will last indefinitely. There is no need for worrying about them depreciating in voltage. The length of time that they stand up will about determine the life of the battery, more than how much it is used. There is a condenser, which acts as an electrostatic coupler of the plate and the grid of the first tube. This makes the first tube regenerative, and gives us a regenerative RF tube. The oscillatory action of this tube depends upon the amount of temperature that the filament of this same tube is heated to. In other words, by placing more or less voltage upon the filament of the tube, the squealing of the tube can be controlled.

Obtaining the Maximum Results

There are many things that determine the success of this receiver. First you want to carefully wire up the receiver, using either bell wire or bus bar. Wherever possible solder connections, provided you know how to solder. If you do not, better tighten all connections by means of a nut and bolt. Make all these connections very tight. See that the filament and the plate connections of the first tube do not run parallel to each other. Test all the leads from the point where they start, to the point where it is brought to, with a battery and phones. Test all the coils,

Curing Trouble in the Set

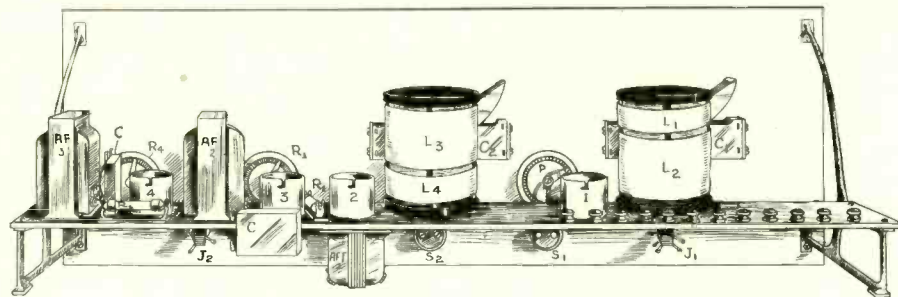


FIG. 3, showing suggested layout of the parts, R4 is R5.

condensers, and resistances for short or open circuits. The aerial for this set should be 100 feet in length. This is the length of the antenna on the roof. The lead in depends upon what floor you live. The longest lead in using this 100 foot antenna that you can possibly have is when you are living on the ground floor of a 5 story apartment. If you live in a house, where the lead is to be much longer, then the length of the antenna on the roof will have to decrease accordingly, e. g. if you live on the third floor of a 10 story house, then the antenna should be 80 feet long. These little things do a great deal in determining the success of the set. Make solid connections on the antenna lead-in. If possible see if you can make the lead-in a portion of the antenna proper. The ground wire should be brought to a water pipe. I have always used a water pipe as a ground as no matter where I went, I always found it to be the best bet. However my curiosity was aroused recently by one of my friends, who said that he found that a steam pipe ground was as good as a water pipe.

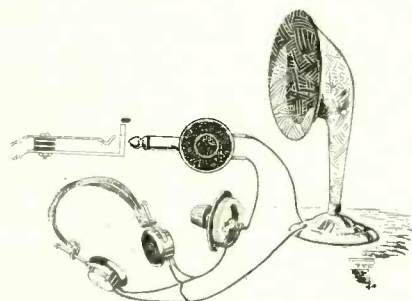
He did not try the water pipe as it was too far away from the set, and he was obtaining wonderful results with the steam pipe ground. I went over to his house, and saw that a 30 foot lead was necessary, if the water pipe was to be used. I just scraped the paint lightly off the pipe, and made a very poor electrical connection on this pipe. I then connected it to the set, and what a difference. The volume increased at least 40%. This was a convincing enough test for him. He

then made a real good connection, etc., and the results obtained were truly marvelous. So the water pipe still is the best ground no matter how long the lead is. Of course solder or tighten all the connections, making sure that all the paint of the pipes is off, and that the clamp is making perfect contact. When running the lead from the pipe in the room, try not to place the ground wire parallel to the antenna lead-in wire. If you are one of those fortunate persons, who are living in the country, and can make the ground directly in the earth, then the antenna and the ground lead should run in the same line, until the lead hits the earth. For a conductor to place in the earth, use a copper piping about 1" in diameter and 6" long. Attach the wire to this pipe, and then cover it with tin foil. Now cover this tin foil with tape, making sure that no bare piece of the wire touches the earth. This is to prevent corrosion of the wire, which is much thinner than the copper pipe. It is a good policy anyway to clean the pipe off every now and then, as it will become covered with carbon, and not be a good conductor. This will be noted by the sudden decrease in volume. In between the antenna and the ground place a small single throw, single pole knife switch. Solder a piece of wire on to the antenna, about 4" long, and a piece of wire onto the ground wire, the same length as the antenna wire. These leads go to a terminal on the switch, one to one terminal and one to the other of the switch. When the switch is closed, the aerial and the

ground are connected together. This is not absolutely necessary, but is a little preventive device. A lightning arrestor should be installed in place of this if so desired. The latter is passed by the Underwriters Board, while the switch is not. Therefore the arrestor keeps your house insured. They both serve the same purpose though.

Now the first thing to do, after you have installed your antenna and ground, is to connect up your A battery. Get a tube which is not in a good oscillatory state, that is one which will not oscillate, but which still has a good filament. This is a dummy tube. Turn the rheostats on. Place the tube in each socket, and see if the tube lights when placed in each socket. If it does, attach the B battery, still keeping the dummy tube in. Again turn on the rheostats. If after you have placed the tube in all the sockets and found that the tube has not blown, then place your good tubes in all the 4 sockets. Attach the C, and D battery. Also attach the aerial and the ground. Now put in the phones in the last jack, J2, jam the needle in the carborundum crystal, turn the potentiometer in the crystal circuit, until you hear a rush, and then turn the two condenser dials. Keep the high resistance potentiometer low, that is, do not turn it up very high, as you will hear no signals, due to the choking effect. Turn both dials at the same time, keeping the numbers also the same, e. g., 50, 50, etc. This set is one you can log, as the stations will always come in at the same point and approximately on equal numbers. If the signals are not loud, reverse the A battery, cut out the small condenser, C4 and increase the high resistance potentiometer. Signals of no great intensity will be obtained from the crystal detector, and the RF tube. Don't forget to vary the resistance of the RF rheostat. This will sometimes bring in stations louder. This set will absolutely not work without an antenna, so don't hook on the ground and expect to receive signals, because you won't. I did and thought the set was no good, but as soon as I attached the antenna, the stations came in like a "ton of bricks." Use the 201A type of tubes throughout. The last tube should have a plate voltage of 135. The two tubes preceding this one should have a voltage of 90 applied to the plate. The first RF tube should have a voltage of 67½ applied to the plate. The C battery should have a voltage of 4½.

How Those Who Hear Poorly May Use Phones With Ease



THE pictorial diagram of the special loud speaking regulator, whereby a person with impaired hearing may use phones while the others listen to the music from the speaker.

Those who have trouble in hearing radio programs on a speaker may use phones even while the speaker is operated. The signals from the average set are too loud on the head phones at the final output. However, the volume can be regulated to suit the listener.

With most devices only one earphone or speaker operation is satisfactory, and the speaker has to be disconnected from the set so phones can be used comfortably. By the method employed, we save all this trouble. A potentiometer is inserted in series with the loud speaker and the telephone lead. The resistance of this potentiometer is about 6,000 ohms, but the instrument is used as a rheostat, center arm joined to one terminal.

This little regulator may be placed on the arm of the chair and the person listening in on earphones can regulate the volume. He can cut in or out as much resistance as is necessary for his purpose. The volume from the speaker is not impaired and the rest of the folk, of course, hear the speaker only.

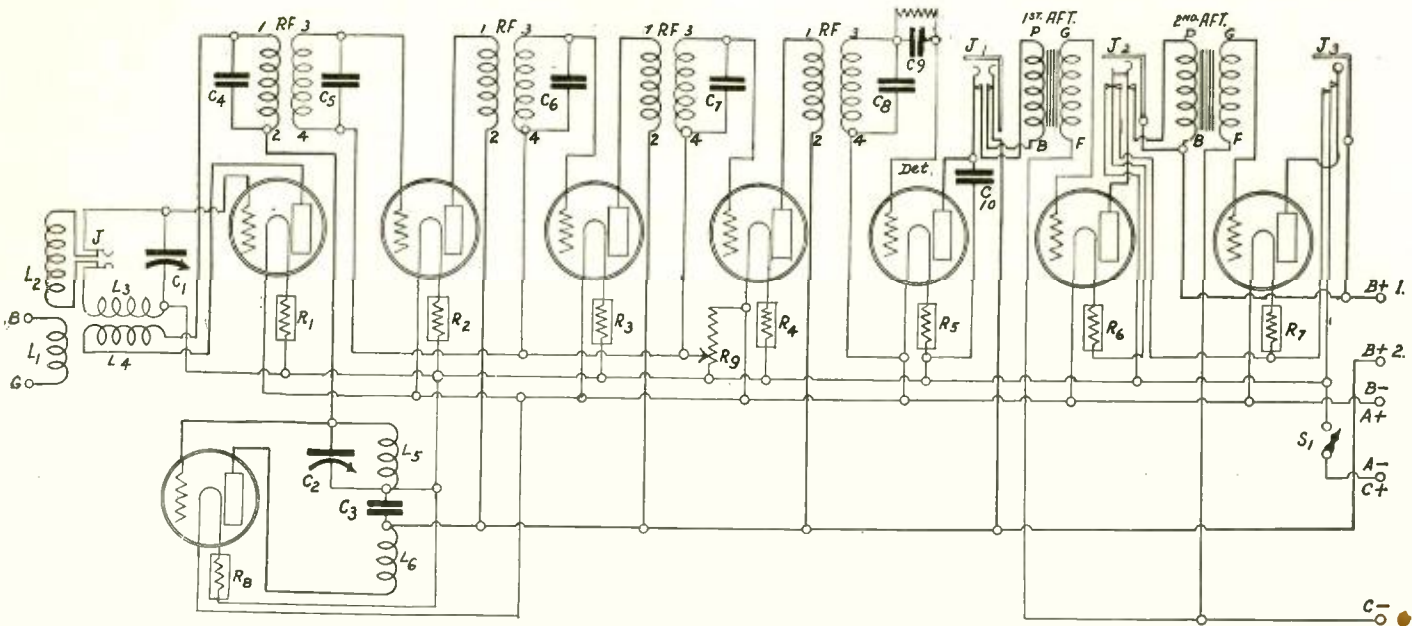
One terminal of the loudspeaker goes to the resistance wire post of the potentiometer. The arm of the potentiometer goes to one terminal of the phones. The other terminal of the phones goes to one terminal in the plug. The other terminal from the loud speaker goes to the other terminal in the plug.

The Poet Speaks

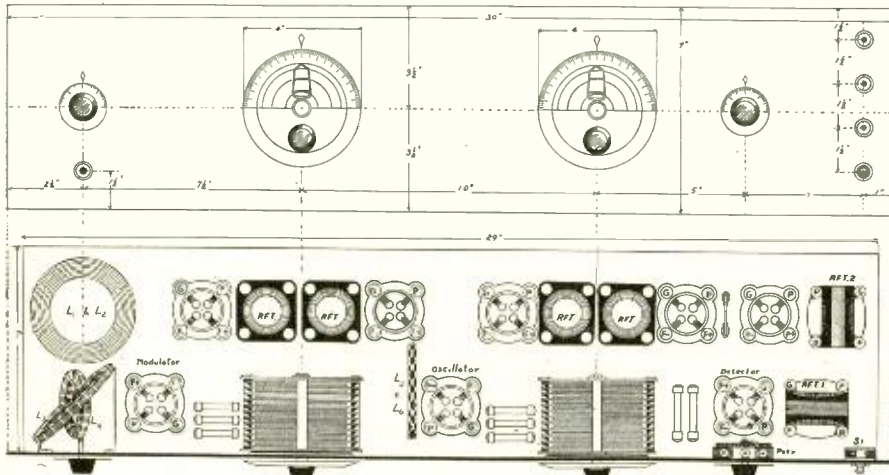


EDGAR A. GUEST, famous poet, whose poems every day in many daily papers, are read by hundreds of thousands, has become an ardent broadcaster. He is shown here at WERC, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Fotograms.)

How to Build the Ultradyne



THE circuit diagram of the Ultradyne Super-Heterodyne.



THE Panel plan and the baseboard constructional layout.

By Brunsten Brunn

THE standard circuit diagram of the Ultradyne is shown in Fig. 1. In this diagram L1 is the antenna or primary coil. B is the antenna terminal and G the ground terminal. This coil may consist of about 5 turns of wire on the same form as the secondary coil L2. The secondary should be wound for a .0005 mfd condenser. There are many good radio-frequency tuning transformers on the market which may be used here. J is a double circuit jack which may be used for substituting a loop for the antenna. Coil L4 is a tickler to make the first detector or modulator regenerative, and L3 is a coupling coil for introducing the fed-back energy into the first tuned circuit. This coil is necessary when a loop is employed, but could be dispensed with if L2 alone were used, since L4 could then be placed in inductive relation with it. L3 and L4 may each have about 20 turns of wire on 2.5" tubing or its equivalent, and the coupling between them should be fairly close when set at maximum. In the layout drawing, Fig. 2, L3 and L4 are spiderweb coils and L4 turns inside L3.

L5 and L6 are the oscillator coils, of the same type as the tuning coils in the modulator circuit. They may, however, be of the regular solenoidal type, in which case L5 should consist of about 43 turns of

No. 24 double cotton covered wire wound on a 3" diameter. L6, the plate coil, may be wound on the same form with the same kind of wire, and it should consist of about 35 turns.

Easy Tuning

The two tuning condensers, C1 and C2, should have a maximum capacity of .0005 microfarad each, and for the sake of ease of tuning they should either be straight-line wavelength or straight-line frequency, unless an SLF dial is used on semi-circular plate condensers.

The four intermediate frequency transformers marked RF may be the regular Ultradyne transformers if these are available, otherwise a set of any good make may be employed. General Radio 30 kc transformers are especially suitable. The first of these transformers, that is, the one which connects the modulator to the first IF stage, should be of the air core type, while the rest may be of the iron core type. The condensers across the secondaries may or may not be necessary. It depends on the type and make of transformers that are used. In this respect it is best to follow the recommendations of the manufacturers. In some transformers these are built in and in others distributed capacity is depended on entirely. The condenser C4 across the primary of the first IF transformer is usually necessary to ensure proper operation of the modulator tube. Best results will be

obtained if this condenser is adjusted to such a value as to tune the primary of the transformer to the intermediate frequency employed, that is, to the same frequency as the secondaries of the other transformers. This, however, requires a number of fixed condensers as well as a variable condenser of fairly wide range, and the adjustment is not very easy. Hence it may be best to use a by-pass condenser of about .001 microfarad capacity. This is large enough to ensure proper operation of the modulator, yet it is usually not large enough to seriously change the frequency of the intermediate filter.

The grid condenser C9 should be a good mica condenser of .00025 mfd. or somewhat less capacity. The grid leak across it should be about one megohm. A variable leak like the Bretwood, which can be adjusted for most satisfactory results, is recommended.

The AF Transformers

The two audio-frequency transformers should be the best that can be obtained. The success or failure of the receiver from the view of quality depends on the proper selection of these parts. The old-time transformers with small core and smaller windings should be avoided. A good transformer almost invariably is built in generous proportions. In the list of parts a few suggestions are made as an aid in selecting them.

It will be observed that no filament rheostats are used in the set, but that automatic current controls are employed. This is in line with sound practice and with the trend of good design. The particular filament controls used in this receiver are Amperites, but there are others which may be used with equally good results. Although there is one of these in each filament branch, some of them may be combined so as to decrease the number of parts required. For instance the two high frequency tubes may be put on one, the four intermediate frequency tubes on a second, and the two audio frequency tubes on one each. The latter two tubes require one each on account of the filament control jacks which are employed. If it is decided to combine some of these ballast resistances it is of course necessary to select them with due regard to current carrying capacity.

The by-pass condenser C10 should have
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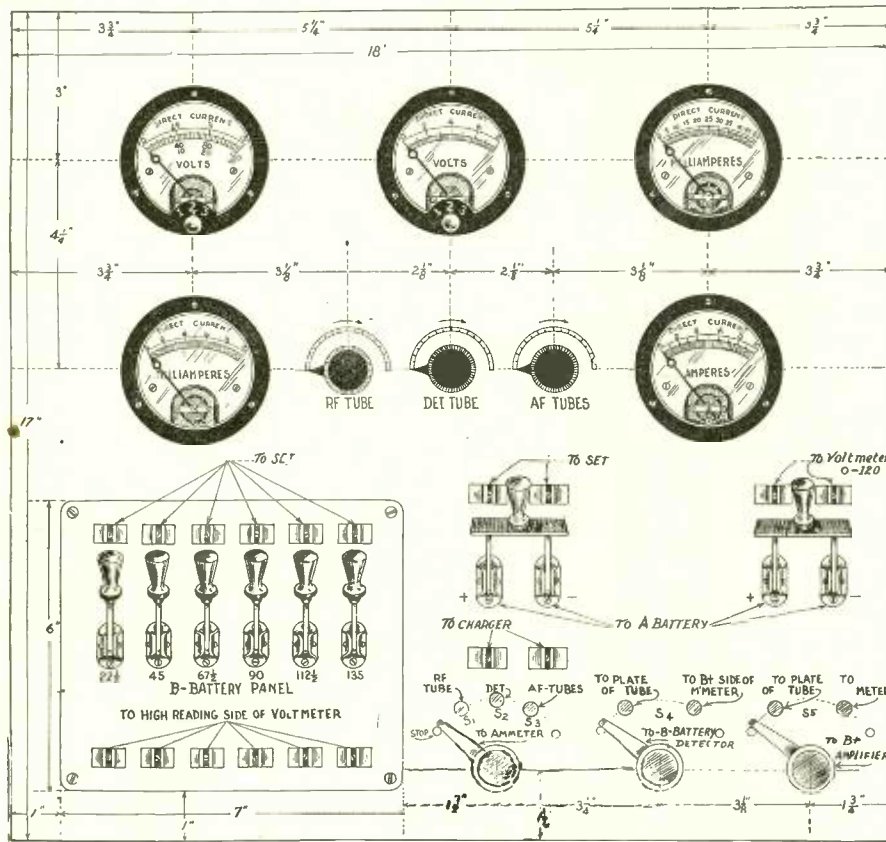


FIG. 229, showing the panel layout of the meter set Mr. Resonas requested.

I HAVE mislaid my August 29 issue of RADIO WORLD, and, therefore, cannot build the meter switchboard that I was contemplating on making. I have the electrical diagrams, but not the panel layout. I especially wanted that one. Would you please reprint the panel layout for me in the Radio University?—T. H. Resonas, Buena Vista, N. M.

Fig. 229 shows the panel layout that was requested. This is self explanatory.

I BUILT the Powertone, which appeared in the August 29, September 5 and 12 issues of RADIO WORLD, but am having quite some trouble with it. (1) I cannot control the oscillations. (2) The set is subject to hand capacity. I think there is an open circuit somewhere, because I also get a hum on some points of the dial. (3) Would you suggest something better?—A. B. Painter, 26 W. 4th St., Williamsport, Pa.

(1, 2 and 3) Move the radio-frequency transformers further apart. Place the coils at right angles. See that the grid and the plate leads of the RF tube are not parallel to each other or facing the panel. Reduce the filament voltage on the RF tube. Turn the detector tube rheostat all the way on. See that you have the proper grid returns on the RF tube and the detector. A negative return for the RF tube and a positive return for the detector tube. See that all the leads are making positive contact, especially the variable condenser lead. Reduce the voltage which is applied to the plate of the RF tube.

I HAVE just completed the 1926

Diamond of the Air, but am having trouble in making the tickler coil have any effect. That is it increases the oscillations, but not the volume. I placed a .001 mfd. across the primary of the AFT. (2) When I get down as low as 275 meters the regeneration is uncontrollable. (3) How can I make my set louder?—Clarence Brandt, 408 Montana Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis.

(1 and 3) The tickler only increases the regeneration, and not the volume. Of course the more regeneration the more sensitive and, therefore, the louder the set will be, up to a certain point, where the signal strength will decrease. If you take the condenser which is shunted across the primary of the AFT out, and add on more turns to the tickler, the volume will be increased. Reverse the primary windings of the AFT. Use 135 volts on the plate of the amplifier tubes. Test the B batteries for this rated voltage. They may be run down. (2) Use a SLF condenser or a SLF dial, either one of which will separate the high frequency or low wavelength stations.

WHAT IS meant by a Class A station? (2) What is meant by a Class B station?—Max H. Hopf, Harper, Tex.

(1) According to the rules and regulations of the U. S. Government, the following is the regulations governing Class A stations: "Class A stations will be issued to stations equipped to use power not exceeding 500 watts in the antenna. When more than one station of this class is licensed in the same city or locality, a division of time will be required if necessary." (2) The following

is the regulation governing the Class B station: "The power supply must be dependable and non-fluctuating. The minimum required will be 500 watts in the antenna. The system must be so arranged as to cause the generated radio-frequency current to vary accurately according to the sound impressed upon the microphone system. Sufficient tubes and other material must be readily available to insure continuity and reliability of the announced schedule of service. The antenna must be so constructed so as to prevent swinging. The radio equipment in the studio must be limited to that essential, for use in the room. The room shall be so arranged as to avoid sound reverberation and to exclude external and unnecessary noises.

"The programs must be carefully supervised and maintained to insure satisfactory service to the public. The use of mechanically operated musical operated instruments is prohibited.

"Licenses issued for the use of Class B stations shall specifically provide that any failure to maintain the standards prescribed for such stations may result in the forfeiture of the Class B privilege."

I CONSTRUCTED the Ultradyne, which was described in the January 19, 1923 issue of RADIO WORLD. I used spider web forms. The last stage of audio has the two tubes connected in parallel. This gives better tone quality. The receiver tunes very sharply and gives the greatest volume I ever heard. (1) I cannot tune higher than 455 meters. (2) The stations are crowded on the lower portion of the dial. Will you please offer some help?—Dr. J. R. Boyd, Box 98, Oakville, W. Va.

(1) Place a .000375 variable condenser across the antenna and the ground. When this is done you will be able to tune as high as 600 meters. (2) There are two cures for this. Either use a SLF variable condenser or a SLF dial. Any of the advertised SLF adjustments in this magazine will do.

I WOULD like to build the 3-tube Reflexed Neutrodyne, which was described by Percy Warren, in the May 16 issue of RADIO WORLD. (1) I would like to know if I can use the low-loss basket weave coils described by Neal Fitzalan, in the June 13 issue of RADIO WORLD. I am going to tune the secondaries of these coils with a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. (2) Can I use the Acme AFT in this set with success? (3) Can I use 201A tubes throughout this set. (3) What can be applied to No. 18 copper wire to keep it bright after it is once sandpapered. (4) Is this set a good distance-getter?—George G. Fabel, 7024 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

(1) Yes. (2) Yes. (3) There is no substance that you can apply to keep it bright. You will spoil the metal if you do place any chemical on the surface. The chemical will also form a coating of tarnish which will prevent radio-frequency current from flowing on the surface. (4) Yes.

I WOULD like to have complete instructions as how to place a set in a console phonograph. (2) I would like to try to place the Diamond in such a form. Can this be done conveniently?—Otto Riche, 2216 Clifton Ave., Clifton Heights, Cincinnati, O.

(1) In the October 24 and 31 issues of RADIO WORLD there appeared a complete description of such a receiver. In the November 7 issue, pictures of the receiver appeared. The description was written by Lewis Winner. (2) Yes, follow the same scheme, as in the above prescribed issues. Use only two dials in-

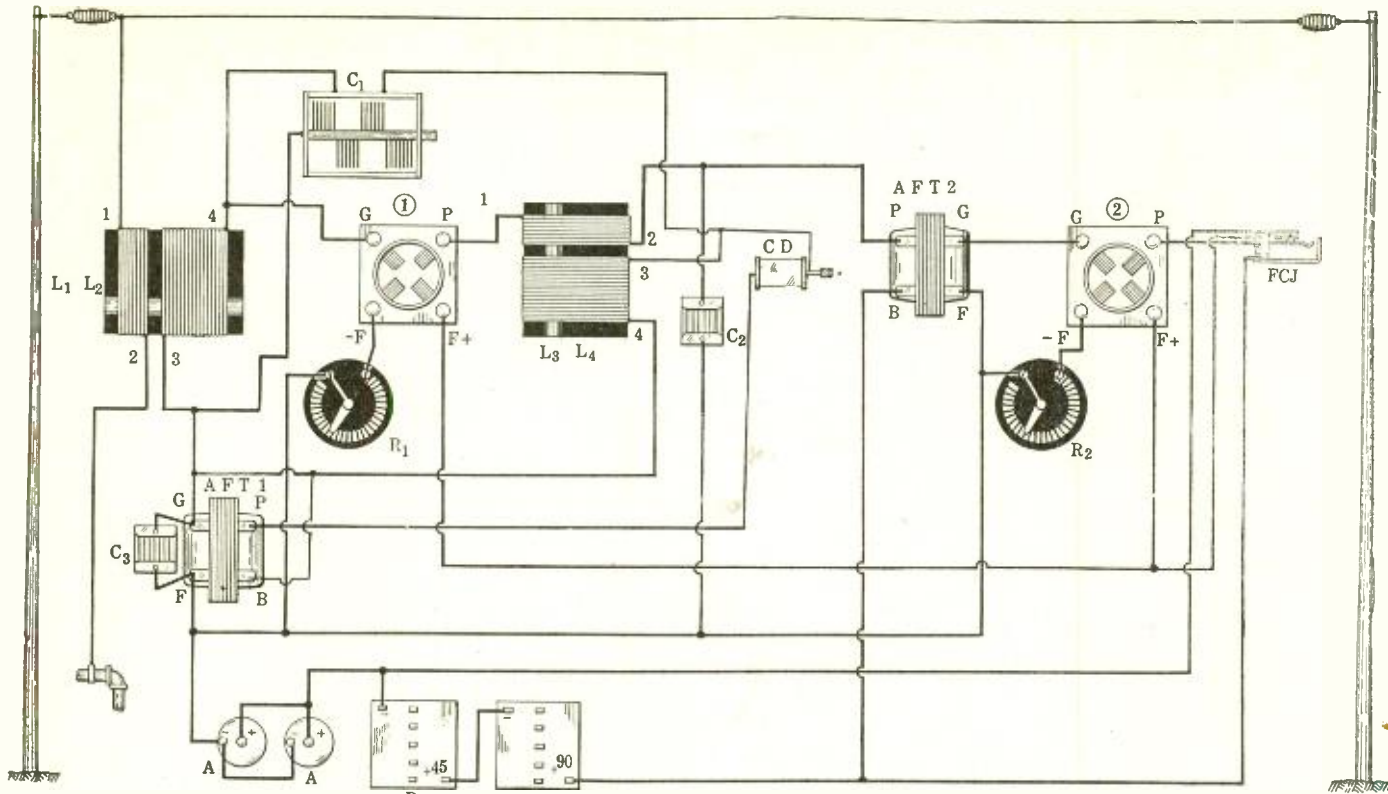


FIG. 230, shows the diagram requested by Mr. Thomas.

stead of 3. That is, use a double condenser.

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I WOULD like to have a diagram of a 2-tube 1-control reflex set, using a crystal as a detector.—Y. Thomas, Leavenworth, Kan.

Fig. 230 shows the electrical diagram that you requested. L1, the primary, is wound on a tubing 3½" in diameter and 4" high. There are 10 turns wound. The secondary, L2, is wound on the same tubing and consists of 45 turns. The primary of the second RFT is also wound on a tubing 3½" in diameter and 4" high. The primary, L3, also contains 10 turns, while the secondary contains 45 turns. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used. The condenser, C1 is a double condenser, each section having a capacity of .0005 mfd. The first AFT is of a high ratio, while the second AFT is of a low ratio type. The fixed condenser, C3, has a capacity of .001 mfd. The condenser, C2, also has a capacity of .001 mfd. Both the rheostats have a value of 10 ohms. The UV201A tubes are used in this set.

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I HAVE just read the October 10 issue of RADIO WORLD. There is a description of a 3-tube set, by Captain P. V. O'Rourke. (1) There seems to be some contradiction as to the grid return. In the diagram, the grid return is brought to the F plus, while in the text, it says bring it to the F minus. Which is correct? (2) In the list of parts, 11 and 12 are not stated. Are they audio-frequency transformers. If they are, what is the ratio of them? (3) Is it right to use a 20-ohm rheostat for the detector tube and a 10-ohm rheostat for the amplifier tube? (4) If I wish to use the UV200, what changes do I have to make if any?—R. E. Croften, R.F.D. No. 1, Monson, Mass.

(1) The grid return should go to the plus post of the A battery as on the diagram. (2) Yes, they are both low ratio transformers. (3) Yes. (4) Place the grid return to the negative side of the A battery. Decrease the plate voltage to 22½. Use a 6-ohm rheostat. although the present rheostat is O. K.

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PLEASE GIVE me the correct wind-

ing data for the coils to be used in the old styled Neutrodyne, using a 17 plate condenser to shunt the secondary of this coil. (2) Give me the same information, when using the 13 plate condenser across the secondary.—J. H. Johnson, 1224 Taylor St., San Francisco, Cal.

(1) There are 12 turns on the primary, this being wound on a form 3½" in diameter and 4" high. Use No. 22 double cotton covered wire when winding the form. The secondary is wound on the same form, and contains 65 turns. (2) The primary and the secondary is wound on a form, the same size as the primary and the secondary of the coil above. The primary has 15 turns. The secondary has 75 turns. Use No. 22 DCC wire.

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IS IT a better plan to place the filament switch in the A positive or the A negative side of the battery?—C. Clarke, Palenville, N. Y.

It will make no difference. The set will work just as good either way.

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I BUILT "The Set That Thrilled Jack," which was described in the October 10 issue of RADIO WORLD by Lewis Winner, but cannot get any kind of volume although I receive the locals fair. I am using an Amperite to control the filament of the first tube.—B. M. Perham, 169 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

First put a variable grid leak in place of R8. This should have a resistance of 500,000 ohms. It is connected as per: One terminal of the resistance wire goes to one terminal of the fixed condenser, C4. The other resistance terminal of the potentiometer as it is called, is connected to the C— post. The arm of the potentiometer goes to the G post on socket 5. Next see if you have connected the chokes properly. I don't think you have connected them in series aiding. Try connecting the B and the F, and if this don't work connect the B and the G. Reduce the resistance of first and the second RFT. Use a rheostat for the first tube and not a ballast resistance.

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I AM going to build the Diamond of the Air. (1) Could I use a 17-plate variable condenser to tune the secondary of the first radio-frequency transformer? (2) Could a 23-plate variable condenser tune the secondary of the 3-circuit tuner? (3) These coils are to be wound on a tubing 3" in diameter and 4" high. I wish to use No. 22 double cotton covered wire. J. A. Gundermann, 317 South Telemachus St., New Orleans, La.

(1) If you are going to use the .00035 mfd. variable condenser (17 plates), the primary will consist of 12 turns, the secondary of 50 turns. (2) When using the

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Operator Explains Pick-up of Programs Outside Studio

By G. William Lang

Operator, Station WBZ

The wide variation in broadcasting programs now available to radio audiences is probably the chief major step in the development of radio that has increased its popularity so greatly. This great variation could hardly have been attained if all the programs sent out on the air were restricted to a station's studio. The natural result was that most broadcasting stations looked to the opera houses, theaters, concert halls, arenas, and athletic centers, where the public attend regularly in quest of pleasure, for feature broadcasting programs. For this reason the greatest number of programs are transmitted from those centers attended by large audiences, as the station is certain of catering to the tastes of the majority.

Different from Outside

Conditions entirely different from those in the main studios are encountered when programs are broadcast from some outside place. Consequently, the engineering and operating staffs of the broadcasting station found it necessary to develop suitable equipment and obtain data for these special transmissions.

Station WBZ has approximately forty lines terminating at either the Hotel Brunswick or Hotel Kimball Studios in Boston and Springfield. The majority of these lines terminate in the Boston Studio, and are used exclusively for broadcasting WBZ programs. With so many lines connecting the important outside centers and places of interest, with the station's two studios, Boston and Springfield are completely encompassed, so that practically every event originating in these two cities may be broadcast for the benefit of the radio listeners.

Setting up a Theatre

The radio audience, I am sure, has but the faintest idea of the necessary preparation in arranging and setting up an outside "pick-up" station as these outlying broadcasting points are called, it will doubtless interest many to accompany me while I "set up" a theatre for the musical comedy the town is talking about.

Starting from the Boston Studio, our equipment will include a storage battery, heavy-duty "B" battery, microphones, control board, amplifier, wire, and toolkit. This equipment must be installed in the theatre and connected by line to the main studio so that the show may be broadcast direct from the pick-up point to the studio. The "material" is picked up from the line at the studio and is again amplified before putting it on the 100-mile line to the WBZ transmitter at Springfield.

Critical Microphone

At the pick-up the microphones are sometimes placed in the footlights, sometimes suspended, or both. The location of the microphones depends entirely upon the nature of the broadcast and the acoustical qualities of the theatre. For broadcasting purposes, poor acoustical qualities are sometimes encountered, and in such cases perfect transmission is difficult if not impossible. Through long experience and testing the pick-up man is generally able to determine the proper location for the installation of the microphone and the undesirable locations are reduced to a minimum. At times, however, places are encountered from where it is practically impossible to make a perfect broadcast, but the engineering personnel of the broadcasting station strives constantly to minimize this condition.

In the theatre which I am taking as an example, the apparatus must be so situated to enable the operator to have a clear view of the soloist and chorus. With four microphones installed, let us say, in the footlights, the operator by means of a switching arrangement on the control panel can use the microphone nearest the artist who is performing. Frequently the artist goes from one end of the stage to the other, but through the switching of microphones from one to the other, the operator creates the impression over the air that the artist is always properly "placed" for perfect broadcasting.

The elaborate equipment used at the pick-up point is essential so that the quality at the origin of the broadcast is correct, as the quality of the transmission cannot be changed at any other point. The high quality microphones used by Station WBZ are necessarily insensitive to sounds, which factor necessitates high amplification at the pick-up point. Due to the ability of the line connecting the pick-up point with the transmitter to pick up extraneous noises, acting in a similar manner to the antenna of a radio receiving set, high amplification is also necessary to build up the volume of the "material" to a point overshadowing this very undesirable effect.

Same Line for Both

By means of wired wireless, the operator at the pick-up point maintains constant contact with the operator at the transmitting station. This use of wired wireless eliminates the necessity of an additional pair of wires for talking purposes as the wired wireless is impressed on the same line used for transmitting the program. This does not affect the quality of the broadcast as the two are of different characteristics.

The operator at the transmitter, in addition to sending the program out through the ether, checks the quality of the programs by means of his receiving set at the station. The pick-up operator, however, is unable to check the program which he is transmitting as satisfactorily as the station operator. For this reason the two operators must maintain constant communication, and the pick-up operator is guided in the regulation of his equipment according to the reports of the station operator.

Many organizations, such as the Aleppo Drum Corps, are too large to be accommodated in the broadcasting studio. From 125 to 165 musicians are heard regularly over station WBZ when the Aleppo Band transmits programs. This organization has a special band room and by means of installing a pick-up station, listeners are able to hear this and similar organizations over the air which otherwise would be impossible if broadcasting were confined to the studio.

Dead Spots Puzzle

"Dead spots" are still a mystery to radio scientists. There are many stations in New York City which will come in very loud in one portion, yet within 100 feet the same station with the same set cannot be heard at all. An example of this peculiar action was recently demonstrated in the upper part of the Bronx, where WGBS, the Gimbel Brothers' Station, located at Thirty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, was tuned in on a portable Super-Heterodyne. The set was installed in a motor car with a small directional loop on top of the hood. A 100-ft. ride caused WGBS reception to end.

Coolidge Speaks



BEFORE a great crowd which assembled at Judiciary Square, Washington, D. C., the statue of General Jose de San Martin was dedicated and President Coolidge made the principal address. The picture above shows the President speaking to the crowd before the statue and also via the radio. Note the four microphones. The picture below shows the view of the dedication exercises, which were attended by thousands, on the spot, and a hundred times as many by radio. (Acme.)

The Chief Announcer's Lament

The Inside Story of What It Means to Retain That "Pleasant Voice," Though the Soul Is Rankled by Despair—Above Adversity the Hopeful Spirit Rides, Despite All Trials—An Intimate Article, Skillfully Written, by Floyd Neale, of the Gimbel Bros. New York Station

By Floyd Neale

Chief Announcer and Director of Programs, WGBS, New York City

THE most satisfying compliment to an announcer of radio programs came to me in a letter from the depths of the Maine woods one suffocating day last summer. It was from a highly trained nurse, only a passing acquaintance, met only once or twice in one of New York's great hospitals. She was attending an invalid gentleman, she wrote. One night they were listening to their radio when her patient spoke up with vibrations of interest in his voice:

"There's that pleasant voice again!"

The nurse wrote on that although she had never heard the voice over the air until then, and no name or initials were used by the announcer, she recognized it. The same week, a keen-eared man of the theatre paid a similar compliment, when he wrote:

"One thing I have remarked about your voice in your announcing, and I have seen you working steadily long hours for a week, you never allow a tone of fatigue to get into your announcements."

The invalid and nurse knew nothing of the trials and tribulations of an announcer. Her patient had ordered his Superheterodyne and had had it installed. He had learned how to manipulate its dials. Lying in his chaise longue out on his cool, screened verandahs, recuperating among his tube of blue and rosy hydrangeas, the strengthening redolence of balsam woods blowing through the quiet, noiseless halls of his summer residence, he was able to listen to grand opera, string quartets, choirs of woodwinds, whistled birdcalls of the United States, drama, oldtime minstrels, sympathetic mezzos and contraltos, the richest of vocal combinations, male quartets, finely blended female quartets, news items right off the ticker, and always, "that pleasant voice" in and out of the mysterious silences before and after each.

The other, behind the sound-proof studio walls, where even the paint on the ceiling has been "acoustically treated," where only sounds to be sent out through the ether may be permitted, where only thirty seconds of delay may go unlogged, knew the constant trials and tribulations of an announcer.

On the Multiplicity of Sets

To illustrate the incredible obtuseness of the listening radio audience, one day two elderly ladies nervously entered the reception room of the broadcasting sta-

The New Voice at WDAF is Fitzer's

The new voice that is heard frequently these days and nights from the studio of WDAF, the broadcasting station of the Kansas City Star, home of the famous Nighthawks, is that of H. Dean Fitzer, who has succeeded Leo Fitzpatrick as director. Mr. Fitzer is both director and announcer.



H. DEAN FITZER

Mr. Fitzer is a baritone. He was formerly a member of The Star's reportorial staff. In that capacity he directed for three years the Midwestern Zone in the National Oratorical contest on the Constitution. His management of that project extended from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Mississippi River to the Rockies.

Throughout the war, Mr. Fitzer served as a musician aboard the U. S. S. Dixie, stationed in foreign waters.

The power of WDAF is to be increased to 1,000 watts. This station operates on 336 meters and is located in Kansas City, Mo.

tion and asked timidly if they might see how "it was done." They were shown into the draped studio. The red signal lights were up. The announcer was "on the air." His face was an inch from the host-like microphone. He was speaking in a gentle voice. The spinster-looking ladies lingered, amazed, for a brief gaze. When the padded door of the studio had been closed into its felt packing and they were out of the double-doored vestibule, one was heard to whisper affrightedly to the other:

"Did you get that funny smell?"

The sister nodded big-eyed behind her steel rims.

"You know what that was, don't you? That was the ETHER they sing on!"

The piano had been polished with furniture oil that morning!

Another day one of the young women on the staff came to the announcer and asked with foreboding seriousness if he would talk to this lady, another caller. A stately and distinguished woman in dress and manner was presented and asked if she might talk privately where no one might overhear. The station happened to be silent. She was invited into the studio. Her face was hardened with desperate determination, although her brows were steamed with lines of deep distress.

"I want to talk with someone who knows all about the workings of this radio business," she said.

The unscientific announcer modestly but sympathetically assured her that he would try to explain as far as he understood the broadcasting procedure. The woman went on quietly yet firmly with her problem:

"I hear these different voices all the time. Where do they come from? Why do they do it?" The announcer pointed out the microphone, illustrating the method of broadcasting, explaining simply as he

could, tactfully side-stepping the latter query of why they did it, a question that often weaves itself into the nightmare of every announcer and program director. But the woman interrupted petulantly:

"This thing has been going on long enough. It's got to stop. I can't get away from it. I sit on my porch and I hear it everywhere. I go into my library. There I hear them. I go into my bedroom, into my bathroom, into my attic. Still I hear them. I can't stand it any longer. Everybody's got a radio set—but the only one I enjoy is my own!"

The announcer himself lives in an apartment house composed of four units, each built about its own courtyard, 400 families living off sixteen vaulted, tiled open stairways, where the roof-gardens are not unlike one of those good innocent social dissipations of a score of years ago, a cobweb party—so many serials have been strung aloft. The rare nights that are passed without the reverberations of New York's sixteen broadcasting stations throughout the kitchens, the living rooms, the bedrooms, the bathrooms and even the tree and river bordered balconies, is seldom as a total eclipse.

On the Variety of Talent

To be sure, these episodes are the infrequencies that alternate the current of the announcer's daily experiences. The reception of "artists" (?) who drop in for auditions is one of the most exacting trials of one's social, artistic and radio breeding. The frock-coated applicant for the position of floor-walker, balancing a cup of tea while eating a meringue at the same instant he is being presented to an elegant, hatted creature of chiffon, in the sanctum of the dour president of the department store, wot not of the ordeal of an announcer or program director hearing an audition.

Let it be told and retold wherever radio, in its broadcasting aspect, is discussed that the daily and nightly and all-nightly entertainment the listener receives for no other reciprocation than the cost and upkeep of his set is freely given away by the broadcaster with no other audience than his imagination can supply, so far as he is concerned (commercial stations and artists excepted). These artists have been selected by one whose inborn taste, musical and otherwise, whose background of experience, and whose sensitive ear and comprehensive imagination all work together within a few moments while he keeps his ear to a loud speaker outside the studio, with the studio transmission carrying the sound no farther until the artist has been booked and is scheduled to be broadcast to a million listeners with a million varieties of tastes.

Let the statisticians tell the world of the tremendous preponderance of soprano voices in the fair throats of women. Let vocal teachers tell their pupils, as often as they tell them to drop the jaw, to listen lest the vibrato or tremulo flutter in and ruin singing. And as for pitch, or singing on the key, if it can't be done, it simply cannot, at least over the radio, where vibrations are amplified and multiplied hundreds of times after they come from the throat. The listening public determines this if the audition is let through without discrimination. Tuning out is so simple! The listener's auditory patience is so ruthless! So many radio bills of fare are under the thumb and forefinger, even as many as the dial markings. The really great opportunity of the little or unknown artist whose chance to broadcast to an audience far outnumbering any

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Roxy Back on the Air Again! Three Stars c



ROXY and some of the girls in his new gang, which is on the air from WEAJ and allied stations Thursday nights. Left to right—Ann Robinson, Phoebe Crosby, Flo Mulholland, Beatrice Belkin, Celia Branz, Dot Miller, Jessica Dragonette and Gamby.—(Foto Topics.)



FIRST of a series of musicals from the together Fraser Grange, noted barito Mengelberg, conductor of the Ph (Fot

Call Letters of the World Are Assigned by Fixed Plan

The fact that broadcasting stations in the United States and Canada announce themselves by means of groups of letters, apparently following no logical system, has caused a good deal of confusion among radio listeners; but the various "call letters" employed by the stations are really arranged in conformance with a definite international schedule of identification, according to a bulletin issued by the National Radio Service League, of New York.

The call letters are distributed among the various civilized countries of the world, each country possessing certain combinations. Germany leads the list and

its radio stations have all the three letter mixtures between AAA and AMZ, and also DAA-DSZ, DUA-DZZ, KAA-KAY and KBA-KBZ.

Great Britain has all calls beginning with B. M. Y and Z, and all combinations between COA-COZ, EIA-EZZ, GAAA-GWBB, GWKA-GZZZ, LSA-LUZ, OCA-OFZ, XEA-XMZ and XTA-XZZ. British protectorates and colonies have CFA-CKZ and VXA-VZZ, which take in the Canadian broadcasters.

The United States has all the W's and N's, the latter being reserved exclusively for the United States navy, and also K calls between KDA-KZZ. We therefore share some of the K's with Germany. The distribution continues among the other countries. There is a total of 107 groups for some 84 nations of the world.

The United States, Great Britain, Canada, France and Belgium also have a number system wherein a set of call letters consists of one numeral followed by two or three letters; such combinations are assigned only to amateurs in the United States and to both amateurs and broadcasters in the other countries. The United States has the largest number of these stations—about 17,000—which are divided among nine geographical districts.

Lamp Cone Speaker



A NEW lamp loud speaker which uses a paper cone instead of a horn. Miss Nancy Slavin of Brooklyn, is demonstrating what it looks like when the shade is removed. (Kadel & Herbert.)

What Causes to Flow T

By Dr. Peter I. Wold
Professor of Physics, Union College,
Schenectady, N. Y.

How many of you have ever asked the question as to how electricity is brought through the copper wires to your house or how it is conducted through the filament tungsten wire in your lamps? For good many years we have been able to generate electricity in large quantities, control it by switches, to carry it from one place to another, to make it do work for us in various ways; but until recent years, we had no theory, even approximately satisfactory, for explaining how electricity is transferred through a conductor.

In the case of electrolysis in liquids we knew that charged atoms moved in one direction or another, carrying their electric charges with them, but it was impossible to think that in a copper wire the atoms could be moving in sufficient numbers or with sufficient velocities to

Scientist in Arctic Hears Breathing of Studio Artis

Pittsburgh.—How a geologist, spending lonely months in Baffinland making a survey of the mineral resources of this polar territory, got diversion by the radio, is told in a letter from the naturalist, Dewey Soper, who is spending two years in the interior of southern Baffinland at the Arctic Circle for the Canadian government.

Soper is at Pangnirtung, where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a large fur company maintain posts. Except for the few white traders and police the population is Esquimo. Soper's letter

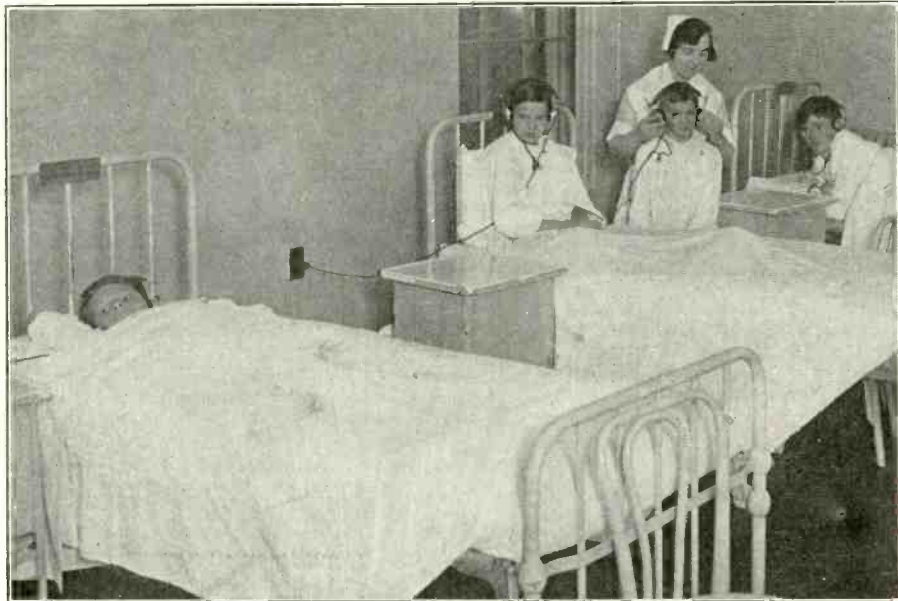
says: "Some music and singing was clear and loud as though coming from the next room. We got every imaginable kind of entertainment, from jazz to solen classics, lectures, political speeches, play etc.. One night we got a girl singer (think from Westinghouse station KFK Hastings, Neb.) whose voice was so clear that she seemed standing among us even her breathing could be detected. How is that for the Arctic Circle?"

One of the stations heard by the poet was KDKA, the Westinghouse station located in East Pittsburgh.

On One Program Radio Curative Effects Proved



A new Steinway salon through WJZ, brought here; Josef Hofmann (seated), and William Schramm (standing). They gave a joint recital. (Topics.)



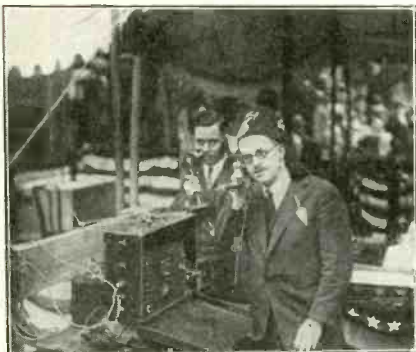
AN ELABORATE radio installation has been completed at the Orthopedic Hospital of Orange, N. J. This consists of a powerful 5-tube receiver, the output which is connected to fifty sets of headphones. These are used by both patients and the nurses. The physicians of the institution say that the radio is aiding them greatly in their treatment of the patients. There are a number of headsets installed in the nurses' rest rooms, so that the proper relaxation can be enjoyed in leisure hours. The photo shows one of the wards in the hospital where patients are listening in. Note how the phones are plugged in the wall jack. (Kadel & Herbert.)

Electricity Through a Wire?

cause of their size and the strong forces holding them in place.

With the discovery of the electron, however, we had very much smaller particles and these might work their way between the much larger atoms. The present theory of conduction through metals, then, is that metal atoms are able to lose an electron quite readily and that in a copper wire, for example, there are present a large number of free, or nearly free, electrons. When an electric field or voltage is applied to this wire, the electrons move in large numbers through the wire and thus bring to us the electricity, and, through this, the electrical power which we so much desire.

Brethren at Work



E. J. CONTENT (rear), Chief Engineer of WGBS, Gimbel Bros. store in New York City, and Noble E. Wallace, Engineer of the same station, were in charge of the broadcasting of the ceremonies held in connection with the cornerstone laying of the Level Club in New York City. This is to be the new \$3,000,000 Masonic Hotel and club house at Seventy-third Street. Photo shows the engineers testing the line for modulation. (Fotograms)

British Station Opens; Uses 25,000 Watts Power

WASHINGTON.

A new high-power station, 5XX, of the British Broadcasting Company, was recently opened at Daventry, England. This station will replace the one at Chelmsford.

The power of the new station is 25 kilowatts, and its wavelength, 1,600 meters. The owners claim that the station is as technically perfect as it is possible in the present state of knowledge.

The crystal range area, it is estimated, will contain a population of about 22,000,000 persons. It includes Manchester on the north, London on the southeast, Ipswich on the East, and Cardiff on the west. Sheffield is well within the range. One tube sets should be able to receive Daventry programs within a radius of 150 to 200 miles, according to conditions, while the multi-tube sets should be able to receive them anywhere in England.

It is reported that the Broadcasting Company intends to erect a big receiving station in Kent. It is said that by September next, through cooperation with the Radio Corporation of America, American programs will be broadcast through Daventry.

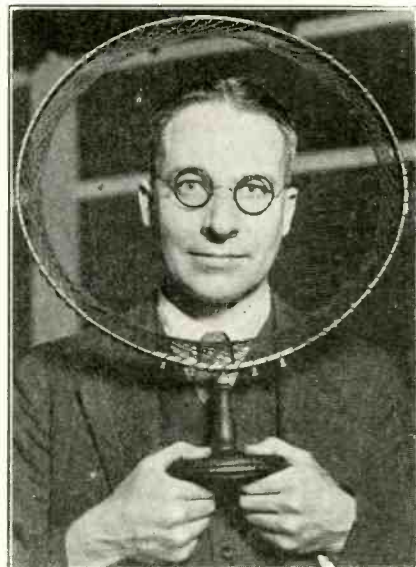
A Low-Wave Stunt

Those who are of the experimental type will find a great deal of fun from the following suggestion. If you find that you cannot receive the low wavelength stations, take off your antenna lead, and use only the wire in house, which comes from the window. This means that you will only be using the ground, and a small indoor aerial which has a low fundamental wavelength. This also increases selectivity. Volume is reduced, but not materially. If you are using a 5-tube receiver you will find that this lost volume can easily be made up by increasing the filament temperature of the RF tubes.

2,000 ARE MANUFACTURERS, OF WHOM 400 MAKE SETS

The number of radio manufacturers, including parts and sets, exceeds 2,000. Of these more than 400 make sets. This is 100 more than last year.

The Face in the Loop



A RADIO LOOP which, although only fifteen inches in diameter, is said to be more efficient than the conventional type. It is stagger-wound. This reduces the distributed capacity. Above William Burtenshaw is shown framed in the loop. (Kadel & Herbert)

The Official List of Stations

Corrected and Revised Up to November 4

| Station | Owner and Location | Meters | Station | Owner and Location | Meters | Station | Owner and Location | Meters |
|---------|--|--------|---------|--|--------|---------|---|--------|
| KDKA | Westinghouse E. & M. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. | 309 | KFPL | C. C. Baxter, Dublin, Texas | 252 | KNX | Express, Hollywood, Cal. | 337 |
| KDLR | Radio Elec. Co., Devils Lake, N. D. | 231 | KFPM | New Furniture Co., Greenville, Texas | 242 | KOA | General Electric Co., Denver, Col. | 322 |
| KDPM | Westinghouse E. & M. Co., Cleveland, Ohio | 250 | KFPR | Forestry Department, Los Angeles, Cal. | 231 | KOB | College of Agri., State College, N. M. | 349 |
| KDYL | Newhouse Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah | 246 | KFPW | St. John's Church, Cartersville, Mo. | 258 | KOIL | Monarch Manufacturing Co., Council Bluffs, Ia. | 278 |
| KDZB | F. E. Seifert, Bakersfield, Cal. | 210 | KFPY | Symonds Investment Co., Spokane, Wash. | 266 | KOP | Detroit Police Department, Detroit, Mich. | 278 |
| KFAB | Nebraska Buick Auto Co., Lincoln Neb. | 340 | KFQA | The Principia, St. Louis, Mo. | 261 | KPO | Hale Brothers, San Francisco, Cal. | 429 |
| KFAD | Electrical Equipment Co., Phoenix Ariz. | 273 | KFQB | Searchlight Publishing Co., Ft. Worth, Texas | 263 | KPPC | Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Cal. | 229 |
| KFAE | State College, Pullman, Wash. | 349 | KFOC | Kidd Bros., Taft, Cal. | 231 | KPRC | Houston Print Co., Houston, Tex. | 297 |
| KFAF | Western Radio Corp., Denver, Colo. | 278 | KFOQ | Radio Service Co., Burlingame, Cal. | 230 | KQV | Doubleday Hill Elec. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. | 275 |
| KFAJ | University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. | 261 | KFOT | National Guard, Denison, Tex. | 252 | KQW | First Baptist Church, San Jose, Cal. | 227 |
| KFAU | Boise High School, Boise, Idaho | 278 | KFOU | W. Riker, Holy City, Cal. | 222 | KRE | Gazette, Berkeley, Cal. | 258 |
| KFAW | Radio Den, Santa Ana, Cal. | 214 | KFQW | F. C. Knerim, North Bend, Wash. | 216 | KSAC | Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kans. | 341 |
| KFBB | F. A. Buttry Co., Havre, Mont. | 275 | KFRB | Hall Bros., Beeville, Texas | 248 | KSD | Post Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo. | 545 |
| KFBC | W. K. Asbill, San Diego, Cal. | 224 | KFRC | Paris Dry Goods Co., San Francisco | 268 | KSL | Radio Service Corp., Salt Lake City, Utah | 300 |
| KFBC | 1st Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Wash. | 250 | KFRM | First Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla. | 242 | KTAB | Tenth Ave. Baptist Church, Oakland, Cal. | 240 |
| KFBK | Kimball Upson Co., Sacramento, Cal. | 248 | KFRW | United Churches, Olympia, Wash. | 220 | KTBI | Bible Inst., Los Angeles, Cal. | 294 |
| KFBL | Leese Bros., Everett, Wash. | 224 | KFRX | J. G. Klemgard, Pullman, Wash. | 217 | KTBR | Brown's Radio Shop, Portland, Ore. | 263 |
| KFBS | School District No. 1, Trinidad, Col. | 238 | KFRY | College of Agriculture, State College, N. M. | 266 | KTCL | American Radio Tel. Co., Inc., Seattle, Wash. | 306 |
| KFBY | Bishop N. S. Thomas, Laramie, Wyo. | 270 | KFRZ | The Electric Shop, Hartington, Neb. | 222 | KTHS | New Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark. | 375 |
| KFCB | Nielson Radio Co., Phoenix, Ariz. | 238 | KFSG | Echo Park Evangelistic Ass'n., Los Angeles, Cal. | 275 | KTW | 1st Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Wash. | 454 |
| KFCF | F. A. Moore, Walla Walla, Wash. | 256 | KFUJ | Hoppert P. and H. Co., Breckenridge, Minn. | 242 | KUO | Examiner, San Francisco, Cal. | 246 |
| KFCY | Western Union College, Lemars, Iowa | 252 | KFUL | T. Goggan & Bro., Galveston, Tex. | 258 | KUOM | State University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. | 245 |
| KFCZ | Central High School, Omaha, Neb. | 258 | KFUM | W. D. Corley, Colorado Springs, Colo. | 242 | KUPR | Union Pacific R. R. Co., Omaha, Neb. | 270 |
| KFDD | St. Michael's Cathedral, Boise, Idaho | 278 | KFUO | Concordia Theo. Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. | 545 | KUT | University of Texas, Austin | 231 |
| KFDH | University of Arizona, Tuscon, Ariz. | 258 | KFUP | Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo. | 234 | KWG | Portable Wireless Tel. Co., Stockton, Cal. | 248 |
| KFDJ | Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore. | 254 | KFUR | H. W. Peery and R. Redfield, Ogden, Utah | 224 | KWKC | Wilson Duncan Studios, Kansas City, Mo. | 236 |
| KFDM | Magnolia Petroleum Co., Beaumont, Texas | 316 | KFUS | Louis L. Sherman, Oakland, Cal. | 233 | KWKH | W. K. Henderson I. W. & S. Co., Kennonwood, La. | 273 |
| KFDX | 1st Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. | 250 | KFUU | Colburn Radio Laboratories, San Leandro, Cal. | 224 | KWSC | State College, Pullman, Wash. | 349 |
| KFDY | State College of Agriculture, Brookings, S. D. | 273 | KFUV | G. P. Ward, Springfield, Mo. | 252 | KWWG | City of Brownsville, Brownsville, Tex. | 278 |
| KFDZ | H. O. Iverson, Minneapolis, Minn. | 231 | KFVD | Chas. & W. J. McWhinnie, San Pedro, Cal. | 205 | KYW | Westinghouse E. & M. Co., Chicago, Ill. | 535 |
| KFEE | Meier & Frank Co., Portland, Ore. | 248 | KFVE | Film Corp., St. Louis, Mo. | 240 | KZKZ | Electric Supply Co., Manila, P. I. | 270 |
| KFEL | Winner Radio Corp., Denver, Colo. | 254 | KFVF | Clarence B. Juneau, Hollywood, Cal. | 208 | KZM | Western Radio Inst., Oakland, Cal. | 241 |
| KFEQ | J. L. Scroggin, Oak, Neb. | 268 | KFVG | 1st Meth-Epis. Church, Independence, Kan. | 236 | KZRO | Far Eastern Radio, Inc., Manila, P. I. | 222 |
| KFEY | Bunker Hill & Sullivan, Kellogg, Idaho | 233 | KFVH | Herbert Whan, Manhattan, Kans. | 219 | WAAB | V. Jensen, New Orleans, La. | 268 |
| KFFP | 1st Baptist Church, Moberly, Mo. | 242 | KFVI | 56th Cav. Brigade, Houston, Tex. | 240 | WAAC | Tulane University, New Orleans, La. | 275 |
| KFFV | Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa | 250 | KFVN | C. E. Bagley, Welcome, Minn. | 227 | WAAD | Ohio Mech. Institute, Cincinnati, O. | 258 |
| KFGC | Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. | 268 | KFVO | F. M. Henry, Kirksville, Mo. | 226 | WAAF | Drovers Journal, Chicago, Ill. | 278 |
| KFGD | College for Women, Chickasha, Okla. | 252 | KFVR | Moonlight Ranch, Denver, Colo. | 246 | WAAM | I. R. Nelson Co., Newark, N. J. | 263 |
| KFGH | Leland Stanford Junior University, Stanford University, Cal. | 270 | KFVS | Cape Girardeau Battery Station, Cape Girardeau, Mo. | 224 | WAAW | Omaha Grain Exchange, Omaha, Neb. | 278 |
| KFGQ | Crary Co., Boone, Iowa | 226 | KFVV | The Radio Shop, Eureka, Cal. | 210 | WABB | Harrisburg Sporting Goods Co., Harrisburg, Pa. | 266 |
| KFGX | 1st Presbyterian Church, Orange, Texas | 250 | KFVW | Airfan Radio Corp., San Diego, Cal. | 246 | WABC | Asheville Battery Co., Inc., Asheville, N. C. | 254 |
| KFHA | Western State College, Gunnison, Colo. | 252 | KFVX | Radio Shop, Bentonville, Ark. | 236 | WABI | Bangor Ry. & Elec. Co., Bangor, Me. | 240 |
| KFHL | Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa | 240 | KFVY | Radio Supply Co., Albuquerque, N. M. | 250 | WABL | Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn. | 275 |
| KFI | E. C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal. | 469 | KFVZ | Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Inc., San Francisco, Cal. | 234 | WABO | Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y. | 278 |
| KFIF | Benson Institute, Portland, Ore. | 248 | KFWA | Browning Bros. Co., Ogden, Utah | 261 | WABQ | Haverford College Radio Club, Haverford, Pa. | 261 |
| KFIO | North Central High School, Spokane, Wash. | 266 | KFWB | Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., Hollywood, Cal. | 252 | WABR | Scott High School, Toledo, O. | 263 |
| KFIQ | 1st Methodist Church, Yakima, Wash. | 256 | KFWC | L. E. Wall & C. S. Myers, Upland, Cal. | 211 | WABW | College of Wooster, Wooster, O. | 207 |
| KFIU | Alaska Elec. Co., Juneau, Alaska | 226 | KFWF | St. Louis Truth Center, St. Louis, Mo. | 214 | WABX | H. B. Joy, Mt Clemens, Mich. | 246 |
| KFIZ | Daily Commonwealth, Fond du Lac, Wis. | 273 | KFWH | F. Wellington Morse, Jr., Chico, Cal. | 254 | WABY | John Magaldi, Philadelphia, Pa. | 242 |
| KFJB | Marshall Elec Co., Marshalltown, Ia. | 248 | KFWI | F. Wellington Morse, Jr., Chico, Cal. | 254 | WABZ | Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. | 275 |
| KFJC | R. B. Fegan, Junction City, Kan. | 219 | KFWO | Lawrence Mott, Avalon, Cal. | 211 | WADC | Allen Theatre, Akron, Ohio | 258 |
| KFJD | National Radio Co., Oklahoma City, Okla. | 261 | KFWP | Rio Grande Radio Supply House, Bronsville, Texas | 214 | WAFD | A. B. Parfet Co., Port Huron, Mich. | 275 |
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Hundreds Clamor for Station As Fourth Conference Meets

By Thomas Stevenson

WASHINGTON.

What does the National Radio conference mean to the listening public generally? How will fans owning crystal and tube sets be affected by its decisions? What were the problems that make it necessary for Secretary Hoover to call representatives of various radio groups together? How do the problems of today compare with those of one and two years ago?

These four questions were put to Acting Secretary of Commerce S. B. Davis, who is in active charge of the Government's supervisory activities, and Chief Radio Supervisor W. D. Terrell. There follows a summary of their views:

Improvement of service to the public is the chief motive which prompted Secretary Hoover to call the Fourth National Radio Conference. Since the inception of radio broadcasting, the Department of Commerce has had to deal with the many problems arising in the new art. This is because the law of 1912 enacted before broadcasting was ever dreamed of, assigned to the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce the task of licensing radio stations, inspecting ship and land equipment, and exercising a limited amount of supervisory authority over them.

No Laws Since 1912

There has been no radio legislation since 1912, and broadcasting has been regulated by the law which was enacted solely for the control of code stations. It has been possible only through the cooperation of all factions of the radio industry and the desire of manufacturer and broadcaster alike to render the best service to the public. Since the fate of the industry now and at all times depends on the interest of the public, this desire is not hard to understand.

But were it not for the conferences called by Secretary Hoover at which the manufacturers, broadcasters and the public were represented, cooperation might not have been possible.

The problems which hold the attention of the Fourth National Radio conference do not differ materially from those considered by the Third National conference one year ago, or those of the conference two years ago. As a matter of fact, until Congress passes a law authorizing some agency to regulate broadcasting, these problems never will be solved.

A Guide to Congress

The chief significance of the Fourth National Radio conference is that its recommendations will probably have considerable weight with Congress this winter

when radio legislation is considered. Limitation of stations is still the most important subject. Necessity for this step is due to the limited number of ether channels at present. On an average, there are nearly four stations for every wavelength. So that more channels might be used, the separation between stations has been reduced to the minimum. In many cases, interference has resulted.

To make matters worse, there is a waiting list of several hundred applicants for wavelengths for new stations. The Department of Commerce has not the authority to refuse a license to any station that meets the 1912 law. Sometime or other, these applicants may take it into their heads that they are just as much entitled to broadcast as the present stations. It is believed that if taken to the courts under the present law, a decision might result which would be very harmful to the industry.

Super-Power Discussed

The second problem in importance is higher-power or super-power. Experience during the past summer taught that fading and static might be overcome to a certain extent through the use of higher power. The absolutely reliable service area of any broadcasting station depends on its power. Tests have shown that super-power stations, if removed from cities, will not spread a blanket over others.

The advent of super-power probably will mean that multi-tube sets will no longer be necessary to get good programs. Obviously, the best programs are going to be available in the large cities. With super-power stations near these cities, the best talent of America will be available to fans with tube sets, no matter where located.

At the previous conference, objections were made to super-power on the ground that it would result in a monopoly through blanketing other stations. For this reason, a number of tests were made during the summer, and the conference this year had considerable data instead of theories upon which to base its recommendations.

Inter-Connection Develops

Third in importance is inter-connection. There are several methods of inter-connection of stations for national programs and each is developing along its own natural lines.

The Fourth National Radio conference differed from those preceding in at least one respect. This year, Secretary Hoover invited radio editors from all localities to attend as delegates. He believed the editors were in a better position to know just what the fans of their community want than anyone else.

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Opera Stars Rehearse Songs Before the Microphone

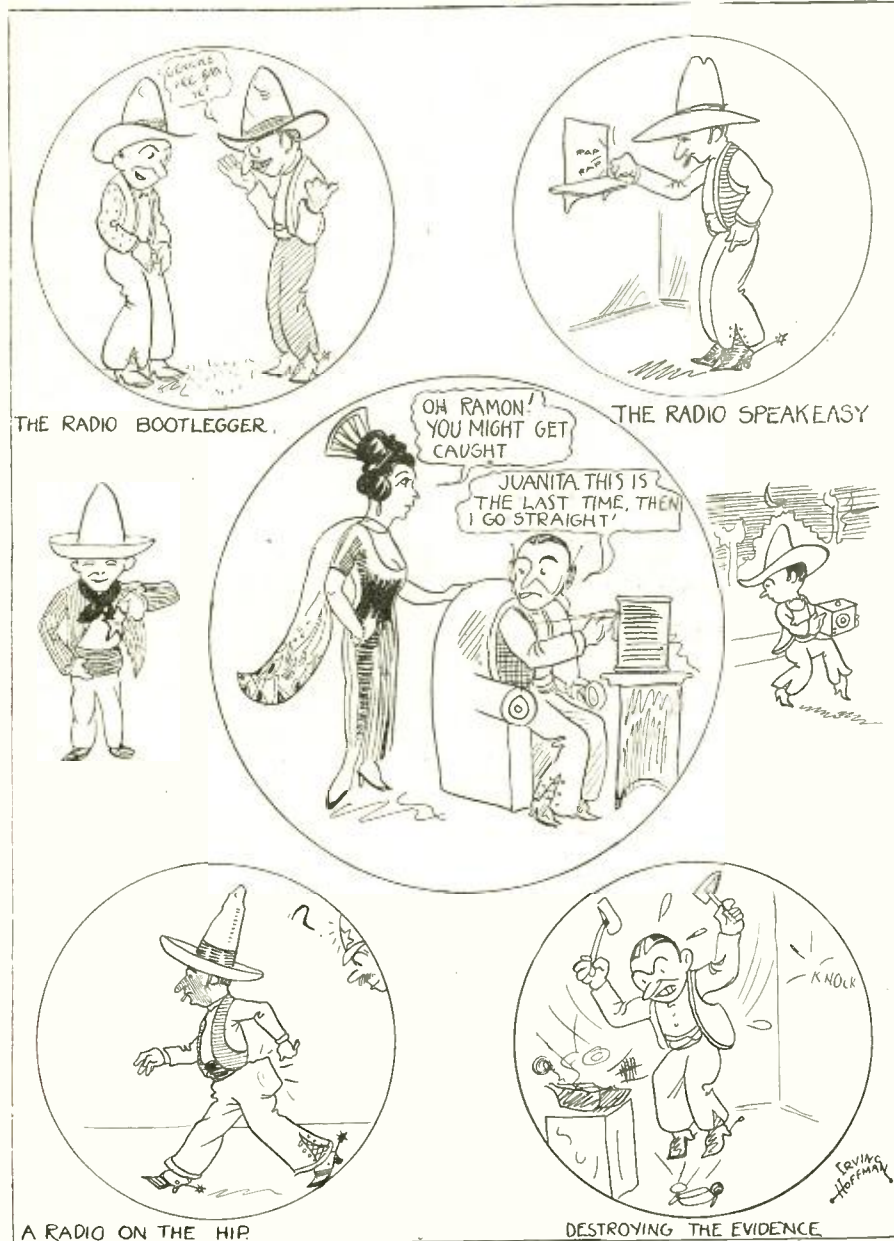
The terrors of broadcasting for the first time are not confined to amateurs. A performance in a radio studio, without the inspiration of a visible audience and with dead acoustics so different from the concert hall, is just as baffling for the great stars. Therefore, to accustom them to these new conditions, they are required to have a dress rehearsal. There is so much volume to a piano or 'cello or violin energetically played that there isn't the noticeable difference in tone in the broadcasting studio. But the voice as a rule stands weak and unnatural to the singer. These rehearsals also give the radio

operators an opportunity to determine what is known as the microphonic balance of sound. That includes the position and distance of the singer from the microphone and some indication of the volume of tone.

The day preceding the broadcasting of Mme. Louise Homer's recital in New York she spent two hours in the radio studio, says the New York "Times." Her singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the next to the last number, proved that one more great artist had been heard to as good advantage over the radio as in the theatre.

Venezuela Bans Radio

Because All Fans Prefer It to Merely Doing Work



By Herman Bernard

THE republic as a form of government has failed in Venezuela. The popular will, in favor of listening to radio sets all the time, particularly during working hours, has been flagrantly flaunted by the Government. Twenty years ago there would have been a revolution over it. Today the defiance of the public will is met with the reigning conventionalism of bootlegging.



HERMAN BERNARD

Ramon smuggles in his set to charm Juanita during the courtship. After marriage she asks him if she or the set was married to him, and threatens to sue for divorce, naming the set by trade name and serial number, to its everlasting disgrace. And he prom-

ises faithfully to listen in only once more—and then go straight. Then he goes right along, listening in, and his wife threatens to tell the police, hesitating only because the fine would have to come out of her weekly allotment. At the present rate of exchange of 4 milliamps to a bolivar this would consume her entire allowance for thirty weeks, because although the South Americans dearly love the women, they place a low financial value on them. This is not as it should be, judging from the Venezuelan girl dancers I saw very much of in a Broadway cabaret last night.

Radio Bootlegging

The radio bootlegging industry is growing fast. It is patterned after the more famous and differently complexioned bootlegging industry in the United States. One point of very marked difference is that the Venezuelan bootleg product is never guaranteed as of the pre-war variety and never is fatal.

The collegiate son of a Venezuelan

banker bought a bootleg radio set and listened in on the strict Q. T. Overjoyed that the set worked so well, he staged a special party in its honor and invited some Government officials with native impunity.

The Government ban on sets includes importation and utter use of any sort, kind, nature or description. Concededly only a temporary writ, it is nevertheless one that has reached the eyes of the multitudes much as pepper scattered in retributive anger. It has not succeeded as a total ban, but it has improved DX reception, because of lessened interference.

The Awful Effect

A few weeks ago the Government found it necessary to overcome the temptation to idleness that radio sets presented to the lazy majority in fields and factories. Listening to tango-like music was found ever so much more attractive than listening to the harsh commands of the boss. Road construction almost ceased, and the motor car owners voiced a protest so loudly that it drowned out the signals on their own radio receivers.

People cried for bread, only to learn that the bakers were radio addicts, and when they were not building sets were listening to sets they had built or bought, hence there was no bread. It was useless to advocate in queenly fashion the substitution of cake, for the Venezuelans are literal constructionists and many of those against whom the ban is particularly directed had never heard of the historic advice, nor the more recent denials of its authenticity. Besides, Venezuelans do not like cake.

Half a Loaf

There is a raging feeling of rancor in the breast of the populace which began its gestative course when transmission of programs was prohibited for afternoons only. Half a loaf is better than none, even in Venezuela, and the natives frolicked as they listened to Government ships and other vessels sending forth the bleatings of their gaudily-uniformed bands. This left no time for work, either, hence the sweeping order prohibiting everything affecting radio transmission, reception, instruction and construction.

The Announcers' Association has filed a formal protest against the radio prohibition order. The Workingmen's Union of Venezuela has passed a resolution demanding that members who took afternoons or days off be given a raise and their former jobs back, on the principle that all radio and no work makes Jack a bright boy.

Against these and other firm resolutions there stand only the decision of the Government and the plea of the Radio Bootleggers' League that nothing be done to interfere with the wholesome writ that permits industry to prosper.

The Situation Summed Up

Meanwhile sheriffs are flashing their badges with greater zeal than ever, people are being ridden in Black Marias for turning an attentive though unruly ear to the headphones, secret radio listening places have sprung up all over the land, passwords resembling call letters are on everyone's lips, hips bulge with 1-tube radio sets a l'Americaine, and the raiding squad is adding much to the prospects of a better market for American radio sets and parts in Venezuela for years to come.

The people are demanding a referendum and threaten to listen in to get the returns.

THE ULTRADYNE

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a capacity of about .002 mfd. A larger value is not desirable because then the high audio frequencies would be by-passed as well as the intermediate frequency, and distortion would result. The by-pass con-

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It will be observed that the plate return lead of the first tube goes to the grid of the oscillator tube and thence through the grid coil to the negative side of the A battery. Hence there is no positive plate voltage on the modulator. This is the distinguishing characteristic of the Ultradyne. The plate return may also go to the positive side of the filament battery, and this will put a positive voltage of about six on the modulator plate, but at the same time it will make the grid of the oscillator positive.

Fig. 3 shows the panel layout which is ordinarily used in connection with the Ultradyne. It is based on a panel 30" long. This is a very good arrangement of

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the binding posts. It is much better from an aesthetic point of view to put all posts at the rear of the set where all unsightly leads may be concealed. It would also be better electrically unless the batteries and the loud speaker also are to be placed in front. That is not done these days. It is suggested that the filament switch be placed directly under the potentiometer to balance the loop jack.

Fig. 2 shows the baseboard layout as it was conceived by one constructor of this set.

The circuit has been wired for 45 volts on the plates of all the high-frequency tubes except the modulator, that is the voltage on B2 should be 45. The voltage on B1, or on the plates of the audio-frequency tubes should be much higher than this, from 90 to 150. The negative bias on the grids of these two tubes should be adjusted to fit whatever voltage is used.

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FREDERICK G. RODGERS

Navy Using Tube Transmitters; Expect Cut in Interference

WASHINGTON.

Installation of vacuum tube sets for transmitting by a large number of Navy stations is expected to reduce interference from spark harmonics. Bids for the purchase of fifty short wave vacuum tube transmitting sets have been requested by the Navy, and upon their installation interference to broadcasting services will be minimized, it is believed.

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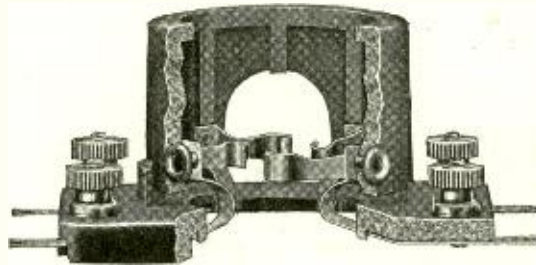
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Preparations for the test consumed over a month. H. K. Bergman, operator of WCAD, had been listening to the long wavelength from WGY station to assure himself of the regularity of its wavelength. That station, using 40½, 109, 380 and 1,560 meter wavelengths, had previously rebroadcast on the short but not from the long length. A test made from the radio room in Carnegie Hall at St. Lawrence University was unsuccessful, due, as Professor Ward C. Priest, of the chair of physics at St. Lawrence, determined, to interference from power lines. For the recent test the instruments, a special set loaned for the occasion by the General Electric Company, were taken down into the fields of the open country behind the college and set up in a barn.

various countries. Tests will be made and another conference held. The difficulty is that many stations in Europe, especially in Spain and Germany, have been operating on the same wavelength. The plan presented for discussion was brought forward by British broadcaster interests and represented almost no changes in wavelengths for the British stations. New wavelengths were assigned to others, especially the German stations which have been the latest to enter the field.

As a result of the Geneva conference almost all of the European stations undertook to operate contemporaneously on the wavelengths between 200 and 600 meters assigned to them during a series of trials. Theoretically, there should have been no interference and in practice little developed. The trials demonstrated that a difference in frequency of 10 kilocycles is sufficient to avoid interference.

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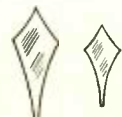
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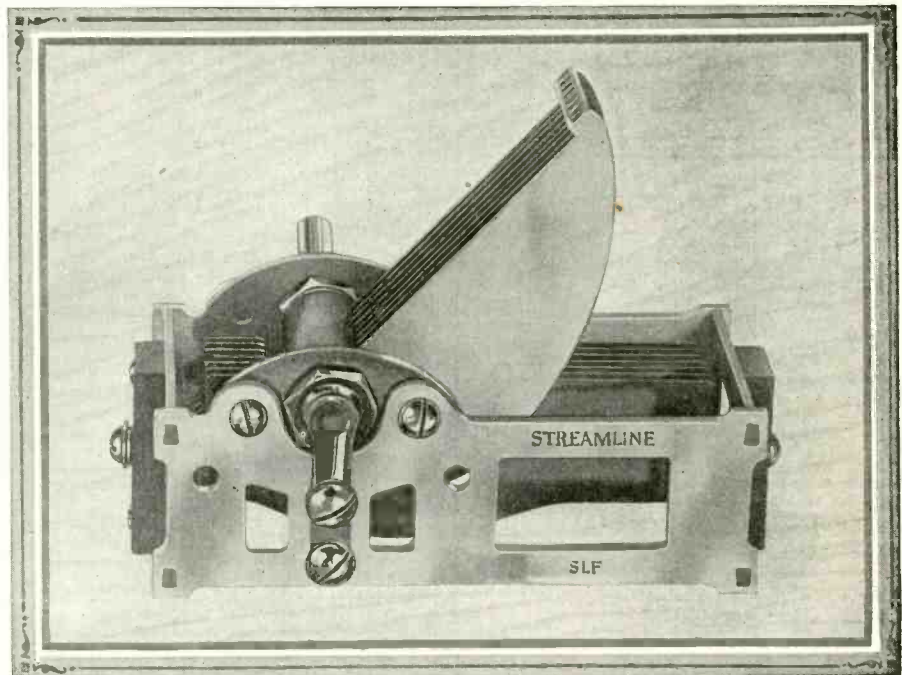
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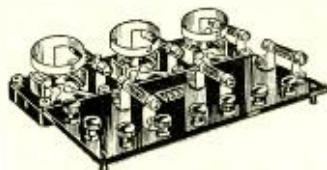
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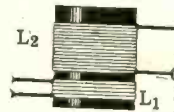
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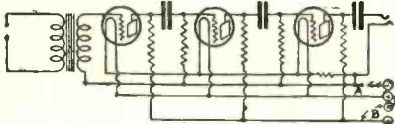
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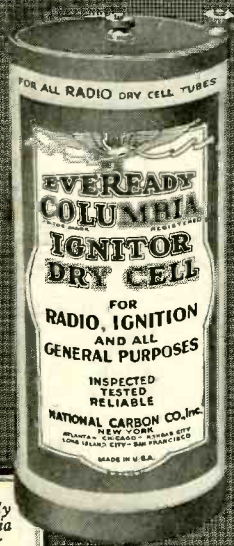
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