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## OUR CONSTRUCTOR'S GUIDE

WITH this issue, we present a frte 16-page pull-out supplement entitled The Practical Wireless Constructor's Guide. This valuable booklet has been devised by members of our technical staff to provide a handy source of information which is required by the amateur radio constructor when designing and constructing receivers, amplifiers, tuners, etc.

Many useful tables are set out for easy reference in this supplement including details of the frequencies used by the BBC for sound broadcasts-both on medium and long-waves and on V.H.F. A wavelength-to-frequency conversion table is also given which will interest particularly the enthusiastic short-wave listener. We receive many enquiries about wire gauges and therefore a table comparing the different systems-both British and American-is incorporated. Several pages are devoted to a comprehensive guide to the colour code used for resistors and condensers and reference to this section should prevent the occurrence of many wiring errors.

Many amateurs find difficulty in understanding circuit diagrams and a whole section of the booklet is devoted to radio components and their symbols. Illustrations of various parts are given side by side with the circuit symbols, and the beginner would do well to study this section with particular care.

## A FILM SHOW

THE films to be shown at the film show which we announced last "Panth are "Conquest of the Atom", The Invisible Force" and "Particles Count". "Conquest of the Atom" deals with experiments which led to the achievement of nuclear fission. It begins with J. J. Thomson's work on electrons and positive particles, Rutherford's experiments that culminated in the splitting of the nitrogen nucleus, the splitting of the lithium atom by proton bombardment carried out by Sir John Cockroft and Dr. Walton, and continues with Sir James Chadwick's work and the eventual achicvement of nuclear fission in 1938.
"The Invisible Force" is the story of magnetism and demonstrations are used to illustrate the ways in which early scientists found that magnetism existed and how, by fundamental research, industry has revealed more of the true nature of this force.

The third film-"Particles Count"-tells of the importance of counting and sizing of particles in many industrial processes. The development of electronic equipment that counts and sizes particles automatically is included and the film concludes with a comprehensive explanation of how the particle counting and sizing equipment operates.

The film show, which has been arranged in collaboration with Mullard Ltd., will be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday. January 13th, 1961, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are free and are now available from these offices. When applying for tickets, enclose a stamped addressed envelope (at least $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. $x 6 \mathrm{in}$.) and mark your envelope "Caxton Hall" in the top left-hand corner.
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## POTENTIAL AND CURRENT NEWS

## Broadcast Receiving Licences

 TMHE following statement shows the approximate number of Broadcast Receiving Licences in force at the end of August, 1960, in respect of wireless receiving stations situated within the various Postal Regions of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The numbers include Licences issued to blind persons without payment.| Region <br> London Postal |  |  |  | Total |
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| Northern Lreland | - |  |  | 129.725 |
| Grand Total |  |  |  | 4,351,33 |

Automatic Landing System for Air Freighter
THE Short SC. 5 Britannic, chosen as the R.A.F.'s strategic heavy freighter, will be the first transport aircraft in the world to be equipped with a fully automatic landing system suitable for passenger carrying aircraft. This equipment, which is based upon the system developed by the Ministry of Aviation Blind Landing Experiment Unit, will enable the 100 ton aircraft to land in all weathers, even in fog.

The system itself is being developed by Smiths Instruments, who have already prepared a comprehensive design study of every item of equipment. Also collaborating are Murphy, who are providing guidance equipment, and Standard Telephones, who are responsible for radio altimeter systems.

## Electrical Engineers <br> Exhibition Dinner

INN support of a recent call by the Prime Minister for increased efforts in the export field, the organisers of the National Electrical Engineers Exhibition held a dinner at Grosvenor House, London on October 13th. This event also marked the commencement of the campaign to attract buyers from home and


The above illustration shows one of four 100 kW high-frequency radio transmitters ordered by the Government of Ghana from Marconi's. This is for installation in a new station at Tema, near Accra. The new station will give Ghana the most modern high-
power short wave broadcasting system on the African Continent power short wave broadcasting system on the African Continent.
overseas to the 1961 Exhibition at Earls Court. The dinner afforded an opportunity for exhibitors to meet diplomatic and commercial representatives of overseas countries, executives in the industry and its associations, and senior representatives of large purchasing organisations.

Among those present were the High Commissioners for Australia. Ceylon, Ghana and Pakistan; the Ambassadors for Afghanistan, Burma. Chile, Czechoslovakia. Haiti, Honduras, Iceland and many others. The speaker was the High Commissioner for Australia, His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Eric Harrison, K.C.V.O.

## Transmitter for Brookman's Park Park

ANEW 50 kW medium frequency sound broadcasting transmitter has been ordered by the British Broadcasting Corporation from the Marconi Company for use at the Brookman's Park station. The original Brookman's Park transmitter, built and in-
stalled by Marconi's 31 years ago, is still radiating the Light Programme, but because of its great age the operating costs are now rather high compared with a modern equipment of equivalent output power. The new Marconi transmitter will be capable of being operated by remote control.

Type BD228 which is to be installed is a new design, with simplicity of operation, reliability, high efficiency and economy of floor-space. The radio frequency stages, three in number, use only three valves to obtain the final output of 50 kW . A driving power of 2 W is used for the input to the first stage which is a tetrode mounted in a single ended circuit. This valve drives a triode which is followed by a triode final amplifier.

## Surveillance Radars for Switzerland

TWO new air traffic control radar systems now being installed to cover Switzerland's major air routes will mark the
first use of microwave relay links for remote control of all operating functions. Designed and produced by the Raytheon Company for Radio Suisse S.A., the radars will serve and be operated from control centres at the GenevaCointrin and Zurich-Kloten airports.

Radar transmitter-receivers for Geneva-Cointrin will be located atop 5.500 ft Mont le Dole 16 miles away. The radar pedestal weighing several thousand pounds, the giant 40 ft wide aerial, and the microwave relay equipment will be taken up the last $1,500 \mathrm{ft}$ of the mountain by cable car. For the Zurich-Kloten installation a concrete structure 60ft high will be erected on a hill about seven miles away.

Installation of the radar system and microwave relay equipment will be supervised by engineering teams of Raytheon Canada Lid.

## Lord Chandos visits Canada

LORD CHANDOS, Chairman
of Associated Electrical Industries Lid., left London recently on a visit to Canada. In Western Canada he will see the site of the main dam on the Peace River power development project. A.E.I. has heen connected with this scheme since its inception and the first surveys by the Wenner-Gren organisation. This project has received the approval of the British Columbian Government. In Toronto, Lord Chandos will see representatives of Associated Electrical Industries (Canada) Lid.
A.E.I is supplying generating equipment for a number of Canadian power projects. Included aniongst these are a 220 mW set for the Dominion's first big nuclear power station at Douglas Point.

## Marconi Equipment for Indian Railways

AN order has been obtained by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. from Bharat Electronics of Bangalore India. for the supply of a VHF multichannel communications system for South Eastern Railways in India.

The equipment consists of sixteen HM 100 terminals and eight HM 150 repeaters, with aerials and ancillary gear. It will be used to provide communication over the route connecting Adra, Tatanagar, Chakradharpur and Garden Reach (Calcuta).

This is the first order received after the signing of an agreement between the two companies for the right of manufacture of Marconi HM 100/150 multichannel equipment in India. The contract is for the supply and installation of the complete system including towers, diesel generators. telegraph equipment and teleprinters.

## Ultra Anniversary Lecture

'THE third Ultra Anniversary
Lecture was given in the Recital Room of the Royal Festival Hall on October 12 h . The speaker was Mr. G. W. A. Dummer, M.B.E., M.I.E.E., Superintendent, Technical Services Department, Royal Radar Establisliment. Mr. Dummer's paper was entitled "The Changing Role of Electronic Components". The paper traced first the effect of constructional techniques on conventional componets, then the effect of potted and printed circuits, and also the influence of war conditions on component design and construction.

## New Factory Extension

THE extension to the Hainault. Essex factory of Advance Components Ltd. has recently commenced. This extension is part of the programme of con-
trolled expansion which brought the Company to Hainault from Walthamstow in 1956. The new buildings will increase the productive area by 50 per cent and the office accommodation by about 25 per cent. The work is in the hands of Architects. Ronald Ward and Partner, and the Building Contractors, $K$. Wager and Co. Ltd.

## New British Journal

The world's first journal dealing specifically with cryogenics, the realm of low temperature engineering and research, has just been launched in Britain.

Called simply "Cryogenics", it will appear quarterly, publishing original papers on all aspects of cryogenic research and technology.
"Cryogenics" is edited jointly by three leading authorities: Dr. K. Mendelssohn, F.R.S., of the Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford; R. B. Scott, chief of the N.B.S. Cryogenic Engineering Laboratory. Colorado; and Professor L. Weil, of the Institut Fourier, Grenoble University. The first issue will contain nine original papers from Britain. America, France and the Netherlands, logether with abstracts of each in French, German, Russian and English.
 International Relations Department, and she has become the first woman member of the Society to volunteer for training as an amateur radio operator. Here, Mr. Alan Butcher, who represents the Radio Amateur Emergency Network, instructs Miss Blois in the use of the receiverliransmitter equipment installed at B.R.C.S. H.Q.


THIS receiver, by the use of dual valves and circuitry, will give similar results to any 3 -valve plus rectifier T.R.F. set and yet can be accommodated in a cabinet no more than $6 \mathrm{in} . \times 10 \mathrm{in} . \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. even though a large sin. loudspeaker is used. A wide latitude in component values can $b=$ tolerated and this set makes an ideal "spares box special".

# AN <br> ETCHED CIRCUIT T.R.F. 

## A DUAL VALVE CIRCUIT GIVING HIGH <br> PERFORMANCE WITH <br> A HOME-MADE PRINTED CIRCUIT

By J. G. Ransome

## Circuit

The pentode section of the ECF80 is used as a conventional tuned R.F. amplifier. The screen grid resistor may be any value between 33 k and 220 k ; the screen is at chassis potential to R.F. bypassed to chassis with a $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ condenser. The $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ cathode bypass condenser (C3) gives a small increase in gain, but may be omitted in places with high signal strength. Detection is effected by the crystal diode (X1) connected to L2. An alternative way of taking R.F. from the first stage is shown in Fig. 2. This will increase


Fig. 1.-Theoretical circuit of the receiver.


Fig. 2.-An alternative R.F. arrangement.
selectivity but involves two more components and the increase was not found to be worth the trouble in the original model. In any case, if the coils specified are used, then adequate selectivity will be obtained since they have a very good $Q$ factor, giving a very remarkable performance in this circuit.

The detector output is taken to the grid of the triode section of the ECF80, which acts as a voltage amplifier. The crystal diode may be omitied if desired and the R.F. from L2 taken to the triode grid-the triode then acting as an anode bend detector. This reduces the output of the receiver, but this does not matter in high-signal areas. The cathode bypass condenser is essential and any value from $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ may he used and R4 may be any value between 1.5 k and 4.7 k .

## Output

The amplified signal from V2 is taken to the triode section of the ECL80. The anode supply for the triode is taken from the decoupled H.T. supply to avoid the effects of instability in the form of " motorboating." The very large value of the cathode bypass condenser is essential if the output stage is 10 remain stable under any condition. The output stage is of normal circuitry. The tone control condenser (C11) must be found by experiment to suit the constructor and a value of roughly $0.005 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ should prove a good basis for experiment.
It must be emphasized that this receiver has all common metal points connected together which under certain circumstances may be connected to the "live" side of the mains. Therefore, the condensers Cl and C 15 must be incorporated and they should be high-quality components and of
the voltage rating specified. The set should be completely enclosed in a fully insulated cabinet and the projecting spindles should have fully enclosing knobs, the grub screws of which should be sealed with wax.

COMPONENTS LIST
R1-470 .
R8-470k (250k-1M).
R2-100k (47-220k).
R3-22k ( $10-47 \mathrm{k}$ ).
R4-3.3k (1.5-4.7k).
R9-1k 2W.
R10-33k $\frac{1}{2} W$ (2247k).
R5--220k ( $100-270 \mathrm{k}$ ). R11-0.5M potentio-
R6-330 ( $250-400 \Omega$ ), meter with switch.
R7-220k ( 100 -270k).
C1-100pF 350V A.C. working ( $50-1000 \mathrm{pF}$ ).
C2, 4-500pF variable twin gang condenser (small).
C3-0.01 $F 150 V W(0.01 \mu F$ to $1 \mu F)$.
C5, 6-100pF 250 VW (50-500pF).
C7-0.5 $/ 2 \mathrm{~F} 100 \mathrm{~V} \mathbf{W}(0 \cdot 1-1 \mu \mathrm{~F})$.
C8-0.01 $\mu \mathrm{F} 250 \mathrm{VW}$.
C9-16 $\mu \mathrm{F} \quad 350 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic ( $4 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or above).
C10- $100 / 2 \mathrm{~F} 12 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic (or greater).
C11-tone control condenser (see text).
$\mathrm{C} 12,13-8+8 / L \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic.
C14- $0.005 \mu \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{VW}$.
C15-0.01 $\mu \mathrm{F} \quad 350 \mathrm{VW}$ A.C.
MR1, 2-RM1 or equivalent.
T1-to match ECL8o to loudspeaker.
T2-6.3V heater transformer.
L1-QA. 11 (Osmior).
L.2-QHF. 11 (Osmor).

Loudspeaker, copper bonded board $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. $x$ 6in., solder, nuts, bolis, connecting wire, etc.
on the circuit board. The actual drilling of the panel will depend on the size of the components used. A midget tuning condenser must be used if the vanes are not to foul the output valve. Stan-dard-size components are used elsewhere and if miniature components are used a useful reduction in size may be obtained. The loudspeaker used in the original really governed the size of the set and if a smaller unit is employed then a much smaller set may be constructed. The component layout is unimportant. but it is always advisable to keep leads as short as possible and this will be found to he quite easy with this type of baseboard. The components may be mounted either above or below the board according to the space available.
When all construction has heen completed the receiver should be checked with the aid of the circuit diagram for shorts and proper connections; when this has been done the set should be connected to the mains and a good aerial connected to the aerial coil. When the set has warmed up the tuning condenser should be rotated and the local station tuned in. With the aid of a good well-insulated screwdriver, adjust the cores of the coils


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volume. It is then consistent with adequate with the aerial that advisable to line the set up he found that a long aerial will give a good sigill but poor selectivity aerial will give a good signal hut poor selectivity (the capacitance of the lead damps the tuner circuit) and a short aerial gives good selectivity but with less volume. An aerial of about $3-4 \mathrm{ft}$. should give good results.
The component wiring diagram is given in Fig. 4, and although the component layout is not critical, the actual connections must be as shown.

# MAINS MODEL CONTROL TRANSMITTER 

A SINGLE VALVE A.C. UNIT By F. G. Rayer

WITH any radio controlled model, much of the initial adjustment to the receiver, relay, and operating equipment can be done at home, where mains supplies are available. It is then convenient to have a small, self-contained mains trainsmitter, and such a unit can easily pay for itself by the saving in batteries which would be necessary if a portable, battery-operated transmitter were always used. The mains transmitter is, of course, also suitable for the ordinary control of a model which may be operated indoors, or in the garden. and for testing or using all sorts of radio-controlled devices in or near a house.

## Transmitter Output

The transmitter described here has an output similar to that of a fairly powerful battery-run unit, and can easily give reliable control up to half a mile or so. At short distances, the powerful output is useful for insensitive diode or transistor receivers. It also allows short aerials to be used on transmitter and receiver.
The circuit is shown in Fig. 1, and uses a mains tetrode as a self-excited oscillator. with cathode keying. Bias is developed by grid rectification. Current is drawn from a small convertor or instrument type transformer. A $6.3 \mathrm{~V}+\mathrm{A}$ winding is needed for the valve heater. For high tension, a 220 V 20 mA winding is sufficient, but there is no need whatever to provide this exact voltage, 150 V to 250 V being satisfactory. A double-wound


Fig. 1.-The transmitter circuit.
transformer is essential to isolate the equipment from the mains. No mains switch is provided, as the circuit is simply plugged in at a convenient point, when required, the valve cathode circuit being opened until the transmitter is keyed with the switch.

Component values are not very critical, but the H.F. choke should be a good short wave type. Though valveholder wiring is for a 6BW6, almost any triode, tetrode or pentode will operate successfully in this type of circuit.

## Control Switch

This actually consists of a single on-off switch, but is made from a single-pole 4-way wavechange switch wafer, arranged as shown in Fig. 2. Four contacts are left, at 90 deg. intervals. Open-circuit positions are available between each pair of contacts. As a result, the circuit is completed, then broken, each time the control knob is turned through 90 deg. This is intended for use with a 4 -position clockwork actuator. The rotation of the actuator then follows that of the control knob on the transmitter, in $\frac{1}{4}$-revolution steps. "The knob thus has four positions, for "Stop," "Port." "Ahead," and "Starboard." Beginning from "Stop," with the model actuator also in this position, it is only necessary to turn the control knob to the required position for port, ahead, or starboard sailing. The actuator and control knob positions will continue to agree, provided the knob is always turned in the same direction. When passing through unrequired settings, the momentary contact of the switch rotor automatically energises the transmitter so that the model actuator can follow. This is a particularly simple means of guiding and controlling a model, and does well with small boats.

## Chassis Layout

A small chassis, 3 in. $\times 7 \frac{1}{2}$ in., with 3 in. runners to clear nuts and bolts, will accommodate the parts, using the layout in Fig. 3. The panel, top and bottom, back and sides can be of hardboard or plywood, so that the unit is completely enclosed when finished. It can then stand vertically or be held in the hand, with a short vertical aerial secured to one side by clips.
All connections are shown in Fig. 3. If the method of control described is not wanted, or is unsuitable for the model, the switch should be replaced by a push-button. To save space, the switch wafer is attached directly


Fig. 3.-Layout and wiring plan.
to the panel with small bolts and spacing washers, an insulated rod being filed to match the rotor hole. A washer is placed under the knob. Inside, a small pin passes through a hole in the insulated rod to keep it in place.

## H.T. Supply

A small vertical metal screen is bolted to the chassis and panel, to provide a mounting for the valveholder. All the mains power-supply components are to the right of this. The smoothing condenser capacity is not of much importance. The $220 \Omega$ and 4.7 k resistors may be changed in value, if desired, to obtain an H.T. supply of around 175 V to 200 V when the valve is drawing current.
The radio-frequency part of the circuit lies to the left of the screen. Connections should be reasonably short and direct. The variable condenser can be about 15 pF to 25 pFF . The 30 pF trimmer is air-spaced and supported in the wiring. It is essential that the coil should permit tuning to $27 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$, or approximately $11 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~m}$. A suitable coil can be wound with 20 s w.g., or similar wire, on a ribbed former about $\frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in}$. in diameter. For this, ten turns, occupying about $\frac{7}{6}$ in. winding space, will be satisfactory.
The size of the coil can be changed, if required, provided the number of turns is adjusted to allow the model control band to be reached with both condensers about half closed. The variable condenser spindle carries H.T., and it must not be


Fig. 2.-Control switch connections.
fixed to a metal panel. In addition, the condenser should be set back with a spare nut or washers to reduce hand capacity, and a large knob should be fitted, for the same reason, and to cover the live mounting bush and nut.

Referring to Fig. 3, (G1) is control grid, (K) is cathode, (A) is anode, and (G2) is the screen grid. This will allow other valves to be used. With the 6BW6, the beam-plates (BP) have a separate pin, but with many valves they are internally connected to the cathode. (H) denotes the heater tags.

## Aerial and Adjusting

For indoor testing of equipment, no aerial is required. For outdoor working, a short rod, some 18 in . to 2 ft or so long, is attached to the insulated side of the case. The 10 pF condenser in series with the aerial must not be omitted as it isolates the rod from H.T. voltages. The capacity of this item is in no way critical, but should be quite
small.
Initially, the variable condenser is half closed. and the 30 pF trimmer is rotated with an insulated tool to bring the transmitter into the permitted band. Further adjustment, to compensate for changes to the aerial, etc., can then be made with the panel control knob.

The transmitter can be tuned on to frequency by any of the usual methods. One of the simplest is to use a model-control frequency meter, with a bulb or milliammeter to indicate resonance, and tune for maximum indication. Or calibration can be taken from an accurate signal-generator, a receiver, or another model control transmitter.
The $27 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ model control band extends from $26.96 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ to $27.28 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. It is essential that the transmitter be confined to this band, or interference can be caused to TV reception over a wide area, due to harmonics. Normally, when only one set of equipment will be in use, it is best to locate the signal at about the centre of the band. With normal operation and care, there should then be little danger of shifting frequency so much as to bring the transmitter outside the
permitted band.

# CONVERSION OF THE P.W. A.C. "CORONET" 4 TO RADIOGRAM 

ADDITION OF "MONAURAL" OR "STEREO" PLAYING FACILITIES<br>By J. B. Willmott (A.I.P.R.E.)

TTHE ever increasing popularity of gramophone records. and in particular of the modern L.P. and E.P. types, together with ready availabilaty of reliable record playing units and a range of first class cabinet housings, has probably turned the thoughts of many home constructors towards the subject of record reproduction. Whilst there is much to be said for the popular type of portable record players, the traditional lype of radiogram in a consolc cabinet is deservedly still popular, and not only is the standard of reproduction enhanced, but the addition to the furnishings of the room in which it is situated is generally viewed with approval. There have been numerous designs featured in Practical Wireless from time to time, both for simple gramophone amplifiers and complete radiograms. There will, however, be many readers not wishing to undertake the
construction of a completely new receiver, and it is a fact that the addition of gram facilities to nost modern radio receivers, especially if they are of the A.C. only type, is quite a simple matter.

## The A.C. "Coronet" 4.

Doubtless a great many readers will have constructed the design which formed the subject of a blueprint issued with the October 1953 issue (see page iii of the cover), the A.C. "Coronet" 4. This receiver, whilst simple to construct, provides a very high standard of performance, and in view of its excellent form of presentation with modern, large, illuminated tuning dial, it is particularly suited to installation in a console type of radiogram cabinct. The principles emploved in the modifications may be employed with other receivers of a similar type. In this article, two methods of modification, so as to include 'gram facilities, are described. "The first ,method comprises the inclusion of "monaural" gramophone reproduction, whilst a more ambitious conversion provides for the reproduction of the latest type


Fig. 1.-The original "Coronet" circuil (V3 stage) is shown by dotted lines and the additional wiring by continuous lines.
of "stereo" records; this of course calls for some major Modifications to the existing "Coronet" chassis in view of the increased demands from the power supply section. Both modifications are, however, quite simple to carry out, and anyone who has successfully constructed the "C "onet" receiver, need have no fear of being unable to carry out the modifications and additions.

## Addition of Monaural Gram Facilities

In the original "Coronet" design. the high-slope EBL31 double-diode-pentode valve, V3. provides the sole stage of audio amplification, and since the gain of the frequency changer and l.F. amplifier stages is sufficient to ensure that an adequate signal is presented to the control grid of this stage after demodulation, the arragement works very well. The output from a gramophone pick-up, even if of the sensitive crystal type, is insufficient to drive the stage satisfactorily, particularly when reproducing L.P. records, the output from which is lower than from the old type standard $78 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. records. Therefore it is necessary to fit a stage of pre-amplification ahead of the EBL31 and, as the gain required is small, a single stage of triode amplification is ample. Also, as this stage is only to operate on gram, the opportunity can be taken to design the stage to provide the necessary bass boosting characteristic required to assist in faithful reproduction from records.


Fig. 3.-Tone control panel.

## Additional Components

As the coil pack specified for the "Coronet" receiver does not provide for radio/gram changeover switching. a separate 2 -pole 2 -way switch is introduced for this purpose (actually only one pole is utilised in this modification. but a 2 -pole 2 -way is a standard component and more easily obtainable). It is also desirable to provide some form of simple "tone control" of the top-cut


Fig. 2.-Additional chassis to be bolted to that of the "Coronet."
on one of the fixing bolts of this socket (inside the chassis) to allow for an earth point for a single screened wire subsequently conveying the audio signal to the 6,55 grid. Hole C should be fitted with a rubber grommet, thus obtaining the route for a length of single screened wire conveying the signal from the diode filter bottom junction of the 47 k resistor and the 100 pF capacitor in Fig. 1, to the radio/gram switch. This, together with a further length of single screened lead, conveys the signal from the radio/gram switch to the "top" of volume control on the main "Coronet" chassis. The international octal type valveholder, which accommodates the 6.15 valve, should preferably be mounted with the locating spigot in the direction which is indicated in Fig. 4 below; this will assist in obtaining short and direct wiring. It should be noted that a 3 -way tagstrip is mounted on the fixing bolt nearest the locating spigot, and a 2 -way tagstrip on the other valveholder fixing bolt, as in Fig. 4. The hole D in the pre-amp chassis allows for the passage of leads conveying the heater and H.T. positive supplies from the main "Coronet" chassis, and this hole should also be provided with an insulating rubber grommet. The power drawn by the pre-amp is very small, only 0.3 A heater current, and some $3-5 \mathrm{~mA}$ H.T. The original power supply in the "Coronet" receiver is well able to cater for this, and the additional voltage drop across the main $2 k$ smoothing resistor is of no consequence.

## Additional Smoothing Stage

In order to obviate any danger of unwanted feedback, decoupling of the 6J5 anode is provided by the 10 k resistor and $8 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor as shown on the diagran, and these components, in addition to providing decoupling, also act as an additional stage of smoothing for the H.T., supply; this results in an extremely low "hum" level, a very useful adjunct if full enjoyment is to be obtained from the completed instrument.

The reason for the inclusion of a 100 k


Fig. 4. - Tag strips mounted on the valveholder. resistor between the " live" pick-up socket and the $6 \mathrm{J5}$ control grid may not be immediately apparent; its purpose, in conjunction with the 470 k grid-leak resistor, is to provide a fixed potentiometer network across the input circuit. and thereby obviate any possibility of the stage being overdriven. as might occur with a sensitive crystal pickup, particularly when operating on the older type of 78 r.p.m. records.

## The Tone Control

The tone control is of the simplest type, merely comprising a $0.02 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor and 50 k potentiometer, wired between the anode of the EBL3I outpur valve. and chassis. Wiring the pre-amp sub-chassis is straightforward, use is made of the tagstrips as shown in Fig. 5, and the wiring of the radio/gram changeover switch and tone control are clearly shown in Figs. 6 and 7; however, for
the benefit of the less experienced constructor, the following wiring sequence is suggested.

## Wiring the Pre-Amp Unit

The position of individual capacitors and resistors is by no means critical, and provided that short and direct wiring is adhered to, there should be no difficulties.

1. (Referring to the "Coronet" blueprint). Run a length of twisted twin flex from pins 2 and 7 of V2 (the EF39 valve), marked "X" and "Y" on the blueprint, through hole D 10 pins 2 and 7 of the 655 valveholder.
2. Connect pin 1 of 615 to the earthed tag No. 1 of tagstrip TSI.
3. Take an insulated lead from the $30 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ red tag (junction of 2 k and 33 k wirewound resistors, as shown on blueprint) through the hole D to pin 6 of the 615 valveholder. This is a "spare" pin, and used as a convenient anchoring point.
4. Next connect a $10 \mathrm{k}, \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor between, pin 6 and pin 4. The latter is again a "spare" pin, used for anchoring purposes.
5. Join a $47 \mathrm{k}, \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor between pin 4 and pin 3.
6. Solder the positive end of the $8 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 350 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic capacitor to pin 4, and the negative end to tagstrip TS1, tag No. 1 (Earth).


Fig. 5.-Wiring from the tag strips to the pre-amp sub-chassis.
7. Connect a $1 \mathrm{k}, \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ resistori and a $25 \mu \mathrm{~F} 25 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic capacitor in parallel, between pin 8 of 635 and the tagstrip, TS1 (tag No. 1); making sure that the positive end of capacitor goes to pin 8 of 6 J 5 , and the negative end to Earth.
8. Join and solder a $68 \mathrm{k} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor between pin 3 of the valveholder and tag No. 3 of TSI (Fig. 5).
9. Connect $22 \mathrm{~h}, \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor between tags 2 and 3 of TSI.
10. Next a $0.05 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor is soldered between tags 1 and 2 of TS 1 , it a component with a black band at one end is used, this latter end should be wired to tag 1.
11. Now connect one end of $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 450 \mathrm{VW}$ canacitor to tag 2 of TS1 and the other end 10 tag No. 3 on radio/gram switch (Fig. 6).
12. The inner wire of a length of single screened lead is taken from the centie ("live") connection of the coaxial input socket and soldered to tag 2 of TS2 (Fig. 5).
13. Earth the outer braiding of the above screened lead, at the solder tag provided, to
one of the mounting bolts of the coaxial socket.
14. Connect a 100 k , $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor between tag 2 of TS2, and pin 5 of the valveholder.
15. A $470 \mathrm{k}, \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~W}$ resistor is now connected between tag 1 of TS2 and pin 5 of the valveholder.
16. Disconnect the lead attached to right hand tag of the volume control on the "Coronet" chassis (this is the lead which comes from the diode filter comprising a 47 k resistor and two 100 pF capacitors), and divert the same through hole C -using a single screened lead, the outer covering of which can conveniently be earthed to the common earth busbar of the "Coronet", chassis-to connect to tag 2 on radio/gram switch.
17. Using a further length of single screened lead. connect from tag 1 of the radio/gram switch, again through hole $C$, to the right hand tag of the vol"ume control on the "Coronet" (i.e., the tag from which the former connection was removed). The outer screening of this lead should be bonded to the screening of lead 16 at any convenient point.
The above completes the wiring of the pre-amp


Fig 6. - Wiring details of the radio' gram switch.
stage and the following two paragraphs describe the wiring in the tone control.
18. Connect one end of a $0.02 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 450 \mathrm{VW}$ capacitor to pin 3 of the EBL31 valveholder (V3) on the "Coronet" chassis and extend the other wire from this capacitor. with a length of insulated wire, to reach tag 3 on the tone control potentiometer (Fig. 7). This wire should take the shortest route practicable, and be kept pressed down to the underside of the hassis.
19. Finally connect tag 2 on the tone control to a 6BA solder tag mounted in the position shown in Fig. 3.

## Testing the Completed Units

Having completed the assembly and wiring as above, make a thorough check of all the connections to ensure that no errors have been made. Insert a 6J5 valve in the pre-amp valveholder. Set the tone control potentiometer fully anticlockwise (minimum top-cut), the radio/gram switch clockwise (radio), and switch on by means of the combined volume control and on/off switch of the "Coronet" in the usual manner. The receiver should operate exactly as before the modifications were carried out, and the effect of varying the tone control can now be verified: advancing it in a clockwise direction should give the characteristic reduction in top-notes response and background noise. If, however, the receiver fails to operate, check that the radio/gram switch is correctly set, and that the wiring of this switch has been correctly carried out. Also ensure that there
are no accidental shorts between the inner wire of any of the screened leads and the screening braiding.
Assuming that all is well. it should also be possible to observe that the heater of the $6 J 5$ valve is lighting up (unless of course a valve of the all-metal type has been used). Now turn the changeover switch to its anti-clockwise position (gram). Place a screwdriver blade on the centre contact of the coaxial input socket. and on turning up the volume


Fig. 7.-Tone control wiring. control on the "Coronet," a loud hum should be heard from the speaker. If not. re-check the wiring of the pre-amp throughout, and make sure that the $6 J 5$ valve is properly seated in its valveholder

## Final Construction

All that now remains is to connect a suitable length of coaxial lead from the gram pick-up to terminate in a coaxial plug for insertion in the socket provided on the pre-amp chassis, the internal lead being connected to the centre spigot of the plug. and the external screening braid to the metal shielding.
(To be continued)

## Component List for Monaural Modification

Chassis ( $6 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{x} 4 \mathrm{in} . \times 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$.).
Aluminium panel, about I 6 s.w.g. ( 5 in . $\times 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$.) International octal valveholder.
Chassis mounting coaxial socket.
Coaxial plug.
2-pole 2-way switch.
50 k potentiometer, tone control.
Control knobs (to match type already in use on "Coronet" chassis)-2.
3-way tagstrip (one end earth).
2-way tasstrip (one end earth).
6B.A. solder tags-2.
12in. Twin twisted PVC flex (heater wiring).
12in. Single PVC flex, red (H.T. kead from
"Coronet" to pre-amp).
12 in . Single screened wire.
$\frac{3}{3} \mathrm{in}$. Rubber grommets-2.
$8,4 \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic capacitor.
$25 \mu \mathrm{~F} 25 \mathrm{VW}$ electrolytic capacitor.
$\cdot 05{ }^{2} \mathrm{~F} 450 \mathrm{VW}$ tubular capacitor.
$\cdot 02 \mu \mathrm{~F} 450 \mathrm{VW}$ tubular capacitor.
$0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} 450 \mathrm{VW}$ tubular capacitor.
6.15 Valve (glass or metal type).

Nuts and bolts, connecting wire and sleeving
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IHE No. 10 type of crystal calibrator is available at very reasonable cost, and it provides crystal-controlled and tunable outputs over the band of approximately $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ to $30 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. This allows home-constructed receivers to be calibrated, or the dial markings of commerciallymanufactured receivers to be checked and corrected. The calibrator output can also be used to check the frequency of an unknown station, or to tune an uncalibrated receiver to a station of known frequency.
The calibrator employs three small battery valves (two 1T4 and 1R5), but is normally intended for an H.T. supply of around 250 V to 300 V . This can be obtained from the receiver H.T. line, the drain being some 10 mA to 15 mA . For ease in connecting up, the receiver can be fitted with a socket from which H.T. can be drawn.
Fig. 1 shows the usual filament circuit. with dropper resistor and $6 \Omega$ potentiometer so adjusted that a 12 V supply is required. As this is normally not very convenient, the circuit can be modified for 3 V running. A 3 V ( 2 -cell) dry battery may then be used. and will have a long life.

As the 1 T 4 in the tunable oscillator stage must retain its filament choke, it is not feasible to convert for $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~V}$ running. However, the change to 3 V can be made without disturbing any of the existing wiring or important parts. which would in any case be unwise, as the dial calibration might suffer. For 3 V running, all filament chokes are left in circuit. but the dropper resistors are eliminated. The $6 \Omega$ and $30 \Omega$ resistors are by-passed by joining together the two points marked " X " in Fig. 1. The $22 \Omega$ resistor is then disconnected from the chassis at "Y" to avoid unnecessary current drain. The circuit is then effectively that in Fig. 2.
The calibrator should be carefully withdrawn from its case. The switch will then be seen in the position shown in Fig. 3. Very stout wire is employed for the L.T. circuit choke, so it can easily be


The No. 10 crystal calibrator.
identified. A new lead is taken from it to the filament line to which the three smaller filament chokes are wired. This point is easily reached by withdrawing the neon modulator and valve at the end of the chassis. The $22 \Omega$ resistor can also be disconnected from its tag behind the sub-panel. This item is shown in dotted lines in Fig 3.
The sub-panel should not be removed, because of the tuning daal coupling. Care should also be exercised not to bend the tuning condenser plates, or to move the sealed trimmer or coil core. If this were done, the dial readings would be modified, though the crystal frequency marker points would not be changed.

As the 305 filament chokes drop $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~V}$ at 0.05 A each, the unit is now ready for a 3 V supply.



View showing choke circuit wiring.
Fig. 2 shows the modified circuit and panel supply connector. The L.T. leads are taken to a 3 V dry battery. The H.T. leads should be fitted with suitable plugs, so that current can be drawn from the receiver, as described.

## Using the Calibrator

When the switch is set to $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ the crystal-controlled oscillator and harmonic amolifier are in action. The signal is modulated at approximately one-second intervals by the neon. and will be heard at $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ and multiples of $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$, e.g.. at $1 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ $(1.000 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}) \quad 1.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s},, \quad 2 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. $2.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. and so on. With a sensitive receiver the harmonics can be heard up to about $30 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$.
T.R.F. receivers should be adjusted so that the detector is just oscillating, reaction being used for this. With communicalions type superhets, the BFO should be switched on.

The calibrator is coupled to the receiver by joining the terminal marked "Aerial" on the calibrator to the receiver aerial terminal or socket. The receiver R.F. gain should be kept reasonably low, but will have to be advanced somewhat when using the higher harmonics.

If frequent use is to be made of the calibrator, a 2-way switch may be connected as shown in Fig. 4, so that the receiver can be operated from its aerial. or the calibrator output, at will.

When the calibrator switch is set to "dial" the tunable oscillator signal is mixed with the crystal controlled signal. The harmonics then differ in frequency from the crystal controlled signal by the extent of the dial readings. which are in Mc/s to two decimal places, reading being possible to three decimal places. The way in which tunable calibrations can be made will soon become clear
when the unit is used with a receiver. Receiver and calibrator can be employed rogether in several ways, according to the purpose in view.

## Receiver Calibration

With a home-constructed receiver, set the calibrator to $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$. The fundamental is 600 m , and may not the tunable on the receiver, but the second harmonic can easily be identified. as it falls on $1.000 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ or 300 m . The receiver is slowly tuned down through each waveband. Each time the calibrator signal is heard the receiver tuning dial is marked. E.g.. at $1 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}(1.000 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s})(300 \mathrm{~m})$, $1.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s} \quad(200 \mathrm{~m}), 2 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}(150 \mathrm{~m})$, $2.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s} \quad(1.20 \mathrm{~m}), \quad 3 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s} \quad(100 \mathrm{~m})$, and so on. This can be continued to about $30 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ if necessary.

The dial can now be turned to the reading giving $0.1 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ $(100 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}), 0.4 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}, 0.6 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$, and $0.9 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. Signals will now be heard at these positions on the receiver, between the $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ marks, and the dial can be calibrated accordingly. Other readings can then be chosen on the calibrator dial, so that the receiver tuning dial or scale can


Fig. 2.-Circuit modified for 3V supply.
be marked in $0.1 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ divisions throughout the receiver tuning range. From about $2 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. dial markings at this interval will be convenient. For lower frequencies, $10 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ markings may be inserted, remembering that $10 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ will be $0.01 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. If the recerver is well made, and the dial well secured, a very high standard of accuracy can be expected.

With a ready-calibrated receiver, the crystal calibrator will probably reveal some error in dial markings. If the error is uniform ihroughout, it may be corrected by moving the pointer. Should the error change towards one end of the luning scale, this indicates incorrect trimming or padding.

## Station Location

To find a station of known frequency, the calibrator is set to this frequency, and its signal


Fig. 3.-Internal connections.
tuned in on the receiver. The receiver is then switched from calibrator to aerial.

It is necessary that the receiver dial be marked with $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ points, as described, since the calibrator tuning only locates the signal between these $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ points. A direct-reading receiver dial is easiest to use, but with simple receivers a log of dial readings against frequencies can be made.

## Frequency Determination

If a short wave or other station of unknown frequency is tuned in it will lie between known $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ points, obtained as explained. The receiver is then switched to the calibrator, the latter is set for "dial" and the dial is turned until the calibrator tone is tuned in on the receiver. The station frequency can then be read off the calibrator dial.


Fig. 4.-Receiver/frequency check switch.

## Band Calibration

In many cases it is only desirable to calibrate a receiver over certain bands. If so, the crystal marker signal will furnish a known point, without bothering with other harmonics in the way described for complete all-wave calibration.
For example, the 80 m amateur band extends from $3.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ to $3.8 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. With the calibrator set for $500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ crystal controlled output, its signal will be heard at $3.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ and $4 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. As amateurs will be heard. it will be at once obvious which mark is $3.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ and which is $4 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. The calibrator can therefore be switched to "dial" and
the $3.5 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ to $3.8 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$ band marked up on the receiver with any desired degree of accuracy up to the limit provided by the equipment.

This method is convenient for those receivers having a single short wave band, or where there are gaps between wavebands. It is also suitable for calibrating bandspread dials, where a very small band may be tuned with great accuracy.

## Battery Operation

In the original calibrator, three 47 k resistors drop the H.I. to a suitable level. If these are eliminated the unit will function with a much reduced voltage, and it can then be used with a battery set, current being drawn from the receiver H.T. battery.

With this reduced supply there will, however, be insufficient voltage for the neon modulator to strike. The calibrator output will therefore be heard as a steady note, provided the receiver BFO is on, or reaction adjusted until the set oscillates when it is tuned through a station.

## New East Anglian District Office

FIOLLOWING the integration of the former district and branch office systems of Siemens Edison Swan Ltd. and W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. Ltd. (both now part of A.E.I. Woolwich Group), a new District Office has been formed. Known as the East Anglian District Office, it represents the Woolwich Group in Norfolk, Suffolk. and the Northern half of Essex. It has been formed from the Colchester, Ipswich and Norwich Branch offices. which have been detached from the Lundon District Office.
Mr. S. L. Crafford has been appointed manager of the East Anglian District Office. He joined W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Co. in 1924 and in 1926 assisted in establishing Henley's sales promotion department. of which he subsequently took charge. Mr. Crafford was appointed to Henley's Colchester Branch Office in 1946. For the present he will continue to operate from the Colchester office in his capacity of East Anglian District Office Manager.

A past President of Colchester Engineering Society. Mr. Crafford is a member of lpswich and District Electrical Association and sits on its management committee. He is also a member of Colchester Industries' Association.

## Closing of Aeronautical Gallery

TIHE National Aeronautical Collection of the Science Museum has been closed to visitors from Monday. 3rd October. 1960.
The Collection is to be reorganised and installed in the new Centre Block of the Science Museum during 1961. Closing the collection a short period before the actual move to the Centre Block will enable preparations for the transfer to be carried out as far as possible within the general schedule, of building operations for the expansion of Imperial College involving the area in which the Western Galleries stand.
Shortage of staff and preoccupation with the reorganisation will curtail the service available for answering queries and it is hoped that if queries are submitted they will be brief and of a specific nature.

# Radio Construction <br> for the Beginner 

 THE CRYSTAL RECEIVERBy D. B. Kidd

sINCE many of the components will occupy different positions from those in the receiver built last month, it will be as well to remove all the components from the board with the exception of the aerial and earth screws, the two coilcore clips and the two headphone sockets. These six components may conveniently be left undisturbed.

## Modification

The superfluous holes should be carefully filled as follows: a little plastic wood (or strong glue) is introduced into each screw-hole, using a scrap of wood or the finger tip. Next, a sharpened matchstick is driven deeply into each hole, using a light hammer. (If the matchstick breaks, no matter). After an hour or so, the adhesive should be dry and the matchsticks may then be sliced off level with the board by sliding a razor blade along
the surface.
latter fact, trivial under most circumstances, is quite important in receivers such as this, which detect the feeble signals from an aerial directly.

## Layout

The screws and washers may now be fixed in position as shown in Fig. I. It should be noted that the three labelled $C, B$ and $E$ in the illustration are not in a straight line, $B$ being about half an inch to the left of the other two.

The mate ials required can now be listed:
One $0.0005 \mu \mathrm{~F}$, tuning condenser.
One crystal diode.
One $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ fixed condenser.
One short length (at least $1 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$.) of ferrite rod.
34-38 s.w.g. coil wire
Pve covered connecting wire.
Two spring tool-clips $\frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in}$. high.
One "Audio" transistor.
One on/off switch.


Fig. 1.-Plan view of the receiver.
A final rub with fine sandpaper should leave a surface hardly distinguishable from the rest (except in colour) and capable of accepting another screw in due course if required.
If this procedure is repeated every time a new circuit is attempted, the board will last indefinitely, without any fear of slipping screws and consequent bad contacts.

This receiver, employing one transistor, will require eleven brass washers. which should be visible in the plan view (Fig. 1).

The selected washers should be carefully burnished on both faces. using the "flour "grade glasspaper mentioned before. It is as well to re-burnish any which were used before in the previous circuit (the aerial and earth screws for instance). Copper tarnish. too thin to be visible, has a fair resistance and is strongly rectifying in nature. This ferrite rod.

One 3V (No. 8) battery.
Four spring tool-clips, 1 in. high, with screws supplied.

## Assembly

The first step in assembling is to fix the on/off switch to the panel. How this is done will depend upon the type used, but if it is of the toggle type, or of the table-lamp type illustrated, it will require a hole of $\frac{3}{8} i n$. diameter to be drilled in the panel, as for the tuning condenser.

The table-lamp type shown in the model was chosen for its cheapness and ease of fixing and connection, but it has the disadvantage of not indicating to the user its condition at any given moment, depression of the button giving "on" and "off" alternately. However, for its present purpose, this disadvantage is not very important.
The four large toolclips are next mounted. Two of these are taken and screwed on to the board with their bases parallel and separated by about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ in. These two clips hold the tubular battery firmly in just the same way that the two smaller ones hold the piece of

The other two large clips are to provide the electrical contacts and for this purpose they should be modified


Fig. 2.-Preparing the spring clips.
slightly. Fig. 2 shows how this is carried out.

The clip is symmetrical and has a flat base with one central hole. The metal is to be severed at one end of the base portion at a point just before it starts to curve upwards.

This is best done with a sharp hacksaw blade, but as the spring is of tempered metal, it is quite simple to score it deeply with the edge of a file, then to bend it back and forth a few times until it breaks. The two smaller portions resulting are discarded; the larger parts each with a base and fixing hole - are then smoothed with a file at the cut edge. They can now be secured to the board and Fig. 3 and the illustration show how they appear when fixed.


Rear view of the receiver.

## Battery

The correct position of these two contact springs is best found as follows: the battery is inserted into the two spring clips with the brass "pip" (positive) pointing towards the earth screw (left) and the plain zine end (negative) towards the lower headphone terminal (right). The battery is now moved within the clips until an equal length of case protrudes beyond them at each end.

The two contact springs are then brought up to the battery, convex sides towards it, until contact is just made centrally at each end.


Fig. 3.-The method of clipping the battery.
With a pencil, a mark is now made on the baseboard through each fixing hole.

The clips are screwed down tightly at the marked points, with a brass washer under each screw-head. The battery is removed from its clips and the contact springs are strained inwards so as to deform them slightly, near to the base. (lt may be necessary to hold the jaws of each battery clip apart while doing this).

The battery is now replaced as before and the contacts tested. A firm but gentle pressure is quite sufficient. So excessive straining of the springs is not needed. It is as well. however, to make sure that the pressure is effective by burnishing the brass tip and zinc bottom of the battery (in the same manner as the washers) to produce a clean metal-to-metal contact.

## The Coil

The aerial coil is wound more or less as in the previous set. This receiver is to have a choice of
two wavebands, in effect a nominal long and medium waveband.

If the reader has performed a few experiments as suggested in the last article, he will have formed his own ideas regarding the most interesting bands and should therefore be prepared to modify the following instructions accordingly.

Wind a sleeve of Sellotape, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, round the middle of the piece of ferrite rod. If all windings are confined to this area, it will make for economy of turns, especially those of the long-wave coil.

Leaving six inches or so for connections, start winding coil-wire on to the sleeve, trapping the first turn under the succeeding ones as soon as possible. Twenty turns are now wound on, using an even tension, then a loop about 3 in. long is twisted in the wire for the aerial "tapping", and winding is continued for another 40 turns ( 60 turns in all). Here, a second loop is twisted in the wire and winding recommenced until a further 140 turns have been laid ( 200 turns in all).

## Wiring

Connections are made as follows: The start of the coil goes to the screw on the lower line, below the one marked " $M$ ". The first tapping goes, as already implied, to the aerial screw. The second tapping (at 60 turns) goes to the screw marked "M", and the finish of the coil to the screw marked "L".


Fig. 4.-The circuit of the transistarised receiver.


A view showing the battery mounting.

The end of the coil can be anchored by a band of adhesive tape. bound very tightly round the core. It is as well to seat the core in its two clips before making the four connections and it is important to ensure that the ends of the wires (including the two "tapping" loops) are thoroughly free of enamel or other insulation where they pass under the washers.
The remainder of the wiring may now be completed. A length of wire just sufficient to reach from screw to screw should be used. with about $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. extra, bared of insulation, to twist under the washer at each end.

Notice that there is no connecting wire between "L" and "B". the "pigtails" of the crystal diode itself making the necessary contacts. Connections to the contact springs are made beneath the brass washers and not beneath the springs themselves.

## Fixed Condenser

It now only remains to connect the fixed condenser by means of its own wires between " $L$ " and the lower (earth) line and to clamp the three wires of the transistor into position. These three wires will have to be spread apart to fit under their respective washers, but must not be bent sharply near the point where they emerge from the transistor casing. There is no need to shorten the wires at all.

It is assumed that the reader has no previous experience of transistors, and the following brief remarks will therefore be helpful.

The transistor has three terminals (wires) called collector. base, and emitter. The collector is usually distinguished by a wider spacing or a spot of paint nearby, the base is invariably the middle wire, and the emitter the remaining one. This information should enable the reader to connect the transistor correctly on the board, using the initial letters " $C$ ", " $B$ " and " $E$ " as a guide.
is fully taken care of.
The receiver is now ready to use. No power switch is provided; the insertion of the headphone wander-plugs automatically switches on the supply. One or both plugs should be pulled out when the receiver is not in use so as to spare the battery. With normal use a new battery should not be needed for several months.

## Loudspeakers

This receiver is little more than an amplified crysial set. It is not very selective but should give reasonable local station reception. Under favourable circumstances, a high-impedance loudspeaker, connected in place of the headphones, can be driven directly from it, loud enough for a quiet room.

Readers with a little knowledge of transistors will have noticed that there is no "biasing". (This means a small steady current through the base to make it work more efficiently.)

In fact, there is a small amount of current. This is produced by the crystal diode which rectifies the alternating current of the signal being received and passes it on to the base.

As an experiment, readers with a few resistors, the values of which they know, nay safely try the experiment of connecting these one at a time between "C" and "B" to observe the effect of different biasing currents.

Bearing in mind danger ( c ), as described above, no resistor less than twenty thousand ohms (20ko) should be used. This figure allows a generous margin of safety.
The correct direction of the crystal diode has been indicated in Fig. 1 with the positive ( + red) end pointing leftwards towards the coil. Reversing the diode will do no harm. but will "switch off" the transistor so that little or nothing is heard.
The theoretical diagram of the receiver is given in Fig. 4.


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Nothing New

0NE often hears the old saying, that "there is nothing new under the sun ". Radio is a comparatively new science, yet one is often coming up against ideas which were mooted many years ago. This was very forcibly brought home to me recently when I visited the home of a friend whom I had not seen for years, and he was one of the "older brigade" of constructors. During the evening we got round to talking about the modern developments of miniature radio, with special reference to the apparatus which is used in guided missiles. As you can guess the equipment used here is as compact as it is humanly possible to get it, and with the transistor as the "working" element, some remarkable units have been produced. I read some time ago in an American magazine that a new name has been coined for these miniature pieces of equipment, and various manufacturers in the States have their own adaptation of this group name. It would appear that a common term is a "module", indicating a complete stage, with its associated transistor(s), or in extreme cases, a complete powered unit.

I was talking about this arrangement to my friend, when he said "Of course, it's been done before ", and I asked for more details. He went to one of his " radio cupboards" and brought out two boxes with a sly smile on his face, and from them he withdrew two valves. Holding them out to me he said "Here is a complete five-valve set, all in two glass envelopes ". It transpired that these valves were manufactured in Germany in the 1920 s , and in addition to the valve electrodes the glass envelope contained all the resistors and capacitors for a two H.F. or a three L.F. amplifier. Of course, in those days R.-C. coupling was used for H.F. amplification, and the resistors and the capacitors were chemically deposited on short lengths of glass tubing. The completed assembly was slightly larger than the valves of the day, but they were mounted on an ebonite or bakelite base and had only 4 or 5 pins. Thus, by using just those two valves, and plugging them into a valveholder, one automatically built a 5 valve set. To ", my mind these valves were perfect " modules". Perhaps some of my older readers will remember them, or have details of some other special development of this type.

## Loudspeaker Design

Whilst on the subject of the old days, 1 would like to tell you about some loudspeakers which my friend showed me on this particular visit. The
one which fascinated me most was a Marconi design built into a wooden framework, and hav: ing a cone manufactured from ordinary stiff paper. As most readers know, the cone has to be held centred in a gap in the magnet assembly, and the apex of the cone, carries a small ring on which the speech coil is wound. This part of the cone has to be held rigidly centred, but at the same time capable of being moved backwards and forwards whilst remaining central in the gap. This is usually accomplished by what is known as a spider, acting in conjunction with the wrinkles round the periphery of the diaphragm. In the Marconi speaker referred to above, a long rod extended from the centre of the pole piece in the centre of the part carrying the gap, and attached to the top of the rod (that is, farthest from the apex of the cone) was a paper spider. The edge of the cone was free, and the spider was attached a short way down the cone. It was thus held by a single spider and not as in the modern speaker by more rigid means.

## Gramophone Records

I am still receiving correspondence on the subject of records, and whilst there are many who agree with the remarks which I have made there are, of course, hundreds who disagree, many of them most violently. Why is it that when anyone agrees they are polite and write reasonable letters, whilst when anyone disagrees they sit down and write the most abusive letters. After all, one is entitled to one's own point of view, and whilst I do not suppose everyone is pleased with everything I write, there is no justification for writing abusive letters. One of the faults which I have recently come across in gramophone records has been pointed out to me by a musician friend. It appears that he has an electric organ in his home and in addition to playing with the radio he likes also to play with gramophone records, when they are to his liking. He tells me that he has found that many records which are of American origin and apparently taken from old 78 discs (I am referring now, of course, to L.P.'s), and that many of these are recorded or re-recorded at the wrong speed. When a disc is played, if it is not rotated at the same' speed at which it was recorded, the frequency at which the reproduction takes place will be different and therefore the note will be sharp or flat (depending upon whether the disc is slower or faster). My friend finds that whilst he can play with, or accompany, most English discs, when he tries to play with those of American origin, he is unable to do so, and he asks me why motor manufacturers do not produce motors with a small adjustment for speed. In the old days, he says. he could adjust the speed of the motor until the piano or organ was in tune with the disc, but although he has a four-speed motor there is no adjustment and he is then unable to obtain the maximum enjoyment from his discs.

# SIMPLE GUITAR MICROPHONE 

"ELECTRIFYING" A GUITAR<br>By M. Dunn

ATHROAT microphone, one of which is used in this construction, may be purchased very cheaply from any electrical supply firm and single units can be obtained for as little as one shilling. When one of these microphones is gently pressed against the soundboard of a stringed instrument, the sounds picked up may be fed into an amplifier. The simple device to be described will hold the microphone in position, and all that is required is a clothes-peg. a small quantity of hardboard, of $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in} . x \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. cross section, some felt or foam plastic about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. $-\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick, and some screws and glue. The form the device takes may be clearly seen in the diagram and the only critical measurement is the height. In the model made by the writer it was found that the thickness of the guitar belly was not consistent. and so this measurement should be made at the site where it is ultimately to be fixed if the reader's instrument is likewise uneven.


Fig. 1.-This simple framenork is used to hold the throat microphone agannst the soundhoard of the guitar.

The apparatus consists of a simple framework which slides friction-tight on to the belly of the guitar. On to the top member is mounted an ordinary wooden spring-type clothes-peg which has undergone a few simple modifications to suit its new job. The lower jaw is cut off completely and the gripping surface of the upper one is made flat and has a small rectangle of felt glued on to it.

## The Framework

The writer made his frame from three short lengths of mahogany, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $x \frac{4}{4}$ in in section, glueing
and screwing the butt joints at the top and hottom as these must he strong and rigid. The whole of the inner surface is lined with a strip of felt or foam plastic to protect the instrument from scratches. When making the measurement for the height. the distance between the upper and lower felts should be made to be just less than the height of the guitar belly so that the finished article will push on neatly.

The clothes-peg is glued to the top of the upper limb so that the free upper jaw projects well forward. When fixed in position, the throat microphone is then slipped under and held down with firm but gentle pressure. It will be found that too much pressure will stop the microphone working and too little will give no sound pick-up. The clothes-peg spring was found to exert just the right degree of pressure.

## Connecting the Amplifier

Most throat microphones are of low impedance and work best with a high ratio step-up input transformer which should be situated close to the amplifier. (These may he purchased very cheaply from advertisers in this magazine. if not already possessed.) With this arrangement it was found that the lead can consist of several yards of twisted flex with no evident hum pick-up.

The tonal quality is remarkably similar to that which issues from the very much more expensive instruments sold commercially. In view of the fact that this device can be made for five shillings or less. it is well worth while and not the least hit difficult. The output may he fed straight into a simple amplifier with quite pleasing results. but better still experiment with the variable controls of a tonc correcting filter to produce a variety of different tone colours by emphasising or attenuating different frequencies present in the waveform.

## Servicing Examinations - 1960

The Radio Trades Examination Board has recently announced the resilt of the TV Servicing Certificate Examination. Of the 642 candidates who sat. 298 qualified for the award of the Certificate. 96 were referred in the practical test. and 248 failed.

The interest in this examination is heing maintained, and the total number of candidates who sat for this year's examination showed an increase of 179 compared with the corresponding figure for 1959.

As regards the Radio Servicine Examination, only the written paper in this test has so far been completed, and of the 1.715 candidates who sat, 1.253 were successful and thus qualified to take the practical test. which was conducted at various Centres on 2Ind and 29th October. 1960. A further 330 candidates who were referred in the practical test in the 1959 examination will also be taking this year's practical examination, giving a total of 1,583 candidates.

# A Two Vave General Purpose Amplifier 

BUILD THIS UNIT FROM YOUR SPARES BOX

By R. Murray-Shelley

THE amplifier to be described will be found to be very useful for all purposes where a medium power, low distortion unit is required.

## The Circuit

The circuit of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 1. Two modern high efficiency valves are used. The first stage employs an EF86 pentode valve working as a voltage amplifier at high gain. This valve is very suitable, giving high gain at a low noise level.

The EF86 is resistance/capacity coupled to the output stage, a single EL84. This valve was chosen in view of its high gain and excellent power handling ability. Use is made of negative feedback, and thus the amplifier is able to deliver some $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ of power at a very low level of distortion.

## Noise

The hum level of the amplifier is low. This is


Above chassis view of the amplifier.
mainly due to the use of large smoothing condensers in the power unit, and to decoupling of the first stage and of the screen grid of the output valve. Decoupling the screen of the EL84 not only lowers the hum level of that stage, but also, by lowering the voltage on the screen of the value, lengthens valve life and stabilises the output stage.

Hum. and in particular, harmonic distortion, are also reduced by the use of negative feedback from the secondary of the output transformer to the cathode of the EF86. Negative feedback also, unfortunately, reduces the effective gain of the amplifier, though this tends to make the unit more stable.

No variable tone controls are included in the amplifier, since in the prototype a variable control of tone was not found to be necessary. In any case, the addition of negative feedback would to some extent cancel out any variation in frequency response which might be introduced by the tone control.

## Power Supplies

The amplifier requires a power supply of 250 V at 50 mA and 6.3 V at 1 A . A power pack is not included in the basic circuit of Fig. 1. since many constructors already pos* sess a suitable power unit. For those who do not possess such
a unit, a suitable circuit is given in Fig. 2.

An EZ80 rectifier is used, although there is no reason why an octal based rectifier such as a $5 \mathrm{Z4}$, or a B7G based 6X4 could not be used instead. Most octal based rectifiers, however, require a heater voltage of 5 , and this should be remembered when obtaining the mains transformer. If any valve other than an EZ80 is used, then the reservoir condenser, C 1 , should be reduced to $16 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacity, as this is the maximum recommended value for most rectifier valves.

## The Output Transformer

In the writer's case this was a comparatively inexpensive multiratio type "which gives, good results. A " high fidelity" component could no doubt be used to good effect and the best trans-


Fig. 2.-Theoretical circuit of a suitable mains unit for the amplifier.


Underside view.
size of the chassis is really dependent on the size of the output transformer used. The wiring of the prototype tended to be a little cramped, and a larger chassis could be used with advantage.
lnput connections are made via coaxial cable and a coaxial plug and socket. The output is taken via a socket strip and wander plugs. The power pack is built on a separate chassis to the amplifier. and power is fed into the amplifier by a flexible cable. A feature of the construction is a power output socket from which power can be taken to operate a feeder unit, etc. This socket can be of any type and its inclusion is, of course, entirely optional.

No particular precautions are necessary in building the amplifier. The grid and anode leads should be kept short, and the grid leads
former available to the constructor should be used. For a $3 \Omega$ speaker, the transformer ratio should be as near to $40: 1$ as possible. For a speaker of $15 \Omega$ impedance, the ratio should be about $15 \cdot 5: 1$. The primary of the transformer should be rated at at least 40 mA to avoid saturation of the core and subsequent distortion.

## Construction

The prototype was built on a sheet of aluminium ( $16 \mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{w} . g$. .), size $7 \mathrm{in} . \times 4 \mathrm{in}$. This flat sheet was, in the writer's case. used to form one side of a wooden box. There is no reason. how. ever, why a normal type of chassis should not be used. The


Fig. 3.-Chassis layout plan.


Fig. 4.-Wiring diagram of the amplifier.
should preferably be screened, particularly in the case of the EF86. Moulded or nylon loaded valveholders should be used in preference to paxolin types, as the latter tend to break down easily.

## Oscillation

Owing to the types of valves used, no trouble should arise due to microphony or instability. If, on first switching on, the amplifier oscillates violently, switch off immediately, and reverse the connections to the secondary of the output transformer. This oscillation is caused by the application of positive instead of negative feedback.

The amplifier should never be operated without
a speaker being connected, as this will damage the output transformer, and possibly the output valve. Component values are not particularly critical, though for preference, 10 per cent tolerance resistors should be used. All resistors are of $1 \mathbf{W}$ rating unless otherwise stated. The coupling condenser, C3, should be beyond question aa regards leakage.

The input impedance of the amplifier is high, and therefore it should not be used with low impedance microphones, etc., unless a suitable matching transformer is also used.
In conclusion, this amplifier will be found to be very pleasing in its performance, and economical both to build and in its power requirements.

## - New Microscope Technique

T1HE basic technique for achieving the remote observation of images lies in the use of the image tube, but such tubes cannot work in the dynamic vacuum system of the electron microscope because the sensitive clements would be damaged by the residual vapour present.

## Amorphous Selenium

In 1955, Dr. M. E. Haine, of A.E.I. Research Laboratories, proposed a system using amorphous selenium as the sensitive material. Amorphous selenium can be exposed to air without deleterious effects. Later Haine and his colleague P. A. Einstein built an experimental apparatus and showed that not only could an image converter tube be made to work within an electron microscope but, in addition, that a substantial degree of intensification could be obtained.

The operation of the intensifier relies on the increase in the conductivity of selenium with
electrons. The primary electron beam in the microscope falls on a layer of selenium supported on a thin plastic membrane, backed by a layer of evaporated aluminium held at positive potential. When the free surface of the selenium is scanned in a standard television raster from a low voltage electron gun, a signal appears on the backing layer which is proportional to the primary beam intensity at the position of the scanning spot. This signal is amplified and applied to a cathode ray tube scanning in synchronism. By this means the electron intensity image in the microscope is converted into a voltage signal which can be transmitted through a television system. The intensification of the image results from the fact that several thousand electrons are released inside the selenium film for every single high energy incident electron. Efficient collection of these electrons produces a signal of reasonable amplitude for further amplification.

# Practical Wireless <br> POCKET SUPERHET 

## MOUNTING THE SPEAKER AND COMPLETE ALIGNMENT DETAILS OF OUR LATEST BLUEPRINT RECEIVER

## (Continued from page 611 of the November issue.)

FOUR $\frac{3}{4}$ in. 6B.A. countersunk headed bolts, with three nuts each. secure the speaker to the chassis. The heads of the bolts should lie nearly flush with the front of the speaker, or the back of the case will not fit. If the heads are very large, they should be filed down before inserting them. The holes in the speaker can also be countersunk slightly with a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. or similar metal drill. A washer will be required between speaker and the first nuts, or the nuts may not tighten completely.

A second nut is placed on each bolt. and adjusted so that the speaker will be 9 mm above the level of the chassis. The four bolts are then threaded through the holes in the chassis, the output transformer, on its strip, is added, and the nuts are tightened.

A check should be made to see that no connections or bare joints
touch the speaker. The speech coil is then wired to the output transformer secondary. This is most readily achieved by soldering short lengths of thin flex to the speech coil tags before mounting the speaker. These may then be soldered to brown and purple tags of the transformer.

## Testing the Receiver

If a meter is available, this can be included in one battery lead. when first connecting the battery. This will show if there are any short circuits, and
 the circuit should be disconnected at once if the meter shows more than about 10 mA .

The volume control must be rotated fully anti-clockwise to switch the set off, and a coloured dot may be painted to show this position. If the control is merely turned to minimum, the battery will still be on.

A current reading of approximately the value
 mentioned, and moderate volume from the local station, may be anticipated, and will show that wiring, etc., is correct. Full sensitivity and volume may then be expected when aerial, oscillator and I.F. circuits have been aligned. All these adjustments can be carried out with the set in its case, but a provisional check to see that the set is working properly is best made before fitting the chassis in place.

## Alignment With Signal Generator

If a signal generator is available, adjust it to give a $465 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$ modulated output. The output lead of the generator is now coupled to the base lead of the 0 C 44 transistor. A direct connection is not normally required-it should suffice to hook an insulated lead from the generator round the insulated sleeving of the wire going from the $0.04 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ condenser to fransistor.

An insulated trimming tool which will engage with the slots in the adjustable cores should be made from a strip of paxolin at least $I \frac{1}{2}$ in. long. Wood is not suffi-


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ciently strong. The paxolin is carefully filed until it fits the core slots properly.

## Transformer Adjustment

The three I.F. transformers should now be adjusted for nlaximum volume. If this is done by ear keep volume down by reducing the coupling between generator and transistor base circuit. The audio volume control should be left at maximum, the aim being to avoid a large output from the diode, which would provide a large AVC voltage, and make critical adjustment difficult. If. however, a meter has been included in the battery circuit, as mentioned. core adjustments should be directed towards obtaining the maximum current reading. which indicates maximum signal strength. Once the I.F. cores have heen peaked for maximum gain, they are not altered.

The lead from the generator should then be placed a little distance from the rod aerial. this being adjusted. according to generator output, etc., for convenient signal strength.

The switch is set to short out the I.W. portion of the aerial, and the oscillator coil core. oscillator trimmer. and aerial coil position are adjusted for optimum results. As there is no aerial coil trimmer. it is necessary to balance the oscillator coil trimmer against stray capacity and the aerial inductance. The latter is modified by the position of the winding on the rod. this effect being most obvious at higher wavelengths.
With a signal of about 225 m adjust the oscillator trimmer and tuning dial simultaneously for best volume. Then use a signal of about 500 m and
adjust the oscillator coil core, and position of the M.W. winding on the rod, for best results. When this has been repeated, good reception should be obtained over the M.W. band. If it is found that the M.W. winding needs to be slipped far off the rod, for best volume at a high wave length, unscrew the oscillator trimmer and core a turn or two, and repeat the procedure.
To align the L.W. band. screw down the L.W. trimmer for maximum sensitivity near the low wavelength end of the band, and adjust the position of the winding on the rod at a high wavelength. Or merely adjust for optimum reception of the 1500 m Light Programme.

## Without a Generator

If no generator is available, tune in a local station and peak the I.F. cores for maximum volume, as already explained. Care is necessaryhalf a turn of a core either way can easily reduce volume to a small part of that obtainable with correct adjustment.

The aerial and oscillator circuits should then be dealt with as explained. but actual stations are tuned in instead of the signal generator output. As alignment approaches that which gives best reception, sensitivity will increase, and weak stations should then be chosen.
When adjustment is finished, a spot of adhesive should be used to hold the windings in position on the aerial rod. Slight changes, such as caused by inserting or removing the receiver from its case, or moving the aerial and other internal connections. will have some effect on sensitivity, but can usually be ignored. or compensated for by slight readjustment of the oscillator coil core and trimmer.
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This view of the recciver shows the chassis
layout in some detail.

# A Reliable Radiogram 

AN ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT ARRANGEMENT<br>By A. Sydenham

NOWADAYS, when many new and attractive blank cabinets are available at reasonable cost it becomes possible to construct elegantly housed equipment of a kind only available commercially to those in a high income bracket. Much home construction equipment is of a superior variety but because it often does not have an attractive cabinet, it is not presentable when completed. This radiogram will be considered presentable by most people and, furthermore, is efficient in every way. It also remains comparatively cheap to construct.

## Variations in Design

The whole equipment comprises an amplifier, a power pack, a 4 -speed auto-changer gram unit and a superhet A.M. radio tuner, all of which are built into one of the Nordyck equipment cabinets, these being easily obtainable The loudspeaker-a 10 in . unit-is separately housed, though if desired, a speaker could be built in with the items detailed
above-one of the elliptical types operating through an aperture cut in the side of the cabinet. Alternatively, two such speakers could be used, one at each side. The possibilities are varied and interesting although the use of a separately housed speaker is preferable. The makers of the cabinet do supply, where required, a speaker cabinet that matches the e.puipment cabinet and as the size of both is identical, two mounting positions are thus made possible, viz, one above the other or side by side. In this case, however, an inexpensive cabinet was homeconstructed to contain an existing unit and brief details of this will be given later.
When the equipment cabinet is purchased it will be undrilled, containing only a motor board that can be placed at two different heights depending upon the type of gram unit used. In the radiogram illustrated the auto-changer is fitted, not centrally on the motor board, but to the right and owing to the height of the record control arm the motor board is placed on the lower


Fig. 1.-Circuit diagram of the amplifier.
of the two slots so that the lid can close properly. Mounting the gram unit in this way makes available enough space for the radio tuner unit which is positioned above the motor board instead of in the compartment housing the remainder of the equipment. The radio panel is thus some $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. higher than the turntable and permits the fixture of a pigmy bulb (of the type suitable for mains voltage) for illuminating the player deck.


Fig. 3.-Details of the amplifier front panel.
chassis at the input sockets. The power supply leads are plaited together and terminated in a plug that fits one of the international octal valve sockets on the power pack. This plug. together with the one required for the radio tuner. were made from the bases of discarded octal valves.

The layout above chassis is illustrated in Fig. 2, while in Fig. 3 the front panel that is bolted to this chassis is shown. This panel was made from a piece of ebonite, but plywood would do since it is not visible when the amplifier is in position. The purpose of it is merely to raise the four controls sufficiently to give the front of the cabinet a pleasing appearance. The decoupling capacitor, C9, is mounted under the chassis and is a wireended component.

## The Tuner Section

Although this section is comparatively simple (see Fig. 4) one or two unusual features are included. For high sensitivity and good selectivity a superhet is used. designed in such a way that the output is comparable with that provided bv the gram unit. Switched tuning is used, and as the Light programme is not satisfactorily received on the medium waveband at this location. Iong waveband coils have had to be incorporated. viz. $L$ ? and L4. On the medium waveband the following arrangement is employed: the tuner is adjusted to receive the local Home Service transmission by means of L 1 , L3 and associated trimmers, C3 (which is it panel control) being set to approximately half capacity. Then, by rotating C3 slightly at , the appropriate time during
$5^{*}$ the evening it is possible to correct tuning or receive other stations.

Several advantages result
from using it tuner that
Outout Transformer


Fig. 4.-The tuner circuit (superhet, switched. pre-set type).
is switch-funed, one of which is that no twin gang tuning capacitor is needed, thus making station selection easy. Secondly, padding problems do not arise, and, thirdly, the use of coils of differing makes and design can be utilized if desired since they do not need to be matched.
Automatic volume control is not really essential and has been omitted here, which means that a short grid based valve can be used as the intermediate frequency amplifier. All this simplifies matters and keeps down the cost considerably.

## LIST OF COMPONENTS FOR THE TUNER

Chassis- $8 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $\times 4 \frac{1}{2}$. $\times 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. Panel- $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. $x$ 4ain. $x$ yin.
Two I.O. valve bases. One I.O. plug. One coaxial plug.
V1-EK32. V2-6SH7. V3-Germanium Crystal Diode. Two control knobs.
One tag strip (4 plus earth). Aerial/earth socket strip.
Wavechange switch-iwo-bank type (see text). Ti-465kc/s I.F.T.
Capacitors: C1, 2, 6, $7-0.01, \mu \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{VW} . \mathrm{C3}-$ 50 pF trimmer (see text), C4-2,000pF, C5, 8 8. $9-100 \mathrm{pF}$, mica $\mathrm{CiO}-0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}=350 \mathrm{VW}$, C11-150pF, C12, $13-200 \mathrm{pF}$ (only required when long waveband coils are used for 12,14 ), $\mathrm{Ct}-60 \mathrm{pF}$ triminers.
Resistors: R1, 3. 4, 7-47k, R2-2202, R5$2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{k}$. R6-100k, R8-250k.
Coils: L1. PA2. L2, PA1. I.3. PO2, L4, POI. L5-QA 12. (All "Osmor.")

A disadvantage of switched tuning, however, is that full output might not result should the local oscillator drift off frequency after a period of running, but, owing to the inclusion of C 3 no such trouble is encountered in this arrangement. A further disadvantage is that the choice of programme is limited, but in the prototype S1 is a 6 -way switch so that at a later date other transmissions can be received.
The I.F. is $470 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$, and only a single I.F. transformer is employed, V2 feeding into a long

## LIST OF COMPONENTS FOR THE AMPLIFIER

Chassis 8in. x 5in. x 2 in. Panel $12 i n, ~ x ~ 4 \frac{3}{4} i n$. l.O. valve base.

One B9A valve base. Four engraved control knobs. Output transformer.
Two surface-mounting coaxial sockets. One I.O. plug.

V1-ECC82. V2-6V6. S1-1-pole, 2-way selector switch.
Capacitors: $\mathrm{C} 1-470 \mathrm{pF}, \mathrm{C} 2-4,000 \mathrm{pF}, \mathrm{C3}-$ $2,000 \mathrm{pF}, \mathrm{C} 4-5,000 \mathrm{pF} . \mathrm{C}, 6-0.05 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{C} 7$, $8-100_{\mu} \mathrm{F}, 6 \mathrm{VW}$ (electrolytic), $\mathrm{C} 9-8 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ 350VW (electrolytic), C10, 12-1,000pF, C11-50, $\mathbf{F}$ 25VW (electrolytic).
Resistors: R1-100k, R2, 3-1M potentiometers, R4- 10 k, R5-82k. R6, 12-47k, R7. 9-2.2k, R8. $16-1 \mathrm{k}$, R10-100k potentiometer and switch. R11-250k. R13-10k. R14-2702, 1 W , R15-1M potentiometer (see text).


Fig. 5(a).-Layout of the main components on the tuner chassis.
winding is available so much the better. Owing to the height of T1. the power pack was built on a flat piece of plywand and, as there are no items that need to be mounted under the chassis, this is quite satisfactory. Two "L "-shaped brackets need to be made from 16s.w.g. aluminium for retaining the power output sockets, which are, in fact, octal valve bases.

## Setting $U_{p}$

Except for the tuner section, setting up consists merely of sliding the chassis into the main cabinet after routine tests have been made for H.T. shorts, etc.. and inserting the various power and signal supply plugs into their respective sockets. Coaxial cable is suitable for the signal leads,
waveband coil, the main winding of which feeds V3. The normal primary winding is tuned to the I.F. and connects to the anode of 22 . No experience with coils other than the onc specified for $L 5$ is to hand and results might not be satisfactory if an alternative make is used.

In order that the tuner will fit into the space available. V1 is laid on its side on the chassis. but it will be observed that when in position in the cabinet, this valve is upright since the rear flange of the tuner chassis rests on the motor board. The layout and positioning of the main components is shown in Fig. 5 together with all necessary dimensions.

## The Power Pack

This section is quite conventional and requires little comment. Only a single heater winding exists on the mains transformer used in the prototype, thus conlining the choice of value for VI since a type with a separate cathode is essential. If a transformer with a separate rectifier heater

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## Fitting in the Case

A piece of thin card or similar material is cut to fit over the speaker grating. and has a round hole to match the speaker cone. Three 6B. A. bolts hold the set in the case. The mouldings in the case can be tapped to receive these. Alternatively. a 6B.A. bolt with a notch filed in it may be used for tapping. if this is done carefully.

A 6B.A. bolt. with washer under its head, secures the tunine dial to the condenser spindle, which is tapped to receive the bolt. A spacing bush about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. long is placed between dial and condenser.

The cheapest and most economical battery supply will be obtained by wiring four U16 cells


Fig. 5(h).--Under-chassis layour.
one length being required for the gram to the amplifier and another from the tuner to the amplifier.
(To be contimued)
in series to make a 6 V battery. This will be approximately $\frac{3}{3} \mathrm{in}$. $\times \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in}$. $\times 1 \frac{3}{3}$ in overall. It is not essential to use this voltage. though the circuit is intended for 6 V and a larger battery will not necessarily improve reception. In no circumstance must more than 9V be used.

To prevent contact between the end of the battery and the can of the second $1 . F$. transformer insulating tape should be applied to the transformer can. The lower tags of the tuning condenser are bent up to clear the battery. The largest battery which can be accommodated is the PP4. Smaller 9 V batteries may also be fitted. Transistors may be permanendly damaged by connecting a batiery in the wrong polarity.

Coloured spots of enamel may be used to identify switch positions. If electrolytic condensers with bare metal cases are used. these should be covered with thin insulation, such as adhesive tape, before witing them in.

# PRE-SET TUNING FOR FIVE SHILLINGS 

TWO pre-set stations can be added to an AM radio simply by fitting three inexpensive parts, giving instant selection of any two medium wave stations. No alteration of the original circuit is necessary and it takes a very short time to complete.

Set the tuning control to the required medium wave station that is highest in frequency and switch
on the tuning gang. These leads should be sleeved 16s.w.g. wire. Solder the leads from the switch tags to those of the "live" tuning gang, and the earth lead from the common pair of pre-set connections to an earth point on the radio chassis; near or on the gang frame is best.

## Use of the Switch

Switch on the radio and tune to the station you require as a highest frequency of the preset pair, on the medium wave. Turn the new station switch "On," when the tuning of the first station will go. At this point adjust the new pre-set trimmer that has been connected across the local oscillator section of the gang until the second of the required stations comes in. Once tuned the other R.F. pre-set capacitor can be adjusted for a maximum sensitivity or volume. Now switching the new switch up or off will tune immediately to the first station.
There may be some hand capacity and de-tuning effects when the switch unit is moved to its fixing position, and these can be finally trimmed up with a filed knitting needle afterwards. When using the radio to receive other stations put the switch into the " off" position and tune manually as before. The effect of the modification on the radio is to shift slightly the stations down the scale of the medium wave. This effect is negligible on the long wave, but the short wave is thrown out a lot.

Fig. 1.-Circuit arrangement.
across each section of the variable tuning condenser, a pre-set capacitor which tunes the R.F. and oscillator to the new lower frequency (Fig. 1).

## Components

Only three connections to the variable tuning condenser are made, and the parts needed are a double pole toggle switch, pre-set compression capacitors of 500 pF , and a few inches of stiff wire.

The simple assembly shown in Fig. 2 should now be connected. Use the stiff connecting wire as short as possible making a rigid, compact unit. If the body of the reader's switch is metal then it is advisable to cover it with adhesive PVC tape.

## Assembly

Decide where the switch is to be located. Cut the leads just long enough to reach the terminals


Fig. 2.-Practical interpretation.

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# Current and Voltage Feeds 

## SOME CURRENT DIFFICULTIES EXPLAINED

By B. Sexton

TlHE terms "current fed" and "voltage fed" occur frequently in circuit descriptions. A thermionic valve is normally considered as voltage operated whereas a transistor is current operated.
Whether the feed is voltage or current depends upon the output impedance of the source supplying the device and the input impedance of the device.
Fig. 1 shows a constant voltage circuit. Assume the source voltage is 3 V . If RS the source or output impedance, is 10 k and RL 50 k then the current is $3 / 60 \mathrm{~mA}=0.05 \mathrm{~mA}$ and the voltage across RL $=2 \cdot 5$.

Now suppose RL is increased by 50 per cent to 75 k . The current is now $3 / 85 \mathrm{~mA}=0.0353 \mathrm{~mA}$ and the voltage across RL becomes 2.65 which is an increase of $(0 \cdot 15 / 2 \cdot 5) \times 100=6$ per cent.

If the original value of $R L$ is decreased by 50 per cent to 25 k then the current becomes $3 / 35 \mathrm{~mA}=0.0857 \mathrm{~mA}$ and the voltage across RL is $2 \cdot 14$. This represents a percentage decrease on the original value of ( $0.36 / 2.5$ ) $\times 100=14.4$ per cent.
Thus the ( $\pm 50$ ) per cent variation of the load resistor has only varied the voltage across the load from $(+6)$ per cent to $(-144)$ per cent. Compared with the resistance variation the voltage variation is small. The voltage can be regarded as constant and the load is voltage fed.
Now consider how the current through the load has varied. The current was originally 0.05 niA .


Fig. 1.-Circuit of a constant voltage source.
When RL was increased by 50 per cent the current decreased to 0.0352 mA which represents on the original value a percentage decrease of $(0 \cdot 148 / 0 \cdot 05) \times 100=29 \cdot 6$ per cent
When RL was decreased by 50 per cent the current increased to 0.0857 mA or a percentage increase of $(0.0357 / 0.05) \times 100=71.5$ per cent. Thus the current is by no means constant.
If a constant current through the load is required a different arrangement must be used as in Fig. 2. This can be considered, as far as RL is concerned. as a constant current source.
Some readers may be more familiar with "constant current generator" circuit as shown in Fig. 3.

In this case a constant current of 0.06 mA is assumed to flow to RS and RL in parallel. A current of 0.05 mA will flow through RL and 0.01 mA through RS.

To make a more direct comparison with Fig. 1 . the circuit of Fig. 2, although unconventional, will be used. The current through RL can be calculated as 0.05 mA . If RL is increased by 50 per cent to 75 k the current becomes $(15 / 325 \mathrm{~mA})=0.046 \mathrm{~mA}$.


Fig. 2.-Circuit of a constant current source.
This is a percentage decrease of ( $0.004 / 0.05$ ) $\mathrm{x} 100=8$ per cent. Now if RL is decreased by 50 per cent to 25 k the current becomes ( $15 / 275 \mathrm{~mA}$ ) $=0.0545 \mathrm{~mA}$, a percentage increase of ( $0.0045 / 0.05$ ) x $100=9$ per cent.
Thus a variation of ( $\pm 50$ ) per cent of RL has only varied the current by $(+9)$ per cent and ( -8 ) per cent. The current can be regarded as constant and the load is current fed.

It should be noted that the voltage, across the load, has varied considerably. Increasing RL by 50 per cent gives a voltage of $3 \cdot 45$. a percentage increase of $(0.095 / 2.5) \times 100=38$ per cent. Decreasing RL by 50 per cent gives a voltage drop of 1.36 or a percentage decrease of $(1.14 / 2.5) \times 100=45.5$ per cent.
Thus comparing Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 it can be seen that the effect of the variation of RL depends upon the ratio of RS/RL.
To obtain a constant voltage across the load the ratio of $\mathrm{RS} / \mathrm{RL}$ must be low, as in Fig. 1. To obtain a constant current the ratio RS/RL must be high as in Fig. 2.


Fig. 3.-Compare this circuit with Figs. 1 and 2.


Fig. 4.-(left) Series feeds, and (right) parallel feeds.

## Negative Feedback

With valves and transistors RS and RL can be modified by the use of negative feedback. RS is the output impedance and RL will depend upon the input impedance of the following stage.

The feedback voltage can be proportional to the output current (current feedback) or proportional to the output voltage (voltage feedback). The effect on the output resistance depends upon the type of feedback. Current feedback will increase the output impedance, i.e., ,end to keep the output current constant. Voltage feedback will decrease the output impedance, i.e., tend to keep the output voltage constant.

The effect on the input impedance does not depend on whether the feedback is current or voltage but whether it is connected in series or parallel with the signal input voltage. If connected in series it will increase the input impedance, i.e., the required condition for voltage feeding. If connected in parallel it reduces the input impedance which is the required condition for current feeding.
Examples of various types of feedback applied to transistors and valves are illustrated in Fig. 4.

## Measurement of Input and Output Impedance

Assuming the measurement is made at low frequencies and the impedance is resistive the simplest method is shown in Fig. 5. A voltmeter ( V ) is placed across the output terminals with the source off load. $V$ should be of such high resistance that it can be considered to read the true off-load voltage, i.e., it must draw a negligible current from the source. A resistor is then placed across the output terminals, the resultant current will then cause the voltmeter reading to decrease owing to the internal voltage drop across RS.
R is then varied until the voltmeter reading has dropped to half the uriginal value. This then means that the load resistor is equal to RS and thus RS is known.
If the output impedance of a voltage source is being measured it will be remembered that the load resistor is large with respect to RS. If the load resistor is made equal to RS it will mean that a relatively heavy current is drawn from the source. This is to be avoided. The best method in this
case is to cause the off-load voltage to fall by a fraction, say $1 / 10$ or 10 per cent. Then:-

RL $/($ RS + RL $)=0.9$.
Therefore, $\mathrm{RL}=0.9$ ( $\mathrm{RS}+\mathrm{RL}$ ),
$0.1 R L=0.9 R S$,
Therefore, $\mathrm{RS}=\mathrm{RL} / 9$, i.e., RS would then be a ninth of the resistor value found to decrease the off-load voltage by 10 per cent.
If the source impedance is known, the preceding method can be used to measure input impedance. The off-load voltage of the source must be measured and the percentage drop calculated as it is placed on load across the input terminals of the device being measured. Assume that the voltage drops by $1 / 20$ or 5 per cent. This means that the input impedance is high compared with the source impedance. We can calculate as below (letting $R \mathrm{~L}=$ input impedance); $\mathrm{RL} /(\mathrm{RS}+\mathrm{RL})=19 / 20$.
Therefore, $\mathrm{RL}=19(\mathrm{RS}+\mathrm{RL}) / 20$,
RL/20 $=19 \mathrm{RS} / 20$,
Therefore $\mathrm{RL}=19 \mathrm{RS}$.
Thus the input impedance is 19 times the source impedance.


Fig. 5.-Measuring input and output impedances.

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## A Midget T.R. Recever

By J. Smith

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the timmers to $1500 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$, the addition of 100 pF will shift the resonant frequency to about $1000 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$. while another 100 pF will take it to $850 \mathrm{kc} / \mathrm{s}$. The operation must then be repeated for the second medium wave position. For the light programme with the switch in the third (long wave) position, 250 pF will usually be correct for C6 and C14.

## Modulation Hum

It may be found that as the circuits are tuned to resonance on a transmission, a prominent hum appears. This is modulation hum and is due to R.F. currents circulating in the A.C. mains. The usual remedy is to use a mains transformer with a screened primary winding but transformers of the type specified for this receiver are often not so fitted. If modulation hum is found. it may be eliminated by connecting two $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$

Fig. 6. -. The rebated corner joint for the cabinet. Nore the slight projection 10 allow for sanding-off.


## Tuning

WHEN all is well, advance C15 to a point just short of oscillation and connect a reasonably good aerial. It should now be possible with the switch in the first medium wave position, to tune with the appopriate trimmers ( C 1 and C 9 ) stations between 200 m and 210 m . If one of these is required, nothing more need be done: otherwise, capacity must be added to the circuits ( C 4 and C12) until they may be tuned with the trimmers to the desired frequency. This must be carried out by trial, and error as the capacity required varies somewhat with different coils, hut as a guide it can be said that with a typical coil tuned on
capacitors across the transtormer primary and earthing the centre tap as shown in Fig. 1. The capacitors should be high voltage ceramics as used for the suppression of interference from domestic electrical apparatus.

## Cabinet

The best home-built receiver will be viewed with disfavour about the house if insufficient attention has been paid to its appearance and a proper cabinet which at least does not offend the eye. must be regarded as an essentia! part of the construction. This is neither expensive nor difficult to build and no special tools are needed. For this receiver. plywood fin. thick with a facing of oak, walnut, etc., is suitable for the top, bottom and sides, and tin. ply, similarly faced, is required for the front of the cabinet. First
cut the top and bottom, each 11 in . $x$ 5in. and the two sides, each $8 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$. $x 5 \mathrm{in}$. At the top and bottom of each side on the unfaced surface form a rebate very slightly more than $\frac{1}{8} i n$. wide and $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{in}$. deep, so that when assembled. the corners of the cabinet will come together as shown in Fig. 6. These rebates must be fairly accurate and may be made by cutting across the wood with a tenon saw and removing the unwanted material with a chisel or penknife. Finish off with glass paper. The more fortunate constructor will probably tackle the job with a rebating plane.

When this has been carried out. assemble the top, bottom and sides securing them temporarily with two or three 1 in . panel pins driven half way home at each corner. Square up the assembly, lay it on a sheet of $\frac{1}{\mathrm{~g}} \mathrm{i}$. ply


Fig. 8.-The right-hand-side of the cabinet drilling data.
and mark out the front. Cut the front about $\frac{1}{32}$ in. oversize to allow for sanding off, and make apertures for the speaker and pilot light as in Fig. 7. The curves at the top and bottom of the speaker apertures are arcs of a circle of which the radius is 27 in . and can be marked out accurately with the aid of a pencil and a length of string.

## Assembly

Dismantle the assembly and make two $\frac{3}{8}$ in. holes in the right hand side for the controls in the positions shown in Fig. 8. Coat all mating surfaces with casein glue and $r \in$-assemble, driving the panel pins right home. Square up, and fit the front similarly with glue and panel pins.

## Finishing

Punch the heads of the panel pins below the surface and fill in the holes and any other blemishes with plastic wood of the colour in which the cabinet is to be finished. When the filler is hard, give a good rub down with No. 2 glasspaper, squaring off the corners and removing any old polish from the wood. Finish off with No. 0 paper and rub in wood dye of the desired colour. The best final finish is French polish and a very
good result can be obtained with any of the several kinds sold for amateur use. Alternatively, a satisfactory finish can be obtained by rubbing in two or three coats of a colourless floor sealer


View of the underside of the chassis.
marketed by a well known polish manufacturer. Rub down lightly with No. 0 paper between each coat.

## Fitting the Receiver

Glue a piece of coloured Perspex over the pilot light position and fit a piece of speaker cloth over the speaker aperture. The latter is best secured with an impact adhesive if a good tight fit is to be obtained. Cut off the control spindles to a length of $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. and slide the receiver into position. Now drill two holes through the bottom of the cabinet into the chassis flanges. one at each end and enlarge the holes in the wood only and countersink them. If two $\frac{3}{3} \mathrm{in}$. wood screws of suitable gauge are now inserted. they will have a self-tapping action as they enter the chassis flanges.

Brass couplers should be fitted to the controls and the cut off portions of the spindles can then be used to extend the controls to the outside of the cabinet so that knobs can be fitted. A piece of felt should be glued to the bottom of the cabinet so that it will not mark polished surfaces on which it may stand, remembering to make holes in the felt for access to the screws which secure the chassis.

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# Brying Radio Components by Post 

NEW AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT<br>By E. V. King

TlHE author, in dealing with readers' queries, has noted the difficulty many enthusiasts have in obtaining supplies to build the apparatus described in this and other journals. The author purchases entirely through the post hundreds of pounds worth of new and surplus radio components each year and feels justified in saying that he is an expert in this matter.

## Types of Dealer

Postal dealers are divided, by the author, into two classes:-
(a) Those supplying new standard (non-surplus) components.
(b) Those supplying ex-Government and other surplus equipment.
Of course, some dealers' stock will fluctuate between the two types. Others offer a counter service as well as postal. It should be noted that sometimes a dealer has two addresses, and to avoid delay the correct mail order one must be used.

## Catalogues

As many catalogues and lists as possible should be obtained and filed. The date each is received
letter is not required to order radio parts. As long as the dealer has his money, your correct address and knows exactly what you want, that is enough.

A typical order to a dealer is given as a suitable guide.

## SPECIMEN LETTER USING CATALOGUE CODING

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|  |  |  | Total ... Postage | $\begin{array}{rl} 2 & 15 \mathrm{~s} . \\ 3 \mathrm{~s} . & 6 d . \end{array}$ |
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R. 'N. BROWN (signed). should be entered on one main sheet by the dealer's name, and the correct mail order postal address should be shown on the sheet. The dates are then amended as new lists are received.

In this way the addresses are always at hand and those catalogues which might be out of date can be seen at a glance.

The catalogues will cost a few shillings, but are full of useful data. Each should be read carefully and compared with one another.

Readers should remember that most radio dealers do not stock, or cannot be bothered with, the single small items required by the amateur; and in the exceptions to this rule the purchaser is limited in choice, and therefore, when looking for a specific item, several catalogues should be consulted.


Fig. 1.-A "surplus" mains transformer compared with a standard component.

## Return of Post Service

Many advertisers give a trustworthy guarantee of a return of post service (especially in dealing with valves). Other firms keep the customer waiting for any length of time-from a few days to even a few weeks.

## Ordering the Components

Many people do not like writing letters, but a

Readers will note how helpful catalogue coding is. When ordering from dealers who do not have their own code. or give the maker's name and code, the description of the goods must be clear enough to give perfect selection, If possible the maker's name and the dealer's number should be given. The type of the article required must be made clear in words. and the range or working capacity of some equipment is often important
and sometimes essential. The dimensions of components are usually important for the customer and so the required size should be stated (where there is a choice).

All other features of the equipment which help to make it specific must, of course, be stated.

## Paying the Money

Never send money through the post, always use postal orders, money orders or a cheque and make them payable to the dealer and cross them. Most dealers will return your money or give credit if the goods are unsuitable or damaged and are returned immediately. The author has never experienced trouble in this respect with any advertiser. Remember to comply with the dealer's advertised postal eharge; some have a round figure of $1 /$ - on all orders, others have a sliding scale, while some charge the full fee. Where the latter is charged the dealer will return any excess cash which you may have sent.

## Correct Addressing

Correct addressing both ways is important to avoid delay. Names of towns with similar spelling (especially when in the same county) of ten lead to confusion, and so the address should include the actual town and the postal district (where applicable).

## Insurance of Parcels

Where possible you should take up an option to insure goods, usually at a charge of about 6 d .

Physical Aspects of Govt. Surplus Equipment
Until recently, when some lightweight material came on the market, most surplus equipment was somewhat bulky and heavy. At the same time it was robust and could be thrown about without harm, One dealer advertises transformers for $240 \mathrm{~V} 50 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{s}$ mains at under 10 s . and they are good ones, but they are about four times as large and heavy as standard types (Fig. 1).

Often the method of fixing is not standard and adaptation is necessary. This applies in particular to electrolytic condensers of the box type, plugs and sockets, variable condensers and control knobs.

The metal of which the components are made is often better than used elsewhere, or is plated to resist corrosion, but in some cases, where the part was made for a special purpose, it is inferior.

## Difficult Packing

Many dealers pack their goods very thoroughly. and the customer must be careful and patient when unpacking them.

## Corrosion

Surplus soldering tags, valve bases (especially the EF50 type), plugs and sockets, valve pins, and the sliding contacts of condensers may become either oxidised or corroded with salt water. Generally, this means scraping at the offending parts with a penknife before soldering or plugging in a valve, etc. (Fig. 2).


Fig. 2.-The contacts of "surplus" valveholders and valves often need cleaning before use.
When this is done there is a minimum of delay in dealing with damage or non-delivery.

## Purchasing from Surplus Dealers

To help some readers the author gives some hints which he has gained from experience.

Readers should look at a bargain and ask themselves why it is being sold so cheaply? Sometimes size does not natter, but weight of ten does.

## Age of the Components

The durability of Government surplus equipment is such that age will not matter much except in the casc of electrolytic capacitors which may have to be brought slowly to their working voltage to avoid breakdowns.

## Removal of Fixed Components

Sometimes goods advertised are in one unit, the implication being that the parts can be removed for use This is not always an easy task for the following reasons:-
1-The nuts and bolts may be varnished to lock them (Fig. 3), but a hot iron on them may loosen them.
2-The wired joints may be so short as to make resistors and other components useless when removed.
3-1t may be extremely difficult 10 get to the parts concerned.
4 -Rivets may have been used in difficult places.

## Electrical Aspects of Government Surplus Gear

Often the electrical conditions used by the armed Forces bear no relation to those in our homes. For instance, many units sold as complete with transformers are indeed as stated, but they are designied for use on a mains frequency well above the usual 50 c , and with a few exceptions are useless on normal mains.


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The frequency for which coils and I.F. transformers, etc., were designed may make them quite useless for the home unless they are rewound or otherwise adapted.

Measuring instruments, on the whole, are very good and quite suitable for home use without any adaptation. The cheaper meters will be found to have unconventional calibrations, but it is not difficult to replace them with new scales.

## Buying Government Surplus Gear by Post

Readers should try to obtain a clear picture of the meaning of the dealers' advertisements which use few words and many abbreviations.
 as a source of spare parts; it is difficult to remove components without damaging them.

It should be remembered that the postal charge for heavy equipment is very great and road carriage may be required in some cases. Damage in transit is unlikely as the equipment is strongly made.

These points should be noted about Government supplies:-
They are usually robust and reliable. but some may be difficult to use as the calibrations used by the Forces do not always coincide with the normal ones experienced by the radio enthusiast (e.g., L.F. chokes and coupling transformers).

Other components will be found to be almost useless because of being too large, or corroded (e.g., valve bases, tag strips, etc.), or tend to leak (paper condensers). The author also advises careful ordering of plugs, sockets and metal rectifiers.

For surplus equipment other than ex-Government one would not expect it to be so conservatively rated, so well packed, or so strong.

## Express Postal Service

A small fee is charged for express delivery from certain main post offices. The local postmaster will give you full details about the service. Valves ordered by express can sometimes be received the same day by a later post.

## Registration and Postal Receipts

When returning unsuitable or faulty goods either register the parcel (all loose string ends must be fixed with sealing wax) or ask for a postal receipt (free of charge). If a small parcel is sent by letter post, ask for a receipt and expect a charge of 1 d . for it.

## Postal Regulations

Parcels are limited in size, dimensions, weight, etc., and sometimes they will have to be sent by rail or road.

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## Credit Notes

Where goods are returned as unsuitable, the supplier will either return the money or send a credit note. The credit note must be sent with the next order as part of the payment.

## Faulty Goods

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#  Club News 

## REPORTS OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

## AMATEUR RADIO MOBILE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: N. Fitch, 79 Murchison Road, Leyton, London E. 10.
At the Lincoln Hamfesi and Rally about half the mobiles present were ARMS members. (Two travelled from London lor the occasion.) The ARMS committee nembers thet personally several members of the Radio Amateurs' Invalid and Bedfast Association.

A representative of ARMS who went by chance to the Science Museum in London was made most welcome at a meeting of the Civil Service Radio Society, where Mr. I. Haywood, of the British Astronomical Society gave a lecture on radio astronomy,

Several members in the North of England have suggested that the ARMS forin a North of England Section. The committee has discussed and agreed with this idea and invites volunteers to contact the hon. sec. to work out the details.
BRADFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Ilon. Sec.: M. T. Powell, G3NNO, 28 Gledhow Avente. Roundhay, Leeds 8.
The first meeting of the new session was held on September $6 h_{1}$ when G3LZW gave an interesting tatk on "Transisiors for the Amuteur". A recorded talk was given by WIPFA on September I 3 thr and this was illustrated by colour slides. The talk was on the DXpedition 10 Si. Pierre and Miquelon Islands and was pressented by G3LB. "TV Circuitry"' was the subject of the talk given on September 261h by G3EKE. A Mullard film show was held at St. George's Hall, Bradford on October IIth. All meetings are held at Cambridge House, 66 Little Horton Lane, Bradford 5 at $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Future Events:
November 8th-Visit to Tinshill Television Radio Link Station. November $22 n d-M o d u l a t i o n$.
December 6th-Junk Sale.
December 20th-Social Evening at Mechanics' Institute Cafe. January 10th-Talk on Transistors.
January 24th-Amateur Receiver Alignment.
February 14th-Transistors, Pirates, and Direction Finding. February 281h-Informal Meeting.

## BRITISH INSTITUTION OF RADIO ENGINEERS

Hon. Sec.: F. W. Slarp, 9 Bedford Square, London W.C.1.
The British I.R.E. held its annual convention recently at the Bristol College of Science and Technology. The subject of this year's convention was "Aviation Electronics and its Industrial Applications ${ }^{3}$. It took place on October 7 th and 8 th, and the two days were taken up by lectures given by members of various electrical and aeronautical firms.

## THE CHESTER AND DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: A. Bagley, Oak Lea, Long Lane, Sauglall, near Cliester. Future Events:
November 8th-Bring and Buy Sale.
November 15 th-Discussion on R.E.A.N. led by Mr. C. Riche. November 22 nd-The Moni-Match by G3EWZ.
November 26 th-V Visit to the R.S.G.B. Radio Hobbies Exhibition.

December 6th-Club Net Night in which other amateurs are invited to take part.

December $13 \mathrm{ih}-\mathrm{Open}$ Night.
Alf meetings are held at the Y.M.C.A., The Old Bishop's Palace, Chester.

## DERBY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: F. C. Ward, 5 Uplands Avenue. Littleover, Derby. A demonsiration of standing waves was given for members on October 19th.
Future Events:
November 161 h -Stereo demonstration.
November 23 rd-Direction finding theory and practice.
November 261 h-Annual Trip to London and Hobbies Eshibition.

## HALIEAX AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MITCHAM AND DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: M. Pharaol, G3LCH, I Madeira Road, Mitcham.
On Octoher 7th, F. G. Parker gave a lecture on colour television, and on October 21 st R. Syhes described the DX100 transmitter.

Future Events:
December 2nd-Round and About with a Camera, by K. Frankcom

December 16 h-Constructional Contest.

## PETERBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

## Hon. Sec.: D. Byrne. G3KPO, Jersey Honse, Eye, Peterborough.

Meetings are held at Peterborough Technical College on the first Friday in each month at $7.15 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$. At the first meeting of the winter session, a lecture on ultra-high frequency communication was given by Mr. D. Gordon, G3FJK, and a new type all-kand transmitter was demonsirated by Mr. W, Miles, G3GGK, whilst the chairman, Mr. D. Byrne, had a R ITY teleprinter on vicu.

A course of instruction for the Radio Amateurs' Examination and the G.P.O. Morse Test will be held at Peterborough Technical College during the autumn and winter morths.

Future events:
December znd-Teleprinters.
January 6 th-A film show.

## THE READING a MATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: R. G. Nash, G3EJA, "Peacehaven'", 9 Holybrook Road, Reading.
Recent meetings have been very well attended and several "hams" have given interesting descripitions on the early days of radio. On October 29 th Morse Instruction was given and this was followed by a tath on Mobile Operation by a former member of the Club who, at one time, lived in Reading. All meetings are held at Palmers Hall, West Street, Reading.

## SOUTHPORT RADIO SOCIETY

## Hon. Sec.: J. E. Ford, 278 Portland Street, Suuthport.

The Southport Radio Society meets every Thursday at the Club House, The Esplanade at $8.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and on Sunday atternoons at about 4 p.m. There is also morse code practice at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Thursdays.
SOUTH SHIELDS AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Hon. Sec.: K. Sketlieway, 51 Baret Road. Walkergate, Newcastleon. Tyne 6.
The Annual General Meeting was held in September when severat new officials were elected. The Treasurer remains as presious. G3ELP, with G3KZZ clected Chairman and G3NCL as Secretary. Arrangements were made for the conning session and the following monthly meetings which are held every last Wednesday of the month will consist of film shows, lectures and demonstrations.

The weekly club meeting is held on Fridays from 6.30 p.m. onwards. Meetings arc 'held at Trinity House, Laygate Lane, South Sinieids.

## WELLINGBOROUGH RADIO CLUB

Hon. Sec.: P. E. B. Butler, 88 Wellingborough Road, Rushdes, Northamptonshire.
r S. Harris gave a lecture for members on October 6th. He called his lecture "The Upper Atmosphere".

Future Events:
December Ist-_"Cumberland Expedition 1960".
December 15 th -Annual Christmas Dinner.

## WEST MIDDLESEX TAPE RECORDING CLUB

Hon. Sec.: H. E. Saunders, 20 Nightingale Ruad, Hampton, Middlesex.
At the meeting in the Railway Hotel on October 13th, Hampton members made recordings of Bruce Bargavel singing.

The promised playlets and sketches, written by a local author for members to record, may have to be cancelled owing to some extra work that has befallen Ken Phipps who is arranging this item.

Freddie Westcott has been able to obtain some of the prizewiming tapes from the recent National Contest, and these are to be played at a torthcoming meeting.

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## RECORD PLAYER FOR THE MOTORIST

FEATURED on the Philips stand at this year's Motor Show was a record player made for easy installation in any make of car. This record player the Philips Auto-Mignon, has been designed to operate in conjunction with a car radio, which acts as the amplitier. and is fully automatic.

It is the only record player available in Britain which has been specially constructed for permanent installation in a car and gives good reproduction of seven-inch $45 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. records. It can be adjusted for either 12 or 6 V supply and sells at 23 guineas. Philips Electrical Lid., Century House, Shaftesbury A venue, London, W.C.2.
 is suitable for use on yachts.

## NEW MINIATURE RADIO

A NEW pocket radio recently introduced by Grundig Lid. measures only 4 in . $\times 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{x} \operatorname{lin}$. and weighs $8 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{oz}$. The "Mini-Boy" can be stowed into the smallest pocket or handbag. Controlled by two thumb wheels. one the on/off switch and volume control, the other the tuning control, the Mini-Boy gives up to 80 hours' use on one battery. Fully transistorised, it has its own builtin directional ferrite rod aerial, a high flux


This illustration shows the Grundig "Mini-Boy" together with the speaker enclosure.
pcrmanent magnet dynamic loudspeaker and gives full medium wave coverage.

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## NEW VALVE TESTER

' ['HE new Model 45 C valve tester is capable of testing over 5,000 different types of valves, British, American and Continental. Two ranges of Mutual Conductance are provided, $0-3 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{V}$ and $0-15 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{V}$, and tests are also incorporated for element shorts, cathode leakage and emission. This instrument is. also able to check the latest 12 V car radio valves.

The 45 C incorporates 21 valve holders and test facilities are provided for earlier type valves as well as the very latest TV types, etc. This valve tester is made by Taylor Electrical Instruments Lid., Montrose Avenue, Slough.


Dynatron have recently marketed this new record reproducer, which is known as the "Mazurka."

## STEREO RECORD REPRODUCER

THE "Mazurka" is a new record reproducer introduced by Dynatron Radio Ltd., and is available in four versions. designed to meet every requirement. There are two stereo models, one fitted with automatic record changer and the other with a single record player. Both versions incorporate six valves and provide 6 W power output on each channel. It has a dual channel tone control unit incorporating ganged volume, bass and treble controls. A iwo-position selector switch can be set to "Gram" for record reproduction or "Radio" for monophonic reproduction from an external radio or tape input. The mains on/off and balance control is located inside the reproducer for ease of operation. Models GR3ST (autochanger) and GR4ST (single player) are made by Dynatron Radio Ltd., Maidenhead, Berks.

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(4in. $x 4 i n$. or $3 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $x 4 \frac{3}{8}$ in.) and with a torque of either $350 z-\mathrm{in}$. or 600 z -in.

Visible indication from the front of the unit shows the selected position and a built-in switch can be used for confirming the position to the remote control site. Further information may be obtained from The Plessey Co Ltd., Ilford, Essex.

## TRANSISTOR PORTABLE RADIO

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EATHERCLOTH has been chosen for the exterior finish of the "Decca Debonaire" transistor portable. The leathercloth (PVC) is in mushroom-grey which can be sponged clean quite easily should the surface become spoiled. The durable handle is also in Everflex PVC. The " Decca Debonaire" can be tuned to both medium and long wavebands and retails at 17 guineas. It it available from most Decea dealers.


Model D900 is a new transisior test set made by Beulah Electronics Ltd. This model was recently seen at the Radio Show at Earls Court.

## transistor test set

${ }^{7}$ THIS new Beulah test set (the D900) enables quick and easy tests to be made of transistors and transistor receivers. The instrument has a novel feature in that it has a self-contained power supply, continuously variable from 0.25 V centre tapped, supplying a current of up to 25 mA . A continuously variable base current is available from $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ to 1 mA .
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Mercury 2 Complete with valves and book... ... £10.16. 6 Hire purchase Deposit $£ 2.4 .6$ and 8 monthly $£ 1$. 4. 0 Power pack for Mercury 2 in kit form ...
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#### Abstract

Whilst we are always pleased to assist readers with their technical difficulties, we regret that we are unable to supply diagrams or provide instructions for modifying commercial or surplus equipment. We cannot supply alternative details for receivers described in these pages. WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO ANSWER QUERIES OVER THE TELEPHONE. If a postal reply is required a stamped and addressed envelope must be enclosed with the coupon from page iii of cover.


## SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' LOG

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IR,-I was very pleased to see the "Short Wave Listeners' Log- 1 " on page 442 of the September 1960 issue. To a short wave enthusiast, a log such as this is most interesting and helpful, as much of this useful information is hard to come by. Together with many more of your readers. I hope this will now be a regular feature. - H . Chamberlain (Newark-on-Trent).

## RADIO MOSCOW

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IR,-I wonder if any readers could help me. I have just been listening to Radio Moscow on about 217 m , the signal quality was so good that my father and I argued about the origin of the signal. My father's argument was that it was relayed by a trawler outside of the three mile limit; mine was that it was direct from Moscow. We have also had the same argument about Radio Luxembourg.-R. W. L. Limebear (London N.21).

## CRYSTAL SET RECEPTION

S IR,-With reference to D. J. Connoly's letter (October issue) about reception of Radio Moscow on a crystal set, I have often noted the same occurrence. I believe that it is due to Radio Moscow's programmes being beamed to the British Isles at certain times of the day-mainly in the evening.-J. A. Roham (Dublin).

## THREE TRANSISTOR RECEIVER

SIR,-I built a three transistor receiver using a crystal detector. After various experiments I found the crystal not very sensitive so I removed it and connected the acrial to the base and the earth to the emitter of the first transistor. It has improved reception in the way of cutting out BBC television interference but has decreased sensitivity. Perhaps 1 should put a capacitor between the aerial and base of the first transistor, but I do not know of what capacity it should be. Has anybody else had this difficulty and found a suitable solution to the problem? - N. Miller (Sutton Coldfield).

## TRANSISTORS v VALVES

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IR,-Is it not about time the dispute between transistors and valves was forgotten? Every-
one who has used them will realise that each has its limitations. Whereas valves are slightly bigger and need larger transformers and so on, transistors do not, but their reproduction is slightly inferior, etc. We all realise that each has its own uses and disadvantages and I believe that everyone has now heard enough on the subject. - D. Rasberry (St. John's Wood, N.W.8.).

## PRINTED CIRCUITS

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IR.-I was interested in the experience of D. M.
Payne (September issue) but when I tried to remove a similar coil I was not as lucky. The very frail base of the coil broke and when eventually I managed to remove it the printed circuit at that point was ruined. The coil in question can be put in according to the instructions and be wrong if one does not follow the circuit, as the instructions merely state, " the red spot to point to the transistor". This could be any of three positions as all pins are spaced the same. - E . Clark (Leeds 12).

## SHORT WAVE LISTENING

SIR,-How fascinating short wave listening is? For days conditions are so poor that one almost gives up, then suddenly, as on August 17th, stations under a thousand miles away disappear and those over this distance suddenly re-appear. This revealed that Lima, Peru, broadcasts in English every Wednesday and Friday from 10.30 p.m. to 11 p.m., with South American music, in the 19.8 m vicinity. Beunos Aires, Argentine, nightly broadcast in English both in 19 m and 25 m bands with Argentine tangos and traditional Latin music.

On the night in question, on an 8 ft upright aerial, no less than a dozen Brazilian broadeasters were heard on 16,19 and 25 m bands. In addition Monte Video, only heard rarely from Uruguay on 19.5 m came over at good strength between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.-F. N. H. (London W.2.).

## INTERFERENCE

SIR,-Can anyone explain the reason for the following fault on my radiogram? When tuned to the Light Programme. medium waveband, the Home Service is often heard in the background. Sometimes, this is so loud that the Light Programme is badly distorted and it is just a jumble of words. However, the Home Service is received quite free from interference.-C. E. C. (Borehamwood).

## STEREO PHASE DIFFICULTIES

SIR.-I have recently been experimenting with stereo and after reading an advertisement, decided to employ a multi-speaker system. I bought
some "tweeters" and assembled them with the necessary woofers in the two cabinets and was very pleased with the results. A friend came round and after listening to one or two records criticised the reproduction, and after a lot of trouble we came to the conclusion that the phasing of the speakers was not correct. We made several changes and finally found an arrangement which satisfied my friend. When he had gone I carried out a few tests and found that the speakers were not phased in the way one usually associates with two speakers. Is there, in fact, a difference when using this multi-speakers scheme for stereo? Perhaps some keen reader has experimented in this connection and can lay down some rule, such as all tweeters in phase, al! woofers out of phase, or some similar rule which could bc followed. I quite see that all in phase, may not apply when the speakers are separated by the space one usually devotes for steleo reproduction.-W. S. Ysmudu (W.1).

## CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

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IR,-I am 17 years of age and would like to correspond with other amateurs of my age who hope to become licensed operators. I have been interested in short wave radio for about a year now.-F. Shuran (6, St. Mary's Terrace, Daingean, Offally, Ircland).

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IR,-I have been interested in amateur radio for three years and would like to correspond with other amateurs of my age, 14.-G. Cherington (42, Severn Drive, Pemberton, Wigan, Lancs).

SIR,-Amateur radio has been my hobby for some years and I would like to hear from other readers of my age, 13, with similar interests. -G. Callister ("Silverburn", Ballanard Road, Douglas, Isle of Man).

SSIR,-I should like to correspond with anyone who has performed a successful conversion on the Bendix R.A. 10DB. - M. Clear (140a, Oxford Road, Calne, Wilts).

## valve base trouble

SIR.-I recently experienced scrious trouble in a set which. in servicing, I found to be due to the material between two of the valve pin sockets having carbonised. Thinking it might have been a manufacturing fault I threw it away and bought a new one. Shortly after the sct had been put into use again, the same trouble occurred and on looking at the valvebase I found the same carbonising. I put a new holder in and again tried out the set. this time, with the chassis upside down, and I found that after working for an hour or so, a small arc began between the two pins, which eventually made a very good carbon path and finally short-circuited the two pins. I know this often happened with old paxolin or ebonite type valveholders, but I thought the new nylon loaded types were free from this trouble. It appears, therefore that the makers have still not found a sthlution to this kind of fault and it would be interesting if we could be given details of the maximum current and voltage ratings which must be employed.-G. RICH (Teddington).

## LOUDSPEAKER EXPERIMENTS

SIR.-I have at last found what I feel to be the best circuit for my particular requirements and have finalised the design and cabinet. As a result I am at a loss most evenings and weekends for something to experiment with. I am not interested in television and think perhaps that there would be an interesting field for me in loudspeaker experiments. I visualise obtaining two or three different types and then trying out cabinets and labyrinths, etc. I wonder if any reader could give me some suggestions for tests which I could carry out or interesting lines upon which my experiments could be based.-F. R. Entwhistle (Rotherham).

## COIL CORES

$\mathrm{S}^{I R}$,-I wonder if I could seek some aid in repairing some I.F. coils which I have damaged. In setting up a receiver some time ago 1 tried to fix the cores by putting in some adhesive. Recently 1 found it necessary to retrim one of the coils but couldn't turn the core. After a lot of work I unfortunately pushed the trimmer screwdriver through the side of the coil former. Happily the wire was not damaged, but 1 cannot remove the old pieces of core. If these could he taken away I have sufficient thread for a new core. Can anyone suggest a way of cleaning out the coil former, which is a standard bakelite component with about $\frac{3}{3}$ in. clean thread at the top and $\frac{1}{4}$ in. or so at the other end.-J. Bradly (Portsmouth).

## CROSS-OVER NETWORKS

SIR,-I would endorse Mr. Baker's remarks that cross-over units need not be expensive. From the infomation in various books the coils can be wound and absolute accuracy is not essential. Suitable $4 \mu \mathrm{~F} 100 \mathrm{~V}$ condensers could be bought from many of your advertisers.

Mr. Raker appears to he confused however, in the relation of loudspeakers to cross-over units by his remark that an 8 in. speaker will make a unit sound better. A cross-over does not add anything. in fact there is a slight power loss when it is inserted in a speaker system. The extra bass he obtained by using a larger speaker could have been obtained by connecting it in parallel with the smaller speaker.

One of the reasons for using a cross-over unit is to feed each speaker with the frequency range it is hest equipped to handle. From personal experience there appears to he little advantage in using a cross-over unit with two or three speakers of the same size. whether they be 12 in . or 5 in . in fact it is not worth while using them under these conditions. My personal preference is 12 in . bass, 8 in . for middle range and 3 in . for treble.

This question of phase does not seem to be appreciated by many stereo enthusiasts. I have found it advisable to wire a double pole switch in the leads to one speaker so that phasing can be easily corrected, as in some installations the stereo effect can be considerably improved by ensuring the speakers are in phase. A quick check can be made by placing the speakers side by side when a loss in bass will indicate that they are out of phase.-J. W. Davison (Durham).


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    Transisiors. Red Spot, 3/6; White, $4 / 0$
     $1 \%$ HW High stab reslstors 2/ ench. $100,900,1 \mathrm{~K}, 5 \mathrm{~K}, 5.1 \mathrm{~K}, 8.2 \mathrm{~K}, 9 \mathrm{~K}, 10 \mathrm{~K}, 15 \mathrm{~K}$. 20 K $25 \mathrm{~K}, 30 \mathrm{~K}, 38 \mathrm{~K} .40 \mathrm{~K}, 50 \mathrm{~K}, 70 \mathrm{~K} .90 \mathrm{~K} .100 \mathrm{~K}$ $150 \mathrm{~K}, 200 \mathrm{~K}, 225 \mathrm{~K}, 250 \mathrm{~K}, 270 \mathrm{~K}, 300 \mathrm{~K}, 400 \mathrm{~K}$ $27 \mathrm{M}, 3 \mathrm{M} .4 \mathrm{M}, 5 \mathrm{M}, 6 \mathrm{M}, ~ 8 \mathrm{M}, ~ 8.2 \mathrm{M}, 9 \mathrm{M}, 10 \mathrm{M}$.

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