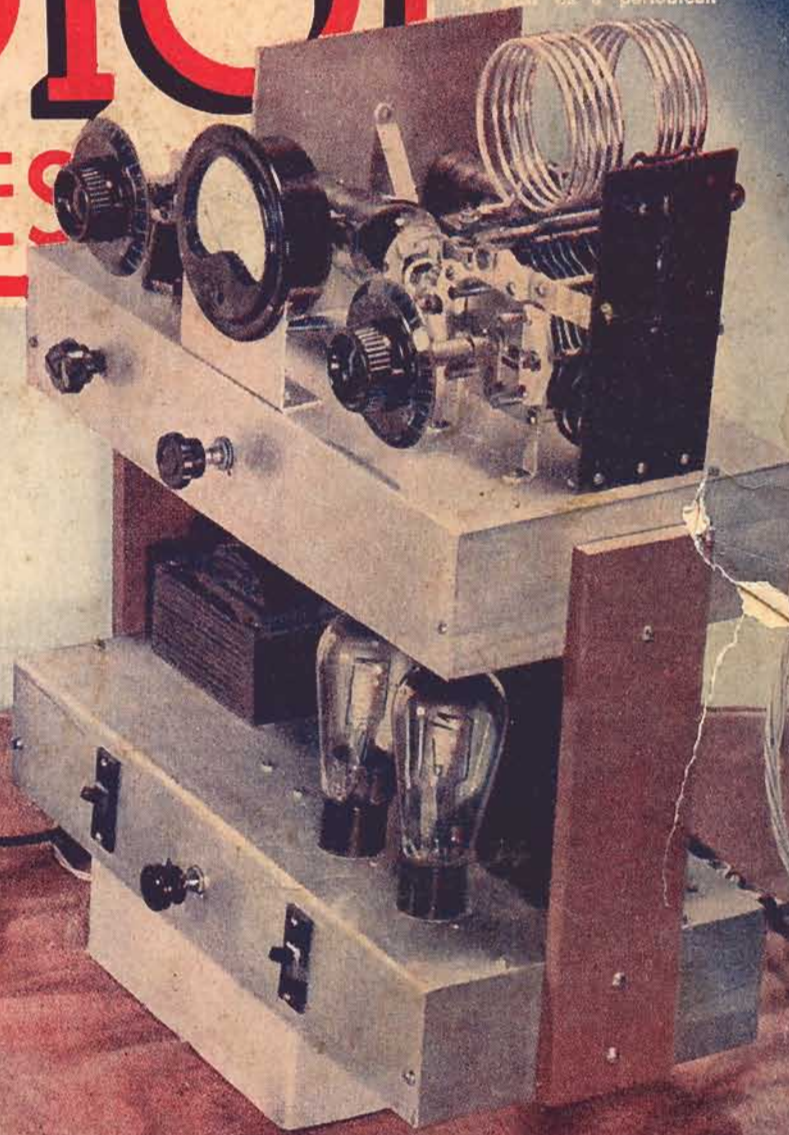


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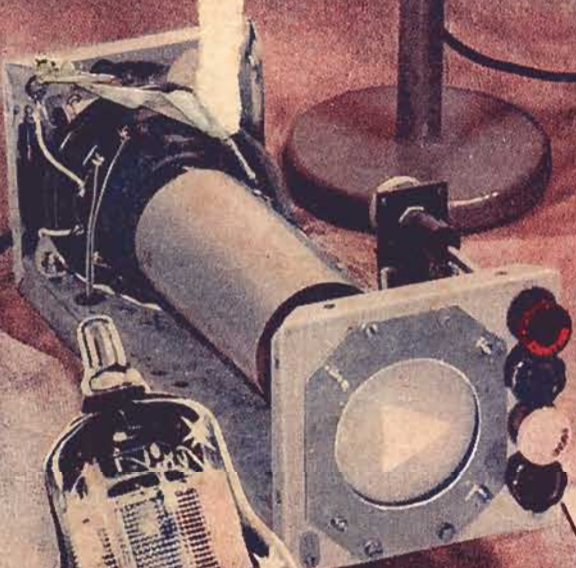
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# Editorial

IN this issue you will find an article dealing with ratings of power transformers for use in home-built radio equipment. For that matter, it concerns any equipment (other than that built in a radio factory to specialised specifications) for which the parts are obtained from a radio wholesaler or retailer.

There is a rather important principle involved in this article, namely, the definition of a policy initiated by this journal, and supported by interested manufacturers and engineers. It represents a co-operation between the radio industry as a whole, in order that you, the consumer, will benefit

by it. In this case, it was the necessary standardisation of an essential component, a standardisation all the more necessary because of the short supply which prevailing conditions have forced upon us.

Radio and Hobbies does not imply that any great credit is due for efforts of this kind. On the contrary, we believe we would be failing in the duty imposed upon us as Australia's national radio magazine, if we did not attempt to play our part to bring together the needs of our readers—the consumers—with the resources of the manufacturers whose job it is to supply those needs.

It is only by the closest liaison of this type that the industry as a whole can adequately control itself, and prosper. It is only by such co-operative action that you can be assured of obtaining the most suitable article of the best quality at the best price.

Many other such instances are constantly to be found in our activities of which our readers are not aware. We are always on the watch to see that, as far as possible, our circuits and designs fit in with valve types which are available, for instance, and to use components and values of components which will allow the various equipments to operate at best efficiency. Sometimes, as in our recent portable receiver, we think it advisable to look ahead, and give you prior information on something which will be on hand for use as soon as it is practicable to take full advantage of it. If we discover a firm or an individual who is endeavoring to pursue some new or special line which we think will eventually benefit you and the trade generally, we consider it our duty to give all the encouragement and assistance we can.

As far as co-operation with our readers is concerned, we have only to glance at the mail we receive every day. This is assuming such proportions as call for a special department which does nothing else but send out letters as fast as they are dictated, and to sort out all the circuits and blue-prints you have asked for. We consider this query service one of our most important activities, and will not consent to curtail it on any account whatever.

We want to hear from you at any time you have ideas or suggestions along these lines, no matter in what part of the Continent you live. We feel we are in a good position to do something about them, if it can be done. We are proud of the fact that we now have one of the biggest radio circulations in the world. At the same time, we realise that the greater our sphere of influence, the greater is our obligation to use that influence for the betterment of the art by which we exist.

*John Moyle*

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