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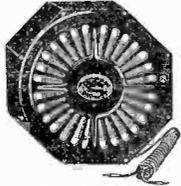


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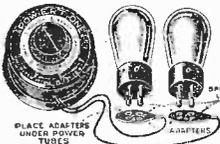
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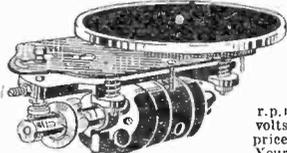


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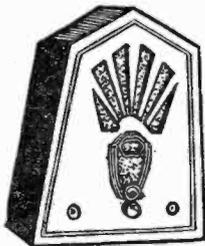
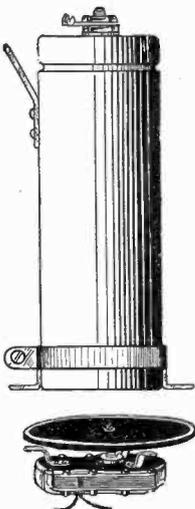
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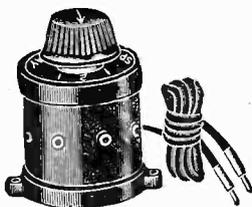
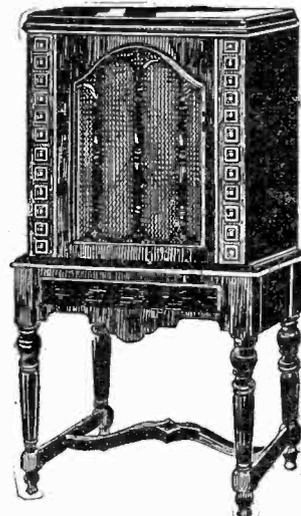
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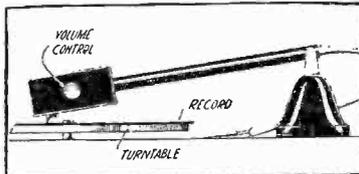
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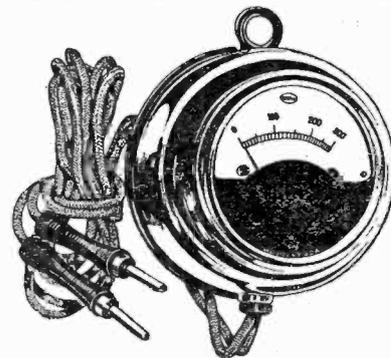
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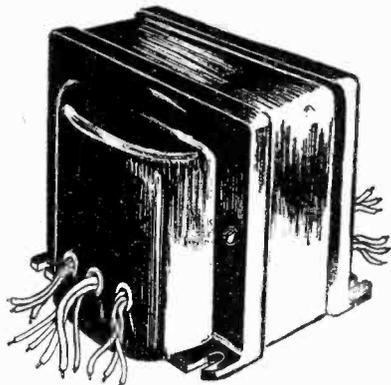
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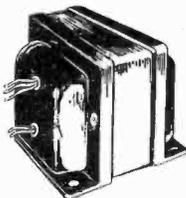
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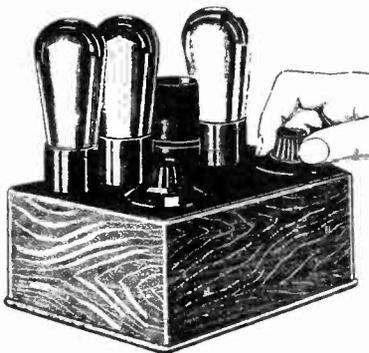
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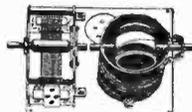
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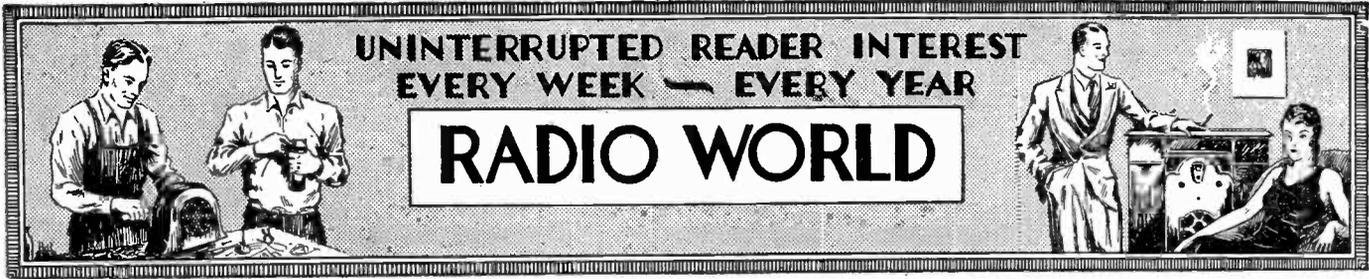
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Speaker Makes Toy Dance

By J. E. Anderson

IT IS a simple device that is depicted in Fig. 1, yet it is closely connected with such subjects as ships colliding on meeting in a harbor, hydraulic pressure gauges, the flight of an airplane, a baseball curve, the propulsion of a rotor ship, and Bernoulli's principle.

The device in Fig. 1 is a toy, but it is a toy that makes father a boy again and therefore one that is quite fitting to give to sonny for a Christmas present. It is as funny as a Punch and Judy show, and it appeals to the entire family from grandma to the baby.

What is it? A frame of wood or metal about 2½ inches by 2 inches. In the center of the frame are stretched two parallel fibres or light threads and to each of these are glued curved pieces of paper. The proper shape is semicircular with the convex surfaces of the two facing each other. The construction and size of the devices are shown more clearly in Fig. 2 where it is compared with a dynamic loudspeaker.

How It Works

In the first paragraph we mentioned a number of diverse subjects, claiming that the present little device is related to all of them, and closely at that. They are all related because they are all applications of Bernoulli's principle. We could mention many other phenomena which belong to the same family. We shall mention one other—a ping pong ball riding the top of a vertical jet of water. Why does not the water throw it off? We shall not answer that specifically but let us proceed with a brief explanation of Bernoulli's principle.

Suppose we mount two ping pong balls on two parallel strings like the curved pieces of paper in Fig. 1. Let us say that the nearest points of the balls are quarter inch apart. As long as they are not disturbed they stay that distance apart and remain perfectly still.

Now we know that if we blow on one of the balls it will move away in the direction of the air current. If the air current is steady the ball will simply be displaced a little, but moved farther, the more intense the air current. Now then, let us direct the air between the balls suspended as described above. The jet of air should force the balls apart just as if they were driven apart by a wedge. Any objections to that conclusion? There is no objection unless you happen to know Bernoulli's principle.

A Pair of Perverse Balls

If we actually fill our lungs and blow hard between the balls, they will behave in a very perverse manner, for instead of moving apart, they will slap each other hard. That is, they will, if the blowing was hard enough. In any event they will not move apart but they will always move toward each other. They will butt each other like a pair of rams if the blowing is hard enough and directed exactly between them.

Why do they do this? Because the air draught between the curved surfaces of the balls reduces the air pressure between them so that the pressure on the opposite sides is greater than that between the balls.

Now let us state Bernoulli's principle, which applies to air as well as water, or, in fact, to any fluid. We shall take a pipe for simplicity. Let the pipe consist of lengths of various cross sections and let there be a flow of gas or liquid through it. If we insert gauges in the sides of the various cross sections to measure the pressure, we shall find that the gauge inserted in a narrow part will read lower than one set in a wide section. The

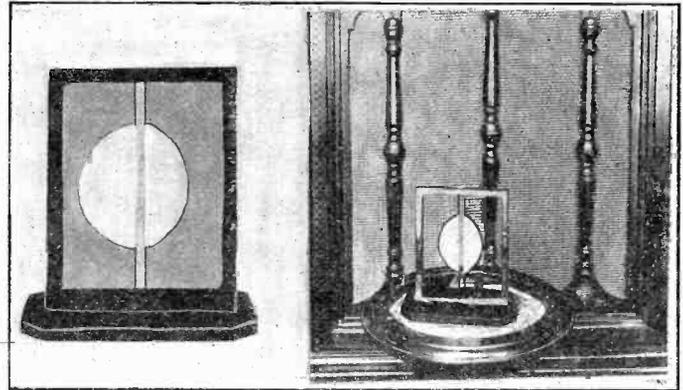


Fig. 1

A simple device that keeps time with the sound from the loudspeaker thus obeying Bernoulli's principle.

Fig. 2

The device placed in front of the loudspeaker. The sound creates the draught of air which causes the vibrations.

wider the section the greater will be the pressure against the side of the pipe. Since the same amount of fluid passes all sections in a given time it is clear that the velocity at the constricted parts will be much greater than at the wide parts. Hence we get the fact that the greater the velocity the less will be the pressure of the fluid against the side of the pipe. That is Bernoulli's principle.

The fluid does not have to be confined to a pipe at all, just so the conditions are such that the velocity of the fluid is greater on one side than on the other. In the case of the ping pong balls the jet of air was directed between the balls and therefore the velocity of the air between the balls was greater than on the other sides. Even if the jet had not been directed between the balls the effect would have been the same. For example, suppose there had been a strong wind with a motion of the air uniformly distributed. The curvature of the balls would have increased the velocity of the air between the balls. The curvature would also have increased the velocity outside, but only one-half as much. Hence the balls would have moved toward each other.

Collision of Ships

When two ships are moving parallel to each other, either in the same direction or in opposite directions, the same situation arises. The curvature of the sides of the ship causes a higher water velocity, relative to the ships, between them than outside them. Hence there is a force tending to run the ships together.

In the airplane the upper part of the wing is curved so as to create a part vacuum over the wing and this produces the lift. A baseball that spins as it moves forward describes a curve because on one side the relative velocity of air and the ball surface is decreased and on the opposite side it is increased.

A Prophecy of 1931 Progress

By George Lewis

Vice-President, Arcturus Radio Tube Company

WITH the increasing number of Superheterodyne licensees, it is immediately apparent that new developments and improvements of this desirable circuit will be effected. The heretofore limited number of minds with more or less unified thought regarding Superheterodyne circuits will now give way to greater wide-spread interest in this receiver. This will undoubtedly result in a rapid refinement in the technique of Superheterodyne design.

Another point in receiver design that demands attention is automatic volume control. Now, in tuning a radio set, one shudders as he passes through a strong local station producing intense volume. It is awkward to adjust the volume control in every instance.

More Automatic Volume Controls

The automatic volume control, therefore, becomes a great necessity in the refined 1931 receiver so that all stations will come in at the same volume level. While a few sets have attempted this feature, it is believed that 1931 will find more manufacturers greatly contributing to this principle.

Automatic selection of stations with sharper selectivity will perhaps be another augmenting feature in the 1931 receiver. The psychology of the appeal of this feature to the consumer behooves set manufacturers to further improve this development.

Now, for a brief discussion of the set that is in the consumer's spotlight—the midget. With a consideration by set manufacturers of economic merchandising, it seems that a refinement of the midget becomes necessary, leaning towards the miniature receiver.

Getting Away from Big Consoles

The fad for the extremely small midget appears to be waning, with consumer's inclinations favoring something a little larger yet not as large as the big console receivers. The reasons?

The trend of furniture is from the overly-crowded parlor to the more modernistic and modernly simplified room. The miniature receiver fits into these surroundings very nicely and its appeal to the consumer is psychologically timely. Then too, this receiver will afford the manufacturer, jobber and dealer a better profit margin.

With these various developments in radio sets, special attention will be given by tube manufacturers to vacuum tube developments.

At this early date, there already appears on the horizon two new tubes that have promising possibilities in the 1931 receivers.

Variable Mu Tube

Immediately important is a variable mu radio frequency amplifier that prevents several desirable features. It is claimed that this tube eliminates crosstalk and cross-modulation, making possible greater selectivity. Because of its high overload capacity, distortion is minimized and the necessity for a "local-distance" switch is obviated.

Another tube development will be a new quality detector and amplifier. This tube will be of the same major characteristics as the present tube but will be much more rugged in construction. Microphonism and rattling noises will be practically eliminated. This new tube will be of particular advantage in sound movies where rigid tubes are necessary in the amplifiers for very obvious reasons.

Vitaly essential as a boon to increased radio sales, is the possibility of high power broadcasting stations of 50,000 watts rating. Many vast areas of the country are not covered with a serviceable signal level from reliable stations offering good programs.

Should the Government accede to this need, a new radio impulse would be born in the rural districts. Quality receivers would be demanded and the listeners throughout the country would have an opportunity of getting greater enjoyment from the radio waves hovering over their heads.

Bernoulli's Principle Applied to Toy

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and the ball curves toward the side of decreased pressure, that is, increased relative velocity. The rotor ship moves because the interaction of the wind and the rotation of the rotors is such that the air pressure is increased on the rear side and decreased on the forward side.

Application to Radio

All this seems to be entirely unrelated to radio, but let us see. Refer again to Fig. 1 and note that the curved pieces of paper mounted with the convex sides facing each other are quite similar to the other applications of Bernoulli's principle. Suppose we blow between the two pieces of paper. It is clear that they will move toward each other. This is true whether the air is directed in a jet between the two papers or if the air is in a general movement. It means no difference in which direction the air movement takes place just so the air flows between the two curved pieces of paper.

We know that sound consists of change in air pressure and of to and fro motion of the air. If, therefore, a sound disturbance passes between the curved papers the air pressure will be reduced between them. This reduction will be the same regardless of the direction in which the air flows. The strings supporting the papers will pull them apart. If we place the device in front of the loudspeaker, as in Fig. 2, and the volume is turned up, the pieces of paper will move back and forth with the music.

Keeping Time

The device works somewhat like a detector due to the fact that it responds in the same direction regardless of the direction of the air flow. Hence it will not keep time with the sound wave but with a frequency twice that of the side wave. It will move with the beats of music and so keep time. It will also respond to any staccato sound such as that of a speaking voice. The queer antics of the device when subjected to the sound from

a loudspeaker will supply any amount of fun for children and adults alike.

As constructed the two supporting strings are $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch apart. The curved surfaces are made of light but stiff paper.

Each string and its paper load constitute a resonant device which has a natural period of its own. If the two strings are stretched the same amount, and are of the same length and mass, and if the two pieces of paper are equal, the natural periods of the two will be the same. If the beat in the sound agitating the device should happen to have a frequency equal to the natural frequency of the two vibrating strings, the vibration will become violent and the two pieces of paper will hit each other. This will occur more frequently if the sound is intense or if the strings are closer together.

Use of Device as Microphone

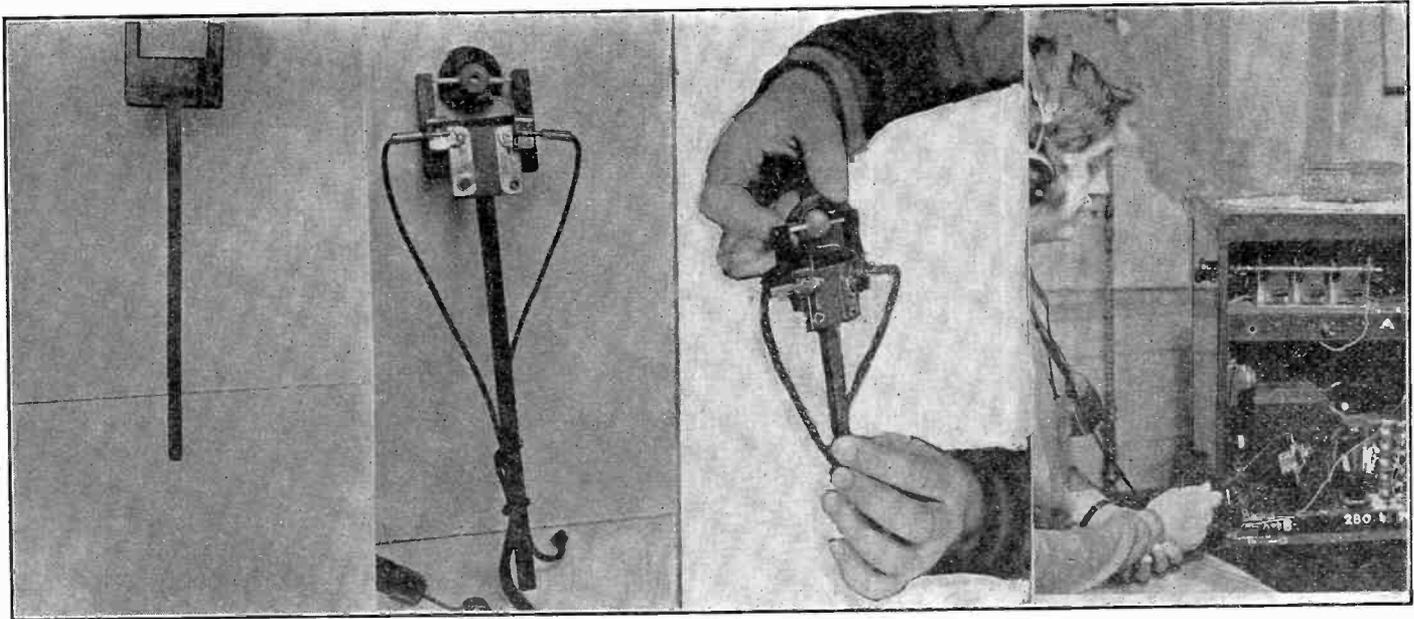
It was thought at first that this device could be made into a microphone. The natural frequency of the paper and string would then be made high, say of the order of 10,000 cycles a second. An opaque vane of extremely light weight would be attached to each string and mounted so that when the strings vibrated under the influence of sound the amount of light passing the opaque vanes would vary directly as the motion of the string and hence directly as the velocity of the air in the sound wave. However, a second thought will reveal that the device is not suitable for this purpose since it would respond to twice the frequency of the sound wave. A 100-cycle sound would be reproduced as a 200-cycle sound.

Although the device is not applicable for microphone purposes, it is applicable to the measurement of sound intensity. In this case, though, the construction would have to be different. Instead of making the moving parts extremely light they would have to be made of heavier so that the displacement would be proportional to the amplitude of the sound and so that the ripple due to rectification would be smoothed out.

How to Make a Search Coil

By Herbert E. Hayden

Photographs by the Author



Left to right, the coil handle, the assembly of parts, the movable feature of the coil stressed, and actual use of the coil with earphones.

THE person who constructs or buys a set may find himself face to face with some phenomenon that no adjustment seems able to remove.

One cannot locate underlying causes of receiver trouble with the usual means that are relatively insensitive in point of application. This applies to all electrical tests, and also to a search coil, since the radio receiver has more than one kind of an electric field. There are the 60 and 120 cycle fields, and radio frequency fields.

The reduction and the elimination of AC hum are facilitated by use of a search coil which is simply a coil that can be placed in the suspected field and to which earphones are connected. It may be used for the detection of hum present in the radio frequency circuits of a receiver, as well as in the audio channel.

Regardless of the type of search coil you work with, the physical dimensions of the coils that will be of the greatest use in a radio man's work will be all of about the same size. The first part to make is the handle, which, as the photograph shows, is of simple contour. The material is 3/16-inch hard rubber or composition radio panel. The overall length is seven inches. The handle part is five inches in length. The yoke is to measure 2 inches by 3/4-inch, the larger dimension being the one at right angles to the longer axis of the handle. The handle is 3/16-inch square. The arms that project from the yoke are 1/4-inch by 3/16-inch, and the projection distance from the body of the yoke is 1 1/4 inches. Just 3/16-inch from the end of the projecting arms of the yokes there are to be two 1/16-inch holes drilled, which, are to receive a length of brass wire that is to fit the holes very snugly.

Condenser Bypasses Phones

The center section of this wire is to be extruded by means of either pinching it in a vise, or hammering it along a 1/2-inch radius from the center. The resulting flat spot is to be used to engage firmly the short piece of wooden dowel that the coil is mounted on. This wooden coil mount may be either a piece of dowel rod or it may be an ordinary bottle cork. Anything will do just so long as it's non-magnetic and easy to work to the required size.

The dimension of the coil center hole in this case was approximately 1/2-inch. The dowel mount was 1 1/4 inches long, with the coil mounted on a 3/16-inch shoulder. The coil is held in place with a small brass wood screw that compresses a fibre washer against the coil's under side. In addition to the foregoing there is seen a bypass condenser, mounted on the yoke. This condenser, of .00025 mfd., is to bypass the radio frequency component around the phones.

The coil that is pictured herewith happened to be handy for a number of explorations within the confines of a large number of receivers, and so it was deemed a good plan to show it as is. The picture shows one of the many useful applications of this simple device, which locates instantly the effective direction of the external field of the apparatus in the cabinet, and is, of

course, easy to handle, and there is no danger of one getting a shock.

The principle of operation is that an emf is induced in an insulated conductor only when it is disposed at right angles to the inducing flux direction. It is comparatively simple to show the direction of a troublesome external field. The intensity of the field will increase as the coil is moved closer to the source, the intensity increasing inversely as the square of the distance, though the ear will not detect this rate, but merely the fact that the sound intensity increases as you get the coil closer to the stronger part of the field.

Actual Experiences

A commercial receiver in which the writer installed a dynamic speaker was found to be possessed of a bad hum, the cause of which was not readily apparent. By one person it was called modulation hum and by another it was called receiver hum, so it was up to the writer to find out what the situation really was.

Tuning the set merely resulted in the appearance of a hum that was unbearably prominent when the stations were tuned in, but careful observation showed that the hum was a maximum regardless of the radio frequency tuned in, so the presence of a hum in the radio frequency stages was suspected and the following test was made.

With the receiver tuned to a certain station, the antenna was disconnected, and the ground connection was also removed, with the result that the hum was less prevalent, but still evident, and when the receiver was placed in a more sensitive condition the hum was as bad as ever.

Inspection of the interior of the set, with a search coil, revealed the presence of a strong hum adjacent to one of the shielded chokes, and the disposition of this field was such that it with only slightly less intense near the second radio frequency stage tuned coil which was shielded on the top and sides, though not at the bottom. The choke was removed and after inspection was replaced in a different position within its can, the effort being to aim the external field in a direction away from the radio frequency coils. This cured the trouble pretty well.

In a somewhat similar manner the best position for the indoor antenna may be found, as in the walls of the house if same is old, and the new type of wiring is not used, the lighting network is mounted on porcelain clamp knobs, and not being sheathed with steel, its external flux may be picked up easily by the indoor antenna, necessitating the rerouting.

Honeycomb Choke Coil Used

The style of coil that best suits the general run of requirements is the one that is pictured herewith. The winding is of the honeycomb variety, and the wire was No. 32, the turns being 800 on a 1/2-inch form. However, any similar unshielded radio frequency choke coil will do. A coil with this number of turns will detect field intensities whose presence is the cause of coup-

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The Band Pass Filter

By Herman

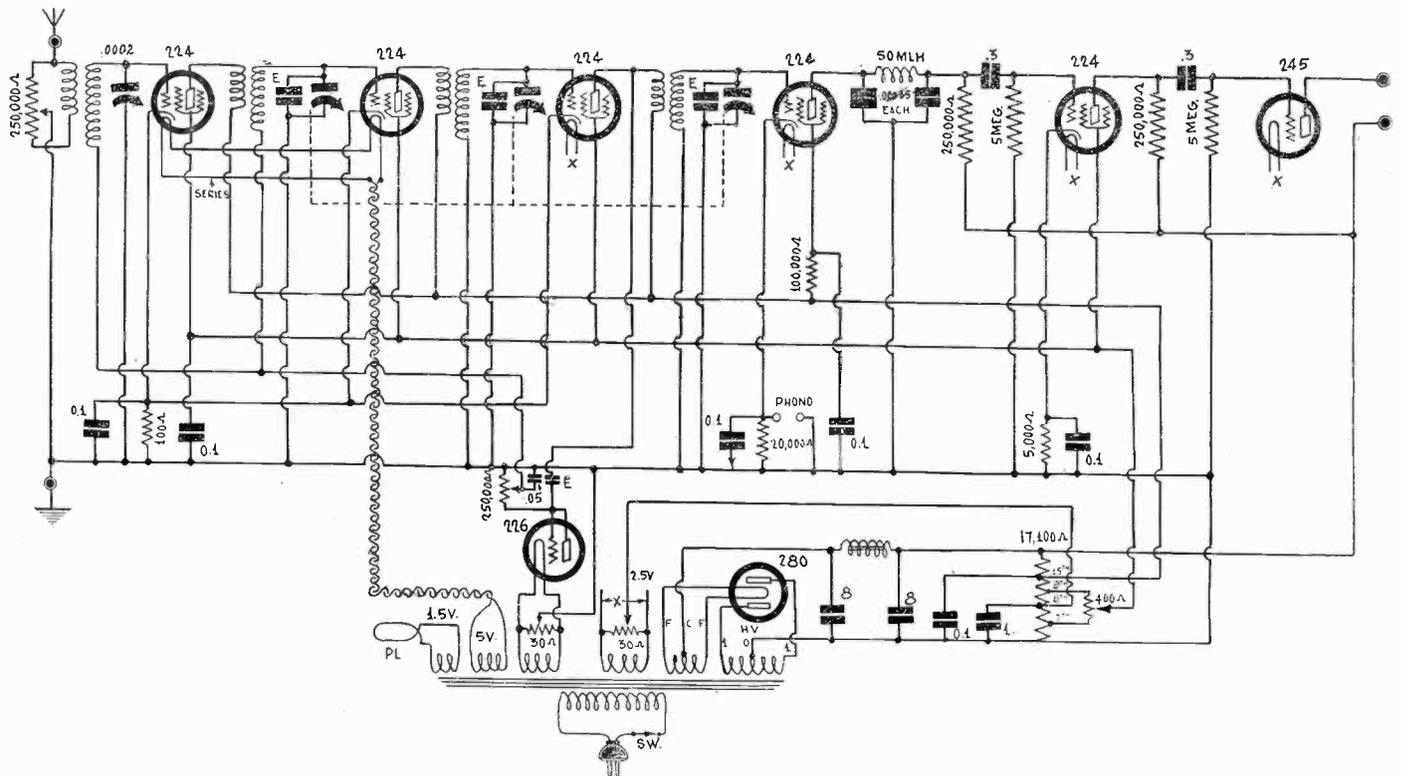


Fig. 1

The Band Pass Filter Diamond, with knob-actuated, individually tuned first stage.

TROUBLE in getting the antenna stage tuning circuit to track with the others has been common. If one uses an entirely independent condenser of the same capacity and variation as found in the subsequent gang, the tuning curve of the gang and of the independent condenser, when compared, will show this difference. It is rather substantial at times.

One method of overcoming the trouble is to put a manually operated trimming condenser across the first section of a gang, when that section tunes the input to the first radio frequency tube. A device sometimes used, but which can not be considered really a method, is to ignore the situation entirely, with consequent reduction of sensitivity and selectivity.

Helps You Get More DX

In the Band Pass Filter Diamond of the Air, diagrammed in Fig. 1 for AC operation, advantage is taken of the fact that a

LIST OF PARTS

- One antenna coil, three interstage coils, all shielded.
- One three-gang .0005 mfd. variable condenser.
- One ¼-inch reducing coupler for condenser shaft.
- Four 20-100 mmfd. equalizing condensers (E).
- One 100-ohm flexible biasing resistor.
- One 100,000-ohm metallized pigtail resistor (0.1 meg.).
- One Hammarlund .0002 mfd. condenser.
- Two 250,000-ohm metallized pigtail resistors (0.25 meg.).
- Two 5.0 meg. metallized pigtail resistors.
- Two 250,000-ohm potentiometers.
- Two 30-ohm center-tapped resistors.
- Five 0.1 mfd. condenser blocks, three capacities to each block.
- One 1.0 mfd. bypass condenser.
- Two .00035 mfd. fixed condensers.
- One binding post strip (four posts).
- Two 8 mfd. dry electrolytic filter condensers.
- One power transformer with AC cable.
- One AC switch, shaft type.
- One subpanel with eight sockets.
- One National drum dial.
- One voltage divider, with 400-ohm potentiometer.

Note: The 0.5 mfd. is made up of two series-connected 0.1 mfd. The common black lead and one red lead are cut off for this purpose, and two reds used. The 0.3 mfd. consists of three 0.1 mfd. parallel-connected.

new small condenser has been produced by the Hammarlund Manufacturing Company, that works in a total diameter of 2 inches, so the antenna stage is independently tuned, but the condenser is actuated by a knob instead of by a dial.

Therefore the condenser may be set at minimum or maximum for service, if desired, as a sort of local-distance switch, besides being most useful in establishing exact resonance, and therefore enabling the reception of many distant stations otherwise missed.

Plenty of Volume, Due to RF Gain

Besides, the selectivity is better because high negative bias is used with automatic volume control. The circuit is then as selective as modern conditions require.

Also, it will produce sufficient volume to work a loudspeaker well, even though the two audio-frequency stages are resistance-coupled. The screen grid detector, with proper resistance loads as specified—250,000 ohms in the plate circuit, 100,000 ohms in the screen circuit, 20,000-ohm bias resistor, and 5 meg. grid leak in the 245 circuit—permits about the same volume from the final output as if a general purpose tube were used with a high ratio transformer, but the quality is far better. The radio frequency gain is so high that the detector's bias voltage, or voltage handling capabilities, may be taxed, one some locals, and

How to Trace Down

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ling feedback, and other disturbances, and will be found a most reliable indicator for the trouble shooter who has to treat cases in this category.

The coil that is best for radio frequency work alone is the solenoid, preferably the single layer type, but if the coil is to be poked into small spaces it cannot be large at all, so for this purpose it is best to select the same type of winding as previously discussed. The adjacent wires are to be separated about ¼ of an inch, but the fibre tubing inside diameter is 1¼ inches. The wall is 1/16 inch and the successive layers are to be collodion coated as before. The best plan is to make up several coils, of the honeycomb type, and tune them all with a .00025 condenser, or if you want to try it you can mount one of the larger midget type variable condensers, and the rectification may be by means of a fixed crystal, of which there are many, and the cost is low.

If hum distortion is being emitted by the speaker, place the

Diamond of the Air

Bernard

it is therefore no trick at all to load up the 245 tube, although the 50-volt bias on that tube allows for a 100-volt fluctuation in the previous plate circuit.

You will notice that the voltage applied to the detector plate load is the maximum voltage from the B supply, which is around 300 volts, less bias, and screen resistor, 100,000 ohms, returned to the 180-volt lead. This properly apportions screen and plate voltages, and also provides the proper biasing voltage, due to the flow of screen and plate currents through the 20,000-ohm biasing resistor.

Uses Four Tuned Circuits

It is not difficult to attain the very pinnacle of quality with such a hookup, the only provision being that the circuit should not oscillate at radio frequencies. It will not motorboat. The voltage for the screens of all three of the radio frequency tubes is critical, in respect to oscillation, and therefore those taps on the voltage divider were selected for connection of the voltage control that would keep oscillation well in check.

So, in this circuit, you have four tuned circuits, one of which is independently tuned. What is the advantage of independent tuning you will find out quickly, after you have operated the receiver a few minutes.

The first and second stages are inter-coupled, due to the return of the tuned circuit of both stages through the .05 mfd. condenser in the automatic volume control tube (226). The capacity of .05 mfd. is made up of two sections of a triple 0.1 mfd. condenser block, with the black common lead and any one red lead cut off, the two remaining red leads being used, the resultant capacity being half of 0.1, or .05 mfd. This provides the proper admittance band for the band pass filter introduced in the first and second radio frequency amplifying stages.

This Circuit Has Only 2% Hum

The rest of the circuit has no novelties, except perhaps the connection of the heaters of the first two tubes across a 5-volt AC source. This is simply an example of connecting the heaters of these two tubes in series. The power transformer's 2½-volt winding will not provide full 2½ volts if all five heater tubes are worked therefrom, so the extra 5-volt winding is used, it being all right to connect heaters in series. No hum results.

On the subject of hum, due to the high capacities used in the filter section, 8 mfd. each, and the 30-henry choke coil, it is utterly impossible to hear any hum at all at a distance of 5 feet from the speaker, even with no signal tuned in. Even with the ear placed directly in front of the speaker, the hum is faint, almost inaudible.

It is considered permissible to have a hum component of 5 per cent. in an AC receiver, yet in this particular set the hum component is less than 2 per cent. While many will not find a little hum objectionable, since voice and music will drown it out, nevertheless the goal was to make the hum component so very low that even those who object to a little of it have no cause whatsoever for complaint on this score. No matter how severe your demand may be for hum-absence, this receiver will gratify it fully.

Attainment of Proper Voltages

Attainment of proper voltages is very important in this receiver, but the solution has been made, and it is as follows:

and Remove Hum

search coil at various points close to the core, or over the sheathing that covers the core of the output transformer. At some point the hum will be heard that is similar to that of the speaker output. Now if the search coil is held in the same position relative to the core, and moved away from it at the same time, the intensity of the hum will subside but it will still be audible and the chances are that the path thus traced will lead to the other transformer.

Close grouping of transformers that are not well shielded magnetically is especially troublesome in push-pull amplifiers, and if it is not possible to alter the placement of the apparatus the alternative method of suppressing the distortion is to couple the plate of the amplifier tube to the P terminal of the audio transformer with a fixed condenser of say 1 mfd., and supply the plate potential through a series choke, which may be the secondary of an old 1-to-3 audio transformer. This method of coupling removes the DC from the coupling transformer primary.

Use a Multi-Tap Voltage Divider. This has taps affording twenty different voltages. The terminal lug at one end, where the lugs are more numerous, goes to ground. The extreme lug at the other end goes to the output of the filter choke. The center of the 2½-volt winding goes to the eighth tap from ground on the voltage divider, counting the ground tap and including it as the first, while a potentiometer, 400 ohms or more, is connected between the seventh and the ninth taps, that is, across these two positions. The correct screen voltage, admittedly critical, is obtained in this way, and once determined, is not molested thereafter.

The 180-volt tap is taken from the fifteenth lug from ground, counting the ground lug as the first, and counting two interconnected lugs as one. The voltage divider consists of two resistors in series, totalling 17,100 ohms, with a wire soldered at the factory from the extreme of one unit to the extreme of another unit. This is the one meant when the "interconnected lugs" are cited. The 180-volt connection is not critical, but the lug second from the 300-volt end cannot be used, although any one of the four other lugs on the way down to ground may be selected. It is just as well, however, to adhere to the 15th tap, as prescribed.

The method used in determining the correct tap for returning the center of the 2½-volt winding was as follows: With the 245 tube in circuit, return made to some estimated position, the voltage across the divider was measured, and proved to be 297 volts. This passes for the 300 volts recommended for total grid-plate voltage for the 245. Then the return was removed and a 0-100 milliammeter was connected in series with the wire coming from the center of the resistor across the 2½-volt winding, and the return made to that point on the voltage divider that produced a reading of 32 milliamperes.

Bias Voltage Checked

The total voltage was rechecked at 297 volts. At 250 plate volts and 32 milliamperes of plate current, the bias on a good 245 tube will be 50 volts negative. When a 0-100 voltmeter was put across the section of the divider used for biasing, a meter with a resistance of 2,000 ohms per volt, the reading proved to be 49.7 volts, so the accuracy was even closer than requirements, as 5 per cent. variation is permissible.

With regard to the bias for the radio frequency tubes, this was made a little higher than standard because of improved selectivity and as a further safeguard against cross-modulation due to overloading of the radio amplifiers. So great is the gain of the 224 tube that overload preliminary to the detector may result unless the bias is somewhat higher than the usual requirement, and the 225 automatic volume control tube doubly takes care of this.

The band pass filtration arises from unison of two circuits. In the first instance the tuned circuit is completed through the biasing system of the second tube. Through this biasing resistor passes the second tube's plate current, so the union is established that way.

The power transformer has the rectifier voltage sources on one side, 5 volts (F-C-F) and high voltage (1-0-1), both windings center-tapped.

On the opposite side are the 2½-volt, extra 5-volt and two 1½-volt windings. On this side none of the windings is center-tapped.

Data for Winding the Coils

The coils have to be shielded, of course. Drawn aluminum circular shields of 3-inch diameter were used. These did not drop the inductance below that required for coverage of the broadcast band with .0005 mfd. condensers.

Using No. 28 enamel wire, and a diameter of 1¾ inches, the antenna coil consisted of 15 turns for the primary, ¼-inch space, and 96 turns for the secondary. The others had 25-turn primary, 70-turn secondary, ⅜-inch separation.

The shields are 3½ inches high, so the winding form should not be more than 3¼ inches high. This space is enough to accommodate the large coil, which has a total of 111 turns, i.e., 15-turn primary and 96-turn secondary.

The coils should not be placed very close together, even though they are shielded. The idea that there can be no inductive coupling between shielded stages is erroneous. If the coils are so arranged that the shields are separated only a slight distance, say ¼ inch, there will be plenty of coupling, also considerable squealing. But if the coils are placed with shield walls at least one inch apart, there will be no such trouble from inductive coupling.

Single Tuning Control

By Henry

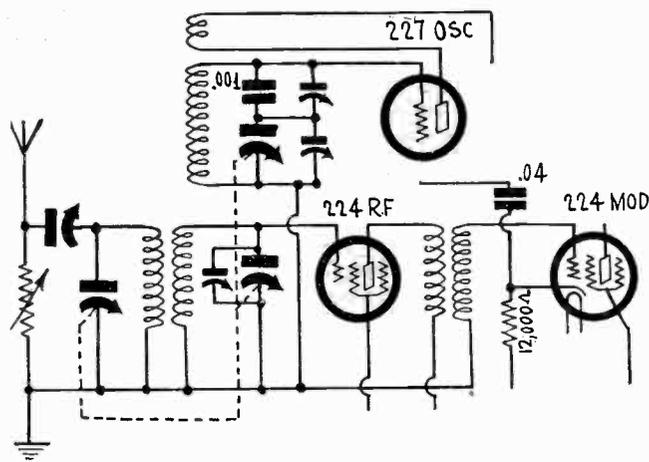


Fig. 1

Skeleton diagram of the radio amplifier and mixer circuit of the Majestic Model 50, one of this season's commercial Superheterodynes. The oscillator circuit (upper) has series and parallel capacity.

WHEN single tuning control began to become popular in tuned radio frequency receivers in 1925, some technicians doubted the electrical advisability of resorting to this admitted convenience, pointing out that it is not possible to have multiple tuned circuits flawlessly synchronized by the gang method. Although separate controls produced an awkward appearance and made tuning a multifarious operation, they afforded better selectivity and sensitivity, for each circuit could be perfectly resonated.

What have these gentlemen to say today on the subject of gang tuning of the oscillator and the modulator of a Superheterodyne for broadcast frequency reception? The problem is much more difficult.

Intermediate Frequency Values

In the example of a tuned radio frequency receiver, each circuit is to tune through the same band of frequencies, 1,500 to 550 kc. In a Superheterodyne the modulator and radio frequency amplifier, if used, tune the same way and to the same purpose as the familiar tuned radio frequency receiver, but with the oscillator the frequency problem is different. In fact, only the difference between the oscillator tuning, and the modulator and radio frequency tuning, produces the admixture frequency which is known as the intermediate frequency, and thus only the difference makes Superheterodyne reception possible.

How great the difference will be will depend on what the intermediate frequency is. The lower the intermediate frequency, the smaller the difference between the locally generated oscillator frequency and the frequency of the original carrier, or station to be heard. Hence the higher the intermediate frequency, the greater the disparity of the dial settings, if one assumes for the moment that the oscillator is independently tuned, and that the same constants are used in both circuits.

The commercial receivers tend to favor an intermediate frequency of 175 kc, or a little less than 1,715 meters, which may be regarded as a medium intermediate frequency, particularly as around 70 kc was used in kit-sets only a few years ago.

Capacities Offer Solution

Assuming that the difference in frequency between oscillator and modulator is to be established by using the higher oscillator frequency, it is obvious that while the modulator is to tune from 1,500 to 550 kc, the oscillator must tune from 1,675 kc to 725 kc. Mere use of the same capacity tuning condenser in the oscillator circuit, and a smaller inductance in the same circuit than in the modulator, will not solve the problem, because the extremely narrow range of frequency needed for oscillator tuning would be grossly exceeded. Nor would use of the same coil, but with a smaller capacity for tuning, constitute the solution, for the ratio of the condenser would be far too high.

But the problem can be solved by resort both to reduction of the maximum capacity and increase of the minimum, as well, either using an equal inductance or a smaller inductance. The

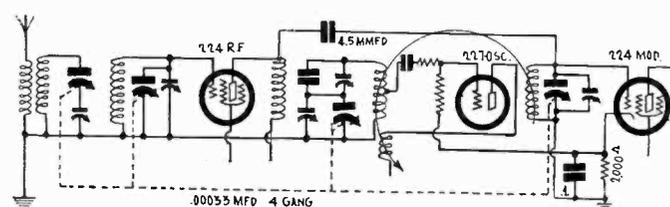


Fig. 2

The radio amplifier and mixer of the new Radiola Superheterodynes, Models 80 and 82, in basic sketch form. The same system of series and parallel capacity is used in the oscillator to gain conformity tuning. Here a four-gang condenser is used, whereas Majestic uses a three-gang.

high minimum capacity confers on the condenser a band-spanning characteristic, of the nature familiar to amateurs, who desire only a narrow band of frequencies to be tuned in over the entire spread of a dial.

Series and Parallel Capacities

As examples of this method, the essentials of the radio frequency and mixer circuits of the Majestic Model 50 and the Radiola Models 80 and 82 are shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The Majestic 50 is the console model Superheterodyne introduced this season, while the Radiolas, 80 and 82, are identical to each other, except that the 82 is equipped with tone control.

In both the Majestic and Radiola instances there are a radio tuned radio frequency stage, using a 224 tube, a 224 modulator and a 227 oscillator. It is interesting to note that the Majestic has a 12,000 ohm biasing resistor in the modulator cathode lead, while the Radiolas have a 2,000-ohm value. Modulation results in either instance, but the tubes are worked at different points on their characteristic curve.

Only One Is a Control

In the oscillator circuit in both instances there is a section of the gang condenser. The first point to notice is that a series condenser is connected from stator of the tuning condenser to the grid connection of the tuning coil. This reduces the effective capacity of the tuning condenser. Across this series condenser (.001 mfd. in the instance of the Majestic and .000745 mfd. in the instance of the Radiolas) is an adjustable parallel capacity. Thus the effective series capacity may be adjusted. The fourth condenser in the oscillator tuning circuit is a trimmer across the section of the gang, so that the minimum capacity may be raised.

The fact that there are three variables does not mean there are three controls for the oscillator circuit, since the object of introducing variables is to make for fine sensitivity and selectivity in preparing receivers for dissemination, while the gang remains the control for the user.

The attainment of the two extreme values, or equivalents, for both circuits may be said to constitute the solution, since hardly any means remains for improving on this, unless a condenser with specially shaped plates, or in which the shape of the plates may be altered due to slotting, is available. Thus the extremes need not be disturbed, while the capacities at settings between these may be permanently altered.

The First Step

The method generally employed in achieving successful synchronization of such tentatively dissimilar circuits as modulator and oscillator is to get a tuning curve, or dial settings, for the tuned radio frequency portion and modulator, these affording the same curve, and note the extreme points, or other particular points, e.g., where 1,500 kc and 550 kc come in. Suppose the readings are 3 and 97. Then with an independent tuning condenser across a test oscillator, which may be one section of another gang condenser from the same lot, with modulator set for 550 kc, the oscillator, too, is set at 93 dial reading, and a variable series condenser is adjusted until the signal comes through strongest. The oscillator is tuned and a curve is run. Comparing the two curves, the fixed one for the modulator and the experimental one for the oscillator, it will be found, perhaps, that the oscillator brings in 1,500 kc at 40 on the dial. Therefore the series capacity is reduced, and a parallel capacity is placed across the tuning condenser, while another attempt is made,

in a Superheterodyne

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again starting at 550 kc. The oscillator may be found to be off still.

Thus it is always simple to get "one end," but the other proves elusive. It is not necessary at first to do more than to get the extremes, so that the oscillator will tune in 550 kc at 93 and 1,500 kc at 3. but the work of tying down both ends sometimes proves a long but not uninteresting job. Finally, when they are tied down, the two curves, modulator and oscillator, will be found to vary. Some attempt to get coincidence at other dial points, or frequency settings, than the extremes. This can amount to little more than perfecting or improving resonance by trimmer adjustments on modulator and pre-tuner circuits, since if the two ends have been tied down correctly for the oscillator, any disturbance of the constants would destroy the balance already achieved.

Getting the TRF Signals Through

In the mixer circuits diagrammed you have a stage of tuned radio frequency amplification and modulator, both circuits tuned, so with the oscillator tube out, you can hear broadcast stations directly, by putting earphones in series with the modulator plate circuit. In this way you can get the modulator dial settings, particularly the extremes, which are desirable.

If the extremes are not used, some other frequencies not far removed may be utilized. For instance, for 175 kc, one may use as the higher settings, 1,400 kc, particularly since 1,400 kc is the eighth harmonic of 175 kc. The other extreme may be 600 kc. These examples are cited because they are the ones said to be used by the Radio Corporation of America in tying down the two points for the 80 and 82.

If you desire to experiment with the Superheterodyne circuit, you should calibrate the tuned radio frequency portion of the system, which includes the modulator, and thus be able to select two extreme or equivalent points for oscillator guidance. You may even use broadcasting station frequencies as guides, so that what the two frequencies shall be may depend on what stations, in the desired frequency regions, are readily tuned in. In a stationery store you can buy a few sheets of graph paper, and it is well to run a curve, plotting frequency against dial settings, starting with the two extreme frequencies with the full curve of tuned radio frequency system, using six points or more, but particularly noting the two far-removed test points against which checking is to be done.

Choice of Intermediate Frequency

The next step, for present purposes, is to set up the intermediate frequency amplifier. It does not matter what its frequency is, so far as the test goes. If you are at a loss to provide yourself with an intermediate channel, you may use the lowest frequency setting of a broadcast receiver, affording an intermediate frequency of, say, 530 kc, or you may take regular broadcast coils and, using two of them, with a fixed condenser across the secondary twice as large as the capacity tuning condenser they require, and adding a trimming capacity, do your testing on this basis. Your task will be the harder because of the high intermediate frequency, since the oscillator and modulator tuning always must differ by the intermediate frequency, which in this case may be 400 kc or so.

As you may have only a single gang condenser, with no equal tuning capacity for independent control of oscillator, you may temporarily disconnect the stator of the modulator condenser from the coil to which it was attached, and introduce the aerial into the oscillator grid through a small fixed condenser (.0001 mfd. or less) or by putting a few turns of wire around the modulator grid winding, and connecting aerial to one end of this winding, the other end of which may be left free or be returned to ground.

Now all the frequency discrimination will arise from the rotation of the section of the gang across the oscillator grid coil. The one extreme point may be selected for test, the dial being put at the same numerical setting as prevailed for modulator tuning. Then the series condenser, which should be variable, is adjusted, also the parallel capacity across it, and even the trimmer across the section of the gang. After the one point is attained, which is easy, the other is sought, which is not so easy.

Capacity Is the Main Consideration

The inductance may be the same for the oscillator secondary as for the modulator secondary, or it may be less, although the problem is essentially one of capacity adjustment, and difference in inductance has a relatively small effect in simplifying the solution.

In making the tests, it is well to remember that slight reduction in series capacity shows up as a large effect on the main

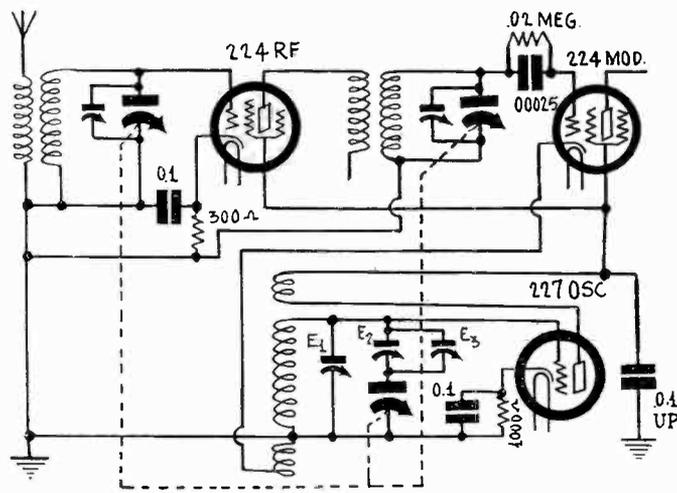


Fig. 3

An excellent mixer that may be used by the home experimenter in tying down two far-removed tuning points of the oscillator to establish coincidence of dial settings with those of the radio amplifier and modulator.

capacity (which is the tuning condenser), and that when the band of frequencies that you desire to spread over the entire dial is encompassed by a small part of the dial, that the extra capacity across the tuning condenser should be increased. With these two ideas well in mind, the rest of the cut-and-try method work may be done, until finally you will have a single control mixer that will work with the intermediate frequency amplifier of your choice. The work has to be done all over again for any other intermediate frequency.

When the two extremes are found at the same positions on the oscillator dial as they were on the modulator dial, it is interesting to run a curve, and note whether there is any divergence between the two curves, and particularly where it is greatest. This visual comparison of curves will forecast accurately the regions of greatest and least sensitivity, since where the curves are identical sensitivity and selectivity are utmost, and where they depart the most these attributes are at a minimum. However, divergences need not provoke any great concern, as there is no simple way to avoid them (if there is any at all, without resorting to manually-operated trimmers), and there is no danger of prevention of reception. There will be only some unevenness of sensitivity and selectivity through the broadcast band of frequencies.

Make the Intermediate Resonant

There is another consideration respecting sensitivity and selectivity, and that is the intermediate amplifier. It is relatively easy to resonate the circuits of this amplifier, since independently accessible trimmers are across each tuned winding, if the foregoing suggestions were followed, or an intermediate train of transformers is used that has been tested on an oscillator at a factory that produces such couplers.

By all means see to it that the tuning is carefully done in the intermediate channel, as mistuning here, as well as anywhere else, has a marked effect in reducing both sensitivity and selectivity.

The circuit shown in complete form in Fig. 3 may be used for the mixer, the coupling coil consisting of a few turns, say 8, as a continuation of the grid winding of the oscillator.

New Set Builder's Guide

For those many fans desirous of constructing such receivers and amplifiers that afford the utmost in efficiency, three manufacturers have united to issue a 24-page booklet, "The Set Builder's Guide of Outstanding Circuits."

The publishing of this educational booklet was made possible by The Hammarlund Manufacturing Company, Inc., Amperite Corporation, and Electrad, Inc. The text was compiled and edited by Harry G. Cisin. A special table of symbols of radio components, pictorially described, is a feature of the manual.

The Philco Transitone

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Fig. 1 (at right)
 The circuit diagram of the Philco-Transitone Automobile Radio Receiver. It contains an automatic volume control for eliminating the fading due to changes in field intensity as the car moves.

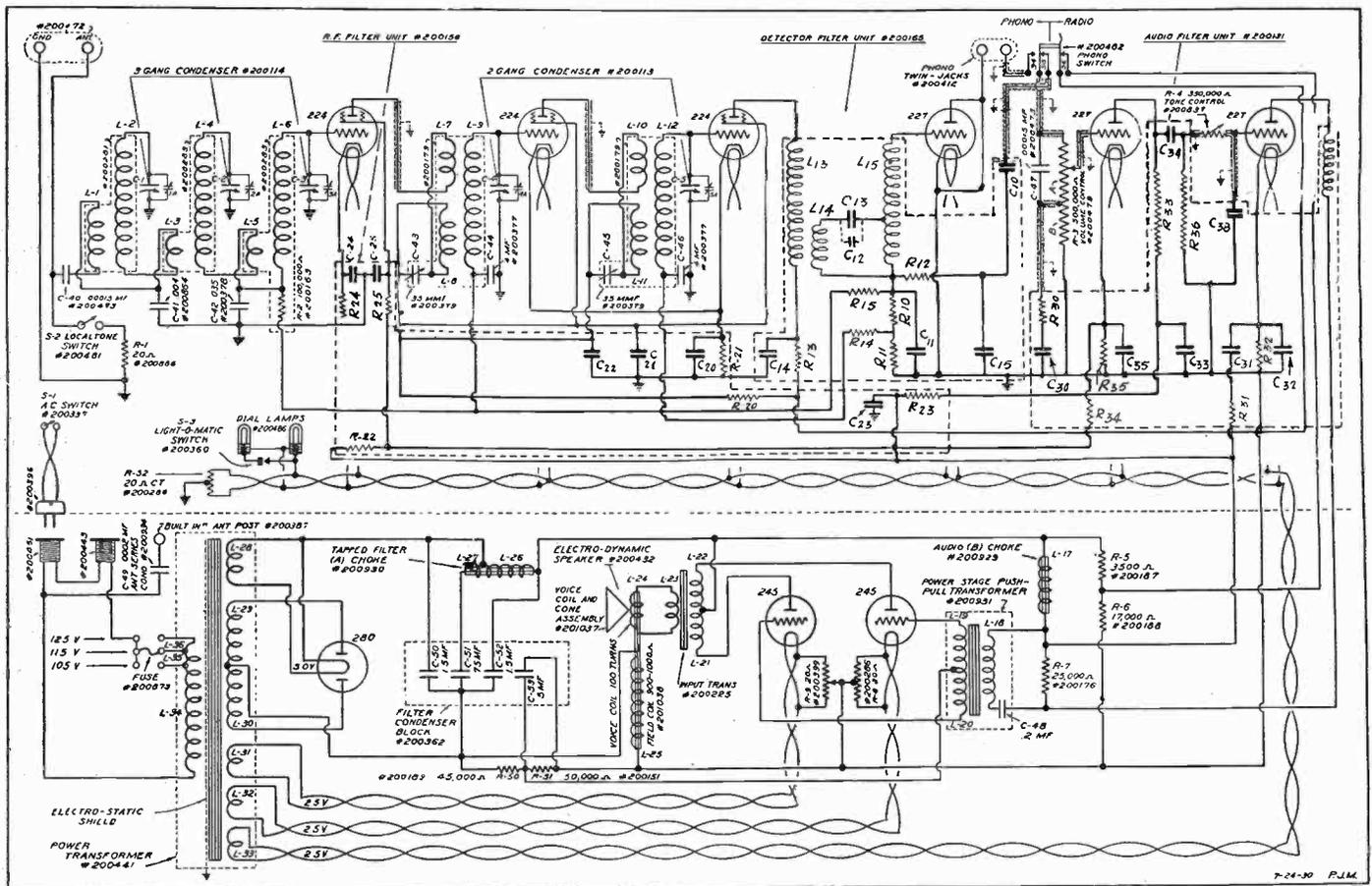
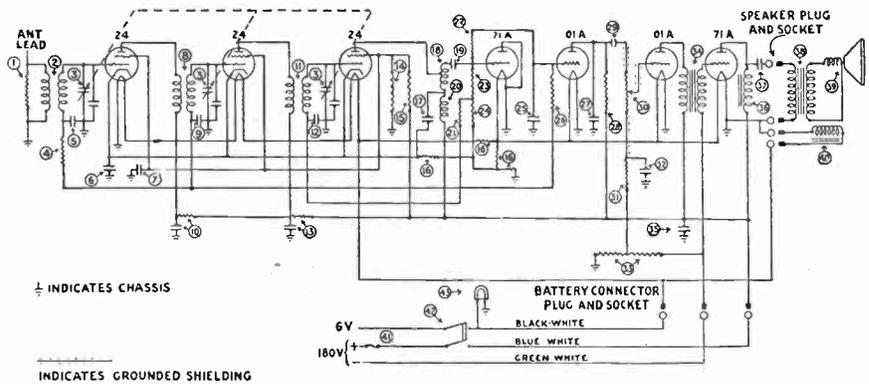


Fig. 2
 Diagram of the Edison screen grid radio receivers, Models R-6 and R-7.

THE Philco-Transitone Automobile Radio Model No. 3, shown in Fig. 1, is a seven-tube receiver incorporating three 224 screen grid tubes as radio frequency amplifiers, two 171A type, one used as detector and one as power tube, and two 201A, used as audio frequency amplifiers. The heaters of the three 224 tubes are connected in series across the storage battery of the car, and therefore each tube is operated at 2 volts. The filaments of the 5-volt tubes are connected in parallel across the battery, except that a common ballast resistor of one ohm is used in the positive lead to cut the voltage to 5 volts.

The 171A detector is connected as a diode, the plate and the filament being connected together, and it is also used as an automatic volume control. This automatic control feature is obtained by returning the grids of the radio frequency amplifiers to various positions on the output resistance of the detector

tube. It will be observed that the grids of the first two tubes are returned through a high resistance (25) to the grid of the first audio amplifier tube while that of the third tube is returned to a point on the resistance (23, 24). Since the grid of the detector tube is the lowest potential point available, if the cathodes of radio frequency tubes are connected to any other point the bias on the amplifiers will be negative and the amount by which they are negative will vary with the intensity of the signal on the detector. Hence there is a continuous check on the amplification and the volume is automatically held at a nearly constant level.

Manual Volume Control

The cathodes of the three RF tubes are connected together and finally are joined to the detector output circuit at a point

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By Herman

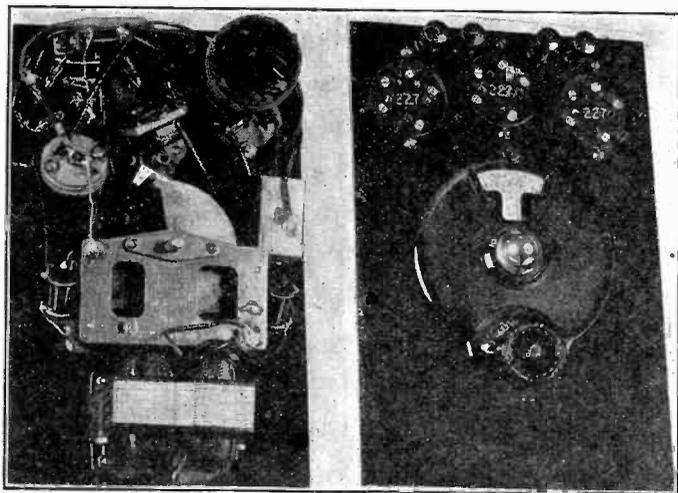


Fig. 1

Views of the wired model of a converter on a 6 x 9-inch panel, and in the \$15 class. Filament transformer is included, as well as National Velvet Vernier dial

THE short wave converters that have been described in these columns, beginning with the November 8th issue, and continuing each week since then, have been principally as follows:

(1)—A three-tube converter, using 227 tubes, both in AC and battery-operated forms. The battery model used the 227 heaters in series across a 6-volt storage battery. A fixed coil was used, and one tuned circuit. Filament transformer, if used, is external. The wave range is 30 to 110 meters.

(2)—A three-tube AC model, using 227 tubes, with filament transformer and switch built in, and using plug-in coils for wider wave range, that is, 15 to 600 meters, so even the broadcast band can be tuned in. One tuned circuit is used.

(3)—A three-tube AC model, using screen grid tubes throughout, and plug-in coils, to cover from 15-600 meters, with two tuned circuits for the broadcast band, at least, with option of one or two tuned circuits for short waves, depending on coils plugged in

A Larger Model of First Converter

The model mentioned under (1) was built on a 5x6½-inch panel that fits into a wooden cabinet. Using a somewhat larger panel, 6x9 inches, room is provided for the filament transformer. How the larger sized layout appears is shown in Fig. 1, while the diagram of this is printed as Fig. 2. It is the same diagram as used for the smaller model, except for filament transformer added, but as there is not much doing above 80 meters, it was considered advisable to make the coil of lesser inductance, to tune from about 20 to 81 meters, with the .00035 mfd. condenser used. The winding data for this is as follows: On a tubing 1¾ inches in diameter, using No. 24 silk covered wire, wind six turns for the secondary, tap, and wind one more turn for pickup. Leave ⅛ inch space and wind 12 turns for the tickler. The connections, top to bottom, are: beginning of the secondary winding to grid of the oscillator tube, tap to ground, end of single-turn winding to cathode of the modulator, beginning of tickler (adjoining end of other coil) to B plus, and remaining tickler terminal to plate of the oscillator. The B plus voltage should be 50 volts or more, while even up to 180 volts may be used. This voltage you must obtain from the receiver with which the converter is worked.

Data on the de luxe triple-screen grid model were published recently. The diagram is printed herewith as Fig. 3, some slight changes having been introduced. These changes consist of a different method of obtaining the screen voltage and in the introduction of grid leak-condenser modulation, as many readers have requested this form of modulation. It is more sensitive than the negative bias method of modulation, but overloads more quickly, as was explained when the optional modulation schemes were first presented, but readers seem to prefer the overload danger, because at all hazards more stations can be tuned in by the leak-condenser method. However, the pickup winding should be of smaller inductance in this case, to help prevent too early overload of the modulator. Two turns are enough, with a 13-turn secondary, and four turns with a 23-turn

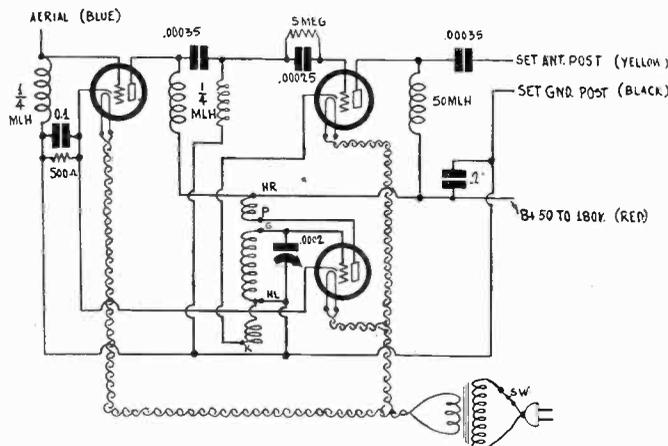


Fig. 2

The circuit diagram of the converter shown in Fig. 1.

secondary, on tube base plug-in forms. Precision coils may be used, also. Notice that with the screen grid tube as modulator where short waves are concerned a much lower value of grid leak is used than is otherwise recommended, that is, 20,000 ohms instead of several million ohms.

The screen grid tube as an oscillator produces a steadier voltage than does the 227, and also the method of obtaining the screen voltage for all three tubes makes the screen current

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negative side across a total resistance of 95,000 ohms. Since the field coil itself has a resistance of the order of only 1,000 ohms most of the current flows through it and the 95,000 ohm resistance serves mainly to prevent an open in case the field coil should be disconnected or become open. The 95,000 ohm resistance is divided into one 50,000 and one 45,000 ohm sections and the higher of these is used for grid bias on the two power tubes. The voltage drop in the field coil would give too high bias to the power tubes, and this is another reason for using the 95,000 ohms, that is, to permit the use of only part of the drop in the coil for bias.

The primary of the power transformer is tapped for 105, 115 and 125 volts, and the proper tap is selected by putting the line fuse in the appropriate clips. An electric shield is placed between the primary and the various secondaries to prevent line disturbances from entering the receiver by way of the capacity between the windings.

Provision is made for a phonograph pickup unit and it is connected in the plate circuit of the detector, or more accurately, in series with the grid leak or volume control potentiometer ahead of the first audio frequency amplifier. The detector cannot be said to have a plate circuit since the plate and the cathode are connected together. The unit is connected so that the potentiometer can be used for controlling the volume of the phonograph music as well as that of the radio receiver.

In tracing out the grid returns of the three screen grid tubes as well as the cathode leads of these tubes we note that the effective grid bias changes with the intensity of the signal because a part of the detector output is included in the grid circuits. Thus there is an automatic volume control effect without using an extra tube for this purpose.

Midget radio receivers are almost as popular at this time as electric clocks, and nearly all radio set manufacturers are making them. In Fig 3 herewith we are presenting a circuit diagram of Crosley Models 53 and 54 Midgets, and this with a few minor changes is also the diagram of Model 57.

Although this diagram is simple and contains five tubes, including the rectifier, it contains all the necessary elements for simplicity of control, sensitivity, selectivity, and high undistorted output. It has three tuned circuits to insure selectivity, two screen grid radio frequency amplifiers and a screen grid power detector to insure sensitivity, and a 245 power amplifier with a dynamic speaker to insure a high undistorted output.

The circuit is provided with a manual volume control, which takes the form of a 25,000 ohm rheostat across the antenna coil. The control is double-action because as the rheostat slider is moved in the direction of stronger signals not only is the resistance across the antenna coil increased but the grid bias

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through the limiting resistor change in step with the plate current, which likewise tends towards steadiness, and helps remove some of the fading effects on short waves. In many instances these effects must be due to the "floppiness" of the oscillator.

All of these converters work well. It has been a pleasant surprise to fans who had sad experiences with short-wave adapters that plug into the detector socket, and like as not produced no signals, to find a device that converts a receiver into a Superheterodyne, or that works with a receiver that already is a Superheterodyne, and that really does bring in the stations.

Quite a few of the builders have brought in European and South American stations, as well as having heard from Canada and virtually all parts of the United States, so there must be something to these converters. At least they are very easy to tune, not nearly so much skill being required as with the regenerative short-wave set or adapter, and even boys of 15 years of age have brought in foreign stations without previous instruction, using sets that are only fair. There was much excitement in homes as Europe was heard directly on converters.

The performance depends mostly on the receiver with which the converter is worked.

If no signals at all are heard there is either a short or an open circuit, in part or in toto, a bad tube, which amounts to the same thing, or a misconnection either in or outside the set converter to the set, which also means short or open circuit. An improper load on a tube is also a part short circuit, but the proper loads were described in the series of articles, and for the present purpose also are imprinted on the diagrams.

One of the fine attractions of the converter is that it does work even on the highest frequencies to which the circuit can

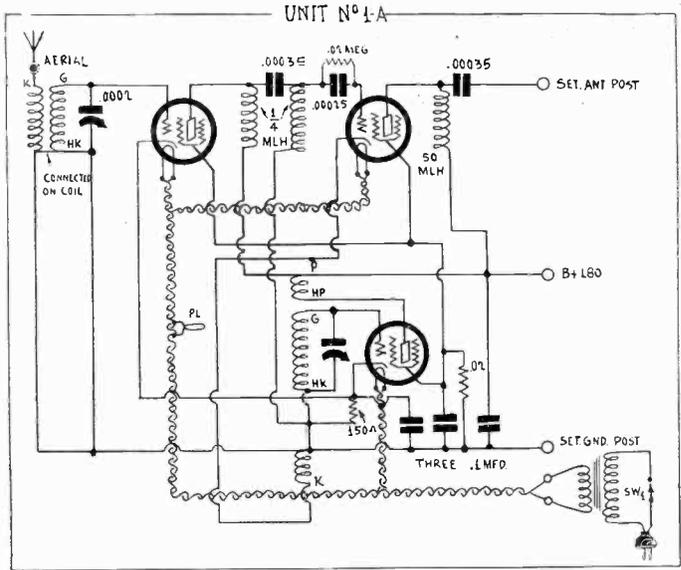


Fig. 3
Design of a triple-screen grid converter, 15 to 600 meters, with leak-condenser modulation and a steadied screen voltage effect.

the Crosley Midgets

resistance is decreased so that when the entire 25,000 ohms is across the antenna the 20,000 ohm bias resistor is shorted, leaving only 440 ohms for biasing the two screen grid amplifiers.

Provision is also made for a phonograph pickup unit. In the third tuned circuit is a one megohm resistance in series with the coil. Across this resistance is a condenser and binding posts for the pickup unit. The receiver comes with the binding posts short-circuited. If a pickup unit is to be connected this short-circuit is to be cut and the unit connected. By means of a double pole, double throw switch, not built in, the pickup unit may either be cut in parallel with the one megohm resistor or a short-circuit across it may be connected. Since the switch will be on the low potential side of the circuit it will not affect the tuning characteristic of the receiver.

There is only one audio frequency amplifier, and for that reason the screen grid detector must operate on the high signal principle. The bias for this tube is obtained from a 10,000 ohm resistor placed in the cathode lead.

The output circuit is quite ingenious and is very suitable for a midget set. The field coil serves as plate impedance of the power tube in addition to its normal function. Thus the plate current of the power tube is utilized to establish the field in the speaker. Another feature is that the voice coil, which is wound to fit the tube without a coupling transformer, is connected directly between the plate and the cathode of the tube, through a 0.5 mfd. condenser. By cathode here is meant the center of the filament circuit. It will be observed the filament circuit is balanced by means of two 25 ohm resistances, one on each side of the voice coil return.

A bias resistor of 1,650 ohms is connected from the junction of these two resistors and bound to maintain the grid of the tube at the proper negative potential. There is no by-pass condenser across this resistor, but the return of the voice coil to the cathode and the thorough filtering in the B supply make it unnecessary to use one. The filtering is secured by one choke and two 8 mfd. electrolytic condensers.

The coupling between the detector and the audio amplifier is by means of resistance. The plate resistance is 150,000 ohms while the grid leak is one megohm. A 0.1 mfd. condenser is used for blocking. There is also a low-pass filter between the plate of the detector and the resistance coupler, and this consists of a radio frequency choke in series and two .00025 mfd. condensers.

Models 53 and 54 are practically alike, differing only in mechanical construction. Model 54 is smaller and more compact and is intended for small cabinets of the mantle type. Models 53 and 57 are similar except that a few circuit changes have been introduced.

be tuned. Usually in short-wave sets there is difficulty obtaining oscillation at these frequencies. The use of low inductance RF choke coils, with consequent slight distributed capacity, accounts in part for this good response at the high end.

But it should be borne in mind that frequencies around the 20-meter band, and higher in frequency, are not received well in the night-time as they are by day. This is one of the phenomena associated with this band and has nothing much to do with the reception device used, although with converters the reduction in response in this precious band is much less than with straight short-wave sets, since most of the amplification is at an intermediate frequency, that is, 1,500 kc or lower, that being the frequency to which the set is tuned.

About the most important asset, aside from the receiver or converter, getting your money's worth out of short waves, is to have an up-to-date list of short-wave stations. This list should include both foreign and domestic stations and should state when these stations are on the air.

From time to time in these columns such a list has been printed, but work is being done on a new list, which ought to be ready for publication in a few weeks, and which will give, for the first time, all the essential information: wavelength, frequency, call letter, location, and hours on the air, in Atlantic Standard Time, Eastern Standard Time, Central Standard Time, Mountain Standard Time and Pacific Standard Time. The Atlantic time is for the benefit of the Canadian customers who have this time. Each classification will be complete and will be duplicated with only the time change. Thus you would not have to accept the statement that a station is one the air at 2 o'clock Greenwich Meridian Time, which requires not only conversion to our own system (easy enough) but also allowance for the time difference between the foreign, and even domestic stations, and your place of abode. For territorial United States the time differences are well known, but who knows offhand the difference in time between New York and Siam, or between Denver and Guadaloupe or between San Francisco and Motala, Sweden? Not I.

Worth Getting Into

Those who have not had any experience with short waves are cordially invited to get into the swim, as the fun is great. Also, the expense need not be killing. The model mentioned under subdivision (1) was designed so that it could be built of parts costing less than \$5 (not including filament transformer, about \$2.50 extra), while the model mentioned under (2) was designed so that \$10 would cover all parts, including filament transformer, and model (3) is in the under-\$20 class. The enlarged model of (1), as illustrated, is in the \$15 class, due to precision deal and the Polo filament transformer.

What Short Waves Offer

By Brainard Foote

THE rapidly growing use of short waves for broadcasting and television, in addition to the enormous use of short waves for code communications by radio amateurs, governmental and commercial interests, makes short-wave radio reception of more popular interest than ever.

As popularly understood, short waves are those waves shorter than 200 meters. Regular broadcasting uses waves from 200 meters up to 545 meters. Expressed in kilocycles, this band is from 1,500 to 550 kc, or a stretch of about 950 kc. A space of 10 kc is allowed between stations to avoid interference, so we can have less than 100 broadcasting stations within range of each other to avoid interference, operating at the same time.

Wider Span on Short Waves

Short waves present a striking contrast. Reaching from about 20 meters to 200 meters, we have a range from about 15,000 kc to about 1,500 kc, or a span of about 13,500 kc. Allowing 10 kc per station, we have "room" for at least 1,350 stations all at once! However, upto 100 kc separation is allowed on some short waves, and in one instance 1,000 kc. For the numerous sections of the short-wave band that are reserved for code messages, the stations may be closer together than even 10 kc, so that really many thousands are able to operate side by side.

Here are the principal facts about short waves in which you will be especially interested: Skipping, fading, methods of reception.

It is a most peculiar and interesting fact that short waves seem to rise from the ground abruptly, and then return to earth at long distances away. Accordingly, you will find that you may be unable to receive a short wave station nearby, whereas you will get very fine reception from stations hundreds, or even thousands of miles away! This is surely a convenient thing for long-distance work, isn't it?

Fading is more or less prevalent, on the longer wavelengths particularly, but at certain times, and on certain waves, great steadiness is maintained. Certain waves are particularly desirable for long distance work during the daytime.

Static interference averages less than on broadcast wavelengths of 200 meters and higher, although on waves as short as 5 or 10 meters, occasionally used now, we find some interference caused by electrical sources, particularly automobile ignition systems.

Waves for Short-Wave Broadcasting

The wavelengths generally employed for broadcasting the regular programs are about 50, 30, 25, 20, 16, 14 meters. In daylight, waves near 20 meters carry very well. Waves near 40 meters work out well or both night and daytime work, being better at night.

The wavelengths generally used require such a wide change in the tuning of the radio set that specially designed sets are used. The regular broadcast set, from 200 to 500 meters, covers only about 1,000 kc from top to bottom. Accordingly, one coil and one tuning condenser serve well for tuning each stage. On short waves we have about 30 or 50 times this spread of frequencies, and a single coil and condenser do not begin to serve the purpose.

Hence, the best short-wave sets utilize an assortment of coils

of different inductance, and the desired size may be inserted in special coil sockets very quickly. One tuning condenser is thus made to serve for all the different sections of the short-wave band. Without the interchangeable coils, the set would have to be designed to fit a certain smaller portion.

Circuits Used for Short Waves

A good battery-operated system to use is a 3-tube set with a 200A or 201A type detector tube and two stages of audio frequency amplification. The detector is connected in a regenerative circuit. The elaborate receiving systems used for ordinary broadcasting are not necessary for short-wave reception, nor are they always possible to use because of circuit difficulties.

A considerably better system is to employ a 222 or 232 screen-grid tube for a radio frequency amplifier, using a regenerative detector and two stages of audio frequency. It will be found simple to use a storage battery type set for home use and experimentation.

The alternating current short-wave sets are not so easy to design, because of the numerous points in the circuits where the alternating current may cause hum. There are, however, several commercial A C short-wave sets that are very good indeed and to be relied upon, as well as some fine kit-sets.

For the listener who does not wish to have a special set for short-wave reception there are several makes of adapters on the market. These are so built as to be responsive to short waves and use the regular audio amplifying and loud speaker sections of your regular set. The adapter set has a cord and special adapter plug which is inserted in the detector socket of the regular set. The regular detector tube that was removed from the set socket goes into the adapter socket. This corresponds to the first short wave set mentioned above, but this type of adapter is not very reliable, because regeneration may fail, due to necessity for accepting the receiver detector load and plate voltage "as is."

Converters Are Popular

Recently short-wave converters have become very popular, as they are dependable. They constitute radio frequency amplifier and Superheterodyne mixer for short-wave reception. Thus they change the short waves to an intermediate frequency that the set can utilize, and besides, work with the entire set, which the so-called "adapters" don't do.

Considerable skill is required to operate the short-wave set successfully, because the adjustments are extremely critical and delicate. Once the knack is acquired, however, phenomenal results may be obtained, and you can often hear broadcasts from across the oceans. Tuning a converter, however, is far easier, as there is no regenerative control.

A good list of short-wave stations is essential, and a new one should be obtained frequently, because rapid developments in this field are bringing fast changes.

You should also use a time chart giving international time, so that you will know when to listen for the different stations according to your own local time.

Short waves present a radio field that is highly fascinating, and will prove a mine of interesting surprises to the listener.

Methods of Levelling Amplification

ONE of the greatest difficulties with the broadcast receiving set is its failure to amplify the various wavelengths equally.

If the set is adjusted by the manufacturer to amplify very effectively on the lower waves, just above 200 meters, it falls down when it comes to stations near the upper waves, near 400 meters and over. Yet, if it is made very sensitive on the longer waves of 400 or more meters, it will oscillate on low waves, causing poor tuning, whistles, etc.

The more expensive recent radio models utilize a number of systems designed to obtain a more uniform amplification on the various wavelengths. If this is accomplished solely through the volume control, as with many sets, the volume control becomes very critical and must be adjusted all over again whenever the set is changed to a different wave.

Automatic systems are in vogue which eliminate this trouble. In one system the small primary coil is moved farther away from the secondary coil as the shorter waves are approached, thereby

maintaining a much more uniform tuning relationship by mechanical means. In another similar system, the primary coil is moved at an angle so as to provide closer coupling where it is needed for the longer waves. Still another system, a small section of the primary coil is wound on a rotating coil in such a way that at low waves this is reversed, thus subtracting from the normal coupling. At longer waves, the coil turns around, thus adding its effect to the rest of the primary.

Still another system utilizes both inductive coupling and capacitive coupling. One form of coupling provides a greater effect on long waves, and the other form on short waves, so that by proper juggling of the values of both, a very uniform condition is achieved. The disadvantage of this system is its difficulty in manufacture, so that it is of principal interest to experimenters only.

A fairly even response may be gained by using one untuned stage, broadly peaked at around 400 meters or more.

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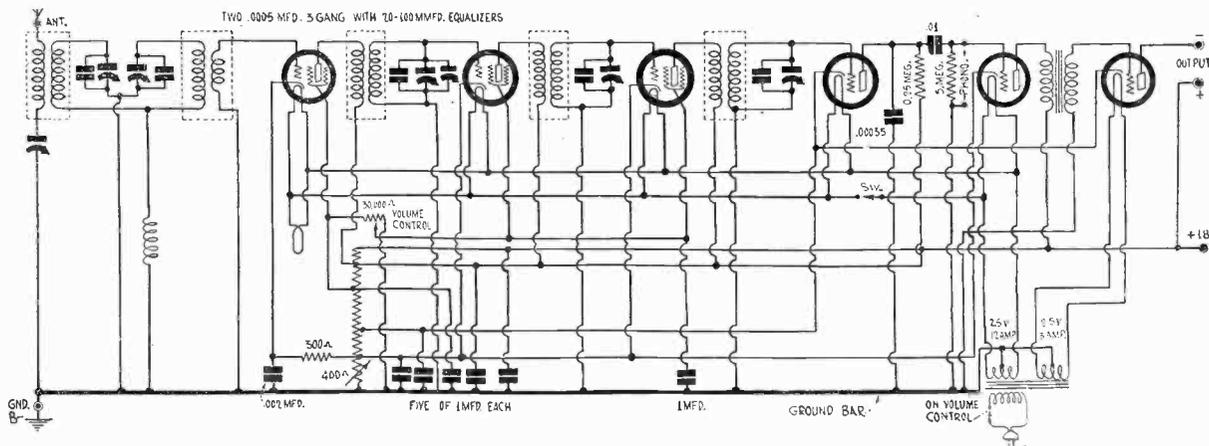


FIG. 873

THE CIRCUIT OF A VERY SENSITIVE RECEIVER IN-CORPORATING THREE SCREEN GRID TUBES AS RADIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFIERS AND A BAND PASS FILTER IN FRONT OF THE FIRST TUBE.

Inductively Coupled Band Pass Circuit

WILL you kindly publish a circuit containing six or seven tubes using at least three screen grid tubes as radio frequency amplifiers? There should be at least one band pass filter in which the two tuned circuits involved are coupled inductively. Will you also indicate how they can be coupled by means of a condenser?—B. W. W.

Fig. 873 is a six tube receiver such as you request. The tuner ahead of the first tube is a band pass filter in which the two circuits are coupled by means of a small inductance of about 20 micro-henries. The two can also be coupled with a condenser by putting this in place of the coil. The capacity should be .04 mfd.

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Trouble in Battery

WE have to run our battery charger at the same time that we use the set, or the stations are too weak. But when we use the charger, there is a strong hum which is objectionable.—C.N.

Presumably your storage battery is worn out, or else the connections are badly corroded. Test the battery with a voltmeter while it is being used, and also test with a hydrometer. You may find that one cell is very low. Sometimes you can have a new cell installed, but generally the best plan is to buy a new battery.

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Microphonic Detector

I HAVE several detector tubes. The tube that gives the best results causes a bad ringing noise. You can hardly touch the set without starting the noise.—O. D.

It just happens that your most sensitive tube is microphonic. If your other tubes are new ones, you evidently did not obtain new and tested tubes of the proper grade, or the sensitivity would be O.K. The only thing to do is to try to have them exchanged, or else to buy a new and tested detector tube. Handle all tubes gently, as any jarring will loosen the elements in the glass supports and will make them microphonic. A microphonic tube in the detector socket is especially troublesome, since audio vibrations in the detector circuit receive the greatest amount of amplification.

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Needs a Noise Filter

WE have an electric furnace-man in our house. It does not operate continuously, but when the motor runs the radio has humming interference. I have been advised to add a line noise filter to the set and also to attach a filter device to the furnace-man.—N. N. M.

By all means, get a suitable filter and attach it to the motor of the furnace apparatus. This is much more effective than any filter you could attach to the set. The manufacturers can undoubtedly tell you what type filter works best with their apparatus.

Motor Generators for Farms

ARE the motor-generator devices recently described, for operating ordinary AC radios from a direct current line, built for 32-volt farm lighting units? My dealer tells me he thinks they are made for 110-volt direct current only.—J. J. D.

Ask him to put in an inquiry through his radio distributor. Manufacturers of these devices build them for 32 volts, 110 volts and for other special DC voltages in addition. The unit consists of a small DC motor, wound to suit the DC supply line available, and a generator of 110 volts alternating current, both in the same casing, affording a very convenient radio solution for the man with direct current in his home.

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Grid Leak for 112A Detector

WHAT is the correct size for a grid leak for 112A? Fairly low resistance—about 1 megohm. Not utmost sensitivity, but best all-around performance should be the criterion.

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Purpose of a Baffle Board

WHAT is the advantage of a baffle board for a cone speaker as large as 15 feet in diameter? Doesn't this size interfere with high notes?—L. Z.

No. But it does extend the low range lower.

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Principle of Pick-up Unit

WILL you kindly explain how a phonograph pick-up unit works? That is, explain how a voltage is induced in the unit.—L.B.

If a coil is wound around a permanent magnet and a piece of iron is moved in the air gap of the magnet a voltage is induced in the coil as long as the iron moves. This is the basic fact of electro-magnetism. If the coil is around the moving iron a voltage is also induced. In most pick-up units the coil is wound around the moving iron, called the armature, and the needle is connected to the armature. As the needle moves along in the groove of the record the armature vibrates with respect to the magnet and a voltage is induced in the coil around the armature. This voltage has the same wave form as the groove in the record.

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Line-Noise Filter

IF I connect a condenser across the 110-volt line would that take out some of the noise which now enters the receiver through the power pack? If any advantage can be gained in this way will you kindly give the value of the condenser to be used?—D. W.

If any noise or interfering signal does get into the set by this route a condenser of about 0.1 mfd. could be effective in cutting out the interference. A better way, though, is to use two of these condensers in series across the line, grounding the junction of the two. The condensers should be connected across the line on the transformer side of the line switch so that when the set is turned off the condensers do not remain across the line. These

condensers will draw some current and it is just as well to prevent this when the set is not in use.

Measuring Sound Intensity

CAN you suggest a method of measuring the intensity of a sound? I am interested in measuring the output of sound from loudspeakers and receivers.—B.W.F.

Measuring the absolute intensity of sound is not a simple proposition. There are various devices by means of which such measurements are made, but all require rather elaborate equipment and corrections of the observations. One device is the thermophone, which measures the change in resistance of a platinum wire due to changes in the temperature of the wire caused by the passing sound wave. Another device is the Rayleigh disc, which is a disc of very light material suspended on a light fibre. This disc turns by an amount proportional to the intensity of the sound wave that passes it provided it is placed in a certain angular position with respect to the direction of the sound wave. A small mirror attached to the suspending fibre reflects a beam of light and permits the measurement of the angle of rotation. Other devices are calibrated microphones. These must be calibrated against a thermophone or a Rayleigh disc.

Line Ballast Selection

IHAVE a Polo 245 power transformer which has a tap on the primary for use with a line ballast resistor such as the Amperite. There are several types of Amperite. Which one should I use with the transformer?—C.L.Y.

This question cannot be answered specifically because the size of Amperite to use depends on the current that will flow in the primary of the transformer, and that in turn depends on the number of tubes and type of tubes used in the circuit. Specify the circuit more accurately.

How Tube Reverses Phase

IF THERE is a simple explanation of how an amplifier tube changes the phase of the voltage, will you kindly give? While you are at it you might as well tell what phase is, for that may clear up the matter.—L.W.

What is meant in this connection is the difference of phase between the grid and the plate voltages, or the time difference between occurrences of the corresponding values. Both voltages go through sinusoidal variations at the same frequency. If the maximum of grid voltage in one direction occurs at the same time as the maximum of plate voltage in the opposite direction, the two are in opposite phase, or the phase difference is 180 degrees. If you take a curve between the grid voltage and the effective plate voltage, say in a resistance coupled amplifier, you will find that as you decrease the grid voltage (i.e., increase the bias) the plate voltage increases. When the grid voltage is least the plate voltage is greatest. Thus they are 180 degrees out of phase. To measure the effective plate voltage connect a voltmeter that draws no current between the plate and the cathode. Or connect a milliammeter in the plate circuit, find the drop in the coupling resistance in the plate circuit, and subtract the drop from the voltage of the plate battery.

Bias Resistance Values

IF three 224 screen grid tubes are put on the same grid bias resistor, what should the value be? Can the grid bias detector and the first audio frequency amplifier be put on the same bias resistor when both tubes are 227 type?—L.B.C.

One tube requires 300 ohms, two tubes require 150 ohms, and three 100 ohms. The grid bias detector and the first audio amplifier cannot be put on the same bias resistance because they do not require the same bias. While part of the bias resistor could be used for two tubes it is better to use entirely independent resistors.

Balancing Push-pull Circuits

IF the outputs of the two tubes in a push-pull amplifier are not equal on the high audio frequencies, is it possible to equalize them by connecting a condenser of suitable value across the winding across which the higher signal voltage appears? If so, what should the capacity of the condenser be to effect the balance?—T.R.

Balancing is done in this manner provided that the unbalance is due to capacity differences in the windings or across the windings externally to the transformer. Use a condenser the capacity of which is equal to the difference between the capacities across the two windings.

Too High Voltage

HAVE a B battery eliminator which gives much higher voltage than it should. For example, the voltage across the rectifier is 8 volts when it should be only 5 volts. All the other voltages are in proportion. What could the trouble be? I may mention that the rectifier tube blows out just as soon as I put it in the socket.—E.S.

There is undoubtedly some defect in the primary of the transformer. Possibly the transformer was designed to take a ballast for the purpose of steadying the voltage and you use it without this ballast.

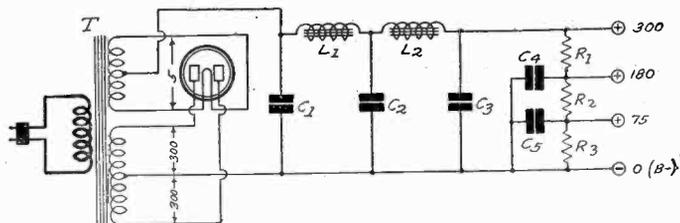


FIG. 874
A B SUPPLY CIRCUIT OF THIS KIND WILL HANDLE A MODERN RECEIVER WITH SCREEN GRID TUBES AND 245s IN PUSH-PULL.

A B Supply Circuit

PLEASE publish a circuit diagram of a simple B supply incorporating one 280 type tube. Please specify the parts essary. Would a Polo 245 power transformer be suitable for the job?—T. C. F.

Fig. 874 is such a diagram. The power transformer may well be a Polo 245 and the two chokes may also be Polo, those rated at 30 henries and 100 milliamperes. The condensers may have the following values: C1, 2 mfd.; C2, 4 mfd.; C3, 8 mfd.; C4 and C5, 1 mfd. each. Larger values of condensers may be necessary or certain applications but those stated above are suitable for an average radio receiver utilizing one or two 245 power tubes. The resistance values in the voltage divider depends on the type of circuit and cannot be specified in the general case. If the bleeder current is 15 milliamperes and the currents to the 75 and 180 volt taps are 5 and 15 milliamperes, respectively, then the resistors may have the following values: R1, 3,400 ohms; R2, 5,250 ohms; R3, 5,000 ohms. The Polo 245 power transformer will have two 2.5 volt windings not indicated in the drawing of Fig. 874. One of these will deliver up to 16 amperes and may be used for all the heater tubes. The other will deliver up to 3 amperes, and may be used for either one or two 245 power tubes. All the windings on this transformer are center tapped.

Set Not Selective, Yet Sharp

IHAVE a receiver which is so sharp that a signal disappears if I move the dial one division. Still the set is not selective, for within that division there may be two or more stations which I hear at once. I can't understand why a selective set should not be able to separate the stations. Will you kindly explain?—W.H.J.

Your set is simply not selective enough. The apparent sharpness on the dial does not mean that it is selective. It simply means that the ratio of inductance to capacity in the tuned circuit is high.

Best Volume Control

WHAT is the best volume control to use in a screen grid battery-operated receiver? Would a variable resistance across the tuned circuit ahead of the detector be all right? How is a variable resistor across the antenna coil?—B.L.C.

A variable resistor across either the primary or the secondary of a tuned transformer is not good and should be avoided. A better way is to use a high resistance potentiometer, connecting the grid to the slider. If this potentiometer is across a tuned circuit it should have a resistance of 500,000 ohms. The potentiometer can also be used in the primary, especially in the antenna circuit. These can be used in either battery or AC sets. In the case of battery operated sets we have another volume control which is satisfactory, a rheostat in the negative leg of the filament of a radio frequency amplifier.

Velocity of a Radio Wave

WHAT is the significance of the constant 300,000 which is always used in converting meters to kilocycles and vice versa?—F.W.C.

This constant is the velocity with which radio waves travel in space and is expressed in kilometers per second.

Intensity of Sound

IN WHAT manner does the intensity of a sound vary with frequency, other things being the same?—H. B.

The energy in a sound wave is proportional to the square of the frequency. Also, the energy in the sound wave is proportional to the square of the amplitude. That is, the energy is proportional to the square of the product of the frequency and the amplitude. Suppose the intensity of a 10,000 cycle sound is the same as that of a 100 cycle note, that is, the two have equal energy. What is the ratio of the amplitudes? The relation given above tells us that the squares of the products of frequency and amplitudes are the same. Therefore the products themselves are equal. That is, if the amplitude of the 10,000 cycle sound is a and the amplitude of the 100 cycle note is A , then $10,000a = 100A$. Therefore the amplitude of the low tone is 100 times greater than that of the high frequency sound.

SEVEN STATION APPEALS AWAIT COURT DECISION

Washington.

There are seven appeals pending in the District Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia that involve questions of interference, censorship of programs, the right of the Federal Radio Commission to insert conditions into the renewal licenses without prior hearing, and the definition of "public interest, convenience and necessity."

Of the seven appeals two of local interest to listeners in the New York area concern WGBS and WMCA. The question here is whether these two stations within the metropolitan limits do operate without noticeable interference. They are separated 30 kilocycles on the broadcast spectrum, which is considered to be ample by some technical authorities.

Hospital Station Replies

In Milford, Kansas, George E. Strong, attorney for KGKB, is arguing to have the recent decision of the Commission denying the renewal of the existing license set aside. The Commission claims that the station conducted by a radio "medical question box" is against the law. The station denies this. KFQB is owned and operated by the Brinkley Hospital and Pharmaceutical Association.

Marquette University, of Milwaukee, Wis., also was denied its petition for an increase of power, and assignment to the 900 kilocycle channel. The Commission in denying the petition said that the change was not warranted as the station would not operate continuously. This station is at present sharing time with WISN on the 1,120 kc channel.

Interference Feared

Transfer to the 900 kc channel would result in interference with WBBL, owned and operated by the Department of Agriculture of Wisconsin, which may consolidate with WHA, of the University of Wisconsin, and the two merged stations would then operate on the 940 kc channel. The granting of the petition, the Commission also claims, would result in interference with WBEN, at Buffalo, 460 miles distant; WKY, of Oklahoma City, 730 miles away, and WLBL, at Stevens Point, 140 miles from Milwaukee.

De Forest Asks Review Of Langmuir Decision

Washington.

The De Forest Radio Company, through its attorneys, has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court to have its case against the General Electric Company reviewed. The suit concerns the validity of the Langmuir high vacuum patent, over which there has been much litigation during recent years.

The radio industry believes that if the Langmuir claims are upheld by the Supreme Court, a virtual monopoly will exist in the tube-making industry. Samuel E. Darby, one of the attorneys for the De Forest Company, stated that if the Supreme Court reviews the case it was his opinion that the patent would be adjudged invalid. Four judges have at various times been of the opinion that the patent is invalid, and another has reversed his opinion. The United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia recently upheld the Langmuir contentions.

Forum

Value of a Tone Control

RADIO WORLD has stated that many purchasers of radio receivers are satisfied to let the engineers who design the receivers establish what they consider the best tone quality and fix it at that point. In general this is sound practice, although there are cases in which a variable tone control is desirable to obtain natural reproduction. I realize that this statement is contrary to general opinion to the effect that tone control produces an unnatural although perhaps a pleasing quality.

But there are some broadcast stations whose transmission is not perfect and in which the higher registers are greatly exaggerated. This is true of one of our locals, WIOD, and in such cases a tone control is absolutely necessary to reduce the exaggerated high frequencies to their normal value. Some orchestras, like Lucky Strike for example, use a preponderance of high-pitched instruments, which are difficult for even the best of broadcast stations to transmit satisfactorily, and when such a combination comes over a station that stresses the high frequencies the result is bad.

If one has a good receiver possessing high fidelity, it is an interesting experiment when a well-distributed chain program is on to tune from one chain station to another and note the difference in quality from the various transmitters. When this is done it will be found that only a very few are what might be called good.

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Radio Pillow Devised for Hospitals and Trains

A "singing" and "talking" radio pillow for use in hospitals and Pullman cars has been developed by the Engineering Products Division of the RCA Victor Company, Inc.

The radio pillow is of regulation hospital size, and is made of specially selected sponge rubber in which a sensitive radio reproducing unit is concealed. The pillow is so constructed that the sound that permeates it cannot be heard except by resting the head on the pillow. The radio pillow was designed especially for use in hospitals to replace ordinary earphones, and also the loudspeaker, which may be disturbing to other patients.

The new pillow, according to its sponsors, may be sterilized like an ordinary pillow, and the pillow-cases changed at will. The patient lies in a natural reclining or sitting-up position to hear the radio programs. A connecting cord of ample length is plugged into the centralized radio receiving system.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

FLOYD GIBBONS certainly started something when he began his series of lightning-like, straight-from-the-shoulder staccato addresses over the air. His was a new and refreshing, if somewhat breathless, method that caught the fancy of the public. Other broadcasters are following in his footsteps. We have in mind one man in particular who, six months ago, was deliberate in utterance, didactic and prosy in method, and altogether dry and uninteresting. Today he speaks as if he were working on all cylinders and seems bound to contract high blood pressure. Score another for Floyd Gibbons.

Succor Approved for Station Hemmed In

Washington.

Chief Examiner Ellis A. Yost, of the Federal Radio Commission, has recommended that WHIS, at Bluefield, West Va., be granted an increase of power, and also be shifted to a regional channel of 1,410 kc. The station's present assignment is 100 watts on the local channel of 1,420 kc. One-half time is also requested on the regional channel.

The supporting testimony submitted to the Commission reveals that the station is located in a mountainous country and in the middle of a great mining district. The surrounding country is covered by a network of telegraph, and power lines with the result that the losses by absorption are excessive, the station being barely able to cover the City of Bluefield.

Britain Protests Soviet Broadcasts

London.

The British Government has registered a protest to the Soviet Government due to the nature of the propaganda that reaches the confines of the British Isles.

The propaganda emanating from Russia is intended for the ears of the working man but scarcely ever does it reach this objective because the working man in England cannot afford the type of receiver that is sensitive enough to reach over that distance. The type of set sensitive enough to bring in Russian stations has at least five tubes and costs up to \$175.

In another instance the German Government protested to the Soviet Government because of the revolutionary indictments that emanated from the Moscow stations in the German language.

WWJ Seeks 50 KW and Clear Channel

Washington.

The Federal Radio Commission has been petitioned by the Evening News Association of Detroit, which operates WWJ on 920 kc., for permission to use the maximum power of 50,000 watts. The station is operating under its old frequency assignment which provides for the use of 1,000 watts. In addition to the above it requests transfer to the cleared channel of 1,020 kc. This frequency is now assigned to KYW, which is in the fourth zone, and the assignment having been made from the second zone by previous arrangement. Three appeals relative to this borrowing of zone frequency are pending at present in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

KFYD Charges Error, Asks for a Rehearing

Washington.

W. O. Ansley, representing KFYD, of Abilene, Tex., has filed a petition for a rehearing with the Federal Radio Commission on the question of the use of 1,000 watts on 550 kc. and also use of unlimited time. These requests had been denied by the Commission.

It is alleged that reconsideration of the case will demonstrate that a court unintentionally based its opinion on statements in the Commission's brief that are not wholly accurate. KFYD is now listed under 1,420 kc, with 250 watts day and 100 watts after 6 p.m., on part time.

FIVE STATIONS RECOMMENDED TO BE OUSTED

The Federal Radio Commission, represented by Examiner Elmer W. Pratt, has recommended the removal from the air of five stations for infractions of the law. The alleged offences include excessive frequency deviations, failure to announce the fact that certain musical selections were phonograph records, and failure to announce the station call letters at an interval of approximately fifteen minutes.

There are, however, two stations that are recommended for reinstatement—WMBQ, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and KTRH, of Houston Tex. The Brooklyn station was adjudged not liable due to the fact that the frequency controlling crystal developed a fault unknown to the monitor, and the station suspended operation directly the deviation from the normal assigned frequency was ascertained.

Ownership Changed

The Houston station was cited for frequency deviation also, but in the time that elapsed between the suspension notice the station changed owners and subsequently the equipment was improved and further trespassing in this regard will not occur again, it was promised. The new owner is the KTRH Broadcasting Company.

The recommended stations to be suspended are WLTH, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; WCLS, of Joliet, Ill.; WWRL, of Woodside, L. I.; WKBC, of Jersey City, N. J., and WKBQ, of New York City.

The examiner reserves the right to recognize the mitigating circumstances in each case.

Cites Repeated Offence

WKBQ is held by the examiner to be guilty of excessive frequency deviation and failure to announce phonograph records as such. The phonograph violation is said to have been committed for a period of at least seven days continuously.

WCLS is adjudged guilty of operating the station with an unlicensed operator, and this violation is construed to be a deliberate attempt to evade the law.

80 Women Participate In Television Stunt

Eighty members of the Engineering Women's Club were among the guests who witnessed a series of television experiments in New York City. The function was termed a television tea and was held in a suite adjacent to the offices of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., at 195 Broadway, and also at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, at 463 West street.

The members of the two groups were in telephone-television communication with one another, they being called one by one to the booth where they exchanged greetings. The function was declared a success.

RMA MOVES FOR LOWER RATES ON TUBES

Preliminary to an application, if possible, for lower freight rates on radio tubes, the Radio Manufacturers Association traffic department has begun a survey to determine if the present ratings on tubes are reasonable from a traffic standpoint.

Literature Wanted

Readers desiring radio literature from manufacturers and jobbers concerning standard parts and accessories, new products and new circuits, should send a request for publication of their name and address. Send request to Literature Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York, N. Y.

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President of Austria Heard on Short Waves

Austria was linked with the United States recently via an international network when an address by Dr. Wilhelm Miklas, president of Austria, was transmitted throughout Europe, and to the United States via short waves from London, England. The speech was handled on this side by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Dr. Miklas spoke from the executive chamber of the Ballhaus Palace, at Vienna. This room was used by statesmen who met to remake the map of Europe, following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo.

Electrad Has Line of Three Power Amplifiers

Electrad, Inc., 175 Varick Street, New York City, announces the addition of two newly perfected power amplifiers utilizing the Loftin-White direct-coupled system, which with model A-245, completes a line of amplifiers suitable for the present-day requirements of sound amplification.

The C-250 amplifier provides 10.35 watts of undistorted output with but .3 volts input, and a power consumption of only 160 watts. The C-250 embodies all modern features, with tone control and hum compensator. Completely assembled on metal sub-panel. Utilizes one 224, two 250 and two 281 tubes.

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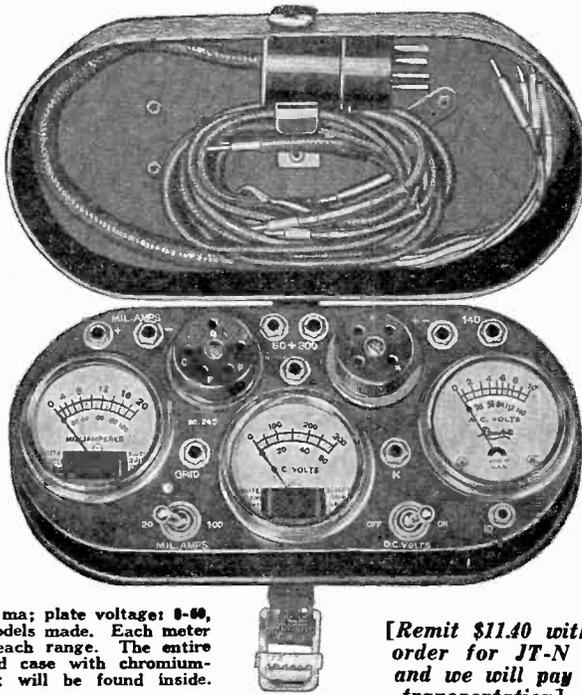
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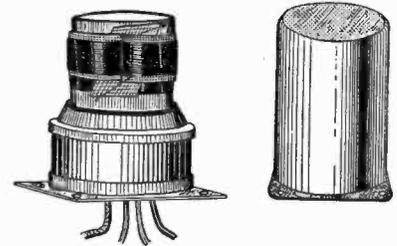


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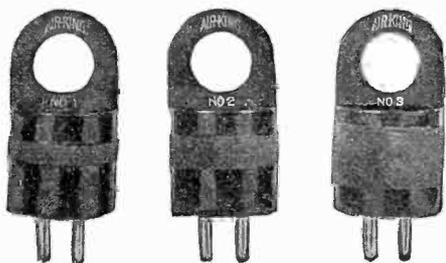
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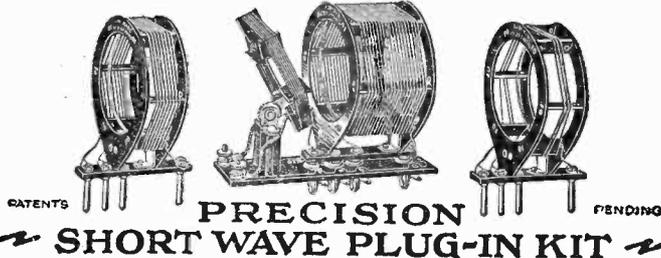
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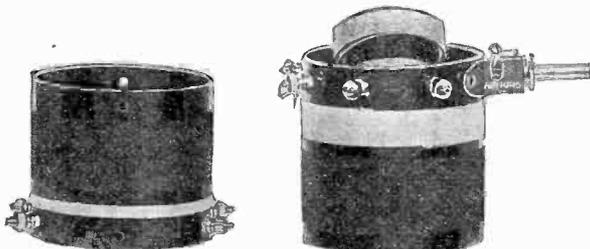
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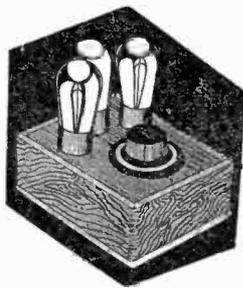


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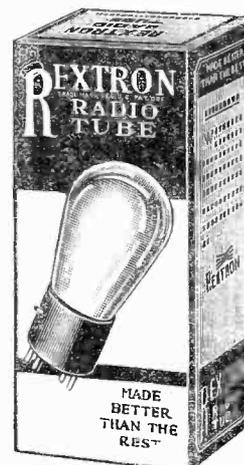


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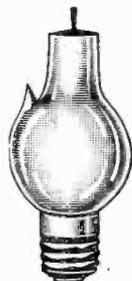
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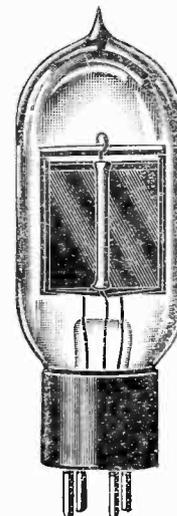
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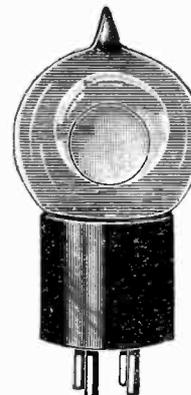
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