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## Bring Back the Rod!

FFOR the first time, our cover price shows preference for the decimal version; soon the old-style price will disappear altogether. Although there will be confusions after the officlal switchover on February 15th, we will soon settle down to decimal currency and the best way will be to forget, where possible, shillings and old pence, eschew conversions; and start thinking in terms of new pence. Old hands at Morse Code will know what we mean!

Decimal currency is now a fact of life. What we are more concerned about is Metrication (or as some prefer to call it Continentalisation). Obviously with an eye on the Common Market, a Government statement in 1965 proposed a switch to metrication spaced over ten years. The recommendations of the Standing Joint Committee on Metrication in the report Change to the Metric System in the United Kingdom published by the Ministry of Technology in September 1968 supported a complete conversion of all our standards to the metric system by 1975.

Such a programme will lay waste what many feel are anachronisms in this scientific age-12 inches to the foot, 3 feet to the yard, etc.-and put in their place metric progressions of millimetres, milligrams, litres, etc. Some industries are phasing out Imperial measures or have already converted to metric. There are advantages to be gained in international industrial operations, especially in the technical fields.

We are not, however, entirely convinced that metrication is necessarily the right step and are surely not alone in even liking some of our archaic standards, despite the scorn heaped on these old-fashioned measurements by some who are always ready to jump on the bandwagon if it looks like the 'in' thing to do.
In fact, some sections of industry, having converted to metric, are now reverting to Imperial measures-not only here but in some European countries.

And in this wonderland of logic will lurk that grand old dinosaur, the measurement of time. Also, circular measure, with its 360 degrees to the circumference and its minutes, seconds and quadrants.

Of course, we may not yet join the Common Market. If we don't, it would be great to commit scientific heresy and not only reinstate our inches and pints but dredge up those exotic measures of yesteryear, like the rods, poles and perches, the chains and hogsheads, the pecks and pennyweights, not to mention the scruple. Life would be very confusing, but much more fun!

Incidentally, how are the Americans going to take it when the vast quantities of goods that they import from us are found to be "metricated"? Perhaps we'll do a special line for them, in which case why bother in the first place?
W. N. STEVENS—Editor

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## Audio Fair

The 1971 International Audio Fair will be held at Olympia, London, from Tuesday, October 26, to Saturday, October 30. There will be a special trade and Press preview on Monday, October 25.

Further details can be obtained from Iliffe Exhibitions Limited, Dorset House, Stamford Street, London SE1, telephone 01-928 3333, or from C. Rex-Hassan, the Festival Director, at 42 Manchester Street, London W1, telephone 01-486 2080.

## Bedford R.R.C.

The Bedford \& District Amateur Radio Club meets every Thursday at the "Dolphin", The Broadway, Bedford. Future meetings include: (Feb. 11) "Make Magic with Transistors" by G3CWV. (Feb. 18) "Meteorological Electronics". (Feb. 25) "KW Atlanta Demo" by G3XNG. (March 4) "Shackability" by G3FWA. (March 11) "The Swiss Quad" by G3XDU. (March 18) "VHF Operating" by G8CXM and (March 25) "Discus-sion-What does Ham Radio mean to You?" by G2CLP. Further gen from John Bennett, G3FWA, Hon. Sec., 47 Ibbett Close, Kempston, Bedford.

## E.M.I. Booklet

Career opportunities for the university graduate in activities embracing electronics, gramophone records, television and the entertainment business are outlined in a new publication from the EMI Group.

This 32-page booklet - 'EMI Careers for Graduates'-provides an insight into the variety of careers which can be pursued by graduates within EMI. The brochure also contains details of the Group's structure, activities, technological achievements, and growth-important facts which every graduate needs to know about a potential employer.

Through the nature of its operations EMI offers graduates with engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics or arts degrees, both direct appointments and training in engineering, science and administration. The publication stresses the encouragement given to staff to further their careers by attending postgraduate studies and professional courses.

Copies of this publication are now available from university appointments boards or from EMI Personnel Department (GCB), Hayes, Middlesex.

Three new trimmer capacitors with PTFE dielectric are announced by Jackson Brothers (London) Ltd. All consist in principle of a brass rotor and PTFE sleeve which can be screwed into a brass stator. All have printed-circuit-board fixing pins to International Standard Spacing.

The Style 408 PC horizontalmounting trimmer (Fig. 1), only 5 mm diameter, has an exceptionally low minimum capacitance of $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{pF}$. Capacitance swing: 8 pF . The $8-\mathrm{mm}$ Tetfer for h.f., v.h.f. and u.h.f. working (Fig. 2) has a circular ceramic base only 8 mm diameter. The fixing-pins are also the stator and rotor connections. Minimum capacitance: below 2 pF . Capacitance swing: over 8 pF . The C16 Tetfer PM (Fig. 3) has a $9 \cdot 5-\mathrm{mm}$ square base and separate fixing-pins isolated electrically from stator and rotor connections, permitting high-frequency circuits to be sited above the printed-circuit board. Another new variable capacitor, the Air. tune C804E (Fig. 4) is a vane type with air dielectric, with a rear shaft extension permitting ganging as required. Capacitance swing: $25,50,100$ or 150 pF . Further information from: Jackson Brothers (London) Ltd., Kingsway, Waddon, Croydon CR9 4DG, England.

## An Apology

Jason Electronic Designs Ltd., 15-17 Queen's Street, Arundel, Sussex, are no longer wholesaling stocks of Dansette and Perdio spares. They would like to thank their many customers who have waited patiently for supplies and apologise to all those who have since written to whom they owe replies. All mail and enclosed monies are being returned just as fast as office and mailing conditions permit.

## Bracknell Club

An amateur radio club is being formed in Bracknell, Berkshire. Will anyone who is interested in radio or electronics and who would like to attend contact G8AMK at 13 Cannon Hill, Easthampstead, Bracknel.

## MEWS... <br> WEWS... MEWS...

## Stations Galore

BBC Radio Medway opened on December 18th with transmissions on $97 \cdot 0 \mathrm{MHz}$. BBC Radio Solent opened on December 31st. Transmissions are on $96 \cdot 1 \mathrm{MHz}$. BBC Radio Tees-side opened on December 31st with transmissions on $96 \cdot 6 \mathrm{MHz}$ and BBC Radio Newcastle opened on January 2nd, transmitting on $95 \cdot 4 \mathrm{MHz}$. All stations are with horizontal polarisation.

## The Dim One

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The Dimmaswitch will control up to 500 watts at mains voltages from 200-250 volts. It only costs $£ 34 \mathrm{~s}$. plus 1 s . 6 d . post and packing. Dimmaswitches are also available in kit form at $£ 214 \mathrm{~s}$. plus 1 s .6 d . post and packing. Dexter $\&$ Company, Ulver House, 19 King Street, Chester, CH1 2AH.

B.B.C. Radio Blackburn


BBC Radio Blackburn opened on January 26. The transmissions are on 96.4 MHz in the v.h.f. band, with slant polarization. Maximum ERP is 1.5 kW .

The Radio Blackburn transmitter is sited on Hameldon Hill, near Accrington. The service area includes Blackburn, Burnley, Accrington, Haslingden, Oswaldtwistle, Padiham and Colne. For listeners using good outdoor aerials, the service extends to Preston, Darwen and Ramsbottom.

The inner and outer service area boundaries correspond to average

## In Stereo

Two stereo cartridges that are now available from Audio Supplies Ltd. are the MCl-5 at $£ 6$ and the SMC-101 at 65s. Both are moving magnet types. MC1-5 frequency response is $15-20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Output voltage is 5 mV at 1 kHz ; channel balance is $\pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1 kHz and channel separation is better than 25 dB at 1 kHz . Impedance is $2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ at 1 kHz . D.C. resistance is $580 \Omega$. Load resistance is 50 $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and tracking pressure $3-5 \mathrm{gms}$. Stylus is 0.7 mil diamond, and cartridge weight is 6.5 gms .

The SMC-101 has similar speci-
field-strength contours of 60 and 48 dB (relative to 1 mV per metre) respectively, for a receiving aerial height of 30 ft . above ground level. The field strength at a particular site may differ by as much as 10 dB from that indicated.

A service area map and an Engineering Information Sheet dealing with slant polarization are both available from BBC Radio Blackburn, King Street, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 2EA, or $B B C$ Engineering Information Department, Broadcasting House, London, W1A 1AA.
fication but impedance is $2.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ at 1 kHz . D.C. resistance is $600 \Omega$ and cartridge weight is 6 gms . Compliance of both cartridges is $8 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~cm} /$ dyne, and postage and packing on each cartridge is 2s. 6d. Audio Supplies (PW), 50 Stamford Hill, London N.16.

## Ealing and District

A. P. (Bill) Teale, G3SGT, Hon. Sec. of the Ealing \& District Amateur Radio Society informs us that he has changed his address to 11 Burns Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Southall, Middx.

## PW SOUND EFFECTS SYNTHESISER



THE giant cinema organ is now regarded somewhat as a novelty but most of them were equipped to produce not only the sounds of percussion instruments but sound effects as well. Percussion sounds were usually derived from mechanically operated snare drums, cymbals, triangle, castanets and woodblock and even a bass drum and temple blocks, etc. Sound effects were produced by mechanical and/or wind-operated devices and included many sounds that could be used to enhance particular kinds of music. Train whistles for instance for tunes about trains and motor car horns for tunes about motoring. The full range usually consisted of bells, chimes, gongs, a ship's siren, klaxon horns, the sound of the sea, bird whistles, etc.

Since the modern electronic organ became popular, particularly for home use, a wide range of electronic percussion rhythm units have become available and many organ manufacturers now build such units into the organ. Whilst these imitate the various percussion instruments, they do so in continuous rhythm patterns. Very few will produce individual sounds like a snare drum roll or a single cymbal crash at the touch of a button and the writer does not know of any that will produce specific sound effects. Some organ manufacturers however are now incorporating spécial units to produce not only individual percussion sounds but sound effects as well. At present such facilities are only being included in some of the largest and most expensive electronic concert organs.

The electronic percussion and sound effects synthesiser to be described in this article has been designed for organists who require a compact unit that will produce a useful range of individual sounds and can be used with any external amplifier and loudspeaker or even the organ main amplifier. The completed unit, if constructed to the dimensions given, wilt fit underneath the lower manual at the front of an organ in such a way that the unit tabs are uppermost and within easy reach. The synthesiser does not play rhythms on its own but rhythmic snare drum rolls can be produced and the castanets can be sounded in rhythmic patterns simply by pressing the appropriate buttons rhythmically. All single sounds, i.e., the triangle, cymbal crash, train whistle, ship's siren, taxi horn, wood block and bell chime are produced once only when their respective buttons are pressed. The sound of sea, or surf on the beach, can be produced continuously by pressing the button which locks on. The signal stops when the button is pressed again. All the sounds are routed through a mixing preamplifier and the output from this is taken via a
volume control. The output signal level varies according to the sounds but averages about 500 mV r.m.s. One or more sounds can be produced at the same time as each has its own generating circuit. For example, the "surf on the beach" sound can be run continuously for desert island type music and the ship's siren sounded as and when required.

The sounds and effects that the complete synthesiser will produce are as follows:-
No. 1 Castanets (repeating)
No. 2 Crash cymbal (single)
No. 3 Snare drum (repeating or roll effect)
No. 4 Triangle (single)
No. 5 Wood block (tap box) (single)
No. 6 Taxi horn (honk type) (single)
No. 7 Train whistle (English steam type) (single)
No. 8 Chime (deep grandfather clock type) (single) No. 9 Ship's siren (low pitched) (single)
No. 10 Sea (sound of surf on beach) (continuous as desired)
There are altogether 12 circuit boards including the mixing pre-amplifier. The snare drum circuit requires two circuit boards whilst each of the others can be accommodated on a single board. As a complete circuit for the entire unit could not be printed within the page area of this magazine, each of the circuits for the sound generators, the mixing pre-amplifier and power supply will be given separately. It is worth noting that any of the sound generator circuits can be constructed and used individually as each provides more than 100 mV signal output. Each circuit can therefore be constructed and tested before being incorporated into the complete unit.


Fig. 1 : The layout for the circuit board sub-chassis, controls, power supply and key switch assembly.

## Construction

Before going on to describe the construction and circuitry, etc., the writer feels bound to point out that an audio signal generator and oscilloscope are really essential for checking that the various circuits function correctly and that a good quality amplifier and loudspeaker are necessary for accurate and reasonably lifelike reproduction.

The prototype unit, as shown in the photograph, was built into a Contil Mod-2 case Type $G$ which has overall dimensions $131_{2} \times 6^{1}{ }_{2} \times 3^{1}{ }_{2}$ in. The layout for the circuit board sub-chassis controls power supply and key switch assembly, etc., is shown in Fig. 1. Note that the key switch assembly and circuit boards are mounted on what is effectively the top of the case so that when the unit is finished and turned right way up, the bush buttons are at the top (see photos). No dimensions have been given for the location of the key switch assembly as these may depend on whether the recommended Contil case or a homemade case is used. If the Contil case is used the " $A$ " dimension as in Fig. 1a should be $11_{4} \mathrm{in}$. and the " $B$ " dimension according to the fixing holes on the key switch frame. The "C" dimension should be such that the inner edges of the push buttons are just inside the lip of the base of the box, i.e., projecting inwards by about $\frac{1}{16}$ in. The method of mounting the key switch assembly is shown in Fig. 1b and details for the front panel drilling and the cut out for the key switch assembly are shown in Fig. 1c.

The positions of the circuit boards, as in the prototype, are shown in Fig. 2a. The space at the end, i.e. to the right of the dividing screen, is reserved for the power supply components. These can be mounted on the dividing screen which is

(a) required for circuit
boards No's 2.3. 3a.
4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. \& 10.
(b)

Fig. 2 (above): The positioning of the circuit boards and their sizes.

Fig. 3 (right): The circuit used with the noise generating diodes and the encapsulation of the Z/J.

Fig. 4 (below): The castanets circuit.

supplied with the Contil case. There are 12 circuit boards and 10 of these are cut to shape and size as in Fig. 2b. The cutaway at the end of each board is to allow it to project over the key switch assembly as shown in Fig. lb. The boards shown in Figs. 2c and 2 d are for the mixing pre-amplifier and castanets circuits respectively.

## Circuit Details-General

The schematic diagram, shows each of the circuits in block form and their final routing through to the mixer output pre-amplifier. In general each circuit consists of a basic tone oscillator, an envelope generator and a combined amplifier and voicing

50 mV peak of white noise. Please note that the synthesiser circuits which have these noise generators will not operate with any other type of diode. Details concerning the suppliers and price, etc., are given in the components list.

## Circuit for Castanets-No. 1

The circuits will be dealt with and published in order as in the layout shown in Fig. 2, i.e., Castanets No. 1, Crash Cymbal No. 2 and so on. The circuit for castanets is shown in Fig. 4 and the layout and component wiring in Fig. 5. In this circuit Tr 1 and Tr 2 are p-n-p transistors operated as a conventional multivibrator with a repetition frequency of approximately 15 Hz . The repetition frequency can be adjusted by altering the value of R4 slightly one way or the other but for realistic effect the frequency should be as near 15 Hz as possible. The waveform from Tr and Tr 2 is applied to the emitter circuit of Tr3 which is a phase shift oscillator, biased to cut-off. This is tuned to oscillate at around 1500 Hz and when triggered by Trl, Tr2 produces the characteristic


Fig. 5: The layout of the castanets circuit board.
circuit. Some of the circuits also have white noise generators. It is well known that all sounds have their own particular pitch and tonal characteristics as well as attack and decay (envelope) characteristics. It is for this reason that some of the circuits may be seemingly complex. In addition all the nonrepeating sounds like the triangle, woodblock, taxi horn and train whistles, etc., must be produced once only regardless of whether the push button is simply depressed and instantly released or pressed and held down. Only the repeating sounds, i.e., the snare drum and castanets continue to sound whilst the key is held down. The keying circuits must not produce audible clicks and must restore instantly for a repetition of the sound.

## The White Noise Generators

Many sounds have a noise component and notable are those of a cymbal and the snare drum. Steam train whistles have a fairly strong noise content and so also does the sound of the sea rolling up on the beach. This noise may in some instances have a definite pitch and in others no definable pitch. White noise has random frequency, amplitude and phase and audibly sounds like escaping steam, but when filtered can be made to assume a definable pitch. The production of white noise is not difficult and .so called 'noisy' diodes will produce it, but only at very low amplitudes. To make any use of noisy diodes for the effects synthesiser would entail at least two amplifier stages just to build the noise up to a usable amplitude.

The writer has, therefore, arranged with Semitron Limited to produce and supply a special noise diode for the synthesiser circuit. This is known as "noise generator diode type ZIJ" and when connected in the circuit shown in Fig. 3 will produce not less than


An internal view of the completed sound synthesiser.
and slightly musical click of the castanets with a waveform like that shown in Fig. 10 (Castanets Circuit B). The triggering waveform from Tr1/Tr2 is shown in Fig. 10 (Castanets circuit A). The small value output capacitor (C7, 200pF) and R14/R15 between them form a combined voicing and attenuation network. The pitch of the castanet sound can be adjusted by slight variation of R10. The decay time, which is very short, can be adjusted by slight variation of R7.

## Circuit for Crash Cymbals-No. 2

This is shown in Fig. 6 and the layout for components and wiring is given in Fig. 7. This circuit employs a Semitron ZIJ noise diode (ND1) and two transistors, $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ and $\operatorname{Tr} 2$. The noise generator runs continuously and the output signal at C4 is connected to the amplifier/voicing circuit, Tr2. This transistor is not connected to the supply and is, therefore, not conducting. When the key (No. 2) is depressed


Fig. 6: The circuit of the crash cymbal.


Fig. 7: The layout of the crash cymbal circuit board.


Fig. 8: The circuit of the snare drum synthesiser.

The circuit should require little or no adjustment but the decay time can be modified by changing the value of C2; a larger capacitance for a longer delay time and vice versa. The output waveform is shown in Fig. 10 (crash cymbal circuit $C$ ). The inductance $L$ can be derived from the secondary winding of a Henry's Radio driver transformer, type $=033$, which has a secondary d.c. resistance of $116 \Omega$. Any small transformer or choke winding (iron cored) of around $100 \Omega$ d.c. resistance should suffice.

## The Snare Drum Circuit-No. 3

This requires two circuit boards as in Fig. 9 which shows layout and wiring. The circuit is given in Fig. 8 and is a little more complex than those so far dealt with. When a snare drum is struck two basic sounds are produced (a) the strike tone of the drum stick on the drum head and (b) the noise of the snare wires. This generator produces both these sounds and, like the castanet circuit, produces a continuous repetition of the sound whilst the key is held down. The transistors $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ and $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ between them form a multivibrator with a repetition rate of approximately 20 Hz . The repetition rate can be set accurately by the pre-set PR1. The waveform from $\mathrm{Tr} 1 / \mathrm{Tr} 2$ triggers the amplifier/voicing circuit Tr3. This waveform is as shown in Fig. 10 (snare drum circuit A). When $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ conducts, noise from the generator ND1 is amplified and at the same time filtered by the inductance $L$ and capacitor C8. However, $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ must be in a state of cut-off and this is achieved by the pre-set PR2. This should be adjusted until continuous noise from the amplifier output is just stopped. When the key (No. 3) is actuated, $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ conducts at the repetition rate of $\operatorname{Tr} 1 / \mathrm{Tr} 2$ and would normally only produce bursts of noise (the snares). The strike tone is produced by ringing due to the inductance $L$ which is further assisted by a small amount of feedback to sustain the ring. This is done by means of the capacitor C 7 between the collector
a pulse (Fig. 10 crash cymbal waveform A) is produced which immediately switches Tr 1 so that C2 becomes charged to about two thirds of the supply potential: This allows $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ to conduct at a decaying rate lasting for about two seconds. The noise passed via $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ is filtered by the inductance $L$ to achieve a slightly definable pitch.


Fig. 9: The components layout of the snare drum circuit on the two boards.

## components list


and base of $\operatorname{Tr} 3$, i.e., the circuit tries to oscillate whilst $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ is conducting. The waveform from the output should appear as shown in Fig. 10 (snare drum circuit $B$ ). The inductance $L$ is the primary winding of a Henry's Radio transformer type HR-OL130. The secondary is not used.

The next article will deal with further circuits. It should be mentioned that all circuits will operate individually from a battery supply of 22 V to 24 V and, as each has an output of more than 100 mV , they can be individually built and tested through an amplifier with an appropriate input sensitivity.

Will readers please note that the writer cannot provide circuits for other sounds or modifications of any description.

All the circuits to be published have been

(a)

(b)


Fig. 10: Oscilloscope waveforms for the castanets, crash cymbal and snare drum.
thoroughly proved and the prototype electronic percussion and sound effects synthesiser was demonstrated at the International Audio and Music Fair at Olympia, 1970.

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ELECTRONICS is moving at such a rate that it is often difficult to keep pace with every advance in the field. The purpose of this column is to keep the reader in touch with some of the many new devices and applications which come into this category. Almost every field of industry, from the production of motor cars and colour television sets to underwater guided weapons, uses some form of electronics and each month we will be discussing some device and/or its applications.

Lasers offer a good example. Most people will tell you that the word is a quick way of describing a beam of intense, coherent light. Ask what the device is used for and you will probably get references to James Bond or to hearing "rumours" about some form of death ray. Although the laser found it difficult to become accepted in its early life, uses are growing almost daily and it can be found employed in a wide variety of applications.

In America, it was desired to feed a big atom smashing machine with a device called a linear accelerator. The latter consisted of a tube some two miles in length. Problem was that the tube had to be in a straight line otherwise the particles being accelerated along it would strike the sides and lose energy. A laser beam allowed engineers to build the pipe such that it does not vary from a straight line by more than half a millimetre over the two miles. No other device known could have aligned the pipe so accurately.

Accuracy is a very useful property of the laser. In one instance, a laser interferometer was carried in an aircraft which flew across a football pitch at many thousands of feet. The interferometer was able to detect discrepancies in the height of the goal posts.

In engineering, lasers are being used to burn holes in metal. Advantages are speed and a saving in drills. The latter would require regrinding at intervals which would depend upon the hardness of the metal being drilled. Surgery is another field which offers openings for the laser. The beam can be focused to a very fine point and used instead of the surgeon's knife. Great advantage here is that the beam is completely sterile, requiring no boiling or cleaning up after an operation-simply switch off.

Perhaps the best known use of the laser is in holograms. By using the laser beam as a reference source, a three-dimensional image can be stored on a two-dimensional medium such as a photographic plate. An extremely interesting application of this is in computers. Since the image is three-dimensional, information can be stored in layers, one behind the other.

# SIGNAL E. BUCKLAND E4.  

WHEN repairing radios or similar equipment, or even during original design work, signals continually need to be traced and it is also often useful to be able to inject a signal into a circuit. The usual trick of dabbing a damp finger at an early point in the amplifier is all very well but it doesn't give any idea of the actual amplification taking place.

The unit described here has been designed to trace both r.f. and audio signals in one mode and to inject an a.f. square wave in the other. It is a simple matter to design a high gain, reasonable quality amplifier that can be converted into a multivibrator with a double pole switch, and this is in fact all we are doing.

Originally, attempts were made to design an amplifier that would automatically detect r.f. signals but although this is fairly easy, normal a.f. sources were badly distorted. The quality of the amplifier is not over-important but it should be good enough to trace severe distortion in a circuit. and so this was abandoned in favour of a separate r.f. probe.

## THE CIRCUIT-SIGNAL TRACER

The circuit of the signal injector/tracer is shown in Fig. 1. Three inputs are shown on the left; one chassis connection, one direct to the slider of VR1 via a d.c. blocking capacitor and the third via an additional germanium detector diode, D1.

VR1 is connected rather unusually; normally of course the input is applied across the total resistance of the control, the output being taken from the slider. The arrangement shown here, however, works perfectly well and is essential for controlling the output level of the injector which will be described later.

The high value of VR1 (for transistor work) enables an input impedance of at least $250 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ to be achieved when VR1 is near its centre position; this high impedance input is very useful for certain work.
The top of the volume control is connected to the base of Trl through C 2 which blocks the d.c. path. C 3 , a $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor connected between the base of $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ and chassis, smoothes r.f. signals and in addition adds stability to the circuit. The high value of VR1 means that the base of $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ is almost 'floating'
and the high gain of the amplifier can lead to instability. Cl only goes to chassis in the Trace mode; it has quite a different function on Inject.

R2 acts as the collector load and R1 provides the bias.

The output is coupled to the base of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ via C 4 , a $0 \cdot 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor. Even though Tr 2 is a silicon type, it is essential to stabilise this stage by inserting R5 and C5 in the emitter. The quiescent current through this transistor can run away without them. Further d.c. stabilisation is provided by the base bias resistor of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ being connected to the collector of that transistor rather than to the 9 V rail.
In the signal Trace mode, the collector is switched to a high impedance loudspeaker as this avoids the need for an output transformer; a $40 \Omega$ one was used in the prototype but $75 \Omega$ or $80 \Omega$ types are more common and work just as well.

## INJECT

When SW1 is thrown, C3, which previously damped


Fig. 1 : The circuit of the signal injector/tracer.
high frequencies at the base of Tr 1 , is connected to the collector of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ and the load of this transistor is replaced by a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor rather than the loudspeaker.

Now the circuit becomes as in Fig. 2 and readers will have no difficulty in identifying this as a standard multivibrator. VR1 becomes an output level control rather than a volume control and allows the level of the injected signal to be altered to meet the particular need.


Fig. 2: The effective circuit on "inject".
In the Inject mode R 5 and C 5 serve no real purpose as the collector load of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ is greatly increased but their presence doesn't hinder operations.

A multivibrator, of course, produces a square wave and this can be described as a particular frequency with all its harmonics. These harmonics reach way up into the r.f. region and traces of the one here were still evident at 100 MHz . The fundamental frequency is about 1 kHz and this is the note that will be heard on all frequencies.

In practice when viewed on a 'scope the waveform is not a square wave exactly but it does have a very, very rapid rise time which serves the same purpose.

## CONSTRUCTION

All the components are built into a small lidded aluminium instrument case sized $6^{3}{ }_{8} \times 2^{3}{ }_{4} \times 11_{8} \mathrm{~m}$. outside measurements available from H. L. Smith Ltd. Apart from the battery, which is held by means of a small bracket in the body of the box, all the components are mounted on the lid as shown in the photographs and drawings.


Fig. 4: The component layout on paxolin board.
The drilling details of the lid and the construction of the brackets are shown in Fig. 3.

The hole for the slide switch can be made either with a cold chisel or by drilling a series of holes and filing. The hole for the loudspeaker can be made similarly or with a $1^{1}{ }_{2} \mathrm{in}$. diameter chassis cutter.

Loudspeakers without mounting holes are always difficult to fit, especially if expanded metal is fitted over the face as is done here, so it was decided to glue both these permanently in place. 'Araldite' is the only adhesive strong enough for this and since some was going to be mixed anyway, it was decided to glue SW1, the small slide switch, also.
The output/input socket has got to have three connections and a stereo jack and socket accomplish this, D1 being connected on the terminals of the socket.

The component board is mounted at right angles to the face and held by the small bracket shown

(a)



Fig. 3: The drilling of the lid and the construction of the brackets.

Fig. 5: The wiring of the signal injector/tracer.
in Fig. 3b. VRI is fitted between this and the loudspeaker.

A plain sheet of paxolin can be used as the component board but the author prefers plain Veroboard (that is without the copper strips). The component layout is shown in Fig. 4.
Wires from the component board should be sol-
dered at the same time as the components; this will greatly help when wiring up later. The wiring is shown in Fig. 5.
Three probes are required as mentioned before

## $\star$ components list

| Resistors : |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R1 $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R4 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R2 $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R5 | $39 \Omega$ |
| R3 120ks |  |  |
| Capacitors : |  |  |
| C1 $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C4 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |
| C2 $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | C5 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F} 6 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| C3 $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  |  |

Semi-conductors :
Tr1 BC109
Tr2 BC109
D1 OA91
Miscellaneous:
VR1 $500 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ log. pot with switch
L.S. $80 \Omega$ loudspeaker, 2 tin.-see text

SW1 Miniature two-pole, two-way slide switch PP3 9V battery
Plain Veroboard, battery clips, aluminium chassis (H. L. Smith), stereo jack plug and socket, three croc clips, 18 in . mains lead
and an 18in. length of three-core mains lead was
used, the outer covering of the lead being stripped back about 4 in . at the probe ends.

Crocodile clips are fitted to the ends of these wires, each of which will be colour coded. It is worthwhile selecting good croc clips for a unit of this sort as


Internal view of the completed project.
they will be frequently used. Crocodile clips vary enormously in quality and ones which don't stick but grip firmly should be chosen.

Current consumption is in the order of 18 to 20 mA in the completed unit and the specified battery, a PP3, will give this perfectly well.


## A series of simple transistor projects, each using less than twenty components and costing less than twenty shillings to build.

IMUST confess that I'm not very sure what to call this month's project. Certainly it's a musical instrument but, to my knowledge, it is unlike any other. The nearest equivalent is probably a trombone but our project is, of course, electronic and the sound of it bears little relationship to that of a trombone. It has the virtue that it is inexpensive and is easy to play, without any knowledge of music, and although decent sounding tunes need quite a bit of practice, simple ones can be played within a few minutes.

## THE CIRCUIT

The circuit, which is shown in Fig. 1, is simply an audio oscillator with a loudspeaker coupled into the circuit and the frequency of oscillation of which can be varied.

The oscillator configuration is not a very common one, but one which I use a lot. It uses only a handful of components including a p-n-p and an n-p-n transistor yet it has an output high enough to drive the loudspeaker. The transistor type numbers are not especially important and the OC71 can be replaced by almost any p-n-p type including silicons and the 2N2926 can be replaced by my other favourite, the BC169C.

The oscillator frequency depends on the collector load of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ (the output transformer), VC1 and R1. To allow for the frequency to be changed we make the capacitor variable.

C1 helps to shape the note; it can be left out or altered in value to obtain different toning. The output transformer can be almost any transistor type and the speaker is similarly uncritical. The switch is not a normal on-off type as it may at first appear -its use will be explained later. C 2 which is connected on the battery side of the switch has a similar function to Cl in that it alters the toning and like Cl it's value can be changed to suit. The effect of this capacitor is difficult to explain but it affects the rise time of the note. Note that if an on-off switch is to be included this should be fitted so that C2 is not in parallel with the battery as the leakage through it would otherwise be running the battery down at all times.

## OPERATION

The circuit can produce notes covering several octaves, the notes being brought in by using the switch, this is where there is a similarity to a trombone. VC1 is equivalent to the slide in that it selects the note and the switch acts as the "blow" of the player. Both controls have got to be used at the same time. The rhythm of the music is tapped out on the switch and VC1 changed to select the required note. The switch is of course off when the note is

## No. 23 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



Fig. 1: The circuit of the 'musical instrument'. See the text for the explanation of circuit operation.
actually being selected. This may sound complicated but in practice it is very easy to pick up.

The reason for making the capacitor rather than the potentiometer variable is purely mechanical. Air-spaced variable capacitors are usually pretty free running so they can be flicked very quickly to another position. A pot on the other hand cannot be moved quickly as there is usually a fair amount of resistance, also the carbon track on most pots would probably not stand up to continuous changes of the slider. Pots also have the disadvantage that the spindle needs to be twisted $270^{\circ}$ for complete travel while a capacitor needs only $180^{\circ}$ and this can be achieved by a twist of the wrist.

A toggle switch is no good for SW1 as it could not be operated fast enough. For this a morsekeyer or a motor car headlight flasher switch would be good but it should be a simple matter to make one using a metal nail file with a few screws and bits of wood. If possible the switch should be arranged so that when it is depressed the circuit is off, this means that both controls are moved at the same time.

Playing, as already mentioned is a matter of practice, but within a few minutes simple tunes are possible. The pitch of the note can only be guessed at but it can be found with a little practice and very soon it will come naturally. I am most unmusical but I found it far easier to use than either a piano or the electronic organ we described in Take 20 No. 4.

Current consumption is between 20 and 40 mA but only of course when a note is played, so even a PP3 will give this.

Layout and construction is uncritical and will depend on the various components used.

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## Number 17

National Semiconductors (USA) AM TUNER LM 372

IN the February 1970 issue of "P.W." the Mullard type TAD100 a.m. tuner i.c. was reviewed, an article which attracted considerable reader interest, to judge by the number of letters received. However, it does appear that supplies of the filter unit designed by Mullard to operate in conjunction with the TAD100 have dried up, perhaps as a result of the adoption of the unit in several commercial radios and the consequent industrial demand.

This month an alternative a.m. circuit is discussed, the National Semiconductors (U.S.A.) type LM372, available in the U.K. through the distributors, Rastra Electronics Ltd., 275 King Street, Hammersmith, London W.6, or Athena Semiconductors Ltd., 140 High Street, Egham, Surrey.

## Application

The block diagram, Fig. 1, indicates the function of the LM372 in an a.m. receiver. Separate frequency changer and audio sections are required, but the i.c. takes over the high gain amplification of the i.f. signal, the determination of receiver selectivity through an associated filter, a.m. detection with audio preamplification and the provision of an automatic gain control to cope with variations in signal level or fading.

The device can operate with signal frequencies in the range 50 kHz to 2 MHz , which of course spans the standard a.m. intermediate frequency of 470 kHz , and even the 1.6 MHz sometimes found in communications receivers. Further, the medium wave broadcast band of 540 kHz to 1.6 MHz lies within the capability of the circuit, making possible an i.c. t.r.f. receiver of superior performance.

## Operation

First, some consideration of the operation of the LM372 in a superhet i.f. application. It will be noted that, unlike the standard circuit using discrete transistors, the gain and the a.g.c. functions are separated. The a.g.c. action operates on the i.f. signal imme diately it enters the i.c., since transistors Q2 and Q3 form a voltage controlled attenuator, Fig. 2.

When no a.g.c. control voltage is returned from the detector stage, Q2 operates as an emitter follower, with, of course, unity gain. As control is applied Q3 begins to conduct, shunting part of the signal, while the emitter resistance of Q2, in series with the signal, increases producing further attenuation up to a maximum of 69 dB . The unit is therefore capable of operation with any input signal from 5 microvolts to greater than 50 millivolts.

The signal is passed from the a.g.c. stage through an external capacitor (or tuned filter, if desired) to the high gain direct coupled amplifier, basically Q6-Q8 and associated components. Q9 and Q10 are voltage regulators for the gain transistor load resistors; they replace the decoupling components of a conventional transistor unit.
Since this technique is used throughout the circuit, it also compensates for falling battery voltage; the current drawn does not depend directly on supply voltage, but remains relatively constant while the applied voltage can vary from 15 volts down to 6 volts. In amateur applications a 9 volt supply will be a popular option.

The detector stage also is an advance on the familiar diode. It is a variation of a system developed for use with operational amplifiers, in which a diode


Fig. 1 Block diagram of a superhet receiver utilising the LM372 (not LM172 as indicated).

Fig. 2 Circuit of the LM 372 i.c. Note Q1-Q14 are not discrete components but are encircled for clarity.

is used as the feedback element. It avoids the distortion inevitably introduced by a simple diode due to the requirement for a small forward bias to initiate conduction, and the non-linear nature of its characteristic curve.

With the diode in a feedback loop, though, it will set its own bias, and the audio output will follow the modulation envelope exactly. The reader will identify the differential pair, Q11 and Q12, as the operational amplifier in this case, with an emitter follower providing the diode feedback effect. The detector provides a low output impedance, ideal for driving further transistor stages, and a voltage gain of 3 , determined by the integrated resistors R14 and R15.

## Practical Considerations

As for practical construction details, the only point to remember is that long external connections or crossed wiring can lead to instability through their capacitative effect, and should be avoided. The manufacturer recommends a transfilter for the input circuit; the Clevite 3 -terminal unit, type TC-01A is freely available from advertisers in this magazine, and is quite suitable.

Indeed, for the perfectionist, a second similar transfilter can be used between pins 1 and 3 of the i.c. as an interstage coupling unit. The i.c. itself is

presented in a standard TO-5 can, with pin 8 indicated by a spigot.

The use of the LM372 as a t.r.f. or straight receiver, without oscillator or i.f. stages, but amplifying and detecting the radio frequency directly, was mentioned above. The input emitter follower loads the aerial circuit only lightly, so that the selectivity of the set, while not of superhet standard, at least rates as superior to the normal t.r.f.

An interstage network, tuned by a second section of the tuning capictor can be inserted between pins 1 and 3; this would improve selectivity further, but requires careful screening. Any commercially available ferrite rod aerial and its matching tuning capacitor may be used; Fig. 3 shows a tapped aerial coil, in use with capacitative interstage coupling and followed by a simple audio amplifier.

## TELEVISION

We are pleased to inform readers that our sister journal Television has now resumed publication following settlement of the recent printing dispute.
Issue dated January 71 was published on January 22
Issue dated February 71 will be published on February 12
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Fig. 3 Use of the LM372 in a t.r.f. receiver.

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HE first report this month comes from a new contributor, Ian Hamilton of Ayrshire. Ian used his Ekco Zodiac domestic receiver and Joystick' antenna to hear the following stations:
6010 Rome, Italy in English at 0100 to 0135
6025 Lisbon, Portugal from 0200 to 0245
15115 WIBS, Grenada in English, 2000 to 2130
15185 Lagos, Nigeria from 0530 to 0730
17710 Bucharest, Rumania at 1300 to 1330
21460 HCJB, Quito, Ecuador from 1930 to 2000
21680 Melbourne, Australia, 0800 to 0900
Roderick J. Downes of Bournemouth does not mention what equipment he has but I assume that he used more than his ears to hear:
5920 Radio Kiev, Ukrainian SSR, English, 1930
11960 'Radio Australia in English at 0645
12175 Radio Tehran, Iran in English, 2000-2030
15115 WIBS, Grenada in English from 1945-2130
17845 WNYW, USA at 1700 . // with 21525
A. J. J. Trelinski of Rugby used his Skyrover Mark II and 50 foot long wire in addition to his ears and heard:
4940 Radio Abidjan, Ivory Coast at 2300
9670 Radio Ceylon in English at 2115
9680 All India Radio in English at 2100
9805 Radio Cairo, Arabic, Fr., It., Eng., 1955
Maurice Williams of Sleaford is another reporter who does not mention what equipment he has but he heard the following:
5047 Radio Togo in French at 2130
5050 Radio Singapore in English at 1540
9690 WNYW, USA in English at 2130
15195 VOA, Monrovia, Liberia, English at 2030
21540 Radio Australia, English at 1000
Nigel Milner of Sutton Coldfield used his Invicta domestic superhet and 35 foot long-wire to hear some interesting stations including:
15240 Radio Sweden, music at 1400
17705 Radio Havana, Cuba in English at 2010
17720 WINB, Red Lion, USA, English at 1900
17885 HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, English news at 2000
17895 Radio Portugal, Lisbon, close-down at 0900
17900 Radio Bucharest, Rumania, Eng. news at 1115
Terry Gibbs of Swindon used his Murphy 'Overlander' Receiver and 120 foot long-wire to hear the following:
6030 Muhlacker, Germany in German, 0800-1120
6170 Seoul, South Korea from 1300 to 1500
6255 Schulungssender, Austria from 1830 to 1903
7255 Kuwait B.S. in Arabic at 2115
11880 Radio XERH, Mexico at 0800
11965 Radio Australia from 0830 to 0915
All reports please to me at 5 Ranelagh Gardens, Cranbrook, Ilford, Essex, by the 17th of the month.

# THE BROADCAST BANDS Malcolm Connah 

## Frequencies in kHz - Times in GMT

## DX News

Information in the form of news items has been sent in by Roy Patrick of Derby (RP) and John H. Saunders of Wellington, New Zealand (J.3).

ARGENTINA Radio Exterior, Argentina has been heard with a clear signal at 0600 , the frequency was 11780. (JS.)

BOLIVIA Radio Fides, CP72, was noted with a good signal at 1058 on 4845 . The station has moved, as stated in a verification letter, from 4850 . (JS.)

CEYLON Radio Ceylon in Colombo is using the frequency of 17830. The English programme is aired at 1100 . At 1130 the broadcast is in local languages then at 1145 the programme reverts to English with close down at 1200 . (JS.)

CUBA Radio Havana, Cuba, broadcasts to Europe in English from 2010 to 2140 on 17705. (RP.)

GUINEA (EQUATORIAL) Radio Santa Isabel has been noted at around 1910 on 6250 . The station has an English programme from 1900 and this includes a news bulletin at 1930. (JS.)

IRAN Radio Tehran, Iran continues to be heard using the off-band frequency of 12176, at present it is received with English news at 2000. (JS.)

ISRAEL Radio Jerusalem on 9624 has been heard with a very good signal at 2100 in English (RP.)

LUXEMBOURG Radio Luxembourg on 6090 has been noted with a very strong signal from time to time. This could be the new short-wave transmitter which has been promised for some time. The new transmitter is of 250 kW and another transmitter of the same power is to be added in 1971. (RP.)

MONACO Radio Monte Carlo International has an English programme from 2300 to 0200 from December 1st. The two frequencies used are 6035 and 7135. (RP.)

NIGERIA Radio Nigeria from Enugu on 7305 has been heard opening with drum-beats at 0500 . The station was also noted with popular music and news at 0530. (JS.)

PERU Radio Cuzco, OAX7A on 6250 now closes at 0400 on weekdays and at 0515 on Sundays.

Radio Tahuantisuyo, OAX7C on 6175 signs-off at 0500. This transmission is mixed with a Brazilian station, ZYV74, on the same frequency and later suffers interference from ORTF, Paris which signs-on at 0500 .

Radio Villarica, OAX5V on 4885 closes at 0500. Before sign-off the station relays the recorded sound of Radio Victoria in Lima, which uses the familiar 'V' morse sign as its interval signal. (JS.)

SAUDI ARABIA Radio Jeddah has been heard on 11855 from 1900 until 2000. (RP.)


# THE AMATEUR BANDS David Gilson, G3JDG 

## Frequencies in kHz - Times in GMT

I$T$ is surprising what you can do without a receiver. If you live in or near Cambridge then all you will need is a pair of headphones. Sink two copper rods (as long as possible) into the ground about 20 feet apart and connect the headphone leads one to each rod. Callsign to listen for is G9BIB who has a special licence to carry out experiments at very low frequencies through the earth. Technical information received points to a c.w. signal at 1 kHz with the transmitter running at around 25 W . (Worms with BRS numbers please note.)
News has arrived of a DX-type net on Topband. Friday nights from 2200 onwards on $1 \cdot 829 \mathrm{MHz} \pm$ 1 kHz will be all you need tell your receiver. This is a really splendid idea and I will be pleased to hear what you can hear. One thing is almost certain. You will hear a number of Lids calling $C Q$ on this frequency, having cross-town natters and running endless tests calling "Haallo" in the mike with some 500 per cent mod. If you do hear these Lids please note that time bombs should be sent to their home addresses and not to G3JDG or Practical Wireless!

Good news for the h.f. DX types. Gus Browning is reported as having an AC5 licence granted so we should hear a squeak or two from Bhutan. But don't be surprised if Gus, home callsign W4BPD, doesn't pop up from other exotic places. He is well worth listening out for if only to hear some first-class operating and to discover where he will be located next.

Letters arriving this month have had their share of interesting info. J. Sparrow (N.W.10) has a CR7OA with an end fed at 40 ft . He reports hearing I1LCF in QSO with G3ZGO using slow-scan television.
Tim Thornton (Berks) bemoans the characters who seem bent on trying to disrupt DX nets on $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$. Wouldn't it be nice if every time someone did something stupid on the amateur bands, he got a couple of thousand QSL cards from irate s.w.l's. pointing out the crime?

Sentence of the month award goes to J. Young (Surrey) who writes, "I know s.s.b. only takes up half the space of a.m. but why don't more people use a.m. on the DX bands?"

Complaints from many l.f. fans who say that $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$ is a good DX band but that reception is made extremely difficult by local stations who call CQ on top of DX. A listen first would often avoid this but there are times when it appears that people just switch on the TX and blast.

Spies inform that the prefix for Norwegian Antarctica and Bouvet Island now appears to be 3 Y3. Back on $3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{MHz}$, R. Squires (Glamorgan) hints at hordes of DX loitering around 0930hrs on Saturdays. He claims success with perseverence but says his gear is "primitive". Wait till you get that new cat's whisker OM.
J. Moore (Leicester) confesses that he didn't realise just what went on below 1850 kHz . Things like: DKøKC, DLICF, DL8CM, GM3PFQ/A, HB9NL,

OK1ATY, OL1ANE, PAøCC. Gear in use a CR100/2, 130 ft . long wire and an a.t.u.
C. Manuel (Kent), six-valve homebrew plus sixty feet of wire wound round the loft, heard some goodies on 3.5 MHz . These include: FB8XX, HK3AVK, HK6BRK, JW8IL (Bear Island), KL7GDU, KP4CL, K3NPV, K9TZH, TI2CMF, VE1AJI, VE2BAR, VE3PT, VE8YL, VU2BEO, W2MCM, W3FPX, W4EKA, W9YT, ZC4IK, ZS1MH, ЗA3EE.
J. Hickman (Hants) gives a list of stations heard on an "old Government receiver". (Does this imply that one must labour hard to hear anything?). Log for 14 MHz s.s.b. reads: AX3AMN, AX4NB, AX9XK, JA1KSO, JR4FGW, KH6BB, 'KX6BQ, MP4TCS, OA9KAZ, PJ2CC, PY2ATG, VK2ARG, VK9SM, VS9SM, ZD7SD, ZM2PX, ZM3GS, ZM6JBR, ZP5XE, ZS4AJ, $9 \mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{CD}, 9 \mathrm{Q} 5 \mathrm{AB}, 9 \mathrm{Q} 5 \mathrm{GG}$. Antenna is a 75 ft . long wire at 30 feet.
"I am 13 years old" warns R. Mortimore (Glamorgan). His letter also informs of the H.A.C. DX receiver plus amplifier and a 14 MHz dipole hidden in the loft. Tunes in the headphones from: FP8CS, FP8CT, K2GGB, PY1CAD, SV1CK, VE1ATP, VE3BZK, VE7HP, WA6ZZK, YV1LA.
C. Henderson (I think) is fifteen and lives in Kent. Gear in use is a B40 receiver, a 75 ft . end fed and the P.W. frame aerial which, claims master Crispin, rakes in DX on ten metres. (Charles Molloy shall here of this).

A peep at 14 MHz revealed signals from: AP6CG, AX3MM, AX7GK, AX7RX, CT3AS, EA4CX, EP3XL, KH6GKE, OA7PI, SV1AN, SV1DB, VEØNEF, VE1ADV, VE2BVP, VK2VQ, VK3WX, W6CLS, WTNG, YBØAAD, YT1NPF, YT2GE, ZL2BDG, ZS1JP, ZS2MI, ZS6BBK, 9Q5AB, all on s.s.b.
Ten metres, using the you-know-what aerial, provided s.s.b. squeaks from: CR6MT, CTILN, EA7DB, EL2AW, PY2HY, VK5QG, VS6CH, VU2CK, W5ILR, ZB2BV, ZE1DP, ZL3RB, ZS6BDO, 4X4AB, 9E3USA, 9H1AF, 9J2BR.
P. Beeson (Staffs), HA500, 67ft. end fed, logged these on ten metres s.s.b.: AX5DE, AX6LM, K2BQO, OZ5KF, VE3EWY, ZC4JW, ZE3JO, 7Q7AA.
A. White (Bucks), SP400 plus G3TYJ 2 -transistor preselector and ten metre dipole bagged: CEØAE, FR7ED (Reunion Island), JX3LY (Spitsbergen), KC6ES, MP4QUQ, PY7OS, RA3ACQ, UI8AJ, $4 \mathrm{X} 4 \mathrm{RQ} / \mathrm{MM}, 5 \mathrm{Z} 4 \mathrm{ZJ}, 9 \mathrm{Y} 4 \mathrm{AA}$. On 144 MHz , A. White Esq. used an SQ-2 receiver and an 8 -over-8 at a nearby amateur's QTH. Stations received included DJ4HI, DJØTL, DK2ER, F1SS, F6AAQ, G8CCE, G3GZJ, GC8ECL, HB9AEN, PAøSHT.

## Contests

Contests for February include: 6-7, ARRL DX contest (phone section); 13-14, Topband contest; 20-21 ARRL DX contest (c.w. section); 27-28, REF, contest (phone). March 6-7 is the second part of the ARRL DX phone section contest.

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${ }^{6} 7 \square 0$ business that we love we rise betimes, and go to it with delight."
So said Antony, according to the Bard, and so say all of us who like to roam the waves in search of the intriguing, the instructional or the downright insolent. You would be surprised what you get on top band some nights! Henry has not yet got around to calling his rig Cleopatra, despite its often exhibiting decidedly feminine traits. But he certainly does rise betimes-and lately has stayed risen well into the small hours.

The reason for this burning of the midnight oil has been the receipt of a multiband, highpowered, roam-the-globe receiver for review and a reawakening of lost enjoyments as Henry tries it out.

If the rest of the family are not to share my pleasure, willy-nilly, and if the neighbours are to be maintained in the state of uneasy truce that the average radio and hi-fi fanatic has to live with, such small-hours listening must call for headphones. Loudspeakers are noisy intrusions upon privacy.

My own headphones vary between the severely practical and the impossibly exotic. Far removed from the 'cans' with which Dad used to impress the relatives as he whiskered in 2L0, the modern headset is the epitome of

... in the state of uneasy truce.
physiological contouring, the lap of aural luxury. I am playing with a pair at present that cost -or would cost, if I could afford to buy them-about three times as much as the f.m. radio on which I attempt to capture that elusive stereo radio.

Now and again, the headset gets an insidious boost by being seen on the napper of studio manager or musical director as the television camera artfully shows us life behind the scenes. Large, well-muffed cans these... chosen as much for their external noise exclusion as for any other virtue. 40 dB is the minimum, I am told, and must be weighed against comfort.

The last point matters: I once tested a pair of headphones with a reputable name and impressive specification. Measuring those figures was not easy-one needs a special coupler, a special microphone, and access to an anechoic chamber. But as far as I could judge, the makers made no exorbitant claims. The X-phones were nudging at Koss's pedestal. And then Henry came to the subjective tests. . .

Disillusion rapidly set in. An hour trapped in that vicelike clamp was equivalent to a Star Chamber tortue. One heard no electronic distortion, true, but the physical singing in ones ears made up for the straight and level response curve. Bits and pieces of cotton wool did no more than alleviate a problem that stemmed from the fact that the designer had used a model Japanese midget when organising his headband curvation. But the noise exclusion was marvellous.

This private world of the headphone listener can lead to some funny situations. A while ago we received a National product, a rather expensive novelty, a headset with built-in battery portable radio and a pair of moon-probe style antennae. They had good exclusion, too, as our sales man-


Wearing a rapt expression and rod aerials.
ager found when testing them. The shop is electrically noisy and in true-"come into the light and see the true colour, madam"fashion, he wandered into the road. Whereas the passing public would not have looked twice at a purchaser fingering the fabric, the sight of JDO stalking a main city thoroughfare wearing a rapt expression and shiny rod aerials was too much for the traffic, which squealed to a halt. It took him several minutes to realise that another world-a curious, frightened world, SF-conditioned -existed beyond his earmuffs.

We have come a long way from the pair of cocoa tins and a length of string. Henry's personal headset boasts the appellation CAD. Not inappropriately, says Joe, unkindly. But these intials stand for Computer Aided Design. Presumably, all the data was fed into the electronic maw-the size of one's cranium, the projection of the average ear, the amount of inadvertent blast one could withstand before ones stirrups flipped . . . and out came a set of instructions. I must admit that the exercise was not wasted for my headphones represent a retreat, a refuge, a comfortable escape into a binaural hi-fi world while the rest of the world lies sleeping.

Now some clot has come up with ideas for four-channel headphones and we shall have com-puter-aided-quadrophonics before long. Is there never to be any peace?

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TAPE RECORDERS (HOW TO USE AND CHOOSE)<br>By H. W. Hellyer<br>Published by Fountain Press Ltd.<br>239 pages, price £2.25.

A
N author of a domestic-based, popular technical subject, like hi-fi and tape recording, is faced initially with the task of deciding the level at which to reach the majority of his readers. Then, having made the decision, to stick to it throughout the book.

In reality this can never be so absolute because of the varying technical nature of the material presented and the general expanse of its range. The craft lies in securing logical balance and easy-toassimilate style, devoid of ambiguity. This has undoubtedly been achieved by Mr. Hellyer in his new book on tape recorders.

Coverage is remarkably wide, embracing no fewer than 12 chapters, ranging from the background story of tape recording and basic principles, through heads and gaps, the tape deck, portable recorders, tracks and speeds, microphones, special applications (taking in slide sync, though I was surprised to see no mention of my scheme based on 'pauses', now coming into educational and industrial use) and various servicing procedures, concluding with an enlightening essay on tests and measurements.
General bias (!) is towards principles and servicing, which is by no means a bad thing handled as it is by a master of the subject; but it fails exactly to suit the 'How to Use and Choose . . .' part of the title, even though many words of wisdom on these themes are interspersed beneath the cover of other text.

Many circuits and circuit sections are featured, along with an abundance of line drawings, interesting photo reproductions from various sources, including some from the author's own bench-side camera.

Here, then, is a work which undoubtedly gave Mr. Hellyer great joy to write, aided, so my grapevine telegraph informs, by background music through headphones. From tape? A very well planned book and one which investigates the subject in far greater depth than told by the title, ideal for the tape enthusiast as well as the practising tape recorder technician. In fact, a book that can be summed up as the top of the tape recorder pops. Well done Mac!-GJK.


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UY now, collect later, is a proven method of attracting the reader with a direct and maybe specialised interest. It works in the educational
field, and in the quasi-educational area also. By the evidence of this opening contribution to a very ambitious project inspired by Douglas Brown, it should also succeed in the less popular but more intense region of tape recording.

The author of this first section is well known for his contributions on field recording to the specialist press. He is a man of forthright and honest views. As he tells us, this is his first attempt at writing a book. Albeit this is a rather thin volume, its place in the 22 -section encyclopedia is ensured, and if later parts maintain Mr. Margoschis' standard the publishers should be pleased.

He introduces the subject of outdoor recording briefly, goes on to discuss the machine itself, without being too specific, and as succinctly treats microphones and the parabolic reflector. If any criticism could be levelled, it is that more detail could have been given in this section. But this is not a work of reference, and the practical details are worth more than reams for theoretical treatment.

Further parts (for this book is not divided into conventional chapters, but parts as informal as a friend's letter) outline the most effective use of the machine, its handling on site, and then the very special methods used to record mammals, insects and even atmosphere. Mr. M. is concerned also to show a business-like approach to field recording, described the building of a programme, indexing, filing and finally the sale of the precious tapes.
He ends with a fairly comprehensive bibliography and discography, leaving the reader with a satisfied feeling of having been in the presence of a true enthusiast, a most meticulous man.
This first part is published coincident with the August issue of Tape Recording Magazine. The next two parts, in successive months, will be 'Writing a Script' by Terry Deveraux, and 'ABC of Recording Terms' by H. W. Hellyer. Further information on the series is available from Print \& Press at a cost of 6 s . The whole work will be, as publisher Douglas Brown has promised, a full survey of the whole field. $-H W H$.

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A$S$ a life-long c.w. enthusiast the author is very gratified to see so many newly licensed amateurs beginning their activities using c.w. especially on Top Band. Indeed the number of recently issued callsigns appearing near the top of the lists of contest results must make many oldtimers goggle in disbelief!

This equipment is suitable for newcomer and oldtimer alike and is a true transceiver insofar as the transmitted and received frequencies are the same at all times and controlled by the main tuning dial. Intended for c.w. operating on Top Band this transceive facility is of great benefit in contests obviating the necessity for continually 'netting' the transmitter to the receiver as is required in some so-called 'transceivers' which are really a transmitter and receiver in a box with only the power supply in common.

True 'break-in' is possible in this design whereby incoming signals can be heard in the spaces of the actual dots and dashes. Alternatively a time delay of a second or two may be obtained between the end of a transmission and the receiver becoming operative again. The keying relay has only one single pole changeover contact the switching of the individual circuits being achieved with cheap silicon diodes.

Using a genuine 10 watts input (the legal limit on Top Band) the transceiver has given very good results on the air and using a half wave aerial excellent signal reports have been received from all over UK and some European countries. In contest operation it has left little to be desired. In practice it has been found that certain controls on the front panel could very well be relegated to the rear of the chassis.

Some refinements have been built in such as an output indicator and a p.a. grid current meter in

order to make the transceiver as complete as possible but these can well be left to the discretion of the constructor.

## OPERATION

The basic operation of the transceiver is best illustrated by reference to the block diagram Fig. 1. On receive the signal is amplified by V1 and passed to the mixer/oscillator V2 the output being amplified at 465 kHz by V3 and V4 before being passed to the product detector. This uses diodes D1 and D2 to which is also fed the output of the b.f.o., the triode section of V4. The triode section of V3 functions as an audio amplifier feeding the headphones. As a refinement the audio also goes to the small speaker situated in the power supply unit.

On transmit the output of the first oscillator and the b.f.o. are fed into the transmitter mixer valve V5 the output of this being amplified by V6 which drives the p.a. stage V7. The triode section of V6 is a keyed tone oscillator feeding into the audio stage.

To obtain adequate selectivity a $Q$ multiplier valve V8 has been included in the receiver.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

On Receive Reference should be made to Fig. 3. Valve V1 is an ECC85 double triode used in a cascode configuration as an r.f. amplifier. In the author's experience this is the only worthwhile circuit that is effective against cross-modulation which can be a serious problem on Top Band shared as it is with various coastal stations on a.m.

Note that the input tuned circuit ( 1.8 to 2.0 MHz ) for Vl is also the pi-network output circuit for the p.a. thus performing a dual function. The r.f. stage is fitted with a manual gain control VR1.

The r.f. stage is inductively coupled to the receiver mixer stage V2 which is the old favourite ECF82 the triode section first oscillator tuning 2265 to 2465 kHz to provide an i.f. of 465 kHz .

The output of the mixer feeds the i.f. amplifier
stages V3 and V4 both using ECF82's, with conventional i.f.t.'s, their gain being controlled by the manual gain control VR2.

Since the bandwidth of the i.f. stages at 3 dB down with the i.f.t.'s alone is of the order of 4 kHz at best the selectivity is quite inadequate for c.w. operation and so a $Q$ multiplier was included in the design which when properly adjusted gives excellent selectivity.
The Q multiplier circuit used has appeared quite frequently and has been used by the author on several receivers with very satisfactory results. The $Q$ multiplier valve, V8, an ECC83 double triode, is connected to the anode of the receiver mixer stage V2 thus providing the necessary selectivity early on in the process of amplifying the signal and


A Fig. 1 : Block diagram to illustrate the function of the various stages of the 'Trojan' transceiver.

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thus reducing the risk of cross-modulation in later stages.

The gain of the $Q$ multiplier stage and hence the selectivity is controlled by VR3 and switch S2 allows the $Q$ multiplier to peak a wanted signal or to null out an interfering signal. A big advantage of the circuit used here is that the b.f.o. remains on a fixed frequency while the desirable feature of "incremental tuning" on receive is obtained by tuning the Q multiplier across the i.f. pass-band with panel control VC4.

Normally the b.f.o. is tunable a few kHz either side of its nominal frequency but in a transceiver this would mean that the transmitted and received frequencies would be offset which defeats the whole object unless complicated switching is employed to return the b.f.o. to its nominal frequency on transmit.

The signal from V 4 at 465 kHz goes to the product
detector circuit D1 and D2, the triode section of V4 functioning as the b.f.o. on a fixed frequency of 465 kHz also. After filtering, the audio signal from the p.d. is routed back to the triode section of V3, an audio amplifier, feeding the headphones via the matching transformer T1. As already mentioned the audio signal is also fed to a small speaker, located in the power supply unit, which is very useful for monitoring purposes while working in the shack. A switch is fitted to disconnect the speaker when using the headphones.

The audio output is adequate for the headphones but not enough to warrant the use of a volume control so this was omitted.

On Transmit As stated previously the transmitted signal is always on the same frequency as that to which the receiver is tuned, to permit single channel working, so to understand how this is achieved the following example may help.

With an incoming signal of, say, 1900 kHz the first oscillator is on 2365 kHz the difference frequency of 465 kHz being amplified and detected as already explained, the b.f.o. also being on 465 kHz . If these two frequencies, 2365 and 465 kHz are now fed to a separate mixer valve the difference of 1900 kHz can be selected and amplified and used to drive the p.a. stage of the transmitter. A little consideration will show that this condition obtains whatever the input signal frequency.

In Fig. 3 the outputs of the two oscillators are fed to the transmitter mixer stage V5, another ECF82, the output circuit of which is fixed tuned to the centre of the band at 1900 kHz by L4 and C30. This drives the buffer amplifier V6, an ECF82, which is also tuned to 1900 kHz by L5 and C35, this stage driving the p.a., a 5763 , to 10 watts input.

The p.a. grid current of 3 mA is constant across the band and is shown on the 5 mA meter M1. This meter can be switched by the slide switch S1 to give an indication of the transmitter output level using the diode D7 across the low impedance output circuit.

The p.a. anode circuit is a conventional pi-network with component values chosen to permit loading into a coaxial feeder. The anode end of the network is coupled to the grid of the r.f. stage by C44 so acting as the input circuit on receive.

Note that the pi-network tuning capacitor VClb and the receiver mixer grid circuit tuning capacitor VCla are ganged so that peaking signals with this control also peaks the transmitter r.f. circuits. The
main tuning control VC2 tunes only the first oscillator. Adjustment of trimmer TCl and the core of L2 enables full coverage of the band, 1.8 to $2 \cdot 0 \mathrm{MHz}$ to be obtained.

On transmit the triode part of V6 acts as an audio oscillator using the centre-tapped primary of a transistor output transformer T2 which with the capacitor C 38 gives a pleasant tone of about 800 Hz .

In the interests of stability both oscillators are fed from a stabilised supply of 170 V using two 85 A 2 's, V9 and V10. As a matter of interest the main h.t. of 270 V varies by only 8 V between the receive and the transmit modes.

Receive/Transmit Switching The change-over involves muting the receiver part of the transceiver and activating the transmitter portion in the proper sequence as well as providing for a keyed audio tone to permit proper monitoring.

Operation of the key at jack J1, Fig. 3, energises the relay RLl which is a simple single pole changeover relay on a B7G base. However any relay capable of following the keying will do if the correct operating voltage is applied. If true "break-in" is not required then the capacitor $\mathrm{C} 27,200 \mu \mathrm{~F}$, can be connected across the relay coil which will cause the relay to stay "on" after the key is lifted thus providing a short delay of a second or two before the receiver becomes operative again.

The relay now does not have to be able to follow the keying and an inexpensive type may be used.

The functions initiated by the relay are as follows: with the key up, cathode return circuits of the r.f. and i.f. stages are at earth potential via diodes D3 and D5 and relay contact $R$ and the receiver functions normally.

The transmitter mixer V5, p.a. stage V7 and the audio oscillator (triode part of V6) are biassed off by the negative bias line via R43. With the key down the relay operates and opens the r.f. and i.f. cathode circuits and contact $R$ rendering the receiver inoperative.

The grid return circuits of the transmitter mixer, p.a. and audio oscillator are earthed through relay contact T, diode D4 and the key and the transmitter operates. The keyed audio tone is fed to the grid of the audio output stage and heard in the headphones.


A view of the power supply unit.

## POWER SUPPLY

A separate power supply unit is used to provide the h.t., heaters, bias voltage and relay operating voltage from a single transformer, T1, Fig. 2. Rectifier diodes are all silicon BY100's similar to those used in the switching circuits of the transceiver. Choke input smoothing is used to assist in obtaining good output voltage regulation. Switch S 2 cuts the $\mathrm{h}, \mathrm{t}$ to the p.a. to allow the transmitter driver stages to be aligned using the p.a. grid current meter as an indication of the drive level.

Transformer T2 in the power supply unit matches the speaker to the output winding of the receiver audio stage, but the choice of transformer will depend upon the impedance of the headphones and speaker chosen.

Fig. 2: Complete circuit of the transceiver power supply unit. Capacitor C1, smoothing choke L1, fuse holder and h.t. switch S2 are all mounted on the rear face of the one-piece chassis. See photograph above.



## CONSTRUCTION

The form of construction used combines the advantages of the solidarity of the usual aluminium chassis with the accessibility of the flat circuit board. Two pieces of $6 \times 6 i n$. copperclad s.r.b.p. board are trimmed to $6 \times 5{ }_{8} \mathrm{gin}$. and later fitted to an aluminium framework to form a chassis.

The majority of the wiring of the boards is done before they are fitted to the framework the layout of the boards being shown in Fig. 4, the copper side being underneath. The holes for the valveholders can be easily cut with a chassis cutter care being taken to ensure that the cutter itself goes through the board from the copper-clad side to avoid the possibility of lifting the copper. Similarly, holes should be drilled from the copperclad side.

The B9A valveholders and skirts are fixed with nuts and bolts but the B7G ones can be soldered to the copper, without skirts. Very few nuts and bolts are needed in this form of construction, connections to the boards being soldered wherever possible, thus saving a lot of time. No.difficulty will be experienced soldering to the copper with a 25 W iron although the author used a Weller dual-heat gun for most of the time.

Since the screening cans for the i.f.t.'s, b.f.o. and other inductors are on top of the board care must be taken to ensure that they are properly earthed. This was done by taking a thin copper wire from a lug on each screening can, passing it through the core adjustment hole and soldering it to the board underneath. A check for earthing should be made between each screening can and earth. Details of the fixing holes for the various i.f.t.'s etc. are supplied by the manufacturer.

The Denco r.f. and mixer coils plug into B9A valveholders and the aluminium containers in which they are supplied are used as screening cans as suggested by the makers. However, there is no objection to inverting the coils and using the single hole fixing taking the coil leads through holes in the boards. A small hole is drilled in each can to permit adjustment of the core.

The p.a. coil former is mounted on lin. pillars and the coil ends taken through clearance holes in the board to the pi-network capacitors below. When winding this coil leave several inches of wire at each end for this purpose. The r.f. output indicator components, D7, C47, C48 and R44 are mounted on a small piece of Veroboard and wired directly to the associated tags on the slide switch Sl.


Fig. 4: Layout of the major components on the two copperclad boards. Care must be taken to ensure that valve and coil screens are properly earthed. See text.

Fig. 5. Reverse view of boards. The interconnections between the boards are completed after the boards are assembled on the chassis. The screen on the lefthand board may be soldered in position after completing the wiring of V1 and V2 and V7.


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| R2 $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R15 1kS | R28 100k $\Omega$ | R41 22, |
| R3 100 2 | R16 $330 \Omega$ | R29 47k $\Omega$ | R42 22ks |
| R4 100 2 | R17 470k $\Omega$ | R30 1.8k $\mathbf{R}$ | R43 100k $\mathrm{T}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{W}$ |
| R5 $47 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R18 100k $\Omega$ | R31 1k $\Omega$ | R44 $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R6 $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R19 100k $\Omega$ | R32 $33 \mathrm{k} \Omega \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~W}$ | R45 1-8k $\Omega$ |
| R7 $220 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R20 $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R33 47k | R46 180k $\Omega$ |
| R8 470 2 | R21 $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R34 22ks | R47 $2 \cdot 8 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| R9 100k $\Omega$ | R22 47k | R35 47k $\Omega$ | R48 5.6k $\Omega$ |
| R10 1k | R23 47k $\Omega$ | R36 1k $\Omega$ | R49 2.8MS |
| R11 47k 2 | R24 47k | R37 100k $\Omega$ | R50 5.6k |
| R12 1kS | R25 6.8k $\Omega$ | R38 220k $\Omega$ | R51 470 |
| R13 100k ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | R26 470k $\Omega$ | R39 1k $\mathbf{R}$ |  |



## POWER SUPPLY

Resistors:

| R1 $10 \Omega \frac{1}{2} W$ | $R 3100 k \Omega 2 W$ | $R 547 \mathrm{k} \Omega 1 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R2 $10 \Omega \frac{1}{2} W$ | $R 447 \mathrm{k} \Omega 1 \mathrm{~W}$ | $R 610 \Omega \frac{1}{2} W$ |

Capacitors:
$\mathrm{C} 132+32 \mu \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{~V} \quad \mathrm{C} 28 \mu \mathrm{~F} 350 \mathrm{~V} \quad \mathrm{C} 325 \mu \mathrm{~F} 25 \mathrm{~V}$
Miscellaneous:
D1-4 BY100, S1 2 pole on/off toggle. S2 Single pole on/of toggle. S3 Slide switch. L1 Smoothing choke 10 H 100 mA . Transformer $350-0-350 \mathrm{~V} 80 \mathrm{~mA}$, $6.3 \mathrm{~V} 3.5 \mathrm{~A}, 6 \mathrm{~V} 1 \mathrm{~A}, 5 \mathrm{~V}$ tapped at 4 V (Henrys Type MT2AT). T2 Matching transformer (see text). Fuse 500 mA and holder. Octal socket. Speaker 4 in . Chassis $7 \times 7 \times 4 i n$. wide ( $H$. L. Smith, Type P) Cover $7 \times 7 \times 4 \mathrm{in}$. wide (H. L. Smith, Type A)

Before beginning the wiring of the boards it is a good idea to identify each valveholder and coilholder with a small sticky label marked V1, V2, L1, etc., to prevent confusion. The boards are wired separately, only being brought together when fitted to the framework. A single 18 s.w.g. insulated wire is run round the valveholders for the heater wiring the other side of all heaters being soldered to the board at the valveholder. Capacitors of $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ are wired between each live heater and earth.

Little need be said on the rest of the wiring which is quite conventional, the location of the major components under the boards being shown in Fig. 5. Component earth returns are soldered direct to the board with long leads being left on items that are later wired to panel-mounted components. Certain leads are screened as shown in Fig. 3.
The small screen shown alongside the transmitter
mixer and buffer stage is fabricated from thin tinplate and soldered to the board. Miniature tag strips are soldered to the screen to accommodate various feed resistors from these stages. The transformer T2 is likewise soldered to the screen.

The two-ganged capacitors VC1a-b and VC3 are bolted to the board, the spindles passing through clearing holes in the panel. The buffer anode coil L5 is mounted in an old i.f.t. screening can but the mixer anode coil L4 is unscreened. Both these coils are Osmor l.w./m.w. tuning coils with the 1.w. and aerial coupling windings removed by sliding them off the formers. On L 4 the two unused pins are soldered to the board, acting as supports for the coil.
In the $Q$ multiplier circuit the two leads from R46 to the peak-null switch must be kept well apart or the nulling will not be very effective. The usual circuit has been slightly modified to allow one side
of the Q muliplier tuning capacitor VC4 to be earthed.

A short flexible link is used at the earthy end of the voltage stabiliser chain to permit the stabliser current to be measured and adjusted to about 8 mA after the preliminary alignment has been carried out.
Panel Assembly The panel is part of the instrument case Type W obtainable from H. L. Smith Ltd. and the layout is shown in Fig. 6. It is advisable to fit the two meters and the complete tuning mechanism to the panel before it is joined to the framework and circuit boards otherwise certain screws become inaccessible.

The bottom corners of the dial itself are cut away, as is shown in the photograph, in order to provide


A Top-of-chassis components shown in this view of the

transceiver can be readily ident/fied by reference to Fig. 4.

4Flg. 6: Drilling and layout data for the panel. Full information for fitting is supplied with the dial. The indicator lamp is mounted centrally below the meters.
clearance for the i.f. gain and $Q$ multiplier selectivity potentiometers. The tuning dial is bolted to the panel with 6BA bolts with nuts used as spacers behind the panel but care must be taken not to overtighten the nuts as the escutcheon is very flexible and the glass easily broken, (it was!). Since the original dial pointer was several " kHz " wide it was unsoldered and replaced with one fashioned from a short piece of 20 s.w.g. copper wire hammered flat and painted white.

## NEXT MONTH :- FINAL ASSEMBLY AND ALIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR THE 'TROJAN' TRANSCEIVER



## Sound Only

Being a typical know-all spoilsport I wish to dispel certain readers' visions of magic at work in their circuits. Several letters reporting mysterious phenomena were printed in January's edition, but I remain, as always, unimpressed.

What's this? Transistors acting as loudspeakers? They could be made, if manufacturers felt so inclined, but Mullard would tear their hair out if they thought their $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{p}$ junctions really were rattling about. I suspect that transformer lamination chatter is responsible, or else loose magnetic objects in the vicinity of the transformer. Mind you, it has occurred to me that some goldplated transistor leads are magnetic, surprising though it may seem. They might emit some curious twanging noises if placed near a transformer-an electronic harp, perhaps?

I am surprised that Mr. C. Pearce of Hampton has not previously discovered the remarkable ability of audio amplifiers to detect aill sorts of 'oh-nasties'. A transistor is but two diodes, and diodes detect don't they . . ? He should try stopping his base! Incidently, when receiving Franklin Englemann, it is essential to use armour-plated transistors to avoid damage, and also, in the interests of safety, the listener should wear ear muffs.-R. Sterry G8DVS (Leeds 6).

## Belfast Club

I am writing on behalf of the Radio Club's Committee to inform you of our activities.

The club meets every Wednesday evening, the meeting commencing at 8 p.m. There is a Special Events Night on the first Wednesday of each month when there is a lecture, film show or demonstrational talk on a wide variety of topics.

The club is operational on all bands between 1.8 and 70 MHz . The equipment includes a KW Viceroy, KW77 and a Pye Reporter. We are on the air during most Club Nights and have obtained a large number of operating awards during our many years of activity.

The club room is soon to be redecorated and refurnished and it is hoped to replace the main equipment in the not-too-distant future.

The club members are always ready to welcome visitors and it is hoped to attract new members as the winter season gets under way. In the last few years the Club has not gained many new members and it is thought that this is due to the fact that too few people know of our existence. B. D. Humphries (City of Belfast Y.M.C.A. Radio Club, GI6YM, Y.M.C.A., Wellington Place, Belfast).

## Controversial Ground

Oh come on $P W$ readers, the 20's and 30 's were indeed very exciting as Radio began to make an impression on the world, but the 50 's and 60 's form the real romantic age. The semiconductor revolution, the appearance of the "professional type amateur", the mathematical wonder of what was just a black box built like a jigsaw puzzle.

Experimentation has never been practised by amateurs on the scale it is today, the scope is inexhaustible. From the souped up crystal set to the 'HAL 9000' Radio and Electronics takes its rightful place on the throne of the Technology Kingdom. How any readers can believe that the great days of the amateur are over beats me, they're only just beginning. So wake up you "those were the days' men, you can't see wood for trees.-Robert C. J. Clay (Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1).

## Tape Recorder Repair

I have a Japanese tape recorder called Golden Eagle which needs attention. I have tried from Swansea to Cardiff without any luck to find a repairer-can you or any readers help me please?-M. o'Brien (Glamorgan, S. Wales).
[We passed your letter to our Query Service Tape Expert and he replies as follows: "As Technical Director of a tape recorder and Hi -Fi establishment to whose Cardiff branch you have probably applied already. I can perhaps explain the reason for the diffculty in getting such machines as
this repaired. We have several times in the past undertaken this kind of repair and run into trouble cn two accounts. (1) Spare parts even when obtainable always take a long time to arrive. Customers inevitably blame the service engineer for this delay, which causes a lot of bad feeling even when the job is done successfully. (2) The cost of repairing any tape recorder is inevitably raised by the labour time, and service engineers have to be fairly well paid nowadays in order to retain their labour. This means that the odd tape recorder for which service information may not be available, and which is unfamiliar to the engineer and takes a little longer to be repaired, will atways result in a costlier job. Once again, the customer gets rather annoyed and the service engineer even when he has done a satisfactory job is not regarded very favourably. As most businesses are existing primarily to sell and secondarily to service, it is understandable that they only want to service the machines they sell and those similar to them. This makes for economic service and enables them to give their own customers a better deal.

I am sorry to go on like this but it really needs saying. When you buy something like a tape recorder it certainly does pay to make sure that after-sales service is available". The Query Service expert then goes on to tell the reader one or two possible repair depots.-Editor.

## Good Leader

Your lead article on BBC Local Radio (P.W. January, 1971) was first class. I am sure that with a bit more publicity, these stations could become very popular, but because the BBC is a semi-State corporation they seem to feel that advertising their wares is beneath their dignity.

Radio 4 being regional is the ideal medium for publicising the local radio stations but scarcely a word is heard from them.

The radio retailers can't escape blame either-I have yet to see a retailer helping local radio with publicity and the retail shop is surely one of the best mediums.P. Singh (Southall).


scale. The operating range is about 50 dB . (Voltage 300:1). R2 sets the sensitivity of the meter and C4 is included to filter out r.f. pickup when a remote meter is being used in $\mathrm{J} l$.

The a.f. coupling capacitor, C 3 , feeds demodulated a.f. signals to J 2 for headphone monitoring. The headphones should be high impedance types.

| Range | 1 | $1 \cdot 7$ | - |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| Range 2 | 5 | - | 6 MHz |
| Range 3 | 11 | - | 15 MHz |
| Range 4 | 20 | - | 80 MHz |
| Range 5 | 75 | - | 160 MHz |



Fig. 2. Drilling details for the sub-chassis.

## Construction

The heart of the RF Detector is the tuner unit and this is built on a flat sub-chassis of $16 \mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{g}$. aluminium. The drilling for this is shown in Fig. 2. The fixing of the 2 -gang capacitor is by three very short $4 \mathrm{BA} \times{ }^{3}{ }_{16} \mathrm{in}$. screws. It is essential to check that the screws do not protrude through the gang capacitor frame sufficiently to short circuit or damage the stator and rotor plates.

The three fixing holes on the sub-chassis are spaced 120 degrees on a lin. diameter circle, and a ${ }_{5} \mathrm{in}$. diameter hole is required to clear the spindle bearing. The tuning capacitor spindle is of insufficient length to allow a knob to be fitted directly and so an exten-


Fig. 3, Layout of the front panel.
sion spindle, Denco type SP2, is required. The tuning capacitor spindle is cut down to length $5_{16}$ in. before fitting the extension.

The case of the instrument consists of the 6357P Eddystone die-cast box, with the lid forming the front panel. The case is sprayed with car touch-up aerosol spray and lettered with 'Letraset'.

The sub-chassis is fastened to the front panel by four 6BA screws and spaced from it by $4 \times 3_{8}$ in. long spacing sleeves, fitted on the screws. Lektrokit spacers type LK2521 are suitable, but extra nuts could be fitted to the 6BA screws to do the same job.

The front panel (lid) drilling is shown in Fig. 3. It is a good plan, after drilling the sub-chassis, to use this as a template for marking out the exact positions of the fixing screw holes on the front panel.
The type A61 telescopic aerial is supplied complete with an adaptor bush which has an internal 4BA thread. It is mounted in the case by fixing the bottom end to a nylon 4BA screw and nut, fixed through the bottom edge of the box, and at the top by means of a suitable plastic grommet. This arrangement is shown in Fig. 4.


Fig. 4. Detalls of the fitting of the telescopic aerial.
The placement of the tuning components on the sub-chassis is shown in Fig. 6. L9 is made from 18 s.w.g. tinned copper wire and is bent to the dimensions shown. The shorter side is soldered directly to the ends of the rotor contacts, where these are soldered to the centre of the frame of the capacitor, and the longer side is soldered directly to the stator tag of the rear section of the capacitor.

It is important to orientate the coils correctly as this provides the shortest length of leads. On the higher frequency ranges excessive lead length could affect the calibration. All the wiring to S2 and the coils is done in 20 s.w.g. t.c. wire. The wiring of the components on the front panel is shown in Fig. 5.

A 'sniffer' loop may be constructed from a piece of coax cable by stripping off the braid and covering, for about 4 inches, and bending over and attaching the end of the centre conductor to the braid. The loop, so formed, should have the connection to the braid insulated with tape and a suitable coax plug may be fitted to the other end, for plugging into the front panel socket.


Fig. 5. Wiring guide for components on the front panel.

## Calibration

Calibration of the tuner unit is carried out with the sub-chassis removed from the front panel.

1. Connect the full r.f. output from a calibrated signal generator to the coax input socket and switch S1 to LOOP.
2. Set VC1/VC2 to maximum capacity, fully clockwise.
3. Adjust as follows:-

| S2 set to | Sig. Gen. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | Adjust for max.

Lock the cores in position with a touch of polystyrene cement and assemble the sub-chassis on the front panel. It may be necessary to reduce the length of the tuning slug screws if these are protruding too far and are fouling the back of the front panel.

When assembled the overall calibration may be checked if suitable equipment is available. Details of the dial pointer are given in Fig. 6.


General view of back of the RF Detector.

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| 2N3794 | 150 | $2 N 1613$ | 287 | AC107 | $46 p$ | BC158 | 85 p | BFY50 | 23 p |
| 2N3904 | 85p | 2N1711 | 26p | ACl26 | 20p | BC154 | 88p | BFY51 | 20 p |
| 2N3906 | 850 | 2N1893 | 54p | AC127 | 20p | BC157 | 19p | BFY52 | 28p |
| 2N4058 | 20 p | 2N2147 | 95 D | ACl28 | 20p | BC158 | 17p | BEX20 | 18 p |
| 2N4009 | 200 | 2N2218 | 33 p | A0158 | 25 p | $\mathrm{BCl}^{\text {ch }}$ | 18p | C407 | 17p |
| 2N4060 | 20 p | 2N2218A | 48 p | ACl 76 | 275 | BC167 | $18 p$ | MCl40 | 25 p |
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| 40362 | 68p | 2N2924 | 20p | A F124 | 309 | BC214L | 25p | OC81N | $25 p$ |
| 2 N 966 | 20 p | 2N2925 | 28D | AF127 | 28p | BGY70 | 19p | ZTX 300 | 17 p |
| 2N697 | 28p | 2N2926 | 11 D | AF139 | 48 p | BCY71 | 88 p | ZTX301 | 17p |
| 2N706 | 12p | 2N3053 | 27p | AF239 | 497 | BCY72 | 15p | ZTX302 | 22p |
| 2N930 | 290 | 2N3325 | 54p | ASY26 | 87p | BFi15 | 88p $\mathbf{4 8 p}$ | ZTX303 | 22p |
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| 2N1302 | $10 p$ $10 p$ | 2N3704 | 13p 13p | BC108 $\mathrm{BC109}$ | 14p | BF195 | 18p | ZTX 502 | 88 p |
| 2N1304 | 28 p | 2N3706 | 18 p | BCl25 | 55 p | BFX29 | 81p | ZTX503 | ${ }^{251}$ |
| 2N1305 | 38 p | 2N3707 | 18 p | BC126 | 55 p | BFX84 | 25p | ZTX504 | 60p |
| 2N1306 | 88 p | 2N3708 | 18 p | BC147 | 15 | BFX85 | 34p |  |  |
| 2N1307 | 36p | 2N3709 | 18p | BC148 | 14p | BFX87 | 29p |  |  |

RESISTORS

| Code | Power | Tolerance | Ranse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 1/20w | 5\% | 82 $\Omega-220 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ |
| C | 1/8W |  | $4.7 \Omega-330 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ |
| C | 1/4W | 10\% | 4.7 / ${ }^{\text {-10M } \Omega}$ |
| C | 1/2W | 5\% | $4.7 \Omega-10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| C | 1w | 10\% | $4.7 \Omega-10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| мо | 1/2W | 2\% | $10 \Omega-1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| WW | $1{ }^{1 W}$ | . $10 \% \pm 1 / 20 \Omega$ | 0.22 $\Omega-3.0 \Omega$ |
| ww | 3W |  | $12 \Omega-10 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ |
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Fig. 6. Location of components on the sub-chassis.

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Telescopic aerial type A61 (Home Radio).
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For the guidance of readers the following list shows the instruments which have already been described in this series:-

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# Writing for 'Practical Wireless' 

A$S$ promised in the leader last month, we have collected together some pointers which we hope will be of use to readers interested in writing for Practical Wireless. Long before an issue goes to press the Editor must decide on the contents of that issue and endeavour to maintain a fair balance of interest for all the various sections of the readership. It needs only a quick glance through several consecutive issues to illustrate just how wide the editorial arm must reach - beginners and advanced constructors (and various grades in between), valve enthusiasts (there are still plenty about) must not be ruled out, short wave listeners, test gear enthusiasts, receiver builders (and all the permutations in this group!), gadget lovers, audio fans, and so on. An overloading on one sector will instantly bring complaints from other enthusiasts, but a neglect of one particular aspect will similarly fill the postbag.
To a large extent, of course, the selection of articles is the province of the editor and his team and can be controlled to conform to what we think is right, judging not only from our own opinions but on the response from readers as gauged from the mail and personal contacts. However, it is not always possible to flavour the cake exactly as we would like from the ingredients to hand.

Quite often, our main feature articles have been specially commissioned from authors whose names are well known, not only in this magazine but in other technical journals. They have earned a reputation for being able to produce an article which is correctly presented, technically reliable and compiled in such a way that editorial work can proceed with the minimum of trouble and worry. The balance of articles are mainly "unsolicited"-that is, material sent along by readers without prior consultation, out of the blue.

There are several important points to note here. One or two of our regular contributors rose in the ranks, as it were, from the unsolicited group. They have done this, not only for the quality of their work, but principally because they have taken the trouble to work out exactly what our requirements are. In other words they have placed themselves in the editor's position and thought about what he would like to see.

The regulars also stand more chance of their work being accepted because in most cases they will approach the editor before starting work on a project to ensure such an article would be welcome; that is, except where an article is specially commissioned. Readers wishing to submit an unsolicited article should think hard before putting pen to paper-to ensure a greater chance of acceptance it is well worthwhile to write first, giving a brief run-down of the equipment to be described or a brief synopsis if
the article is of a theoretical nature. This will at least establish that the editor is looking for such an article, for it sometimes happens that perfectly good material has to be returned to an author simply because we already have similar articles in the files.

Although it is understandable that most articles from new authors describe pieces of equipment they have already built for their own personal use, many of such articles could be suitable for publication. Occasionally we receive articles of intrinsic merit but with various blemishes, but others defy even the best efforts of the editorial team to lick them into shape. Much of this material could be salvaged if the prospective author notes the general requirements as outlined in the previous paragraphs and then studies the practical notes which follow.

## PLANNING

It is important that an article is planned before starting work. Break the text up into definite sections, for instance: Introduction, The Circuit, What the Equipment will do, Advantages, Notes on Construction, How to Use it, etc. Having thought out mentally how the article is to be constructed then, the actual writing will not only be easier, but it will flow logically and make interesting reading. There is nothing worse than an article which jumps from one aspect to another, then back again, causing great confusion.

Another factor to be determined right at the beginning is the technical level to aim at. This should, basically, depend on the type of article being prepared. If the project is a simple 2-transistor radio for the beginner then a great deal of information is required, including fool-proof constructional details. If the equipment is, say, a communications receiver, then the ideal approach is to explain unusual circuit features in detail, describe construction only where a particular aspect is of critical importance in the resultant performance, and generally to treat the material at the assumed technical level of the reader with sufficient practical knowledge and experience to embark on such a comparatively complex piece of equipment.

The lesson here is similar to that to be learned when deciding to submit an article in the first place. Don't think of yourself! In the first place, think what the editor might need. In the second place, think what the reader might need.

## WRITING AN ARTICLE

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$$
\text { Sensation Level }=\log \frac{I}{I_{0}}
$$

Where, I . . . is the intensity of the note transmitted and I. . . . . is the threshold or received intensity.
From this simple relationship between a note, or musical sound as transmitted, and the actual intensity as perceived by the ear, a unit called a "Bel" was derived (after Alexander Graham Bell inventor of the telegraph sounder). The Bel is a unit for comparing the relative intensities in signal strength transmitted over a telephone line. Thus a Bel is $\log \mathbf{P}_{1} / \mathbf{P}_{2}$
Where $\mathrm{P}_{1} \ldots$ is the intensity of the signal transmitted;
and $P_{2} \ldots$ is the intensity of the signal heard.
It was found in practice that the Bel was too large a unit for general measurements and a unit called the Decibel was derived, this being a tenth part of a Bel, thus our equation now takes the form:

$$
\text { Decibels }=10 \log \frac{P_{1}}{P_{2}}
$$

The Decibel is a unit by which one may express power ratios or gain or loss ratios of related quantities such as voltage or current. In 1924 the International Advisory Committee adopted: (a) The "Bel" a unit based on Logs to the Base 10 and is in general use. (b) The Neper (after Napier) based on Logs to the Base "e".

## GAIN IN DECIBELS

In general two powers $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ may be compared either by observing the voltage developed across a given resistance or a current passing through it. If
the two resistances are equal in value the power ratio will be proportional to the voltage or current ratio.
Thus the power gain in decibels is given by:

$$
10 \log \frac{\text { Watts }_{1}}{\text { Watts }_{2}}
$$

and as watts equal $E^{2} / R$ we have

$$
10 \log \frac{\frac{E_{1}^{2}}{R}}{\frac{E_{2}^{2}}{R}}=10 \log \frac{E_{i}^{2} \times R}{R \times E_{2}^{2}}
$$

If the two resistances are equal in value the decibel gain is

$$
10 \log \left(\frac{E_{1}}{E_{2}}\right)^{2}=20 \log \frac{E_{1}}{E_{2}}
$$

When the resistances are not equal in value the equation becomes

$$
\text { decibels }=20 \log \frac{E_{1}}{E_{2}}+10 \log \frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}
$$

When applied to current measurements the equation becomes
decibels $=10 \mathrm{Log} \frac{\text { Watts }_{1}}{\text { Wattsi }_{2}}$ and, since watts also equal $I^{\prime}$ R.

$$
\text { decibels }=10 \log \left(\frac{I_{1}}{I_{2}}\right)^{2}=20 \log \frac{I_{1}}{I_{2}}
$$

As in the voltage relationship, when the resistances are not equal in value, the equation becomes

$$
\text { decibels }=20 \log \frac{I_{1}}{I_{2}}+10 \log \frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}
$$

In alternating current circuits involving impedances $Z_{1}$ and $Z_{2}$ across which the voltage or current measurements may be taken, allowance must be made for the quadrature components. Where the impedances (which are the quadrature components) are not equal the decibel gain or loss is given by:

$$
20 \log \frac{E_{1}}{E_{2}}+10 \log \frac{Z_{1}}{Z_{2}}+\frac{\cos \theta_{1}}{\cos \theta_{2}}
$$

Where $\cos _{1}$ and $\cos _{2}$ are the power factors of the impedances involved.
In the decibel specification of electronic amplifiers, be they valve or solid state types it is necessary to state,
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## PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF DECIBELS

A transistor amplifier having an input impedance of 1000 ohms requires an input of 5 mV for an output of 3 watts into a load impedance of 3 ohms. Calculate the overall gain in decibels.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { decibel gain }=20 \log \frac{V_{1}}{V_{2}}+10 \log \frac{Z_{1}}{Z_{2}} \\
& =20 \log \frac{3}{5 \times 10^{-3}}+10 \log \frac{1000}{3} \\
& =80 \cdot 8 \mathrm{~dB}
\end{aligned}
$$

## A DECIBEL METER

A practical decibel meter may be constructed with a $0-1 \mathrm{~mA}$ meter so calibrated and arranged to read alternating voltages and decibels. The meter has a system of four diodes arranged as a bridge so as to enable the meter to read a.c. in four ranges, $0-1$ volt, $0-3$ volts, $0-10$ volts and $0-30$ volts (i.e. approx 10 dB between ranges). Each of the ranges has its own adjustable series resistance to facilitate the calibration (Fig. 1).
Included in this design is a switch and the necessary input sockets enabling the instrument to be used on stereo equipment to check the output of either channel.

This instrument is essentially an a.c. voltmeter which must be connected across an external load such as a loudspeaker or a resistor simulating the loudspeaker, whence it will read the outut voltage, and as the meter scale is also calibrated in $d B$ with a zero reference level of $\operatorname{lmW}$ in 600 ohms, i.e. corresponding to 0.775 volt, one may observe the dB loss or gain at various frequencies.

fig. 1: Circuit of a practical dB meter.

A 0-1mA meter was selected because these instruments are readily available or are reasonably cheap to purchase. The meter series resistors required are as follows:

| Range | Scale | Series <br> Resistor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $0-1 \mathrm{~V}$ | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega-1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ wirewound slider <br> resistor with $470 \Omega$ fixed <br> resistor. <br> $3 \mathrm{k} \Omega-1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ wirewound slider <br> resistor with $2 \cdot 7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ fixed <br> resistor. |
| 3 | $0-3 \mathrm{~V}$ | $0-10 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega-5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ wirewound slider |  |  |
| resistor with $8 \cdot 2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ fixed |  |  |
| resistor. |  |  |
| $30 \mathrm{k} \Omega-5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ wirewound slider |  |  |
| resistor with $27 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ fixed |  |  |
| resistor. |  |  |

The block schematic diagram (Fig. 2) shows the equipment required for purposes of calibration.


Fig. 2: Calibration set-up for the $d B$ meter.

## CONSTRUCTION

Figure 3 is a sketch of the construction of the instrument, which may be mounted in a metal or wooden box, and shows the wiring to the meter and calibrating resistors.

Terminals 1 to 4 are wired to the fixed tags on the wafer switch. The moving tag of this switch goes to the blocking capacitor Cl in Fig. 1. The other side of the blocking capacitor goes to the moving tag on the channel selector wafer switch S1. Dimensions of the panel have purposely been omitted, leaving the constructor to make his own arrangements.


Fig. 3: Layout of the major components.

## CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

Having assembled the instrument and checked the wiring, etc, connect the instrument as shown (Fig 2). Set the range switch of the meter to range one, and the channel switch to the side on test, i.e. left or right. Switch on signal generator and set output to one volt, as registered on the Avo on the appropriate scale, adjusting the calibrating resistor R1 for fullscale deflection, i.e. 1 volt.

Reduce the signal generator output by $0 \cdot 1$ volt i.e. $0 \cdot 8,0 \cdot 7,0 \cdot 6$, etc., checking against the Avo and making appropriate marks on the meter scale.

Switch to range $2,0-3$ volts; and repeat the above.
Fig. 4 is of the completed scale. Examination of this shows the form it should take. Note that the decibel scale zero level is opposite $0 \cdot 775$ volt on the $0-1$ volt scale.

## R.M.S. VOLTS



Fig. 4: Typical scale showing voltage and dB callbration.

## components list

| Resistors |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R1 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ Wirewound preset (Radiospares 'Slider') |  |  |  |  |  |
| R2 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  | , |  |  |  |
| R3 | $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  | " | " |  |  |
| R4 | $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| R5 | 470k $\Omega \frac{1}{2} W 10 \%$ Morganite Type S" |  |  |  |  |  |
| R6 | $2 \cdot 7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, |  | ," | , |  |  |
| R7 | 8.2 k , | " | " | ," |  |  |
| R8 | $2 \cdot 7 \mathrm{k} \mathrm{S}_{\text {. }}$ | , | " | " |  |  |

## Capacitors

C1 $2 \mu \mathrm{~F} 150 \mathrm{~V}$ (Increase to $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ for frequencies down to 20 Hz . Non-polarised electrolytic)
Diodes
D1, 2, 3, 4 Type D914 (Newmarket) or similar.
Miscellaneous
Meter, $0-1 \mathrm{~mA}$, moving coil: water switch SP4W: Toggle switch SPDT: Input sockets: paxolin or Veroboard about $4 \times 5$ in: Metal or wood case.

TABLE 1

| Decibels <br> Power (Watts) | Ratio | Decibels <br> Voltage or Current |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $1 \longrightarrow$ | 0 |
| 3 | 2 | 6 |
| $4 \cdot 8$ | 3 | 10 |
| $6 \cdot 0$ | 4 | 12 |
| $7 \cdot 0$ | 5 | 14 |
| $7 \cdot 8$ | 6 | $15 \cdot 6$ |
| $8 \cdot 5$ | 7 | 17 |
| $9 \cdot 0$ | 8 | 18 |
| 9.5 | 9 | 19 |
| 10 | 10 | 20 |
| 20 | $10^{2}$ | 40 |
| 30 | $10^{3}$ | 60 |
| 40 | $10^{4}$ | 80 |
| 50 | $10^{5}$ | 100 |
| 60 |  | 120 |

One final note. If it is desired to read watts on this instrument this may be done by observing the voltage across a given load resistance (or loudspeaker). Assuming for the sake of this example the load resistor to be 3 ohms, switch meter to appropriate scale and then connect across load. If the reading on the meter showed say 3 volts the power in watts would be:

$$
\text { Watts } \frac{\mathrm{V}^{2}}{\mathrm{R}}=\frac{3 \times 3}{3}=3 \text { Watts (r.m.s.) }
$$

The table gives some decibel ratios in common use.

## THE

MW COLUMN


DURING the winter months North American medium wave stations are often audible at 2300 hrs GMT which is the time when a number of Europeans close down for the night. Propagation on this path is rather variable and fadeouts are frequent, so DXers will find it useful to look for stations that are among the first to appear, before deciding to stay up late. Those which can be used as a guide to conditions are CJON in St John's Newfoundland on 930 kHz ; Radio St Pierre 1375 kHz in the French colony of St Pierre et Miquelon near Newfoundland; CBA 1070 kHz a 50 K -watter in Moncton New Brunswick. CJON can be found between Brussels 926 kHz and AFN 935 kHz as early as 2200 hrs . $\mathbf{R}$ St Pierre causes a 1 kHz heterodyne on Lille 1376 kHz before the latter closes down at 2300 hrs . CBA is the easiest North American and when conditions are favourable it will be audible as soon as Paris 2 signs off at 2300 hrs . On a good night North Americans start to peak up before midnight and they can be picked up easily on a communications receiver and a short outdoor antenna-even a TV aerial will do.

North Americans logged by the writer on the 13 th December between 2300 hrs and midnight GMT include CBNA 600 kHz St Anthony Nfld; CBN 640 St John's Nfld; CBH 860 in Halifax Nova Scotia; CJCH 920 in Halifax; CJON 930 St John's; CHER 950 Sydney N.S.; CHNS 960 Halifax; CBA 1070 Moncton. From the United States; WNBC 660 New York City; WABC 770 also in NYC; WHDH 850 in Boston; WABI 910 in Bangor Maine; WINS 1010 NYC; WBZ 1030 Boston; WHB 1050 NYC; WBAL 1090 in Baltimore; WBT 1110 in Charlotte, North Carolina; WNEW 1130 NYC; WPOW 1330 NYC. These stations were heard in Lancashire on a CR100 and a standard medium wave loop. North Americans have callsigns which are used frequently followed by the name of the town or city in which the studios are located,' which makes identification easy.

For the DXer who stays up late there are also Latin Americans, many of them sharing a frequency with stations further north. A MW loop will easily separate the two when the directions are different e.g. CBA and Radio el Mundo Buenos Aires on 1070 kHz ; CHER and LR3 Radio Belgrano Buenos Aries on 950 kHz ; KDKA Pittsburg and YVRS Radio Margarita in Venezuela 1020 kHz ; Godhavn Greenland and YVLH Radio Giradot in Maracay Venezuela on 650 kHz ; CBH and PRA3 Radio Mundial in Rio de Janeiro 860 kHz ; WHAM in Rochester NY and PRE3 Radio Globo in Rio on 1180 kHz . No serious MW DXer should be without a loop. This type of antenna is based on the frame aerial used in the early days of radio. It is rotatable and directional and is used to null out co-channel interference.
Further news of MW DXing between Australia and Europe comes with a report of a DXer in Finland who logged Emerald, Queensland on the 27th of October as it was signing off at 1402 hrs GMT. Also from Sweden Calling DXers, comes news of reception in Australia of Rennes France on 710 kHz .

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IN "Going Back" of August of last year we suggested that those readers interested in the collection and preservation of vintage radio equipment should write to Mr. K. Lancaster of 40 Great Gardens Road, Hornchurch, Essex, with a view to forming a Vintage Radio Society for that purpose.

To date only a handful of readers have bothered to respond although we are sure that the number of those interested must run into hundreds. Every month advertisements can be seen in various radio magazines by those wanting to obtain old radios, periodicals and such like and we would like to think that the advertisers have altruistic rather than pecuniary motives in the preservation of these relics.

In the United States the Antique Wireless Association caters for those interested in the history of radio and ancient radio equipment. A most useful adjunct for such devotees is the publication "Album of Wireless and Radio" by Greenwood, a paperback with a pictorial presentation of radios and components from way back in 1896 until 1927.

Incidentally, we don't know whether 1927 is regarded by the Americans as the "deadline" for vintage equipment but the date ties in very well with our own suggestion (Going Back, August 1970).

The time must surely come when we on this side of the Atlantic will have to produce a similar publication with a comprehensive photographic record of the history and development of radio in this country. Such a book would enable one more easily identify the odd bits and pieces of gear that come to the surface from time to time.

Once again it is necessary to stress the importance of ensuring that all the really old radios and accessories that must still be hibernating in attics, garages and workshops be safeguarded and entrusted to those best able to preserve them.

## $\mathfrak{A}$ Glsful $\mathfrak{y i n d ~}$

As if to highlight the above reflections we are pleased to record an incident in which one reader of "Going Back" was able to rescue an old piece of equipment from almost
 certain death.

Mr. David Henson of Bothwell, Lanarkshire, is a lecturer in Electrical and Telecommunication subjects at the Langside Further Education College in Glasgow and he was delighted when one of his students came along with a Western Electric "Loud Speaking Amplifier", circa 1923.

It had been found in the attic of a house which the student had been helping to rewire. With the amplifier was a bundle of notes and diagrams but perhaps

A view of the "Loudspeaking Amplifier" of 1923 and its original grid-bias battery.
the most interesting find was the original Ever-Ready bias battery, still in perfect condition after some 47 years!!

The date of manufacture of the amplifier was fixed precisely thanks to the still clear imprint of an inspection stamp, 5th. February 1923.
Mr. Henson was able to get the amplifier working again although he states that the gain seemed a trifle low but the Type 216A valves, at least, are still serviceable.

While this find is not, in itself, of any great importance it does underline the need to keep one's eyes and ears open for information on the whereabouts of similar old equipment. In most cases the discoverers of such treasures display little interest and are only too happy to hand them over to some enthusiast rather than consign them to the dustbin.

The Type 216A valve had its counterpart in the Mullard "ORA" valve which in 1922 was being virtually mass-produced and sold for 15 s . A bright emitter, the ORA was only slightly more expensive than similar imported types but it was considerably more reliable.

It filled a triple need being advertised as an Oscillator, Rectifier and Amplifier, hence the name ORA and it proved a boon to the experimenter in the early twenties who had had to fiddle long enough with cat's-whisker detectors.

Listeners were soon reporting the reception of signals from stations over 9000 miles away while using just a single ORA valve. Considering that these signals were on a frequency of about 33 kHz (yes, thirty-three kilocycles!) or a wavelength of 9000 metres these results must have been thought stupendous as indeed they were.

The SWL of today would be hard pushed to put up a matching performance even on the medium wave band. It is a pity that there is such a paucity of information on these early achievements particularly in respect of the types of emissions employed and styles of aerials used at the transmitters.

Certainly the SWL had nothing more than a long wire or perhaps a cage aerial but he would have paid more attention to getting a good earth system than does the SWL of today. This factor must have played an important part in receiving DX signals on 9000 metres.

## "Iuxembourg $\mathfrak{C e f f e t} "$

In the early thirties one heard a lot about the "Heaviside Cross-modulation Effect". A signal would appear to be cross-modulated by another signal even when one station was on the long-wave band and the other on medium waves.

The effect only seemed to occur with high power stations and only when their respective paths to the receiving station via the ionosphere roughly coincided.

As the symptoms apparently got worse with increasing power levels it was hoped that this might lead to a relaxation in the race for more and more powerful transmitters. With current individual stations running powers of 1500 kW it looks as if these hopes have come to nought!

The effect was first noticed with the Hilversum long-wave transmitter and later between Athlone and other stations. It was not long before Luxembourg, then on long-wave 1304 m and the best signal on the band, became involved as listeners to the

Swiss station Beromünster on 540 m reported hearing the Luxembourg programme in the background. As before these listeners tended to be located on a line passing through Luxembourg and Beromünster. These transmitters were using powers of 100 kW and 60 kW respectively.

By late 1934 the "Luxembourg Effect" as it inevitably became known here was reckoned to take place with any long-wave station and any medium-wave station which were roughly in line with the receiving aerial.

Investigations by Dr. van de Pol in Holland found that a station with a wavelength in excess of 450 m could appear as a background to another station using a shorter wavelength. This point was confirmed by several observers hearing Cologne on 456 m as a background to Leipzig on 382 m .

Dr. van de Pol and Professor Appleton both thought that the Heaviside Layer was being disturbed by the high-power long-wave transmissions and that medium-wave signals travelling through the same part of the layer were being cross-modulated by the long-wave station.

While the "Luxembourg Effect" was accepted as a fact the other reports which did not seem to quite fit in with the theory were soon discounted when someone did a bit of arithmetic with receiver oscillator harmonics and intermediate frequencies!! It had been noted that the observers had all been using superhets!

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Presumably if every broadcast station on the medium waves adhered to its allocated frequency there would not be a heterodyne whistle from end to end of the band. In practice this is far from the case as a quick listen around any evening will confirm.

However, in 1934 things seemed to have been much the same to judge from the following comments.
"Radio LL which has been a nuisance for years, now, is, I suppose, a pirate station, since no individual wavelength is available for it. Recently it has wandered all over the place between 357 and 362 metres heterodyning Bucharest, Moscow IV and Berlin. Limoge has strayed between 239 and 335 metres seemingly unable to keep to any wavelength.
"Toulouse has used anything between 324 and 335 metres and Rennes has wobbled badly around 288 metres."

At that time the Lucerne Plan was in operation and all the governments concerned had agreed to keep their stations in order but in spite of that many stations seemed to do as they liked. Things haven't changed much, have they?

In addition to adjacent channel problems one other serious form of interference was prevalent in those days. This was due to the radiation of harmonics from broadcast transmitters. Scottish Regional was heterodyned by Moscow's second harmonic, Luxembourg interfered with the London and West Regional services and the seventh (yes, the 7th!) harmonic of Radio Paris made a mess of the Nurnburg transmissions. We wonder what mischief was caused by the other harmonics of RP!

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MORE than three hundred and fifty engineersmany from overseas-assembled in London recently to hear about the latest developments in the use of waveguides for long distance communications.* Britain is among the leading nations in this advanced technology and is about to lay an experimental waveguide link with a capacity of 400,000 , telephone circuits or equivalent-say, 250 television channels in either direction.

This work is being undertaken by the Post Office and holds much promise for the future. Talking at the conference, W. J. Bray, Research Director of the British Post Office, said that the research and advanced development on guided-wave transmission systems in the United Kingdom during the last few years could provide the answer for economically accommodating the anticipated large and increasing volumes of telecommunications traffic foreseen on the main trunk routes during the next thirty years.

New services will account for a large part of this growth. It is almost certain that we shall see the introduction of the picture telephone (Viewphone), conference television (Confravision) and a variety of high-speed data transmission links before the end of the century and possibly very much sooner. These new services will, of course, require a much greater bandwidth than the present telephone and data services and, to be practicable, new transmission techniques have to be found.

Two types of guided-wave transmission systems are being studied by the British Post Office, in cooperation with industry and universities. One of these is based on 50 millimetre diameter helix and dielectric guides (referred to as $\mathrm{TE}_{01}$-mode waveguides); the other on an optical system featuring a mono-mode fibre guide.

Work on TE 01-mode $^{2}$ systems is at an advanced stage and major field trials are now scheduled. It is proposed to lay an experimental waveguide linking the Post Office's research station at Martlesham Heath to the country's microwave radio-relay network. The nearest point is at Mendlesham, Suffolk, a distance of nearly twenty miles. This project will allow engineers to prove the design of the waveguides and associated equipment under realistic conditions.

The application of fibre optics to long distance communications is still at an early stage of development. Engineers are confident that this method has a future, for the inherent flexibility of optical fibres may avoid the need for special laying techniques associated with helix and dielectric waveguides, such as limited numbers of specially designed corners, the need to use long straight sections and having to use very gradual bends.


Model of Martlesham
Optical fibre systems may also solve another problem-that of providing broadband local distribution between exchange and subscriber. If proved feasible, they may be used to provide a cheap way of bringing broadcast television, the "viewphone," access to video tape film libraries, computer memory banks and so on right into the home or office. The unique properties fibre optics have in offering many space-divided broadband channels which can be separated with simple equipment at the receiving end, their flexibility and compactness make them very attractive for future applications.

Looking towards the future, Mr. Bray suggested that it would be natural to consider that solid-state technology would continue to open up even higher frequencies-say, in the range 80 to 275 GHz . This would allow engineers to think of using 20 mm helix or dielectric lined guides which could carry a million telephone circuits-about $2 \cdot 5$ times as many as now possible with a 50 mm guide operating in the frequency range 32 to 110 GHz .
Mr. Bray also spoke of the vast area between the upper limit of some 300 GHz for helix and dielectric lined guides and the near infra-red end of the spectrum ( $300,000 \mathrm{GHz}$ ) in which optical fibre systems work. A study of this region, he suggests, might reveal new guided-wave structures with bandwidth capabilities exceeding even those of the systems now being developed.

It seems likely that we are to see many changes in the telecommunications field before the end of the century which must affect people connected with the electronics industry. There are all the signs that waveguide technology will be as important as the implementation of satellite communications. There is no doubt that new means of telecommunication are needed, it is just a question of which method best suits our needs. We in Britain are not the only ones to think that waveguides offer the best solution. Certainly, they are complementary to satellite communications and it is almost certain that they will provide the answer to the ever increasing congestion of our internal communications network. Also it is unlikely that we will see the introduction of super quality television pictures, the "videophone" and other such services until guided-wave lines (or some other form offering comparable bandwidth) are introduced.

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# NEWS FROM ABROAD 

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## INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS

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## VIDEO MEDICS

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SPECIFICATIONS ( 2.50 units are inter
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Power Outputs
Z. 3015 watts R.M.S. into 8 ohms using 35 volts: 20 watts R.M.S. into 3 ohms Using 30 volts.
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## SPECIFICATIONS

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Channel matching: within 1 dB .
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SPECIFICATIONS:
Number of transistors: 16 plus 20 in I.C.
Tuning range: 87.5 to 108 MHz .
Capture ratio: 1.5 dB
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Cross talk: 40 dB
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Aerial lmpedance: 750 hms
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