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### FIRST TO REACH JAPAN

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The following sworn statement was issued yesterday by Thomas L. Kennon, manager of E. C. Howard Radio Co.

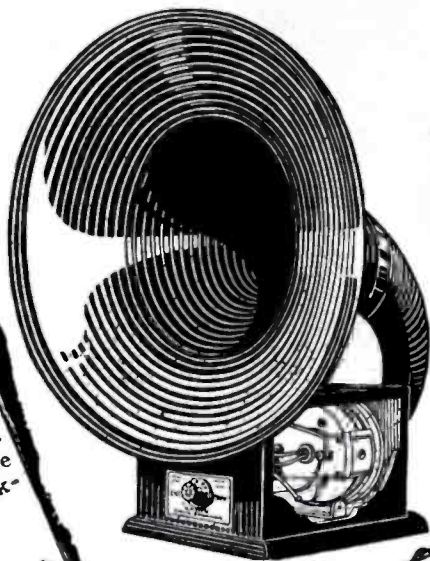
"We, the undersigned, swear that at 2:10 a. m., December 3, 1923, we tuned in on WOR, Newark, N. J., and heard a conversation between these two stations on a Dictograph

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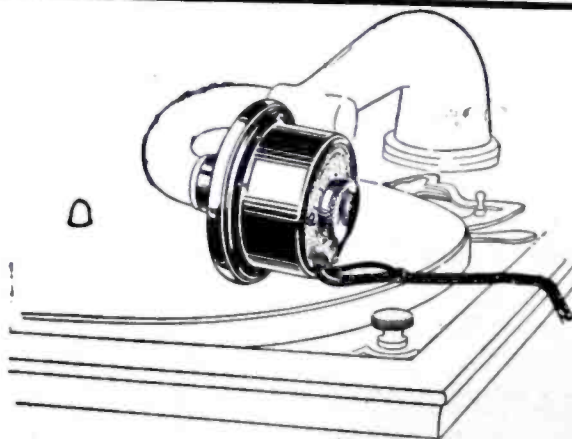
Why not get many more distant points on a loud speaker than you are now getting with your present equipment? Get a Dictograph today. Tune in some distant point tonight. See your dealer.

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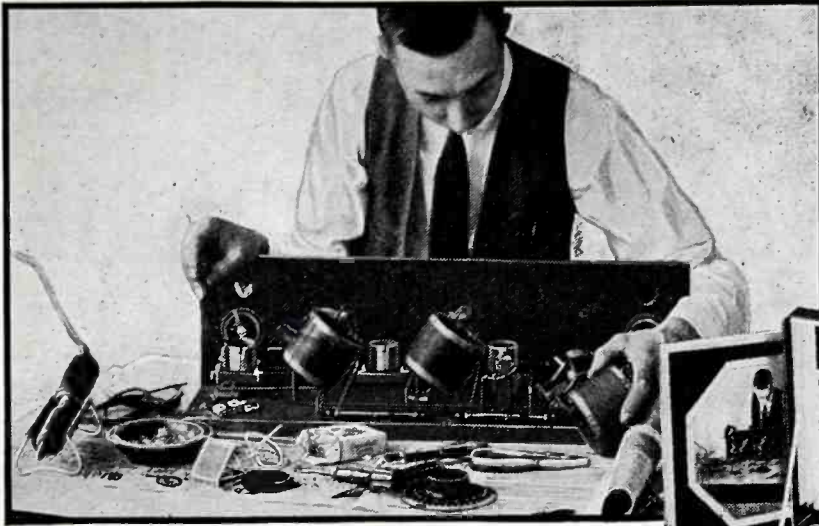
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Believing that the same questions are in the minds of many men with whom I have no opportunity to talk I am taking this means of giving such manufacturers the facts at my command.

During the 17 years this company has been serving radio manufacturers we have had the privilege of helping to work out the answers to many insulation problems. Because we honestly try to give service "the right of way" over the securing of orders, our relations with our customers are more than ordinarily friendly.

And it was with the idea of doing our share toward making this industry more stable and to help show all good manufacturers the way to realizing their ambitions of being recognized as quality manufacturers, that we started our advertising campaign.

To begin with, our advertising advocates that you use insulation bearing the  Mark because the public knows that it is a guarantee of 100% quality.

The manufacturer to whom you intrust the making of your insulation must have experience, skilled help, and facilities for quality production. He *must* use first grade material. And he *must* have adequate time in which to do the job.

Now, what does this all mean? Simply this:—you, who want your insulation to match up to the quality you build into your instruments must place your orders now for summer, fall and holiday delivery.

Then, your insulation manufacturer will have sufficient time to make serviceable molds! This is a job that takes time and extreme care if the product is to be right. During the summer months production can be maintained on an even schedule that gives the workman time to do his best work.

The defects due to haste will be eliminated and you and your customers will be better pleased.

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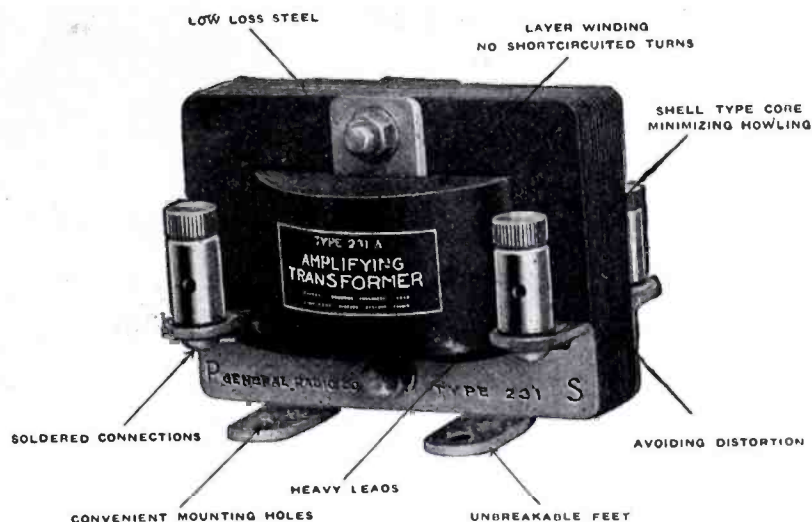
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While many transformers are attractive in appearance their performance is disappointing.

It is performance which counts in successful broadcast reception.

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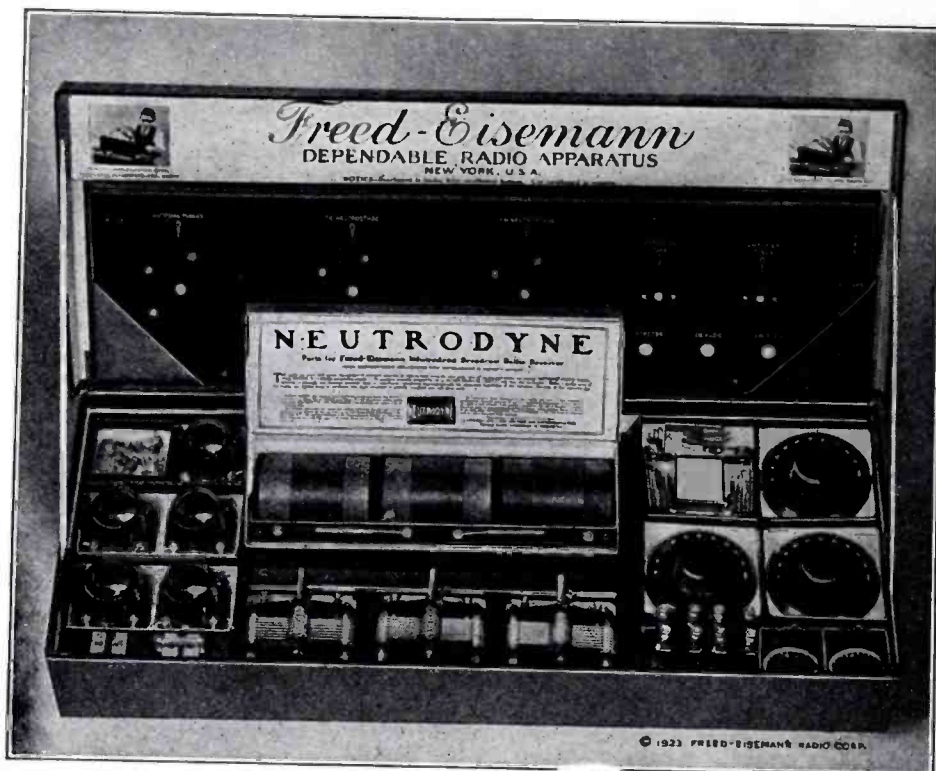
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size pictorial perspective wiring diagram, so that it will hardly be possible for the amateur with ordinary care and skill to make an error.

Remember that here are licensed parts—not a collection of apparatus trusting to luck that they will assemble properly. Each part is *designed* and fitted to work with each other part in this particular set. The instructions are so complete and the parts so accurately matched that you will be grateful for the manner in which we have eliminated guess work in the amateur construction of this receiver.

For sale by dealers of the better class throughout the country, for amateur and experimental building. Builders are cautioned against attempting to build a Neutrodyne Set with parts which are not recommended and designed by the manufacturer to work with each other.



Front View KD-50 Neutrodyne Being Assembled

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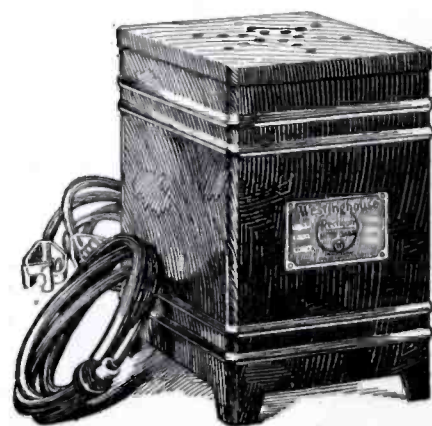
## Money Saved *is* Money Earned

Charging your own and other radio batteries with a Rectigon Battery Charger will soon pay for the Rectigon. Why miss good programs night after night waiting to get your battery back from the service station?

Buy a Rectigon today, hook your weak battery to it tonight and notice the difference in your radio set tomorrow—splendid receptivity, distance-carrying with utmost clearness, and the cost per battery charge is about ten cents.

Get Folder F-4491-B "Charging the Radio Battery at Home."

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can be reduced to a minimum of .1 ampere

The new Magnavox electro-dynamic Radio Reproducers R3 and R2, in fact, are equipped with the first *true* sound modulating device ever designed. See them at your dealers and write us for catalog of Magnavox Reproducers, \$35 to \$50; Power Amplifiers, \$27.50 to \$75; Combination Sets, \$59 to \$85.

THE MAGNAVOX COMPANY, Oakland, California  
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# Editorial Chat

**R**ADIO as an industry has acquired a permanent status and already compares very favorably with many of the important, long established businesses; this from Roger Babson, statistician and human business chronometer. He estimates that the American people will spend approximately three hundred and fifty millions of dollars for radio equipment during the present year, of which he allots two hundred and fifty million to sets and parts, fifty million to tubes and fifty million to batteries and accessories. This is twice as much as we are spending for carpets and rugs, twice as much as we are laying out in sports, a third of what we spend for furniture and a quarter of what we spend for boots and shoes. That such a huge business has been developed within a very few years and so developed as to contribute wide-spread benefit and satisfaction should be highly gratifying.

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**I**S THE public getting value for this expenditure? Another question: is the payment going into the proper pockets? An affirmative answer can be given with assurance to both these pertinent ques-

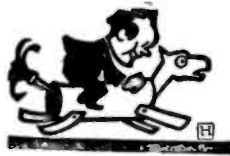
tions. The letters we receive in every mail, as well as much information through other channels, proves that uncounted numbers of people are receiving great and genuine enjoyment from broadcasting and that the benefits of broadcasting are immeasurable. Nor can we lose sight of the value to many of a new hobby or home-avocation,—that of radio construction. Which brings us to comment in passing upon the unavoidable disappointment of those who, unprepared by knowledge or ability, apply their perhaps slender means and misdirected energy to chasing what will be ever to them a will-'o-the-wisp. Unqualified radio amateurs and home-constructors pay dearly for their ignorance and lack of judgment. We can only get that value out of anything that our shrewdness and effort permit to us. In answer to the second question, observation of the radio industry, the radio trade and radio expositions convinces us that the billions are going into the pay envelopes of hundreds of thousands of workers and tradesmen of all degrees and capacities, and nowhere have we discovered a radio Dohenv.

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**I**N THIS issue we introduce to the reader a fair assortment of the fine radio receivers that are now obtainable. Now and again we get a letter from some twelve-year-old (or a grown-up twelve-year-old) complaining of the high cost of good radio receivers and parts, and expressing the belief that perfect radio reception is the rightful heritage of all. Since radio is received through the free and untaxed ether it should be nearly as free as air and water and street-car fares and other relatively cheap commodities. Such puerile reasoning takes little stock of the elaborate, thoroughgoing and continuing research and development work upon which perfect radio reception depends,

nor the costs of manufacture and distribution, nor the increasing costs of broadcasting. Increased quantity production is bringing the cost down, as is apparent from reduced prices; but it is foolish to suppose that prices will drop to such a point that everyone who wants a fine radio receiver can satisfy his desire. What right has one to expect such a windfall? Radio is not yet of Heaven, it is one of the wonderful pleasures of earth, and for earthly pleasures we pay in earthly pains. When the twelve-year-old radio fan has paid his toll of a few years of productive effort, he too can have his fine radio receiver, if he still prefers it to a college education or a motor boat or something else of value.

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**B**UT, it is objected, my neighbor's son has a radio set which he made; and it cost him only thirty cents! The common answer is that it probably gives thirty-cent results. Let us not dis-

courage the home construction of radio sets. As a hobby, particularly as an educative home-activity for the American Boy, there are few possibilities comparable to radio. One can start with little knowledge and at little expense, in any locality and in almost any circumstances. It arouses interest quickly and develops skill and scientific knowledge. It gives early results. Yes,—but what results? Why, of course,—barring a little of the element of luck—results commensurate with the training, the skill, the patience, the labor and the pocket-book of the experimenter; results ranging all the way from the humble crystal set to the lordly super-heterodyne. But let not the eager fan whose talents and means measure only up to the crystal set essay the super, until he be ready to pay, in knowledge, ingenuity, patience, skill, labor and money.

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**A** HEALTHY development of radio, in which America is leading the world, demands that those who are versed in radio and interested in its progress should disseminate a few fundamental ideas among the millions who are newly attracted by its possibilities. Let us point out the values fairly. It is not a service to delude the tyro with the notion that by the acquisition of a little cheap apparatus and a book of hook-ups he will shortly be able to get the finest concerts and hear from the Antipodes. Encourage who will to experiment to his heart's content. He will thereby probably derive much pleasure. To inspire him along his road he will get certain results that partially satisfy. And if he is technically talented he may, after the expenditure of much time and effort and money arrive at a result approaching that he might have obtained at the outset by the purchase and installation under expert supervision of a beautiful instrument, which, like other beautiful musical instruments, is designed and carefully manufactured by experienced craftsmen and costs and satisfies accordingly.

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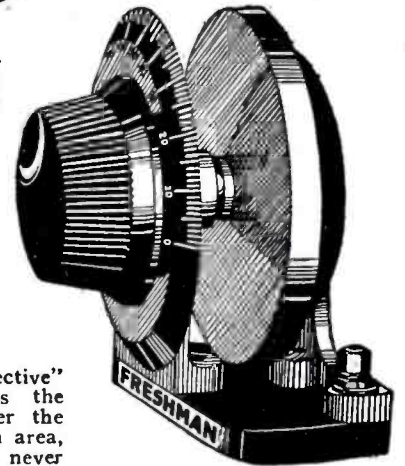


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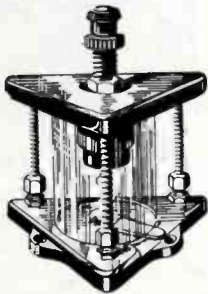
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.001	.40	.004	.75
.0015	.40	.005	.75

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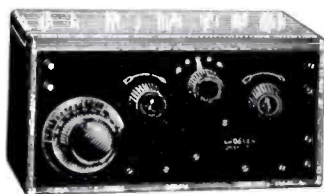
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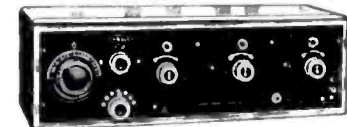
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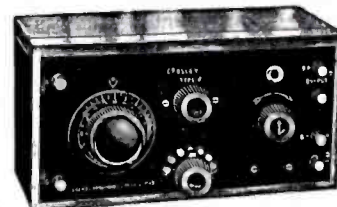
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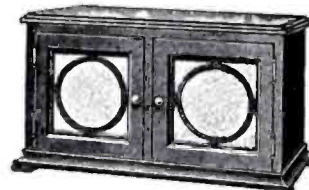
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## The Radio Sets of 1924

Aladdin has lost his Wonderful Lamp,  
And the Magic Carpet is gone;  
The Singing Tree's leaves are withered and  
dead,  
And the Wishing Well is forlorn.

But what do I care for the things that are  
past,  
The dreams that are dead and no more?  
For a Genii's asleep in my brown carved  
box,  
And will wake when I open the door.

He sleeps all day, through its toils and its  
cares,  
Through its rain and its sun and its sleet;  
But at night, he rides out on the harp of  
the wind,  
To lay all the world at my feet.

The beauty of music, the rhythm of song,  
And the jazzing blues of the air,  
All are mine, for the Genii has brought them  
to me,  
As I sit in my easy chair.



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I jostle with grandeur and elbow with pride,  
And meet all the great of the earth;  
I weep with the sad at the parting of ways,  
And laugh with the glad in their mirth.

The man on the stage, and the man in the  
church,  
Give to me of the best that is given;  
The poet, that lifts up the soul from the  
clod,  
And the saint, with his message of heaven.

The silver-tongued orator speaks but to me,  
As the eager crowd surges and clings.  
Though I've never a plume nor a velvet  
gown,  
I sit at the table with kings.

Aladdin has lost his Wonderful Lamp,  
And the Magic Carpet is dyed;  
But what should I care, with my brown  
carved box,  
And the Genii that lives inside!

—VIRGINIA FRAZER BOYLE.



**C**OME with us, reader, into the next few pages in which we have collected some of the interesting radio receivers that 1924 is offering to radio fans.

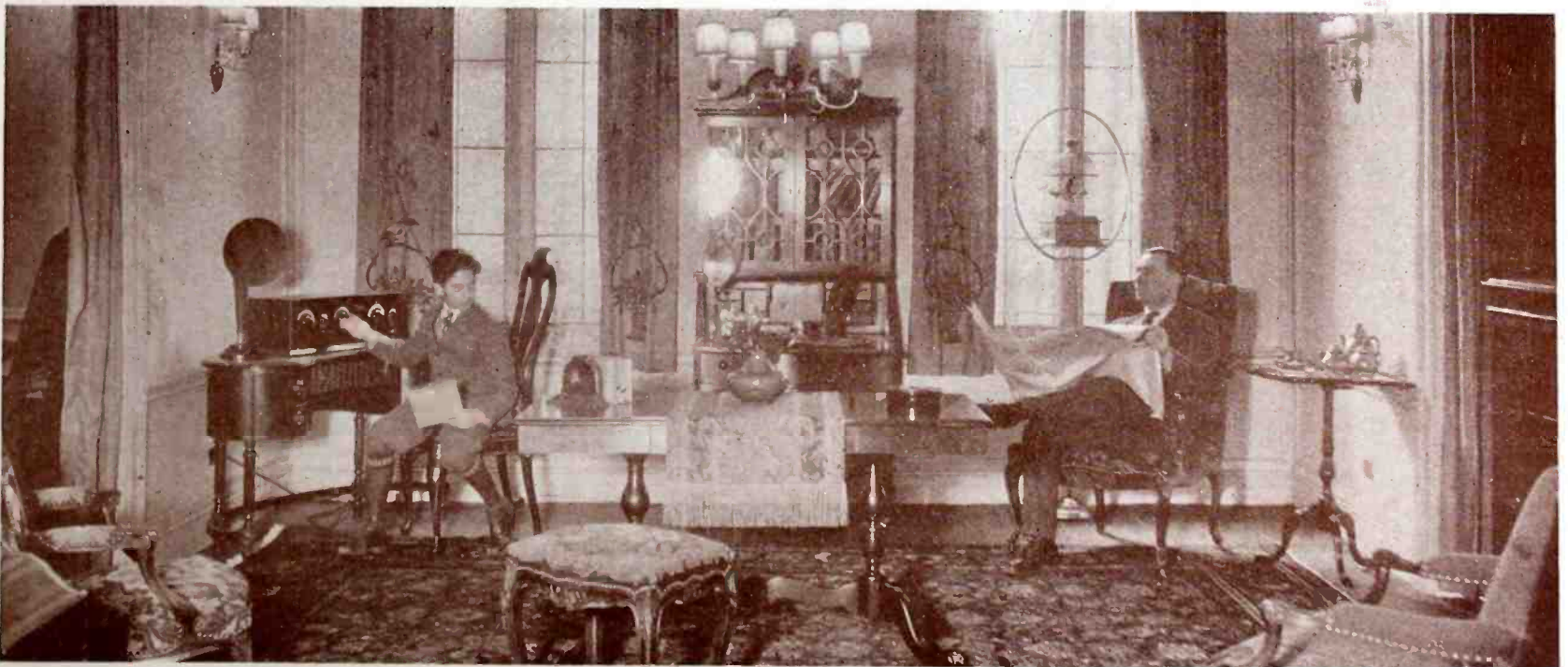
Past research and engineering skill is all embodied within attractive cabinets. In fact, this four-page presentation of the year's offering has suggested to us the splendid possibility of artistic photographs of sets IN THE HOMES OF OUR READERS.

Whatever the set, however it may resemble a laboratory model, it ought to be a part of the furnishings.

So we challenge you to a contest!

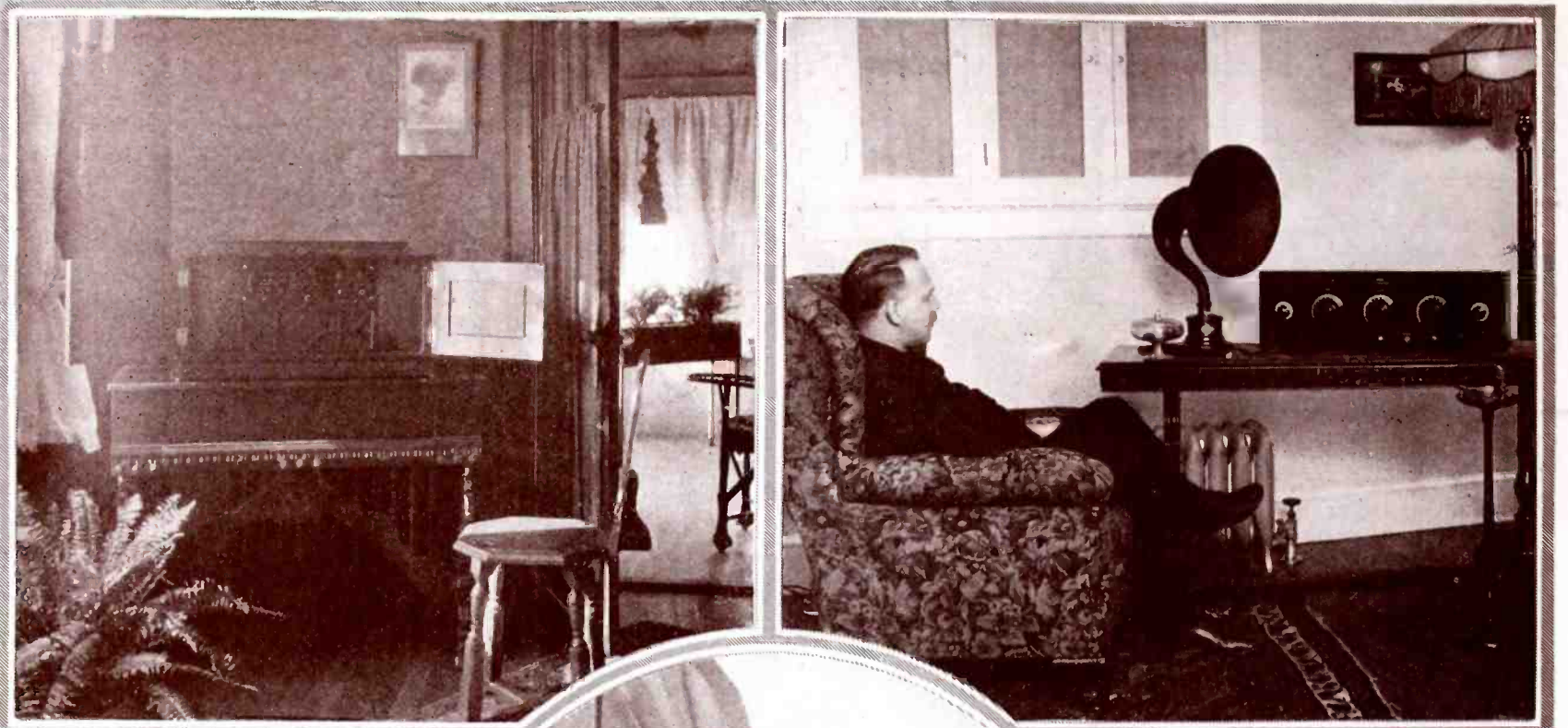
Can you do better than we have done here?

Prizes will be awarded for the best photographs illustrating The Beauty of Radio in the Home. See page 47 for full instructions.



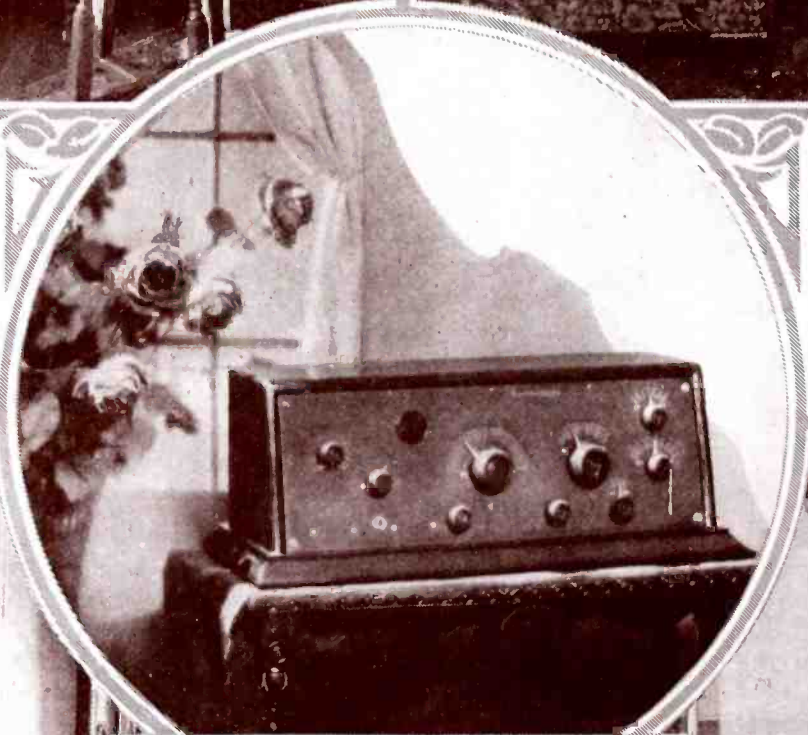
The Eagle Neutrodyne has found its way into the homes of many discriminating folk. This home setting exemplifies the offering of the Eagle Radio Co.

# The Radio Sets of 1924

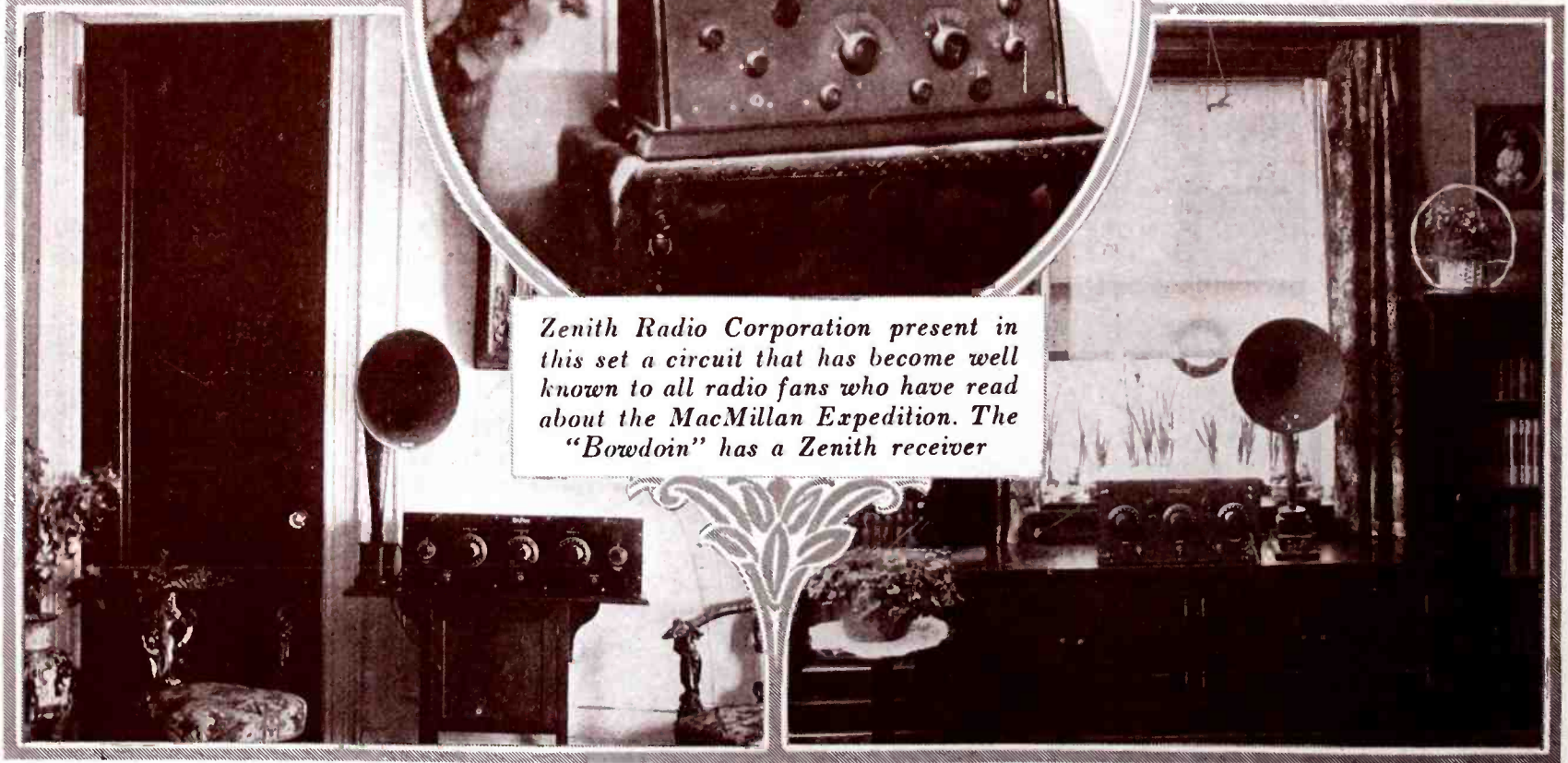


*American Radio & Research Corp. offer the Amrad Jewel as an enlarged copy of an old Italian Jewel Casket with Grecian dancing figures in bold relief on the doors and sides*

*R. E. Thompson Manufacturing Co. embody their reputation in their Neutrodyne. Mr. Thompson is an old timer in the radio field, formerly manufacturing for the Government*



*Zenith Radio Corporation present in this set a circuit that has become well known to all radio fans who have read about the MacMillan Expedition. The "Bowdoin" has a Zenith receiver*

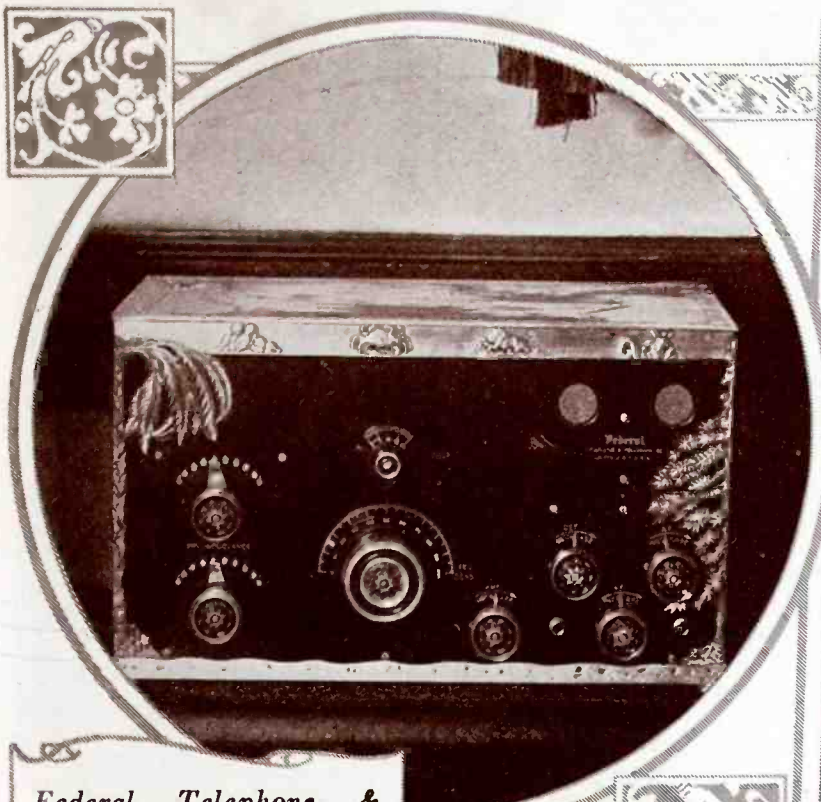


*This Freed-Eisemann NR-5 Neutrodyne indicates the advance made by Joseph Freed who was prominent in the early rush to supply the huge demand for receiving apparatus when broadcasting was first established, and whose popular receivers are well known*

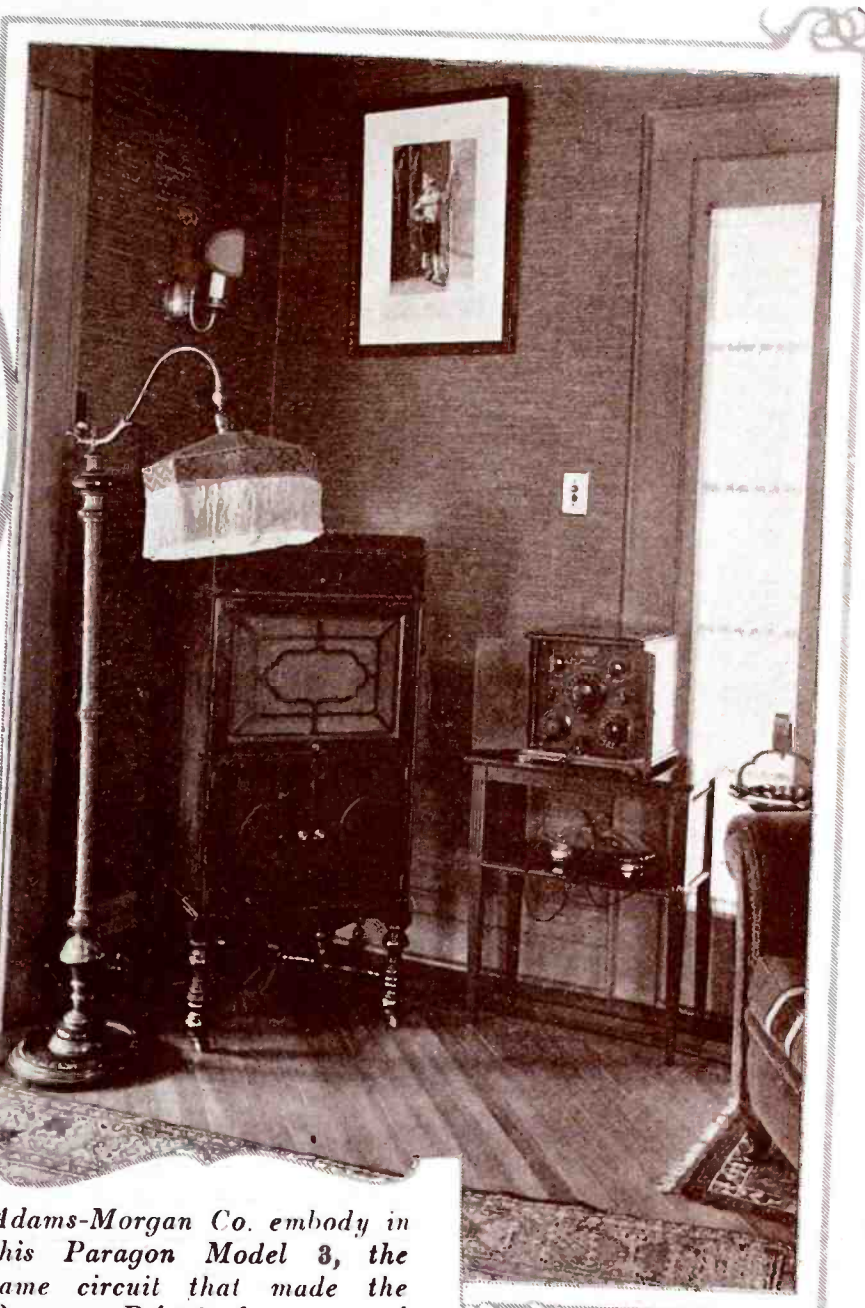
*Garod Corporation has been able to boast of many Garod Receivers in attractive homes such as is pictured here, the home of Mr. G. M. Payne, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Davidson of the Sterling Radio Co. installed the set making it accord with the furnishings*



# The Radio Sets of 1924



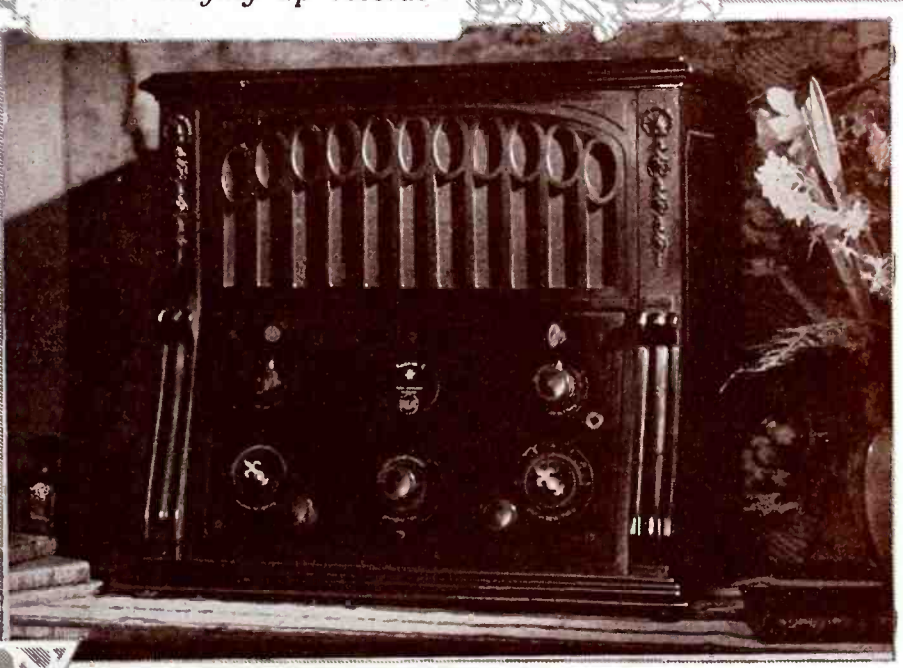
*Federal Telephone & Telegraph Co. Set De Luxe, in mahogany, trimmed with sterling silver*



*Adams-Morgan Co. embody in this Paragon Model 3, the same circuit that made the Paragon RA-10 famous, and still is hanging up records*

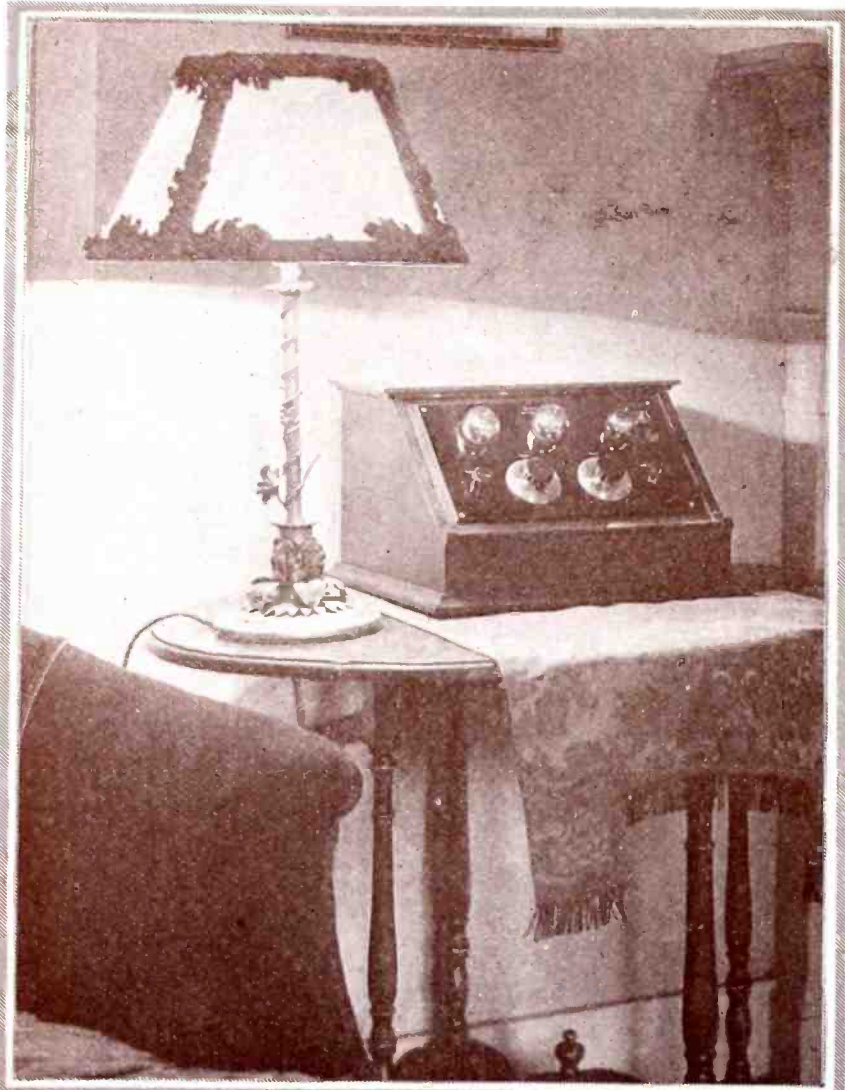


*A. H. Grebe & Co. offer in this Grebe Broadcast Receiver the product of their development of the original set which was built for amateur use before the advent of broadcasting*



*The RCA, Radiola X is an ultra refined receiver designed to be in accord with the practical and aesthetic requirements of a living room setting and still afford clear and selective reception*

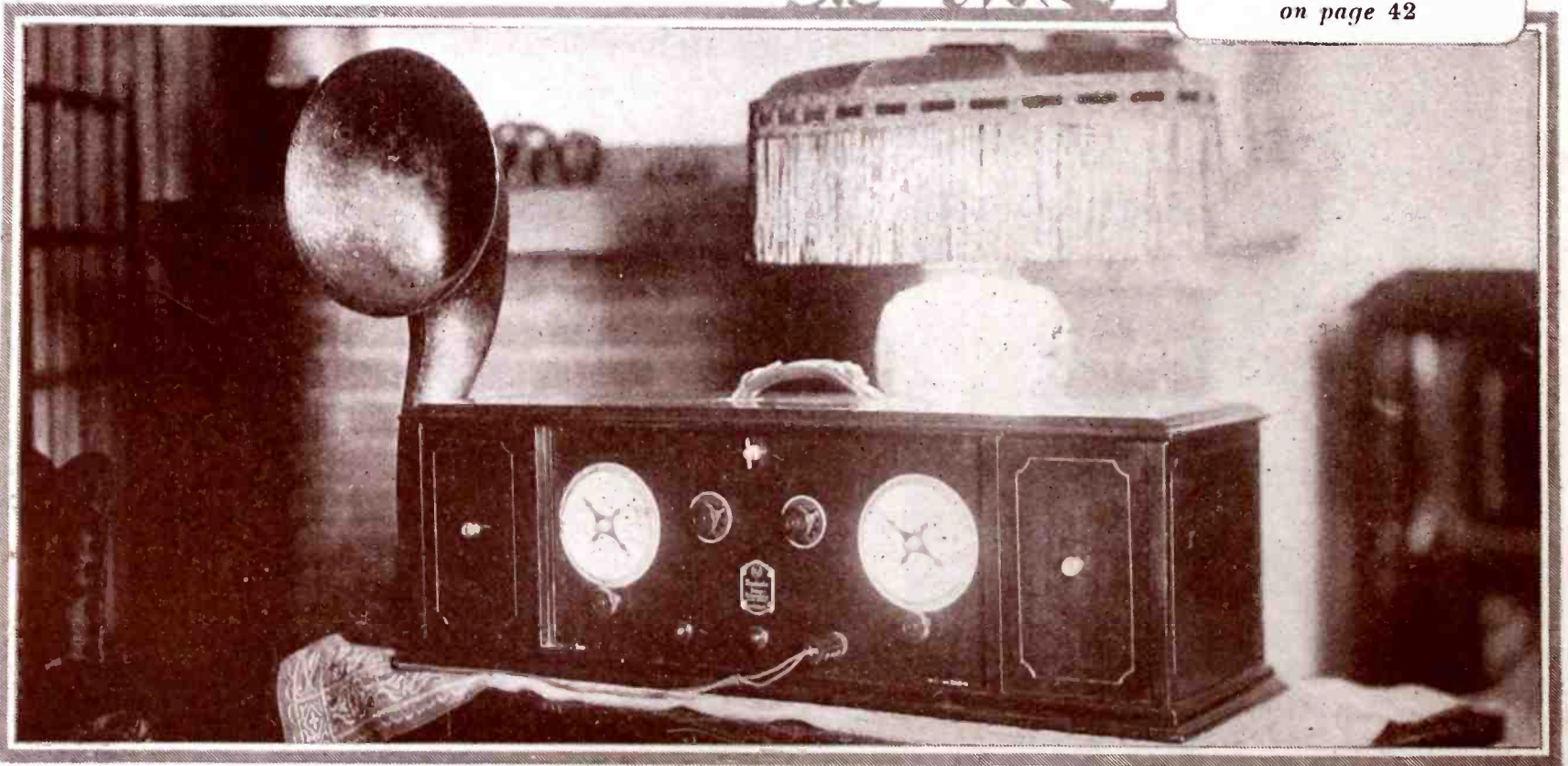
# The Radio Sets of 1924



Colin B. Kennedy Co. offer this self contained set, Kennedy Model V, with trimming and dials done in gold. It lends distinction to the furnishings of any home



This set has been so successfully embodied in a book-case that the storage batteries are not evident. The description of this unique camouflage will be found on page 42



The Radio Corporation of America has presented in the Radiola Super-Heterodyne a semi-portable mahogany cabinet with ornamentation and lines that relates it definitely to the setting of any room in the home. This set is completely self-contained, housing loop aerial, batteries, etc., thus lending itself admirably to any surrounding, whether home or office

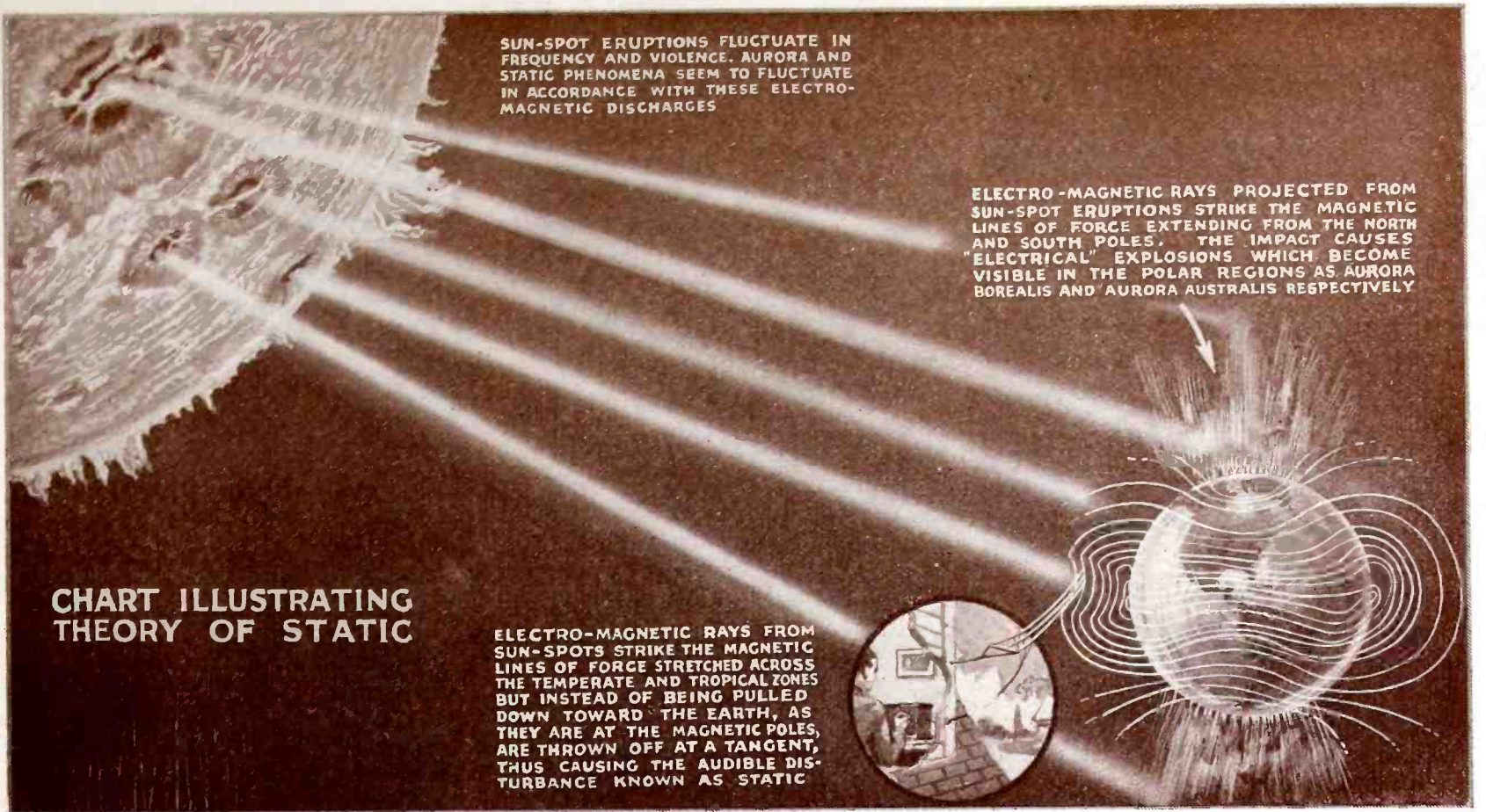


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# STATIC

## Heavy Static Predicted This Year

Astronomer Believes Static Is Caused By Sun Spot Eruptions; Technical Advances In Reception, However, Will Offset This

By David Todd,

MA., Ph.D. Emeritus Professor of Astronomy and Navigation and Director of the Observatory of Amherst College, Author of "New Astronomy," and Foremost Authority on Cosmogony, Mathematical Astronomy and Related Sciences

FOR over forty years I had been following and studying the phenomena of the polar lights with a faint hope that some day some development would take place in the world which would relate this extraordinary natural phenomena to the business world, so that it would be considered of use to make a thorough investigation of the cause and effects of the polar lights.

The progress of radio and its increasing application to every-day life has, at last, realized this hope, and when the Aerial League of America, close to two years ago, asked me to become the chairman of a committee to study the causes and effects of the auroral phenomena and their solution to the problems of increasing radio traffic, I undertook this work with great pleasure and interest.

I had for a long time seen a relationship between sun spots and auroral displays, but I could not ascertain their actual relationship until I found I could do so by watching for static and

fadings in radio transmission and reception.

The radio instruments gave me the



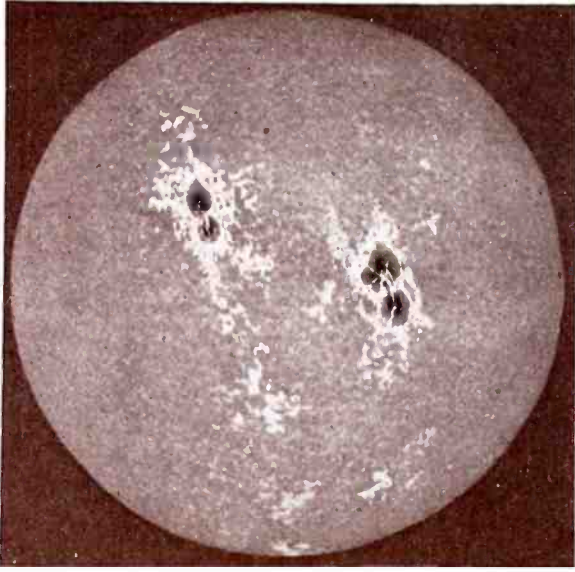
David Todd, M.A., Ph.D.

means with which to solve this most difficult problem of ascertaining the relation between sun spots and polar lights. Fortunately in doing so the radio instruments also made it possible to secure data which, I believe, will greatly assist in solving some of the most difficult problems of increasing radio traffic, by removing obstacles in the way of better transmission and reception which are due to purely natural phenomena.

Experiments during the past winter have revealed a relationship between sun spots, the aurora borealis, static as we know it in radio reception and telephone and telegraph interference.

For instance, on December 20, 1923, I discovered a sun spot near the eastern end of the sun and predicted that it would extend and would cause violent auroral displays, which would interfere with wire transmission as well as with radio.

By noon the observations showed that the spot had developed into a group, and at 3 p. m. so violent was the



Actual photograph of sun spot eruptions

solar activity that observers counted five engulfed in a cyclonic area, the diameter of which would stretch twice around the earth at the equator.

This was similar to the unexpected solar outburst that my party caught at Coral Gables, Miami, in 1922.

As anticipated, heavy static was reported by radio experimenters.

It will also be recalled that during the transatlantic broadcasting test the checking up was delayed because the auroral disturbances disrupted for a while the wire service while it apparently did not interfere with the broadcasting test.

The fact seems to be that at times the auroral discharges interfere only with the wire service and actually appear to help radio transmission, while at other times both are affected.

The auroral trouble experienced by the cable service, during the transatlantic broadcasting tests was due to the sun spots, which caused heavy electro-magnetic discharges and correspondingly heavy auroral displays probably all over the earth.

A number of check-ups and observations were then conducted for a sufficient period to reveal the relationships between sun spots, the aurora borealis, which is actually visible static, and the audible static, known to all radio fans as natural interference in wireless transmission and reception as well as telephonic and telegraphic communication.

One of the sun spots observed was 9,000 miles in diameter, or greater than the diameter of the earth, while the area on the sun covered by the spots is about 45,000 miles.

While only less than one-third the size of the greatest sun spot observed on record—observed in 1858, which was nearly 150,000 miles in breadth—this is a large sun spot, visible to the trained naked eye as a minute black spot on the sun without telescope.

Many years of observations have taught me that sun spots are not always equally numerous on the surface

of the sun. At times they may be counted by hundreds and again days and weeks may elapse without a single spot being visible. Then sudden solar eruptions would be observed.

Heretofore it required constant observations to follow what was happening on the face of the sun. Henceforth the radio experimenters will tell us about it before the astronomers have had the opportunity to find it out.

In saying henceforth I may add that my observations have revealed a series of new solar outbreaks, from which we may expect during the year 1924 constant heavy eruptions and corresponding heavy electro-magnetic discharges, with accompanying frequent and brilliant auroral displays.

I predict that during this coming year, radio reception will be most difficult because of heavy static dis-

### Northern Lights

By Eugene C. Dolson

The Northern Lights  
Flicker and flame  
Over weird Polar snows  
On these late nights  
When there is no moon.

I think they are dancing girls;  
For I catch the gleam  
Of their loose golden hair,  
And I see their slim forms  
Flitting about, here and there,  
On the wide floor of the sky.

—From *Town & Country*.

charges. This checkered reception will be attributable, of course, to the unusual solar disturbance.

But the exact effect on radio transmission and reception, the radio world will tell us six months hence, and their reports may be the most accurate and valuable contribution yet made to the study of solar phenomena in a century.

### What Is Static?

Professor Todd says:

**T**HAT form of static which is due to electro-magnetic discharges and is audible to the radio is no doubt the result of aurora phenomena which are invisible to the astronomer, therefore radio, the latest development of science, has become the means of aiding astronomy which is the oldest branch of science and making it possible to solve mysterious phenomena which have puzzled the scientists for ages.

### WHAT IS THE AURORA BOREALIS?

While we have no definite knowledge of the construction and composition of the ether or medium that fills space at different heights above the earth we can experiment and seek to reproduce the auroral effects.

The simplest assumption justified by the phenomena is that the auroras are caused by solar discharges or vagabond electro-magnetic discharges; the term "electro-magnetic" being used here in the broadest interpretation, to include electric rays and magnetic phenomena.

There is a great similitude between the polar lights and the Lenard Rays, which are produced by directing a stream of cathode rays against an orifice in the vacuum tube closed by a thin aluminum window. A transformation takes place and instead of traveling in bundle shape as cathode rays will, the transformed rays will now diverge in all directions from the aluminum window, to be quickly absorbed by the air, just as polar light displays seem to be.

It would seem logical that if highly magnetized metals absorb less X-rays than the same metals unmagnetized—demonstrating that magnetism resists penetration—the magnetic polar re-



Spitzbergen Radio Station located on a group of islands in the Arctic Ocean. Beyond the water, in the background, are mountains covered with ice throughout the year. Above is a glorious display of the Aurora Borealis



Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole. In the course of his Arctic explorations, he observed hundreds of auroral displays and many from his island in Maine. He stated that the auroras were not the exclusive privilege of Arctic explorers, adding that he had seen Northern Lights of greater beauty in Maine than he had ever seen beyond the Arctic Circle



At the point of maximum aurora display in the polar region



Raold Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, and now trying to reach the North Pole. He says that he formerly believed that auroral displays are accompanied by audible noises. While walking on the deck of his ship he heard a crackling, rushing noise. He stopped, held his breath and listened. No noise. He resumed his breathing, and again, the noise. He then discovered that his breath, frozen by the intense cold, was the real cause of the crackling, rushing sound!

gions, where the earth's total magnetic forces are centered, should be the zones of most intense auroral displays.

The electrician and the physicist can assist by trying to duplicate the auroral phenomena in the laboratory by passing electricity through magnetic fields and rarified air and in other ways.

If Professor Stoermer is correct in his deduction that the auroras are made up of cathodic rays, then the magnetic polar regions would be the best laboratories for the study of the phenomena of atmospheric electricity, about which we are still ignorant, because the cathode ray particle appears to be the real electron, and the real electron is the basic unit of electricity.

Data compiled from the reports of many authorities indicate direct relationship between the polar lights and the magnetic, electric, and atmospheric disturbances which affect radio transmission.

The fact that the number of auroral displays often is over one hundred annually, and the phenomena that prevail during the displays affect radio transmission, make it advisable to make available to radio experimenters the data given me by the famous ex-

plorers, the few who have lived close to the centers of auroral displays.

Professor Carl Stoermer, the Norwegian scientist who has been awarded



Henry Woodhouse, president Aerial League of America, demonstrating magnetic phenomenon

the Jansen medal by the French Academy of Science, after living for twenty years in arctic regions studying the northern lights says that the aurora borealis consists of cathodic rays, which are analogous to radium or to Roentgen rays. They are composed of electric particles emitted by the sun at a speed of many thousand miles per second, and so small that several millions placed side by side would not cover an inch.

It is the magnetism of the earth which draws these electric rays to the dark regions of our planet, hence they are only to be witnessed near the arctic and antarctic regions, the maximum zone of frequency being 70 degrees of latitude. The large majority of auroras occur from 60 to 75 miles from the ground.

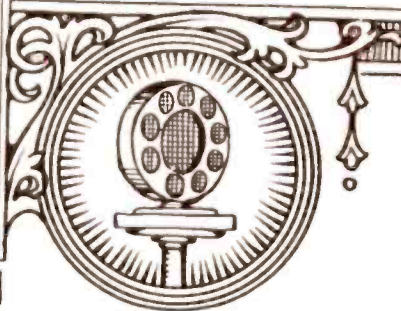
Were it possible for radio fans to view the entire earth when the receiver registers the clicks and rattlings of "static" and "atmospherics" they would probably find that polar lights are flashing their dazzling streamers from points ranging from 60 to 100 miles above the north and south polar

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# The Broadcasters



## The Public Pays Does It Get the Radio Music It Pays For?

By Paul B. Klugh

Executive Chairman of the National  
Association of Broadcasters

**I**T seems a great pity that in these comparatively early days of what is destined to be the greatest industry in the world, there should be an attempt on the part of a small organized group—the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers—to commercialize the broadcasting of music. This American Society of approximately three hundred, of a known list of 6,500 composers, authors and publishers, insists that the Radio Public be denied their music, unless expensive license fees be paid to their organization by broadcasting stations. As the broadcasting stations are not being paid to broadcast, many of them naturally feel that the demanded payment is an imposition and will not pay it.

The main issues have been confused and camouflaged to such an extent, that a plain statement of facts about broadcasting is needed.

Radio is absolutely dependent for its maintenance, nay, its very life, upon public interest, and if the public continues to be denied any music that it wants, radio will suffer, not only from an entertainment angle, but from the commercial standpoint as well. If any group is permitted to attempt to corner the market, to dictate terms, to say what should, or should not be broadcast unless certain sums are forthcoming, the time will assuredly arrive when many broadcasting stations will be compelled to shut down. This has already happened in several instances.

Not only does the group which

1. Organized group arbitrary about music rights.
2. Radio popularizes music.
3. Broadcasting advertises talent.
4. Broadcast publicity pays performers well.
5. Broadcast-stations operate without profit.

would rule and control the broadcasting of music, attempt to dictate to broadcasting stations, and through them to the public, but it also seeks to stir up dissension among unions to which musicians belong, going so far as to distribute propaganda among vocalists, instrumentalists, and other performers that they demand payment for broadcasting.

Further than this an organization of actors has advised its members that they shall not broadcast unless payment be forthcoming, and the larger vaudeville circuits have advised all actors playing on their circuits that they must not broadcast whether they get paid or not! So from every angle efforts are being made to hamper broadcasting in America, and in connection therewith to dictate terms. In the final analysis, it is the radio public which is being deprived, and which would further be deprived, if it were not for the active steps already taken by the National Association of Broadcasters.

After all, it is the public which pays. The public has paid for its music—and should get it. The public has already invested \$200,000,000 in radio apparatus, a sum that should be bringing to them \$8,000,000 interest at 4 per cent., or its equivalent in entertainment value! And the public will continue to invest in radio apparatus, in accessories, batteries, tubes and other paraphernalia to an even greater extent, providing they get some returns for their money.

The stability of radio therefore depends not only upon the entertainment furnished, but the quality of that entertainment, and it does not seem possible that any group will be allowed to upset, by dictatorial methods, a business that will undoubtedly reach a yearly aggregate of half a billion dollars.

Untrammled, an avaricious group

### To Our Readers:

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the National Association of Broadcasters were each invited to present their own case in the music copyright controversy.

**THE WIRELESS AGE** now invites public opinion on this issue. If the response warrants further debate, the same organizations will be asked to again present their cases. They can then answer the public, and each the other.

THE EDITORS.

would not only interfere with a full return on the great amount of money already invested, but would also endanger the commercial interests of many firms who have large sums invested in manufacturing plants. It would have a decided tendency to cause a horde of small dealers and others who make a living from radio, to suffer. So, from many angles, no group should control the situation.

Propaganda advanced by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is to the effect that it would be ridiculous for a café to hire a well-known orchestra without salary, under the suggestion that playing at the café would further popularize the orchestra, and cause a greater demand for its services elsewhere. They say it is just as ridiculous for broadcasting stations to suggest the same thing.

An old dodge to prove an argument is to assume a false hypothesis. If at the outset, you state something that is not true, you may prove anything. The conclusion sounds correct, but is just as untrue as the premise assumed in the first instance. The fallacy of the café argument is that radio broadcasting stations have nothing to sell; the café has. Furthermore, we find that the café does not pay the orches-

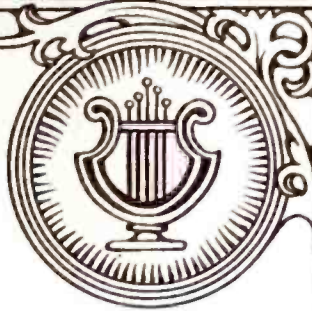
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# vs. The Artist

## Despoil the Composer? Clear the Air of "Music Static"

By J. C. Rosenthal

General Manager, American Society of Composers,  
Authors and Publishers



**F**AIR Play From Radio—that is the appeal which I make in the name of composers and authors whose lives are devoted to writing the music of the world, confident that when the true facts are brought to light the radio public will readily agree that our position is sound, our cause righteous, and our demands reasonable.

In this brief article I shall endeavor to clear the air of the "music static" and remove the misapprehension which has been created between the members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and certain broadcasters, in reference to the restrictions placed upon broadcasting copyrighted musical compositions.

First, I shall discuss the basis upon which the copyright owner of music claims the right to control the public performance, for profit, of his work.

In this country the protection of intellectual effort to authors and composers is found written into the Constitution by the provisions of Article I, section 8, which provides that "the Congress shall have power \* \* \* to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries."

As early as 1856, Congress recognized the necessity of protecting creators of music by granting to the owners of dramatical works, the exclusive right of public performance; in 1897 similar protection was extended to musical works and the existing Act of 1909 vests in the owner of musical compositions the exclusive right to perform publicly for profit.

It is an incontrovertible fact that broadcasting stations, operated by commercial institutions, are engaged in business for profit, and that unless permission is secured from the owner

of the musical work they may not lawfully broadcast any copyrighted music. Further, the Federal Court has so held in a test suit brought by a member of our society against L. Bamberger & Co., of Newark, operating station WOR.

Radio is undoubtedly indebted to music, in a large measure, for its rapid progress. To sustain this contention requires no extended argument. The recent voting contests held in New York and Chicago demonstrated that an overwhelming majority of the radio audience desires a varied program of music. Let it be emphatically understood that there is no desire or intent to deny them their wish, or to in anywise impede or restrict the development of radio; on the contrary, we recognize the important part that radio plays in the advancement of civilization, and we are willing to contribute the music of the foremost composers and authors of the world, asking in return a remuneration grossly incommensurate with the value of our offering.

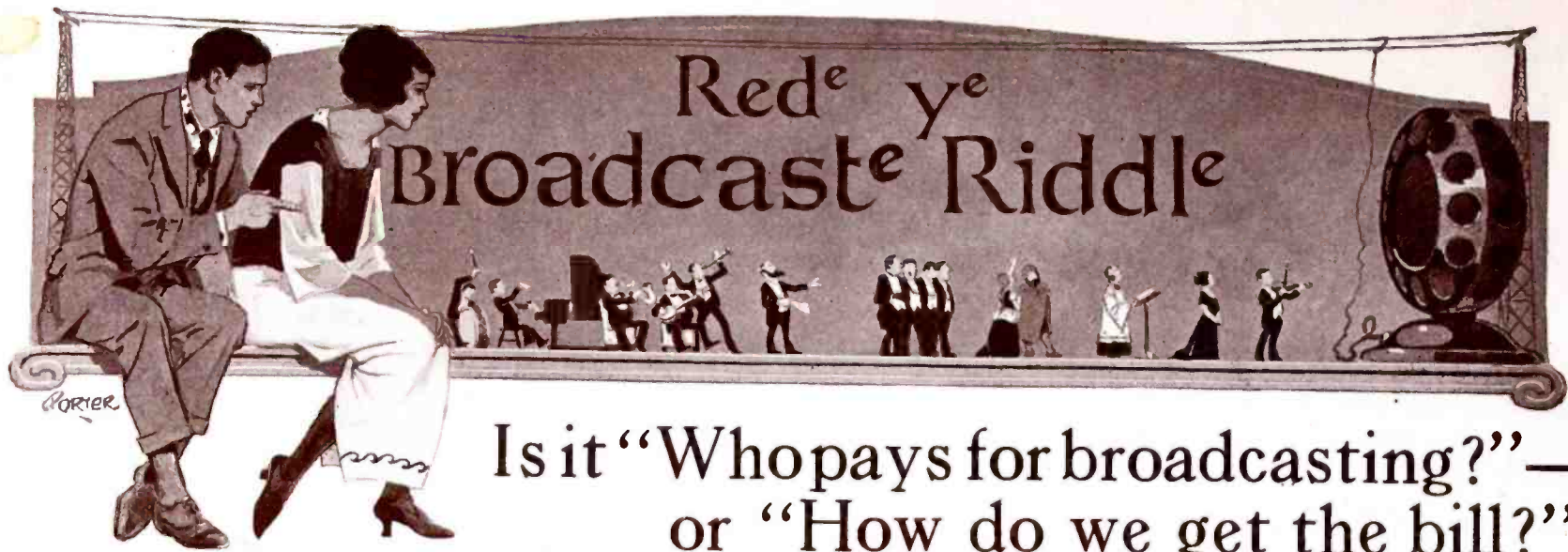
Notwithstanding opinion to the contrary, radio is seriously diminishing the earnings of composers and authors whose livelihood is derived from royalties from the sale of sheet music, phonograph records and music rolls. Since the advent of radio these royalties have been materially reduced—the reason must be obvious to every fair-minded person. The life of a popular song is short. Before radio came into existence, to become familiar with the latest tunes it was necessary to buy the song, the record of the word-roll. Now radio saturates the air with constant broadcasting of these melodies; the former purchaser has become a free consumer, the demand for our products has decreased, and our incomes seriously affected. Is it right and fair, that we should be compelled to suffer without any reward?

Do you know what we ask radio to pay for the privilege of using our creations? In the first place, as to the stations operated by educational, religious and charitable institutions, and amateurs, we have granted permission to use all the works of our members without any charge whatsoever. Do you know that commercially operated stations (excepting those operated by the Radio Corporation of America, Westinghouse Co. and General Electric Co.) are licensed at an average rate of not more than two dollars per day? Do you know that for this two dollars per day, these stations can broadcast the musical numbers written by the foremost composers of America, England, France, Italy, Germany and Austria? Think of it—two dollars per day. Does not this answer the unfounded charge of those opposing our rights, that we are extortioners, that we are trying to "hold up" broadcasters, that we are demanding exorbitant fees?

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is a bona fide non-profit organization to which all qualified song writers are eligible for membership. The purpose is to assert the rights of the individual members in connection with the public performance for profit of the works which they have created. They ask nothing and expect nothing, from the performances of their works, in public or otherwise, if there be no profit intended by the one giving the performance. They control only a small por-

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1. Federal Constitution recognizes music rights.
2. Radio indebted to music.
3. Earnings of talent injured through broadcasting.
4. Broadcast stations ought to pay performers.
5. Broadcast stations operate for profit.



## Is it "Whopays for broadcasting?" — or "How do we get the bill?"

By William A. Hurd

**P**RIMEVAL man was a rover. His curiosity ever led him over the hill to explore a distant land. But he was a gregarious animal. The need of communication with his kind was inherent.

Oral communication was basic and comparatively simple. But it was limited in range.

Fire beacons and smoke signals, limited in range, were likewise inadequate. A heavy membrane was then stretched across the end of a hollow log, which when struck, would emit sound vibrations capable of traveling to a distance of twenty miles. The membrane of another drum, stretched to the same tension, would vibrate in sympathy with the transmitted sound waves. But the need of a more flexible system for thought transmission and reception became evident.

And it was the discovery of movable type that marked the greatest stride forward in social development. However, while literature progressed toward the era of periodicals, runners and travelers still constituted the principal means of distant communication.

Then the nineteenth century. Magazines and newspapers ran abreast, with steam and gas engine locomotion. Civilization hurried.

Morse's telegraph threatened to annihilate space. Bell's telephone bridged the gap between distance and simple, oral communication.

Civilization paused, breathless, for a moment, and then resumed its mad pursuit of long distance communication, urged on by the discovery of wireless.

And finally, the advent of broadcasting!

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THE WIRELESS AGE installed and operated in the 71st Regiment Armory, New York City, in September 1921, the first broadcast station to transmit a scheduled program by artists.

At that time, KDKA, the pioneer

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Austin C. Lescarbourea, managing editor of the "Scientific American," who interviewed the officials of the principal stations throughout the United States during a recent survey of the broadcast situation.

The writer compiled this wealth of material which actually represents an understandable story of broadcasting. In effect, the writer has attempted to do little more than take his reader by the hand, lead him into the heart of the broadcast situation, and there, together, comprehend the real development of this thing which has grown too rapidly for casual, and at the same time, accurate observation.

broadcast station of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, at Pittsburgh, had not yet launched a definite program on the air.

In the early days of broadcasting, the transmitting apparatus was usually confined to some remote corner of the laboratory, and programs, in the main, consisted of records played on a phonograph.

Letters from listeners were important. The suggestions volunteered by letters were most helpful during the early chaos that ushered in the great

vehicle of entertainment and education. They were tangible evidence of applause from an audience, so vast, that even the most sophisticated artists were inspired to go before the microphone. And artists then were hard to obtain.

Originally, broadcasting was partly experimental; the stations first in operation worked on a thousand-watt power output that naturally covered a tremendous area. The deluge of letters following each program spurred the directors on to greater effort. Suggestions that appeared desirable were followed. Each new success encouraged further embellishments.

And so broadcasting developed to the point where program directors found it necessary to determine just what the public wanted.

### HOW PROGRAM DIRECTORS KNOW THE PUBLIC WANTS

Radio has outgrown the whim of any one organization. It has irrevocably insinuated the roots of its service into the heart of the public welfare. It has become a public service.

Broadcasting, as a service to the public, must function as entertainment and education.

Were it possible to establish a definite line between entertainment and education in broadcasting, the attempt to do so would not be justified. Instruction should be presented in such a manner that it entertains. And whatever amuses surely educates in some respect, however obscure it might be. Program directors never forget their obligation to the radio audience, the responsibility of presenting what the public wants without offending, and yet including all the features desired by groups with specific interests.

Program structure, contrary to current belief, is an orderly, systematic gauge of just what the public wants. When broadcasting first staggered to its pinnacle of unique diversion, letters from enthusiastic fans suggested new stunts, and the personnel of broadcast



stations, with youthful vigor and plastic imaginations, added, modified and adapted innovations to enhance the presentation of their features.

Then followed an appreciable slump in the volume of correspondence as well as a marked change in the character of applause. Letters seldom suggest, today, but invariably criticize or commend.

One feature elicits response from a purely cultured class. Another brings forth a hearty response from people of education and breeding who apparently favor the less subtle renditions, but still hold themselves somewhat aloof from strictly popular features. And always, programs of jazz numbers arouse applause from the great mass that includes the several groups ranging from indifferent patrons of the muses down to illiterates.

Such letters can be classified according to the letterhead, quality of the stationery, the composition, or even the grammar of the writers. Extreme care is exercised in discounting the natural tendency of some classes to write prolifically. That precaution is necessary to accurately gauge the representation of the class to which the writers belong.



THE STUFF PROGRAMS ARE MADE OF

Programs are never settled. Even those features that have long since become a definite routine are subject to constant modifications.

Directors of programs have generally accepted the fast rule of religious services on Sunday with any departure restricted to the positive canons of dignity. But even so, variety by



Martin P. Rice, director of broadcasting for General Electric Co.

way of debates, choir singing or organ recitals marks the restless demand of the public for digression from the academic and prosaic.

Bedtime stories constitute another generally accepted feature. But again, the pressure of public censorship necessitates some change in the presentation. The sandman or sandwoman of one station accompanies her stories with a ukelele. Others resort to innovations of a different sort.

Sports must encompass an increasingly greater field. The managers of broadcast stations seek new varieties of sport-interest with a practical thumb on the public's pulse. Either the quantity or character of response will serve the purpose of guiding their conduct.

Talks, lectures and debates must



David Sarnoff, vice president and general manager of the Radio Corporation of America

furnish ever new material and the broadcast manager must gauge accurately the interest aroused. A stamp collector wants to broadcast a talk on the collection, assorting, testing and mounting of stamps: a new feature, but worthy of trial. Forthcoming letters determine the fate of further talks on the same subject or other talks of a similar nature. Travel lectures are tried, proved successful and accepted by all stations. Dancing instructions, moving picture reviews and a conglomerate mass of unique stunts are all tried and judged, providing that they are not propaganda for questionable societies, or subjects that have met with public disfavor through other channels of publicity, or do not injure the jealously guarded reputation of the station itself.

A speech delivered by an important



H. P. Davis, vice president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.

figure in public life is sought at a tremendous expense to the broadcast stations involved.

Women's interest programs are arranged with organizations in close touch with feminine movements and are scheduled for hours most convenient to women with household duties. From four to five-thirty o'clock has been set aside, in several large stations, as the most propitious time for broadcasting those topics.

Because theatrical productions are arranged to be seen, program directors have focused their attention on radio plays that can be written and cast for an audience that can only hear the lines spoken. Radio personalities are developed as an end to supplementing the so-called stage personalities.

Music in any phase is certain of approval. Philharmonic concerts and classics never receive the volume of applause accorded to popular and jazz numbers, but the enthusiasm rings with the same genuine approbation in either case. Most of the larger stations employ music critics who pass judgment on requests for time on the air, and also accompany soloists. Whistlers, violinists, pianists and singers may apply for appearance on future programs, the only requisites being that they surpass a fixed standard and acquiesce to any time best suited to the equal distribution of such numbers. Solos, duets, quartets, glee clubs, club orchestras and all other amateur or semi-professional performances are likewise tested and distributed evenly throughout the programs.

Professional numbers, whether classic or jazz, are usually solicited by the station at considerable expense.

## HOW TO GET THE PUBLIC WHAT IT WANTS

Determining what the public wants is one thing; next comes the question of how to get it. Program managers have confessed to some difficulties here.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, a very powerful organization maintained by its members for the mutual protection of copyrights, has forbidden the use of any and all copyright music in broadcasting unless the station doing so pays to the League a royalty exceeding what the broadcasters believe to be right. The broadcast stations have revolted en masse. The station managers claim that the broadcasting of pieces increases the sales of phonograph records and sheet music for such numbers, and that this has been proven by an elaborate system of checking music dealers' stocks before and immediately after the broadcast program. Broadcast managers, therefore, logically conclude that sales commissions are due them if the controversy warrants an issue. In the meantime, music not copyrighted has been discovered that is equally good and as readily popularized.

Radio has undeniably injured the sale of phonographs. In fact, the phonograph industry faces a collapse unless the executives can resort to a combination unit employing radio or discover a better alternative. So the phonograph industry has opposed the appearance of its artists before the microphone. One manufacturer has conceded the reciprocal benefit of broadcasting to the extent of allowing some of his artists to perform for the radio audience.

Few of the theater managers who have produced plays that were adaptable to radio transmission have admitted the increased box-office sales directly attributable to broadcasting selections from their productions. But program directors have been able to convert enough producers to satisfy the radio public for the time being.

Unknown artists will always be procurable for very little consideration be-



W. E. Harkness, assistant vice president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., in charge of broadcasting

cause of their need of publicity. But the successful artists who command a following will surely demand and probably get satisfactory remuneration for their performances before the microphone. Likewise, popular orchestras, symphony concerts, opera, lecture hall programs and similarly successful enterprises must be solicited on the basis of adequate financial return. All this means a heavy expense.

Another heavy toll on the finances of broadcast stations is the cost of operation. A survey of the twelve principal stations throughout the country discloses the startling figures of \$25,000 up to \$100,000 per each station annually, for little beyond the actual operating and maintenance costs. The payroll is seldom less than \$18,000 a year for the station personnel alone. The reception rooms, studios, and control and transmitting rooms all require enormous floor space in centrally located buildings which invariably lease their available space at a premium. The erection of a first-class broadcast

station requires an expenditure of approximately \$150,000.

Most of the popular features such as world series, prize features such as sermons, symphony concerts, important lectures and addresses by public figures, are relayed to the broadcast stations direct from the point of delivery.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company employ their land wires for direct connections. Frequently, they lease open wires to their contemporaries. But that form of relay entails a personnel of rather wide scope and is very costly. The two hours consumed in broadcasting President Coolidge's address to Congress required 31 hours of testing and the tie-up of two lines throughout at a cost of nearly \$20,000.

The relay tubes along the line require expert supervision and an emergency line must be held open against serious mishaps. A single telephone or telegraph line is used for the regular transmission of not less than eight service connections. The two lines reserved for broadcasting any one event, therefore, means an actual loss of sixteen lines which represent a huge revenue to the telephone company.

And still another cost is involved in carrying broadcast features over lines that were originally intended for only voice transmission. Vocal and orchestral music both have wave vibrations that far exceed the natural voice period; this necessitates special apparatus supervised by skilled operators for successful carriage into the station.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company have erected a relay broadcasting station at Hastings, Nebraska, to which programs from KDKA, Pittsburgh, are broadcast on low waves and retransmitted almost simultaneously. However, they still face the direct wire costs from points to the station at Pittsburgh.

The General Electric Company have endeavored to side-step the costly telephone line connections by actually broadcasting from the point of enter-

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# Broadcasting Makes a Giant Stretch

M. I. T. Dinner Speeches in New York Go by Radio East Over the Atlantic and West to the Pacific. This Demonstration Marks the Development of Short-Wave Broadcasting

By Jerome W. Howe

**N**EW York Radios London and Frisco" was the style of leader by which millions of newspapers apprised their readers of a significant forward step in broadcasting. At the dinner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology held recently in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City, the speeches of Major General J. G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corporation of America, Dr. S. W. Stratton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Calvert Townley, Assistant to the President of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Frank A. Vanderlip and David Sarnoff, Vice President of the Radio Corporation of America, as well as several musical numbers, were transmitted from the microphones in the ball-room to WJZ, from WJZ to WGY in Schenectady, thence to KDKA in East Pittsburgh whence they

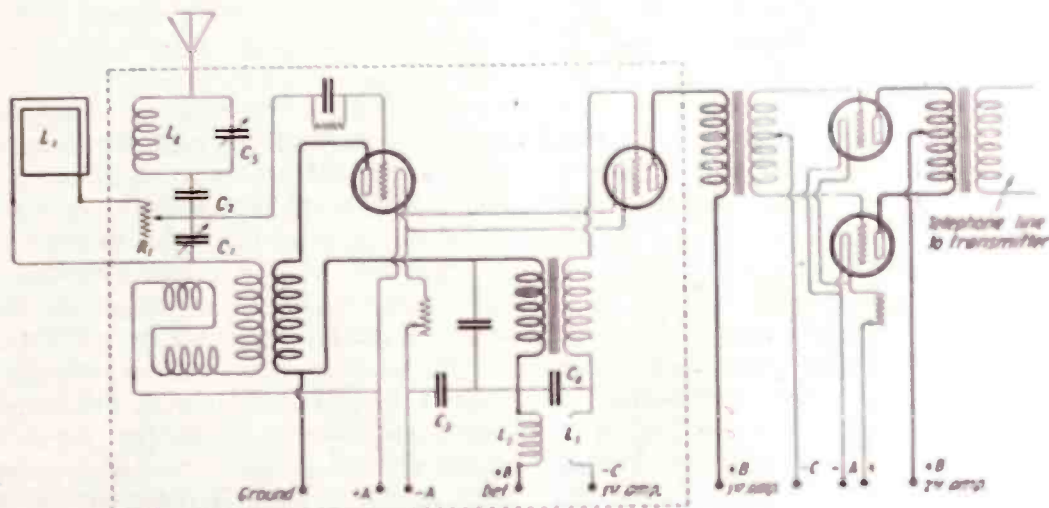
In the March issue of *The Wireless Age* was described the new use of short-wave broadcasting in relaying programs from a primary station to another distant station for simultaneous retransmission. In this April number it is possible to follow up with an account of a remarkable demonstration of this feat on a far greater scale. Not only do we have here an example of the rapid advance in radio progress, but also an episode which strikes home upon the popular imagination and compels prophetic speculation as to the effect of International Broadcasting. Also in the March issue of *The Wireless Age* attention was called to the notable accomplishment of the Telephone Company in combining wire and radio transmission in such a manner as to bring in to radio receivers all over the country a conversation carried on between persons in such widely separated points as New York, San Francisco and Cuba. On this page is recorded a still more interesting chapter of radio progress.

Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Ohio, and these were quite satisfactory and promised ultimate commercial success of this application of radio. Later it was decided to try to reach out over a still greater distance and the engineers of the Westinghouse Electric Company made investigations to discover the maximum distance from KDKA at which might be located a relay station whence the signals could be rebroadcast as far as the Pacific Coast. Thus KFKX was established in Hastings, Nebraska, and the installation of this unique station, almost a thousand miles from Pittsburgh and 1,200 miles from Los Angeles, was pushed forward.

On November 22, 1923, this station gave its first program, partly originating at the studio at Hastings and partly relayed from East Pittsburgh. It was received on loud speakers in Washington, New York City, and Salt Lake City.

When a program from East Pittsburgh is to be repeated at Hastings, KDKA transmits on its regular frequency of 920 kc. (326 meters) and at the same time sends out the program on a carrier wave frequency of 3200 kc. (94 meters). It is this carrier wave

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Circuit diagram of the Westinghouse (Hastings) KFKX Receiver

were retransmitted on short-wave so that they could be picked up thousands of miles away in Hastings, Nebraska and in Manchester, England, to be further broadcast. It was estimated that this event was broadcast over a total area of 1,500,000 square miles.

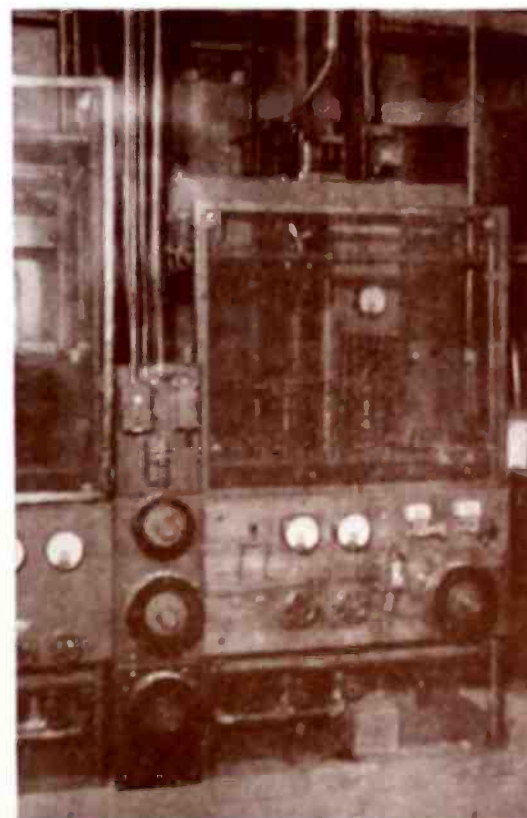
General Harbord, in happy allusion to Jules Verne, the imaginative fiction writer and forerunner of much modern scientific chronicle, remarked, "It used to be a feat to traverse the globe in 90 days, but what you have participated in tonight has made the distance a matter of seconds."

The stations operating in this demonstration were WJZ in New York, WGY in Schenectady, KDKA in East Pittsburgh, KFKX in Hastings, Nebraska, KGO in San Francisco and the stations of the British Broadcasting

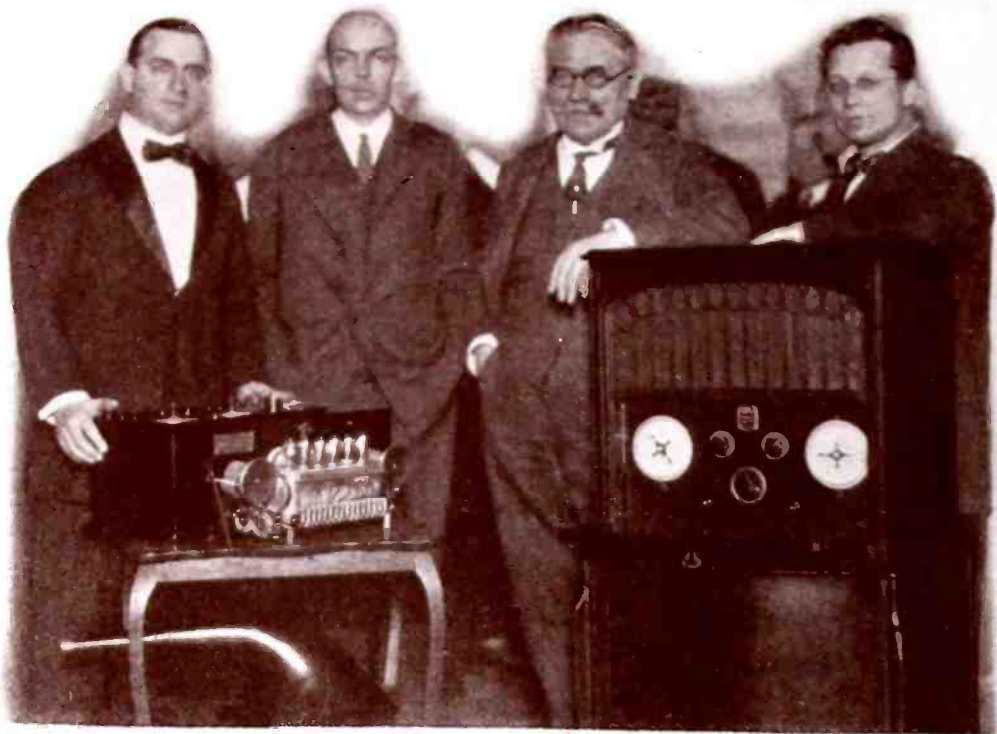
Company located in Great Britain.

It has been impracticable to broadcast successfully over extremely long distance by means of the usual frequencies. But about two years ago efforts were made to transmit over a considerable distance on a high frequency carrier wave for the purpose of retransmission at ordinary frequencies. It was found that fading, which affects transmission at the customary broadcasting frequencies, is reduced at high frequencies to a negligible degree. Moreover, day-time transmission by this means was proved to be almost as satisfactory as by night, a marked advantage. Also, high frequency transmission was found to be less affected by static interference.

Preliminary tests were commenced in September, 1922, between East



The Westinghouse 100 meter high frequency transmitting apparatus which is making the game of radio broadcasting an international sport. This Westinghouse set sends out KDKA's signals strong enough for English stations to rebroadcast



This interesting picture might well be entitled

## RADIO PINNACLES

The group shown here includes the leaders of radio design, (from left to right) Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, B.S., Ph.D., Fellow I.R.E., Director of Research, Radio Corporation of America; Major Edwin H. Armstrong, radio inventor and designer; Professor Michael I. Pupin, Ph.D., Sc.D., LL.D Professor of Electro-Mechanics, Columbia University and Professor John H. Morecroft, E.E., President of the Institute of Radio Engineers. In the foreground are to be seen the Armstrong super-heterodyne (second harmonic) and the new Radiola Super-VIII, premier of radio receivers

# The Super-Heterodyne

Major Armstrong, Its Inventor, Traces Development and Explains Principle—Full Report of Major Armstrong's Address Before the Institute of Radio Engineers Written Expressly for The Wireless Age

By Abraham Ringel

Member Institute of Radio Engineers

ON the evening of March 5th, in the Auditorium of the Engineering Societies Building in New York City, Major Edwin H. Armstrong presented a paper entitled: "The Super-Heterodyne, Its Origin, Development, and Some Recent Improvements," before a meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers. The Auditorium was barely sufficient to hold the enthusiastic throng of radio engineers and their guests. On the platform, in addition to Major Armstrong and Professor Morecroft, President of the Institute, who presided, were Professors Pupin and Goldsmith, names to conjure with in radio. In the audience was practically every important engineer in the country. The gathering was also considerably augmented by the presence of many radio amateurs from all over the country, who were simultaneously attending the Second District Amateur Radio Convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Professor Morecroft opened the meeting with a few brief remarks and then introduced Professor Pupin, who has been Major Armstrong's mentor and counsellor in all his work. Professor Pupin dwelt on the fact that it was now up to the professor to seek knowledge from his former pupils, and enumerated them, all prominent in the

radio fraternity: Armstrong, Morecroft, Goldsmith, Vreeland and many others. It was indeed a proud moment for the dean of American electrical engineers when he introduced Edwin H. Armstrong, one of the most outstanding of his flock of students.

Major Armstrong, with his usual modesty of manner, disclaimed any unusual genius in his inventions, declaring that he believed he had been so fortunately placed by Divine Providence as to be just a little ahead of somebody else in making these discoveries. He then traced the gradual development of the Super-Heterodyne from the first crude model built while in the A. E. F. in France, with its multitudinous controls and at least nine or ten tubes to the present Radiola Super VIII, which is the last word in modern broadcast receivers.

Most of the wireless communication of the Signal Corps in the days of the Great War was on very short wave lengths. There was urgent need, therefore, for a radio frequency amplifier which would work efficiently for these frequencies. After exhaustive experiment with all the vacuum tubes then available, it was soon evident that, because of their high grid to plate capacity, their high filament to grid, and filament to plate capacities, not

much amplification could be obtained for even moderately high frequencies such as 500,000 cycles (equivalent to a wave length of 600 meters). These capacities were of the order of 8 micro-microfarads and in general tended to act as short circuiting paths for currents of extremely high frequencies—in effect, short circuited the radio frequency amplifying transformers. The action of these capacities may be demonstrated by the reader to his own satisfaction at audio frequencies in the following manner: Connect a fairly large condenser, say .01 microfarad or more, across the secondary winding of an audio frequency transformer; the resulting volume of sound obtained from the amplifier will be very greatly reduced. The phenomenon is explained by the fact that the voltage in the windings, instead of passing to the grid of the amplifying tube, is short circuited by the large condenser.

Since it is impossible to greatly reduce these tube capacities, which are so harmful to radio frequency amplification (and which are also likely to set up oscillations in the amplifier), the problem resolves itself into working at some frequency at which these capacities will not act as short circuits. At a frequency of 1,000,000 cycles (300 meters wave length) a capacity of 8

micro-microfarads is equivalent to approximately 100,000 ohms reactance; at a frequency of 50,000 cycles (6,000 meters wave length) this capacity would give a reactance of about 2,000,000 ohms—which is very high. It is then quite apparent that an amplifier for 50,000 cycle frequency will not be affected by this capacity. This is borne out by actual practice. Amplifiers for such frequencies are quite efficient and stable—in fact they are as simple and easy to control as ordinary audio frequency amplifiers.

APPLYING THE HETERODYNE PRINCIPLE

Major Armstrong realized this. The problem of converting the very high radio frequency to some lower frequency was relatively simple. It consisted merely of applying another frequency at the receiver, which was slightly different from the received signal and detecting it. After the detector will be obtained a beat note, whose frequency is exactly equal to the difference in frequency between that of the incoming signal and the local oscillator. By varying the frequency of the local oscillator, this beat (or heterodyne) note may thus be varied at will—and then amplified in a suitable intermediate frequency amplifier. After it is amplified here, it is detected once more, which restores the original low frequency sound—and amplified at audio frequencies. [The beat or heterodyne phenomenon is only too familiar to present day radio fans—it is only too evident when some neighbor with a regenerative receiver has his set oscillating. The "birdies" that you hear is nothing but the beat note, produced by the broadcast station and oscillations from your neighbor's receivers. Whenever he changes his tuning slightly, you hear the note change in pitch—since he is changing the frequency of his oscillations.]

Whenever beats are produced, there is quite a deal of amplification obtained. The beat note may be several times as loud as the signal which is obtained with ordinary detection. In case the beat note is set at some frequency which is too high to be heard, say

50,000, the above may be stated in somewhat different wording: the voltage produced after the detector by this 50,000-cycle beat note may be many times greater than the voltage produced by the incoming signal alone after being detected. So that ampli-

actual amplification at an intermediate frequency, but also amplification due to the heterodyne or beat phenomenon, as explained above. Its simplicity of operation is unrivaled. Only two controls are required, neither of which is dependent on the other; one controls

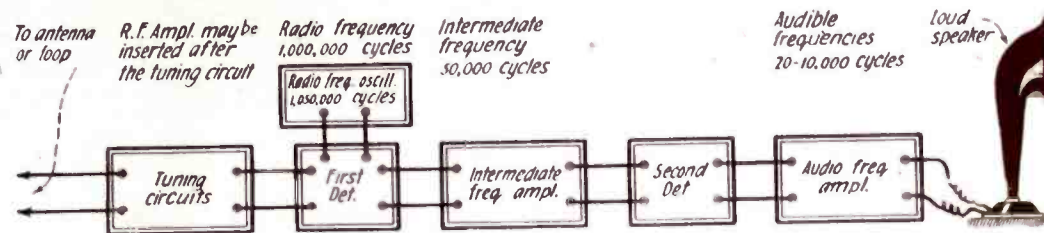


Figure 1—Principal elements in the Super-Heterodyne Receiver showing the tuning unit, first detector, intermediate frequency amplifier, second detector and finally the audio frequency amplifier.

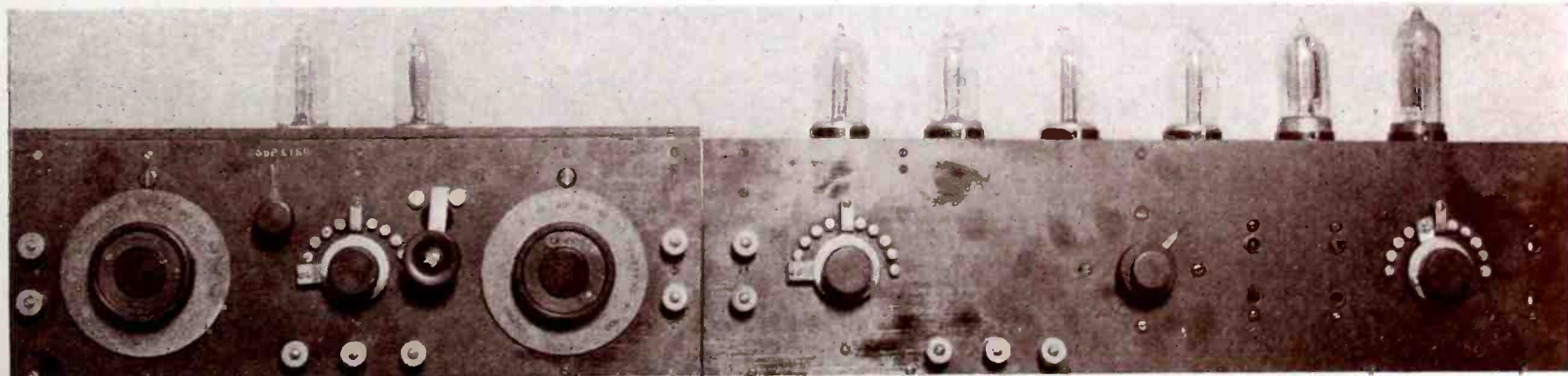
fication results merely from heterodyning the incoming radio frequency. After detection the 50,000-cycle beat note is picked out and amplified in a suitable amplifier. This amplifier may be made of as many stages as is desired. Here lies the main advantage of the super-heterodyne. It is much easier to amplify at these intermediate frequencies, than at either radio frequencies or audio frequencies; three, four, five and even six stages of amplification have been employed successfully. Voltage amplifications of 10,000 times can readily be secured at intermediate frequencies, as compared with 400 times for the average audio frequency amplifier. This amplification can be made to give a uniform response over a sufficiently broad band of frequencies to give excellent quality of music or speech (something which cannot be said for the average audio frequency transformer-coupled amplifier).

WONDERFUL RESULTS FROM SUPER-HETERODYNE

After suitably amplifying this intermediate frequency, a second detector is required for obtaining the original sound. An audio frequency amplifier may be added to this. The general principles involved are illustrated schematically in figure 1. The super-heterodyne receiver is far superior to any other type of radio receiver in every respect. Its sensitivity is unequalled, for we have here not only

the frequency of the local oscillator, the other tunes the loop, which is all that is necessary for reception. It cannot be approached in selectivity. In order to emphasize these points, Major Armstrong gave a few specific examples of actual reception of station 2LO in London by an old lady in Massachusetts who had had no previous experience with radio receivers whatever—and of reception at the same time of Los Angeles, with himself at the tuning controls. Near-by locals were broadcasting at the time too. Later Dr. Alfred M. Goldsmith, in a New York apartment, had no difficulty in receiving KGO, of Oakland, California, while four powerful local stations, all well within a radius of 5 miles, were operating—and one of them was only about a meter off in wave length from KGO.

The super-heterodyne as originally build by Major Armstrong, with the capable assistance of Sergeants Houck and Lewis, was not exactly practicable. It used nine storage battery tubes—and required at least a 200 or 300 ampere-hour storage battery. The wire required to safely carry the filament current was as thick as a man's thumb. Several similar sets were built later in the United States on his return here. One of these, it is rumored, was built for Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the oil magnate; this is quite probable, as Major Armstrong pointed at one containing nine tubes which he had built



The original super-heterodyne set constructed in France during the war

about two years ago, with the remark: "The trouble with these sets was, that it required a millionaire to buy and operate them. The average man's income was not enough to support a super-heterodyne."

#### MAKING THE SUPER-HETERODYNE PRACTICABLE

With the advent of dry battery tubes and storage battery tubes using low filament current, the problem of bringing the super-heterodyne down within means of the average man was somewhat simplified. But it was too much to expect dry cells to supply nine tubes

been Armstrong's able assistant all these years. It is well known to all who have worked with radio, or for that matter, audio frequency oscillators, that if the circuits are adjusted so as to secure a given frequency, we not only obtain the frequency, but also a whole series of others, which are exact multiples of it. If, for example, the oscillator is tuned to 275,000 cycles per second, we will in addition get the following frequencies: 550,000 cycles, 825,000 cycles, 1,100,000 cycles, etc., etc., which are called second, third, fourth, etc., harmonics, respectively; these harmonics correspond to two,

the incoming frequency, that there is no noticeable change in the tuning of one, when the other is adjusted. This is but one of the steps in the gradual reduction of the nine-tube outfit.

The next step in compressing the set to reasonable proportions was in the reflexing of the radio frequency amplifier with the intermediate frequency amplifier. The method involved here is illustrated in figure 3. The incoming oscillations are picked up on a small loop, which may be so small that it is readily concealed within the box containing the receiver. These are applied to the grid of the first tube

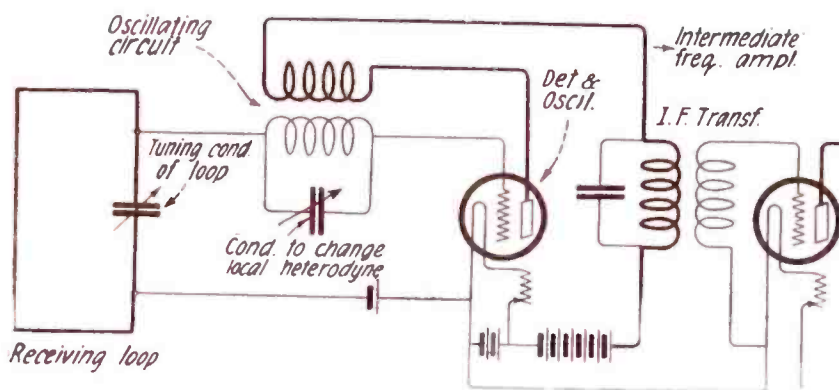


Figure 2—Application of principle of self-heterodyne to super-heterodyne

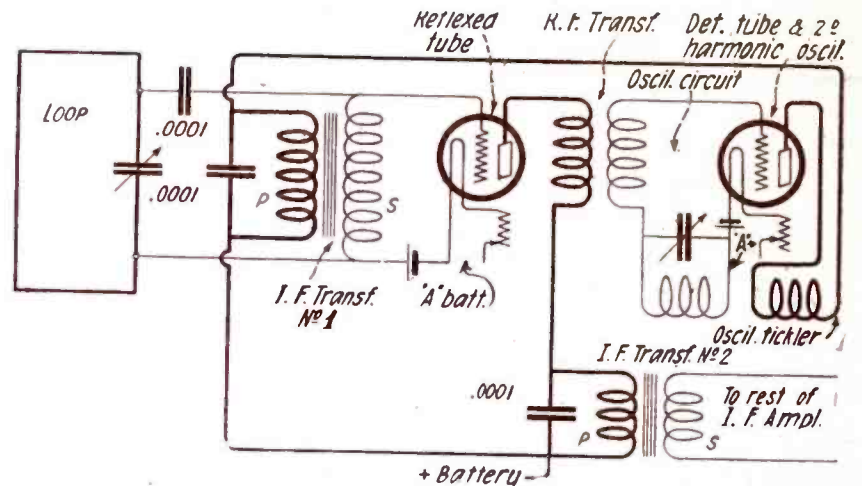


Figure 3—Principle involved in reflexing radio frequency and intermediate frequency amplifier and in using detector as second harmonic oscillator

with filament current. Besides, the construction was still too costly. There was undoubtedly need for having some of the tubes do double duty. The most practicable step was to combine the radio frequency oscillator with the first detector, i. e., employ the self-heterodyne effect. The trouble with this, however, was that on adjusting the frequency of the oscillating circuit portion, we are likely to detune the receiving circuit, and vice versa, because the two frequencies are so close. Such a system is all right for receiving telegraph signals, where the beat may be made a fairly high audible note; but in receiving telephony and music, we must make this beat frequency above audibility—and keep it there. Probably the most suitable region is in the neighborhood of 50,000 cycles per second. In the super-heterodyne receiver, if the self-heterodyne were adjusted to give a beat note of 50,000 cycles, the receiving circuit would be detuned to so great an extent from the frequency of the station it is desired to receive, that the results would be worthless. Besides, any minute change in the adjustment of one would react on the other.

After three years of experimentation in an effort to discover a means of combining the first detector and oscillator, a solution was at last found. A great share of credit for this discovery belongs to Mr. Harry Houck, who has

three and four times the fundamental frequency of 275,000 cycles. This production of harmonics is due to certain asymmetrical characteristics of the vacuum tube and is not at all difficult to understand.

It is precisely similar to the production of overtones in musical instruments—where, when a certain note is sounded, we have present, not only the fundamental tone, but also a whole series of harmonics or overtones, which give the instrument in question its peculiar characteristics by which we recognize it. At any rate, in the super-heterodyne receiver, in combining the detector and oscillator, we have the oscillator work at some frequency below that which we desire to receive and select the second harmonic to produce the beat note. Thus, if the loop in figure 2 is tuned to say 600,000 cycles (500 meters), the oscillating circuit is adjusted to 275,000 cycles. The second harmonic of the oscillator is 550,000 cycles, which on heterodyning with the received 600,000 cycles, will give a beat note in the detector of 50,000 cycles. The local oscillator may also be tuned to 325,000 cycles, the second harmonic of which is 650,000 cycles—and the resulting beat note is also 50,000 cycles. Thus we will obtain results at two different tuning points of the oscillator in the super-heterodyne receiver. The frequency of the oscillator is so far from that of

through a condenser of .0001 microfarad capacity, which does not oppose the flow of currents of high frequency. These oscillations are amplified by the tube and then applied to the grid of the detector and oscillator tube (the second tube) by means of an ordinary radio frequency transformer. Note that no grid condenser or grid leak is required here, since we are detecting a frequency which is extremely high, and must rely on the curvature of the grid current and plate current curves in order to produce rectification, rather than on the action of the discharge of a grid condenser through a very high resistance.

The second tube also functions as an oscillator, which is tuned to a little less (or a little more) than half the frequency of the incoming signals. The beat note which results between the second harmonic of the locally generated oscillations and the received oscillations is obtained in the process of detection. This beat note, which is in the neighborhood of 50,000 cycles, is passed through the primary winding of an intermediate frequency amplifying transformer, the secondary of which is in the grid circuit of the first tube, which is also the radio frequency amplifier. A condenser of .0001 mfd. capacity, or even less, is connected in the grid circuit as shown, so that the secondary winding will not be short circuited by the loop circuit. In series

with the radio frequency transformer in the plate circuit is connected another I. F. (abbreviation for "Intermediate Frequency") transformer, the secondary of which leads to the rest of the I. F. amplifier, which is made in the usual manner and has been described several times in past issues of THE WIRELESS AGE. The .0001 microfarad condensers shunting the primary windings of the I. F. transformers are inserted in order to allow the comparatively high radio frequencies to bypass the high inductance windings of the I. F. transformers. No filament or B batteries are indicated in the diagram—but these are connected in the usual manner.

With such combinations as these, Major Armstrong was able to reduce the original super-heterodyne to six dry cell tubes—and obtain even better results than with the nine storage battery tubes used previously. He then pointed out a number of such receivers, built within the past year, of surpris-

has ever been done. Major Armstrong pointed with no little pride to a number of beautiful cabinets, which housed the new line of super-heterodyne receivers, now being marketed by the Radio Corporation of America and embodying his new discoveries described above.

In regard to selectivity, sensitivity and ease of tuning, they are without peer; local stations do not interfere at all with reception of far distant ones; only two controls are required for tuning, one for the loop and the other for the "second-harmonic" oscillator, the principle of which is illustrated in figure 3. The intermediate frequency amplifier is adjusted at the factory and sealed up, so that the set is not only simple, in its controls, but absolutely fool-proof. The only limit apparently to its sensitivity in receiving distance is *static*. Major Armstrong stated that the average inexperienced broadcast listener can easily receive from stations 3,000 miles away, any time

convinced of the undoubted superiority of the new super-heterodyne over any other receiver that has hitherto been produced.

### More About Inductance Coils

Editor, WIRELESS AGE,

Dear Sir:

I read with interest Mr. Miller's article on "How to Design Inductance Coils," in the February issue of THE WIRELESS AGE.

I would like to suggest the following method as being more direct in the calculation of single-layer coils from Professor Hazeltine's formula:

$$L = \frac{0.0002 N^2 A^2}{3A+9B+10C}$$

Data given:

L = 0.08 milli-henries.

A = 2 inches; 10C is negligible.

Size of wire, No. 22 D. S. C.

## Latest Radio Developments

WHEN asked if the average broadcast listener could build the set, Major Armstrong said that the second harmonic super-heterodyne is a piece of apparatus which can be built only by an experienced radio engineer and that the exact dimensions of each wire and part must be known.

He said: "Radio sets are likely to become more complicated year by year and to give a person a copy of the super-heterodyne circuit and detailed instructions relative to construction would be like giving the average mechanic a complete set of blueprints of an automobile. Efficient and complex radio sets of the future will not be home-made any more than the automobile. It will be less expensive and results will be far more satisfactory if the set is purchased complete. I should not advise any one to attempt to build a home-made super-heterodyne operating on the second harmonic principle because I know the results would be extremely disappointing."

Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, head of the RCA Research Laboratory, said: "The set cannot be built by the average radio follower. It consists of a heavy casting called a catacomb box in which shelves are arranged for mounting the apparatus. All of the parts are mounted and then the catacomb is filled with wax, making the set practically a solid block. The instruments are so designed that they will not function the same in air as they will in the wax block. This is a new practice in construction of radio sets. If an experimenter took one

of the sets apart and attempted to build a duplicate I am afraid he would experience great difficulty. A hook-up or blueprint of the second harmonic super-heterodyne would be about as useful in building the set as a map of Asia."

The slightest deviation from the exact wiring, such as moving a wire a fraction of an inch out of its proper position or making a wire a trifle too long, will change the capacity effect and make the entire circuit inoperative. A slight variation in wiring would cause distortion which, in a single tube set would be unnoticeable, but in a six-tube super-heterodyne outfit this distortion is highly amplified and howls dominate the incoming music.

Dr. Goldsmith said that the ordinary type super-heterodyne receiver, as built experimentally by some radio enthusiasts, using from eight to ten tubes, was difficult to operate and radiated energy continuously, although the operator was not aware that his set was squealing and interfering with his neighbor. With the regenerative circuit the operator can tell when his set is disturbing near-by receiving sets, but in the case of the old type super-heterodyne only the neighbor can tell that the set is howling.

The new set has a new principle called the "regenflex," and by the use of a special muffler tube circuit radiation from the set is eliminated.—*The New York Times, Sunday, March 16, 1924.*

ingly small dimensions. A box, about 6 inches by 8 inches by 20 inches, using six UV-199 Radiotrons was complete in every respect; it contained a loop, A-batteries, B-batteries, C-batteries, to say nothing of the super-heterodyne equipment itself, such as tuning condensers, transformers, oscillator coils, etc. It was with such equipment that that old lady received stations 3,000 miles distant!

This did not mark the end of the development. It was only the beginning! Mr. David Sarnoff, Vice-President and General Manager of the Radio Corporation, visualized its importance and immediately concentrated the forces of the Research Laboratories of the Radio Corporation, General Electric Co. and Westinghouse Co. on continual day and night work for almost a year. And the result was the finest job in radio engineering that

atmospheric conditions are right, when using the super-heterodyne.

With a few brief words, promising new developments for the future, Major Armstrong relinquished the floor. Professor Pupin, in the discussion, took occasion to compliment the speaker for his manliness in giving credit, where due, to his associates and then pointed out that we had already outstripped European nations in scientific development because of our diligent application to research work, both in the universities and in our large industries. In the case of radio, there is no doubt of it at all. At the close of the meeting, little groups of the members of the Institute gathered round the various receivers on display and listened to broadcasting from stations more than 1,000 miles distant, while WJZ, only a quarter of a mile away, was going full blast—and came away

Substituting:

$$0.08 = \frac{0.0002 \times 2^2 \times N^2}{(3 \times 2) + 9B}$$

The total number of turns, N, divided by the number of turns per inch is equal to the axial length, B. The number of turns per inch of No. 22 D.S.C. wire is 32 (see table II, page 56).

Then B = N/32

Substituting in above:

$$0.08 = \frac{0.0002 \times 2^2 \times N^2}{9N} \\ (3 \times 2) + \frac{32}{32}$$

Simplifying: N<sup>2</sup> - 28N - 600 = 0.

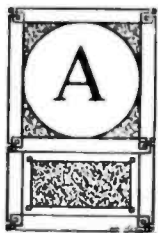
Solving the above quadratic:

N = 43 turns.

Very truly yours,  
Manchester, N. H. A. H. CASTOR.



# The Wireless Age Reflex Loop Receiver



## Four Tube Set With Crystal Detector

3 Stages of Radio Frequency  
2 Stages of Audio Frequency

Designed by R. A. Bradley  
with the collaboration of Samuel C. Miller  
Member of the Institute of Radio Engineers

WITH the steady increase in the number of broadcasting stations there has naturally come an increased demand for a receiver which can successfully separate two or more powerful stations closely approximating the same wavelength. Then, too, the broadcast enthusiasts, located in very congested districts such as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other large cities are in many cases prevented from erecting an aerial on the roof, and must resort to some other collector of energy. The loop receiver has fulfilled these two issues admirably, but heretofore has required so many tubes that the cost was prohibitive. It is necessary to use at least three stages of radio frequency amplification before the detector, in order to amplify the small amount of energy that a loop is capable of collecting to such an extent that the detector will respond and carry to the head phones an audi-

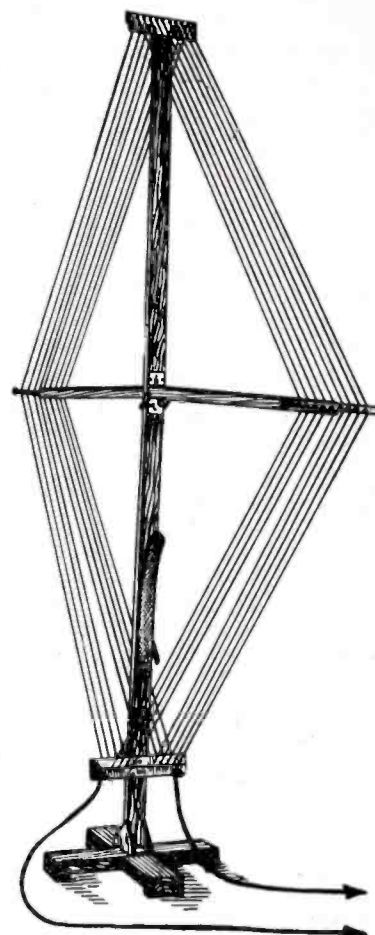
**NOTE**—Certain patent owners permit amateurs to make up their own radio devices for their own use and not for sale. Relying on this policy this article gives suggestions to aid amateurs in their experimentation, but no license under patents is to be inferred from the publication of these suggestions. The license rights exist only through the generosity of the patent owners and if any owner should object, the amateur should refrain from using the particular invention involved.

ble signal. Then it is necessary to build up this signal by means of at least two stages of audio frequency amplification in order to have sufficient volume to operate a loud speaker. This, in all, means that we must have six tubes. Too much, too much!

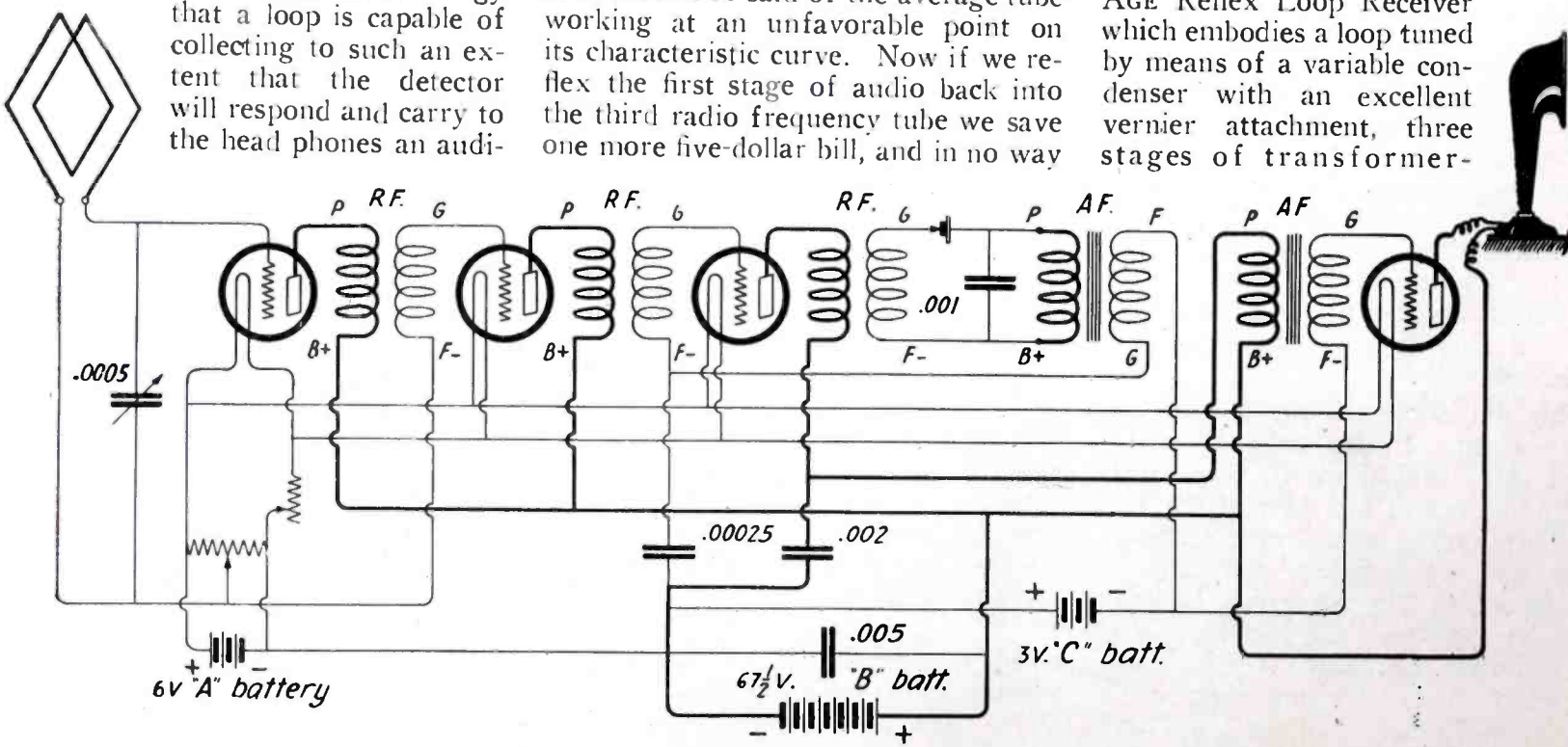
Now, if we use a crystal detector in place of a vacuum tube we have saved one tube and improved the tone quality of our reception! A crystal rectifies with little or no distortion while such cannot be said of the average tube working at an unfavorable point on its characteristic curve. Now if we reflex the first stage of audio back into the third radio frequency tube we save one more five-dollar bill, and in no way

sacrifice our tone quality, sensitivity, or ease of control.

With these ideas in mind we have developed this month THE WIRELESS AGE Reflex Loop Receiver which embodies a loop tuned by means of a variable condenser with an excellent vernier attachment, three stages of transformer-



The type of loop used



The diagram layout. Note the manner in which the small fixed condensers are connected in the circuit



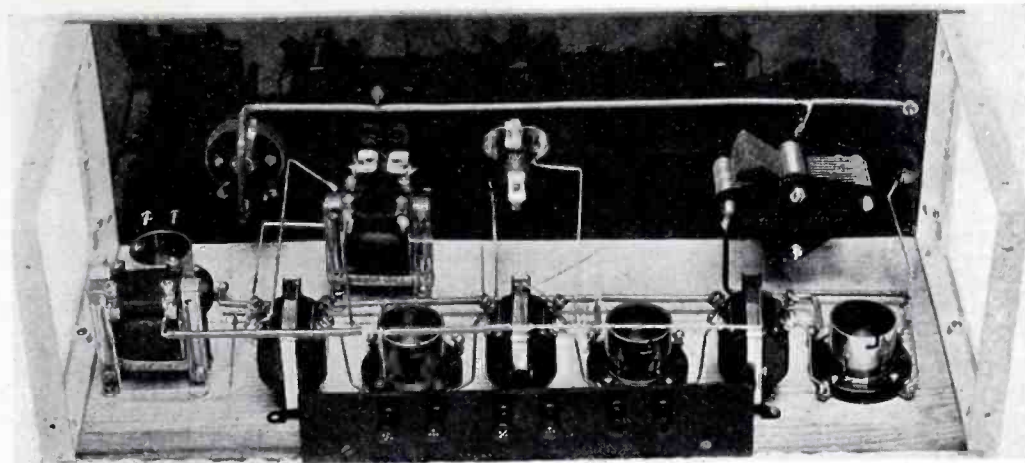
## A Thoroughly Tested, Practical and Proved Receiver

coupled radio-frequency amplification, a crystal detector and two stages of a.f. using four UV201-A's!

### THE PANEL LAY-OUT

The Radion panels were used because they are easy to work and present a very pleasing appearance. First of all locate the hole for the condenser shaft four inches from the left end and center it up and down on the panel. Next, mark out the holes for the rheostat in the exact center of the panel, then the potentiometer four inches from the right end, using in each case the templates furnished with each instrument by the manufacturer. The two holes for the crystal detector are now located two inches apart between the rheostat and potentiometer and two inches from the bottom of the panel. The Eby phone block may then be placed two inches from the right end and one and one-half inches from the base. Next drill the holes for the Quinby aluminum frames three-eighth inch from the ends of the panel so that the tops of the frames come flush with the top of the panel. This will leave a space at the bottom to fasten the baseboard.

Follow closely the photographs in mounting the rest of the instruments on the baseboard as the arrangement shown represents much experimentation in providing shortest leads and general all-around efficiency. The radio frequency transformers and tube sockets are mounted flush with the rear of the baseboard, placing them approximately 3 inches between centers. This provides for the shortest possible grid and plate leads at the same time keeping as low as possible capacities between these leads. If you attempt to hook up a radio-frequency amplifier with wires running helter-skelter you create high capacities between the grid and plate of each tube causing them to oscillate beyond the control of a potentiometer which of course is a highly undesirable feature. The first audio - frequency transformer is



Rear view of baseboard layout affording a good idea of the general arrangement of instruments

### List of Materials

One .0005 mfd. variable condenser (Pacent). This condenser must be a good one as it is highly important that losses in your collector circuit be kept very low. One 400-ohm potentiometer (Pacent) and one Filkostat. These instruments are well made and add to the appearance of any set.

Four sockets (Paragon standard).

Three radio frequency transformers (Jefferson). Very satisfactory results were obtained with these.

Two audio frequency transformers (Jefferson). Ratio 6 to 1 and 4½ to 1.

Eight binding posts (Eby).

One Accuratune dial. This instrument is very satisfactory as its vernier adjustment is all that could be asked.

Two Quinby Aluminum Frames for seven-inch panel.

One Radion panel, 7x21x3-16 inches.

One hard rubber strip, 2x14x3-16 inches for mounting binding posts.

One .001 mfd. Dubilier fixed condenser.

One .00025 mfd. Dubilier fixed condenser.

Two .002 mfd. Dubilier fixed condensers.

Eight lengths of round bus wire. The round bus wire is much easier to handle and presents quite as good an appearance.

Four lengths of yellow cambric tubing.

Two dozen assorted lengths wood screws for mounting instruments on baseboard.

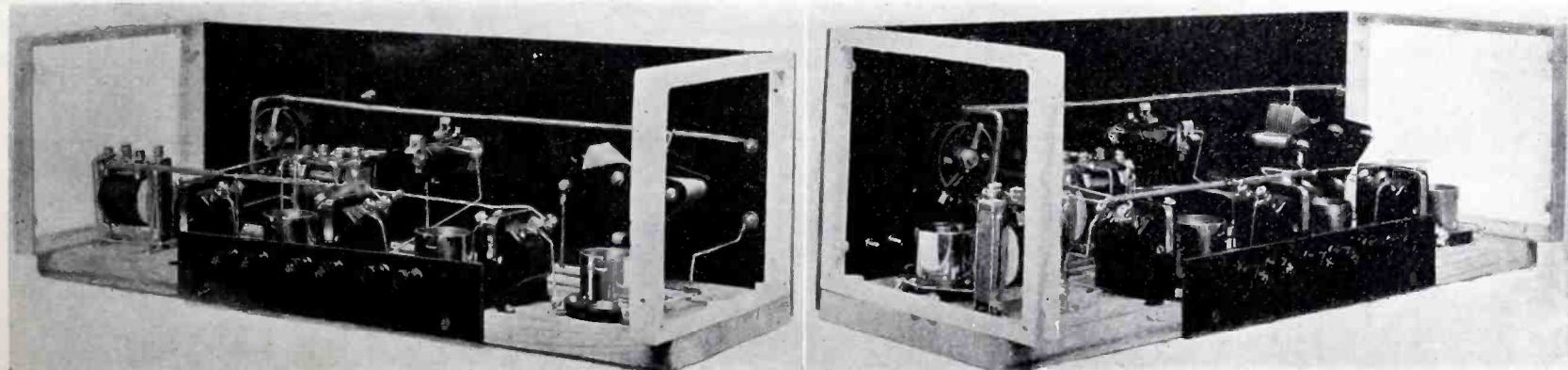
One baseboard 7x21x¾ inches pine or soft wood.

One Grewol fixed crystal detector.

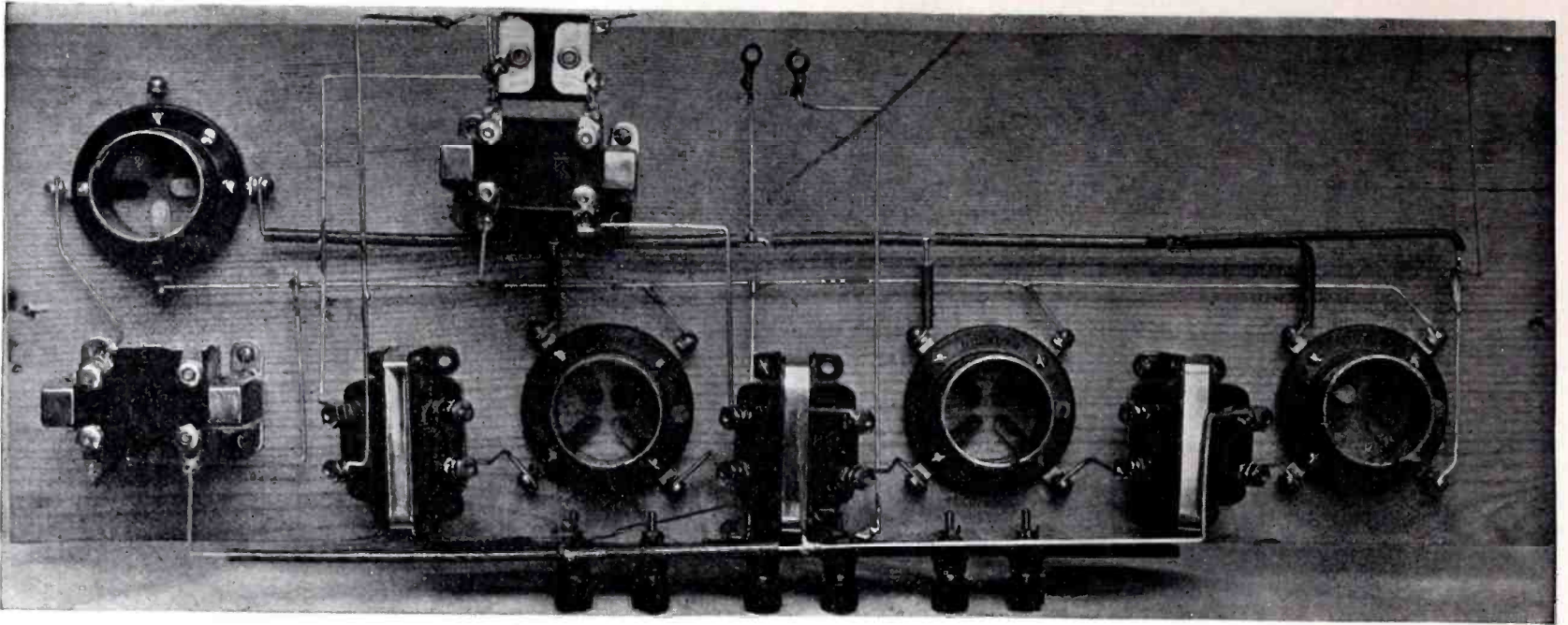
mounted between the third tube socket and the panel. This is the most natural arrangement since the output of this transformer goes back into this third tube for the reflexed stage. The second audio-frequency transformer is mounted flush against the rear of the baseboard at the extreme right, where its output may be conveniently fed into the last tube socket placed between the transformer and the panel.

The first connections to be made after placing all the instruments are the filament leads. These connections are plainly shown in one of the illustrations. Run one of these leads to the rheostat and from there to the binding post on the sub-panel in the rear of the baseboard. Connect the other lead direct to the other A battery binding post. Now before going further connect up your storage battery to these terminals and place all four tubes in their sockets and make sure that they all light properly. If this is done now it will obviate retracing your filament connections in case of an error later on. Now connect up your transformer leads. If the transformers are mounted correctly, that is, primary left, secondary right, the grid and plate leads will probably be less than two inches long which is what we have been striving for.

Be sure not to omit the small fixed condensers shown in the diagram. The



The various connections can be plainly seen in these two views. Note the short leads from transformers to tube sockets



Top view of the baseboard showing in detail the placing of each instrument in relation to the others. This arrangement proved to be the most satisfactory. The .001 mfd. fixed condenser is mounted directly upon the posts of the audio transformer

.005 mfd. fixed condenser is shunted directly across the B battery binding posts on your terminal strip and acts as a by-pass condenser around the B battery. The B battery with its long leads and inherent high resistance must have some sort of by-pass for the radio-frequency currents. The .002 fixed condenser serves the same purpose with respect to the primary of the second audio-frequency transformer. The .001 fixed condenser acts as a by-pass condenser across the primary of the first audio-frequency transformer, performing the same function as a phone condenser in an ordinary hook-up.

The loop is connected to the two binding posts on the left of the panel. Leads from these two posts go then to the variable condenser. Be sure that the potentiometer is connected to the rotor plates of the variable condenser and the grid of the first tube to the stator plates. This will practically eliminate any hand capacity effects, as there is practically no difference between the potential of your hand or body and the filament circuit.

There is a point on the plate current-grid voltage curve of every tube where that tube will amplify to its greatest extent with a minimum of distortion. That is, in order to make our amplifier work most efficiently we must use at least 67 volts on the plate of the tubes and at the same time keep the plate current low by making the

### Accessories

Four UV201-A tubes.  
One 6-volt storage battery.  
One 3-volt C battery.  
Two 45-volt B batteries.  
One loud speaker.  
One loop antenna.

grid negative with respect to the filament. In order to do this easily we have embodied in the set a "C" battery of three volts, thus preventing distortion, lowering our plate current, and lengthening the life of our B battery. The leads from the audio frequency transformer posts marked F or A, are brought to the negative C battery binding post on the terminal strip. A connection is then made from the positive C battery binding post to the negative filament lead.

### THE LOOP

Several types of loop antennas were used with this receiver and the one shown proved to be the most satisfactory. It is well to note that a loop receiver with a non-directional loop is well-nigh useless in highly congested districts as the selectivity of the receiver rests entirely with the loop and tuning condenser. With a directional loop you can, by swinging its planes into the direction of the station, eliminate all stations except those in a direct line with this plane. Now

here is an important thing to remember: A loop antenna in order to be directional must have roughly speaking a total length of wire equal to ten times the distance from the top of the loop to ground connection. So if we are to have a directional loop we must arrange to use a total length of wire at least ten times its height from top to bottom. Such a loop can be constructed of two pieces of wood  $1\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$  inches joined together at right angles at the center, and braced securely on the ends of each piece are mounted hard rubber strips  $5 \times 1$  inches slotted every half-inch to take eight turns of wire. In winding the loop you may use ordinary lamp cord or No. 16 D.C.C. copper wire. The former is more flexible and is easier to wind while the latter is more rigid and will stand more rough treatment.

### OPERATION

The actual operation of this set is as simple as can be—as we promised you. Turn on the filament rheostat until the tubes burn at their proper brilliancy. Set the potentiometer at about the middle. Then swinging the loop, turn the variable condenser knob until a signal is tuned in. Now gradually increase the potentiometer until maximum volume is secured. If the potentiometer is turned too far the set will oscillate. The most sensitive adjustment is just before the oscillatory or "squealing" point.

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By Geoffrey Ames

"WE must educate through the emotions." The accumulated earnestness of ten years and more of work as a leader in the field of child-education spoke through eye and voice and gesture. Mrs. Marietta Stockard Albion, premier bed-time story-teller, is such not by any trick of suddenly acquired inspiration or cleverness, not because of any urge to fill a newspaper column each day. She tells the finest bed-time stories in the finest manner because this has been her study for years. She is an experienced teacher of child-training and has been in charge of child-work in such institutions as the University of Virginia, The Wilson Normal School and George Washington University.

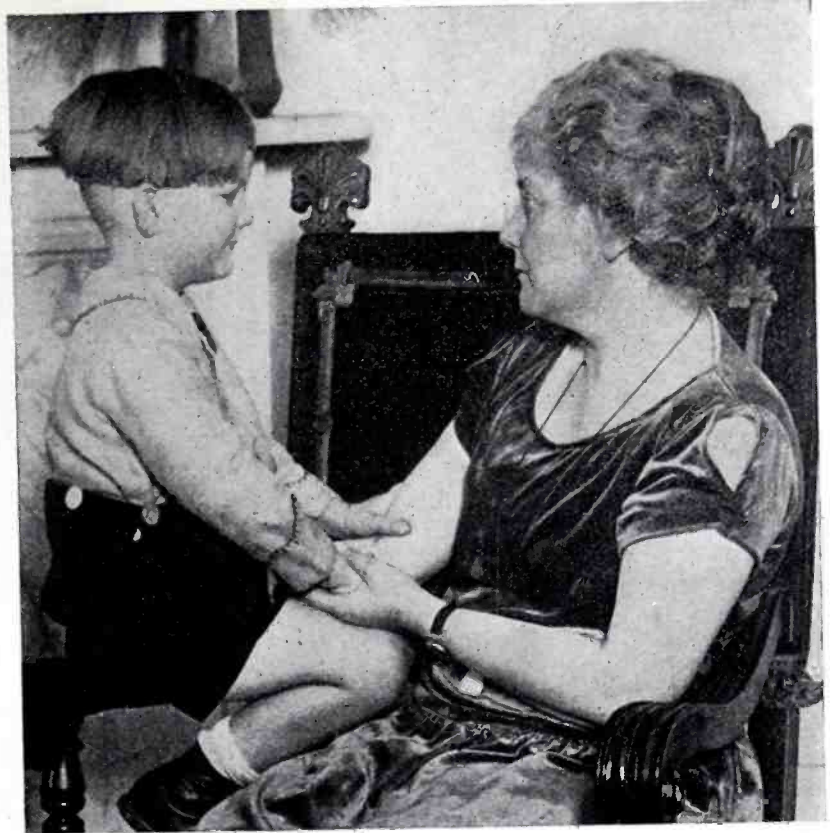
"Story-telling has been my laboratory for kindergarten training. And my experience has taught me that it is through the story that the young developing mind is to be reached. Lessons will make anyone a dullard. The story arouses a quick interest and the interested mind grasps new ideas without effort.

"I have seized eagerly upon radio-broadcasting as a means of extending my work. It is wonderful—this radio. Have the people in the radio industry any idea, I wonder, what a tremendous agency for good—or otherwise—they control? Think of the influences that can be brought right into the home by this wonderful means!

"I am so glad that my bed-time stories over the radio have become so popular! For my stories are doing more than merely entertain. Do you realize that it is character we are forming by these stories? Yes. By telling stories to children—the right stories—we form and mould their character."

Mrs. Albion has studied the stories of all nations. She has collected the best stories of the world into a splendid anthology which she draws upon for her message delivered each evening to the little folks from WRC. Hers is no experiment, no hit-or-miss performance. She knows that her

When Aunt Peggy gets home after telling her stories to her radio audience she tells the same beautiful tales to her own young son Master Norwood



stories are good. They are the cream of the world's story-telling through the ages.

"But are you sure that the children—the children themselves—enjoy your stories? Without the visualized personality, the attraction of facial expression and of gesture, can little children be effectively reached by radio? Can their restlessness be controlled by the voice alone?" I have heard these queries and doubts expressed with regard to the value of bed-time stories, and I repeat them.

It was an eager, enthusiastic "Peggy" Albion, as she is known to her radio audience, who replied.



"This little boy-pickanniny throws himself on the floor"

"Yes, yes and yes! You should see some of the letters I receive.

"I have one from a negro doctor. He says that when, at about the bed-time story hour, some other voice than mine comes through the loud speaker,

his little boy-pickanniny throws himself on the floor in a rage, feet in the air, and kicks and howls."

Mrs. Pickett, well-known society editor of the *Washington Evening Star*, tells how her little granddaughter listens eagerly to "Aunt" Peggy's stories and how when she is interrupted and takes the phones from her ears she says "Scuse me, please, Mrs. Albion."

Naturally, since letter writing is the proclivity of the elders, some of the most interesting letters tell of the reception of the bed-time stories by older children and grown-ups.

A retired general in Virginia excuses himself from his company every evening at bed-time story hour by announcing that he has a date with Mrs. Albion.

An elderly couple whose children have all flown from the old nest and upon whom rests the weight of great loneliness, listen in together and are made less lonely by Peggy Albion.

A Christian Science practitioner writes to commend Peggy's stories and states that she uses them in her work because they are full of the message of love and strength and courage.

"On New Year's Day," remarked Mrs. Albion, "I selected that wonderful story by Tolstoi, 'Where Love is there God is also.' Before I was off the air a man phoned in to the station to ask what story it was and where he could find it."

A fan in the back country of Maryland writes to tell how the people of his community are shut off from the

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# Peeps Into Broadcast Stations



"Cow Bells, That's All"

## Cow Bells on the Air

THE jingle of the cow bells to millions of fans throughout the North American continent—and beyond, has come to stand for "WBAP," the broadcaster of The Fort Worth, Texas, *Star-Telegram*.

The first old-time square dance ever broadcast was introduced to Radio fans by WBAP, something over a year ago.

One of the features of this station is the droll humor of the Hired Hand, the boiler room functionary of the *Star-Telegram* who manages to leave his fires long enough to get before the microphone twice a week. Otherwise he is president of the Truth Society and has built up a membership of 150,000 throughout the country.



Roberta Beatty, mezzo soprano, broadcast from WEAJ recently

Those eligible for membership must first tell a "truth" of sufficient proportions and swear to prevent abuse and overwork of the "truth." They are then sent a handsome, embossed certificate of membership in good standing.

## Portable Broadcast Station

WTAT is at the present time operating as a portable station which is something very unusual in the radio broadcasting line. The equipment is installed upon a Reo speed wagon and is entirely self contained, including operating board, monitoring system, battery charging and the receiving set required in broadcasting stations. This truck is moved to any desired location and the announcer's panel is installed in the building and lead covered cables carried from there to the truck. The antenna is on the roof of a neighboring building or sometimes strung up between two poles.

This station has been operating at various electrical community shows held in the suburban towns adjacent to Boston. When there happens to be no show they operate from the Edison Service Building.

## Community Station of Twin City

UP in "The Land of Ten Thousand Lakes," WLAG popularly known as the Twin City Radio Central, broadcasts alternately from Minneapolis and St. Paul. It was recently adopted by merchants' associations and business concerns of Minneapolis and St. Paul who created a "community fund" to help cover program expenses and help aid this "biggest of civic assets."

WLAG operates on a subscription basis with a view to overcoming the economic problem of broadcasting.

Eleanor Poehler, who, so far as is known, is the only woman in complete charge of a radio broadcasting station in the country, is the manager of WLAG. She hires, fires and inspires the entire staff. She organized and developed her entire staff of musicians, including her orchestra which is now on tour in the South. Charles Corday, leader of the "Slowpokes" orchestra, is a song writer, who, whenever the studio feels the need of new material, lays aside his baton and composes something.

The Minneapolis studio and



Eleanor Poehler, managing director of WLAG, one of the few women in complete charge of a broadcasting station

WLAG'S antenna are at the Oak Grove hotel overlooking the business section of the city. The St. Paul studio, just completed, is on the top floor of the St. Paul Athletic Club building. Programs from the latter are broadcast by remote control through the Minneapolis plant. This gives the Twin City Radio Central extraordinary possibilities for rebroadcasting important programs and talks from other stations, besides a flexible studio equipment for handling large organizations.

## New Broadcasting Studio for Station "WBZ" in Boston

WBZ, located on the roof of the Hotel Brunswick, Boston, broadcasts regularly from the station, one hundred miles distant. Although broadcasts have been made by other stations at various times at distant points from the station, this is the first time in broadcasting annals that a studio is permanently located at such a distance from the station for every night, all-the-year-round broadcasts.

This broadcasting system has been jointly worked out by the *Boston Herald-Traveler*, the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., and the Brunswick Hotel. On the top of the Brunswick Hotel has been built a studio that



The "Call of the North" orchestra of the St. Paul Athletic Club which made its first bid for fame from WLAG

measures up to anything that has been done in the past for convenience and beauty. In the building that has been constructed on the roof of the hotel is the studio, thirty by forty feet in size and the ample reception room with a rest room for the ladies.

Since the radio microphone is the most sensitive thing possible for picking up sound and extraneous noises not audible to the ear might injure the quality of the broadcasting, the building was built of heavy gypsum block supported on steel girders and the inside was lined with a sound-deadening lath designed to prevent the outside sound from getting into the studio. After this was done successfully, the studio walls and ceilings were covered with a flannel draping trimmed with old rose silk.

The ceiling draping is done in Egyptian fashion with the drapes from the longer sides coming together in the center to form a shape similar to a tent. The part usually designated as the ridge pole is covered with the old rose silk. At each corner similar strips of silk hang from the ceiling for a distance of about two feet.

The studio is furnished with a Steinway Concert Grand Piano, a davenport and chairs of appropriate coloring. Exquisite piano lamps complete an artistic setting.

In the corner of the room opposite from the piano, is the operating desk upon which are mounted the control switches for the microphones in the studio and in the theatres and concert halls. There is a roll-top desk completely covered to prevent reflection of sound from the hard

wood which might create distortion.

In order to make the project successful it was necessary to have constructed an entirely new line from Boston to Springfield. This line is slightly over one hundred miles in length and connects the studio at Brunswick with the Radio Station at East Springfield.

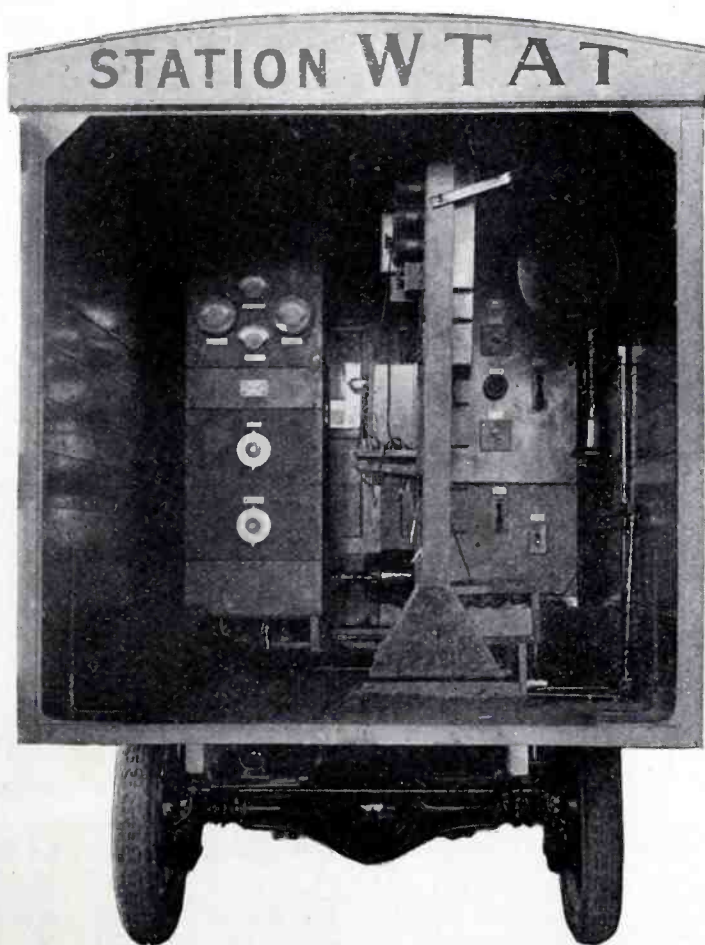
### Sears-Roebuck Again

A NEW type of forensics for radio is to be developed by Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation for the new broadcasting station which is being erected by the Foundation to

broadcast exclusive agricultural programs.

Samuel R. Guard, Director of the Foundation said that this new type of forensics for radio, which is different from any now in use, will adapt the speeches to the medium. It will be developed specially for radio, because one cannot talk into a microphone as one would talk from a stump or a stage.

The programs broadcast by this station will be balanced agricultural programs, which will challenge the farmer's attention and hold it. Facts of real value to the farmer will be broadcast. Theatrical stars will bring the stage to the farmer's parlor, and there will be bedtime stories for the country kiddies. An interpretation of market trends and a current events feature, explaining what is going on in agriculture all over the world, will be given according to Mr. Guard. This new station, which will be the only one in the United States broadcasting exclusive agricultural programs, was completed recently.



A broadcast station that is really "up and going"

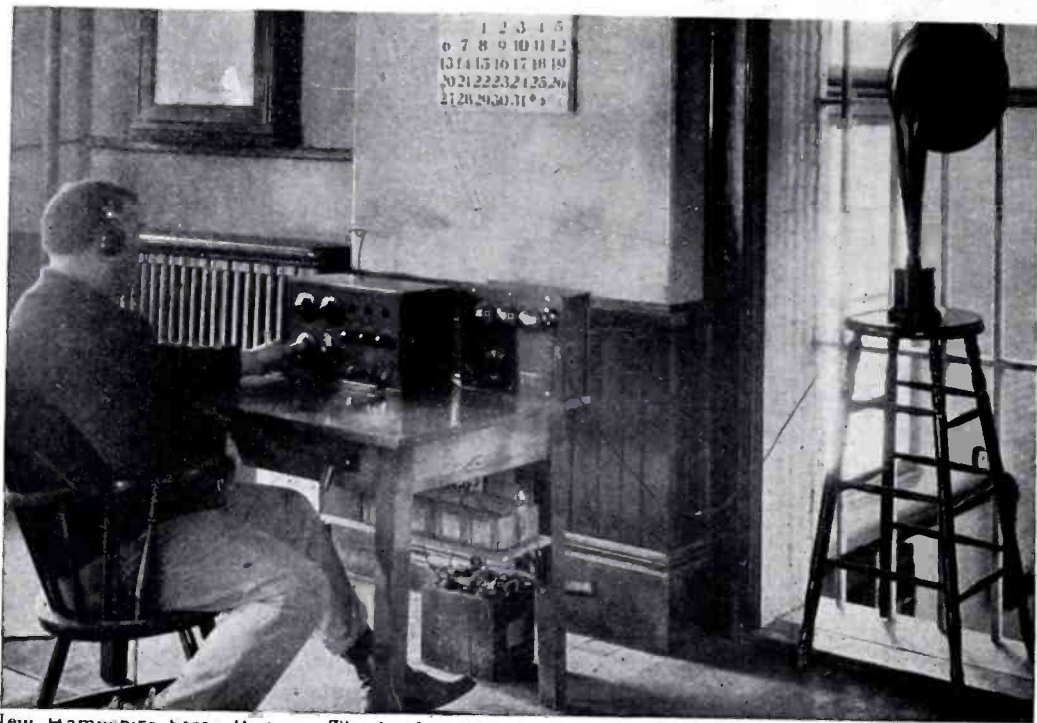
### Health Talks Now Broadcast by CKY

The Manitoba Telephone System's station at Winnipeg has inaugurated a new series of short talks to be delivered at the studio on Tuesday evenings by a number of doctors representing the Manitoba Dental Association. The talks will consist of a scientific presentation of the subject of dentistry with details of mouth anatomy, ills and remedies and general care of the teeth.

# The World Within a Prison Cell

## Prison Walls Are No Barrier to Radio

As told by No. 186, a "Lifer," at New Hampshire State Prison



New Hampshire State Prison. The loud speaker is placed at the head of the hallway leading down between the tiers of cells. The prison set is operated for all prisoners between seven and nine o'clock

**D**O you want to know just how I came to have the rather remarkable outfit I own? It's a bit extravagant for a person "doing time" and solely dependent on what little money he earns in the prison shop and by his work during his spare time in his cell.

Last August I bought the Westinghouse RC unit from one of the department stores of Boston. It was bought

### THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

**EDMOND DANTES**, a French sailor, was cast into prison where he was destined to rot in a cold, damp and oppressively dark dungeon. His romantic contact with the Abbé, a fellow prisoner, gave to Dantes a knowledge of the world replete in its wealth of learning and vision. When he finally managed his escape, Alexandre Dumas was pleased to send him back to France as the M. Le Comte de Monte Cristo. We have all come to know the exploits of the Count of Monte Cristo, which were possible because the sailor, Edmond Dantes, had been able to absorb the vast scope of the Abbé's learning.

The letter to The Wireless Age from prisoner number 186 would indicate an analogy between radio and the remarkable Abbé; radio can bring the world's knowledge to the prisoner of today just as the Abbé imparted it generations ago to the poor sailor boy in the dungeon of Château d'If.

on the installment plan. After I purchased it I wrote to the manager, or buyer, of the book department of this same store and succeeded in selling him quite a good order of Christmas cards that had been hand-colored by me personally. I have been doing work of this kind for several years. This order helped me out considerably in meeting the monthly payments. The remainder of the cost was met ahead of time through the sale of similar cards to other people.

Last November I wrote to a corporation in New York and asked if I could obtain a discount on the antenna coupler, Radiola RT. Much to my surprise, and also delight, I received as a gift this coupler, and from another concern I received the radio frequency amplifier, Radiola AR. I had been thinking that sometime in the far distant future I might be able to save up the \$80 necessary to purchase this unit. I also received four UV-201A tubes, three "B" batteries, and a "C" battery. That made it necessary for me to have a storage battery, as I had been running WD-12 tubes with dry cells. I began to count my money and soon after Christmas decided I had enough from the sale of cards to pay for a storage battery. I sent for our local radio dealer, who has been extremely kind to all of "us radio fans." He came on a Saturday afternoon, but just before he arrived I received another letter advising me that a storage battery was on its way. What luck!

### "RADIO" A VOICE FROM BEHIND THE BARS

**D**ID you ever "do time"? No? In most all prisons the Silence Rule is in force. (Thank Heaven it is slowly being abolished here!) If you have maintained "silence" for over six years and then are given the opportunity to express a few of your ideas on paper you will appreciate how I feel about being able to tell here to the readers of The Wireless Age how Radio has brought the world to those of us whom the world has shut away.

Please, reader, bear in mind that a prisoner is not a special sort of a human being. We are no different from the majority of people. We are, most of us, just like you! But Radio means much more to us than it can ever mean to you. So I hope you will read about my efforts to enjoy Radio.

Yours truly,

Number 186.

My own money went for two more tubes, a loading coil and voltmeter.

At Christmas time I received from a "radio friend" in Connecticut (a real friend, for he keeps me constantly supplied with all the latest radio magazines) a gift of five dollars. From another friend I received another five dollars! From an unknown friend a gift of one dollar. I also was given a "Short-Cut Radio Antenna" which I have not yet had time to try out. It has been used on the main prison set and works very well. It was really the most enjoyable Christmas that I have had for many years. Usually the Christmas season is very hard to bear. It reminds one so much of the things he is forced to miss!

For an antenna I use a piece of copper screen, thirty inches wide and six feet long. For a ground, my bed! I have received from over fifty different broadcasting stations. This number includes such stations as PWX and WOC; also WOS, WLAG, WPAH and many of the nearer stations.

I have heard Lloyd George, Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge; also Nina Wilcox Putnam and William J. Burns. I "went to" all of the Harvard football games last Fall. Some afternoons I "attended" as many as three different games in places as far apart as the Harvard Stadium and the field of the University of Pennsylvania. I enjoyed the World Series at the Yankee Stadium and at the Polo

Grounds. I didn't pay any outrageous sum for a ticket either! Just turned a dial and there I was! In fact I have been having a real good time and look forward to many more good times. I had almost forgotten such things existed.

But after all, the greatest thing radio has done for me has been the restoration, in part at least, of my former belief in the "goodness" of the human race! The many kindnesses that I have received have shown me that there are still certain men who really do believe in doing a "good deed" to one less fortunately situated than themselves. My faith in my fellow men has been restored and perhaps that is the greatest thing that could have been done for me.



The set maintained by the prison runs only from 7:30 to 9:00 in the evening unless there is some special program, like the Dempsey-Firpo bout. In a case of that kind the main set runs later and the lights in each cell are not turned off until the program is finished. Usually they are turned off at 9:00 P. M. The men that have sets of their own are permitted to run as late as they wish provided they do not disturb their neighbors and are able to do their share of the work the next day in the shops.

Personally I have been very much interested in radio for some time. I never had the necessary money to purchase a good set until the Westinghouse RC unit was placed on the market last Summer at \$59.00. I jumped at the chance to own one of these sets and you may be assured that I have never regretted my purchase.

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My set is not complete and never will be. There are several things that I am going to add to it when I have saved the necessary money. I have already ordered a crystal detector that I wish to experiment a bit with, also the loading coil that attaches to the back of the RC unit. This coil will permit me to receive the code that comes in on the longer wavelengths. Then I wish to try a "B" storage battery. And I am quite interested in the Finch relay! I shall evidently have to wait quite a while before I can

afford all of these articles, but it's nice to have something to look forward to!

I shall never be satisfied no matter how good results I get!

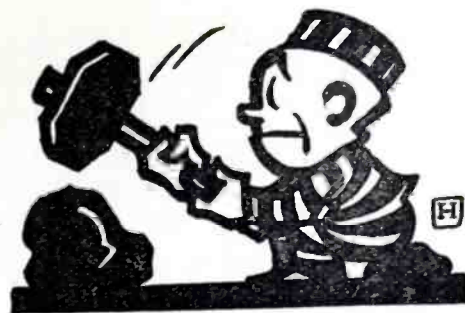
I want to get "California" and I shall get it when I get completely "hooked-up!" After "California" I shall try for England! Then for Hawaii! And then—well, I may try to find out just what these mysterious waves are that seem to be coming from Mars! Perhaps some of Edgar Rice Burroughs' weird creations are trying to communicate with us by radio!

The programs as they are at present are very good indeed. I have enjoyed nearly everything that I have heard, including "Bed Time Stories!" I listened in on Santa Claus, who was at WGY one night, and I could very easily imagine the delight with which the youngsters heard him call them by their own names and promise to bring them the presents they had asked him for! I almost wrote to him myself!

I am rather inclined to believe that it might be an advantage if certain stations were limited to a certain kind of program. For instance, WGY some night might send out a lecture while KDKA was sending out orchestra selections and some other station was broadcasting a play or musical comedy. It would be an advantage to have the stations limited in number also. Personally I would like to hear more lectures and speeches by prominent men and women.

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In my humble opinion, offered for what little it may be worth, radio can be of the greatest possible help to those raised in environments such as to make them enemies of society, as

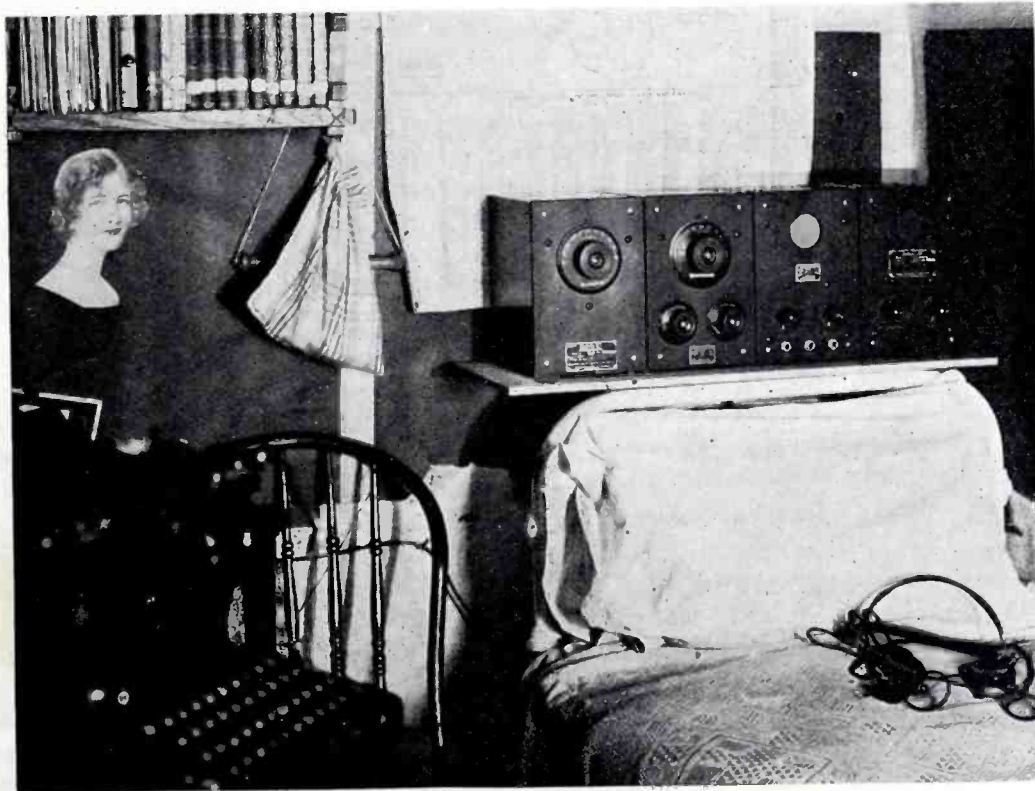


well as to those who are already so-called "enemies of society."

Since I came to prison I have read every book on criminology that I could get my hands on. I have talked with nearly all of the men that have passed through here in the six years that I have been an inmate. I have come to the conclusion that nearly all crime can be traced to the conditions in the homes when these fellows were children. Many of them have been in so-called Reform Schools. The prison "term" for a Reform School is "Prison Kindergarten!" Many of the fellows ran away from home and no boy runs away from a home where he is understood. If we really wish to diminish crime we must tackle the problem at its very roots, and that means the home. Make every dwelling place a real home and crime will be cut 90 per cent.!

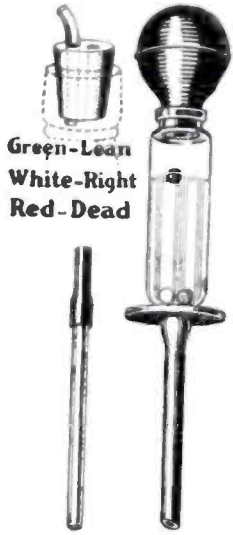
Who can at present imagine a more successful way of making a better home than by installing a radio set for the youngsters as well as for the "grown-ups"? It seems to me that as things are nowadays nearly all young people get away from their home just as much as possible. But a radio in

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THE CELL OF PRISONER 186

A copper screen is stretched above the bed for an aerial. Back of the set is a map of the United States, with stations received, marked. On the left is part of his library collection



**S**TORAGE batteries and rechargers with their connections need not be unsightly as is seen from this photograph of a bookcase in which the receiver reposes on the upper shelf and the battery equipment is stowed away in the bottom compartment.

To left is shown one type of hydrometer, the Chaslyn Ball Battery Tester, for which the legend runs:

Float all three—charge fully.

Sinks the white—charge still right.

Sinks the green—charge is lean.

Sinks the red—charge is dead.



How To Install and Maintain the Storage Battery for the Radio Receiver

# Your Radio Storage Battery

By Donald Gordon Ward

Associate Member, Institute of Radio Engineers

**A**S the storage battery plays such an important part at the present time in connection with the operation of the average radio receiver it seems fitting that more attention should be paid to the rules which, if observed, will insure the efficiency that should be expected.

The storage battery is a chemical generator of electricity. During the so-called "charging process" a current of electricity passes into the storage battery. Then during the "discharging process" a current of electricity is drawn from the battery.

However, in between the charging and discharging processes there is no electricity in the battery. This last statement would seem absurd on the face of it. But electricity cannot be stored up, that is, in the form of electricity. The storage battery stores up electricity in the form of electrochemical energy. When the current of electricity flows into the battery a certain chemical action takes place which "charges" the battery.

For any chemical action there is an equal and opposite chemical reaction. The current of electricity passing into the battery causes the chemical action to take place. Then after the battery has been disconnected from its charging source and has been connected to some device, such as a radio receiver, which utilizes electricity, the reverse of the first chemical action takes place and the battery generates another or second current of electricity, which

**Y**OUR Storage Battery is an important part of your radio set. If you handle it properly and intelligently it will be efficient. If you do not know how it should be cared for it will fail you and involve also needless expense. Mr. Ward tells you what you should know about storage batteries. Moreover, he shows how the storage battery may be properly cased along with the receiver in a handsome piece of furniture.

flows from the battery. But this current is not the same current that passes into the battery during the charging process.

## KEEP YOUR BATTERY CHARGED

A storage battery should be maintained in a fully charged condition whenever it is standing idle. This means that it should be placed in charge almost immediately after being used. For the man who carries his battery to the nearest charging station this becomes rather a nuisance and about the only remedy is to have a battery charger in the house, so arranged and connected that it will only be necessary to throw a switch in order to place the battery on charge and then reverse the switch in order to use the battery with the radio receiver.

The photograph figure 1, shows the

appearance of such a set-up in combination with the receiver. The top section of the bookcase holds the receiver, the middle section is filled with books and the lowest section contains the storage battery, of 80 ampere-hour capacity, the rectifier, and "B" batteries. When the doors of the bookcase are closed there is no visible indication of the presence of a radio receiver as the loud speaker is in a cabinet type phonograph and all visible connections are made with white silk lamp cord which blends in with the finish of the room and therefore is practically invisible.

A tube rectifier is to be preferred to any other type. A chemical rectifier is of course absolutely out of the question in a living room, as the chemicals would very quickly destroy the finish of any piece of furniture. These chemicals would be "given off" while the battery is charging owing to the fact that the rectifier gasses at this time, and the gas carries a small amount of liquid with it. A vibrating rectifier was not chosen for the reason that the writer of this article has had several lamentable experiences in the past with rectifiers of this type sticking at the contacts and thus sending an alternating current through the battery, which action to say the least is undesirable as it is liable to damage the battery. The vacuum tube, on the other hand, opens and closes the circuit by an action corresponding to that which takes place inside of the tube used in the receiving set and it is



therefore not subject to the possibility of sticking contacts and damaged batteries. When this rectifier is placed in the bookcase and the door closed there only comes from it a gentle hum, indicating that the battery is being charged.

The diagram, figure 2, gives the scheme of connections. The double pole, double throw, charging switch has its center points connected to the battery. One end of the switch is connected to the charger and the other end to the receiving set. Great care must be taken when making these connections, to have the connections properly polarized as indicated in the diagram. With the wrong connections the battery might be discharged instead of charged or else the wrong polarity would be applied to the receiver, thereby decreasing its efficiency. The two leads from the charger are colored, one red and the other black. The red lead is the positive and the black the negative. The battery will either be marked in a similar manner or else the symbols for positive and negative will be marked on the battery.

There is provided inside of the bookcase, a porcelain socket containing a double socket or two-plug adapter. The plug on the rectifier is connected into one of these positions and into the other there is screwed a small green light. From this porcelain socket runs a double silk covered wire to the nearest baseboard plug. In order to place the battery on charge the switch is thrown to the charging position and the plug is placed in the baseboard socket. The small green light is then lighted and the rectifier commences charging the battery immediately. The green light indicates that the battery is on charge and prevents us from going away and forgetting it.

One reason for maintaining the battery fully charged is because the battery will last much longer under those

conditions and another is because of the fact that a battery which is discharged consumes a greater amount of power to bring it up from a state of very low charge to full charge than it would to maintain it at full charge by charging slowly and often.

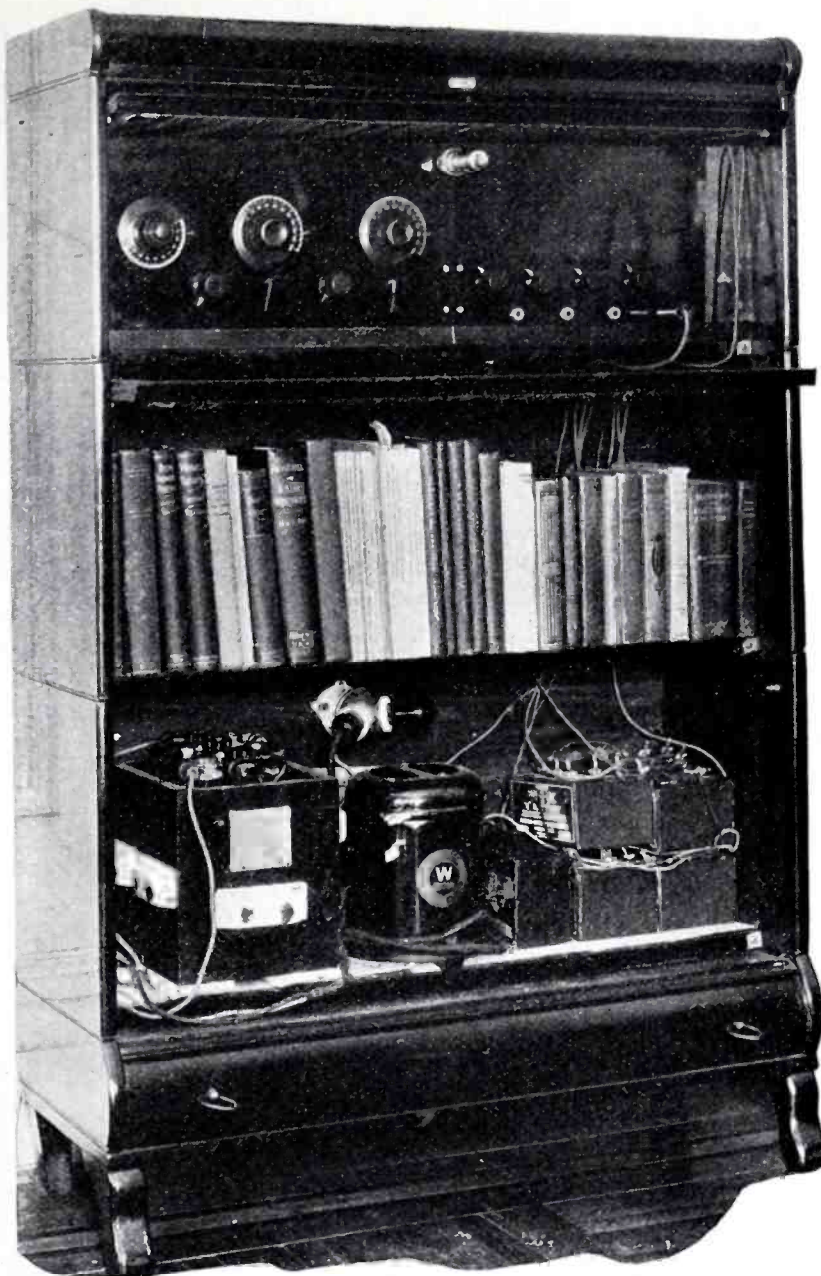
THE HYDROMETER

The instrument best suited for determining the state of charge of the storage battery is the hydrometer. This is the only really reliable instrument for use by those who have not had a great deal of experience with storage batteries, though there are other devices which may be used after one has gained experience. The instructions for the use of the hydrometer will be found contained with that instrument and it is then only necessary to charge the battery until the reading on the hydrometer corresponds with the reading specified by the manufacturer.

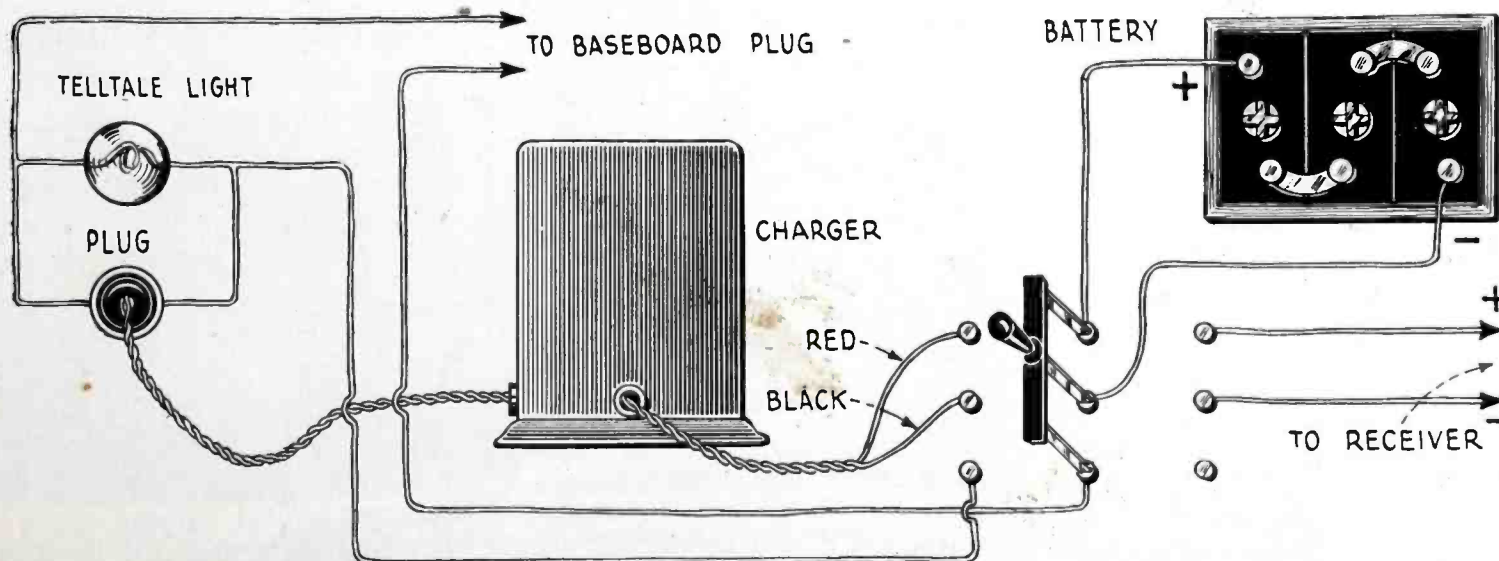
When the hydrometer is of the commonly used syringe type the lower end is inserted into the solution, the bulb is squeezed and then again released, allowing the liquid from the battery to flow upward into the bulb carrying

the hydrometer float. The beginner very seldom takes care that his hydrometer is in an exactly vertical position and as a result the float sticks to the side of the containing tube and therefore does not rise as high as it should, thus indicating partial charge when the battery may be fully charged.

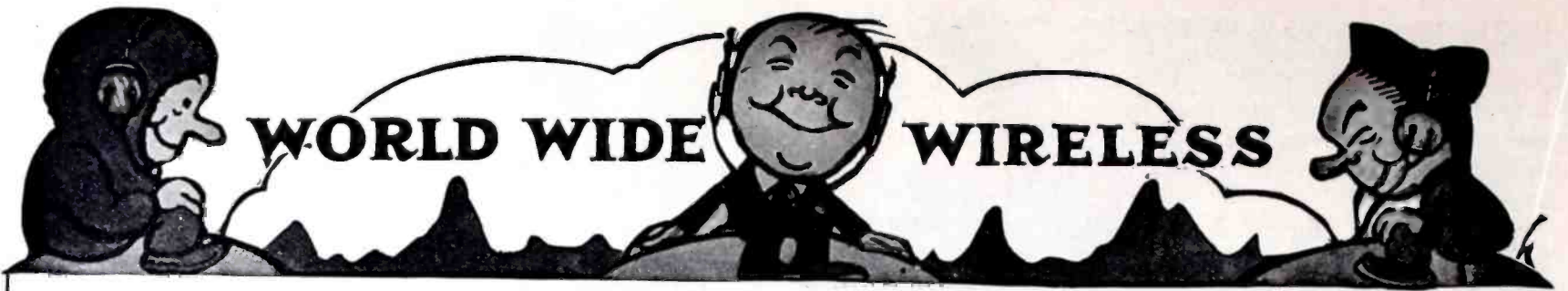
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The electric light in the bottom compartment warns that the battery is recharging. This compartment is kept covered by the sliding curtained glass door



No bother about recharging! If the battery and charger are connected to switch as shown in this diagram the battery is set for recharging by a simple throw of the switch



## RADIO NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

### Marconi Improves Directional Control of Radio Waves

**G**UGLIELMO MARCONI in a recent statement declares he has accomplished directional or "beam" radio transmission. He says:

"I have been experimenting for the past two years in new methods of transmission by which energy, instead of being scattered all around, is concentrated in one direction.

"By my device waves would go in a straight line from one station to another. One advantage is that a smaller amount of power is necessary and the stations would be less expensive to construct and to operate.

"I have made successful experiments in sending messages from Cape Verde to Cornwall on a beam, a distance of 2,200 miles, and I am about to experiment with messages from here to South America, 5,000 miles.

"The new methods would enable stations to be directed and worked much more efficiently and economically than now. It allows greater speed in transmission and the secrecy of the wireless would be greatly increased, with the risk of interception small.

"You could have a station in the United States broadcasting to England and only to England with much more efficiency and clearness than at present. In time we might send messages to Canada and elsewhere in the empire without any danger of their being received by other nations."

### Broadcasting in China

**R**ADIO development is taking place at a rapid pace in Hongkong. There are two transmitting stations and 500 receiving sets in use in that city and it is estimated that this number will be increased fully 100 per cent. within the next twelve months. Radio telephony makes a strong appeal to the Chinese, who have a love of anything mysterious, and there is little doubt that South China, for which Hongkong is the distributing center, is a good potential market for radio equipment.

No definite action has yet been taken by the colonial authorities in regard to the use of radio sets in the colony.

Broadcasting and receiving sets are operated subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Radio Society. Private individuals are permitted to set up wireless receiving sets, on the condition that due precautions are taken to prevent reradiation by receiving apparatus.



**RADIO IN POLITICS**  
Senator Hiram W. Johnson tuning in at Presidential Campaign Headquarters. The possibilities of radio in politics offer a wide scope for speculation

### Correcting a Statement on Major Armstrong

**I**N the pictorial section of our March issue there appeared a statement to the effect that Major Edwin H. Armstrong was "one of the foremost radio engineers of the Radio Corporation of America." This statement was incorrect. The RCA is licensed to use Major Armstrong's inventions, but he has never been in the employ of the Corporation. During the past ten years, Major Armstrong has been connected with the Marcellus Hartley Research Laboratory of Columbia University, where he is still conducting his experimental work.

### Canada's Largest Broadcast Station

**T**HE largest and most powerful radio station in Canada, located in Ottawa and operated by the Canadian National Railways as the first of a chain which it is hoped will be extended across Canada, went on the air February 27, with a program of musical selections and a talk by Sir Henry W. Thornton, chairman and president of the board of directors. The new station expects to have a range beyond that of any station in Canada.

The new station will sign CKCH and will broadcast on a wave of 435 meters.

Broadcasting will take place Wednesday and Saturday evenings with occasional church services on Sundays.

### New York Schools Use Radio

**W**HEN the Board of Education, in co-operation with the Radio Corporation of America, broadcasts its daily school program more than eighty schools in the city can listen in through receiving sets erected in the auditorium or the principal's office.

With official school programs being broadcast almost every day it is expected that it will not be long before every school in the city will have a radio receiving set.

### McAdoo Plans Campaign by Radio

**W**ILLIAM G. McADOO'S plans to capture the Democratic Presidential nomination includes the expenditure of \$30,000 in the construction of a broadcasting plant at his home in Los Angeles.

Mr. McAdoo announced that he would make use of the radiophone broadcasting station instead of undertaking extensive speaking tours, if a permit of the Department of Commerce was granted. He added that he would speak at varying hours of the day and night and that the apparatus would be powerful enough to reach all parts of the country.

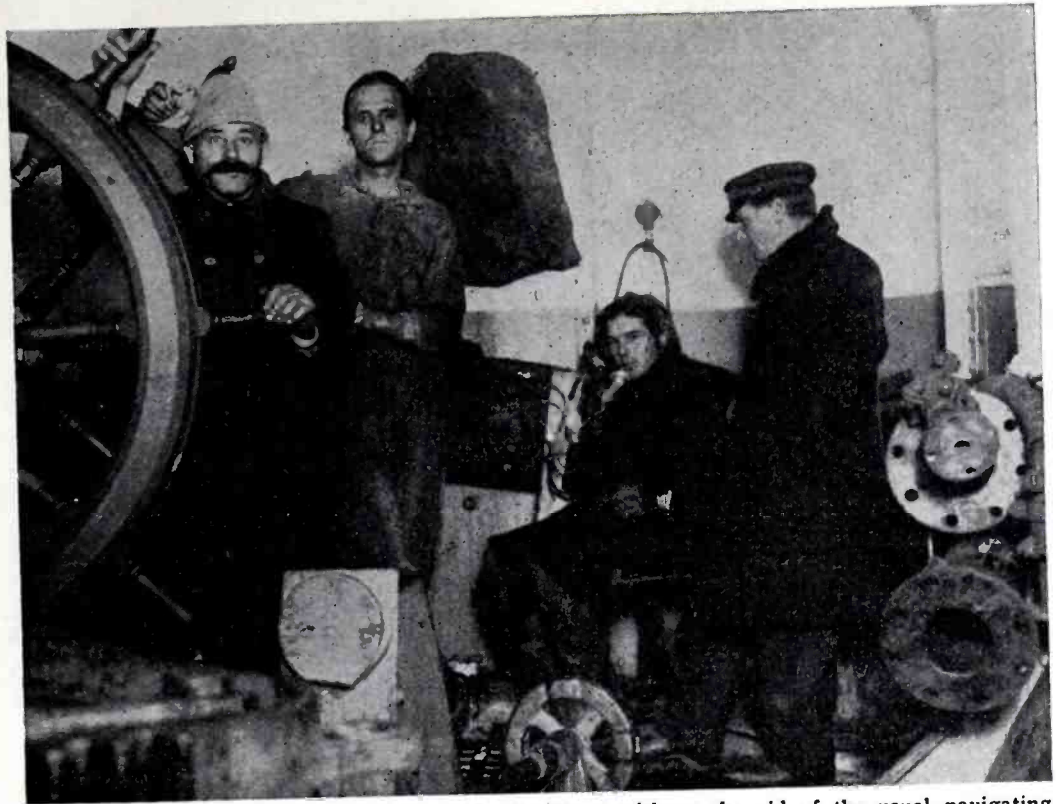
## Radio Beacon Aids Aircraft

RECENTLY an airplane flew to Dayton from a point a hundred miles away, the pilot depending for guidance entirely upon the signals received from a new type of radio beacon. In his receiver he heard the letters A and T transmitted in telegraph code and repeated over and over. As long as he flew along the correct course both letters were equally loud, but the moment he got off the course to one side or the other one letter became noticeably louder than the other and showed him which way to turn to get back. An ordinary airplane receiving set was used.

This radio beacon station consists of two coil antennas placed so as to cross each other at an angle of 135 degrees. Each consists of a single turn of wire 100 feet long and 50 feet high. The transmitting set is automatically connected first to one and then to the other, one letter of the signal being sent over each. The signal from an antenna of this type varies from a maximum in the plane of the coil to almost zero at right angles. A receiving set located along the line bisecting the angle between the coils will therefore receive signals of equal intensity from both, and the ship or airplane carrying the receiving set can thus be guided along this line in either direction, and without regard to conditions of visibility.

## Radio in Greece

SOME months ago the Revolutionary Government forbade by legal decree the operating of private wireless apparatus in Greece. This measure was taken largely to prevent the Greek public from being reached with propa-



Steering the steamship "Alberta" by radio directions without the aid of the usual navigating instruments

ganda unfavorable to the Revolution, it is reported.

According to unofficial advices, the Ministers of Finance and Marine of the present Government have prepared a law to be submitted to the National Assembly for ratification, by which the operation of private radio sets belonging to Greek individuals will be permitted under certain restrictions and subject to the payment of a license tax.

## Radio on Illinois Farms

REPLIES from 73 Illinois county farm bureaus in a radio survey just completed by the Illinois Agricultural Association revealed that there are 20,845 radio receiving sets on farms in these counties. The survey would indicate that between seven and ten

per cent. of the rural population of the state have installed receiving sets.

Only about 25 per cent. of the farmers owning radio sets make their own, the rest being manufactured sets, the survey shows.

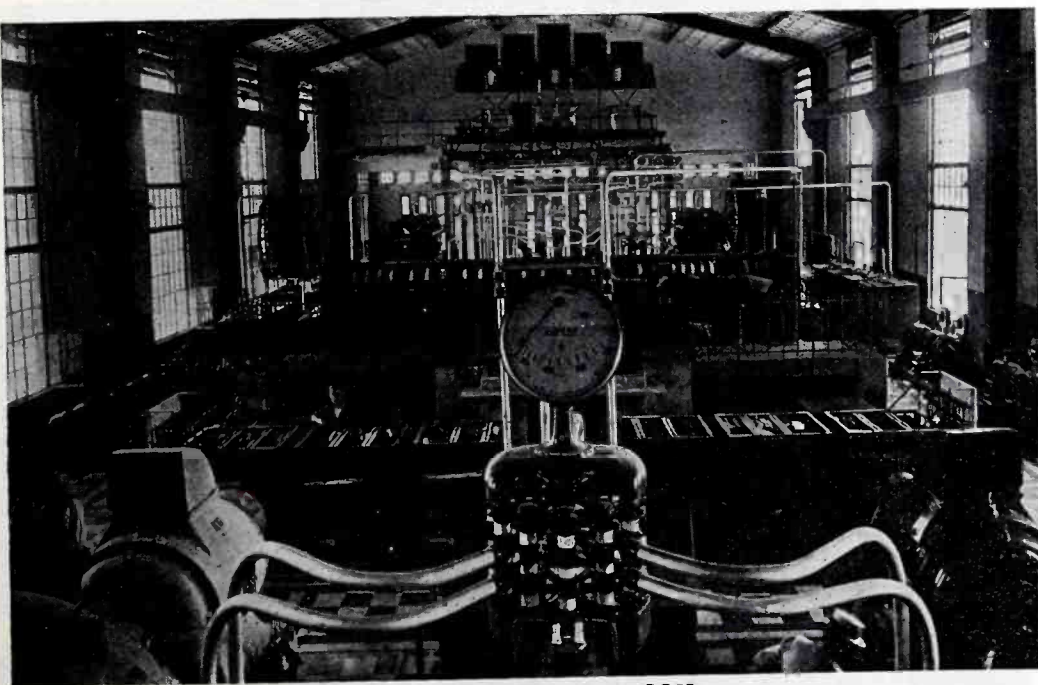
One point that was stressed was the necessity of having farm programs early in the evening, since the ten o'clock programs are rather late for farmers. "Make it snappy," was also the advice given regarding farm programs. Plenty of jazz music, and talks that are short and to the point. It is as easy to tune out a tiresome speech as it is to tune it in, they said.

## Radio Wave Phenomena

THE long accepted explanation of the blueness of the sky as being due to the well understood action of the sun's rays upon particles in the atmosphere is challenged, according to the *Daily Mail's* Copenhagen correspondent, by Prof. Vigard of Christiania University.

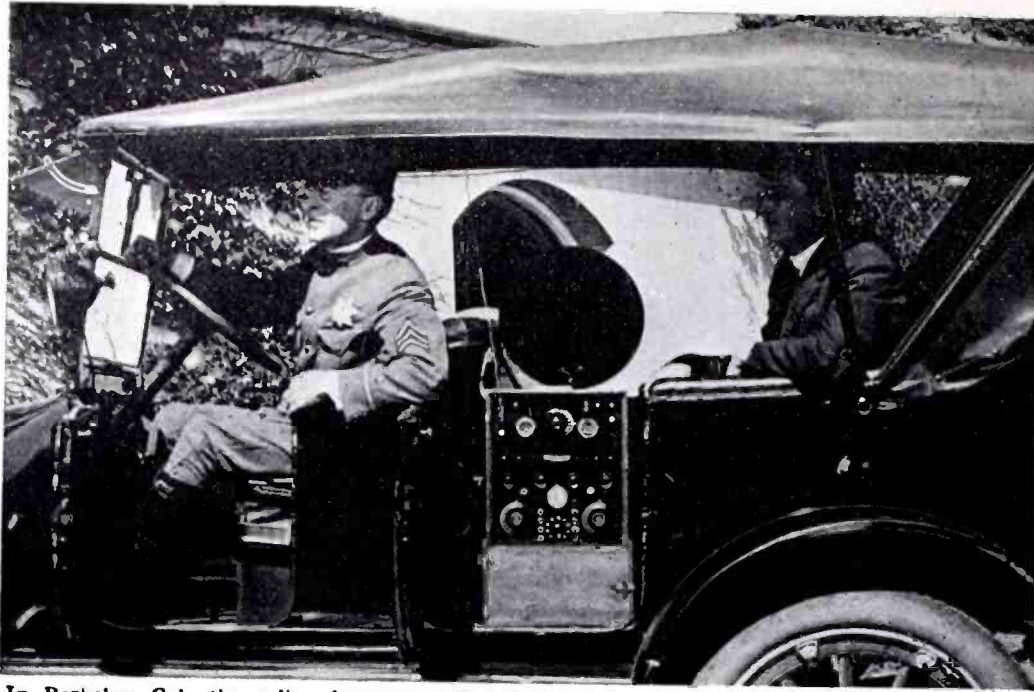
Prof. Vigard claims a discovery suggesting that the atmosphere of the earth outside the air stratum is shut up as if in a balloon whose wall consists of a solid mass of crystalline particles of nitrogen. It is this, he says, which gives the sky its blue color and it also accounts for several other phenomena, including the fact that radio waves follow the contour of the earth instead of flying from it at a tangent and losing themselves in the ether.

A scientific commentator says the discovery may prove of immense value, helping toward an understanding of radio phenomena. Incidentally, he adds, it would if proven true show that radio communication with other planets was impossible.



NEW WIRELESS STATION

New radio station at Monte Grande, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. In the foreground are seen the tops of the great high frequency alternators that stand higher than a man's head. They generate a 6,000-cycle current of 1,000 amperes with a voltage of 750, and are capable of producing frequencies varying between 11,000 and 44,000 cycles. The control platform shows in the middle background. The reel-like objects in the background at either side of the room are the oscillation transformers and beneath them are groups of condensers



In Berkeley, Cal., the police, by means of radio sets installed in the department automobiles, have a rapid means of communication for emergencies

### Danish Ferryboats Transmit Radiograms

DANISH ferryboats plying between ports of the Baltic carry radio now and have agreed to transmit radiograms for the patrons of the line. German ferryboats on the Gedser-Warnermude run have not as yet started transmitting.

This application of radio on inland water routes is surprising in Denmark, since a recent census lists only 3200 receiving fans, out of a population of about 3,225,000. Among the classes chiefly interested are recorded 602 students and pupils, 334 electricians, 341 craftsmen, 320 retired persons and 52 farmers.

### Radio in the Polar Regions

AN interesting illustration of the value of wireless as a means of enabling a ship, in whatever part of the world she may be, to communicate with land, is provided by the fact that two Norwegian vessels, one in the Arctic and the other in the Antarctic, have been in telegraphic touch with their own country.

The Norwegian flag is now represented further north and further south than that of any other country, by the *Maud*, and the *Sir James Clark Ross*. The *Maud*, Captain Amundsen's vessel, which is attempting to drift across the North Polar basin, is now lying off the New Siberian Islands. She is equipped with a Marconi 1½ kw. tube transmitter, and is in communication with the Spitzbergen Radio Station, more than a thousand nautical miles away.

The *Sir James Clark Ross* is on a whaling expedition in the Ross Sea. Her wireless apparatus includes a Marconi 3 kw. tube transmitter, which enables her to communicate with the Awarua Radio Station, New Zealand,

some seventeen hundred nautical miles to the northward. At 3 p. m. on January 22nd, when the *Sir James Clark Ross* was in latitude 78 degrees 30 minutes south, the Norsk Marconikompani handed in a regular message at the telegraph office at Christiania to be forwarded to the vessel. The message was sent via England, Australia, and Awarua Radio. The reply, which was sent by the same route, was received in Christiania at 5 a.m. on January 24th.

### Radio Boom in England

MORE than 12,260 miles of aerial wire have been erected in Great Britain in the past twelve months, so much has the radio craze seized the public. It is estimated by officials of the British Broadcasting Company that 2,000,000 persons are entertained daily at a cost of a farthing each.

### Radio Shows

THE Pacific Coast radio show will be held in San Francisco's Exposition Auditorium from August 16 to 21, the Radio Trades Association announces. Extensive plans to make the exhibition the biggest ever held in the West are now being formulated.

The show will be advertised with a fund of \$10,000 which is now being raised for that purpose. A. S. Lindstrom heads the committee directing the radio exposition.

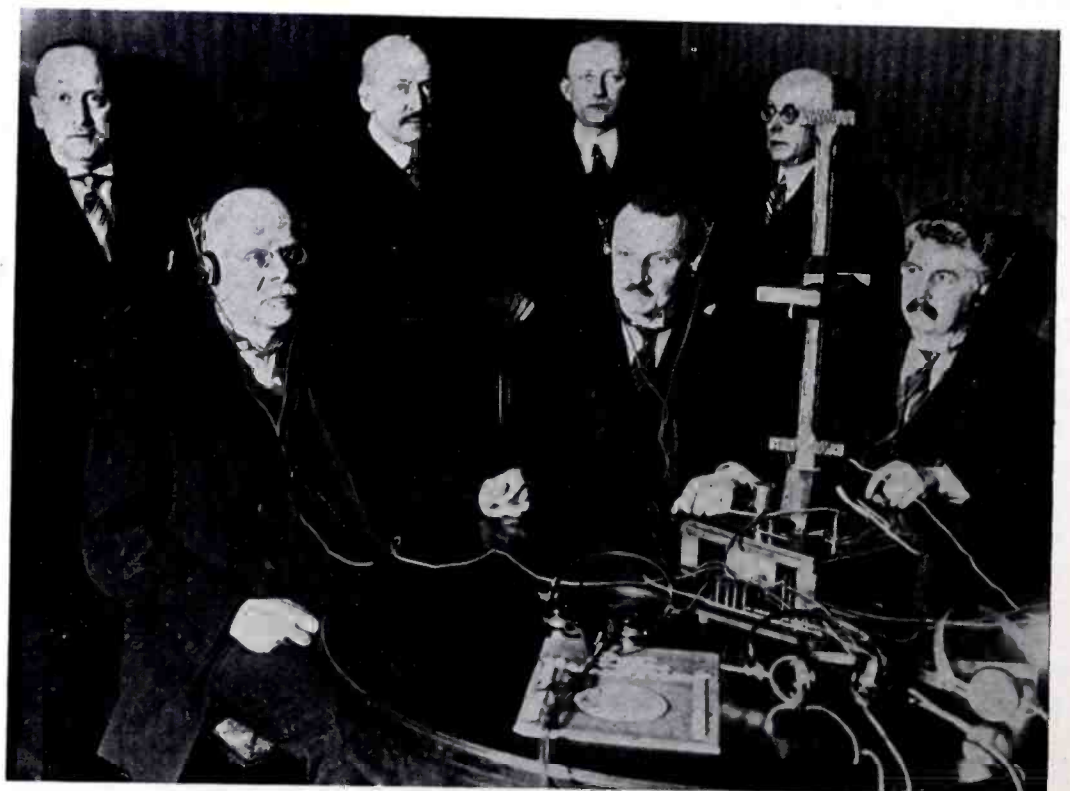
The American Radio Exposition Company announces the dates of the third annual radio show at the Grand Central Palace, New York City, as October 2-8, 1924. The ground and mezzanine floors will be used for exhibition purposes. The show will be profit-sharing in character as between the exhibitors and the management.

Radio will be featured at the electrical exhibition to be held at Melbourne, Australia, in September, 1924.

### Railroads to Install Radio Train Control

AUTOMATIC train control by radio will be installed on at least one division of forty-nine first class roads of the country by 1925, it was announced at the opening session of the fourteenth annual convention of the Association of Railway Electrical Engineers.

Radio holds possibilities of intercommunication between moving trains and fixed points for personal wire or phone service and holds more promise of real value in the future than broadcast reception.



Germany appreciates the value of radio. Dr. Marx, the Premier, at the left, with Ministers Schole (center) and Fischer (right) are here shown listening in

## Spanish Bull-Fights for Radio Fans

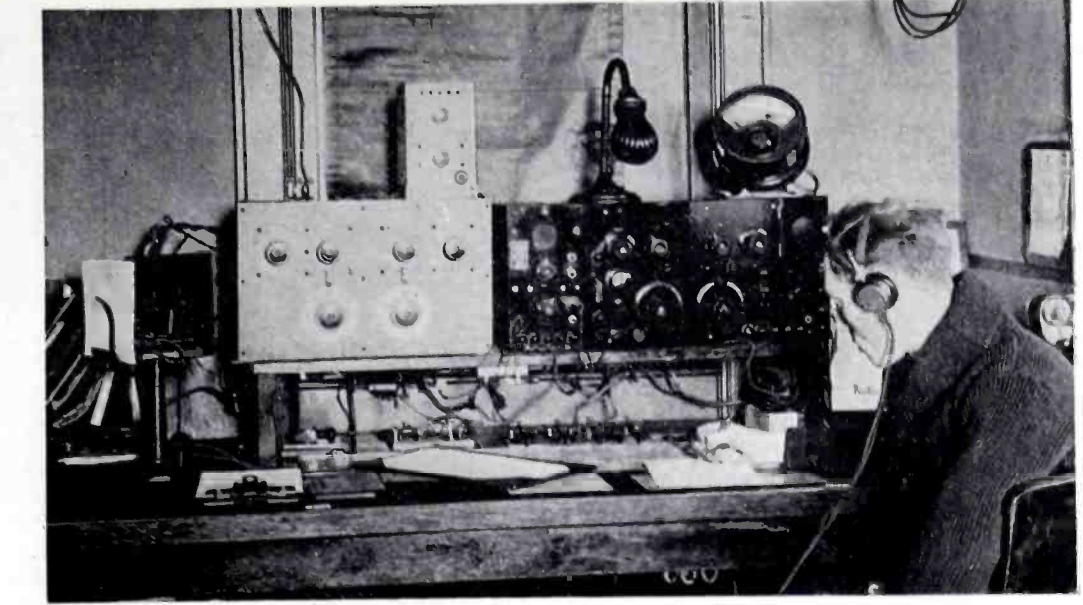
**K**ING Alfonso has granted a British concession for broadcasting throughout Spain, and a central station and apparatus factory is shortly to be erected in Madrid.

D. H. Brayne, wireless expert at the Hotel Cecil, who has been offered an official position there, said that interest in wireless has reached such a pitch in Spain that within a few months transmitting stations will be erected throughout the country to enable even the humblest peasant to listen-in.

"This opens up an entirely new field to the listener-in," he said. "Spanish dance music will be heard in London and it is conceivable that some of the clamor and enthusiasm of the bull-ringing will be heard by those who care to listen for it this summer."

## Radio Men Lost in Vera Cruz Storm

**A**DVICES to the State Department from American Consul Wood at Vera Cruz revealed that Captain Herbert G. Sparrow and three radio men had lost their lives when the cruiser *Tacoma* broke up on the rocks in a heavy storm. The Consul had previously reported that the captain and two radio men had been killed. The dead are:



**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SAILORS AT SEA**

Station WNY where medical advice is radioed daily to ships at sea calling for such assistance on behalf of crews or passengers. The requests are relayed to a marine hospital where diagnosis is made and treatment prescribed which is then sent by radio from the shore station. This valuable service inaugurated by the Seamen's Church Institute is carried on by the Radio Corporation of America and the U. S. Public Health Service

Captain Herbert G. Sparrow, U. S. N.; and radio operators Edward T. Herrick, Homer H. Lussier and Solomon Sivin.

## British Broadcasters Try to Reach America

**I**N the evening of March 13th the combined stations of the British

Broadcasting Company tried to reach America with a program sent out simultaneously from their eight high-powered stations. The results were unsatisfactory, although a few persons on our Atlantic seaboard with specially powerful receiving sets were able to get portions of this concert.

## Broadcasting Makes a Giant Stretch

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which is picked up at Hastings and in Manchester, England. Not only does the receiving station rebroadcast at the usual broadcasting frequency for direct reception within its range, but it can also retransmit at a second high frequency to a third more distant station when such a step may be desirable.

Much experiment was involved in the determination of the precise carrier wave frequency that would give the maximum constant strength of signal, particularly during usual broadcasting hours. This was shown to be about 3333 kilocycles. Subsequently 3200 kc. was determined upon. The receiving equipment had to be designed to meet high requirements as to sensitivity, ease of frequency control, avoidance of effect from powerful local transmitter and avoidance of body capacity effects. A circuit depending upon the standard regenerative principle was used. The circuit of the receiver used at Hastings is shown in the figure herewith. This tuner requires an inverted L antenna for sensitivity and a small loop against interference from the local station.  $L_1$ ,  $C_1$  and  $R_1$  comprise the balancing loop. The phase and the amplitude of the inductive component are adjusted by rotating the loop antenna.

All parts enclosed by the dotted line are built into one unit having filter systems in the ungrounded leads to mini-

mize the capacity effect of the operator's body.  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  comprise this filter. A wave trap  $L_4$  and  $C_5$  is also provided in series with the antenna to exclude as much of the undesired frequency as possible. A single step "back to back" amplifier further amplifies the signals and feeds the telephone line leading to the transmitter.

The speech received from the relay receiver, or over telephone lines from the studio in the business section of Hastings, is amplified by one five-watt, double or push-pull amplifier and one 50-watt double amplifier.

A rectifier supplying direct current at 10,000 volts, a filter composed of four 4-mfd. condenser units and one inductance unit with a value of 20 henries, a modulator panel and an oscillator panel complete the transmitter unit.

The vast possibilities of this method of extending the scope of broadcasting are evident when it is stated that a thousand high-frequency bands are available, a number much in excess of the broadcasting bands. This ground has barely been broken, it would seem, but already we have in this striking international test a vision of the magnificent structure of world-wide broadcasting that is destined soon to bless our civilization.

## Prize Contest Just Send us a Photo

Illustrating the Beauty  
of Radio in the Home

**T**HE first four pages of this number present the 1924 offering of radio sets. That offering should suggest many attractive home settings that our readers can provide.

Send a snap-shot or photograph of **YOUR** radio set, or your **FRIEND'S** radio set, or **BOTH**, to **THE WIRELESS AGE**. Send as many as you wish. Tell your friends about this contest so that they, too, may enter. But do not fail to have the radio pictured as a part of the home furnishings.

For the best photograph **THE WIRELESS AGE** Receiver (described in this issue) will be awarded as the first prize.

Second prize, \$10.

Third prize, \$5.

And for the next 10 best photos, choice of a year's subscription to **THE WIRELESS AGE** or *The Wireless Experimenter's Manual* by Elmer E. Bucher, Member of Institute of Radio Engineers.

Send your snap-shot or photo to the Contest Editor before May 31st.

**Contest closes May 31st**

# AFLOAT AND ASHORE WITH THE OPERATOR



By W. S. Fitzpatrick

NOT more than four or so years ago, Rudolph L. Duncan was a radio operator possessing the usual circle of friends and acquaintances. Today he is one of the best known men in the radio field.

Behind this rapid rise there is, as in every such case, a reason. Those who have met Mr. Duncan will say his polished manner, pleasing personality and keen business sense are the factors; intimate friends who enjoy his confidence will refer to his ardent ambition, which has even brought him to the point of taking up the study of law during his spare time, and the everlasting energy which keeps him plugging and forging ahead; the hundreds of young fellows to whom he has been counsellor, adviser and friend, will point to his real character as a man, this none being better able to judge than the students who place themselves in his care.

He sees good points in every fellow who comes to him and takes a sincere interest that never swerves. In all, he's a "square shooter"—and that means much—in fact, it helped to put him where he is and it is going to boost him a whole lot higher.

Mr. Duncan started his career as a railroad telegraph operator, later taking up radio. He was a radio man in the United States Navy during the World War and also saw active service during the previous Nicaraguan and Mexican troubles. He was a chief on the naval cruiser San Diego when that vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine during the war, losing, as did other members of the crew, his entire possessions when the ship sank.

Since assuming his present position as director of the oldest radio school in America, about two years ago, Mr. Duncan has been instrumental in having more than nine hundred men secure first class government licenses, this not counting the hundreds who obtained lesser grades or amateur licenses through his coaching.

Mr. Duncan is an active member of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

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AMONG the government radio hydrographic reports, there recently appeared an item showing valuable work performed by the steamer *Eugene V. R. Thayer*, and of the mariners who read it there was perhaps



Rudolph L. Duncan, one of America's leading radio educators

none who knew that the radio operator on that vessel is a young girl.

Miss Lena Michaelson has not missed a trip on that ship during the past couple of years. She has held a first-class license and has been engaged as operator on ships for more than six years. The *Eugene V. R. Thayer* is not her first assignment.

Repair men who go to her ship—their visits are not very frequently required—report that Miss Michaelson always dons overalls and renders real assistance, whether repairs are needed to the set, the motor-generator is to be overhauled, or a new aerial built and raised. They say she keeps her apparatus in better condition and cleaner than many men operators.

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A LITTLE story we carried on this page in the February issue, about an experience of William H. Wallace on having his own signals come back to him, has started something.

Elmer G. Kopp, a traveling radio salesman out of Chicago, says that he agrees with us about Wallace being a champion, but does not care to enter the controversy claiming it to be something a regular attendant at Sunday School should keep out of.

P. J. Rowland of New Castle, Pa., on the other hand, has entered with an attempt to wrest the championship away from Wallace. Here is Mr. Rowland's letter:

"Just a line to say that 'Windy' Wallace may not be as windy as you think. Here's one from my own experience;

"About three weeks ago I was listening to WGY while a man sang a baritone solo, 'The Trumpeter.' Then as usual there was a brief intermission. I turned my condenser just a trifle and got about the last two lines of the same song in the same voice. This startled me, but I did not give it much thought. I then crawled back to WGY and heard the same man singing 'Ship Mates of Mine.' Instantly after he stopped singing I turned to the place where I had received the other echo (?) and got the last two or three lines of the same song in the same voice.

"Take it or leave it, this is my story and I will not back down an inch."

Next!

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AN incident of radio interest recently happened in the vicinity of Irvington, N. J., for the account of which we are indebted to G. A. Chute, radio operator on the steamer *Broad Arrow*. It appears that amateurs throughout that district had been endeavoring to hear stations in England, which operate on a lower wave length than those in America. They were greatly bothered by what apparently was a local station continually testing on a low wave and making unintelligible signals. Complaints to the local government radio supervisor brought an inspector who, through the use of a direction finder located the source of the interference. It proved to be a foundry, in the smoke-stack of which was installed apparatus for extracting precious metals from the fumes. The apparatus was working at 85,000 volts and 45 amperes, and emitted a wave length of 130 meters.

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A NEW departure in American shipping is the around-the-world passenger cruises instituted by the Dollar Steamship Company. Heretofore such cruises were made only by British and German vessels. The Dollar line has just taken over a number of the "President" ships from the Shipping Board for this service.

Do you know what to ask for when you buy vacuum tubes?

# Tubes That Play 'Possum

The New Vacuum Tube More Efficient and More Economical

By Jerome Snyder

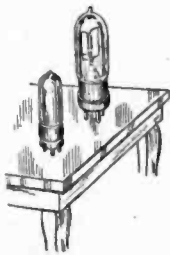
UNTIL a short time ago the public had been using pure tungsten filament tubes. Gradually these tubes were sold less and less until today the only type of tungsten filament tube sold is the detector tube UV-200. In place were substituted the well known UV-199, the UV-201A, and the WD-11 and WD-12. Although this change was not marked by any violence, as it were, it really involved a small revolution in the design of tubes. It is the purpose of this brief article to point out the essential differences between the old tungsten tubes and the new one and to explain the great advantages of the latter.

## THE OLDER TUBES EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE

The first great disadvantage which the old tungsten tubes had was the large filament current consumption. The filament of the detector and amplifier tubes consumed one ampere. This is a relatively large current for a small receiving tube and was necessary in order to raise the tungsten filament to the high temperatures required for the necessary electron emission. Thus it required three amperes to operate the filaments of a three-tube receiver, and if such a receiver was operated for three hours an evening the drain on the storage battery would be 9 ampere-hours. Thus a forty ampere-hour battery would have to be recharged every three or four days. This is quite expensive and any improvement which decreased the upkeep cost would be a very welcome one.

## BURN-OUT FREQUENT

Then there was also the question of renewal of tubes. As mentioned above tungsten filaments have to be heated to very high temperatures (2300 to 2500 degrees Centigrade) to secure the necessary electron emission. A comparatively slight increase of temperature resulting from a little increase in current such as might be caused by varying the filament rheostat would burn out the filament, and burning out of filaments was consequently of provoking frequency.



Apart from these disadvantages there was always the great desirability of working vacuum tubes on dry batteries, thus doing away with the storage battery. Although in the long run a storage battery pays for itself, a large number of people do not want to be bothered with the care of a storage battery which is a messy proposition compared to dry cells, which, moreover, make portable receivers a possibility.

All of these considerations caused research on the development of new tubes. The result is the new tubes on the market to-day which have replaced the tungsten filament tube. Only the UV-200 gas content tube, which has a tungsten filament, still survives as a detector tube.

The filaments of the new tubes are called thoriated tungsten filaments and sometimes X-L filaments. The former name is really descriptive, because the filament is made of tungsten and a compound of thorium. These two are intimately mixed and then the wire is drawn. Now thorium emits electrons very copiously at a temperature of 1700 degrees Centigrade which is seen to be considerably lower than the required temperature of tungsten. So very low filament currents may be used. Thus a UV-199 tube requires only 0.06 ampere for its operation, with a terminal voltage of 3 volts. A dry cell is easily capable of furnishing such a current and three dry cells in series will easily take care of this job. In fact the drain is so small on the batteries that they last almost as long as they would if they were lying idle on the shelf. The writer has had three dry cells in use on a UV-199 tube for the past six months and they are only now beginning to go down.

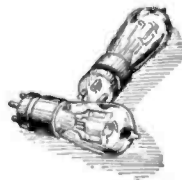
A tube with low filament consumption is ideal for portable receivers. Thus it is perfectly feasible to use small flashlight batteries to light the filament, and flashlight cells take up small space and are very light. Small "B" batteries complete the battery installation for service during several weeks.

Where storage batteries are available the UV-201A tube may be used. This tube takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  ampere for the filament,

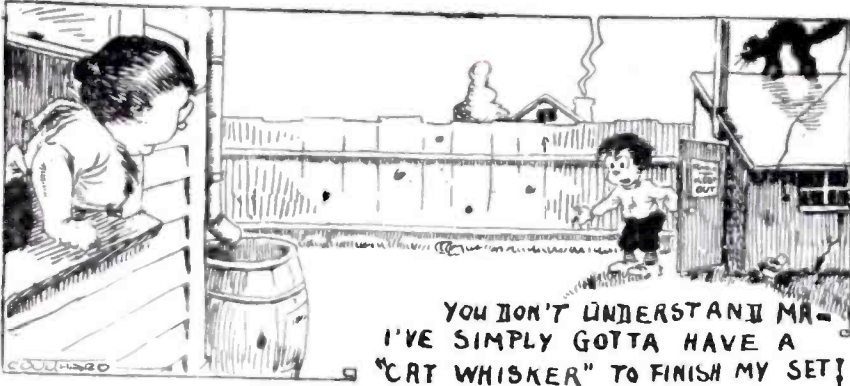
so for the same number of tubes the storage battery will last four times as long without charging. The second advantage of these low current thoriated tubes is that they practically never burn out, and tube life is thereby prolonged. The filaments are made with a core of tungsten, and hence the filament is capable of withstanding the usual high tungsten filament currents. However, due to the thorium compound, sufficient electron emission is secured at much lower currents.

## WHAT IS THE LIFE OF A TUBE?

These new tubes seldom, if ever, burn out, that is, for ordinary increases in current. Thus although the UV-201A tube takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  ampere it will not burn out if this rises to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere. The function of the filament is to emit electrons so that plate current is available. If the filament stops emitting electrons, or the number of electrons emitted per second decreases to a low figure, the tube becomes useless, obviously. Now in these thoriated tubes the electrons are supplied practically solely by the thorium. When the filament is heated by the passage of the current the thorium on the surface of the wire begins to emit electrons. As the thorium on the surface is used up more thorium from inside the wire comes to the surface and replenishes the supply of electrons. Thus for a very long period of time the electron emission is normal. When the thorium finally is nearly used up the emission suddenly falls, which is evidenced by weak signals. Care should be taken that the battery is up in voltage as often the trouble is not lost emission, but simply run down batteries. Thus it will be seen that the life of these new tubes never is terminated by burned out filaments, but rather by being completely used up in service, which is very desirable. In a certain sense these thoriated filament tubes may be considered fool-proof for ordinary increases in current, since the tungsten core prevents actual filament burn-out.



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Acquiring a Radio Set

ONE goes out and buys a hat, a player-piano or a lamp for the living room. The money is paid, and one has the hat, the player-piano or the lamp for the living-room. We never had a radio set, do not expect to have a radio set and would shoot any one we saw coming with a radio set, so our knowledge of radio is limited. But it had been our belief that one bought a radio set just as one bought a hat, a player-piano or a lamp for the living room. However, this was a mistaken belief, as was found on reading a few advertisements.

Desiring a radio set, one does not usually go out with the money and buy one, it seems. Instead, one acquires a radio set bit by bit, shopping around for some plugs, some wire, rheostats, variometers, cat's whiskers, tubes, condensers, grid leaks, coils, rectifiers, transformers and other articles with weird names. Then one puts these things together and if they are put together right gets Pittsburgh. Not content with getting Pittsburgh, one buys a potentiometer, a neutrodyne, a heterodyne and a couple of steps of amplification and gets Omaha. Dissatisfied with Omaha, one shops around some more and picks up some additional things with technical names, getting San Francisco, maybe, and even then is only a little way down the list.

It is surprising that nobody ever evolved

some method of buying a car, which process now requires only the necessary money and no mechanical ingenuity. After getting a sufficient number of parts and putting them together one might make Rahway. A half dozen more and one might get to Monmouth Junction, and so on. The idea seems to have all sorts of possibilities.

-Newark Evening News.

THOSE BROADCAST DISPUTES



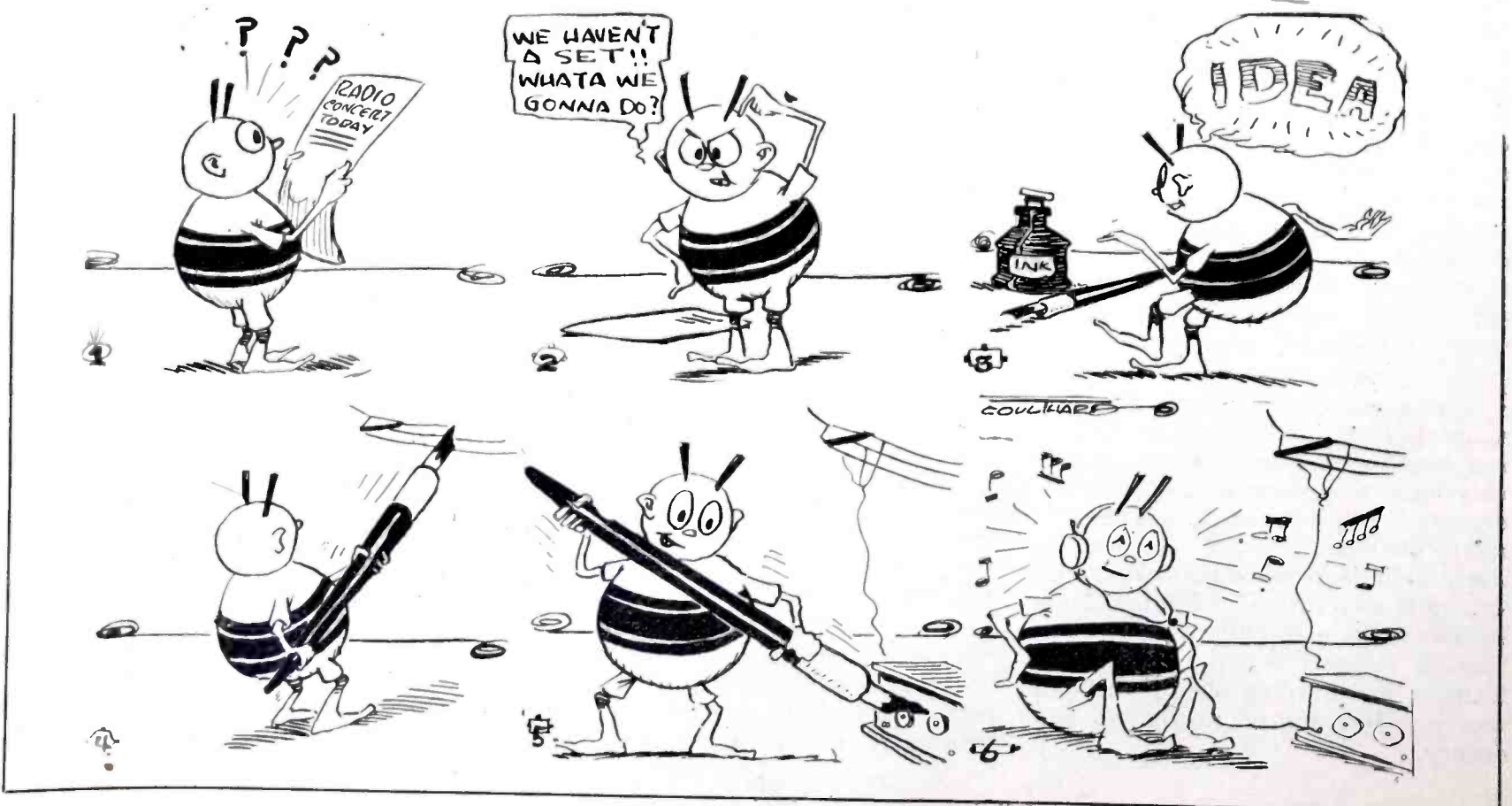
The delighted listener-in

The Making of a DX Liar

By WILLIAM HARVEY BRADFIELD

I know a certain neighbor,  
Who, until a month ago,  
Had never told a falsehood—  
Then he took up Radio.  
Now with Singapore he chatters  
Every night, to hear him say;  
And stations in Calcutta  
Call him almost every day.  
He even heard a concert  
Sung in Celtic from Thibet  
When I told him I had listened  
To Miami with my set.  
"Why, man alive!" he chortled,  
That's a piker dump for true;  
Last night I talked to Dublin—  
Old Kilkenny Castle, too.  
"Vienna spoke me early,  
London said they had a fog,  
Paris boulevards were crowded,  
Vamps were puttin' on the dog.  
"Berlin said the riots  
In Mulchenhausen Square  
Were making markets nervous—  
Even marks were in the air."  
He mentioned other station—  
Constantinople and Cairo—  
He who never told a white fib  
Till he took up Radio,

What a Radio Bug Does When He Isn't Biting People





# THE WIRELESS AGE "On the Air" Again

## Did You Attend Our Last Party?

THE WIRELESS AGE has inaugurated a new broadcast feature. Many are familiar with our activities in the past in broadcasting big sporting events transmitted from Station WJZ. THE WIRELESS AGE will now entertain the radio audience regularly with diversified programs most of which will probably be musical. Our initial program broadcast from WJZ was purely musical, but future schedules will depend largely upon the suggestions received from the radio audience and our readers. H. L. W. launched our first musical program on the air from WJZ with a radical departure from the customary mode of announcing. To begin

Alfred Armand, our vocalist, has had a brilliant career. He has studied under operatic professors of Europe and America. He is a well-known soloist, a member of the Verdi Opera Company, and at present is a member of the Manhattan Trio which has stormed "Little Ole New York." During the war he was with the "Over-There Theatre League," entertaining the soldiers of the allied countries, and he had his share of the dangers of that period which he relates with a touch of human interest appeal. He has an interesting collection of letters of appreciation for his work from the Nobility, from Generals and all down the line to the doughboys.

and characteristically concluded with a remark that if no one else enjoyed the program, he knew his red-headed son at home did. The great number of letters received expressing appreciation, indicates the certain success of our future parties.

"THE WIRELESS AGE Dance Orchestra" is composed of: Arthur Miller, saxophone; Ernest Harting, saxophone; Robert Richards, piano; Wilbur Kurz, cornet; William Schaffner, drums; Arthur Burke, violin.

with he introduced all the entertainers,



The Wireless Age Orchestra



Alfred Armand

## The World Within a Prison Cell

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their home will keep them there and that is where they belong!

Society itself is, after all, mostly to blame for crime. It can help solve the problem by establishing a Community House in each and every town and city in our country! Then put in a good radio set and a "loud speaker" and there will always be an audience! Corner poolrooms are a breeding place of crime, but it is there that the young fellow gets the first news of all sporting events and all of us, with a bit of red blood in our veins, are interested in games and sports of all kinds. That interest has made us the foremost nation of the world! The Community House is the only thing that society has to offer to take the place of the corner poolroom. Now all sporting events of any particular importance are being broadcast. Let the young people, as well as the old people, listen-in at a clean place:

namely, the Community House!

Then there are institutions of all kinds, but especially those for our defectives and delinquents, where radio would help. Society makes an awful mistake in its attitude toward those places and the unfortunate that are "behind the walls." Every man that I have talked to in prison has vowed that he is "going to get even some day!" Reform us, for we all need it, but you can't do it by depriving us of all the pleasures and even necessities of life! Give us amusements! You need a certain amount of relaxation after your day's work, but we need it far more than you do! Put a radio set in every prison then, for that is the cheapest and most convenient way of providing entertainment and amusement to the men "behind the walls." Put one in every jail, in every hospital for the insane, in every school for the feeble-minded, and in every hospital! When that is done you will find that

wonderful "cures" are being made! Gloomy, morose men will become cheerful! Yes, I believe even "crooks" will become real men again!

### Broadcasting to Form Character

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world by bad roads and lack of railroads. "We gather around our radio set—the neighbors too—and when your story came over I wish you could have seen the response of that group!"

A little girl of 14 writes to tell Mrs. Albion how in her community they have regular church parties and there she tells to the rest Peggy Albion's stories. "And I try to say them with my voice just like yours."

Many thousands of children and many of their seniors, too—are receiving a splendid course in "character," a sugar coated course, and Peggy Albion is blessed in many a home.

# What Are the Opportunities in Radio Factories?

To the Young Man Interested in Radio, There is Nothing More Interesting Than a Radio Shop—But What Does it Offer as a Future?

By M. B. Sleeper

Radio Editor and Publisher

**A** LONG time ago, and not so long ago either, I wanted to spend my summer's vacation doing something to make money. I went to see Mr. Eastham, who was then at the Clapp-Eastham factory. He couldn't give me a job, for summer is the quiet time for radio companies, but I remember to this day how much I appreciated his kindness in showing me through the shop. It was a place to dream about. I saw men winding coils, turning out metal parts, assembling condensers, wiring instruments, and doing all kinds of marvelous things. I met Bowden Washington, who was there inspecting some of the old double-decked loose coupler sets for the Wireless Specialty Company, and I have to this day a diagram that he drew for me of the circuit.

There's no denying it—a radio factory has, for the experimenter, a gripping fascination that nothing else can equal. I thought Mr. Eastham must be the happiest man on earth, and I knew I would be if I could wear a long shop coat too and work on radio instruments all day long. However, there is a lot of difference between looking in from the outside and looking out from the inside.

Do you want to work in a radio factory? Yes? Well—just what do you mean when you say, "Yes"? Do you want to work at an assembly bench and, by years of steady work de-

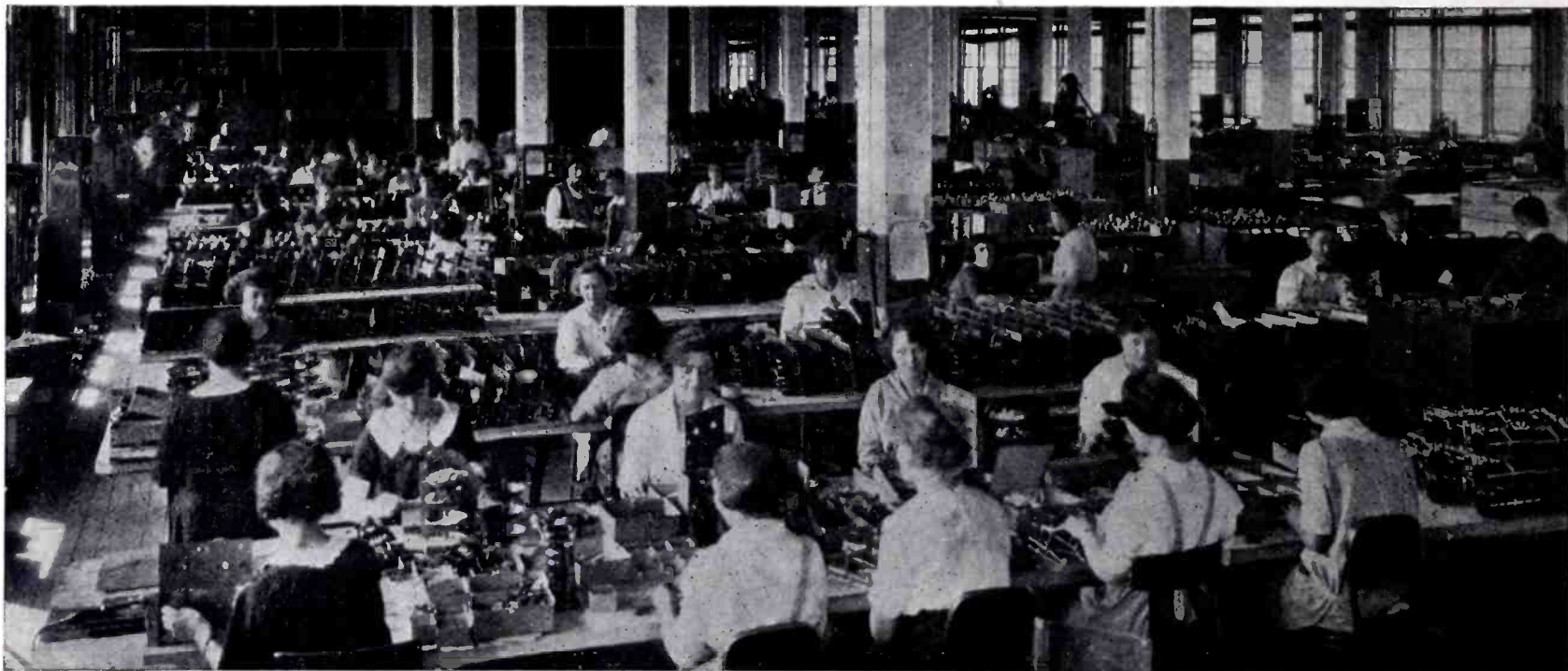
velop into an expert assembler, or become an inspector some day, or do you expect to own a factory of your own by and by? If the successful man is the one who stays at whatever he sets out to do until he can do it better than those around him, the bench worker may be as successful as the heads of the company though, to be sure, he will not make as much money.

Let me warn you, though, that Al Grebe, for example, if he started today in the little barn shop he had a few years back, would find it a lot slower climbing than it was at the time he started in. Not only is competition very keen, but there will not be again the big boom that helped so much. Where big success came in three years then, it may take five or ten years now, and pickings for the little shops may be pretty poor unless there is plenty of energy and ambition behind them as a driving force.

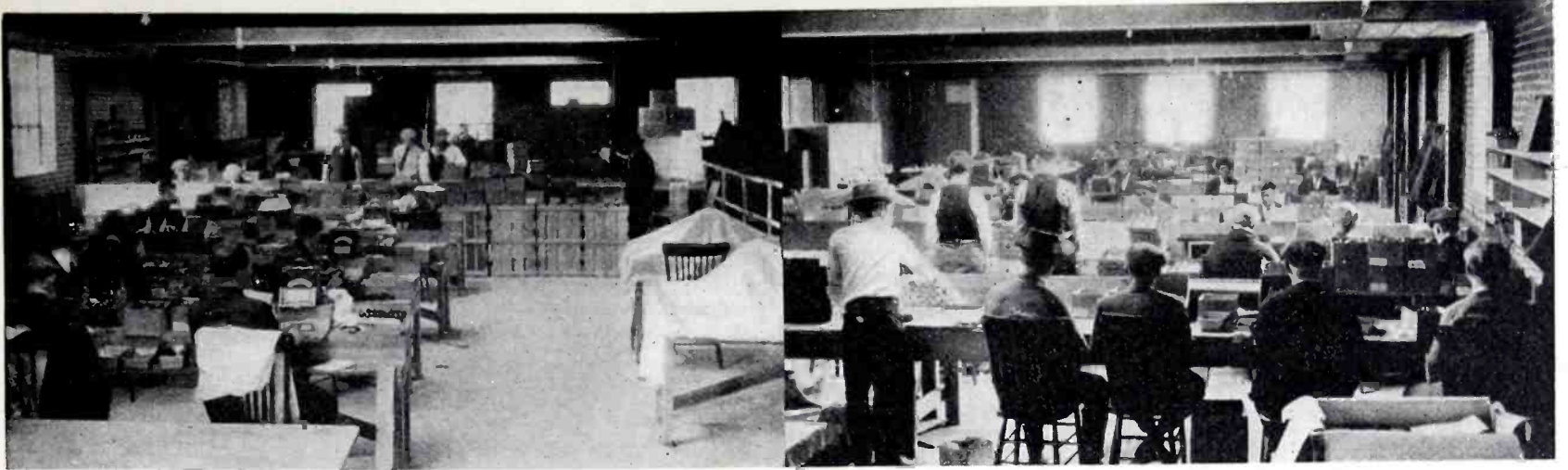
But let's suppose you want to go right up to the top, to own a factory doing a half or even one or two million dollars' worth of business a year. While you may stop somewhere along the line, at least you won't go high without aiming higher. I say that because ninety-nine men out of a hundred decide, on the way, that they are ready to stop climbing for the reason that they don't feel the work and the sacrifices worth while.

Are you fitted by natural instinct and training for factory work? You needn't have yourself psycho analyzed. Look at your radio set. Is it the work of a fellow who's all thumbs, or are the wires neatly soldered and the instruments arranged in a way that shows a neat, orderly mind of naturally mechanical bent? Would that workmanship pass in a set to be sold in a store? If the answer is "No," you'd better think a lot more about yourself before you go out for a job at an assembly bench. Do you know the use—the correct use, mind you—of the drill press, lathe, coil winder, and soldering iron? Can you read a micrometer? Can you look at a screw and tell the size of the thread, or guess quite nearly the size of a drill? Do you understand the sharpening of tools? Can you make a perfect right angle bend in a piece of bus bar? How accurately can you guess the gauge of a piece of wire? Are you able to draw clear and neat diagrams, and can you read circuits so as to follow them to the letter in wiring a set? Have you had at least a year or two of mechanical drawing in school, enough that you can read blue prints intelligently?

Test yourself on these points. If you can say "Yes," to each one, you ought to get along well in a shop, but if you burn up your iron, or don't know the difference between No. 20 and 24 wire,



Assembling Room in the Radio Department of the General Electric Company. This presents a fair picture of modern quantity production applied to radio, which as an industry, has a place for great numbers of workers



Filkostat testing room of DX Instrument Company, Harrisburg, Pa. Every bit of apparatus has to be carefully tested

The assembling room of this same plant. These operations afford good steady employment for many radio workers

or think a 3/16 in. drill is a No. 18, they'll know it in a week's time, and if you're not discharged as incompetent, at least you'll get only the dullest, most unpleasant work to do, such as sorting out chipped knobs, or cutting up bus bar.

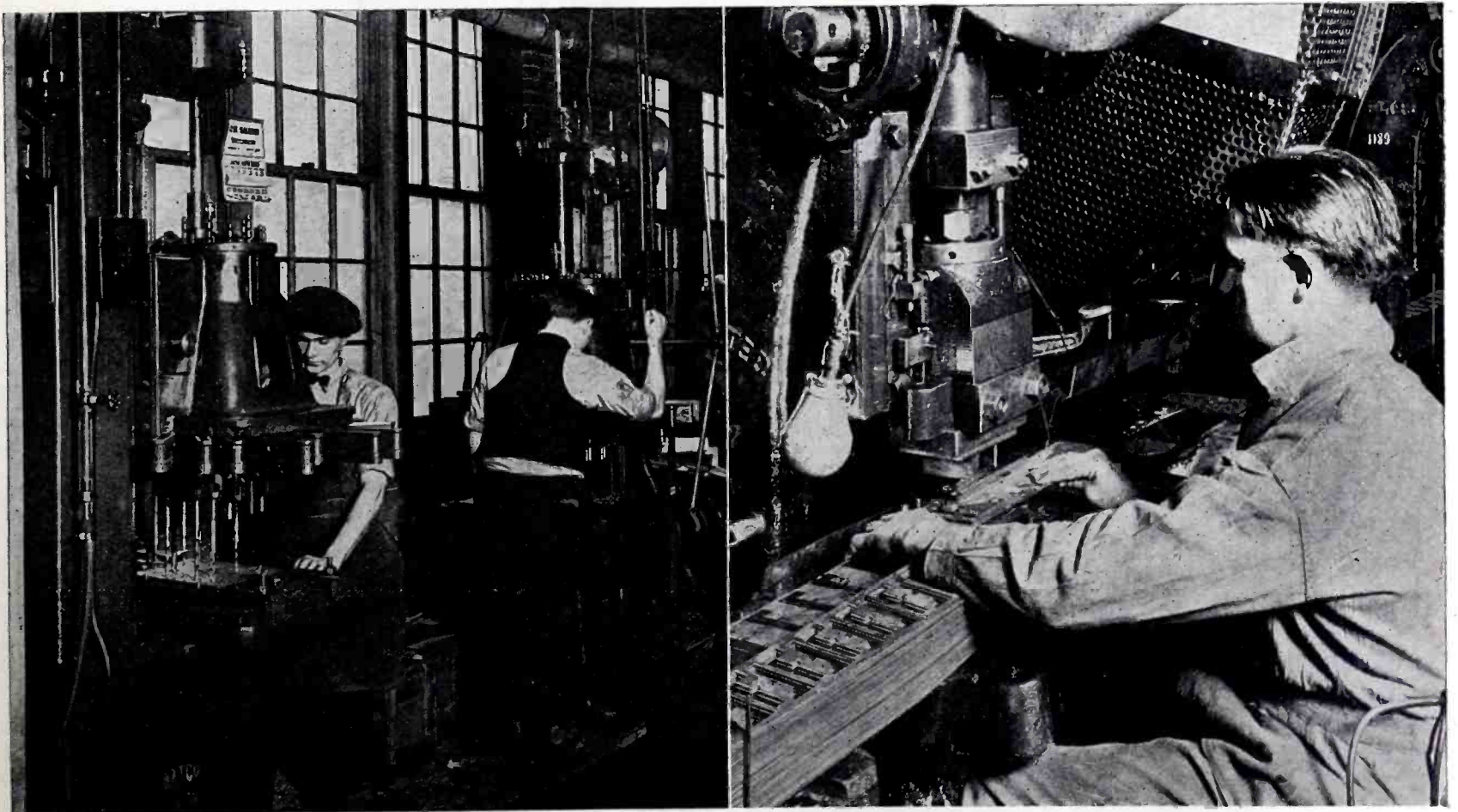
Another thing—are you going to be able to keep the pace? Can you get at your bench before the bell rings, work full speed until lunch, carry on steadily until the end of the day, and stay at night if overtime is necessary? It's not easy. There is always someone who will throw broken pieces of molded parts around, or tip over a box of screws to waste time picking them up, and you'll get into bad habits very quickly. It's so easy, in fact, that the man who refuses to gossip about the stations he heard last night stands out like a headlight among those around him. If you get in in the morning and back from lunch at noon early enough

to have your soldering iron hot when the bell rings, the foreman will pick you for good jobs before you have been there a week.

That is as easy as it sounds until you have to do it day in and day out. Is it really worth while? You'll think so when spring comes, and the general manager asks the shop superintendent for a list of men he can let go. And later on when the factory personnel is stripped to a skeleton force during the summer. Will the super say about you, "We'd better keep him because he's too good to let go"? Indeed he will if you have made him feel that way because you've been too busy to do anything but your work. But remember, when you finish a job don't go buzzing up to the foreman with a don't-you-think-I'm-clever smile and ask for the next job. Just act as if it was the most natural thing in the world that you had finished. Don't be so anxious

that you make a nuisance of yourself. If you can't get more work immediately, keep acting busy. If you know more than the man next to you, don't help him any more than you have to, for the foreman wants every man with his nose at his own job. The foreman is there to assist his men. If he doesn't, he won't thank you for doing it, so don't interfere.

When Fall comes again, the man on the bench last season, who was good enough to keep through the summer, is made an inspector or tester. If the assistant foreman didn't do well, the inspector gets his job, or whatever shake-up takes place the all-year-round man generally goes ahead. Occasionally, however, it seems as if things don't break fairly, or the raise wasn't big enough. You must remember every single minute that the men working with you are the men who will be work-  
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Here are shown some of the manufacturing processes at the Federal plant at Buffalo, which employs over a thousand operatives. These views show two of the multiple drills which drill all the panel holes in a single operation, also a punching press which punches out the transformer core iron

# Design of Loop Antennas

## PART III

### Directional Properties

By Ralph Batcher, E. E.

Author of "Prepared Radio Measurements,"  
Wireless Press

LOOP antennas have become available for use in radio reception since the advent of vacuum tube amplifiers. In two previous chapters of this article the author has taken up the design of loop antennas with rules and tables for determining the inductance of any practical size loop. In this article (which will complete the series) directional properties of loops will be discussed.

The voltage induced in a loop is the combined effect or resultant of the voltages induced by the passing wave in each of its two vertical sides. Ordinarily these voltages are nearly equal, but are not in phase due to the time taken for the wave to move across the loop. If the voltages were exactly in phase there would be no potential dif-

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$$E_L = 2E_s \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (2)$$

Since the sine of an angle is very nearly equal to the angle, for the small angles involved equation 2 becomes

$$E_L = E_s \theta \quad (3)$$

Combining equations 1 and 3 gives the following relation

$$E_L = Kh\theta = \frac{Khl \times 2\pi}{\lambda} \quad (4)$$

plotting the ratio  $\left(\frac{\text{Area} \times \text{Turns}}{\text{Inductance}}\right)$

against the number of turns. This has been done for one style of loop in figure 2. The same characteristics will be found with loops with other spacings, etc. This figure shows that a few large turns give very much greater signal strength than a loop having a large number of small turns, although both loops may have the same total inductance and the same wavelength range. The absolute values for the units are of no value so that arbitrary values are given only in plotting this curve. The point of interest is that if a loop can be designed to give the desired inductance with 8 turns of wire or less, much louder signals may be expected.

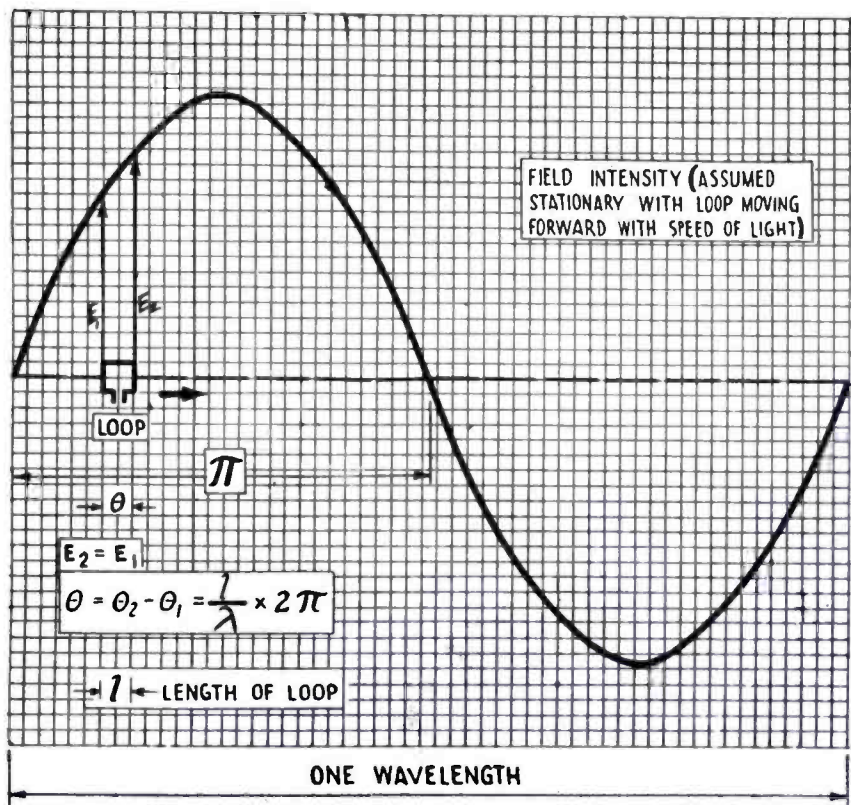


FIGURE 1

Curve of field intensity

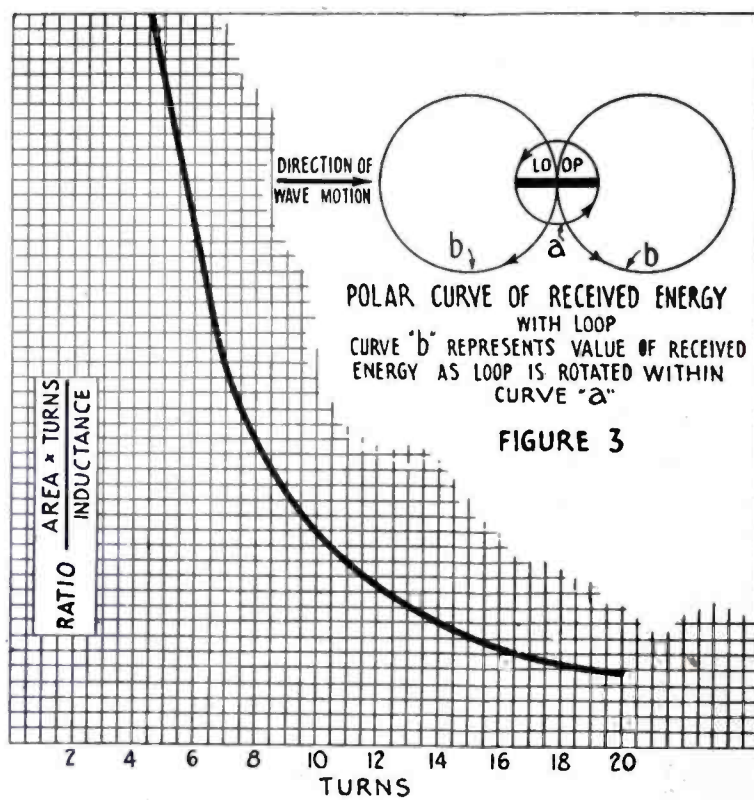


FIGURE 2

Polar curve of received energy

ference between the terminals and no signal would be produced.

From this viewpoint it will be seen that since the length of the loop is very small in comparison with the length of the wave received that the voltage cannot be large, when compared with the voltage induced in an ordinary antenna.

The angle by which the voltages in each side differs is equal to

$$\theta = \frac{2\pi l}{\lambda} \quad (1)$$

This is apparent from figure 1, which assumes that the ether wave is stationary and that the loop moves forward with the speed of light, through one cycle. The voltage then induced in the

since  $E_s$  is proportional to the height of each side.  $K$  is the proportionality factor. Thus it is seen that the effective voltage is proportional to the product of the length and height of a loop—or in other words, proportional to the area—and inversely as the wavelength. For a loop of  $N$  turns the voltage is  $N$  times as large.

It is then of vital importance to obtain the greatest area with the minimum amount of wire. This requirement calls for a circular loop, but the mechanical details prevent this type of construction so that the next best style is the square loop.

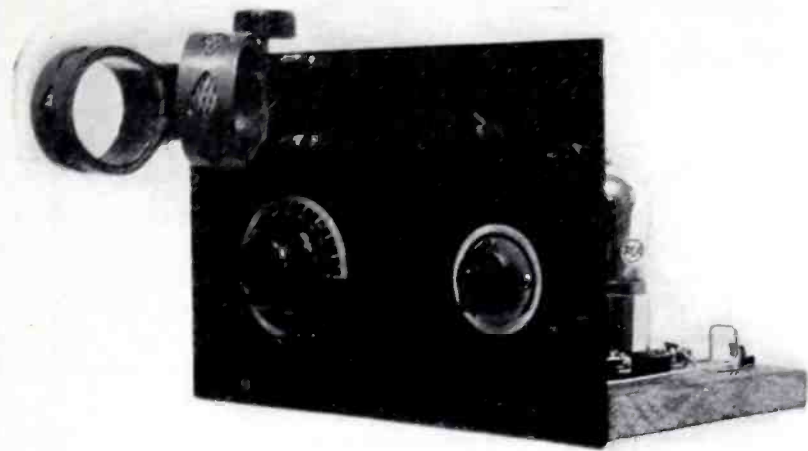
To determine the best shape ratio a comparison can be made graphically by

However if over 10 turns are required disregard this consideration entirely and base the design on securing a convenient sized loop. It will be seen that a loop with five large turns is very little better than one with twenty small turns, but one with three or four still larger turns will give very much louder signals, although all may have the same inductance.

Equation 1 and figure 1 assume that the plane of the loop is at right angles to the wave front, because in this position the greatest amount of time is consumed by the wave in passing from one side to the other, and the resulting voltage is the greatest. However, if the loop is turned through some angle

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# Flewelling on the Flewelling Circuit



Panel layout of a Flewelling receiver

This Circuit Is Tricky—But It Challenges Interest—It Has Produced the Results—and With One Tube

By E. T. Flewelling

**T**HERE is so much in radio that many of us do not know or understand that such actions, as this circuit exhibits at times, are responsible for the almost world wide interest it has aroused. We are all of us most interested in that which we do not understand, and I would be the last to make the claim that I understand the entire story of the Flewelling circuit. What I have observed, however, is presented with the feeling that it may be of help in cleaning up some bit of the haziness about the circuit.

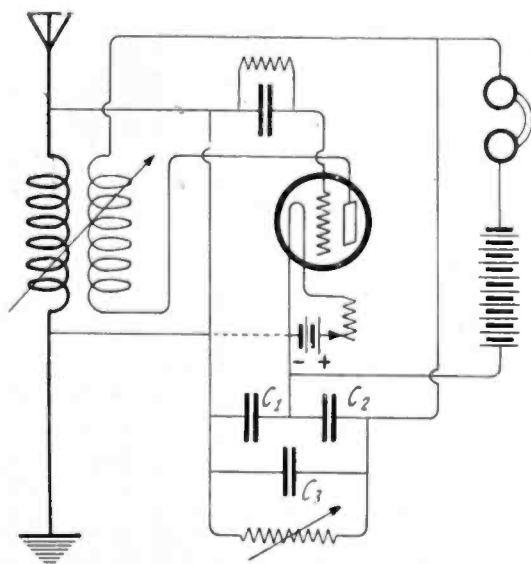
First, let me state that the Flewelling circuit may, by control of coupling of the feed-back coil and the grid leak, be used either as a plain regenerator of unique and substantial capabilities or as a super-regenerator.

With grid and plate coils at approximately close coupling and grid leak properly set, as found by trial, regeneration is increased beyond the familiar spill-over point. Ordinarily this means silence or a loud raucous howl. This howl may be introduced into any receiver of the type by grid leak adjustment, etc., but in the Flewelling circuit it is controlled and shaped to our ends by the capacity of the filament lead condensers and the grid leak. The greater the capacity of the condensers the louder the howl and incidentally the greater the power of it, up to .012 mfd. or perhaps even greater, but .006 mfd. is found to offer about the correct value for general use. The howl in the Flewelling circuit is caused in part by the blocking and freeing of the grid of the tube, and in a correctly built set it may be so lowered in pitch that it is nothing but a series of thumps occurring about once a second.

Now as the grid leak is varied we allow the accumulated charge on the grid to leak off faster and the thumps occur so fast that they merge into a continuous roar increasing in pitch as the leak is changed until the note is so

high as to be practically inaudible. Note that each time we allow the tube to block and free itself we are charging the .006 condenser and discharging it back into the grid circuit, thus utilizing these things to our end:—Excessive regeneration, plus the added discharge of the .006 condenser into the grid circuit, plus the grid leak to keep the circuit from running away by starting and stopping it at correctly timed intervals as we please by grid leak adjustment.

It is conceded that the circuit is tricky, so much so that a barrel of monkeys is tame in comparison. For instance, note such results as these and note also at the same time that reception without antenna loop or ground



Circuit diagram of Flewelling set

has been found reliable day in and day out only up to distances of about forty miles.

Boston to Los Angeles on a 16-inch loop reception for an hour or more steady without ground or other antenna

Audibility on 400-mile station with plain regenerator of excellent type on good antenna and ground, 150; but at same time on super circuit without antenna, loop or ground, 700.

Consistent audibility on 25-mile broadcaster with antenna loop or ground such that music is heard 35 to 40 feet from loud speaker.

If I now say that I would not guarantee what the receiver would do about a station 50 miles away, one can form one's own opinion about how very interesting such a circuit is.

As a super it is inclined to be extremely noisy and tricky, a scientific novelty; but, open up your coupling, adjust the grid leak properly and you find that you have not wasted a bit of time in building the circuit because it will then work as a plain regenerator, exceedingly sharp in its tuning, capable of real distance work as shown by hundreds of letters I have received; loud speaker operation within 20 miles of broadcaster on the one tube and, well, there is only one tube in the Flewelling circuit, let's take pity on it.

## Design of Loop Antennas

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$\phi$  the wave will traverse the distance in less time and the signal strength is smaller. In this case the voltage is proportional to the maximum voltage multiplied by the cosine of the angle  $\phi$ , as indicated by figure 3. It is upon this principle that direction finders and radio compasses are based.

Since peace-time application of receiving loops do not require very sharp maximum or minimum values such as are required in direction finding work, or the unilateral directional feature where the signal is strong when the loop is turned in one direction only instead of the two directions indicated in figure 3, so that these features will not be taken up here. In passing it may be said that in some installations it is often found that this unilateral feature exists to a marked degree. This is generally a distinct advantage and is generally due to the fact that the filament batteries are grounded or act as a capacity ground. When this occurs the loop has an "antenna" effect in addition to the "loop" effect.

# Popular Radio Hook-Ups

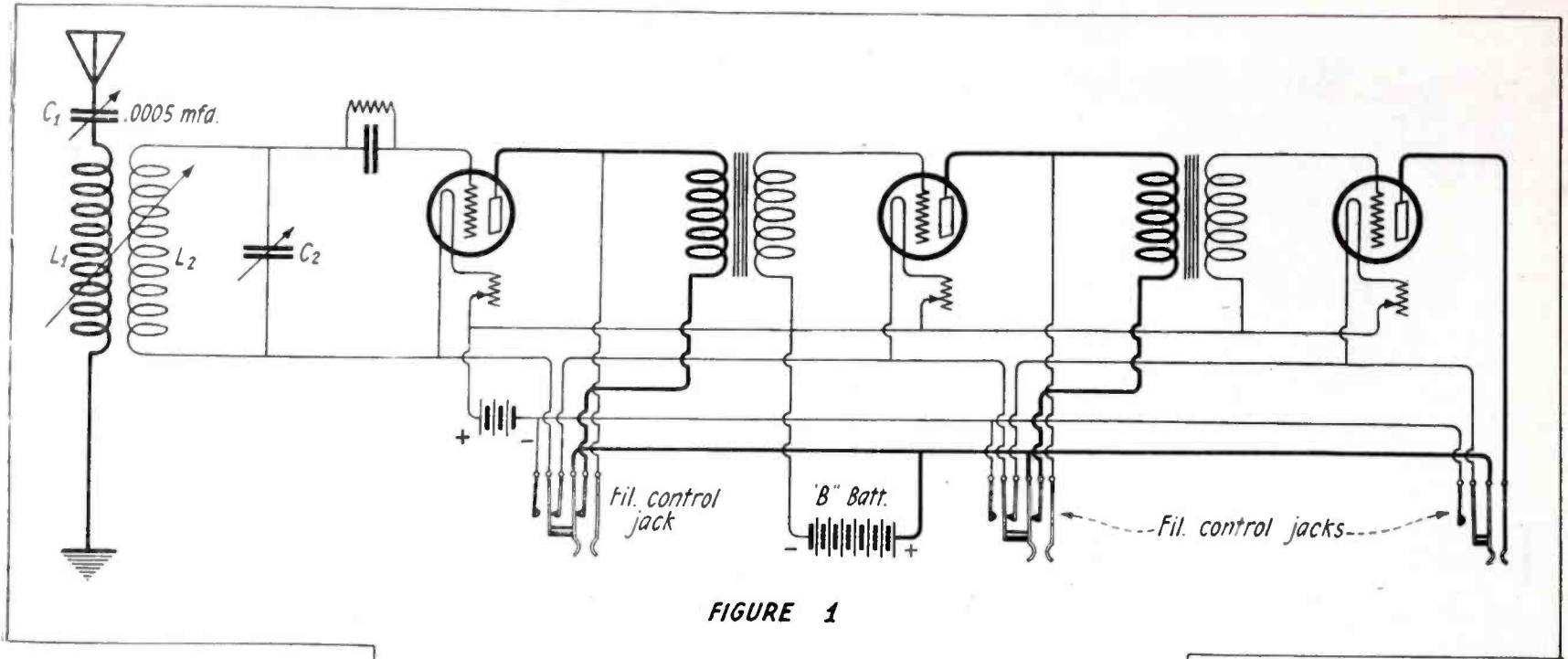


FIGURE 1

MANY of our readers have asked for a circuit showing the manner in which automatic filament control jacks are connected in the detector and amplifier units. Figure 1 illustrates the best method for using them. Great care is necessary in wiring these into the set. It is best to connect up the filament circuit complete and see that each tube lights correctly before making the B-battery and transformer connections.

FIGURE 2 illustrates a small low power continuous wave vacuum tube transmitter which may be easily constructed. The inductance L-1 consists of 30 turns of No. 14 wire on a tube 4 inches in diameter. The radio frequency choke L-2 is made by winding about 30 turns of No. 30 D.C.C. wire on a 2-inch mailing tube. The condenser C-3 must be such as to withstand the voltage of the B battery. The tube used may be a UV-201, UV-201-A or VT-2.

IN figure 3 we have a similar circuit using the 110 A. C. lighting current stepped up through a power transformer to a voltage of

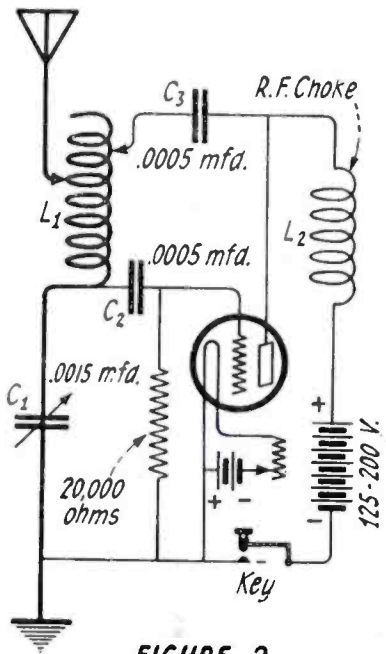


FIGURE 2

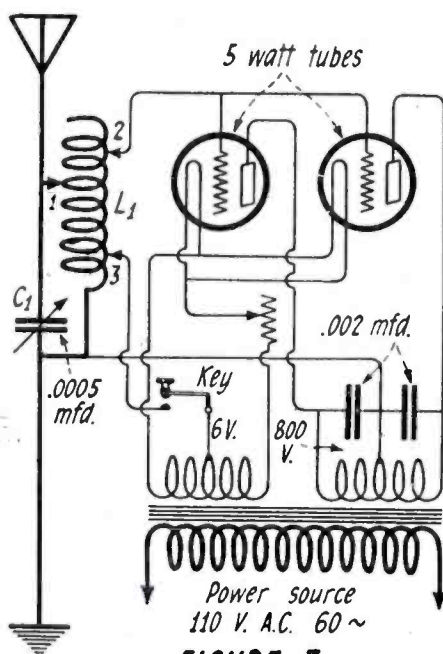


FIGURE 3

800 as a source of plate supply. In addition the filaments of the tubes are lighted by a special winding on the transformer.

WE have had numerous requests for a sensitive receiver whose re-radiating powers are nil. The circuit for such a set is shown in figure 4. It represents one stage of tuned impedance radio frequency amplification inductively coupled to the antenna circuit. L-1 and L-2 are respectively the primary and secondary of an ordinary variocoupler. A 35 or 50-turn HC coil tuned with a 23-plate condenser furnishes the plate impedance. No difficulty should be experienced in connecting this receiver and two or three stages of audio frequency amplification added to the detector will bring in distant stations on the loud speaker.

FIGURE 5 represents a similar receiver with one stage of audio frequency reflex back into the radio frequency tube. This is a very satisfactory receiver and should prove very interesting to the experimenter.

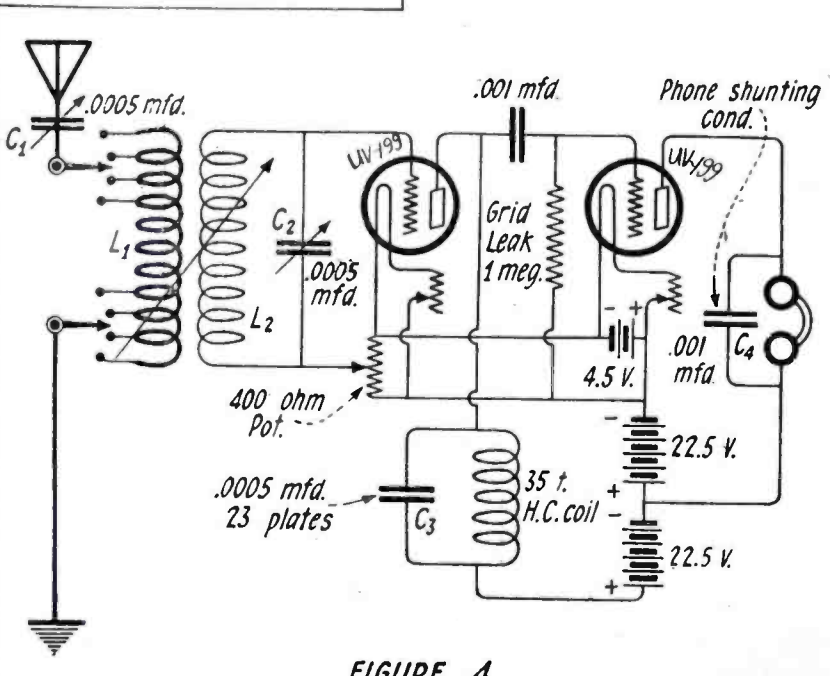


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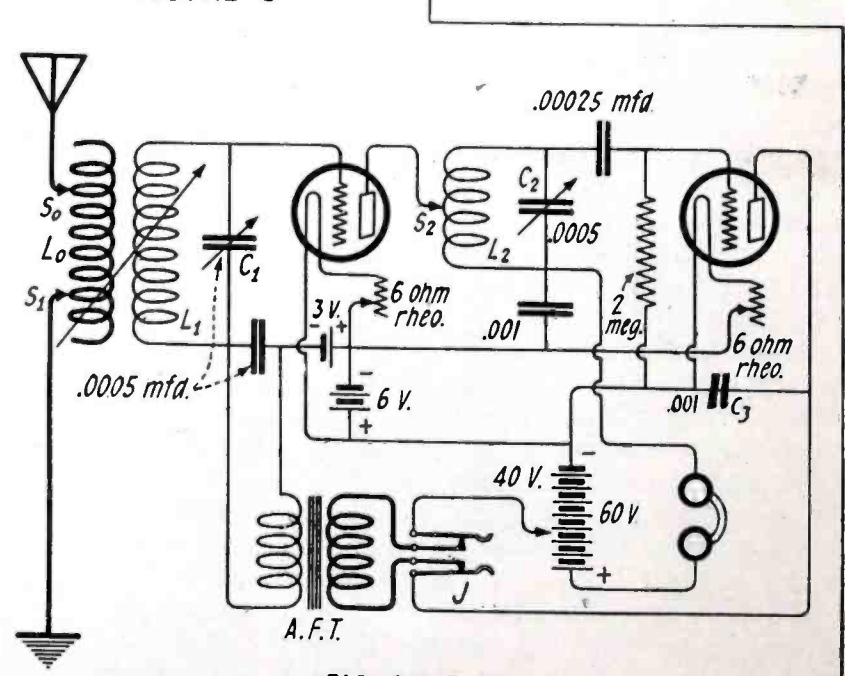


FIGURE 5

# BROADCASTING STATION DIRECTORY

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The Most Authentic, Up-to-the-Minute List

KDKA	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa.	326	KFIX	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	240	KUO	Examiner Printing Co.	San Francisco, Calif.	360		
KDPM	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio	270	KFIZ	Daily Commonwealth and Oscar A. Huelsman Fon du Lac, Wis.	273	KUS	City Dye Works & Laundry Co., Los Angeles, Calif.	360			
KDPT	Southern Electric Co.	San Diego, Calif.	244	KFJB	Marshall Electric Co.	Marshalltown, Iowa	248	KUY	Coast Radio Co.	Elmonte, Calif.	256
KDYL	Telegram Publishing Co.	Salt Lake City, Utah	360	KFJC	Seattle Post-Intelligencer	Seattle, Wash.	270	KWG	Portable Wireless Telephone Co., 530 E. Market St., Stockton, Calif.	300	
KDYM	Savoy Theatre	San Diego, Calif.	280	KFJF	National Radio Manufacturing Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.	252	KWH	Los Angeles Examiner	Los Angeles, Calif.	360	
KDYQ	Oregon Institute of Technology	Portland, Ore.	360	KFJI	Liberty Theater	Astoria, Ore.	252	KXD	Modesto Herald Publishing Co.	Modesto, Calif.	252
KDYW	Smith Hughes & Co.	Phoenix, Ariz.	360	KFJK	Delano Radio & Electric Co.	Bristow, Okla.	233	KYQ	The Electric Shop	Honolulu, Hawaii	360
KDZX	Star Bulletin	Honolulu, Hawaii	360	KFJL	Hardsag Manufacturing Co.	Ottumwa, Iowa	242	KYW	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.	536	
KDZB	Frank E. Siefert	Bakersfield, Calif.	240	KFJM	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak.	280	KZM	Preston D. Allen, Thirteenth and Harrison Sts., Oakland, Calif.	360		
KDZF	Automobile Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.	278	KFJQ	Electric Construction Co., Valley Radio Division Grand Forks, N. Dak.	280	KZN	The Deseret News	Salt Lake City, Utah	360		
KDZI	Electric Supply Co.	Wenatchee, Wash.	360	KFJR	Ashley C. Dixon & Son, Stevensville, Mont. (near)	258	KZV	Wenatchee Battery & Motor Co., Wenatchee, Wash.	360		
KDZQ	Nichols Academy of Dancing	Denver, Colo.	360	KFJV	Thomas H. Warren	Dexter, Iowa	224	WAB	Valdemar Jensen, 137 S. St. Patrick St., New Orleans, La.	268	
KDZR	Bollingham Publishing Co.	Bellingham, Wash.	261	KFJW	Le Grand Radio Co.	Towanda, Kans.	226	WAAC	Tulane University	New Orleans, La.	360
KFAD	McArthur Bros. Mercantile Co.	Phoenix, Ariz.	360	KFJX	Iowa State Teachers College	Cedar Falls, Iowa	229	WAAD	Ohio Mechanics Institute	Cincinnati, Ohio	360
KFAE	State College of Washington	Pullman, Wash.	330	KFJY	Tunwall Radio Co.	Fort Dodge, Iowa	246	WAAG	Chicago Daily Drivers Journal	Chicago, Ill.	286
KFAF	Western Radio Corp.	Denver, Colo.	360	KFJZ	Texas National Guard, One Hundred and Twelfth Cavalry	Fort Worth, Tex.	254	WAAM	I. R. Nelson Co.	Bond St., Newark, N. J.	263
KFAJ	University of Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	360	KFKA	Colorado State Teachers College	Greeley, Colo.	248	WAAN	University of Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	254
KFAN	The Electric Shop	Moscow, Idaho	360	KFKB	Brinkley-Jones Hospital Association, Milford, Kans.	286	WAAP	Omaha Grain Exchange	Omaha, Neb.	360	
KFAO	Rhodes Co.	Seattle, Wash.	270	KFKC	Conway Radio Laboratories	Conway, Ark.	224	WABA	Lake Forest College	Lake Forest, Ill.	266
KFAR	Studio Lighting Service Co.	Hollywood, Calif.	280	KFKV	F. F. Gray, 3200 Richardson St., Butte, Mont.	283	WABB	John B. Lawrence	Harrisburg, Pa.	266	
KFAU	Boise High School	Boise, Idaho	270	KFKX	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Hastings, Nebr.	286	WABD	Parker High School	Dayton, Ohio	283	
KFAW	The Radio Den	Santa Ana, Calif.	280	KFLA	Nassour Bros. Radio Co., 1321 W. Platinum St., Butte, Mont.	283	WABE	Y. M. C. A., Washington, D. C.	283		
KFAY	Virgin's Radio Service	Medford, Ore.	283	KFLD	Paul E. Greenlaw	Franklin, La.	234	WABG	Arnold Edwards Piano Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.	275
KFBB	F. A. Buttrey & Co.	Havre, Mont.	360	KFLE	National Education Service	Denver, Colo.	268	WABH	Lake Shore Tire Co.	Sandusky, Ohio	240
KFBC	W. K. Azbill, 5038 Cliff Place, San Diego, Calif.	278	KFLH	Erickson Radio Co.	Salt Lake City, Utah	261	WABI	Bangor Railway & Electric Co.	Bangor, Me.	240	
KFBE	Reuben H. Horn	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	360	KFLI	Everette M. Foster	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	240	WABJ	First Baptist Church	Worcester, Mass.	252
KFBG	First Presbyterian Church	Tacoma, Wash.	360	KFLJ	Bizzell Radio Shop	Little Rock, Ark.	261	WABK	Connecticut Agricultural College	Storrs, Conn.	283
KFBK	Kimball-Upson Co.	Sacramento, Calif.	283	KFLK	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	254	WABL	F. E. Doherty Automotive & Radio Equipment Co., Saginaw, Mich.	254	
KFBL	Leese Bros.	Everett, Wash.	224	KFLM	Rio Grande Radio Supply House, San Benito, Tex.	236	WABN	Ott Radio (Inc.)	La Crosse, Wis.	244	
KFBS	Trinidad Gas & Electric Supply Co. and The Chronicle News	Trinidad, Colo.	360	KFLN	George R. Clough,	Galveston, Tex.	240	WABO	Lake Avenue Baptist Church	Rochester, N. Y.	252
KFBT	The Cathedral	Laramie, Wyo.	283	KFLP	Fargo Radio Supply Co.	Fargo, N. Dak.	231	WABP	Robert F. Weinig, 522 Wooster Ave., Dover, Ohio	266	
KFCB	Nielsen Radio Supply Co.	Phoenix, Ariz.	278	KFLQ	Bizzell Radio Shop	Little Rock, Ark.	261	WABQ	Haverford College Radio Club	Haverford, Pa.	261
KFCF	Frank A. Moore, 707 Baker Bldg., Walla Walla, Wash.	360	KFLR	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	254	WABR	Scott High School	Toledo, Ohio	270	
KFCG	Electric Service Station (Inc.)	Billings, Mont.	360	KFLS	Christian Churches of Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.	254	WABS	Essex Mfg. Co., 117 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J.	244		
KFCM	Richmond Radio Shop	Richmond, Calif.	360	KFLT	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	263	WABT	Holliday-Hall	Washington, Pa.	252
KFCP	Ralph W. Flygare, 2421 Jefferson Ave., Ogden, Utah	360	KFLU	Morningside College	Sioux City, Iowa	261	WABU	Victor Talking Machine Co.	Candlen, N. J.	226	
KFCY	Fred Mahaffey, Jr.	Houston, Tex.	360	KFLV	A. T. Frykman, 1503 Fourth Ave., Rockford, Ill.	229	WABV	John H. De Witt, 1812 Fifteenth Ave. S., Nashville, Tenn.	263		
KFDY	Western Union College	Le Mars, Iowa	252	KFLW	Missoula Electric Supply Co.	Missoula, Mont.	234	WABW	College of Wooster	Wooster, Ohio	234
KFDZ	Omaha Central High School	Omaha, Neb.	258	KFLX	George R. Clough,	Galveston, Tex.	240	WABX	Henry B. Joy	Mount Clemens, Mich. (near)	270
KFDA	Adler's Music Store	Baker, Ore.	360	KFLY	Fargo Radio Supply Co.	Fargo, N. Dak.	231	WABY	John Magaldi, Jr., 815 Kimball St., Philadelphia, Pa.	242	
KFDD	St. Michaels Cathedral	Boise, Idaho	252	KFLZ	Atlantic Automobile Co.	Atlantic, Iowa	273	WABZ	Coliseum Place Baptist Church	New Orleans, La.	263
KFDH	University of Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	360	KFMA	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	263	WBA	Purdue University	West Lafayette, Ind.	360
KFDI	Oregon Agricultural College	Corvallis, Ore.	360	KFMB	Christian Churches of Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.	254	WBA	Sterling Electric Co., 31 S. Fifth St., Minneapolis, Minn.	360		
KFDL	Knight-Campbell Music Co.	Denver, Colo.	360	KFMC	Morningside College	Sioux City, Iowa	261	WBAH	The Dayton Co., st. and Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	417	
KFDO	H. Everett Cutting, 420 W. Koch St., Bozeman, Mont.	248	KFMD	George W. Young, 2219 N. Bryant St., Minneapolis, Minn.	231	WBAI	Wireless Phone Corporation, 193 Ellison St., Paterson, N. J.	244			
KFDR	Bullock's Hardware & Sporting Goods	York, Neb.	360	KFMW	M. G. Sateren, 127 Blanche St., Houghton, Mich.	266	WBAJ	James Millikin University	Decatur, Ill.	360	
KFDV	Gilbrech & Stinson	Fayetteville, Ark.	360	KFMX	Carleton College	Northfield, Minn.	283	WBAP	Wortham-Carter Publishing Co. (Star Tele- gram)	Fort Worth, Tex.	476
KFDX	First Baptist Church	Shreveport, La.	360	KFMY	Boy Scouts of America	Long Beach, Calif.	229	WBAV	Erner & Hopkins Co., 146 N. Third St., Columbus Ohio	390	
KFDY	South Dakota State College	Brookings, S. Dak.	360	KFNG	Wooten's Radio Shop	Coldwater, Miss.	254	WBAX	John H. Stenger, Jr., 66 Glidersteeve St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	360	
KFDZ	Harry Q. Iverson, 2510 Thomas Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.	231	KFNI	State Teachers College	Springfield, Mo.	236	WBAY	Western Electric Co., 463 West St., New York, N. Y.	492		
KFEC	Meier & Frank Co.	Portland, Ore.	360	KFNJ	Warrensburg Electric Shop	Warrensburg, Mo.	234	WBBA	Newark Radio Laboratories	Newark, Ohio	240
KFEJ	Guy Greason	1724 S. Jay St., Tacoma, Wash.	360	KFOA	Rhodes Co.	Seattle, Wash.	455	WBBD	Barbey Battery Service, Fourth and Walnut Sts., Reading, Pa.	234	
KFEL	Winner Radio Corporation, 1435 Welton St., Denver, Colo.	360	KFSG	Echo Park Evangelistic Assn.	Los Angeles, Calif.	278	WBBE	Alfred R. Marey, 113 W. Raynor Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	246		
KFEQ	J. L. Scroggin	Oak, Neb.	360	KGB	Tacoma Daily Ledger	Tacoma, Wash.	252	WBFG	Georgia School of Technology	Atlanta, Ga.	270
KFER	Auto Electric Service Co.	Fort Dodge, Iowa	231	KGG	Hallock & Watson Radio Service, 192 Park St., Portland, Ore.	360	WBGG	Irving Vermilya, 24 Vermilya St., Mattapoisett, Mass.	240		
KFEV	Felix Thompson Radio Shop	Casper, Wyo.	263	KGN	Northwestern Radio Mfg. Co., 1556 E. Taylor St., Portland, Ore.	360	WBHH	J. Irving Bell, 1511 Gordon St., Port Huron, Mich.	246		
KFEK	Augsburg Seminary	Minneapolis, Minn.	261	KGO	General Electric Co.	Oakland, Calif.	312	WBBI	Indianapolis Radio Club, 1721 N. Somerset St., Indianapolis, Ind.	234	
KFEY	Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co., Kellogg, Idaho	360	KGU	Marion A. Mulrony, Walkikil Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii	360	WBBJ	Neel Electric Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	254			
KFEZ	American Society of Mechanical Engineers, St. Louis, Mo.	360	KGV	Portland Morning Oregonian	Portland, Ore.	492	WBBL	Grace Covenant Church	Richmond, Va.	283	
KFFB	Jenkins Furniture Co.	Boise, Idaho	240	KGY	St. Martins College	Lacey, Wash.	258	WBDM	Frank Atlas Produce Co., 110 Park Place, Lincoln, Ill.	226	
KFFE	Eastern Oregon Radio Co.	Pendleton, Ore.	360	KHJ	Times-Mirror Co.	Los Angeles, Calif.	395	WBDO	Michigan Limestone & Chemical Co., Rogers, Mich.	250	
KFFO	E. H. Smith	Hillsboro, Ore.	229	KHQ	Louis Wasmer, 2020 Thirteenth Ave., Seattle, Wash.	360	WBL	T. & H. Radio Co.	Anthony, Kans.	261	
KFFQ	Marksheffel Motor Co.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	360	KJQ	C. O. Gould, 615 E. Main St., Stockton, Calif.	360	WBS	D. W. May (Inc.), 325 Central Ave., Newark, N. J.	360		
KFFR	Nevada State Journal	Sparks, Nev.	226	KJR	Northwest Radio Service Co., 1328 Sixth Ave., Seattle, Wash.	283	WBT	Southern Radio Corporation, 1116 Realty Bldg., Charlotte, N. C.	360		
KFFV	Graceland College	Lamoni, Iowa	266	KJS	Bible Institute of Los Angeles, 536 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.	360	WBZ	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Springfield, Mass.	337		
KFFX	McGraw Co.	Omaha, Neb.	278	KLS	Warner Bros. Radio Supplies Co., 2201 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Calif.	360	WCAE	St. Lawrence University	Canton, N. Y.	280	
KFFY	Pineus & Murphy	Alexandria, La.	275	KLX	Tribune Publishing Co. (Oakland Tribune)	Oakland, Calif.	509	WCAE	Kaufmann & Baer Co.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	482
KFFZ	Al. G. Barnes Amusement Co., Dallas, Tex. (portable)	226	KLZ	Reynolds Radio Co., 1534 Glenarm Place, Denver, Colo.	360	WCAH	Clyde R. Randall, 2813 Calhoun St., New Orleans, La.	268			
KFGC	Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, La.	254	KMJ	San Joaquin Light & Power Corporation, Fresno, Calif.	273	WCAI	Entrekin Electric Co., 321 W. Tenth St., Columbus, Ohio	286		
KFGD	Chickasha Radio & Elec. Co.	Chickasha, Okla.	248	KMO	Love Electric Co.	818 N. L St., Tacoma, Wash.	360	WCAJ	Nebraska Wesleyan University, University Place, Nebr.	360	
KFGH	Leland Stanford University, Stanford University, Calif.	360	KNV	Radio Supply Co., 815 S. Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.	256	WCAK	Alfred P. Daniel, 2504 Bagby St., Houston, Tex.	263			
KFGJ	Missouri National Guard, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Infantry	St. Louis, Mo.	266	KNX	Electric Lighting Supply Co., 216 W. Third St., Los Angeles, Calif.	360	WCAL	St. Olaf College	Northfield, Minn.	360	
KFGL	Arlington Garage	Arlington, Ore.	234	KOB	New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts	State College, N. Mex.	360	WCAM	Villanova College	Villanova, Pa.	360
KFGR	Crary Hardware Co.	Boone, Iowa	226	KOP	Detroit Police Department	Detroit, Mich.	286	WCAO	Sanders & Stayman Co.	Baltimore, Md.	360
KFGB	Heidbreder Radio Supply Co.	Utica, Neb.	224	KQP	Hale Bros.	San Francisco, Calif.	423	WBBN	A. B. Blake, 25 N. Front St., Wilmington, N. C.	275	
KFGS	First Presbyterian Church	Orange, Tex.	250	KQV	Apple City Radio Club, Hood River, Ore.	360	WBBS	Petoskey High School	Petoskey, Mich.	246	
KFGZ	Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.	268	KQW	Doubleday-Hill Electric Co., 719 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.	360	WBBS	Frank Crook, 150 Exchange St., Pawtucket, R. I.	252			
KFHA	Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, Colo.	252	KRE	Berkeley Daily Gazette	Berkeley, Calif.	275	WBBS	Peoples Pulpit Association	Rossville, N. Y.	244	
KFHB	Halto Theatre	Hood River, Ore.	280	KSD	Post-Dispatch	St. Louis, Mo.	546	WCAP	Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., Washington, D. C.	469	
KFHD	Utz Radio & Electric Co.	St. Joseph, Mo.	226	KSS	Prest & Dean Radio Co. and Radio Research Society of Long Beach, Calif.	360					
KFHF	Central Christian Church	Shreveport, La.	266	KTW	First Presbyterian Church	Seattle, Wash.	360				
KFHH	Amrose A. McCue	Neah Bay, Wash.	261								
KFHI	Fallon & Co.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	360								
KFHJ	Star Electric & Radio Co.	Seattle, Wash.	283								
KFHK	Clifford J. Dow	Lihue, Hawaii	275								
KFHL	Robert W. Nelson, 407 E. First St., Hutchinson, Kans.	229									
KFHM	Earle C. Anthony (Inc.), Tenth and Hope Sts., Los Angeles, Calif.	469									
KFHN	Ross Arbuckle's Garage	Iola, Kans.	246								
KFHO	Benson Polytechnic Institute	Portland, Ore.	360								
KFHP	Windisch Electric Farm Equipment Co., Louisburg, Kans.	234									
KFHQ	North Central High School	Spokane, Wash.	252								
KFHR	Yakima Valley Radio Broadcasting Association, Yakima, Wash.	242									
KFHS	Alaska Electric Light & Power Co., Juneau, Alaska	226									

WCAR	Alamo Radio Electric Co., 608 W. Evergreen St., San Antonio, Tex.	360	WIAS	Home Electric Co., 315 N. Third St., Burlington, Iowa.	360	WPAB	Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.	283
WCAS	William Hood Dunwoody Industrial Institute, Minneapolis, Minn.	246	WIAU	American Trust & Savings Bank, Le Mars, Iowa.	360	WPAC	Donaldson Radio Co., 210 Tiger Bldg., Okmulgee, Okla.	360
WCAT	South Dakota State School of Mines, Rapid City, S. Dak.	240	WIK	K. and L. Electric Co., 427 Olive St., McKeesport, Pa.	234	WPAH	Wisconsin Department of Markets, Waupaca, Wis.	360
WCAU	Durham & Co., 1936 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.	286	WIL	Continental Electrical Supply Co., 808 Ninth St., Washington, D. C.	360	WPAJ	Doolittle Radio Corporation, 39 Center St., New Haven, Conn.	268
WCAV	J. C. Dice Electric Co., 113 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock, Ark.	360	WIP	Gimbel Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.	509	WPAK	North Dakota Agricultural College, Agricultural College, N. Dak.	360
WCAX	University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.	360	WJAD	Jackson's Radio Engineering Laboratories, 801 Austin St., Waco, Tex.	360	WPAL	Avery & Loeb Electric Co., 114 N. Third St., Columbus, O.	286
WCAZ	Kesselman O'Driscoll Co., 517 Grand Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.	261	WJAF	Muncie Press and Smith Electric Co., Muncie, Ind.	360	WPAM	Auerbach & Guettel, 709 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kans.	360
WCBA	Carthage College, Carthage, Ill.	246	WJAK	Clifford L. White, Greentown, Ind.	254	WPAP	Theodore D. Phillips, 222 Lexington Ave., Winchester, Ky.	360
WCBC	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.	280	WJAM	D. M. Perham, 332 Third Ave., West, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	268	WPAQ	General Sales & Engineering Co., Frostburg, Md.	360
WCBD	Wilbur G. Voliva, Zion, Ill.	345	WJAN	Peoria Star, Peoria, Ill.	280	WPAT	St. Patrick's Cathedral, El Paso, Tex.	360
WCK	Stitz-Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co., St. Louis, Mo.	360	WJAO	Copper Publications, Topeka, Kans.	360	WPAU	Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.	360
WCM	University of Texas, Austin, Tex.	360	WJAP	The Outlet Co., Providence, R. I.	360	WPAZ	John R. Koch, Charleston, W. Va.	273
WCX	Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich.	517	WJAS	Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebr.	283	WPG	Nushawg Poultry Farm, New Lebanon, Ohio	234
WDAE	Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Fla.	360	WJAT	Pittsburgh Radio Supply House, 963 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.	256	WQAA	Horace A. Beale, Jr., Parkersburg, Pa.	360
WDAF	Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.	411	WJAX	Kelley-Vawter Jewelry Co., Marshall, Mo.	360	WQAC	E. B. Gish, 108 E. Eighth St., Amarillo, Tex.	360
WDAG	J. Laurance Martin, Amarillo, Tex.	263	WJAZ	Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio	390	WQAD	Whitall Electric Co., 59 W. Maine St., Waterbury, Conn.	242
WDAH	Trinity Methodist Church (South), El Paso, Tex.	268	WJD	Chicago Radio Laboratory, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.	448	WQAE	Moore Radio News Station, Springfield, Vt.	275
WDAK	The Courant, Hartford, Conn.	261	WJH	Denison University, Granville, Ohio	229	WQAF	Sandusky Register, Sandusky, Ohio	240
WDAO	Automotive Electric Co., Ervas and Corsicana Sts., Dallas, Tex.	360	WJX	William P. Boyer Co., 812 Thirtieth St. N. W., Washington, D. C.	273	WQAH	Brock-Anderson Electrical Engineering Co., Lexington, Ky.	254
WDAP	Board of Trade, Chicago, Ill.	360	WJY	Deforest Radio Telephone and Telegraph Co., 1391 Sedgwick Ave., New York, N. Y.	360	WQAL	Coles County Telephone & Telegraph Co., Mattoon, Ill.	258
WDAR	Lit Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa.	395	WJZ	Radio Corporation of America, New York, N. Y.	405	WQAM	Electrical Equipment Co., Miami, Fla.	283
WDAS	Samuel A. Waite, 692a Main St., Worcester, Mass.	360	WKA	Radio Corporation of America, New York, N. Y.	455	WQAN	Scranton Times, Scranton, Pa.	280
WDAU	Slocum & Kibburn, 23 N. Water St., New Bedford, Mass.	360	WKAQ	H. F. Paar, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	286	WQAO	Calvary Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.	360
WDAY	Radio Equipment Corporation, 117 Broadway, Fargo, N. Dak.	244	WKAQ	Charles Loeffl (Crescent Park), East Providence, R. I.	240	WQAP	West Texas Radio Co. (Abilene Daily Reporter), Abilene, Tex.	360
WDBC	Kirk, Johnson & Co., Lancaster, Pa.	258	WKAQ	W. S. Radio Supply Co., 725 Tenth St., Wichita Falls, Tex.	360	WQAS	Prince-Walter Co., 108 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.	266
WDM	Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.	234	WKAN	United Battery Service Co., Montgomery, Ala.	226	WQAV	Huntington & Gerry (Inc.), Greenville, S. C.	258
WDZ	James L. Bush, Tuscola, Ill.	278	WKAP	Dutree W. Flint, Cranston, R. I.	360	WQAW	Catholic University, Washington, D. C.	236
WEAA	Frank D. Fallain, Police Bldg., Flint, Mich.	280	WKAQ	Radio Corporation of Porto Rico, San Juan, P. R.	360	WQAX	Radio Equipment Co., Peoria, Ill.	360
WEAF	American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 24 Walker St., New York, N. Y.	492	WKAR	Michigan Agriculture College, East Lansing, Mich.	280	WQAY	Rice Institute, Houston, Tex.	360
WEAH	Wichita Board of Trade, Wichita, Kans.	280	WKAQ	Laconia Radio Club, Laconia, N. H.	254	WQAZ	Taylor Radio Shop, Marion, Kans.	248
WEAI	Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.	286	WKAV	Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.	280	WRA	The Radio Club, Laporte, Ind.	224
WEAJ	University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. Dak.	283	WKAY	W. K. Y. Radio Shop, Oklahoma, Okla.	360	WRAH	Stanley N. Read, 191 Alabama Ave., Providence, R. I.	231
WEAM	Borough of North Plainfield, North Plainfield, N. J.	252	WLAG	Cutting & Washington Radio Corporation, 18 W. Franklin St., Minneapolis, Minn.	417	WRAL	Northern States Power Co., St. Croix Falls, Wis.	248
WEAN	Shepard Co., Providence, R. I.	273	WLAH	Samuel Woodworth, 425 Brownell St., Syracuse, N. Y.	234	WRAM	Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill.	244
WEAO	Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio	360	WLAJ	Waco Electrical Supply Co., 616 Austin Ave., Waco, Tex.	360	WRAN	Black Hawk Electrical Co., Waterloo, Iowa	236
WEAP	Mobile Radio Co., O'Gwinn Bldg., Mobile, Ala.	360	WLAK	Vermont Farm Machine Corp., Bellows Falls, Vt.	360	WRAO	St. Louis Radio Service Co., 5735 Bartmer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	360
WEAR	Baltimore American and News Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md.	360	WLAL	Naylor Electrical Co., 24 W. Second St., Tulsa, Okla.	360	WRAV	Antloch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio	242
WEAS	Hecht Co., Washington, D. C.	360	WLAP	W. V. Jordan, Louisville, Ky.	360	WRAW	Avenue Radio Shop, Reading, Pa.	238
WEAU	Davidson Bros. Co., Sioux Falls, Iowa	360	WLQA	Arthur E. Schilling, 108 Elm St., Kalamazoo, Mich.	283	WRAX	Flexon's Garage, Gloucester City, N. J.	268
WEAY	Iris Theatre, Houston, Tex.	360	WLAV	Electric Shop, 30 S. Palafox St., Pensacola, Fla.	254	WRAY	Radio Sales Corporation, 110 Spruce St., Scranton, Pa.	280
WEB	Benwood Co., 1110 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.	360	WLAW	Police Department, City of New York, New York, N. Y.	360	WRAZ	Radio Shop of Newark, 89 Lehigh Ave., Newark, N. J.	233
WEV	Hurlburt-Still Electrical Co., McKinley Ave. and San Jacinto St., Houston, Tex.	360	WLAX	Putnam Electric Co. (Greencastle community broadcasting station), Greencastle, Ind.	231	WRC	Radio Corporation of America, Washington, D. C.	459
WEW	St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.	276	WLB	University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.	360	WRK	Doron Bros. Electrical Co., Hamilton, Ohio	360
WFAA	Dallas News and Dallas Journal, Dallas, Tex.	461	WLC	Crosley Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio	309	WRL	Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.	360
WFAF	Carl F. Woese, 802 McBride St., Syracuse, N. Y.	234	WLD	Radio Supply Co., 707 N. Broadway, Oklahoma, Okla.	360	WRM	University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.	360
WFB	H. C. Spratley Radio Co., 357 Main St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	360	WLE	Clive B. Meredith, Fernwood St., Cazenovia, N. Y.	261	WRN	City of Dallas, Police and Fire Department, Dallas, Tex.	360
WFAH	Electric Supply Co., 637 Procter St., Port Arthur, Tex.	236	WLF	Round Hills Radio Corp., Dartmouth, Mass.	360	WRP	Tarrytown Radio Research Laboratory, Tarrytown, N. Y.	273
WFAJ	Hi-Grade Wireless Instrument Co., 25 Hanover St., Asheville, N. C.	360	WLG	General Supply Co., 144 N. Thirtieth St., Lincoln, Nebr.	254	WSAB	Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Mo.	360
WFAM	Times Publishing Co., St. Cloud, Minn.	360	WLA	Drovers Telegram Co., Kansas City, Mo.	275	WSAC	Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson College, S. C.	360
WFAN	Hutchinson Electric Service Co., Hutchinson, Minn.	360	WLB	Norton Laboratories, Lockport, N. Y.	360	WSAD	J. A. Foster Co., 69 Dorrance St., Providence, R. I.	261
WFAQ	Missouri Wesleyan College, Cameron, Mo.	360	WMA	Trenton Hardware Co., 35 E. State St., Trenton, N. J.	256	WSAG	Loren V. Davis and George Prestman, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.	244
WFB	New Columbus College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	258	WMA	First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio	286	WSAH	A. G. Leonard, Jr., 4801 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.	248
WFAV	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.	275	WMA	Utility Battery Service, 665 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.	246	WSAI	United States Playing Card Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	309
WFI	Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, Pa.	395	WMA	Chicago Daily News, Chicago, Ill.	448	WSAJ	Grove City College, Grove City, Pa.	360
WGAL	Lancaster Electric Supply and Construction Co., 23 E. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.	248	WMA	Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.	250	WSAL	Franklin Electric Co., Brookville, Ind.	246
WGAN	Cecil E. Lloyd, 216 W. Romana St., Pensacola, Fla.	360	WMA	Wahpeton Electric Co., Wahpeton, N. Dak.	254	WSAN	Allentown Radio Club, Allentown, Pa.	229
WGAQ	Glenwood Radio Corporation, 900 Texas Ave., Shreveport, La.	360	WMA	Kingshighway Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo.	280	WSAR	Doughty & Welch Electrical Co., Fall River, Mass.	254
WGAW	Ernest C. Albright, 1918 W. Chestnut St., Altoona, Pa.	261	WMA	Mercer University, Macon, Ga.	268	WSAT	Donohoo-Ware Hardware Co., Plainview, Tex.	268
WGAZ	South Bend Tribune, South Bend, Ind.	360	WMA	Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.	500	WSAW	John J. Long, Jr., Canandaigua, N. Y.	275
WGI	American Radio and Research Corporation, Medford Hillside, Mass.	360	WMA	Doubleday-Hill Electric Co., Washington, D. C.	261	WSAX	Chicago Radio Laboratory, Chicago, Ill.	268
WGL	Thomas F. J. Howlett, 2303 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.	360	WMA	Shepard Stores, Boston, Mass.	278	WSAY	Port Chester Chamber of Commerce, Port Chester, N. Y.	233
WGR	Federal Telephone & Telegraph Co., Buffalo, N. Y.	319	WMA	University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.	360	WSB	Chase Electric Shop, Pomeroy, Ohio	258
WGV	Interstate Electric Co., 356 Barrone St., New Orleans, La.	242	WMA	Syracuse Radio Telephone Co., 207 E. Jefferson St., Syracuse, N. Y.	286	WSL	Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Ga.	429
WGY	General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.	380	WMA	Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio	231	WSY	Alabama Power Co., Birmingham, Ala.	360
WHA	University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.	360	WMA	Charlesston Radio Electric Co., Charleston, S. C.	360	WTAB	Fall River Daily Herald Publishing Co., Fall River, Mass.	248
WHAA	State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa	283	WMA	C. C. Rhodes, Butler, Mo.	231	WTAC	Penn Traffic Co., Washington St., Johnstown, Pa.	360
WHAB	Clark W. Thompson, Galveston, Tex.	360	WMA	Texas Radio Corporation and Austin Statesman, Austin, Tex.	360	WTAF	Louis J. Gallo, 2222 Lapeyrouse St., New Orleans, La.	268
WHAD	Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.	280	WMA	Lennig Brothers Co., 827 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pa.	360	WTAG	Kern Music Co., 84 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.	258
WHAG	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio	222	WMA	Peoples Telephone & Telegraph Co., Knoxville, Tenn.	236	WTAH	Carmen Ferro, Belvidere, Ill.	236
WHAH	Hafer Supply Co., 112 W. Sixth St., Joplin, Mo.	283	WMA	Peninsular Radio Club, Fort Monroe, Va.	360	WTAL	The Radio Shop, Portland, Me.	236
WHAK	Roberts Hardware Co., Clarkburg, W. Va.	258	WMA	Dakota Radio Apparatus Co., Yankton, S. Dak.	244	WTAM	Toledo Radio & Electric Co., Toledo, Ohio	252
WHAM	University of Rochester (Eastman School of Music), Rochester, N. Y.	283	WMA	Shotton Radio Mfg. Co., Albany, N. Y.	360	WTAN	Willard Storage Battery Co., Cleveland, Ohio	390
WHAP	Otta and Kuhns, 160 S. Water St., Decatur, Ill.	360	WMA	Maus Radio Co., 404 N. Main St., Lima, Ohio	266	WTAP	Orndorff Radio Shop, Mattoon, Ill.	240
WHAR	Paramount Radio & Electric Co., 17 1/2 S. Virginia Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.	231	WMA	Friday Battery & Electric Corp., Signourney, Iowa	360	WTAQ	S. H. Van Gorden & Son, Osseo, Wis.	226
WHAS	Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, Louisville, Ky.	400	WMA	Midland College, Fremont, Neb.	360	WTAR	Reliance Electric Co., Norfolk, Va.	280
WHAV	Wilmington Electrical Specialty Co., 405 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.	360	WMA	Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Tex.	360	WTAS	Charles E. Erbstein, (near), R. F. D. No. 6, Box 75, Elgin, Ill.	286
WHAZ	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.	380	WMA	Apollo Theatre, Belvidere, Ill.	273	WTAT	Edison Electric Illuminating Co., (portable), 39 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.	244
WHB	Sweeney School Co., Sweeney Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.	411	WMA	Palmetto Radio Corporation, 267 King St., Charleston, S. C.	360	WTAU	Ruegg Battery & Electric Co., Tecumseh, Neb.	360
WHK	Radlovox Co., 5005 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.	283	WMA	Southern Equipment Co., San Antonio, Tex.	385	WTAW	Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, Tex.	280
WHN	George Schubel, 1540 Broadway, New York, N. Y.	360	WMA	William E. Woods, Webster Groves, Mo.	229	WTAX	Williams Hardware Co., Streator, Ill.	231
WIAB	Joslyn Automobile Co., 320 Church St., Rockford, Ill.	252	WMA	James D. Vaughn, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	360	WTAY	Iodar-Oak Leaves Broadcasting Station, Oak Park, Ill.	226
WIAC	Galveston Tribune, Galveston, Tex.	360	WMA	Lyradion Mfg. Co., Mishawaka, Ind.	360	WTB	Thomas J. McGuire, Lambertville, N. J.	283
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WIAJ	Heer Stores Co., Springfield, Mo.	252	WMA	Boyd M. Hamp, 215 Market St., Wilmington, Del.	360	WTA	Sanger Bros., Waco, Tex.	360
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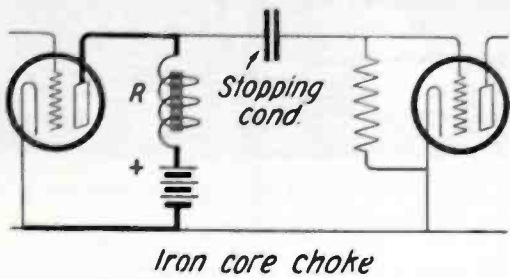


# RADIO ENGINEERING

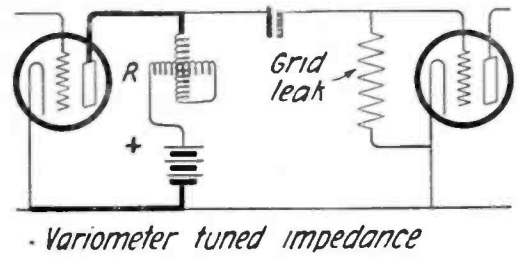
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Consulting Engineer

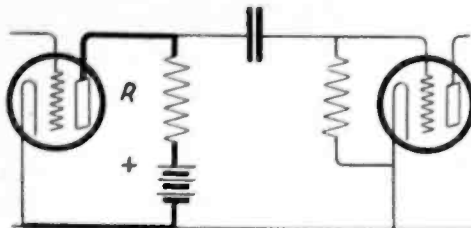
## INTER-TUBE COUPLING



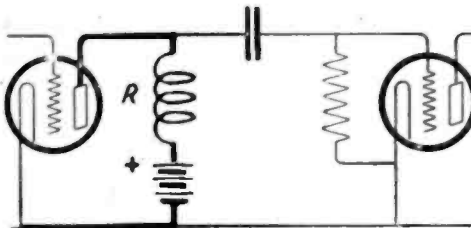
Iron core choke



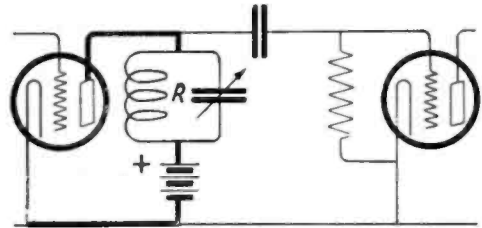
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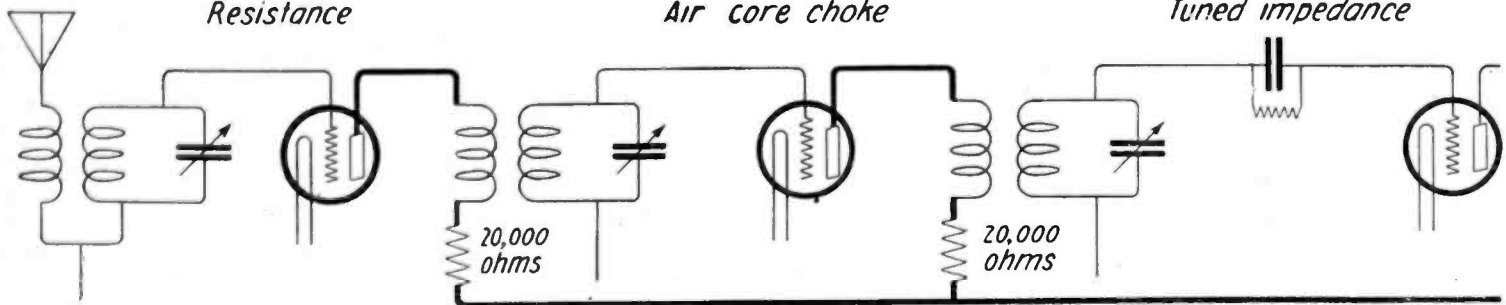
Resistance



Air core choke



Tuned impedance



Adding resistances in the plate circuits to increase the impedance

THE problem of coupling vacuum tubes for amplification of all frequencies employed in radio reception is one of importance; and it is a problem to the understanding of which the ambitious student may well direct this mental energy.

Let us first consider inter-tube coupling as a whole rather than the more usual way of dividing amplifiers into those types suited for high, intermediate or low frequencies.

We have one object: to make the plate current variations produce as large voltage variation on the grid of the next tube as possible; or better stated, to make the plate current variations produce maximum voltage variation between the plate and filament so that this voltage variation may be applied to the grid of the next tube. In doing this we are somewhat restricted by the necessity of applying the proper plate and grid voltages to the tubes so that they may operate properly.

To obtain the largest possible voltage variation between the plate and filament we may include in the plate circuit an impedance of a value at least equal to the plate-filament impedance. For small receiving tubes the plate-filament impedance for all except rather high frequencies is practically the same as the plate-filament direct current resistance which is found by the ratio of "B" battery voltage and plate current when the grid voltage is zero.

The external plate circuit impedance may be of any form which will permit a flow of direct current and also have a suitable high impedance for the frequency being amplified.

The external plate circuit impedance may be directly or indirectly coupled to the grid and filament of the next tube. If the impedance is an inductive one, it may be magnetically coupled to another coil connected to the grid and filament of the next tube—in which case we have "transformer" coupling. But whether it is an inductive impedance or not, it may be directly coupled to the grid and filament of the next tube: If common "A" and "B" batteries are used in this type of amplifier it is necessary to keep the plate voltage off the grids; this is usually done with a "stopping" condenser which insulates the grid from direct current, but has a value such as to readily pass alternating or pulsating current of the frequency to be amplified. (For one should remember that there is no alternating current in the plate circuit.) With such a "blocking" condenser, the grid would be "free" and might attain an excessively high negative charge—due to the negative space charge—which would reduce the plate current and "paralyze" the tube. So a leak must be provided from the grid to the filament. Depending upon what point in the filament circuit the "grid leak" is connected to, the grid may be maintained at

any desired value with respect to the negative terminal of the filament. This leak resistance must have a value high enough to prevent short-circuiting the grid; and a value low enough to permit the accumulated grid voltage to leak off during one wave train and thus prevent the tube from "paralyzing."

To summarize—1. The external plate impedance should at least equal and if possible exceed the internal plate-filament impedance at or over the band of frequencies being amplified. And the impedance should be capable of passing direct current.

2. The "stopping" condenser, if one is used, should be of such a value as to readily pass the frequency or band of frequencies being amplified, but should not pass direct current.

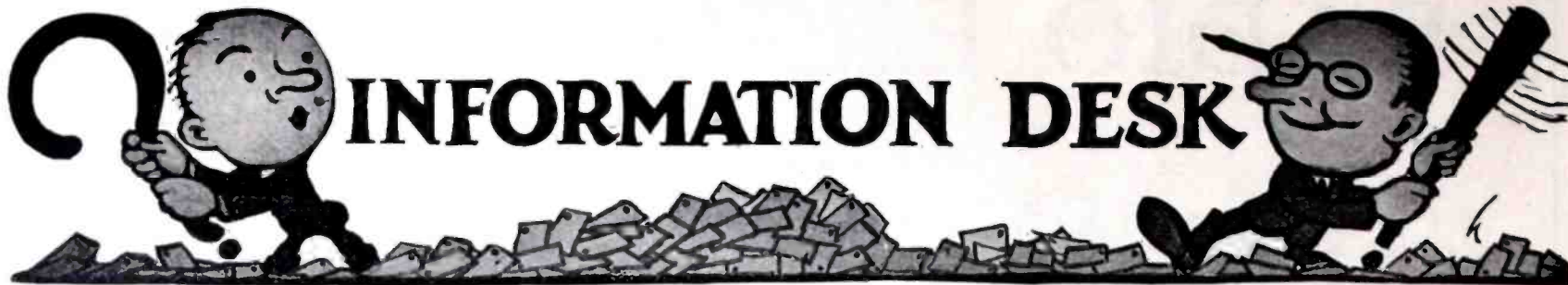
3. The grid leak should have a value sufficiently high to prevent short-circuiting the grid for the frequency being amplified, and a value low enough to permit proper and regular leaking off of the negative charge accumulated during each "wave train." The leak connection should be such as to enable maintenance of a proper grid voltage in order that the tube may be worked at a favorable point on the plate-grid characteristic curve.

The five figures represent several variations of "impedance" coupling; each has special qualifications and limitations, but essentially they are alike. Every transformer coupling is the same thing done differently.

We shall, in time, take up efficiency-requirements of these amplifiers, but at present we would like to point out how the above information might be applied to receivers that, while they operate well, could nevertheless be improved in design. These receivers have a few stages of transformer-coupled radio frequency amplification; the primaries of the transformers are composed of only a few turns; the secondaries are of such an inductance value as to permit a small variable condenser to tune them over the desired range. Now the impedance of the primaries is excessively low so that the plate voltage variations are not nearly as great as they might be. The purpose of such a few turns is to eliminate self-oscillation.

An easy method of "jacking up" the impedance would be to insert a (non-inductive, low inter-electrode capacity) resistance of say 20,000 ohms in series with the primaries as shown in the diagram. This would reduce the plate voltage, but with the value suggested (20,000 ohms) there would be no necessity of increasing the "B" battery voltage of the radio frequency amplifiers. The rather high distributed capacity from the primaries to the filament would be in shunt to these resistances and would lower their effective impedance.

(To be continued.)

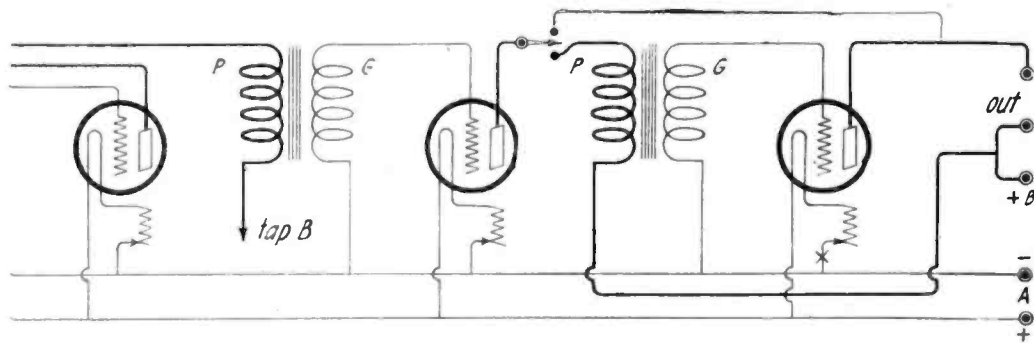


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### Why Jacks?

"I am planning to build a receiver with two stages of audio frequency amplification; not being adept at soldering and realizing that connections to jacks require rather delicate workmanship, I am wondering if I could eliminate the jacks — using some simple method to change from step to step." Thus writes Mr. R. V. Marsten of San Diego, California.

The diagram in these columns shows an exceedingly simple, reliable and "fool-proof" switching arrangement to enable transfer of the headset from the first to second stage.



No provision for using the detector alone is shown as when an amplifier is available we very seldom wish to use less than one stage—even with a headset.

An extra "battery switch" may be placed at X in the diagram to break the filament circuit of the last tube when that is not in use. This is better than turning the rheostat to the "off" position.

Personally we do not like jacks and it is evident that many of the best manufacturers are of the same opinion, as numerous high grade receivers are now equipped with switches rather than jacks.

### Avoid Hand Capacity Effects

Mr. Alfred Whitman of Iowa City, Iowa, asks how he can prevent the hand capacity effects especially troublesome in his receiver.

Very often, the average experimenter in connecting up a variable condenser to tune the secondary of a variocoupler or honeycomb coil unit, does not take into consideration this troublesome and annoying effect. In connecting a variable condenser in a circuit, always see that the rotary plates are connected either to the ground side of the circuit or the filament side, and the stationary plates to the grid side of the circuit. The reason for this is evident. Your hand as well as the rest of your body is at or near ground potential. That is, at zero voltage with respect to ground. Now if the rotary plates and the shaft of the condenser are connected to the filament or ground side of the circuit, there will be no difference of

potential between your hand and the dial on the panel and consequently no condenser effect. A condenser which has the rotary plates grounded to the framework is a particularly advantageous instrument, as the greater part of the metal work in it is at ground potential, and, if connected up in accordance with these directions, it will be found that hand capacity effects are practically nil.

### Adjustment of the Neutrodyne

Mr. Joseph Studer, Fort Wayne, Ind., says that in his neutrodyne receiver, if he takes

either the second radio frequency tube or the detector tube out of the socket the music comes in just as loud as with them in.

This shows that one of the radio frequency tubes is rectifying, which in turn shows that the neutralizing condensers are improperly adjusted.

They may be adjusted as follows: Remove the first radio frequency tube from its socket and place a wad of paper around the two filament prongs, then replace the tube in the socket. The filament prongs are now not making contact with the springs in the socket and consequently the filament will not light. Tune in a signal as loud as possible, then adjust the first neutralizing condenser until you have decreased the signal strength as much as possible or eliminated it entirely. Now remove the wads of paper on the filament prongs and repeat the process with the second radio frequency tube. Your neutrodyne is now adjusted to its most sensitive condition. Note that this process will have to be repeated each time that new or different tubes are used.

### C Battery Voltage

Mr. Julius Hengerer of Elkhart, Ind., wants to know the proper value of "C" battery to use with his audio frequency amplifier when applying 90 volts to the plates of the UV-199 tubes.

The correct value of the "C" battery in this instance is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  volts. It would not be advisable to exceed this "B" battery voltage of 90.

### A Successful Crystal Set

Mr. Haseltine informs us that he has been getting remarkable results with his crystal set made up in accordance with the diagrams and sketches in the January issue of THE WIRELESS AGE. His greatest DX has been Hastings, Nebr., approximately 1,180 miles from his home.

### Parts for the Uni-Control

Mr. Van Valkenburgh asks for the address of the Kardon Products Company, which is 101 Varick Street, New York City.

This company manufactures audio frequency transformers and the mounting shelf with the tube sockets already attached. He also states that he has been unable to obtain the Veldar variable condenser for use in the Uni-Control Receiver. Any variable condenser of good reliable manufacture with a means of vernier adjustment and with a capacity of .0005 mfd. will function satisfactorily in this set.

### Shamrock Variometers for "The Wireless Age" March Set

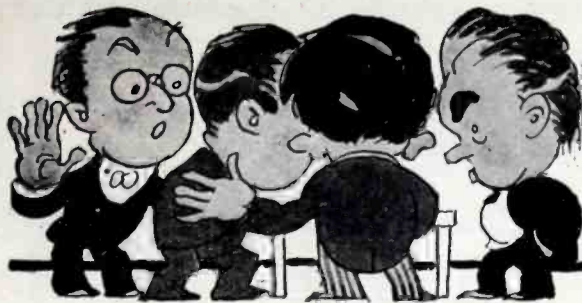
Mr. Miller of Glens Falls, N. Y., inquires whether or not Shamrock variometers can be used in the Special Three Tube set described in the March issue.

They can be used very satisfactorily. The Shamrock variometer comes provided with four Fahnestock clips fastened to the framework of the variometer. Two of these clips are the terminals of the stator and the two others are the terminals of the rotor. Before attempting to connect up these instruments in the set, be sure to run a strap between one rotor terminal and one stator terminal so that the two windings will be in series. Use the two remaining clips as the terminals of the completed variometer in connecting up the receiver.

### Get Rid of Your Whistle

Mr. A. G. Hilson of Pasadena, Calif., wants to know how to cut out the high frequency whistle which he gets in the second stage of his two step a. f. amplifier.

There are a number of ways in which this can be done. The whistle can be eliminated by shunting the secondaries of each transformer with a 100,000-ohm grid leak of the sealed glass tube variety. Grounding the negative side of the "A" battery will accomplish it with about the same degree of effectiveness, and, of course, is easier to do. If neither of these have any effect, ground the cores and framework of the transformers. If the whistle is still in evidence, the transformers are mounted too close together and should be placed farther apart and at right angles to prevent interaction between their magnetic fields.



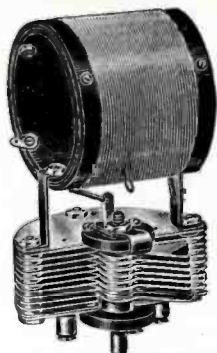
# NEW APPLIANCES AND DEVICES



## Condenser Tuned Radio Frequency Transformer

THE New York Coil Co. has brought out a condenser tuned radio-frequency transformer so designed that electrical losses, such as distributed capacity, have been reduced to the minimum.

The ratio between primary and secondary,



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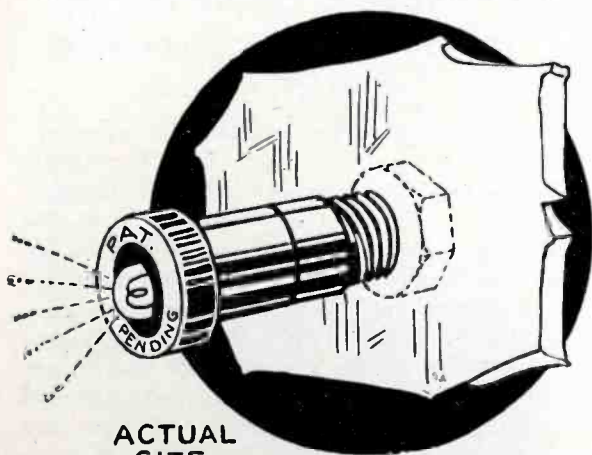
and the correct separation of same all represent the highest development, which together with the grade of material used—results in superior performance.

The transformer is rigidly secured to the New York Variable Condenser of 17 plates, which will tune sharply all wave lengths from 250 to 575 meters.

## Kant-Blo Signal Protective Unit

THE Kanter Manufacturing Corporation, New York City, have perfected and are now marketing the Kant-Blo Signal, which is a protective unit for preventing the blowing out of radio tubes in receiving circuits.

This Kant-Blo Protective Unit is being made in two styles—one in the style of a B-



ACTUAL SIZE

battery binding post and one in the style of a push-pull A-battery switch.

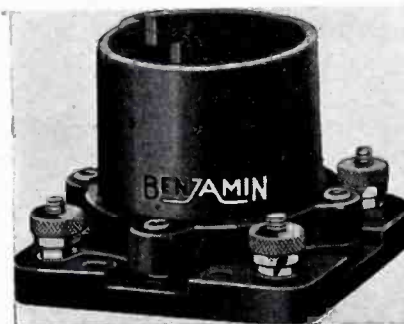
This protective unit takes the place of either a binding post or an A-battery switch that is now on any set, and one signal of either style will protect any number or type of receiving tubes from blowing out due to any short circuit that can develop.

The Kant-Blo eliminates the necessity and expense of using fuses for protection of the filaments; at the same time it provides a visible signal should a "short" develop.

## New Vacuum Tube Socket

THE Benjamin Electric Mfg. Company, Chicago, is now producing a socket for radio vacuum tubes called the Cle-Ra-Tone.

The tube holding element of the socket floats on light springs which act as shock absorbers and neutralizes interfering vibrations which ordinarily would cause "tube noises." The general effect is clearer reproduction.



It is made in two sizes, one for standard base tubes and the other for UV-199 types.

## A New Broadcast Set

THE Bristol Co. of Waterbury, Conn., has brought out a new B.C.L. set using the Grimes Inverse Duplex Circuit. As shown by the cut, the equipment is mounted on a horizontal panel in a mahogany case with hinged lid, all connections to the set except phones being made through a panel board mounted at the back of the case. Ten plugs with four-foot cords are part of the equipment. The first two tubes are radio



frequency amplifiers, the third a detector, and then the first two tubes are used again in reverse order as reflexed audio amplifiers, the final tube being a power amplifier in the well known and really excellent Bristol circuit. The combination makes an unusual set.

The set has but one control, a vernier-equipped tuning knob. A voltmeter, showing the voltage at which the amplifier tubes are operating, is a valuable and rarely-seen part of the set.

## "A" and "B" Battery Charger

THE Acme battery charger for radio "A" and "B" and also automobile batteries has recently been brought out on the market.



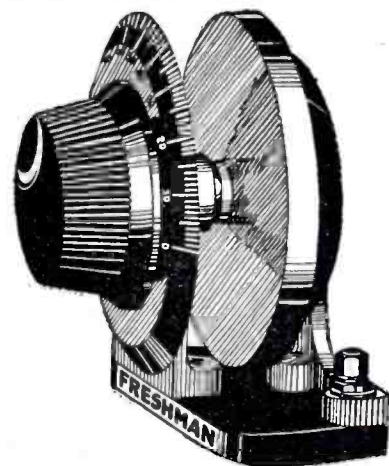
The capacities that these battery chargers are built in are 2 ampere and 5 ampere sizes to charge up to and including 36 "B" type cells.

The construction and design is very unique, and the operating characteristics are such that radio "A" batteries can be charged while the receiving set is in operation.

These battery chargers are being manufactured by The Acme Electric and Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

## A Variable Condenser for Transmission or Reception

A VARIABLE condenser of entirely new construction has been developed by the Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., New York City. It has long been conceded by radio engineers that a variable condenser with mer-

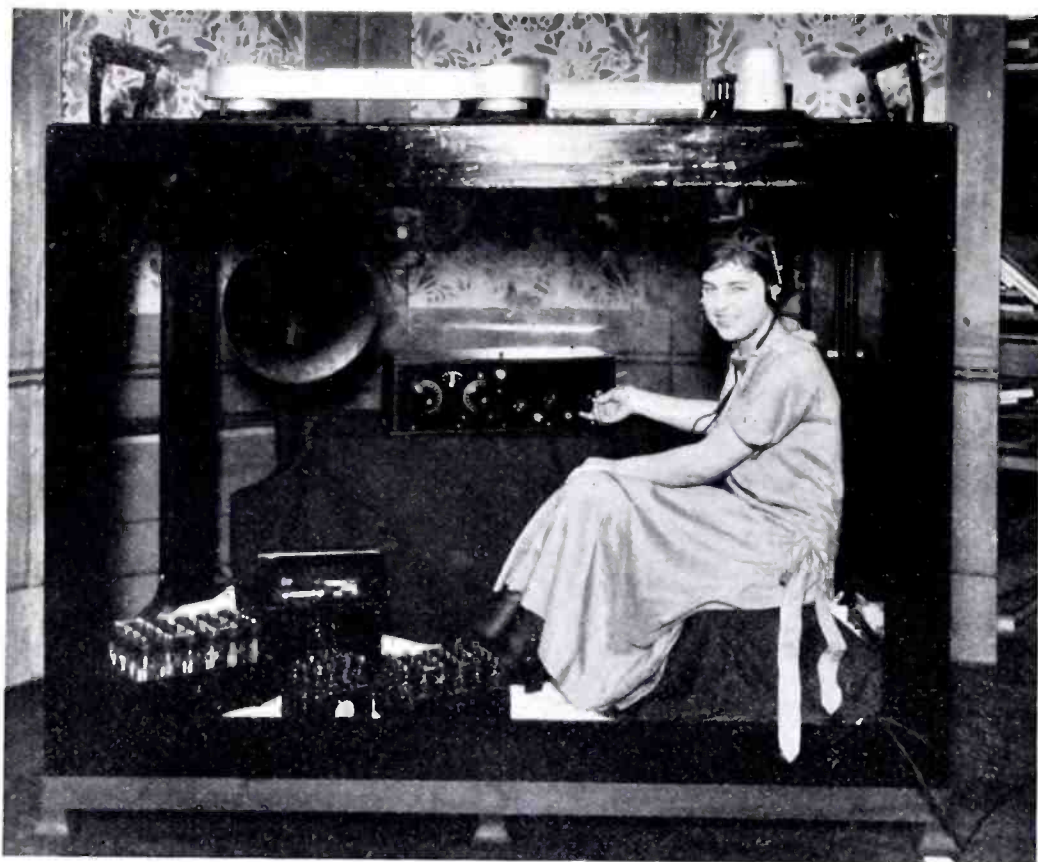


cury plates and a mica dielectric would be the most efficient and compact condenser made. This can be readily understood, as the mercury plates make very intimate contact with the mica dielectric. The inventor has achieved this and has also evolved a construction wherein the plates vary in area.

The dielectric is a heavy piece of India ruby mica and the housing is made of Bakelite. The variation in capacity is accomplished by rotating the entire structure

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# INDUSTRIAL INKLINGS



A business-getter innovation of the Willard Storage Battery Co.

**T**HE Radio Industries Corporation, New York, have been granted a patent on adjustable phones and loud speakers which covers any resilient member interposed between the diaphragm and the receiver case.

**R**OLLER-SMITH COMPANY, New York, offer in a pamphlet several direct current switchboard instruments which comprise ammeters, milli-ammeters, voltmeters, milli-volts, volt-ammeters. Their booklet contains charts which give the values per scale division. Such information is valuable when selecting instruments of this kind.

**T**HE Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo, New York, have solved the constructional problems for the buyers of parts, by issuing an accurately marked template, showing how to correctly space the screw holes for mounting the instrument whether it be a variable condenser, variometer, variocoupler, rheostat, potentiometer or anti-capacity switch. A glance at the illustration will indicate the convenience of a template when marking and drilling holes in the panel. The builder has only to paste it on the spot where the holes are wanted and gently, but firmly, punch a sharp instrument through the paper into the panel, thus transferring the correct spacing from the paper template to the panel. The drill size for each hole is also furnished, so that when all holes are drilled, all you have to do is put the parts in position and tighten up the screws.

**T**HE Rieger Research Corporation, manufacturers of Curkoids and Curkoid couplers have changed their location to 100 Charles Street, New York City, where they are occupying two floors. This change in location affords the corporation a considerable increase in manufacturing ability over that which they had in their old location.

**A**DAMS-MORGAN COMPANY have placed with every dealer appointed by Paragon distributors, an attractive counter display card to show Paragon connection. Every month they select their best piece of consumer advertising, have it reprinted to proper size to fit the card and send it to each dealer, so that he can keep his card up to date. In this way they tie together their consumer advertising with the dealer.

**B**RUNSWICK Electric and Radio Company, St. Louis, Mo., are distributing to their customers a small card which any radio dealer can have printed at a small cost. This card is made up in the form of an appreciation card which the radio listener may fill out and send to the broadcast station as his applause. These cards serve to promote the good-will of the dealer who issues them to his customers.

**T**HE WINKLER-REICHMANN COMPANY, Chicago, Ill., have canvassed radio dealers with a snappy folder illustrating their Thorophone, attached to a questionnaire, well calculated to elicit some response.

**P**RESIDENT FREDERICK DIETRICH of C. Brandes, Inc., manufacturer of "Matched Tone" radio headsets and the Brandes "Table-Talker" has announced that the capitalization of the company has been increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The original capitalization was \$5,000, and on March 3, 1923, less than a year ago, it was increased to the half-million mark.

Mr. Dietrich and Mr. C. E. Brigham, chief research engineer, sailed for Europe on March 8th, to visit the new plant of the Brandes, Ltd., in England.

Mr. Harry J. Walsh, who for the past year was assistant to Director Lane of the Electrical Industry's Joint Committee for Business Development, has been appointed publicity manager of C. Brandes, Inc.

**L**UDWIG-HOMMEL, Pittsburgh, Pa., have issued an encyclopedia of radio apparatus. This book contains their latest price list, particularly the receiving equipment section which will unquestionably be of paramount interest to all radio fans reading *THE WIRELESS AGE*. This encyclopedia-price list may be recommended unreservedly to any radio fan who is interested in the purchase of parts and equipment.

**T**HE Progress Press of Union, S. C., have brought out a book, "Where I Go by Radio," for the B.C.L. which enables him to keep a complete record of his reception.

Spaces are provided for noting of dial setting, time, weather conditions, etc., and thus a really comprehensive record can be kept.

## A Variable Condenser for Transmission or Reception

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on two shafts which act as the terminals. The reservoir which contains the mercury is at the extreme lower portion when the condenser is set for zero capacity. As the condenser is rotated the mercury rides out of this reservoir into a thin circular chamber about one-sixteenth of an inch thick, forming a thin wall of mercury which increases in size, until the reservoir is at the top part of the casing. At this point maximum capacity is attained, due to the fact that you have a complete circular plate of mercury which is opposite to the circular plate of mercury on the other side of the mica dielectric.

The condensers give practically twice the capacity ever attained before in the same space where condensers of semi-circular plates are used.

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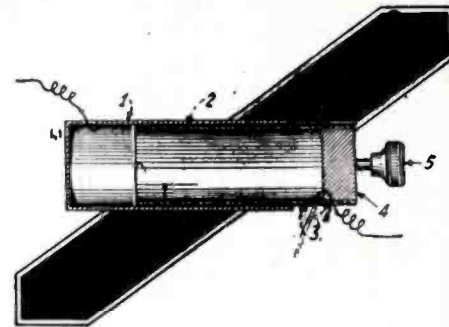
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A FRENCH amateur has told in the publication "L'Antenne" (The Antenna) how he built a small capacity variable condenser out of simple parts, for use in a resistance-coupled radio frequency amplifier.

The condenser uses the zinc can from a pocket flashlight battery for one plate. After the can has been cleaned and the interior scoured with emery paper a wire is soldered to it and it is ready. Next a small pill bottle is found of such a size that it will be a sliding fit within the can. Inside the bottle and cemented to its wall is coiled



some brass, tin or copper foil, likewise provided with a wire. A cork in the bottle, and a suitable insulating handle attached to the cork, and the job is done. This condenser, being of extremely small capacity, also has been found of value as a vernier in tuning.

## Static

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regions, and, probably elsewhere, and extending skyward, several hundred miles up.

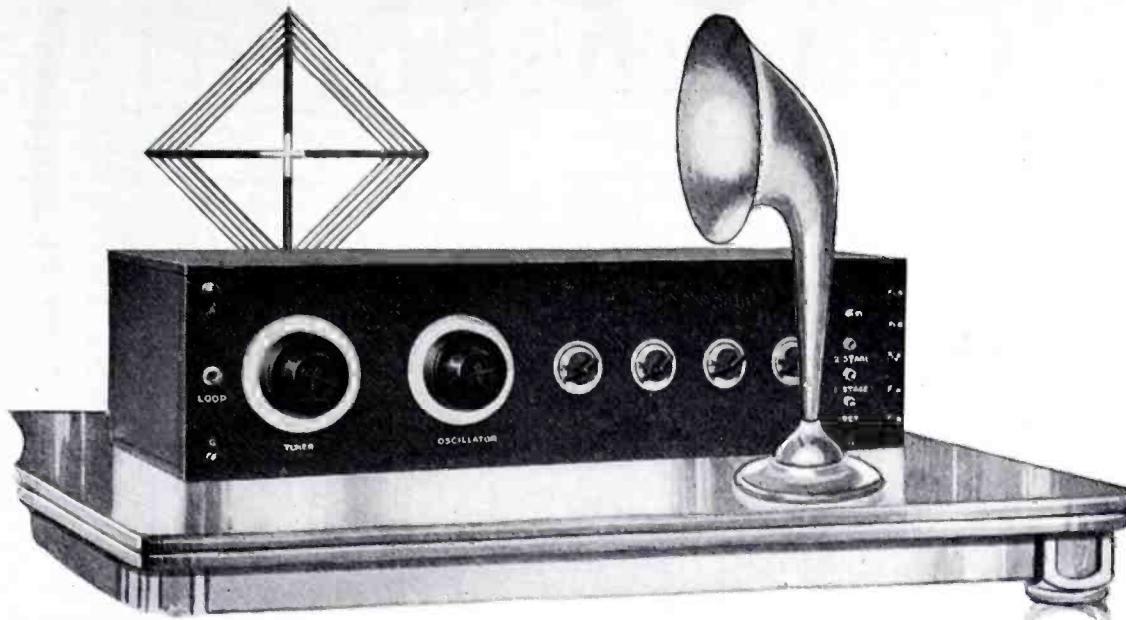
The phenomenon of the aurora borealis as seen in the Northern Hemisphere and the aurora australis, as seen in the Southern Hemisphere are mysteries as profound as the magnetic poles, and may not be explained until we can explain the magnetic poles and terrestrial magnetism.

In fact, the magnetic poles seem to be responsible for the northern and southern auroral displays. These displays usually occur in the regions of the magnetic poles and it appears that they occur simultaneously at both the north and the south magnetic poles.

The smaller magnetic poles and other unreported magnetic spots may be responsible for lesser auroral displays, the meaning of which are still beyond the understanding of mankind.

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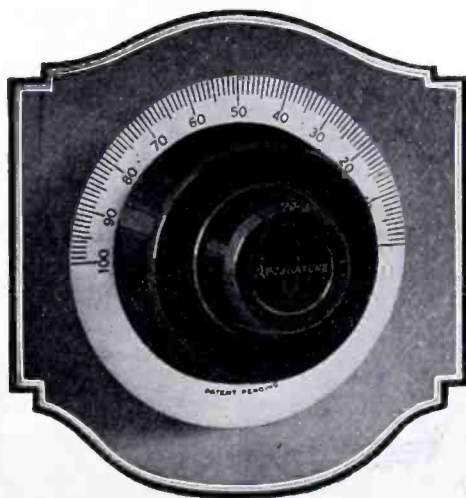
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Radio experimenters throughout the world can assist in establishing the following:

(1) Are auroral displays simultaneous occurrences at both the north magnetic poles and the south magnetic poles?

(2) Are auroral displays always attended by magnetic and electric disturbances; if so, to what extent, by actual registration of instruments; and to what extent geographically?

(3) Are auroral displays accompanied by "cracking" or "rustling" noises?

Radio broadcasting has made it possible to detect cosmic noises, unrelated to the world's machinery, which we may find to be related to the phenomena of auroral displays.

How? No one knows. It is another riddle—very important to the extension of radio activities that may easily be solved by the world's radio workers by little more than listening to these cosmic noises, reporting when possible their nature, duration and direction and the behavior of the compass to the Aerial League of America, who will sort these reports and transmit them to a body of the highest government and civilian authorities, who will arrange to have the information plotted and tabulated and—from the preponderance of evidence in favor of given deductions—may establish facts of great importance to the radio world.

By adding to their radio set the simplest equipment used for determining magnetic variations, the world's radio experimenters may in the course of a year supply data in their reports that will make it possible to establish the connection of the so-called "static" and "atmospheric" disturbances to the polar lights, the connection between polar lights and magnetic storms, the direction and geography of magnetic disturbances and other basic data.

Why man's total knowledge cannot yet explain these natural mysteries is a natural question.

The answer is that there are more branches of science involved and a larger territory than any individual or group of individuals has been able to master heretofore. I say heretofore, because I believe that the radio fans of the world can, combined, within two years, explain these phenomena.

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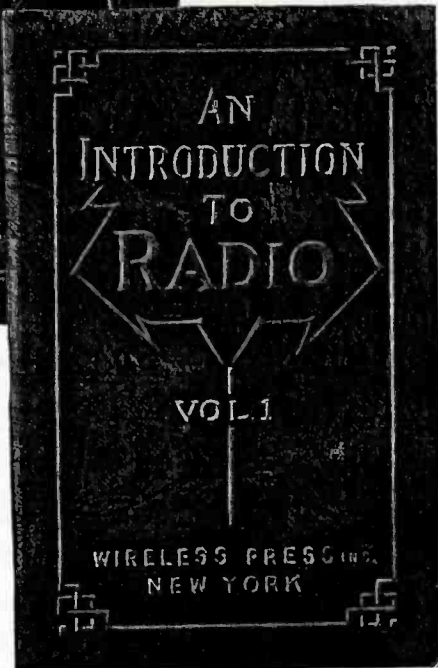
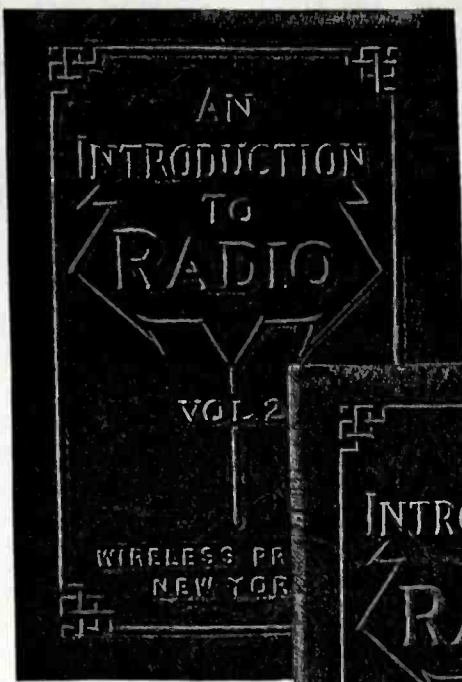
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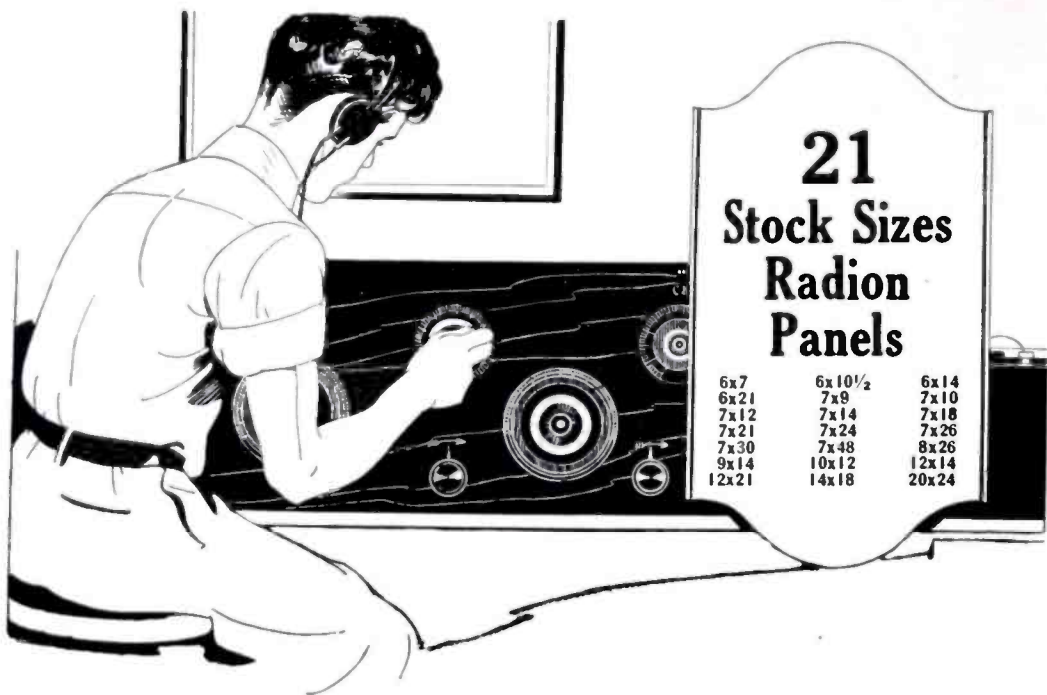
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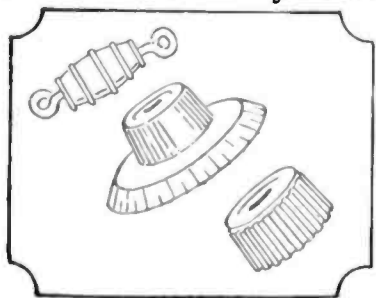
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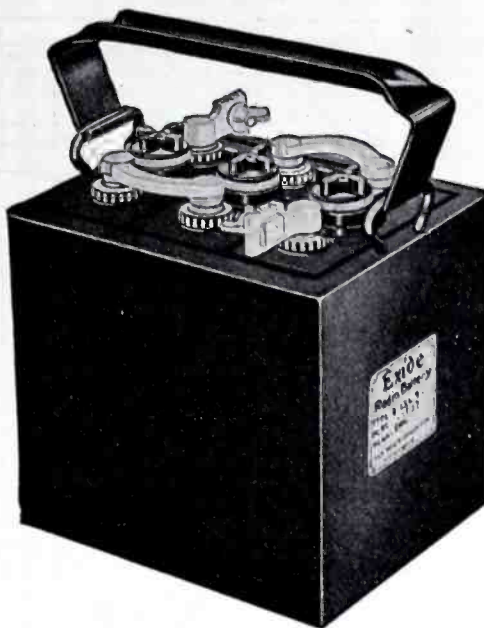
tainment to the station proper at Schenectady which in turn retransmits or broadcasts to the radio audience on a higher wave-length and greater power output.

When the cost of soliciting talent has been added to the budget for station operation, the unsound economics of broadcasting, as practiced today, is apparent. And obviously, getting what the public wants in choice program material becomes, daily, a more difficult problem as the excessive operating costs steadily rise.

The phenomenal growth of the new science that was destined to become the greatest instrument of publicity the world had ever known, or for that matter, had even conceived of in moments of wildest fancy, startled men of affairs in every phase of the modern industrial system. Publicity innovations, designed for engaging the public's attention increased by the hundredfold and the possibility of exhausting the field seemed to be ever more remote. Commercial enterprises rushed into the business of broadcasting. Manufacturers of radio equipment fairly sprang into being. Radio experts oozed from the appalling jam in ever increasing numbers. Editorials discussed radio. Newspaper and magazine stories toyed with radio. Radio became a universal topic. But none dared to analyze the situation.

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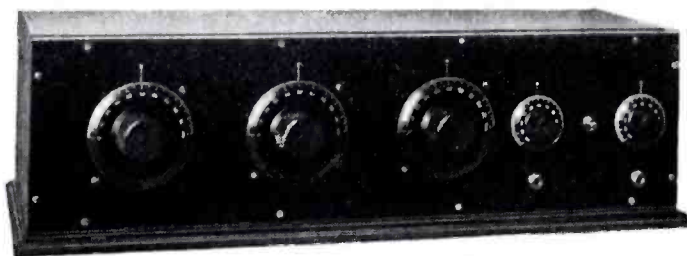
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about to systematically determine just what broadcasting was. Having arrived at various conclusions, they compared notes. Having decided upon given conditions and approximate results, they forthwith turned their individual attentions to the solution of the broadcast situation according to the future problem of each.

They found that three factors constitute the primary motive for broadcasting. First, publicity. Secondly, as exemplified by the telephone company, the sale of broadcasting as another form of communication, and a definite industry. Thirdly, the manufacturer of radio equipment must encourage the demand for his product.

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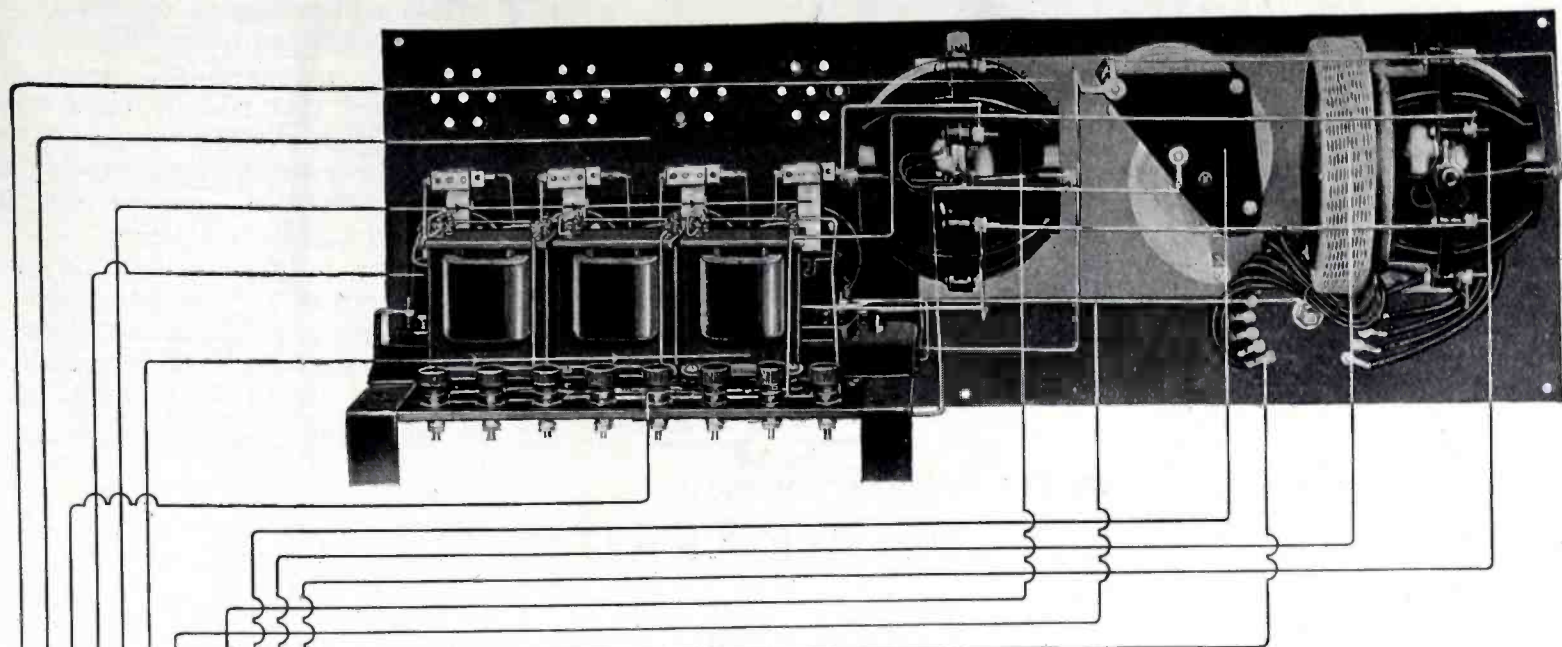
Organizations of the department store character employ broadcasting for publicity purposes. Unlike all their other forms of advertising, however, they do not expect, nor can they ascertain any direct return.

Newspapers have little else than the good will of subscribers that they may reasonably anticipate as a result of their adoption of broadcasting.

Manufacturers of products other than radio blandly charge broadcast expenditure to publicity costs and let the matter rest there.

Now let us consider the second factor. Communication as a marketable product is thoroughly established, as manifest in the telephone, cable and telegraph systems. And so, if broadcasting be considered as one form of communication, it may be reasonably assumed that everyone who wants to broadcast should expect to purchase this service. But the message to be

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delivered is intended for the general edification of an audience seeking entertainment and must consequently be dressed with the proper embellishments to render it acceptable. Having accomplished that end by rigid censorship the next step is merely a matter of fixing the charge in accordance with the fair balance between operating costs and service rendered.

Coming to the third factor, radio manufacturers try to encourage the sale of their products by operating broadcast stations. The broadcast stations now owned by radio manufacturers strive to serve the public according to the best interests of both and the rather particular enjoyment of the latter. They have no desire to market communication; they utilize to a great extent the desire of artists and others for publicity; their aim is to stimulate desire for their product.

AN EXPERIMENT

A dominant figure in broadcasting has advanced a theory and substantiates its practicability so convincingly that several of his fellow-executives expect to see the full realization of his plan in the near future. It seems to him that very likely there exists a group of people who desire grand opera avidly enough to welcome a subscription that would procure it. Collectively, the small individual fees could represent the purchasing power necessary to broadcast the best in opera. And likewise, symphony concerts, successful plays and famous artists could be procured for the asking.

And then, he claims, consolidation of broadcast centrals on a national scale would further enhance the real service of broadcasting. Subscription fees would automatically become smaller and a greater area gradually become cosmopolitan through intimate contact with the world at its best in culture and education.

But another well-posted radio executive maintains that broadcasting can surely be made commercially practicable without any means being found for collecting from the consumer. He insists that just as soon as the freedom and universality of radio is destroyed, and confined to only those who pay for the service, the fundamental of the whole situation is destroyed. This official believes that broadcasting as constituted today, is commercially sound, and will remain so in the future. He admits, however, that some selective and narrowcast methods may be found which will do no harm.

In a consideration of broadcasting and its development it is well to have a clear analysis as a starting point.

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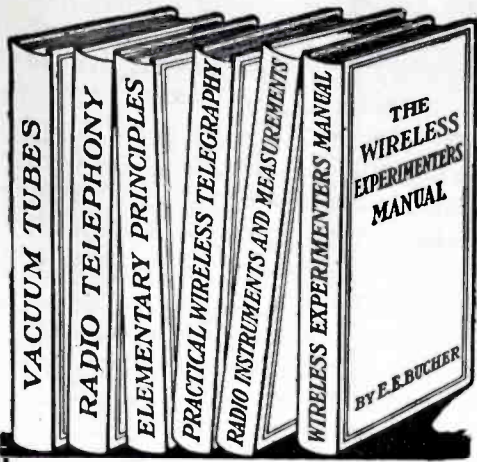
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cord. Program directors then had to determine just what the public wanted. Next, they determined what programs were made of. And then came the problem of just how to get the public what it wanted. That problem became an acute responsibility when the executives discovered that broadcasting involved tremendous costs that were mounting rapidly.

The same executives who have made the foregoing analysis are not agreed upon the issue of whether broadcasting rests at present on a sound economic basis. So the question, "Who will pay the broadcasting bill?" would still seem to be an open one.

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There is now manifest a strong tendency to force this problem upon the public for solution. Already movements are well under way to organize the public into associations for such purpose. This is probably premature. Association — organization — at the present time would serve merely to substantiate the opinions of those who inspire the organization.

That problem must first be fairly presented, and then well understood. Radio fans must comprehend its proportional values. Then they must **THINK . . . and DISCUSS . . .** There is plenty of time.

But time—even time—advances.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of this article has alluded to the important part that letters from listeners have played in developing broadcasting. Letters can **FURTHER** contribute to its progress and stabilization.

THE WIRELESS AGE presents this problem and this opportunity to its readers.

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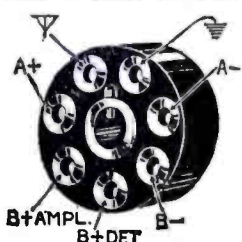
## The Artist

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tion of the total music of the world; they do not represent a monopoly or constitute a so-called "music trust" as those opposing us would have you believe; but I do claim that they create the essential music which the radio public desires to hear broadcasted.

Let us briefly summarize the arguments advanced by the broadcasters who decline to pay for the use of our works. (a) That they receive no compensation from the radio audience and therefore cannot afford to pay the copyright owner. (b) That recognition to the composer and author of music will necessitate payment to the musician, singer and lecturer who

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now volunteer their service without compensation, an expense which it is claimed they cannot afford. (c) That broadcasting advertises music and is of material benefit to the writer who should look to other sources for his income.

The first point is not based upon the facts for though no payment is directly received from the beneficiaries of the service, payment is indirectly made in profits from the sale of radio apparatus, advertising, etc. The second contention is too absurd for any extended discussion. Upon what basis does the broadcaster expect anyone to give their service without compensation? Radio ought to pay everyone who renders it a service, most generously. It should secure the best talent available and pay it adequately. The radio audience should not be subjected to an inferior program of amateur artists and others seeking publicity. The third point, which is the one chiefly stressed, is without any merit whatsoever. In the first place we deny that broadcasting our music increases the sale of our product, and we reach this conclusion not by theory, but upon facts. Radio broadcasting seriously competes with the sale of sheet music, phonograph records and music rolls; it has diminished the royalties received by our members during the past six months upwards of fifty per cent., and to all appearances, promises to continue a further decrease.

In conclusion let it be said that in every civilized country of the world similar societies exist for the protection of composers and authors of music, and due recognition is given by payment for the privilege of performing copyrighted music. In this country, the organized effort and insistent desire for an equitable distribution of the rewards of industry, for a wider justice, for a more consistent righteousness in human affairs, is one of the most stimulating and hopeful signs of the present era. There ought to be a militant public demand for progress in this direction, but in the accomplishment of these ends there needs to be a better understanding in the name of the composers and authors for whom I speak.

**The Broadcasters**

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tra simply to entertain its patrons, but frequently, because of the popularity already obtained by the orchestra through broadcasting and in other ways, it has a drawing power. There is a prominent Broadway café which occasionally employs the services of a well-known orchestra; when the or-

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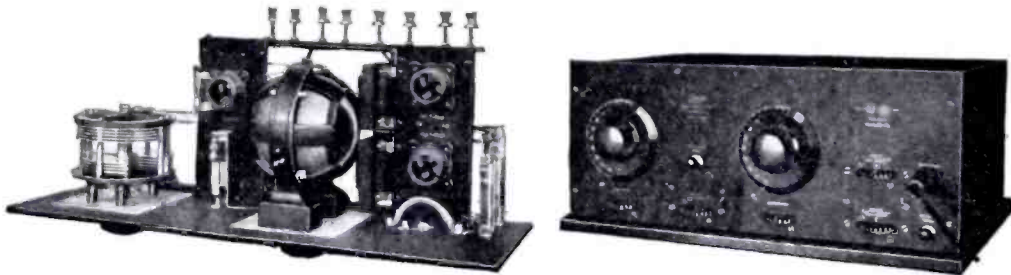
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chestra plays there, more persons patronize the café, and naturally the more persons who go there, the more food and drink the café sells, with the increased attendant profit. This is a common sense viewpoint, and one that by the very nature of it, cannot be applied to broadcasting stations. Thus the analogy is not a fair one.

That broadcasting does popularize music, not only partially, but to a greater extent than by other methods, is evinced by the number of songs hardly heard of before broadcasting, but which now are sold by the millions of copies, and sung and played from one end of the country to the other.

Many songs have unquestionably been made by radio broadcasting. The American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers offered \$75,000 for a number that was popularized through broadcasting, indicating another attempt to corner everything worth while.

The only way any song can become popular and thus increase its commercial value, is by having a great number of persons hear it. Obviously they will not buy a copy of the sheet music, a phonograph record, or a music roll unless they like the composition, and in order to like it, they must hear it. A vocalist may reach, either through appearances on the stage, concert platform or auditorium, perchance in a lifetime, a few hundred thousand persons. Through the medium of broadcasting, millions hear a song in three minutes!

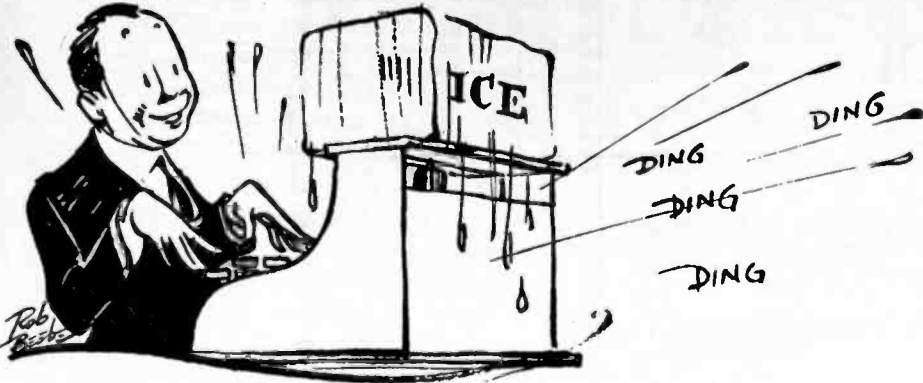
Performers are paid well for their time and talents, through broadcasting. Millions of persons who would probably never have heard of them had it not been for radio, attend the theaters where their names are advertised simply because their performances had been broadcast and found to be good. Thus the performers distribute samples of their talents to millions of potential buyers. Since the managements of theaters profit directly by this, salaries to performers are increased as the result. In fact, many actors who once had difficulty in securing engagements have found themselves in demand after broadcasting.

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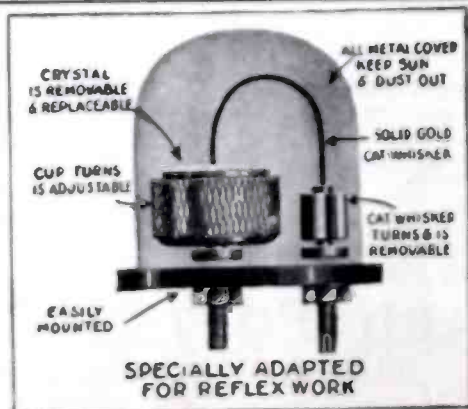
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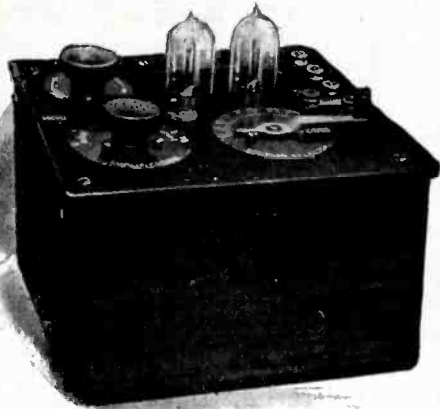


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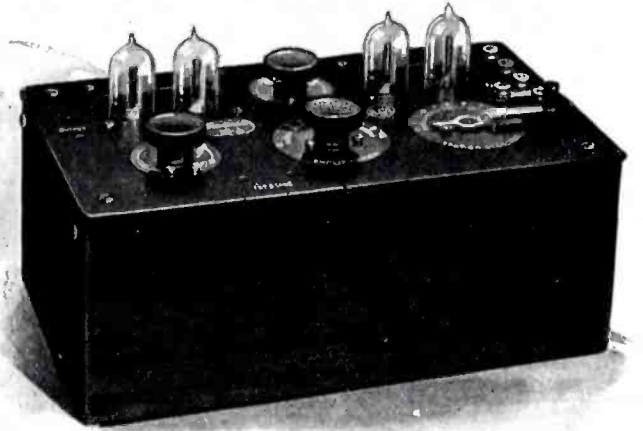
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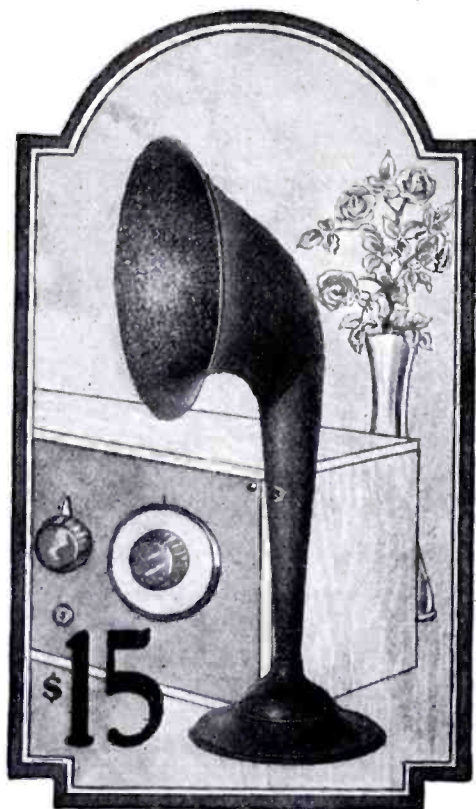
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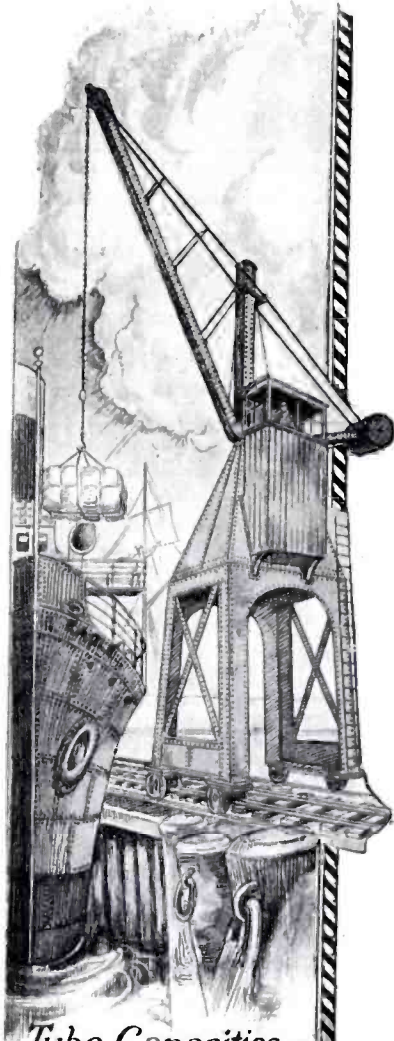
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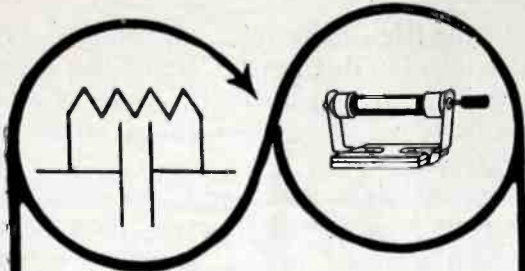
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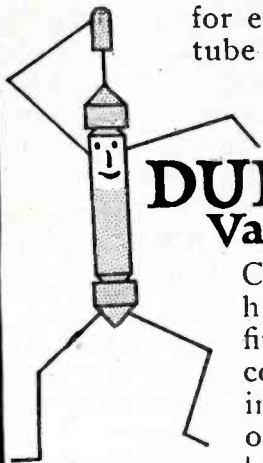
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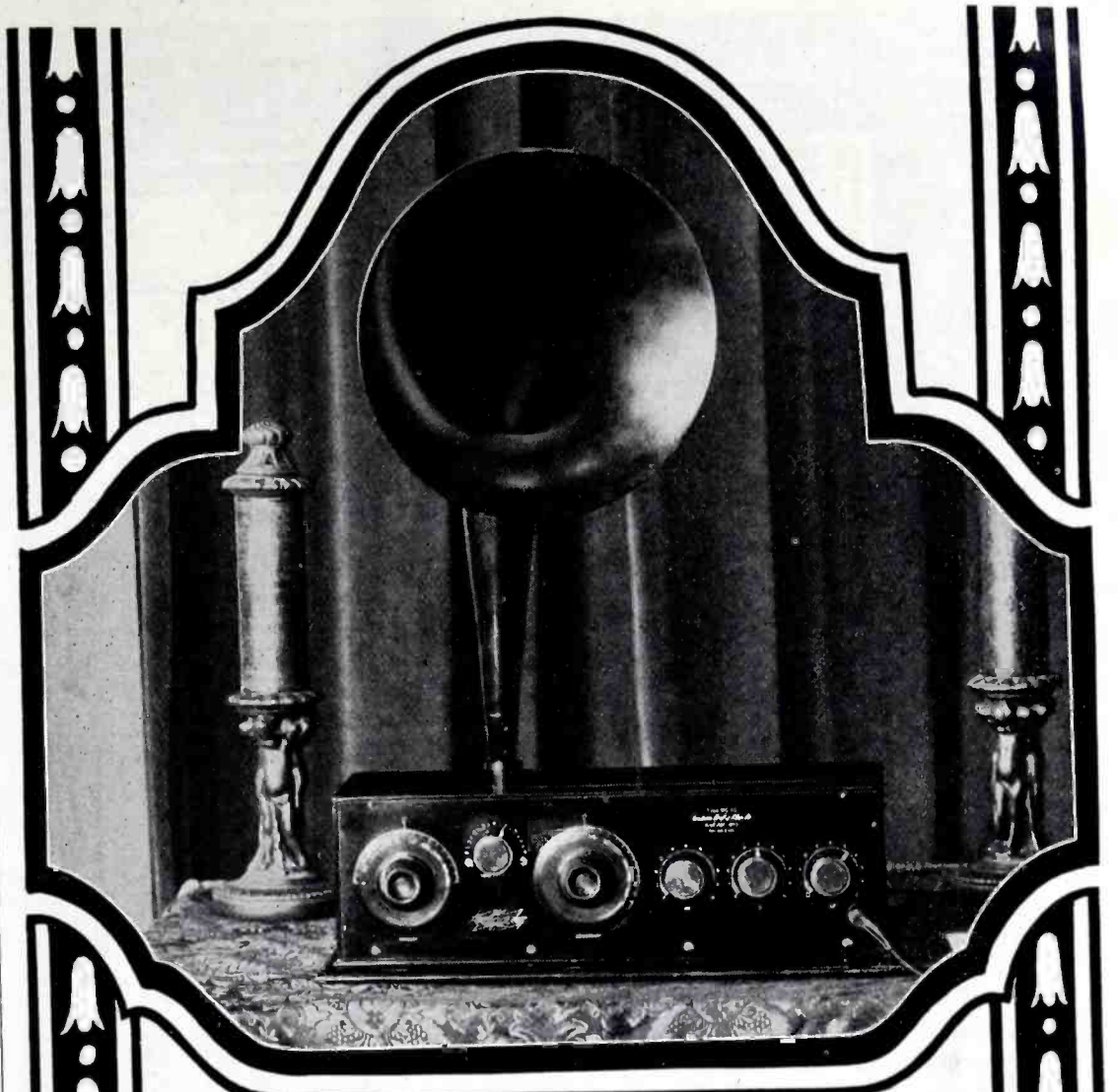
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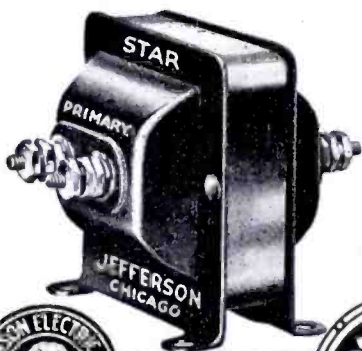
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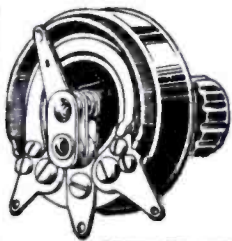
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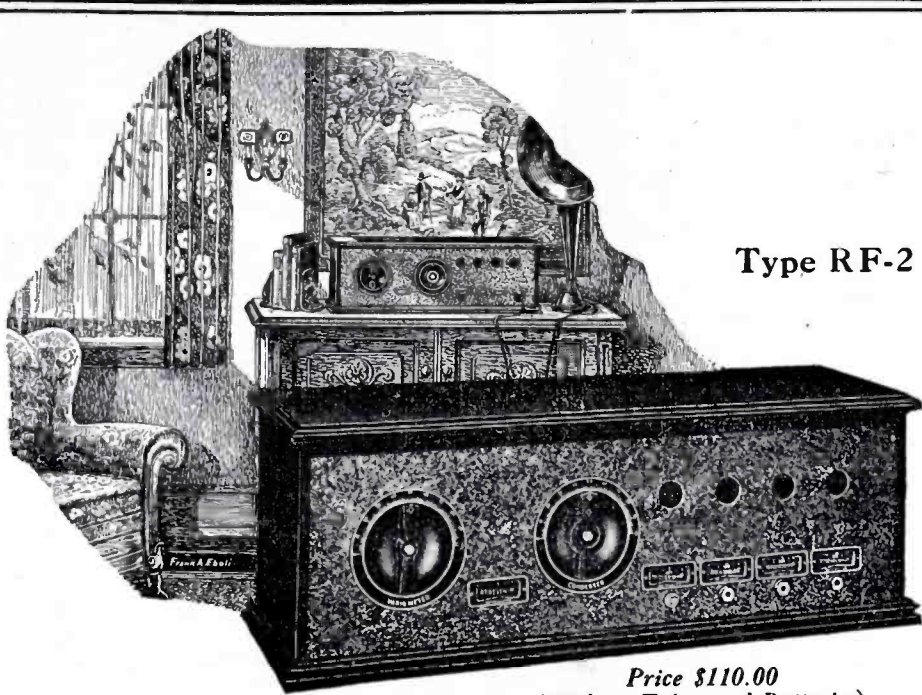
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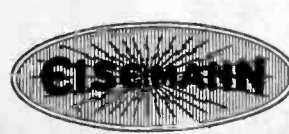
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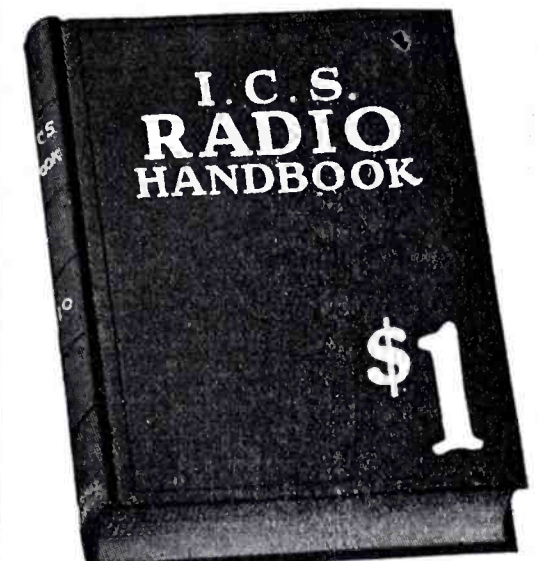


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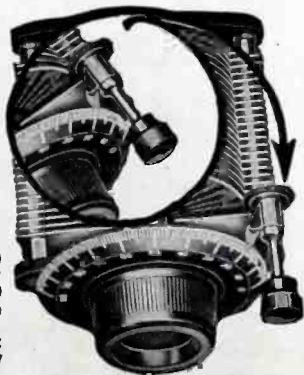
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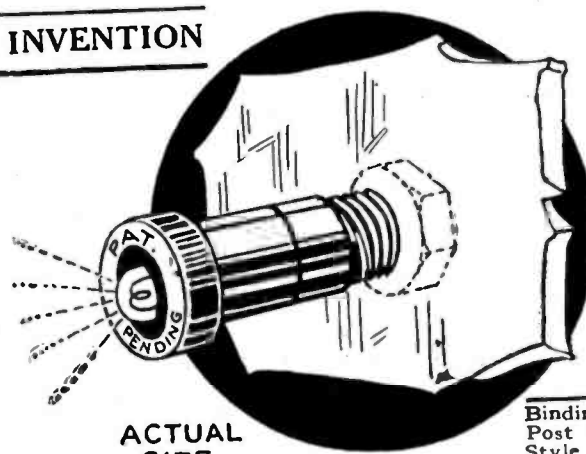
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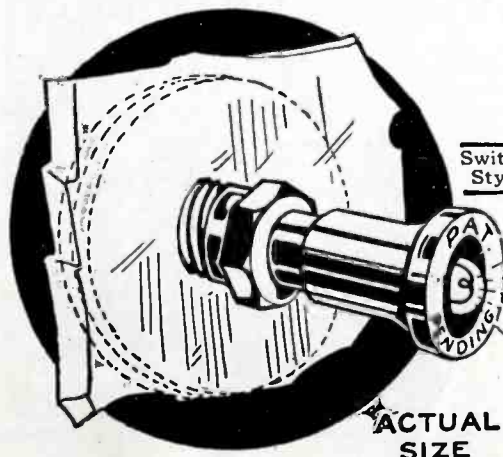
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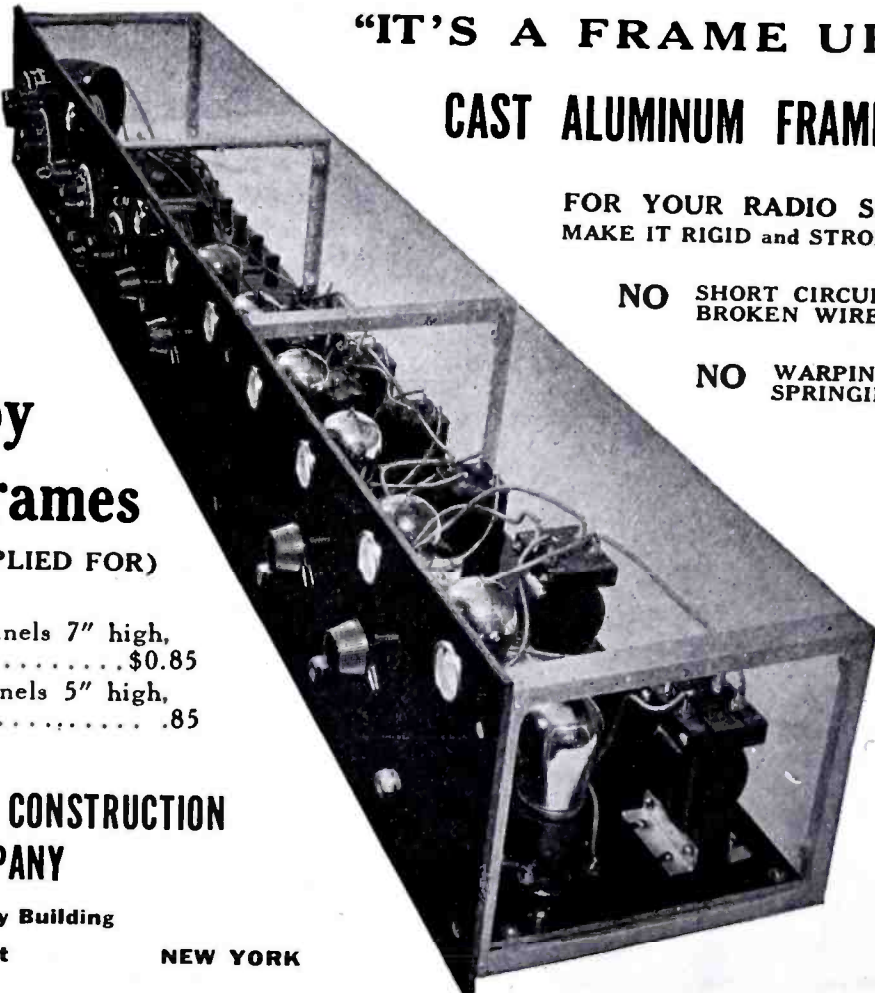
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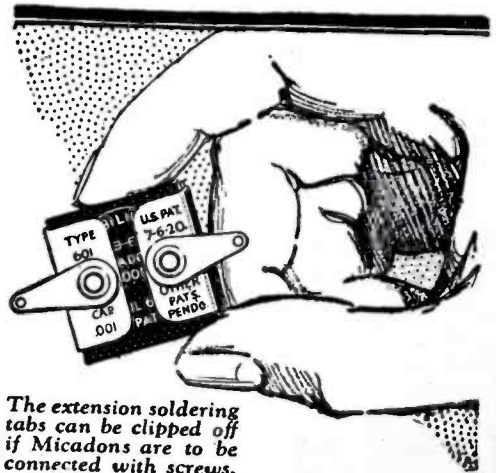
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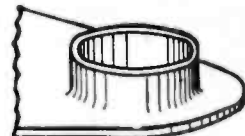
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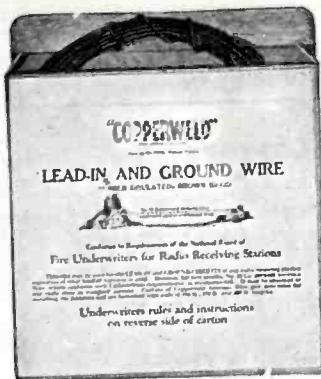


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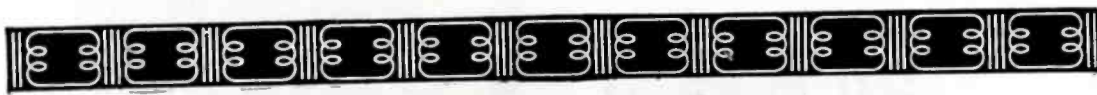
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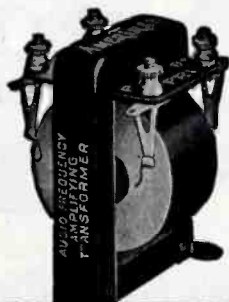
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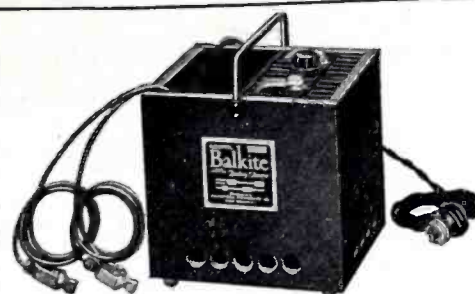
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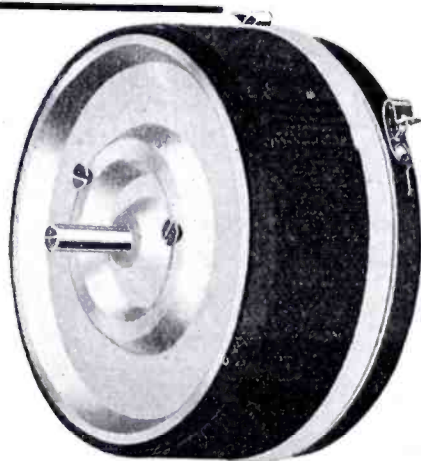
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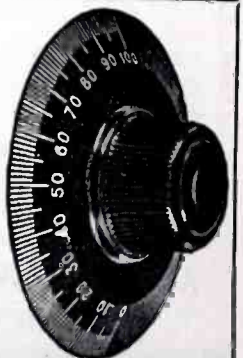
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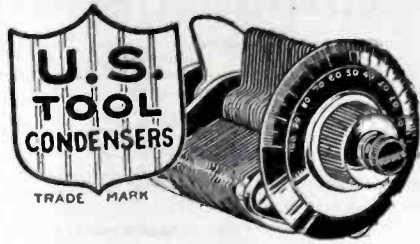
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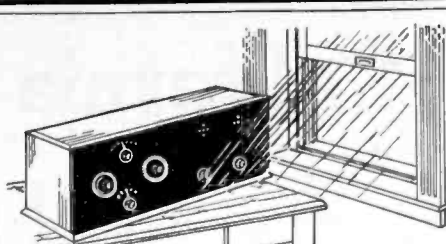
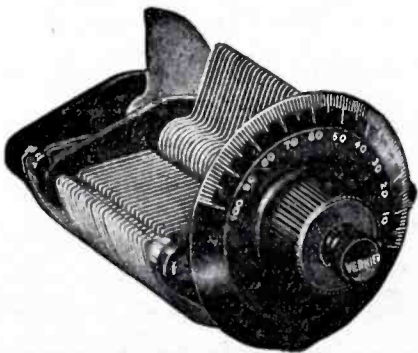
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