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# Radio Receivers by Production Methods

By JOHN A. PERN

A tour by proxy through one of the largest plants engaged in the manufacture of radio receiving equipment. The reader of this article will be able to form some idea of the magnitude of the fastest-growing industry in the world.

T IS a very difficult matter for anyone, not actively interested in the radio industry, to form any clear idea of its mag-With the introduction of tion systems. radio, they were comfortably in a position not only to assemble radio parts, but to make every piece that was used in their receiving sets. This was easily done, as the peculiar machinery used in making ignition equip-ment is quite similar to that necessary to make radio parts.

Radio design is a special branch of electrical engineering, where the "transients,"

of manufacturing these high-powered, farreaching sets, may be summarized in the following sketchy description:

To begin with, there are several depart-

ments, each of which can be considered as acting independent of the others. These are the departments in which the separate pieces of apparatus are made and assembled, as. for instance, condensers, rhecstats, transformers, etc. Each of these departments

An assembling room, showing the trays in which the unit parts are supplied, and the finished instruments to the right of each worker's place.

Almost over night, an enormous demand for radio equipment was felt; adventurers in the industrial field tried to supply the great demand, and in a short time the market was flooded with an overabundance of equipment of all sorts, and of all qualities. Many of these makers were entirely new in the manufacturing business; but there were others who had for a long time been engaged in the production of similar equipment, and were, as a result, able to undertake the manufacture of radio apparatus

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nitude or extent, unless he is tortunate enough to be permitted to make a tour of inspection through the factories of some of the greater concerns in the radio industry.

The average person is well aware of the great interest the public in general takes in radio, because he reads of it in the newspapers, he reads the radio supplements and

papers; he reads the radio supplements and magazines; he sees antenna after antenna on the roofs of private homes and apartment houses. But even all this does not permit him to form any adequate conception of how the roofs of private him to form any adequate conception of how the roots and coneral is the use of radio apparatus.

great and general is the use of radio apparatus, and how intense the interest the people take in receiving the splendid concerts

ple take in receiving the splendid concerts that are being broadcast.

The growth of the radio industry has been phenomenal; things had been brewing for many years—at least fifty—since the first classical researches in radio were conducted by the pioneer investigators. But little had been done in placing its developments before the public until after the great war, during which many of those who went "over there" became first acquainted with the utility and advantages of radio.

CREATING A GREAT NEW INDUSTRY

the utility and advantages of radio.

Among the latter was the Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia. For many years they had been manufacturing, and supplying a national demand for automotive starting, lighting and ignior small details, encountered in regular power engineering become the important things. Automotive systems deal mainly with electrical "transients," so that previous experience in that line became more valuable when radio manufacturing was begun.

The Atwater Kent daylight factory extends over twelve acres and employs hundreds and hundreds of people. It is intensely interesting to the ordinary person, as well as to the technically-inclined man, to watch the astonishing transformation of the rough material into mechanically perfect radio parts, in this huge, efficient factory. The process

receives its screws, bolts, etc., from the machine shop or the stock room, winds its own coils, conducts its own tests, assembles the equipment, and then passes it on to the set assembly department. There the parts are put together, on the panel, and in the cabinet, tested, and finally packed for shipping. Everything that goes into the receiver is made in the Atwater Kent factories.

#### MACHINERY OF ALMOST HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

It is difficult to say what is the most interesting process of manufacturing in this factory; but the specially-designed machines that operate at a tremendous speed are usually first to attract a visitor's eye.

All coils used in the receiver and loud speaker are wound on special automatic winding machines in a twinkling. Most of these machines are attended by skillful girls with deft fingers.



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Every advantage is taken of the possibilities of automatic machinery. Special gang-drills bore many holes simultaneously, as, for instance, in the bakelite end-plates of the condensers. A huge punch-press stamps out all the holes in the plate which is to become the panel, in one operation. Spot-welding machines weld the sub-panel to the panel, and the supporting ring to the A.F. trans-

former casings.

Even the mahogany cabinets, in which the receivers are housed, are made and given that "much coveted" satin piano finish in this plant. Unique devices in wood-working machinery help to speed manufacturing, and lacquer spray-guns facilitate production.

#### PRESSES COMMAND ATTENTION

The gigantic presses, weighing thousands of pounds, used for shaping the bell of the loud speaker, are especially interesting. The first big press, with a tremendous crash, punches the steel required for the bell out of huge steel sheets, and converts the bell into a shape that resembles a dishpan, After the bell is punched into shape, smoothed and ready for the paint shop, holes are automatically drilled in it to receive bolts or screws for fastening to the neck of the horn:

Departments such as the tool-making section may be omitted from this summary, as they do not enter into the special order of radio work; although these departments are as essential as any other. These may be classed as routine steps in the journey, somewhat in the same way as we regard the ma-chine-maintenance or repair departments.

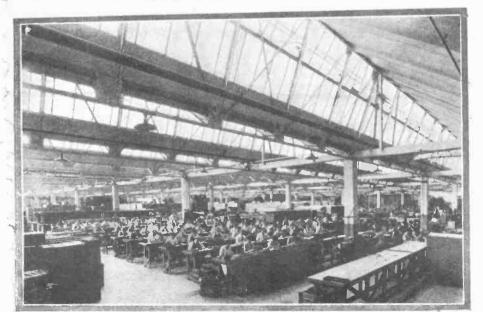
#### MULTITUDE OF TESTS NEEDED

Every piece of equipment made in the factory receives an individual test before it passes to the next department in line.

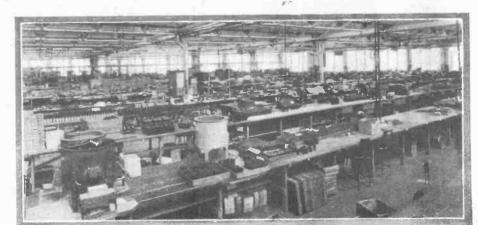
Finally, when the receiver has been completely assembled, it is given two more tests.

Every transformer is compared with a standard transformer before it is passed. It it does not measure up to the mark it is rejected. Both voltage and amplification tests are given it, the voltage test to deter-mine how the insulation stands up, or to detect a broken winding, and the amplification test to determine whether any of the turns are short-circuited or not. This is turns are short-circuited or not. This is accomplished by very ingenious set-ups, so

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One of the assembling rooms in which condensers and similar instruments are made up from the unit parts supplied from the stamping and milling departments.



One of the coil departments. Note the vat of impregnating compound, and the various jigs for use in completing the coils, before they are sent to the assembling departments.

from TALKING MACHINE COMPANY 1899 catalog

#### ATWATER KENT FACTORY (Continued from page 1)

that when the transformer is connected, the reading of a meter will tell the tale.

All the molded parts used in the receiver are made at the factories, which include what is said to be the largest privately-owned molding plant in the world.

It is interesting to note that almost every tenth man in the Atwater Kent plant is an inspector. Each receiver is subjected to 140 gauge and physical inspections and 19 electrical tests before it is allowed to leave the factory.

Radio News for February, 1926

#### Club News

BRISTOL ANTIQUE RADIO KLUB For east coast collectors a club has been formed for radio collectors. It will be interesting to read about their activities. For information write: John D. Alley, 48 Judson St., Raynham, Mass. 02767.

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All members and interested people are encouraged to attend this event at the Texas Power and Light Building in Richardson, Texas. For more information call Walt Jackson (214) 262-7855 evenings.

ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA The ARCA scheduled to hold its spring meet in Louisville, Kentucky at the Holiday Inn, Brownsboro N.E. 4805 Brownsboro Rd., on June 11 and 12. Activities include talks by Lauren Pickham, Dick Ransley, a discussion by Ralph Williams on "Restoring the AK Green," and a visit to John Caperton's new museum.

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Sincerely, Floyd A. Paul 1545 Raymond Ave. Glendale 1. CA

Dear Jim:

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I have four or five speakers I

can connect to it and you wouldn't believe how good it sounds. Believe it or not it will seperate the stations on the broadcast band as well

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I like The Horn Speaker magazine very much.

> Thank you, J. Floyd Poland Rio, W. VA 26755

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Ray Poindexter

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Dr. Frank Conrad, Westinghouse assistant chief engineer, had gained considerable renown with his amateur station, 8XK, which he operated from the second floor of a garage at his home in Wilkensburg, Pa. Westinghouse Vice President H.P. Davis had become interested in Dr. Conrad's wireless activities because of the sale potential of home receiving sets. His convincing arguments influnced other company officials that a radio station would be a wise investment.

Application was made to the Radio



The famous KDKA election returns broadcast Nov. 2, 1920. From the left: R. S. McClelland, taking results over the phone; William Thomas, transmitter operator, Leo H. Rosenberg, the announcer; and John Frazier, the telephone company representative in charge of the lines.

Division, Bureau of Navigation, U.S. Department of Commerce, Oct. 16, 1920, only 17 days before the election. Dr. Conrad had started construction of the station a couple of weeks earlier

in a small shack built on top of one of the taller buildings. The antenna was run from a steel pole on the roof to a powerhouse smokestack. A license was received Oct. 27

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authorizing 100 watts on 360 meters with the call letters KDKA. Leo H. Rosenberg, a member of the Westinghouse publicity department, was chosen to do the announcing. In a recent conversation. this writer asked him how he was selected. He replied, "A few days before the broadcast, the head of the publicity department, who was running it, asked me to take a few men up there to read on the microphone. As long as I was there, I read too; and they selected me." That original audition committee was composed of Mr. Davis and other company officials.

Broadcasting began at 6:00 pm.

The night was stormy. Arrangements had been made to obtain the election returns from the Pittsburgh Post with a private telephone line. Four men were in the room: Announcer Rosenberg, the transmitter operator, a staff member who took the returns over the phone, and the telephone man in charge of the line. Rosenberg read the bulletins into a box-type microphone which was the mouthpiece of an upright telephone connected to a tube. Often he said, "Will anyone hearing this broadcast communicate with us, as we are anxious to know how far the broadcast is reaching and how it is being received."

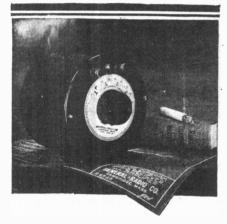
When the writer asked how his feelings were about having people hear him on the air, he said, "At first we didn't know anybody was listening."

Phonograph records were played between speech segments. Calls were received asking for "more news and less music."

The broadcast continued until noon the next day. The outcome had been determined much earlier. Republican Senator Warren G. Harding received 16,000,000 votes, and Publisher James M. Cox pulled 9,150,000.

Rosenberg recalls that hundreds of letters were received, some from

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as far away as New Zealand. He continued to do the announcing, handling the regular programs from 8:00 to 10:00 each night for about three months, in addition to his regular daytime duties. In 1924, he went to work for the Lord & Thomas Advertising Agency (now Foote, Cone & Belding). One of the radio accounts he handled in the Thirties was the Horlicks Malted Milk sponsorship of "Lum & Abner." He was with the agency for 50 years.

When KDKA celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1970, he was invited back as a special guest for the ceremonies.

Leo H. Rosenberg is now 80 years old, and his voice still has good

strength and resonance. In fact, it still possesses sufficient quality for another broadcast of election returns.

# JACK BENNY

BOOK REVIEW
by
Fred L. Davis

JACK BENNY by Irving A. Fein, with introduction by George Burns, G.P. Putman & Sons, \$8.95.

JACK BENNY is a 300+ page book written by a man who was associated with Jack Benny from 1947 until

Benny's death on December 26, 1974. My only criticism of the book really goes for most of the biographies written of stars who happen to be in the twilight years of their careers. Biographies of stars tend to spend too much time with the more recent happenings rather than relating instances and events of the earlier days that actually made the star what he is. I prefer to have biographies that focus on the earlier days and events that led the individual to becoming the star in the entertainment industry. This book on Jack Benny spends about 40% of the book on the first 30 years that actually made him a star and about 60% on the last 15 years of

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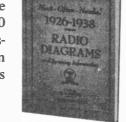


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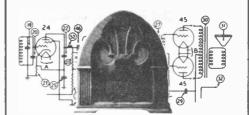
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his career.

Benny Kubelsky, then Ben Benny, and last Jack Benny was a star of stage, screen, and radio. Benny was a major star of vaudeville who decided to try the new medium of radio, and then made the successful switch to the still-newer medium of television. Hindsight makes this appear easier than it was.

In vaudeville a successful act could be honed and polished and then used for a long time while touring the United States. Flaws and fluffs were not that important since the act played to relatively few people at any one time. Successful material was like an annuity, played over and over to a variety of audiences. Gestures, leers, movements, and costumes -- all a part of physical comedy--were important in vaudeville. Ah, but this new baby...radio...where only the voice mattered, where material was consumed by a monster that was never satisfied even though fresh material was fed to it weekly. Radio had to have good material, material that kept the people laughing, material that would keep a star on top of the Hooper ratings, material that was fresh, new, and exciting. Viewing radio in this light, you can see that moving to the new medium from the secure womb of vaudeville was not easy, and staying on top in radio was even harder.

In the interest of space, I will

limit myself to the highlights in the book. Jack Benny's career did not have dramatic ups and downs as can be said of a lot of stars. His career was one of a relentless rise upwards. Jack Benny and his friends in vaudeville were of a single minded purpose. They thought only of their craft. When a member of a vaudeville act was addressed on the street with the usual "How are you doing?" or "How are you?", it was quite common for the individual to respond with "I'm doing 8 minutes!" or whatever the length of his act at that time. The higher the place on bill, the longer the act. Even after he was on top, Benny still had a single purpose. Stay on top. One story illustrates this drive, which seems to be common among super-achievers. A number of Benny's associates were at his house on a day that turned out to be quite cold. Benny was asked about getting some heat and responded with the fact that the servants were off that day. One of the visitors flicked the thermostat on the wall and received a look of surprise from Benny. Jack Benny had lived in the house for a number of years and did not know how to turn the heat on in his own house.

In 1930, Jack Benny was appearing with the Earl Carroll Vanities at a salary of \$1,500 a week. Although he was successful, he was concerned with all the attention that the little box was getting. Everyone was talking a-

As a sidelight, radio sales in 1930 were around 3,000,000 rising to over 7호 million in 1937. Benny listened to the radio as often as possible, hearing names of acts, such as Gene and Glenn and also Amos and Andy, who were suddenly national stars but had no background in the show business world that Benny knew. Jack's break came on a New York radio station with a guest interview spot on The Ed Sullivan Show on May 2, 1931. Jack's opening line on radio was "This is Jack Benny..... There will now be a slight pause while everyone says, "Who cares?" The response to the interview was excellent and offers begin coming in. Canada Dry Ginger Ale became the sponsor of the radio show starring Jack Benny, George Olsen and his band, and Ethel Shutta which started in May, 1932 for seventeen

bout the shows and stars on radio.

Jack Benny had a successful radio show for almost twenty years, when television came into prominence. Benny tested television gingerly, maintaining the radio show for the first 5 years of his television career, before jumping into TV with both feet. During the 1950-51 season he had 4 programs. 1951-52 saw Benny doing 6 programs. During 1952-53 he went to 9 programs, and then in 1953-54 he started doing 13 shows, one every other week.



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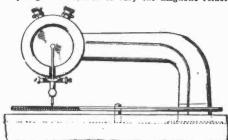
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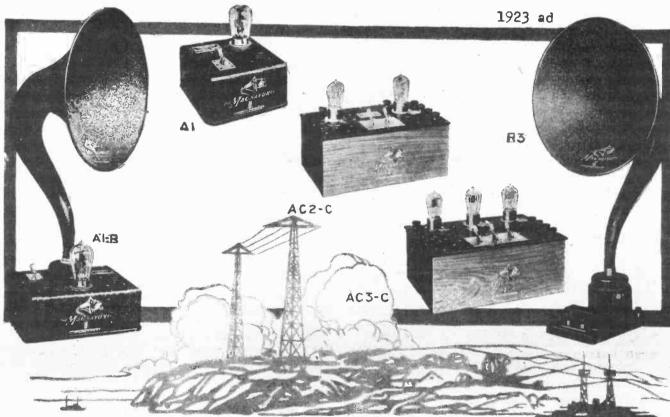
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The Corporation now has high-powered stations in the United States communicating directly with Hawaii and Japan, Dutch East Indies, Great Britain, Norway, Germany, France, Holland, Italy, Poland, Argentine, and Sweden. Such a network may well be styled world-wide. Early in 1926 Brazil will be added to the above list, as the transmitting and receiving stations at Rio de Janeiro are nearly completed. This station is being constructed, not alone by R. C. A. but by an international company designated as A E F G. These letters stand for America, England, France and Germany, we take it, because these four countries have united in developing South America's radio chan-

All of the marine stations of the Corporation have now been equipped with the latest types of vacuum tube transmitters. These are located at Chatham, Massachusetts, New York, Tuckerton, New Jersey, Galveston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. At Chatham the power has been much increased by diverting to it some of the power generated by the great Alexanderson alternator at Marion, and using it in the higher frequency tube transmitter.

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Attention is called to the reduction in the price of radiotrons during the past year, namely, from four dollars to three dollars and then from three dollars to two

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The research and development staff of the Corporation have been spending their efforts, "to increase the efficiency and performance of radio receiving equipment and to develop its broadcasting facilities and thus further contribute to the service upon which the industry is built."

Reference is made to the opening performances of the high-powered station at Bound Brook and it is stated that the daylight range of this station is about five hundred miles, and during the night it has been heard practically everywhere in the United States. The report states that comparatively few complaints were made by persons living in the immediate vicinity of Bound Brook that the operation of the new station interfered with their reception of other stations. There is no reference in the report to the action of municipal and state bodies seek-

ing injunctions against the station. Intelligent work by the engineering staff of R. C. A. in actually helping the complainants to cut out the powerful signals should smooth over what looked like a radio tempest brewing around Bound Brook.

The essentially patent-holding character of the Radio Corporation is shown by the financial statement. Material assets in transoceanic stations, ship stations, broadcasting stations, etc., total less than \$14,000,000 investment, while the patent and good-will items in the assets column call for approximately \$16,000,000. An interesting entry in the liabilities statement is "Good-will written down" for \$1,500,000. Most of us would be glad to sacrifice quite a bit of good-will for that tidy sum. The net income for the past year was \$5,737,206.15, a decrease of about two million from the corresponding figure for the previous year.

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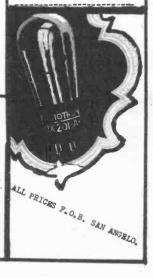
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# FINDS OF THE MONTH

I ran across something in an antique store last month that might be a find of the month (at least it was mine!). The store had a couple of boxes of "old radio/electronics parts" for sale for \$12.50. I nosed through them in the dark enough to determine that the contents were worth the price but didn't fully investigate until I got the boxes into the light of day after I bought them. They turned out to have one complete Emerson AM/Police radio from the mid-30's, a substantially complete Setwart Warner 300, the chassis of an unknown late 20's set with a fine dynamic speaker, and a few Silver Marshall miscellaneous parts, replacement audio transformer for a Radiola III, and an Amperite ribbon microphone of early vintage. Now if I could just figure out what brand that chassis and speaker are....

Sincerely, Ronald Kramer 134 Coolidge St. Ashland OR 97520

may be of interest to your readers, and maybe someone can tell me something about it. On the name plate I find the initials RCA, but just beneath them is the names Brunswick Radiola, Super Heterodyne; Brunswick, Balke, Callender Corporation; and lastly, Radio Corporation. The set has six 199 tubes and two variable condensers. The case is not in the best condition (stored in a damp place) and some of it (possibly the battery compartment) seems to be missing. The wiring and other components are in surprisingly good condition with the exception of one variable condenser which is frozen. I suspect some of the tubes are bad.

Recently I found a radio which

In time I expect to restore this set but I haven't yet got up the nerve. Meanwhile I have other radios to work on.

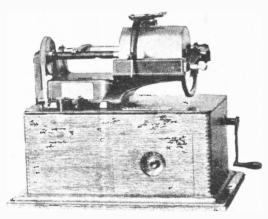
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Books--Hawkins ELECTRICAL GUIDE no. 3
1917 \$5.00, FUNDAMENTALS of INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS, by Richter,
1947 \$2.00, ELEMENTS of ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING, by Arthur L. Cook, 1924,
\$5.00. T. J. MANUFACTURES RECEIVER
TROBIE CURES, copyright 1953, by
John F. Rider, publisher, front cover
missing. \$3.00, HOW TO MODERNIZE
RADIOS FOR PROFIT, by M. N. Beitman,
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FOR SALE: 1930 Clarion Cathedral, excellent condition, very ornate \$50. Dick & Ann Schamberger, 1975 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14214.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Several old radios; General Model 240 capacity tester; RCA 100A and AK E3 speakers; misc. old radio items; few old phono parts. Send SASE for list. WANT cover and tuning knob for Stewart Warner 300. R. Kramer, 134 Coolidge St., Ashland OR 97520.

FOR SALE: My collection of Atwater-Kent Breadboards and parts. Large SASE for details. Terry Chew, M.D., Medical Service, 16111 Plummer St., Sepulveds, California 91343.

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