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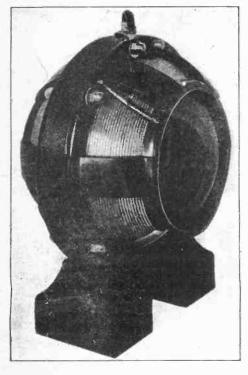
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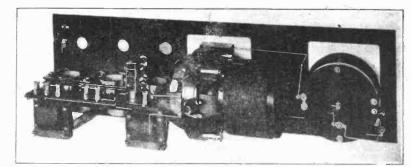
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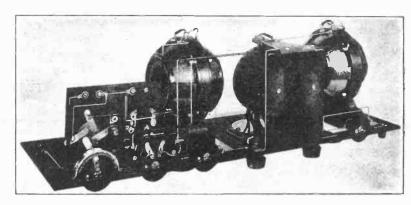
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High Class Workmanship in Amateur Radio Apparatus By ARTHUR H. LYNCH



On the right the photographs showthe ining the in-terior of ama-teur receiving sets give an idea of the degree of per-fection at-tained in the tained in the manufacture of such apparatus by American firms. Comfirms. Copare the workmanship and compact-ness of these instruments with those of with those or earlier days. On the left is a close-up of a varic-meter mount-ed on a moulded com-position position frame.





HERE was a day, not so very long ago, when America had to bend her knee in homage to the efficiency of the foreign worker. Germany, France and England were unquestionably our peers, in the manufacture of all kinds of in-struments which were mechanically

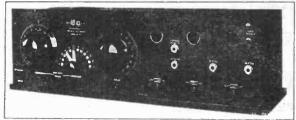
and scientifically correct.

Today there is a different story to tell. The accompanying illustrations bear witness to the fact that, 1 workmanship, design and ease of oneration and control not to mention the appearance, it is now time for foreign manufacturers of radio apparatus to take off their hats to

The story of bakelite is a very interesting one, for it has changed the whole color of the insulating industry. Most of us remember when it was introduced and vied with vulcan-

ite for supremacy as material for front panel and turned dials and knobs. Today, it is found moulded in all forms, made to suit the specific requirements of the unit in which

it is used. It is now cheaper, can be turned out more rapidly and the finished product is more pleasing to the eye and more accurate in its dimensions than could previously be made by the hand of the most skilled worker.



This Small Compact Amateur Set Embodies a Tuner and a Two-Stage Amplifier Fitted With the Very Latest Improvements; it Tunes up to 3,000 Meters.

Typical of the external appearance of this grade of amateur radio apparatus is the cabinet set which is here shown. It will be noticed that it is complete in every detail.

The wave-length range is from 150 to 3,000 meters, and it is controlled by three knobs. Telephone jacks permit the use of an external detector, if it is desired, the detector

tube of the set itself, or one or two stages of amplification. Posts are provided for the connection of a "Loud Speaker," while all the connections for the batteries for the tubes are made to binding posts, through apertures in the rear of the cabinet.

The view of the interior reveals the character of workmanship, which is now putting American amateur radio apparatus in a class by itself. An interior of another receiver is also shown, in order to give a more de-tailed explanation of some of the new are very improved features incorporated in modern apparatus. Particularly striking is the new form of va-

riometer, which is of moulded bake-lite and is made in such a way as to ob-viate the necessity of having the bakelite come between the turns of the stator and (Continued on page 410)

Opera Singer Heard 300 Miles Away

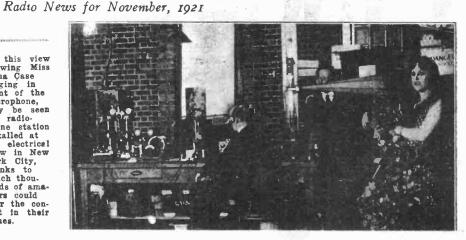
ONCERTS by Radio are now common things, and in all the exhibitions of a more or less technical nature, a Radio-'tell the world" of hone station is used to the doings at this particular show.

At the Electrical Show, held in the 71st

Regiment Armory in New York cently, such a station was installed and broadcasted daily some information and

In the evening, a concert was given by Radio to an audience spread over a wide area, and well-known artists, singers or musicians of the opera company, could be heard quite distinctly, thanks to a perfect

In this view showing Miss Anna Case singing in front of the microphone,
may be seen
the radiophone station
installed at installed at the electrical show in New York City, thanks to which thousands of amateurs could hear the concert in their homes.



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rotor windings. On the panel, it will be seen that aluminum screens have been provided to cut out the effect of "body capacity"

while adjustments are being made. Vernier attachments have been provided, where any critical adjustment is necessary and the construction of the verniers is in-teresting in itself. The control knob and the little rubber tire, which is air-inflated, are mounted on the same axle and the rubber tire bears against the inner side of the dial. The only portion of the vernier which is visible from the outside of the cabinet is a small portion of the control knob. The rheostats which are of the same de-

sign are marked in ohms.

DAILY NEWS AND CONCERTS BY RADIO TELEPHONE.

The Westinghouse Co. has opened a radio telephone broadcasting station at its plant in Newark, N. J., and, with the coöperation of the Newark Sunday Call, is supplying news and concerts which can be heard by wireless operators within a radius of 200 miles.

Every night, beginning at 8:05 Eastern Standard Time, an entertainment consisting of a digest of the day's news, Government reports and a musical entertainment are given. A special feature of the entertainments is a children's hour every Friday night at 7 o'clock, when songs and stories for the youngsters will be radiophoned.

During the World Series baseball games, every ball, strike and other play was re-ported, as soon as made, from this station, so that thousands were able to enjoy the games. Similar service will be provided for the major football games and other important events.

The Westinghouse Newark station oper ates on a wave-length of 360 meters and its call letters are WJZ. It should be easily heard as far south as Baltimore and as far north as Albany, while under favorable conditions, the messages should be audible in practically the entire area east of the Mississippi River, and as far east as the Bermuda Islands.

TIMES OPERATOR GETS PRIZE FOR WINNING CODE CONTEST.

Hundreds of amateur radio telephone and wireless telegraph operators within a radius of 200 miles of New York a short time ago heard officials of the National Amateur Wireless Association present a silver cup to B. G. Seutter, wireless operator of the New York Times Transatlantic radio receiving station. Mr. Seutter received the cup for winning the American open championship. He received code at forty-four and one-

third words a minute with no mistakes.

The presentation was held in connection with the New York Electrical Show in the Seventy-first armory. The wireless tele-phone was used to spread the addresses and reception speeches to members of the Association. Major Andrew White, President of the National Amateur Wireless Association, in formally awarding the cup, pro-nounced Mr. Seutter's work "a remarkable achievement of one hundred percent, per-

Arthur Williams, General Manager of the New York Edison Company, which donated the cup, was specially connected with the armory by wireless telephone at his home, where he was confined by illness.

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LETTERS

There is a new book on the market entitled "Collecting Old Radios and Crystal sets," by Max Alth. Very interesting book for those who collect and restore. Copies may be obtained for \$7.95 from Mid America Book Co., Leon, Iowa 50114. This company is the largest distributor of antique publication in the entire midwest. For those interested, other re-

Dave McKenzie 1200 W. Euclid Indianola, Iowa 50125 Editor...Thank you, Dave.

ferences are available on a wide

Dear Sir:

SB007

SB008

SB009

area of interests.

As a subscriber to your magazine, I would like you to take note of the following:

1. Many of your ads are not answered as they should be. I have sent several SASE's exactly as directed, but have not received any replies! (One reply for every 3 sent if lucky!)

Please ask your readers to have the courtesy of making replies. Especially if SASE are enclosed! 2. It also is very apparent that

when replies are sent, most if not all of the better sets, more fair prices, etc. are already gone! All that is left is usually junk!

As soon as I receive my copy of The Horn Speaker, I IMMEDIATELY send my SASE to those ads I wish to answer and still, most of it is gone!

Am I receiving my copy after everyone else???

Sincerely, L. Prince 1506 Argonne Dr. Albany GA 31707

Editor...Mail from Dallas to Georgia has always seemed slow. I hope that we can soon change this condition.

Dear Mr. Cranshaw:

Quite by accident, I found out that many of the old types of tubes are being made again, tubes like 11HL, 106, 1A7, 19, 2HA, 26, 30 etc.

To find out if it was really true, I ordered a 1H5 GT for one of my sets. The tube looks just like the ones built 30 years ago including the metal base only it is brand new and cost little more than the used ones that we have had to use till now.

They are available from LaFayette Radio Electronics Corp., 111 Jericho Tpke., Syoset N.Y. 11791. You will

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have to ask for their complete tube listing because these tubes are not listed in their catalog.

Sincerely yours, John D. Martin P.O. Box 14 Paloma IL

Editor... Thanks for the info.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a check for \$6.00

BACK ISSUES The Horn Speaker

All 10 back issues for 1973...\$8.00 Single issues...\$1.00 each All 10 back issues for 1974...\$6.00

Single issues...\$.75 each

All 10 back issues for 1975...\$5.00 Single issues...\$.75 each All 10 back issues for 1976...\$5.00

Single issue...\$.75 each Any single issue of 1977...\$.75 each Later, we should have complete volumes for 1972, first year.

The Horn Speaker

Box 12 Kleberg, Texas

75145

Consolidation (S)

NOW AVAILABLE!! NEW REPRINTS OF THE RAREST LITERATURE

We bet there are alot of unknown collector items laying around in the junk boxes, incomplete...just waiting for this rare literature...our reprint services are the largest in the world...most of the original were taken from our collection...now the GREAT Silent Radio Collectors have came out of the woodwork and made available their originals so we all can benefit and share...we have many more to offer, but selected these only because of opinions from experts and our correspondence...the process is slow and we need your support....much of the following literature does not appear in anytype publications today...this literature is required for historical significance, restoration, reconstruction projects, appraising, and judging...now you can have all by ordering using the following designations: SSB (service bulletin) IB (instruction book), B (brochure), CB (catalog book), M (miscellaneous).

The following AMRAD Service Bulletins are very rare..educational, we have made attempt to list the details...most all contain original part and prices, wiring diagrams etc. CB001 1921 AMRAD CRYSTAL SET: Rare, very First catalog-type-bulletin issued by the

American Radio and Research Corp., to promote and sell to the general public this crystal set and their other products, simplified in detail..4p.....\$2.95. SPC01 1921-Feb-Bulletin-V: AMRAD Receiving UNITS, all units made in the first year, Each unit assigned name: LDL Variometer, SW-coupler, Crystal Receiver, Variable Condenser, VT-Detector, 2-stage-amplifier, B-Box, each unit can be combined to form 15 different combinations..example 2-Units coupled together Named "The Twinplex", 8-Units connected "The Pounders", All internal views interconnecting wiring and RARE wiring diagrams of each unit..if you have these in your possession...find out the names, if you don't have any you can use this rare literature to rebuilt them..all with dimensions .8pages....\$4.95.

1921-March-Bulletin-P3: Induction Coil Receiving Sets, 100W system with Murdock Oscillation transformers and condensers-Bunnell Key..2p....\$0.95. SB003 1921-March-Bulletin-Q: Quenched Gaps-Types G-1-1KW, G-2-1-2KW, G-3-1-3KW and the assigned A-2 systems first used in the U.S. Navy..4p......\$1,95. SB004 1921-April-Bulletin-W-2: E-Type Wavemeter very rare..first unit to be used as as four functions such as WM, Variometer, Interference, & Preventer..2p \$0.95 1921-April-Bulletin-R: All standard parts catalog-type...4 pages.....\$1.95. 1921-August-Bulletin-Z6: RARE Part listing and Prices of all AMRAD items made this year all with dimensions of each item where applicable..2p...\$0.95 1921-Sept.-Bulletin-L: Amrad receiving sets No. 2596, No. 2634, Detector-2as four functions such as WM, Variometer, Interference, & Preventer..2p \$0.95. 1921-Sept.-Bulletin-L: Amrad receiving sets No. 2596, No. 2634, Detector-2-Stage Amplifier, well illustrated, contains all tech. information. 4pages \$1.95. 1921-Sept-Bulletin-N: Ampliformer No. 2620 Vernier, Variometer No. 245 parts, rheostats, dials, condensers, tube bases, Grid Leak, etc., 4p.....\$1.95. 1921-Sept-Bulletin-O: New Variometer No. 2602, 2607, Variocouplers No. 11-No.14..like all others very RARE today and well illustrated..2p.....\$0.95. 1921-Sept.-Bulletin-T: Twin-Syn-motor No. 2551 included in the system along with the U. S. NAVY MODEL L 1/2 KW 500 cycle Transmitter(1250.00).2p.\$0.9 SB011 1921-Oct.-Bulletin-X: Rare long wave tunner-type 2492 Type-F, also listed; ARCSETS No. 2492, 2309, 2227...profusely illustrated...2p......\$0.95.

1925 FRESHMAN MASTERPIECE -5 tube-TRF Radios Instruction Book: By A. W. Franklin, Chief Engineer; MODELS Illustrated: 5-F-1, 5-F-2, 5-F-4, 5-F-5, 5-F-6, 5F-7, Concert, Masterpiece, also are schematics, tunning charts, subpanels, Eliminators, all parts, cabinets, complete troubleshooting charts, adjustments to Grid Leaks..very interesting..well illustrated 28p...\$4.95

1921 AMRAD SERVICE BULLETINS BOOKLET: Save us some time by ordering

CB001, PLUS SB001 through SB011 all in one package for ONLY....\$9.95.

for those who want to remember...

For those who want to learn...

IB002 1925 FREED-EISEMANN RADIO INSTRUCTION BOOK: by Joseph D. R. Freed
President and Chief Engineer, Complete Installation and Operations data for

all models made in 1925.. Antennas, reception -all types-remedies, batteries, tubes, New and Old, Loud Speakers, list of Broadcasting station-world-wide building these radios, memorandums PLUS Rare history of this company photos, illustrations varies..rare...32 pages.....ONLY.........\$4.95 1925 FREED-EISEMANN MODEL NR7 Neutrodyne Instruction Book, photos, we have added the schematics to this..plus you get a F-E-Radio-Log...thismaterial will display well with radio..6p..\$2.95, With IB002 Both.\$5.95 CB002 1925 ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY CATALOG NO. 14: This is Rarest and best illustrated RADIO catalog we have ever seen.. Radio was New the ES & EC were distributors (6 major locations Eastern) to dealers..this is the first catalog book published, therefore we will go into detail its contents, note each page will be suitable for framing if you want to pull it apart, here it is: Musicmaster-Ware models: 50,60,100,140,175,215,250,300,400, 460-(each page for each model) Speakers: V, VIII, XI, XII, XIII, 14" & 21" Horn Speakers, Weston Parts; Kolster Models: 6-A,6-B,8-B,8-C, BRANDES
Speakers HORN types-Table Talker, "H", H-type in cabinet, Cone, Superior Headsets, Navy-types; Eagle models; Neutrodyne D, F, Cl, C2, C3, Mohawk Models: VA, Masterdine: M-50, Tower Products: Headsets-S-T- Horn Spks: 8 1/2", 13", 14", Meistersinger, Midget Horn, Gold Star Radio Sets: 51, Crystal, Clll-1 tubes, Cll2 2 - tuber, Cll3-3-tuber, <u>ERLA Models:</u>.De Luxe, Standard, all major parts Loop Antennas, <u>RCA TUBES</u>: WDll plus ll others, <u>Philco</u>: Parts, Batteries, chargers, Bakkite; Chargers, There are many other major manufacturers and their products listed: From clips to test equipment; Jewell, Universal, Na-ald, Allen-Bradley, Mar-Co, H&H, Dubilier, Keystone, Premier Ensemble Kit Radios, Karas, Py/RADIOlin, (Dupont), Raco, Bassett, Hafner, Effarsee and Eveready..75 8 1/2 x 11 pages..very educational, ONLY \$9.95. 1928 CROSLEY SHOWBOX MODEL 706 Instruction Booklet . . 4page . . \$1.95. IL924 RADIOLA INSTRUCTION BROCHURE; Models: Radiola III, III Amp, III-A & Super-Hetrodyne (second Harmonic) same as VIII only was the first semi-portable from criginal fold-out with all wiring and tube book-up. Supplement 6p. . \$1.95. 1921 Q-R-S Redtop-Radio-Tube Sales Brochure w/ all Technical Specs...\$0.95.

RCA COLOR LABEL REPRINTS: These are reprinted in color from the original labels: Model 100-A, 103 Loudspeaker base, and Radiola 64 Super-Heterodyne Labels.. Now you can cut out these labels and glue to the bases of their respective speaker, the 64 to cabinet (bonus) can"t tell from original all 3 on same artwork...\$2.00. MAGNAVOX CALL LETTER COLOR SHEETS: 2 sheets-brown-yellow of 1776 radio station call letters from CBA-WEAS-WEU-toYNXW reprinted from original sheets, cut out the desired station and add them above the early-push-button radios, each is 1/4" x1/2" will fit most any radio..a must for complete restoration..\$2.00. M003 DIAL CORD STRING AND BELT GUIDE FOR any 1938-1947 Radio: \$1 +.13¢ Stamp NOTE: Need a copy of the new 1977 Radio Antiquers Directory and Collector's GUIDE

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to begin subscribing to your newsletter again. I collect phonographs and radio phonographs from 1925-35 and need to have many of the magnetic pick-ups rebuilt, and orthophonic Victrola reproducers repaired. Would greatly appreciate any help finding an expert that can repair these properly.

Thank you, Ronald Callahan 6002 Mentana St. New Carrollton MD 20784 Editor...check the classified ads.

Dear Jim:

Enclosed find \$5.50 check for another years subscription.

I think your magazine is pretty good. May I make a suggestion?

Could you have an article every month or so on circuit and construction details of some well known home brew or kit set like Erla Reflex, Browning Drake, etc. I know they are in old magazines, but how many of us can pay \$5.00 or more for an old mag. even if we could locate one we want?

Also info. in Riders on some early radios is pretty meager. Some old radios like Freed-Eisemann NR-5 and some others don't even show types of tubes used, etc. Could you give more factual info on some of these old "classics" and a photo of what they look like?

I may be out of order on this because I think you're already doing some of this sort of thing.

Regards, Bill Irvine 314 Hamilton St. Route 6

Gulfport MS 39501 Editor...you are right. We are doing some of this sort of thing, but not enough.

Dear Jim,

Your air mail reminder of the expiration of my subscription to "The Horn Speaker" came a day or so ago. I will indeed be happy to renew once again, and I would ask you to pencil my subscription in. Regretfully, I will have to ask you to wait a few days for payment until I or my wife can get to our trading bank for the issue of a cheque in U. S. funds in your favour. You see, I am housebound at the moment with my right leg in an elevated position (bandaged toe to groin) due to a blood clot I collected as the result of a minor accident on some stairs 22 weeks ago. Very annoying and difficult to live with!

I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the magazine which has helped to revive a lifetime of memories working in radio (+TV & HI FI etc.) a cycle not quite completed yet, I hope.

Shortly you will receive a note from me advising a change of address. My wife & I have just had a new home built in which we hope to have a few happy retirement years. wave and while I have some theories

We should have been there months ago but for delays and difficulties with our builder. Hopefully this phase will soon pass.

Up to the time of my accident we were commencing packing our things for the shift, and one of the big tasks to be undertaken has been the packing in cartons, many years accumulation of various technical books and magazines. Besides the more weighty tomes of Henney, Glasgow, Terman, Rider and others, there has been a considerable number of periodicals. These include Radio News, Radio Craft, Shortwave Craft, Q.S.T., CQ, Wireless World (U.K.) Electronics Australia etc., particularly of the era 1930 - 1950. Some Radio News go back to 1923 and bear continual re-reading. A lot of the material which you place in "The Horn Speaker" will undoubtedly reveal itself to me when we resettle

and I unpack the books.

It is my hope that I will be able to catalogue them all before departing this earthly scene! Because I hate to think that such a good source of reference could be lost by those who will look after my estate, I have willed them all to our local Museum of Transport and Technology, (MOTAT) where hopefully they will be kept for latter day folk who might be interested in the earlier days of radio. There are of course New Zealand books which have been published over the years, and I have alongside me 3 or 4 which date back to 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, at a time when I was still at school and an interest in radio was just awakening within me. (Much to my fathers disgust as he wanted me to be an architecti). In the 1930 issue of the "New Zealand Radio Handbook Annual" is a very interesting story of the "Majestic" receiver, the make on which I cut my teeth. While I was still at school my father bought a Majestic 90, LRF stages, power detector and push pull audio and mighty powerful and sensitive it was. In those days it was probably the most successful set on the N. Z. market. I can still remember the thrill we all had of hearing Phil Harris at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles and Bing Crosby singing from KFI Los Angeles. In those days reception of stations from the U.S.A. was like receiving locals today. KFI, KFOX, KMOX, WIW, KDKA to name just a few, were always available. Not quite factual sometimes static did mar things a bit! When WIW was on the very high power of 500KW we would receive it in the daylight from mid-day to close down (N.Z. time). And the "monkey gland transplant (for longer life!) station, XEN, which went across the American border used to come in here like the proverbial load of ashcans. Today we no longer hear many U. S. stations on medium

often wonder the exact cause. My log of U.S. stations received totals close to 600 and added to the Pacific and other areas we received totals up towards 1000 stations. Alas, those days are long gone and with my becoming a "ham" and a qualified technician the emphasis shifted completely. Thinking back on it all I am sure that as young people we had a lot more fun than those of today in respect of the radio world. We made our own variable condensers, rectifiers, coils, resistors, complete sets from crystal sets upwards (on a shoe string too - it was depression time.) - today how much home building of receivers goes on. Not much I'd say. Why, my mephew aged 5 carries around a delightful National Panasonic 8 transistor receiver (which Uncle Arthur has to repair when he breaks it!) Certain it is that he and his generation will not know the joys which we oldies had with early radios.

Well Jim, I don't wamt you to think that I'm on a sorrowful nostalgia kick, but just hope that the foregoing is of some interest to you. Please keep up the good work. Don't forget to keep my issues aside until my remittance arrives. You will be hearing from me again before too long.

> With kind regards, Arthur E. Allen 35 Fairlands Ave. Avondale, Auckland ? New Zealand

Editor...It is a good feeling to relive the fun of the past.

Club News

NIAGARA FRONTIER WIRELESS ASSOCIATION SUMMER MEET

The newly formed Niagara Frontier Wireless Association is planning a summer meet to be held Aug. 13, 1977 at the Old Amherst Colony Museum, 500 Smith Rd., East Amherst, New York 14051. The activities will take place between 11:00 AM and 5 PM.

The club is planning a program that will appeal to both the collector and the historian. There will be a talk and a display on Spark Gap Transmitters by Ken Conrad. Art Albion will have a demonstration on nickel plating to help you restore those nickel plated items in your collection. This will be followed by a panel question & answer session with the newer enthusiast

The club is also planning an old equipment contest and a flea market. The museum is also arranging a "Tour of Williamsburg" program for the ladies not interested in the wireless program.

Everyone is welcome to attend, there is a \$1 admission to cover the museum's expenses. If you would like further information just drop a note to Niagara Frontier Wireless

Assoc. in care of the museum (above address). We will send you a flyer with the program and a map. This would be a fine opportunity for you to see Niegara Falls and attend an Antique Radio Meet too.

IN THE GROOVE

The Michigan Antique Phonograph Society has an official publication called In The Groove which is edited by John Whitacre.

It contains news such as a large display of antique phonographs at the Grand Rapids Museum during May and June. John Perschbacher is responsible for the display. The Lansing Public Library on Capitol Avenue has provided exhibit space for the month of June. An address for the Society is: 2609 Devonshire, Lensing, Michigan 48910.

BUCKEYE ANTIQUE RADIO & PHONO-GRAPH COLLECTORS' CLUB OF OHIO The next meeting is June 19 at the home of Don Gfell, 530 Needham Ave., Kent, Ohio 44240, 216 673-6487. This is also our annual picnic. Everybody is welcomed for an enjoyable day. The main course is hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring side dishes to compliment the main course and every body is requested to bring their own place setting. We could also use a few extra grills, chairs and tables. Also bring items for show, sale, and other items of interest. In order to promote the growth of our club, please try to attend the scheduled meetings!!

"ACE" Apparatus



Type AVB Regenerative Tuner 150-475 Meters. Price \$32.00



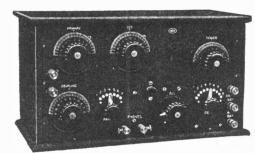
Type AVA Regenerative Tuner 175-475 Meters. Price \$45.00



*Type ATC Detector Cabinet. Price \$12.00



Type AVC Short Wave Regenerative receiver, 175-475 Meters, Price, \$56.00



Type TTR Regenerative Receiver-150-3000 Meters. Price \$75.00



Two-Stage Amplifier A-2 Price \$40.00

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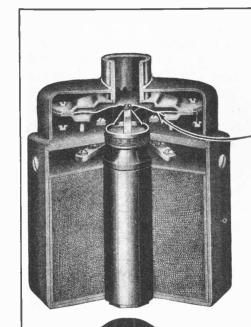
1906



Disc Graphophones

Type BH \$30.00

1924 ad



A1-R-\$59.00

This instrument (Magnavox

Combination Set) consists of

Magnavox electro-dynamic

Reproducer combined with a

Magnavox Power Amplifier in

one unit.



THE illustration at left shows the interior construction of the Magnavox electro-dynamic Radio Reproducer, a type representing the greatest advance ever made in radio reproducing equipment.

The diaphragm (shown above) is of special interest, as explained in the body of this advertisement.

Magnavox-The true Radio Reproducer

THE basis of the operation of a Magnavox Reproducer is its diaphragm, the importance of which can be seen from the fact that it is required to render an almost human service in recreating every tone and quality of instrumental music as well as speech.

This diaphragm (as illustrated above) has been designed and constructed in accordance with entirely new principles. Its shape, size and special character make it capable of responding to the widest range of tones.

But even this highly efficient diaphragm might be handicapped by operating restrictions—every diaphragm must have a vibrating force applied to it, and the inherent ability of any diaphragm will be injured if it is affected by mechanical operation or other foreign influences.

The use of the electro-dynamic principle of operation (found only in Magnavox Reproducers) removes all objectionable influences. This principle, utilizing the famous "movable coil" permits the Magnavox diaphragm to respond in perfect unison to the original tone.

There is a Magnavox for every receiving set: Type R for storage battery sets, and M1 for dry battery sets.

THE MAGNAVOX COMPANY

Oakland, California

New York Office: 370 SEVENTH AVENUE PERKINS ELECTRIC LIMITED, Canadian Distributors Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg





TELEVISION RECEIVER



The Western Television Receiver.

THE Western Television Corp. presents a new television receiver, incorporating two sets-one for the reception of pictures and the other for the accompanying sound transmitted in the broadcast band. A modernistic cabinet, shown above, together with a neat ground-glass screen are attractive features.

RADIO-CRAFT

for AUGUST, 1932

RADIO NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932

Personal interviews with broadcast artists and executives

BySamuel Kaufman

AY PERKINS, one of radio's most R versatile entertainers, recently launched a new NBC series of novelty programs heard Tuesdays and Thursdays under the sponsorship of the Barbasol Company. His programs consist of songs, music and humorous chatter. He is supported by Peter van Steeden's Orchestra. Song-writer, singer, pianist and comedian, Perkins has often been referred to as the "one-man radio show." Half of the songs he sings on the air are his own and many of them have not been published. Since he first started to entertain at the age of six, Perkins has written musical shows, appeared in vaude-ville, made pictures in Hollywood and worked for a magazine, in addition to

his successful radio ventures. This program brings Perkins under the same sponsorship as Singin' Sam, of the CBS, and the Old Singin' Master of the NBC.

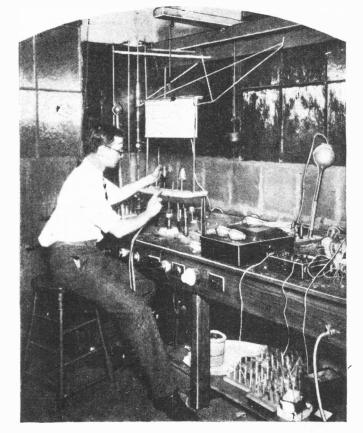
BEN BERNIE—
the CBS "Old Maestro"-was born Benjamin Ancel, the son of a blacksmith shadow of Brooklyn Bridge. Young



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Benjamin took to music at an and at fifteen, it is said was structor at a New York music school. His next step was to the duties of violin demonstrator in a New York department store. Given to wisecracks, even at that early date, Ben always amused onlookers. A theatrical magnate happened along one day and Ben found himself in vaudeville as one-half of the team of Bernie and Klass. Ben's act was designed along musical lines until he teamed with Phil Baker. The Bernie-Baker vaudeville team went in for comedy, the pay checks in-creased and the act became an accepted hit.

The Chemist's Rôle



Gaseous rectifiers are developed in the chemical laboratory at the hands of skilled chemists, aided by expert glassblowers. Complete pumping equipment, tanks with different gases, electrical testing instruments and other apparatus aid the designer of such devices in carrying out the work. almost every branch of radio the unassuming chemical laboratory plays a vital rôle

There are ten thousand different grades of paper available for loud speaker diaphragms, compli-cating the manufacturer's problems. Here is Bur-tex, an impregnated cloth cone, which is a triumph of the chemist

T may seem a far cry from the wonderful reproduction of a radio program in the delightful atmosphere of the modern livingroom to the test tubes and beakers and vile

smells of the chemical laboratory. Yet the two are closely knitted together as the practical basis of the present radio

At every turn in the design and production of radio equipment there are chemical problems to be solved. In fact, the chemist today plays an ever-increasing rôle in the production of radio sets, accessories and parts, so that the larger radio manufacturing organizations are just as insistent on having the necessary chemical direction in their efforts as they are on having the best electrical and radio talent. From the radio vacuum tubes, based on electronic emission from specially coated filament wires, to impregnating compounds for con-densers and sealed-in assemblies, and again to short-wave transmitters with extremely high-frequency conductors to be insulated, the chemist is called upon at every turn to pass judgment on the chemical aspects of the case. And so radio is a chemist's field, just as it is that of the electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, metallurgist and other technicians, quite in addition to being the supposed exclusive field of the radio engineer.

the greatest work of the chemist in the field of

in Radio

Most of us think of radio problems as nuts for the electrical or radio engineers to crack. But chemistry is playing a surprisingly important part behind the scenes in radio development, as this article discloses

By Austin Lescarboura

radio is in connection with insulating problems. Here we are dealing not altogether with high potentials, which necessitate considerable electrical strength for the insulators in the case of transmitting practice, but also with radio-frequency losses that come about in radio receivers handling weak radio-frequency energy, and particularly in short-wave transmitters handling powerful radio-frequency energy.

Originally, hard rubber was the favorite material for radio insulation purposes. In recent years, however, the trend has been away from hard rubber, as chemists have found new materials. Bakelite, as well as other synthetic resinous compounds, has played a very important rôle in radio, and there is more bakelite being used in radio today than any other insulating material. Here the chemists have sought to produce various grades and kinds of bakelite, to meet specific requirements ranging all the way from simple mechanical considerations, perhaps involving beautiful moulding, to certain high-frequency insulation problems.

Interesting developments have been made in the field of synthetic ceramics, or ceramics made of pure chemical ingredients, mixed under laboratory supervision. Such new materials as Isolantite and Crolite

in radio—in fact, they may be said to be essentially radio materials, since in no other electrical applications are their excellent insulating properties so fully appreciated. Chemists, specializing in these materials, have been able to develop all manner of special materials, differing slightly one from the other, so as to meet specific requirements. Thus in the case of high-frequency circuits, the aim has been to reduce the phase angle difference to a minimum, even exceeding that of hard rubber heretofore considered the standard of excellence. In the case of transmitting tubes, the aim has been to produce a material capable of withstanding severe heat with maximum insulation, together with the severe shock of rapid heating and cooling.

Both Isolantite and Crolite have their origin in a fine powder which is treated with a gas catalyst and pressed into various forms. These may be billets, which are machined to final shape in subsequent operations; extruded rods and tubes, which are cut to length and machined if necessary; and flat slabs or sheets. The roughly formed parts are dried, and then placed

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split up several years aker remain steadfast anaenas-each one now a star in his own right. Ben was seized with the idea of a novelty band with the conductor doing something besides waving a baton. The idea clicked from the start and Bernie found himself and his band vaudeville headliners. He was booked at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York for five years. London and Hollywood successes followed before the band began a long Chicago booking. His broadcasts from the Windy City over coast-to-coast Columbia hook-ups have brought him added It to

DESPITE America's broadcasting supremacy, the field of radio drama has been badly neglected by domestic stations. The B.B.C., we discovered on our recent London visit, gives far more time and care to this important division of broadcasting than does either of the two American networks. But, of late, we have noticed some increased efforts on the part of NBC and CBS to advance radio drama. The NBC's Radio Guild, under the direction of Vernon Radcliffe, has made some worthy efforts, although many programs have been devoted to adaptations of stage plays rather than the presentation of original radio scripts. The CBS recently

inaugurated a series of half-hour experimental dramas, under the direction of Don Clark, continuity chief. The series, according to Mr. Clark, was designed to prove that mature radio drama can be produced to hold and intrigue an audience for half an hour.

OWELL THOMAS, noted author, traveler ✓ and news broadcaster, has signed a long. Sun Oil Company, which presents him daily over the NBC. The author of a score of books and a lecturer who has appeared in

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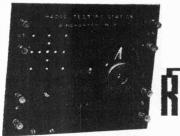
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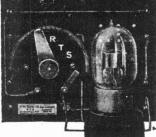
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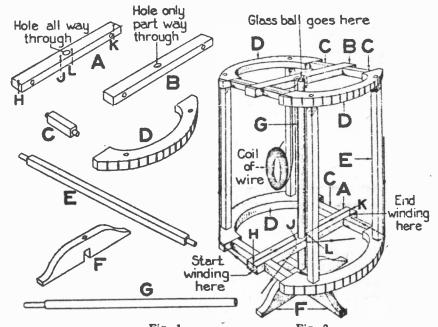


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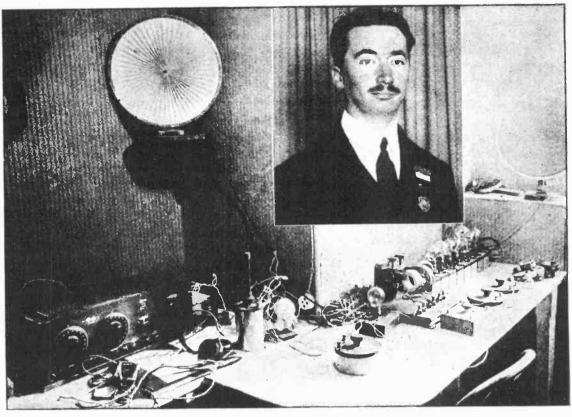
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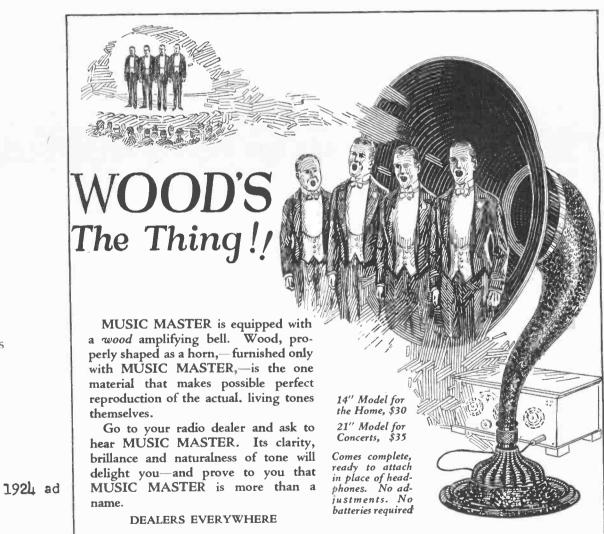
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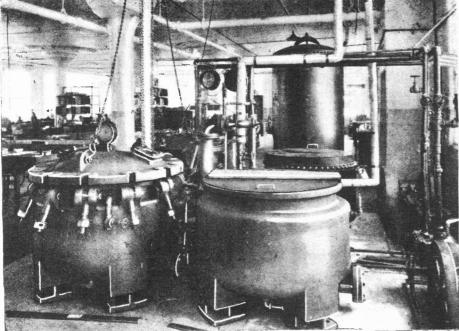
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Special forms of glass have been developed, with remarkable insulating properties particularly at the higher frequencies. Pyrex has found many important applications in radio. Many of the short-wave antennas used in transoceanic radio work are Pyrexinsulated.

The extremely high frequencies used in very short-wave radio have caused no end of research into better insulating materials. Certain compounds of mica and binders have been developed, such as Micalex, which have proved excellent for the purpose.

There are still endless insulation problems in radio. Aside from those already mentioned, many skilled chemists are engaged in developing suitable enamel insulation for wire ranging from No. 14, which is fairly heavy, down to wire half the diameter of human hair. There are many problems involved in good enamel insula-tion, not only electrical strength but also ready application; flexibility, so as not to crack when bent, and so on.

Impregnating Compounds

Closely allied to insulating problems are the impregnating compounds. These serve to insulate, but must possess additional features such as sufficiently low melting point, so as not to heat the embedded components unduly; freedom from chemical action with the imbedded components; sufficient mechanical strength, permanency and so on.

The story is told in the radio industry how a certain form of superheterodyne assembly, representing the very heart of a remarkable radio receiver, had to be virtually embalmed in impregnating compound as protection against position displacement, moisture and so on. The task seemed simple enough to manufacturers accustomed to impregnating electrical windings. Hence the same treatment was given to the superheterodyne assembly. known as the "catacomb" because of the maze of wires. However. for some unknown reason, the catacombs did not stand up. They

"went bad" in short order.

Did YOU Ever Stop to Think?

C. That the chemist has had almost as much to do with perfection of the radio as has the electrical and radio engineer?

Can That every single new development requires some contribution from the chemical laboratory?

C.That without the chemist's contribution of improved materials the vacuum tube would be little beyond the state of development it had attained in 1910?



A chemist was set to work, and he soon discovered certain chemical action between the compound and certain metal parts imbedded therein. Because the impregnating compound was ideal in every other respect, the chemist worked out the solution in the form of a certain lacquer protective coating for the metal parts causing the trouble. The catacombs thereafter were entirely satisfactory.

Much audio transformer trouble has been traced to impregnating compounds. The wire in the secondary winding of the usual audio transformer is exceedingly fine and it does not take much corrosion to destroy the winding. Hence the chemist has been enlisted in this work, so as to provide transformers that really last.

A Study in Rare Alloys

Much of the present-day radio work falls in the class of metallurgy, which is perhaps just (Continued on page 78)

practically all English-speaking parts of the world, Thomas was widely known as a reporter and traveler before he entered radio in 1930. He was born in a Colorado mining town and while still in his early twenties led two expeditions into the Arctic. then his explorations have included extensive tours into Malaya, Upper Burma and Central Asia. Thomas was the man who gave the world its first account of Colonel T. E. Lawrence, the mystery man of Arabia. E. Lawrence, the mystery man of Arabia. He was one of the first correspondents to enter Germany after the signing of the On the new sponsored program series. Thomas comments on news events in much the same manner as on his old Literary Digest series.



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next door to strictly chemistry. In the development of audio transformers, it has been necessary to develop alloys of desirable magnetic characteristics. From common grades of iron, in laminated form, radio manufacturers have gone to silicon iron, nickel iron, and other alloys, some of them quite costly, in quest of desirable characteristics so as to provide true tone response over the entire musical frequency scale. Certain patent considerations, particularly covering nickel steel, have caused some transformer manufacturers to search and search for suitable alloys that might circumvent the patents. A remarkable opportunity has been offered to the metallurgist in this field.

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The Chemist and Vacuum Tubes

Consider the vacuum tube. To the layman, it is simply a piece of wire called the filament, which is heated by means of current; a lattice member, called the grid, which handles the control energy; a cylinder, called the plate, which handles the output energy; and a glass envelope to provide a means of placing these elements in a good vacuum. Simple enough. Yet there is a world of chemistry involved in the vacuum tube-a sad truth which vacuum tube manufacturers have learned.

First of all, there is the filament. The trend today is decidedly towards the oxide-coated filament, and away from the tungsten and thoriated tungsten types, thereby multiplying the chemical problems just about a thousand times. Special alloys are being sought for the wire, and, in many instances, found by chemists specializing in vacuum tube problems. Nickel, heretofore used mainly for filament, is being abandoned, because of its chemical interaction with the carbonates used as the coating. In fact, it was a chemist who first told vacuum tube manufacturers why certain low-current types "went west" after a few hours of use.

Oxide-coated filaments require many things. First, there must be the wire, chemically immune to the carbonates even at high temperature. The wire must offer the necessary high electrical resistance, so as to be economical in operation. The best wires are those with a cold resistance several times that of nickel, and with the resistance rising rapidly as they warm up, so as to provide some measure of automatic current regulation. wire must not stretch unduly when heated, to sag and "short" with the near-by grid. A high melting point is necessary, for the carbonates require about 750 deg. C. to provide the necessary emission.

And then there is the oxide coating, usually made up of strontium and barium carbonates, prepared with utmost care and then applied to the wire by means of successive dippings and bakings in a continuous operation, and by means of an air brush in the case of the a.c. heater cathodes. Utmost precautions are taken to guard against impurities in the oxide coating. The larger vacuum tube manufacturers maintain chemical laboratories just for wire and cathode coating, in

charge of trained chemists. The greatest obstacle encountered in the production of good vacuum tubes is Utmost to be sure that all the gas is removed from the tube before sealing. To this end the pumping is carried out as far as possible within the economic time limit, followed by the flashing of a chemical or 'getter" to clean up the remaining gases. The metal parts are frequently baked in a hydrogen atmosphere, so as to remove oxygen in the pores of the metal. Even so, with nickel for the support wires, plate and grid, there is considerable imbedded gas which is certain to be exuded when the tube is in use, resulting in gassy tubes. For this reason, molybdenum or "molly" plates are frequently used, also molybde-