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A Double Duty Loop Aerial



FIGS. 1, 2 AND 3 The finished loop and the lower pivot arrangement.

Embroidery Hoops Are Used for the Frame— **One Winding Turns In**side the Other and Affords Variety of Uses.

### By J. E. Anderson **Consulting Engineer**

VERYBODY knows what an em-E VERYBODY knows what an em-broidery hoop is, but everybody does not know that an excellent loop for radio reception may be wound on one of these hoops. An embroidery hoop consists of two wooden rings, one fit-ting snugly inside the other. The in-side of the rings has a strip of felt glued to its outside periphery. This strip of felt is set into a groove about 1/16"deep, and about 3%" wide. Remove this strip of felt and clean the groove of all hardand about  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}^{\circ}$  wide. Remove this strip of felt and clean the groove of all hard-ened glue. When this has been done, it will be seen that the groove is slight-ly deeper near the side flanges. By means of the edge of a large file or other suitable instrument file down the center of the groove until the denth is the same of the groove until the depth is the same of the groove until the depth is the same all over. In doing so be very careful not to injure the side flanges. When the bottom of the groove has been filed flat all around drill two tiny holes (about No. 50) radially through the bottom, one near each flange. The next step is to wind the loop

wind the loop. The number of turns to be put on de-pends on the inductance required, on the diameter of the hoop, and on the size of the wire to be used. If the loop is



The cross-sectional drawing.

to be used for broadcast reception with a .0005 mfd. variable condenser, about 170 microhenries inductance will be required For this a 12" hoop is recommended. Us-ing No. 24 double silk covered wire, 14 turns will do the trick.

The Extra Two Turns The width of the groove is such that only 12 turns of this wire can be wound

### LIST OF PARTS

One 12" embroidery hoop. One 10" embroidery hoop. About 80 feet of No. 24 double silk covered wire.

Four small binding posts. A few nuts, screws and angles as sug-

gested.

A few strips of hard rubber. A wooden base about 1" thick and 5" diameter.

Inductance Suitable for Tuning With .0005 or .00025 Mfd. Condenser - Regeneration Made Available in Several Wavs.

in the first layer. Hence it will be necessary to bank wind two turns to get on the 14 turns. It is convenient to wind first two turns, then put the third turn winding as a single layer coil until 13 turns have been put on. The fourteenth turn may be put on top of the twelfth and thirteenth turns.

If bulkier wire is used for winding the coil more turns have to be put in the sec-ond layer, but if finer wire than No. 24 is used it will not be necessary to bank wind at all. But finer wire is not recommended.

The two small holes drilled in the bottom of the groove are, of course, used for the terminals. The ends of the wire are brought through these holes and left

pointing toward the center of the hoop. The loop is now ready for use, but it is not yet finished. Just as a matter of protection of the wiring the outside hoop should now be slipped over the wound ring. It will be found that the outside ring is now considerably too large. This must be fixed. The simplest way is to put padding between the two rings. Cut strips of cardboard, fibre, or bristol board of the same width as the width of the two rings. Then lay the two rings flat on the table, one inside the other, and (Concluded on page 4)

## Tester Shows You at Glance Efficiency of a Tube



(Radio World Staff Photo)

THE INSIDE works of a laboratory tube tester are at left, while to the right is the panel view. The meters are wired so as to show the filament amperage, plate milliamperage, filament voltage, and grid voltage at a specified plate voltage, varied with the aid of the resistor batch to the lower left in the back view. With the varying of these resistances, it is also possible to calculate the amplification factor. The buzzer aids in determining the proper amplification of the tube. The mutual conductance is calculated from readings given by the meters.

## Same Loop Used With VOLTS PUSH .00025 or .0005 Capacity

(Concluded from page 3) fill up the space between them with the strips of padding. Force enough in, even all the way around, to make the two rings stay firmly together. Then run some glue or cement along the sides and let dry

Now binding posts could be provided and the loop could be used for picking up signals, but only as a simple loop. There is more to be done. Procure another embroidery hoop, one which may be turned inside the other. A ten inch hoop is about right. Prepare and wind this in the same manner as the first, except that only twelve turns should be put on it. When the two loops have had time to dry, mount the smaller loop inside the larger in such a manner that it may be turned freely. One way of mounting will be shown in detail below.

The finished loop is depicted in Fig. 1 Observe that the two loops are very nearly concentric. It is desirable to obtain this condition as nearly as possible.

The upper pivot is very simple. Two strips of hard rubber of the same width as the rings are bent to conform to the curvature of the rings, a hole is drilled in the center of each of these strips, and then they are glued in place. The glue will hold better if the glace on the rubber is removed by means of a file or sandpaper. The pivot proper is an old time inductance switch stop and a nut to match.

The lower pivot arrangement may be seen from Figs. 2 and 3, or more plain-ly from the cross-sectional drawing, Fig. 4. BB are the two binding posts to which the wire terminals are connected, as are two small brass angles by means of which two small brass angles by means of which the inner loop is held to the hard rub-ber plate b. This plate has three No. 29 holes, two for the binding posts and one for the pivot. The latter is simply a 34'' flat head brass screw secured to the plate by means of a nut under the plate and extending into a No. 28 hole in the double plate cd. The dotted areas in Fir 4 represent the sections of the in Fig. 4 represent the sections of the two loops, and the non-shaded rectangles

in these areas are the two winding spaces. AA are the two binding posts for the outside loop, and these are secured to

the hard rubber plate e. The larger loop is clamped to this plate by means of two brass screws and the double hard rub-ber plate cd. The latter is made double for strength and also for centering the smaller loop. The lengths of the upper and lower pivots are such that the in-side loop may be slipped in place by elongating the outside loop along the vertical and the inside along the hori-zontal, yet such that the inside loop cannot come out accidentally. The mounting of the loop assembly into the base P is similar to that of the inside loop into the plate cd.

It was at first intended to have the outside loop turn without turning the base, but it was found that this did not Sive satisfactory control of the loop. Hence the larger loop was rigidly se-cured to the base so that it is necessary to turn the base with the loop. In view of this it may be simpler to fasten the outdid locate or simpler to fasten the outside loop to a circular piece of wood in the same manner that the inside loop is fastened to the plate b. A base such as that used in this loop is not easy to obtain.

The outside loop alone tunes the broadcast range of wavelengths with a .0005 mid. condenser. When the inside and mid. condenser. When the finite and outside loops are connected in series aiding, the combination tunes the same range approximately with a .00025 mfd. condenser. The inside loop may also be used for tuning in the shorter waves in case a .0005 mfd. condenser is used.

If it is desired to make the set regenerative, the inside loop makes a very good tickler, as the regeneration may be controlled by turning the inner coil. The smaller loop may also be clamped in the plane of the larger and the regeneration controlled by means of a small variable condenser

If a .00025 mfd. condenser is employed for tuning, the circuit may still be made regenerative by connecting the two loops in series aiding, the free terminal of the large loop to the grid, the free terminal of the small loop to the plate, and the junction of the two loops to the filament. In this case the regeneration would be controlled by means of a small condenser in series with the lead to the plate.

# **AMPERES IN** ANY CIRCUIT

Water will not flow in a pipe line unless a force pushes it along, e.g., a pump. The water will not keep on flowing unless the pump supplies pressure. Electricity will not flow in a circuit unless there is a battery, or some other electrical source, in the circuit. The battery is similar to the pump in action, e.g. supplies pressure. This pressure is what is commonly known as voltage or electromotive force. The more cells in the battery connected in series, so that pressures will add, the greater the electric pressure and the voltage produced.

Suppose an electric current to be supplied to the motors of a trolley car, with the aid of a generator and two conduct ors, e.g., trolley wire and track. A steam engine supplies the mechanical energy to the generator, which is transferring this mechanical energy to electrical energy.

The changing of this energy causes cur-rent to flow when the circuit is completed through the car. Between the terminals of the trolley wire and the track exists a difference of electric potential.

All generators have for their purpose the setting up of such a difference of po-tential which is a difference in electric condition determining the direction of flow of electricity from one point to another.

An electric potential difference may be considered as establishing an emf, which causes a flow of electricity, when a con-ducting path, is provided. Therefore, electromotive force is that which drives an electric current, the volt being the unit

of emf. The current is the water in the pump. parallel, while the voltage is the pump. Current is measured in amperes.

## Tip Jacks Useful at Detector Output

A pair of phone tip jacks mounted in an accessible place, such as the panel, connected to the primary posts of the first audio frequency transformer or the detector output, may be used for listen-ing to DX. How to Measure Coupling

**Close Coupling Is Less Ef**fective Than Many Suppose — The Optimum Point Is Critical Coupling, for as Fields Are More Strongly Linked Absorption Losses Take Place.

[Following is the third of a series of ar-ticles telling how to equip yourself with a real radio laboratory at small cost. For hookup fans and manufacturers alike such a laboratory is very valuable. The first article, published in the June 19 issue, dealt with the construction of an RF oscillator, a modulated audio oscillator. The second published June 26, showed how to determine wave forms. More details along the line of the following article will be published next week, issue of July 24.]

## By John F. Rider

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THREE more units must be constructed before we can start actual experi-mental work. These are a radio frequency amplifying unit, a detecting unit and an audio amplifying unit. The radio frequency amplifier is of the tuned type. The de-sign is conventional and consists of two stages. The tuning capacities are .0005 mfd. variable condensers and the coils consist of single layer inductances. The consist of single layer inductances. winding forms are 2" in diameter. The The secondary winding consists of 64 turns of No. 24 DSC wire. The primary winding consists of 3 turns of No. 24 DSC wound directly over the secondary winding, at the nidpoint. A piece of empire paper is the insulation used to separate the primary from the secondary. The reason for the very few turns in the primary winding is the demand for utmost stability, sensitivity and energy output being secondary considerations. The layout of the system is shown in Fig. 1. All con-nections are made to Fahnestock clips. One rheostat is used to control the two filaments, and clips for automatic filament control devices are shunted around the rheostat.

Theostat. To provide variable coupling into this radio frequency amplifying system it is necessary to construct another input coil. This consists of two separate units, a primary and a secondary. In design the secondary is an exact duplicate of the one mentioned previously. The primary, how-ever, is a separate winding on a 13<sup>4</sup> dia-meter tubing and consists of 12 turns of No. 24 DSC. This is not fastened or at-ached to the secondary in aux manner. No. 24 DSC. This is not fastened or at-tached to the secondary in any manner. When it is desired to alter the coupling between the primary and secondary the position of the primary with respect to the secondary is simply moved. This variable unit is that it will be found of reset utility in later expressions. great utility in later experiments.

### The Detector Unit

The next unit is the detector, and will The next unit is the detector, and will be made regenerative to increase its scope of operation. If the regenerator control is not desired, it can be shorted out of the circuit very easily, being of the tickler coil type. The detecting unit is mounted on a separate baseboard, being another open model. In fact, all the test-ing equipment is open models. This per-mits greatest accessibility. The layout and wiring diagram are given in Fig. 2.



THE WIRING of the radio frequency test amplifier and the suggested baseboard layout. All equipment is of the open construction type.

An individual primary and secondary are not provided for the detecting unit. When it is desired to utilize the detecting unit in conjunction with the radio frequency amplifier the coupling device between the detector and the last stage of RF is another unit similar to the regular radio

frequency transformer. When it is desired to use the detector directly connected to the aerial, without any radio frequency amplification, the variable coupler is used to replace the radio frequency transformer. As is evident, the assembly and wiring of the detecting unit are independent of the amplifying unit. The coils which comprise the primary and secondary inductance are not fast-ened to the baseboard. The tickler coil consists of 25 turns of No. 26 DSC wire on a  $1\frac{3}{4}$  (diameter tubing. The tuning con-denser is an enclosed General Radio unit of 500 mfd. (.0005 mfd.) equipped with a variable ard also and also with dins for variable grid leak and also with clips for fixed leaks, so that either may be used at will. The grid condenser is a .00025 mfd. unit. The filament control is by means of a rheostat, but clips for filament control

### Binder Used on Coils

devices also are provided.

All inductances are given a thin soating of collodion and permitted to dry thoroughly. This binder substance can be applied with perfect impunity to all in-ductances utilized in the radio frequency unullizer and the detector unit for the amplifier and the detector unit, for the detrimental effect of the binder is entirely negligible when the binder is thoroughly dry. The leads from the coils used in the

detector unit, when the variable coupling is being utilized, are flexible so the coils may be moved with ease and remain fixed in their position, thus obviating the tendency to shift due to the tension of the connecting lead.

#### The First Experiment

The layout of the audio amplifying unit is given in fig. 3. Transformer coupled audio amplification is used at this time because it provides the greatest output with the minimum number of tubes, con-sidered solely from a power angle. Re-sistance and impedance coupled units will be considered later. The transformers are not limited to any one manufac-ture. The only requisite is that they be of reputable manufacture and be of from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4-to-1 turns ratio. The connecting 3/2 to 4-to-1 turns ratio. The connecting posts are again Fahnestock clips. Both rheostats and automatic filament control clips are provided. The transformers are mounted as shown in the drawing. The input clips are located at the extreme left of the baseboard, permiting easy connec-tion to the output of the detector unit. Sufficient space should be left between the second audio transformer and the second tube to permit the location of a variable resistance across the secondary of that transformer. Two B plus terminals are provided, one for each audio tube. The same applies to the C potentials. A C battery minus terminal is provided for each audio tube so as to allow separate values of negative grid bias. The rheostats are 10-ohm units and capable of carrying .5 ampere.

Assuming that the units are completed,

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A Laboratory Experiment



#### FIG. Z

we can start on a series of interesting experiments.

The first test is that pertaining to coupling, that is, the transfer of energy between coils. Coupling has been, for some unknown reason, very much neglected by radio writers, although it manifests a very great effect upon the general operation of the receiver, by virtue of its control of selectivity and volume. With the large number of broadcasting stations in operation, selectivity is of paramount importance.

### Types of Coupling

Coupling is divided into various types, depending upon the medium used to transfer the energy from one circuit to the other. For instance, if a condenser is used to interlink the two circuits, and the energy when passed from one circuit to the other is caused to go across this capacity, the circuits are capacitatively coupled. If the coupling device is a resistance, the circuits are resistance coupled; if the coupling device is a choke coil, as in many audio circuits, the circuits are impedance coupled. If there is no direct connection between the circuits the energy being induced in one coil by the action of the current flowing in the other coil, the circuits are inductively coupled, and if the two circuits utilize the same coil, the circuits are conductively coupled.

Being concerned with the type which manifests its effect upon selectivity, we



can devote our attention at this time to radio frequency circuits and ignore for the present methods of coupling. And since in radio frequency circuits pertaining to conventional reception, the prevalent type of coupling is inductive, we will delve into this type of coupling.

### Degrees of Coupling

Now, in addition to various types of coupling, we also have various degrees of coupling, such as loose, critical and close. If one were to immediately interpret these degrees of coupling as direct indications of the transfer of energy from one circuit to the other, and interpret the energy transfer as different values of signal intensity, it would be only logical to think that maximum or close coupling would afford the greatest signal intensity and volume. Such, however, is not the case

afford the greatest signal intensity and volume. Such, however, is not the case! The reason for this phenomenon is not very difficult to comprehend. Just try to visualize two inductances. Alternating current is flowing in one of the coils. When another inductance is placed in proximity to the first one, current will be induced in the second. We are assuming at this time that the two inductances are tuned to the same frequency or wavelength.

Now, if we place a recording device into the circuit of the second inductance we find that a certain current from the first coil is induced in the second coil, let us say, with a 5" separation between the coils. We gradually reduce the separation between the two coils and note that the current in the second circuit is increasing, until when the coils are  $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart the current indicator has passed the peak and is beginning to show a decline from the peak reading.

#### Measures Signal Strength

We increase the separation until the current indication is maximum and note that the separation between the two coils is %". Now, it is quite safe to assume that the current indications in the second





LAYOUT for audio frequency amplifier.

circuit can be interpreted in terms of signal intensity, for the greater the current induced in the second circuit, the greater is the energy transferred to that circuit, and if that circuit were connected to a vacuum tube amplifier or detector, the output would be greatest when the current in this arrangement shows maximum.

We are now in a peculiar position. We note that the energy transfer reaches a maximum value before the coupling between the two coils is maximum, or interpreted differently, the current in the second circuit is maximum although the separation between the two circuits is not minimum. Further as the separation is now reduced, that is, the coupling is increased, the current decreases instead of increasing! The second inductance reacts upon the first, and this reaction results in a cumulative effect which reduces the amount of actual energy transferred from the first coil to the second. This effect is increased as the coupling is increased, until at maximum coupling the energy transfer is much less than at the point of critical coupling, when it is maximum. To determine this phenomenon experi-

To determine this phenomenon experimentally, set the detector unit into operation. Connect the aerial and ground to the respective posts, and tune in any local station, with 1" separation between the primary and secondary coils. It is best to select a powerful local broadcaster. With a strong signal in the phones, reduce the coupling between the primary and secondary coils (increase the separation). You will observe how the signal in the phones decrease. Now gradually increase the coupling, (decrease the separation) until the primary coil is partly within the secondary coil. You observe a gradual increase as the coupling is increased, and then a gradual decrease in signal intensity from the peak intensity as the coupling is still further increased.

### The Coupling Curve

Various degrees of signal intensity are obtained with the three degrees of counling, because of the large scope of operation of loose coupling and close coupling. Loose coupling exists until the coupling becomes critical, and then close coupling exists from critical until unity is reached. The closest coupling is obtained when all the lines of force from one coil cut all the turns of the other. The loosest coupling is obtained when the separation between the two coils is infinite. Critical coupling is obtained when the magnetic lines of force of the first coil cut the maximum number of turns of the second coil without any reaction from the second coil back to the first.

The rise and fall of this energy transfer phenomenon can be shown by what is known as a coupling curve. Revealing the transfer of energy plotted against degrees of coupling. In our case the various degrees of coupling are marked off as separations in inches between the coils. (Concluded next week)

# A 1-Control Crystal Set



(Kadio World Staff Photo)

FIGS. 2 AND 3

The method of attaching the bushing to the condenser shaft is shown at left. The rotary coil shaft (at right) then is slipped into the bushing. The rotary coil should not be at zero coupling when the condenser plates are nearly nested, as shown in the photograph.

## By Smedley Lyons

M ANY persons perhaps wonder at the origin of articles on how to con-struct a simple crystal receiver. It is always a simple set, for even engineering talent has been unable to impress any marks of complication upon the crystal receiver.

The articles originate this way: A radio experimenter blows out all the tubes he has in the house. or his A battery runs down so low that he can not light the tubes, or the B batteries arrive at the end of their career. Hence he can not get reception that night on the family receiver. Yet he is itching to do something along radio lines, preferably something constructional.

#### Lo, the Poor Crystal

On a shelf he espies a crystal detector. Ah, there is the inspiration! "How To Build a Simple Crystal Set!" The idea and the title flash simultaneously upon the screen of his imagination. And he goes to work

Building the set takes him about 40 inutes. Then he hooks aerial and minutes. ground to their proper connecting points, casts a contemptuous glance at the charging A battery, or the dead tubes, or the exhausted B batteries, and listens to pro-

Mother has to stop rattling the news-paper as she turns the pages, and all others in the house must keep quiet, too, the ha will hear little if anything. The folk are not used to that, having been cured of the habit with the advent of the



Wiring diagram of a crystal receiver which may be operated with single control.

### LIST OF PARTS One 7x7" panel. One 6x7" baseboard. One variocoupler, L1L2. One .0005 mfd. variable condenser, Cl. One .001 mfd. fixed condenser, C2. One crystal detector. One pair of earphones.

tube receiver in the home several years ago. But the reception is enjoyable to him, although few close relatives may feel annoyed, and the experimenter temporarily renews his admiration for one of the popular circuits of years gone by, although one not in great favor today. The underlying thought, however, and the only one that offers any solace, is that the youngsters will build the simple cry-stal set, and likewise those oldsters who never before built a receiver and are anx-ious to get started on this fascinating work. So he writes an article on the subject and it is bought by a magazine while the editor is on vacation.

#### The Set in Fig. 1

So it was that the crystal receiver shown in Fig. 1 came into existence in one particular home. The diagram reveals a variocoupler, connected with primary to aerial and ground and secondary to one side of the crystal and to ground, a variable condenser tuning the secondary. With a good fixed detector, like the Carborundum, this is an acceptable set. To obtain signals, connect the phones to the other side of the crystal and to the ground, a fixed condenser, C2, bridging the phones, to bypass the radio frequency currents around them, thus avoid-ing the resistance effect of the magnet windings.

The tuning may be accomplished with a single control by connecting the variable condenser shaft to the rotary coil shaft. This can be done conveniently only if the shaft of the condenser protrudes at rear. A 9/32'' bushing is used, if the shafts are that size, as is customary

The rotary or primary coil is turned so that coupling is just enough to enable one to get fair volume on any low wavelength station within range. As the con-denser dial is turned it will cause the coupling to become greater, that is, the

primary and secondary windings come closer and closer to parallel position. This gives you greater selectivity on the lower wavelengths than if the coupling were fixed. Also you obtain single control.

### Coil Data For the Set

The primary coil winding depends on the dimensions of the coupler. You may use an existing 3-circuit tuner for this receiver, omitting the small winding on the stationary form, or may rewind forms of an old variocoupler, or use an iold, variocoupler "as is.

Variocoupler 'as is. If the primary form is 2" to 3" dia-meter, put on about 18 turns of wire, preferably No. 22 double cotton covered. The secondary then would be 4" diameter and would have 40 turns of the same kind of wire, if C1 is .0005 mfd. If it is .00035, then secondary turns would number 50, while if .00025 the secondary would have 60 turns. A crystal set needs more wire than a tube set for tuning in

The same wave band. If the primary is 2" or thereabouts, put on 22 turns, and use a 3" or  $3'_2$ " second-ary. For  $3'_2$ " put on 50 turns and for 3" put on 57 turns. This is for .0005 mfd. tuning. For lower capacity condensers,

One end of the secondary winding is (Concluded on page 8)



(RADIO WORLD Staff Photo) FIG. 4 The Panel view.

## Ionization Is Pivot Of Operation of Tube

Unless a cold electrode in a tube is subjected to much electron bombardment, no appreciable amount of electrons will be given off. Therefore in a two-electrode tube, if the plate is made negative with respect to the filament, no current will flow.

That is, if the plate is made negative, any current which will flow from the plate to the filament must be caused by the electrons which leave the cold plate. When a cold electrode, which may be either a plate or grid element, shows that current is flowing in such a direc-tion as to indicate that electrons are flowing from the element, the tube has gas in it, which is serving as a means of conduct-

ing the current. Even in the highest vacuum obtainable molecules in the supposed completely evacuated space.

Usually a gas is a fairly good insulator and provides a difficult path for the conduction of current.

However, when a gas is under low pressure, it may be made to carry a heavy flow of current, if this gas becomes ionized.

That is, when the normal gas atoms are broken into two parts, e.g., a free elec-tron and a positively charged nucleus,

ionization is taking place. The ionization, or breaking up of the gas atoms, is equal to a breakdown of

insulator when subjected to a too high voltage

Ionization of the gas in the radio tubes occur as low as  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts. The hot filament furnishes the electrons, which are so active, due to positive plate voltage, that the ionization of the gas atoms is started.

### Test of Electron Action

A simple test may be used to show what action the electrons take in producing ionization

If the plate of a known faulty tube is subjected to its usual voltage, with the filament cold, no plate current will flow and the tube naturally will not show any

and the tube naturally will not show any signs of being ionized. But suppose the filament current is in-creased step by step. The emission of electrons will start. The plate current also will start to flow. At a certain fila-ment temperature, dependent upon the amount of gas in the tube, a blue glow will appear, the latter accompanied by a surplus amount of plate current surplus amount of plate current. In this way it is possible to note that

the filament must be giving off a mini-mum number of electrons before any ionization of the gas takes place

It will be remembered that when the filament current was low, no plate cur-rent flowed. Therefore, if either the plate voltage or filament current is reduced or vice versa, it is possible to control the

## Long Aerial Is Needed for Crystal Reception



(RADIO WORLD Staff Photos) FIGS. 5 AND 6 Views of a completed 1-control crystal receiver. The phones are connected to clips on the baseboard.

### (Concluded from page 7)

soldered to one end of the primary wind-ing. If signals are not loud reverse the secondary connections.

If the crystal has its terminals marked A and G, the A terminal goes to the secondary coil and the G terminal to one of the phone cord tips.

The variable condenser may be con-nected with rotor plates to ground, as in Fig. 1, or with stator plates to ground, for in a crystal set this makes no difference.

### Wiring Directions

Be sure that you use a long aerial. The longer the better. But if you have an aerial you use with a tube set, and do not want to monkey with it simply to get crystal reception, putting more

turns on the primary coil than were prescribed previously may get you stronger signals.

The wiring is done by connecting the aerial to one terminal of the primary and the ground to the common connection established by the other end of the primary and one terminal of the secondary. The ground lead also goes to three more points: (1) to the rotor plates of the tun-ing condenser, C1: (2), to one side of the fixed condenser, C2, and (3), to one of the phone cord tips. The remaining free terminal of the secondary is connected to one terminal of the crystal, the other terminal of the crystal being joined to the remaining free side of the fixed con-denser and to the free phone cord tip. That completes the wiring.

actual ionization condition of the tube. actual ionization condition of the tube. Usually the state of ionization paralyzes the proper action of the tube in power amplifier tubes only. Although ionization occurs very little in tungsten or thoriated tubes, because of the high type of vacuum, usually employed, the oxide filament type of tube usually offers trouble.

### Action In Tube

That is, in these tubes much gas is pres-ent in the filament, grid and plate. When ionization starts, the electrons of the ionized gas go to plate, which is positive. The positive nuclei, however, go back to the filament, subjecting it to a bombard-ment, which results in the extra heating of the filament in one spot, with the re-sultant burning out of the filament at

this one spot. Of course, the greater the filament cur-rent, the greater the electron emission, which in turn causes the ionization to increase, increasing the return bombardment of the electrons at one spot and the consequent burning out of the filament at that one spot. Tubes which have quantity of gas are

Tubes which have quantity of gas are employed with great satisfaction as de-tector tubes. The grid and the plate volt-age must be so adjusted that it is just about enough to bring about the ioniza-tion. The small increase in grid voltage due to the incoming signal brings it up to the point of ionization with a result to the point of ionization with a result-ant increase in plate current. This type of tube is difficult to control, although very sensitive.

## DX Heard on Crystal: Mystery Is Unsolved

The story of miraculous radio reception crops up every so often. KFI has had several well authenticated reports of DX several well authenticated reports of DX crystal set reception, among them being notifications from Stewart Borg, who heard KFI on a crystal set in Seattle, 900 miles from Los Angeles, and G. E. Tuttle and W. L. Coon, who heard KFI on home-made crystal sets in Denver, 800 miles from Los Angeles. So far, no explanation excent recradiation from reco explanation except re-radiation from regenerative sets has been advanced to account for these super-reception records. The theory does not hold good, however, when there are no radiating receivers within a mile or so of the crystal set, which was true of Borg's reception.

As remarkable as the crystal set ception is the authentic reception of KFI on one tube in Brooklyn, Havre de Grace, Lynn and other Atlantic seaboard points. As one fan expressed it, the only explanation seems to be that some nights radio waves just naturally get together and travel high, wide and handsome.

## Many Requests Received for Frequency Signals

Although it is known that the Govern-ment desires to do away with transmit-ting standard frequency signals, letters have been received which have caused officials at the Burcau of Standards to decide to continue the sending of these signals on the 20th of each month as usual until October.

Ultimately, however, it is expected to do away with the sending of these sigthe Government standards of radio sig-nals, since other means of disseminating the Government standards of radio sig-nals of definitely announced frequencies have become increasingly available. This is in part due to the increasing use of Piezo oscillators and the wide availabil-Field oscillable standards testing service from a number of laboratories that do commercial testing of frequency meters. None of these was available when the standard frequency transmissions were inaugurated three years ago.



THE SCHEMATIC diagram of the Light 5 Portable, described by Herman Bernard in the June 12, 19 and 26 issues of RADIO WORLD. The antenna coupler used is of the conductive type. It is the most energetic form of antenna input that can be used. Two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification, a non-regenerative detector and two stages of transformer coupled audio frequency amplification are used. Since the filament control of the RF and the detector tubes is not critical, they are controlled by a single rheostat, R1. The filaments of each of the two audio tubes are controlled by a ballast resistor. S1 is employed for short circuiting a part of the antenna coil so that the entire waveband may be covered without using a larger condenser across the winding, than .0005 mfd.



HOW IT is possible, when the -99 type tubes is used with different voltages and rheostats, to save or lose power, A complete discussion of saving power with different voltages and rheostats with various types tubes was given by J. E. Anderson in the Dec. 5, 1925, issue of RADIO WORLD. As to the above diagram, in the first case, when the -99 tube is operated directly from a 3-volt source, with no rheostat, no power is lost. However in the next case, when the same tube is operated directly from a 4.5 volt source, with a rheostat connected in the circuit, 0.9 watt is lost. From a 6-volt source the loss is .18 watt. At right the loss in a 6-volt tube hookup is shown.



THE CIRCUIT diagrams of two popular forms of AF amplifiers. At the bottom is shown a 3-stage straight resistance coupled AF amplifier, while on top is a diagram of a stage of transformer coupled and a stage of resistance coupled AF amplification.



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THE SCHEMATIC diagram of a simple and effective crystal receiver, wherein are used a tapped radio frequency coil, which should have a variable primary; a variable condenser, having the proper capacity to shunt the secondary; a crystal detector; a .001 mfd. fixed condenser and a pair of phones.



THE ELECTRICAL diagram of the frequency changing system, or the oscillator and modulator (first detector) used in Western Electric Super-Heterodynes. The Hartley oscillator is employed. **Resistor for Regeneration** 



FIG. 370 The electrical diagram of the Drum Dial Type Set.

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PLEASE GIVE the circuit diagram, with data and any special wiring details of the set shown in the photographs in the July 3 issue of RADIO WORLD, wherein the making of a drum dial used in connection with this set, was described. The layout, etc., is very attractive and seems to be ideal for a portable.—Carolyn Jenks, Lavery, Pa.

Fig. 370 shows the electrical wiring dia-gram of this receiver. The coil is wound gram of this receiver. The contribution of the solution is would consider the center of the hub, which is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " cross section, and consists of 15 turns. The secondary, wound immediately after the primary, consists of 50 turns. The dowels, over and under which the wire is wound, are  $\frac{1}{8}$ " in dia-The windings should be very close meter. to each other. If this is done the entire coil will take up no more space than 3". The dowel sticks should be so inserted that they may be taken out. That is, either a commercial or home-made spiderweave form, which can be taken apart should be used. The plate coil, if wound on such a form as just mentioned, con-sists of 40 turns. It is placed close up against the primary and secondary windings and held together with tape or some other binding substance. When winding other binding substance. the primary and secondary, use No. 24 single silk covered wire. When winding the plate coil, use No. 26 or 28 ssc. If a variable resistance having a small barrel is used, it may be placed through the hub or center of the coils and held there hub or center of the coils and held there with small angle brackets, which are bolted to a piece of Bakelite or hard rubber placed over the plate and primary-secon-dary windings, which have also been bolted together with small screws through their centers. Binding posts, to which are attached the terminals from the coils, are also placed on these mounts. If the variable resistance is of the rheostat mounted type, it may be placed directly in front of the two windings and also mounted on the form with angle brackets, or on the panel. The knob of the va-riable resistance, R1, is shown protruding

from the panel, to the right, in the July The knob in the center of the 3 photos. panel is that on the shaft of the rheostat, R2, which is of the 10-ohm type. The single circuit jack is to the right, while single circuit jack is to the right, while the antenna and the ground posts are to the upper left. R3 is 2-megohm grid leak. The secondary is shunted by a .0005 mfd. variable condenser, C1. C2 is a 00025 mfd. fixed grid condenser, C3 is a .001 mfd. fixed condenser, which as indicated by the dotted lines, is not an absolutely essential unit. R4 is a 10 ohm rheostat, but not variable. That is, once the correct filament temperature of a specific tube is found, the resistance is not varied again. This unit is placed on one of the socket shelves. Both the AFT used are of the low ratio type. The -99 type tubes are employed, although larger tubes may be used. The plates of the amplifier tubes should receive 90 volts, while the plate of the detector tube should receive about 45. A 4.5 volt C battery should be used for grid biasing. Two other such batteries, connected up in parallel, are used as the A battery to light the filaments of the tubes.

Be very sure that the rotary plates of the variable condenser are connected to the low potential point of the coil, e.g., positive A, and beginning of secondary winding, which is adjacent to the end of the primary winding, is connected to the ground.

## Speaker Goes Inside Cabinet, Size 8 1-2 x 24 in.

I WOULD like to have the electrical diagram, circuit data, etc., of the set built in a  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 7" high and 24" long cabinet, wherein a midget speaker was included. A 7x24" panel was used. The description of the placing of the speaker was described in the May 22 issue of RADIO WORLD.—Thomas Stephens, Montgomery, Ind.

The circuit diagram of this set appears in Fig. 371. The primary, L1, and the secondary, L2, are a fixed radio frequency transformer. The primary, L3 and the secondary L4, represent a tuned radio frequency transformer. This primary consists of 10 turns. The secondary consists of 50 turns. It is wound on a tubing 3 in. in diameter, using No. 22 double cotton cov-There is a 1/4 in. separation two windings. The secondary ered wire. between the two windings. winding is tapped at the 8th turn from the beginning. C1 is a .0005 mfd variable condenser, while C2 is a .00025 fmd. vari-able condenser. This condenser tunes the able condenset. This condenset times the plate and controls the regenerative action of the tube. C3 is a .0025 mfd. fixed grid condenser. R6 is a 2 megohm grid leak. R1 is a 1.0 megohm grid leak, while R2 is also a 1.0 megohm grid leak. C4 is a unit of the decondense of the up c 25 mfd. is also a 1.0 megohm grid teak. C4 is a 1 mfd. fixed condenser, although a .25 mfd. fixed type will work satisfactorily. R5 is a 34 ampere ballast resistor. AFT1 and AFT2 are of a low and high ratio type respectively. J1 is the single circuit jack. R3 and R4 are 10—ohm rheostats. The beginning and the end of the primary winding of the tuned radio frequency transformer do not go to the plate and B transformer do not go to the plate and B plus posts directly. Instead they are transformer, directly. Instead they plus posts directly. Instead they brought to binding posts. The plate and the B plus posts are also brought to bind-ing posts. In this way, the RF tube may be cut out of the circuit and the antenna and the ground connected to the beginning and the end of the primary winding. The stationary the primary winding. the primary winding. The stationary plates of both variable condensers are connected together and then to the be-ginning of the secondary winding of the TRFT. The tapped portion of this coil is brought to the plus post of the socket holding the detector tube. The plates of the detector, first and second amplifier tubes are connected to one B voltage. The detector plate is connected to the amplifier B source, because of the resistance in the plate detector plate circuit. This voltage should range from  $67\frac{1}{2}$  to 90. From 45 to  $67\frac{1}{2}$  volts (B plus 1), is applied to the plate of the RF tube. The plate of the last amplifier tube should receive at least 1121/2



The electrical diagram of the set requested by Thomas Stephens.

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How to Make an RF Choke



The winding diagram of the new model Powertone. L5 has both of its terminals connected to A minus. Also the beginning of each secondary, L2 and 4, goes to A minus.

volts. It will be noted that there are two C voltages, one for the grids of the first two AF tube and one for the grid of the last AF tube. The first C voltage should be 4.5, while the second C voltage may vary from 6 to 9. A filament switch S, is inserted in series with the A plus B minus lead. The -OIA tube are used throughout the set, with a 6 volt A supply.

## The New Powertone With Novel Gain Knob

PLEASE GIVE the circuit diagram of the new Powertone, with data on the coils, condensers, and a brief wiring description of the set.—Frank Hardrans, Unionville, Mass.

Fig. 372 shows the circuit diagram. The primaries and the secondaries, L1 and L3, primaries and the secondaries, L1 and L3, consist of 10 turns. The secondaries, L2 and L4, consist of 53 turns. These are wound on a tubing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. diameter and 4 in. high. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used. C1 is a double condenser, each section having a capacity of .0005 mfd, with a total capacity of .001 mfd. One ballast resistor, R1, is used to control the filaments of all the tubes. If the -01A type tubes are used, then this ballast retype tubes are used, then this ballast resistor should be of the 11/4 ampere type. If a 112 power type tube is used in the last stage, a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ampere ballast resistor should be used. The tickler coil, L5, is used for non-regenerative purposes. The used for non-regenerative purposed coil here is in the grid-filament circuit, conductively coupled to the secondary, L4, and is used as a volume control. The tickler coil should have only 6 turns on a 1 in diameter. C2 is a .00025 mfd. grid condenser, while R2 is a 2-megohm grid leak. R3, R4, R5 and R6 are all 1.0 megohm resistors. C3 and C4 are .006 mfd fored condensers. The AFT used mid. fixed condensers. The AFT used may be of a high ratio type. LS is a Bruno light switch. The -01A type tubes The detector B voltage is about are used. 45, while the amplifier voltage is 90. The plate of the radio frequency tube also has special B voltage, ranging from 45 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . This voltage is quite critical and 671/2. should be adjusted with care. The ends of both secondary windings (outside points) are brought to the respective stationary plate connections of the conden-ser, posts, Y and Z. The beginnings of both these coils (adjoining secondary) are connected together and thence to the common rotary plate connection of C1 and to A minus. This same terminal is also brought to both terminals of the short-circuited tickler coil, L5. The grid leak is connected in shunt to the positive fila-ment circuit. It should not be shunted across the grid condenser, C2. The C battery is connected in series with the grid return of the last tube only. If 90 volts are used as the amplifier plate supply, then a 4.5 volt C battery should be used. If the 112 tube is used, then a 6-volt C battery should be used. The phone tip jacks PTJ, may be substituted with a single circuit jack. Upon the coil, L5, falls the entire honors of this set. This coil stabilizes the set, serving as a fine volume control.

## Fine Wire Advisable In Winding Choke Coil

I READ with interest J. E. Anderson's article in the July 10 issue on how to make a coil winder. Please show photograph of arts used. (2) Details are requested on how to wind a radio frequency choke coil.—Elmer Hunt, Scarsdale, N. Y. (1) Fig. 373 shows the requested photograph. (2) In many circuits RF chokes of the order of a publication or re-

(1) Fig. 373 shows the requested photograph. (2) In many circuits RF chokes of the order of 5 millihenries are required. It has been the practice of using honeycomb coils for this purpose, but these coils are rather bulky despite the compactness of the winding method. The bulk, of course, is due to the heavy wire used in winding these coils. For chokes it is not always necessary nor desirable to use heavy wire, and it is at all times desirable to use choke coils with fields concentrated as much as posible. Fig. 374 shows the finished coil alongside of a ruler. The form upon which the wire is wound is a wood dowel 1" in diameter and 3" long. Before winding, polish the dowel with fine emery cloth, finishing up with the non-abrasive side of it. For terminals two wood screws are driven into the centers of the ends of the dowel. Temporarily one of these screws is very long and a sleeve made oi small brass tubing is placed between the wood and the head of the screw. This is for facili-

tating chucking the coil form in a hand drill. The drill is placed in a bench vise, and the coil is ready to be wound. The wire used is No. 40 enameled copper. This fine wire is very difficult to handle. It will be necessary to mount a stock wire spool on a reel so that the spool will turn easily yet not so freely that the spool will continue to unwind for more than a turn or two after the winding is stopped. It is probable that during the process of winding one of these coils it will be necessary to stop several times to correct errors and to straighten out kinks. If the stock spool continues to unwind after stopping the winder there will be a thousand kinks formed for every one that is taken out. To prevent the wire from breaking the distance between the stock spool and the winder should be at least ten feet, and to make the be at least ten feet, and to make the winding easier the axes of rotation of the two rotating parts should be parallel and the feed wire should make as nearly as possible a right angle with either of these axes. Slow speed of winding will invariably give rise to trouble from kink-ing, breaking and faulty winding. The wire should be guided toward the wound portion of the coil just a little rather than straight on. If it is guided straight on there will invariably be vacant spaces on there will invariably be vacant spaces on the coil. If it is guided toward the wound portion, with a slight tension on the wire, the winding will be smooth and uniform. In case the wire is guided too far toward the wound portion, with too light tension, the winding will double back, requiring stoppage of the winder and correction of the error. The better the polish on the form the less the trouble will be. After a little experience there will prac-tically be no trouble. With this size of diameter and this small gauge of wire diameter and this small gauge of wire it will require 750 turns to give an in-ductance of approximately 5 millihenries. This will make the winding about 2.5" long. This will leave 14" at each end free from wire. To bring the wire from the coil to the terminals cut tiny grooves axially on the convex surface and radially on the ends place the wire terminals in on the ends, place the wire terminals in these grooves and cover up with beeswax. When the wire terminals have been fastened, remove the coil from the hand drill, replace the long screw and sleeve with a short screw, and then solder the fine wire to the screw heads. It is well to put lugs under the two terminal screws for connection to other apparatus. To protect the fine wire on the coil cover the entire dowel with a layer or two of manila -paper, preferably treated with paraffine.

## 2-Tube Reflex Gives Good Speaker Operation

PLEASE GIVE the wiring diagram, panel layout, with complete wiring description, coil, condenser, data, etc., on a



FIGS. 373 AND 374 Detail of coil winder parts at left and photograph of a choke coil form at right.

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Tickler Affords Volume



The circuit diagram of the set requested by Henry Schultz.



The panel layout for the set shown diagrammatically in Fig. 375

2-tube set, employing a regenerative radio frequency amplifier, a crystal as a detector and a stage of transformer coupled audio frequency amplification. I have two transformers, one of a high ratio and one of a low ratio. Can these be used?— Henry Schultz, Warrick, Mont. The diagram of such a set is shown in Diagram of such a set is shown in

Fig. 375. A 3-circuit tuner and a radio frequency coil are used. The primaries of both these coils have 10 turns. The secondaries, L3 and L5, consist of 50 turns. Tubing 31/4 in. in diameter is used. No. Tubing  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in in diameter is used. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used as the conductor. The tickler consists of 36 turns of No. 26 single silk covered wire; wound on a tubing  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. in diameter. C1 and C2 are .0005 mfd. variable condensers, shunting the secondaries. The filaments of both the area controlled here diagle here both tubes are controlled by a single rheo-However two single rheostats to stat. stat. However two single rheostats to control the filaments of both rheostats may be used with better success. In the panel layout this latter method is used. As to the wirring. The beginning of the primary winding, L1, is brought to the antenna post on the strip. The end of this winding is brought to the ground The be winding is brought to the ground. The beginning of the secondary winding, 12, is brought to the rotary plate connection of Cl and to the G post on the first AFT. This same connection is extended to one terminal of the first derived one terminal of the fixed condenser, which has a capacity of .001 mfd. The F post of this AFT is brought to the A minus post on the strip to one terminal of another fixed condenser, having a capacity of .001 mfd. and the other terminal of other fixed condenser. The end of the secondary winding, L2, is brought to the stationary plate connection of Cl and to the grid post of the RF tube socket. The plate post of this socket is brought to the beginning of the tickler coil winding, L3. The end of

this winding is brought to the beginning of the primary winding, LA, the end of which is brought to the other terminal of C4 and to the P post on the second. AFT. The P post on the first AFT is brought to the low potential point of the crystal detector. The high potential point of this detector is brought to the end of the secondary winding, L5 and to the stationary plate connection of C2. The rotary plate connection of this condenser is brought to the beginning of the secondary winding, L5 and to the B post on the first AFT. The B post on the second AFT is brought to the  $67\frac{1}{2}$  volt B post. The G post on the second AFT is brought to the G post on the second and last socket, with the F post going to the A minus post on the The plate post of this socket is strip. strip. The plate post of this socket is brought to the top terminal of the single circuit jack. The bottom terminal of this jack is brought to the B plus 67½ volt post. If a single rheostat is used, then the F minus posts on both sockets are connected together and to one terminal of the rheostat. The other terminal of this rheostat is brought to the A minus posts rheostat is brought to the A minus posts. The F plus posts of both sockets are connected to the A plus post on the strip. This is regardless of whether one or two rheostats are employed. If two rheostats are employed, then the rheostats are inserted in series with the minus legs of the filaments. The center dial controls the tickler coil, while the condenser tuning the secondary of the tuning coil and the condenser tuning the secondary of the RFT are controlled by dials to the left and the right of center dial respectively. For convenience, a switch, such as is placed in the lower left hand corner of the panel, may be inserted in series with positive A lead.

## How Switch Works In the 1-Turn Receiver

PLEASE DESCRIBE the exact operation of the filament switch, S, in the Set with A 1-Turn Primary, described by Herman Bernard in the July 3 issue of RAMDO WONLD. A brief description of the filament wiring of the second RF tube would be appreciated—Nathan Catan, Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Rockaway, 19, 1. The set is turned on or off as a unit by the A battery switch S, with the exception that the sixth tube is turned on by a rheostat. The switch, however, if "off," will turn out all six tubes. You must use the rheostat independently to turn the sixth tube on or off as an individual unit, although the switch controls the chain. It is impossible to have any tube burning if the switch S is in an "off" position.

The single loop design next to the switch in the Fig. is the lamp that you should insert in the switch socket. This lamp is of the 6-volt variety (flashlight type) and draws about .23 ampere at that voltage. It causes the ruby window to shine very prettily when the set is in operation, When the tubes are extinguished the switch lamp goes out with them.

switch lamp goes out with them. The actual wiring of the circuit is along orthodox lines. Remember that the tubes I and 2 are connected in parallel, that is grid to grid, plate to plate, F plus to F plus. Note that the rheostat interrupts the F minus lead of tube 2, while a ballast resistor is in the negative leg of tube I. These resistors, all marked RL, are No. 1-A Amperites, for the -01A tubes. If a 112 power tube is used in the last stage, however, the 112 Amperite should be used in place of the 1-A type.

## A 5-Tube, 1-Control Resistance AF Set

1 WOULD like to build a single-control receiver with 3 stages of resistance coupled AF.-Julian Stone, Hudson, N. C. Fig. 377 shows the electrical wiring dia-

Fig. 377 shows the electrical wiring diagram of the set you request. The primary L1, consists of 6 turns. The secondary, L2, consists of 50 turns. The primary, L3, consists of 50 turns. The primary, L3, consists of 50 turns. The secondary, L4, consists of 50 turns. Tubings 3½ in in diameter are employed for L2, L3 and L4. No. 22 double cotton covered wire is used. The primary, L1, is variable and wound on a tubing 2¼ in. in diameter and placed inside of the secondary winding, L2. C1 is the double condenser, having two sections, each of which has a capacity of .0005 mfd, making a total capacity of .001 mfd. R1 is a 10 ohm rheostat. C2 is a .00025 mfd. grid condenser. R4 is a megohm grid leak. R2 is a ½ ampere ballast resistor. The filament of the last tube is controlled by a singular ballast resistor, which facilitates the use of the power tube. It will be noted that the plates of the detector, RF and the amplifier tubes are connected to separate B woltages. A few pointers on the wiring. The beginning of the variable primary winding, is brought to the antenna. The end of this winding is brought to the ground. The beginning of the secondary winding, the secondary winding, L4. The stationary plate connections are brought to the ends of the secondary winding, L2 and L4, respectively. The end of the secondary winding, L2, is brought to the grid post of the RF tube socket, while the end of the secondary winding, L4, is brought to one terminal of the grid condenser. The other terminal of the grid condenser. The other terminal of the grid condenser. The other terminal



FIG. 377 The electrical wiring diagram of the 1-control, 5-tube receiver, using resistance coupled audios

terminal of R4. The other terminal of this resistance is brought to the A plus post. The rheostat and ballast resistances are connected in series with the negative legs of their respective tubes. The plates of the three audio tubes receive 135 volts. The plate of the detector tube receives 90 volts although it might be found necessary to increase this voltage, since there is a bug drop in the resistance in the plate cirurop in the resistance in the plate cir-cuit. The plate of the RF tube receives 67½ volts. A phone tip jack or single cir-cuit jack is placed on the output. The --OIA type tubes should be used through--OIA type tubes should be used through-out this set, with a 6 volt source of fila-ment supply. The grid bias on the last tube should be 9 volts, if 135 volts (B) are used. Higher B voltage, e. g., 180, may be used with success. The C battery voltage should be increased to 12. In this last stage of audio, the 112 or 171 type tube can be used, the grid and plate voltages corresponding with the individual char-acteristics of the tubes. However, when acteristics of the tubes. It is best to supply the using these tubes, it is best to supply the plate with a separate B voltage. wise, the others will become parallelyzed. \* \* \*

## Test for Determining Series-Aiding Hookup

1 WOULD like to have the circuit diagram of a method of testing an AF transformer, when it is used as a choke coil, to determine which way affords series-aiding relationship. Please give a short description of the method of operation and the reason for testing it .- Herbert Valert, Greele, Ala.

Fig. 378 shows the electrical diagram illustrating that point. When AFT are employed as choke coupling coils in an inpedance coupled AF amplifier it is very important that the two windings be connected in series aiding, rather than in ser-ies opposing. Therefore, it is important to know how to connect the windings, to get them connected in the manner which will give the best results. Taking for granted, that the majorityy of AFT do not have that the majority of AP1 do not have the same markings, or that we are doubt-ful as to the positiveness of the markings we will employ that method diagrammed in Fig. 377, which is operated in the fol-lowing manner. First throw the switch to point 2, to give the condenser a charge of 45 volts. Then quickly transfer the switch to point 1. The charged condenser C, now discharges through the hordest end the discharges through the headset and the transformer windings. The discharge is highly damped, but the oscillations persist long enough to give the nature of the pitch





The circuit diagram illustrating the method whereby a series-alding or series-opposing connection with an AFT when used as a choke coil can be known.

of the oscillations. Charge and discharge the condenser in rapid succession a number of times, until the pitch of the sound in the headset is firmly fixed in mind. Then reverse one pair of leads on the transformer and repeat the process of charging and discharging. The pitch is charging and discharging. The connection which gives the lower pitch is the series-aiding. The actual sound to listen to, is that which is ordi-narily called the "click." The duller this

"click" sounds, the lower the patels. The marking on the transformer the place. The diagram is that of a great many. How-ever, some have Pl, P2, Sl, S2 markings. Pl is usually the plate terminal; P2 the B plus post; Sl the grid port and S2 the filament minute post. Be sure that the battery has market of bits part is at the st battery has plenty of file and is of the 45 volt type, or higher. If it is lower, it will be difficult to charge the fixed condenser, etc., and obtain the differential oscillating frequency

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## An 8-Tube Set on 7x14" Panel



(Radio World Staff Photo)

A FAN wanted an 8-tube set on a 7x14" panel. Photos show how this was accomplished, using the Super-Heterodyne circuit.

## Some Short Waves Turn Day Into Radio Night

An investigation of the "skip-distance" effect and other phases of short-wave radio transmission has been carried on radio transmission has been carried on at the experimental station of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at Deal Beach, N. J. The results of these studies were described in a paper presented to the In-stitute of Radio Engineers by R. A. Heis-ing and J. C. Schelleng of the Labora-tories and G. C. Southworth of the Ameri-can Telephone and Telegraph Company. Most of the questions of short-wave

Most of the questions of short-wave work have been touched upon during the investigation. Field strength varia-tions over twenty-four-hour periods were tions over twenty-tour-nour periods were measured as were the variations with change in frequency and distance. Fading and its effect on intelligibility and quality, night versus day transmission and overland versus overwater transmission have also been investigated. Tests were made comparing vertical and horizonal antenna structures. Observations were made with field-strength measuring sets and auto-matic recorder, both of which were de-

### Four Win Scholarships In Westinghouse Test PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH. Fifty-two applicants contested in the 1926 examination for War Memorial Scholarships established in remembrance of employes who served in the World War by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. Four scholarships are awarded annually and the winners for 1926 are Robert R. Lockwood, an employe of the company and student in the night school at Car-negie Institute of Technology, Pitts-burgh; William J. Morlock, graduate of McKeesport, Pa., High School; Frank M. Redman, graduate of Grant High School, Portland, Oregon, and Harry W. Thie-mecke, company employe and student at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Carnegie Institute of Technology

By terms of the award they are now eligible to a full engineering course in an approved technical school. Each award provides for an annual payment of \$500 for a period of not more than four years.

## **Expert Flies Abroad** to Get Data for Fans

Major Lester D. Gardner, editor of "Aviation," and expert on aviation mat-"Aviation," and expert on aviation mat-ters for Station WJZ, is now making an extensive airplane trip in Europe and the Near East. He has already flown way through his journey. He intends to return to America in the Fall and relate his experiences on WJZ's wavelength. veloped in the laboratories.

In the overhead wave theory it is as-sumed that a portion of the wave travels by an indirect path and is finally deflected to earth by an ionized layer existing above to earth by an ionized layer existing above the earth. It was found that as the wave-length is shortened the "skip-distance" becomes larger, and the signals become weaker. Fading was found to be less on the starters. The longer waves in most instances. The quality varies somewhat when the car-rier and side bands fade simultaneously but the greatest variation is noted when the frequencies do not fade at the same time.

For distances between a few hundred miles and 1,000 miles there is little difference between overwater and overland transmission. Night transmission is bet-ter than day on high wave lengths and day is better than night transmission on some of the short waves. Tests are still in progress and their scope has been extended to include observation points as far west as Seattle.

## **KNX Has Enormous Remote Control Line**

LOS ANGELES. KNX, the "Evening Express" radio sta-tion, is claiming the distinction of having one of the longest remote control lines in the country. With the completion of the Edgewater Club, on the beach of Santa Monica, programs almost every evening are sent out by remote control

evening are sent out by remote control. The Edgewater Club has obtained Henry Halstead's orchestra to play in the Marigold supper room every evening for an hour.

The Halsted Orchestra, formerly at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, has re-ceived a great deal of favorable comment throughout Southern California.

## Deaf Man Can Hear Stations on Earphones

Radio meant the gift of a new sense to Ewald Emling of 305 North Street, Waukesha. His deafness seemed to disappear by magic when he put on the headphones at the request of friends who had heard of instances where those sim-

had heard of instances where those sim-ilarly afflicted had been able to detect music and speech by radio. "I was surprised indeed to ascertain that I could hear music," stated Mr. Em-ling in a letter to the Freed-Eisemann Radio Corporation. "Now I keep time by swinging my hand as the unside allows by swinging my hand as the music plays, like the leader of an orchestra with his baton." Mr. Emling says that he listens to WEAF, WGN, KYW, WJAZ, and WDAF regularly.

## **TUBE ACTS** LIKE MOTOR **GENERATOR**

When an alternating potential differ-ence is impressed upon the grid of a tube, the plate current increases and decreases at specific periods. The pulsating plate circuit is made to produce fluctua-tions in the succeeding grid potential by means of a transformer, wherein the primary is connected in the plate circuit and the secondary is connected in the plate circuit the filament and the grid. When the proper capacity condenser is shunted across either of these windings, so as to obtain a natural period in the circuit, the fluctuations in the plate current are kept up by their relative action on the grid voltage. Using this scheme, the current in the plate circuit fluctuates between maximum and minimum values. The voltage of the grid alternates and alternating current flows in the condenser, regardless of cir-cuit in which the condenser is connected. In this way the tube becomes a generator of alternating-current power. It might be even given a better name by calling it a converter or motor-generator. The in-ductance and the capacity of the circuit determine the frequency of the alternating current. The total amount of power at hand depends upon the average value of the plate current and the voltage of the battery, which is at the supply source.

## Inattention to Receiver Spoils Joy of Reception

The self-evident maxim that a receiving set should be properly serviced can-not be stressed too often. After money, care and time have been put forth to broadcast a fine program, loose connections, poorly seated tubes, faulty insula-tions or any one of a number of other easily remedied defects in a set will pre-vent good reception. According to the technical staff of KFI, a radio expert should be called in whenever the pleasure of radio reception begins to pall. The loss of radio appetite may be due to a fault in the set rather than in the fare offered which is generally of uniform quality

A good investment is a voltmeter, and a recharging outfit, by means of which the batteries may be kept at their maximum strength.

Many letters received at KFI indicate that receptionists are equipping their sets with an inside loop and an outside aerial so that either may be used at will, ac-cording to the need of the moment.

The surest method of getting the most out of a receiving set investment is to buy only reputable merchandise from reputable dealers.

## WAAM Player Uses Banjo As a Violin

Radio orchestras are forever bringing to light odd ways of playing well-known instruments. The latest musical freak is one being used by a member of the Dorn-Bauer Orchestra which broadcasts from WAAM, Newark, N. J. This man plays the banjo in the orchestra, but on occasion discards the pick and, holding the banjo in vertical position plays with the banjo in vertical position, plays with a bow, employing violin technique. He plays on all strings.

## Variety Characterizes The Making of the Grid

The grids used in the manufacture of most tubes vary from a very fine mesh of the best obtainable tungsten wire to a network of fairly coarse tungsten wire. The grid usually takes either the flat or cylindrical shape. The plates used are

## Mother Uses Broadcast; Gets Back Her Boy

James Toohey, of Yonkers, 11 years old, after being missing for three days from his home in Yonkers, N. Y., was returned to his anxious mother's arms, due to a "missing persons alarm," broadcast at her request.

cast at her request. James, who explained that he ran away because he thought he had failed in his examinations at the Monastery School in Yonkers, heard the radio announcement in the home of Mrs. John Adams in Thornhan, N. Y., a little village in the Adirondack Mountains. He discovered when he arrived at home that he did not fail in his examinations.

He discovered when he arrived at home that he did not fail in his examinations after all. He made the return trip in an automobile with David J. Luddy of 154 Court Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Luddy had been on a camping trip to the Adirondacks, and offered to bring James back with him when he learned of his plight. The boy said he had obtained automobile rides to the mountains, and had worked for a while at a New Yorker's Summer home there.

## Keep Set from Window During the Summertime

If you have a receiver which employs an outdoor antenna, and one aerial terminal is uear the window so as to enable a short leadin for maximum efficiency, it is best, at this time of the year. to move the set far from the window. This is to prevent dampness, prevalent during the summer, from injuring part of the receiver, especially during rain.

## Antenna Measurement



(RADIO WORLD Staff Photo)

REDUCING THE antenna resistance, by interposing a resistance until the radiation current is reduced one-half, is a popular way of measurement. The radiation resistance of the antenna is then equal to the amount of substituted resistance. Sidney Norton Baruch, inventor, is shown making such measurement. also various. Either a zig-zag shaped tungsten wire about 6 cm. long, or a small thimble, 0.4 cm. in diameter, or two heavy plates 6 cm. long are used. Nickle or molybdenum is also used for grids and plates.

## Tide Data from Station Asked by Fisherman

Among the unusual requests for broadcasting service received at KGO, General Electric Pacific Coast station, was a letter from a bass fisherman asking that time of high and low tides be broadcast daily with the weather report.

daily with the weather report. "I have talked with several sportsmen," wrote George Roberts, San Francisco fisherman, "and it will be valuable for us to know the time to leave our homes for the various fishing grounds when tide occurs."

## WNYC Broadcasts Subway Strike News

Broadcasting was invoked to warn listeners that a strike had been called on the subway lines of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in New York City.

When at 9 p. m. it became evident that the strike was inevitable, Commissioner Albert Goldman of the city's Department of Plant and Structures obtained permission from the Transit Commissioner to notify the public from the municipal broadcasting station, WNYC. After making the announcement he also had Mayor Walker's notice to the public giving details of emergency transit service read in detail.

## New Resistors Handle Heavy Loads Easily

Stoner & Heath, New York representatives, are showing the new Centralab rheostats and power controls designed especially for socket power equipment and the extra amount of current required with power tubes of all kinds. One rheostat is ribbon wound, something entirely new in rheostat construction, and is rated at 2 and 3 ohms; the other is wire wound with a rating of 6-10-20-30 ohms. Both are of the usual Centralab construction. Laboratory tests of 50 M. H. D. Variable Resistance designed for detector and radio frequency control in B eliminators showed that the actual ranges were 64 ohms to 57,000, 64 ohms to 43,000 and 33 ohms to 83,000 . They were found to work very smoothly. The rating of three watts is conservative, as severe tests showed that the watts could be dissipated without harming the units. The heavy duty radiohm is designed for socket power equipment for eliminator use exclusively. Tests show that this unit has full resistance and variation with a single turn on the knob; that resistance value remains permanent as adjusted; that resistance value remains the same for any knob setting; that it is variable from 50,-000 ohms to approximately zero, will not heat up excessively with a load of, three watts and will stand up permanently under this load. It will carry five watts on an overload test. It will also stand a ground test between the live parts and the mounting bushing of 1,500 volts without breaking down. Full information on these new units may be had from Stoner & Heath, 122 Greenwich Street, New York City, Mention RADO WORLD.



NICOLAI BEREZOWSKY, conductor of the Atwater Kent Orchestra, heard during the Atwater Kent Radio Hour through WEAF, WEEI, WGR, WCAP, WWJ, WSAI, WGN, WCCO and KSD every Sunday evening from 9:15 to 9:45

## **Resistance Measurement**



(RADIO WORLD Staff Photo)

THE RESISTANCE of a rheostat at any setting may be determined by using an 0-to-1 ammeter and a voltmeter. Resistance equals voltage divided by the amperage.

## Mardon Is Nominated for Section Management

Fred H. Mardon of 1309 West Farms Road, the Bronx, New York City, owner of short wave station 2CWR and for the past two years assistant manager of the Hudson Division of the American Radio Relay League, was nominated by local amateurs for the post of Section Communication Manager of the League. The position carries with it control of the traffic work of transmitting amateurs in the five boroughs of New York and Long Island.

Pending the outcome of the balloting, F. E. Haudy, National Communication Manager of the A. R. R. L., requested Mardon to occupy the position temporarily and to supervise local transmitting activities. (Wide World)

THE MARVELS of radio are just becoming known in the outlying provinces of Russia. Here are some Russian children in the out-of-the-way village of Lientseve gathered around a radio set with expressions of awe. The set is a battery excited crystal receiver.

## Single Station Proposed For Those Sharing Time

Dean D. S. Kimball, of Cornell University, announced that the American Engineering Council will seek to solve

Engineering Council will seek to solve many pressing radio problems. An investigating committee will be named by the Council to examine the entire situation, which, he declared, threatens to create "a radio chaos of in-estimable complexity," affecting 20,000,-000 listenarc

000 listeners. "Many of the problems," Dean Kimball said, "are fundamentally of an enginering nature, and will be studied by a special committee in an unbiased, broadminded, and comprehensive way, so that accurate conclusions may be made generally available in convincing form."

### Puts Sales at \$500,000,000

"The annual sales of radio equipment exceed in value \$500,000,000," Dean Kim-ball said. "It is estimated that there are some 20,000,000 listeners in the United States. Hence radio questions are of almost universal concern and of tremend-

ous commercial significance. "There is no doubt that they affect the public interest at every point. It is probably fair to state that there is no disinterested agency of national scope which has attacked these problems with the thought of a public-service solution. "It is evident that these problems in-

volve many engineering considerations. The subject appears, therefore, a logical matter for consideration by the engineer-

ing profession. "The investigators will seek the co-operation of every interest concerned. The aid of the legal and administrative officials of the Department of Commerce or any other radio regulating body that may be established by Congress will, it is beheved, be readily obtained.

### Has Trade Value

"We feel sure that the trade and com-mercial questions involved will be adequately and promptly presented by the business interests that are responsible, said Dean Kimball.

The large broadcasting interests have "The large broadcasting interests have expressed no opposition to an engineer-ing study of radio. Rather they seem in-different to it, apparently being in doubr as to how such a study could serve any useful purpose. In our opinion, however, this indifference results wholly from a lack of appreciation of the usefulness which might be served through having an impartial, judicially minded committee of technical men studying the problems and recommending certain principles for genrecommending certain principles for gen-eral adoption. Factual studies of the radio broadcasting problem will usefully serve the public interest through the application of engineering principles.

### Cost Data to Be Obtained

"Special attention will be given to an analysis of the relative costs, effective-ness and difficulties of the various various methods used in broadcasting educa-tional, religious and like programs. An-other important field of inquiry involves the economic soundness of division of

the economic soundness of division of time between expensive stations as con-trasted with the use of multi-studio sys-tem with a single broadcasting station. "Numerous conflicts of interest are arising, and difficulty is increased as the religious, the educational and other fields of broadcasting enlarge their activity. There can be at the present time no gen-eralization made as to the proper solution eralization made as to the proper solution of these differences. Each local problem must be separately considered and a deci-sion appropriate to the local circumstances

"There are now 540 broadcasting sta-tions of which at least 200 give regular programs of considerable interest, com-manding substantial audiences. There are approximately 650 additional applicants to whom broadcasting licenses have not been granted by the Department of Commerce

Artists

(RADIO WORLD Staff Photos)

A NEW development at WBNY is of the carrier wave, so that the artist | volume on certain notes, by drawing av mitter. This has developed forms of sin limits within which they must keep the her own voice as it sounds in a received

## **A Vital Adjustment**



(Radio World Staff Photo)

IF you adjust your speaker unit to handle the loudest station you need not set it again. The wrong setting often prevents reception.

## Jersey Coast Beacon Changes Inaugurated

The characteristics of several of the radio beacons in the trans-Atlantic trai-fic lane approaching New York Harbor have been changed. The Fire Island Light Ship sounds every

The Fire Island Light Ship sounds every 180 seconds in groups of two dashes for 60 seconds and silent 120 seconds; Am-brose Channel Light Ship sounds every 180 seconds, single dashes for 60 sec-onds and silent 120 seconds; Sea Girt Light Station sounds every 180 seconds.

### THREE ASK STATION LICENSE

Bringing the number of applications up to 637, the following applied for permis-sion to broadcast: Austin Kleis, Pough-keepsie, N. Y.; Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., and First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles.

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## e Taught Trick of Improving Quality



raining of vocal artists. The necessity of modulating their voices within the limits her voice just as the radio listener hears it, is taught. The artist must reduce rom the microphone, to stay within the modulation limits of the broadcast trans-that in the studio sound very peculiar, but which, when received by the broad-are distorted and unpleasant due to the artists' lack of understanding of the blitude of their voices for broadcasting. The pupil singer uses earphones to hear d governs herself accordingly. Loud notes are uttered at a distance from the microphone.

## Actress a Broadcaster



DOROTHY BROWN, soprano and principal player in musical comedy, is heard with great delight from WBNY. She is playing in "Sweet-heart Time."

## Horseshoe Pitching **Prompts Song Parody**

In accordance with the recent an-nouncement that WAAM, Newark, N. J., would conduct an inter-studio horseshoepitching contest, members of the studio staff have been spending all their spare time in the front yard of the studio on Bond Street practicing horseshoe-throw-ing. This prompted I. R. Nelson, Jr., the manager of the station, to announce that the official WAAM song now goes: "Crazy over horseshoes — horseshoes, horseshoes!"

ALASKAN BEACON NEAR READY It is expected that it will be only a short time until the new radio beacon will be established at Cape Spencer Light Station in Alaska. It will be located in Cross Sound every 120 seconds, single dashes for 60 seconds and silent for 60 seconds seconds.

### NO RADIO LEGISLATION

The Senate passed the Dill bill. The House did not. Congress adjourned until December.

## Four Husbands' Alibis Shattered by Broadcast

#### BOSTON.

Babe Herman, featherweight, was scheduled to box Chick Suggs for the scheduled to box Chick Suggs for the featherweight championship at the Braves Field ball park recently, but weather con-ditions caused the postponement of the fight until the following night. During his visit in Boston, Herman stayed at the Hotel Brunswick, where the studio of WBZ is located, and with another eve-ning to while away he elected to visit the breadsacting studio. broadcasting studio.

W. Gordon Swan, the WBZ announcer, on finding out who his visitor was, in-vited him to say a few words to the radio audience. At first, Herman, to whom flying fists mean nothing, shied at the thought of talking into a microphone, but the studio staff prevailed upon him and convinced him that the microphone was harmless.

While broadcasting an interesting little talk on fighting and incidents that have happened in the squared ring, Herman casually mentioned that his fight with Suggs had been postponed until the following night.

The evening of the scheduled bout, four husbands, friends of one another,, left their cozy homes to see the much antici-pated conflict. They arrived at the ball

park only to be disappointed to find that the match had been postponed. Opporfunction in a seening out came few and far between, they agreed, and decided that to relinquish this one was out of the question. Arrangements were soon

made for a quiet game of poker. In the early morning to four different homes trudged four weary husbands who believed that they had covered their tracks well. But four wives were waiting for their appearance and in vain did the husbands explain. The damage had been done and unknowingly the husband's idol, Babe Herman, had let the cat out of the

## **New Fog Signal Cuts** Need For Lighthouses

LONDON.

A fog-signalling device, brought out by the Marconi Company of London, operated by radio, and actuated from a central point, promises to replace light-houses. The first fog-signal has been in-stalled in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland. When the fog is seen, by the keeper at the central point, a special transmitter is started. This emits timed impulses, which start a gun firing.

## Shaw Called Best Artist; Lauder and Wales Next

#### LONDON

The British Broadcasting Company, which has a monopoly in England. has made known its opinion that Sir Harry Lauder and George Bernard Shaw are among the best performers beford the microphone. Their voices are particularly read for transmission the company case good for transmission, the company says. Shaw's only appearance before the microphone was several months ago, when he read one of his short plays. That performance, however, placed him at the

top of the radio company's list. The Prince of Wales also is said to have an admirable delivery over the radio. The voices of 90 per cent. of stage comedians are, for one reason or another, un-suitable for broadcasting, according to the radio officials.

The statement aroused much interest.





(Radio World Staff Photo)

WHEN mother returned from a matince she found that her son, an ardent radio experimenter, had usurped the dining room table. Mother, in the interest of science, ordered dinner served in the kitchen.

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WABZ-Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
WADC-Allen T. Simmons, Akron, O.
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## **Bigger Income for Talent**

THE broadcasting studio is unlike the stage, in that the studio produces great reputations without much re-muneration attaching thereto, whereas stage celebrities are sometimes even less celebrated than their salaries. For instance, it is not unusual for the leading man in a musical comedy in New York City to receive \$1,500 a week, while an-nouncers, more famous than he by far, may receive only twice that in a year! The famous announcer's soothing syrup Ine tamous announcer's southing syrup may be bottled up in the fact that he works all year round and gets a two weeks' vacation, with pay, whereas, the musical comedy star works, say 40 weeks a year, the other 12 being a vacation granted without pay and without option of rafueal of refusal.

Often the public is staggered to learn of the tremendous salaries received by famous and gifted persons. In cases where the facts are constantly before the public, only occasional comment is made of the enormity of the pay. For instance, Jack Dempsey will get nearly a million dollars for his next fight, if ever he does

fight, but this has received so much pub

licity that it is virtually taken for granted. The key to the pay situation lies in the financial drawing power of the per-former. None can deny that Dempsey should get a substantial percentage of the gate receipts, for it is he who draws the crowd that pays the fancy prices. Like-wise the actor has a cash value on the same basis. Quite on the other side is the broadcast performer, be he announcer or artist, since all he will bring tangibly are applause letters! Many would like to see their favorites

of the air gain more substantial financial recognition. About the best paid micro-phone performers are those who are in the actor class, indeed, have been re-cruited from the stage. They are heard on advertising programs or so-called sponsored programs, and are paid by the concern whose name is uttered into the microphone quite frequently for the goodwill that such reiteration may engender. As for other artists heard at stations,

including studio artists on the station payroll, these, as well as announcers, are gaining the benefit of special bureaus that more and more stations are inaugurating, to develop a concert and recital field for Many a these deserving entertainers. mothers' club would feel flattered to have the favorite announcer of the vicinity appear in person at the inevitable entertainment and dance. Indeed, last winter broadcast favorites united to give a concert in New York City, and the listening public crowded the auditorium. This shows a demand exists, and it is well indeed that stations are helping to find extra money for the announcers and others. Organizations might well draw on this fund of talent.

### The Misannouncing Evil

A NNOUNCERS should be careful to avoid misannouncing. The trouble exists mostly at large stations, where re-mote control broadcasting is done. The microphone may be at a hotel, the ampli-fied speech and music being telephoned, as it were, to the studio, where it is put on the air. Lack of teamwork between announcer and the orchestra conductor or other worthy at the point of remote control results in the announcement that a certain song will be sung or played, whereas, a different one ensues. The apology that precedes the next announcement is necessarily crippled.

The listening public experiences a strange feeling over a misannouncement. It is an admixture of censure for the announcer and station, sympathy for the artist, and general distraction. Somehow artist, and general distraction. the effect of a song, especially if sung, is almost lost if the rendition is preceded by the announcement of a different piece. For instance, if something merry in its music is announced, and instead a senti-mental waltz song is heard, one wonders whether the soprano will sing the other song afterwards, how the announcer came to make the mistake, or perhaps whether this is indeed the very song that was announced. All this is so distracting to the audience, that, however credible may be the performance of the unexpected

piece, the effect is vitiated. WJZ, the Radio Corporation of America's station in New York City, recently has been offending repeatedly in this re spect, accompanying this annoyance with sagging modulation, and even complete cutoff of transmission a few times on given nights, lasting for a few seconds each time.

### The Patent Suits

THE injunction suit activities of the Radio Corporation of America and allied corporations are livelier than ever before, although lately having received some deadly blows.

Most recent of the cases to be decided was that brought against the Indepen dent Radio Manufacturers, as the com-bined makers of the Hazeltine Neutrodyne receivers are known. The charge was that the Hazeltine neutralization method was an infringement of the Rice and Hartley patents, owned by the plainiffs. The complaint was dismissed in Federal Court, Brooklyn, the Judge hold-ing that the Hazeltine method was an original one. The Court went so far as to say some uncomplimentary things about the R. C. A. and its associate cor-porations, all of which concerns are under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, on a charge of monopoly in re-

straint of trade. The suit brought by the R. C. A. against the Splitdorff Co., alleging that the making of tuned radio frequency sets was an infringement of other patents owned by the plaintiff, has not been decided at this writing, for it is the most recent important injunction suit to be brought by the frequent plaintiffs. Surely whatever patent rights the R. C.

A. and the other members of the radio combine may own are entitled to and will receive full protection under the law, but the R. C. A. should not expect to finance departmental deficits in the operation of their regular business out of the revenues of other and more successful receiver manufacturers that the R. C. A. hopes are manufacturers that the K. C. A. nopes are infringing some of its patents. Judge Inch, in deciding the Hazeltine patent case, clearly inferred in his published opinion that the R. C. A. and the other plaintiffs, realizing that the Neutrodyne manufacturers were making considerable money, decided after years of inactivity money, decided, after years of inactivity, to try to scoop in some of this money for themselves. The failure to achieve this end was pronounced, since dismissal of a complaint is about the severest slap in the face that a plaintiff can receive, short

of being adjudged in contempt of court. There is good and bad in the R. C. A. in particular. Some of the companies that are joined as co-plaintiffs in the suits are drawn in due to intermingled patent ownership arising from previous co-opera-tive arrangements. In some instances the former friendly feeling among these commercial brethren has cooled off consider-ably. But a lawsuit makes strange bedfellows, even as politics.

The R. C. A. represents in some respects the best, in others, the worst. Let it be hoped all its conduct will be on the lofty plane henceforth.

Some of the bad spots in R. C. A. conduct have the ungracious habit of getting aired in court, of all places, and do so even in suits begun and strenuously prosecuted by the R. C. A.

One cannot help recall the shame that every friend of the radio industry must have felt when it was revealed, in the suit by the De Forest Co. to enjoin the R. C. A. from spying on the De Forest tube\_works, that the R. C. A. had paid De Forest employes to report to the R. A. on the innermost secrets of the De prest tube factory. When that case Forest tube factory. came up in court, counsel for the R. C. A. said that the practises complained of had ceased, and asked therefore that no in-junction be issued. The court scoffed at this plea of "mercy on the basis of guilt" and the attorney, probably himself a warden of a church and a well-behaved citizen, had to bear the brunt of the court's ire, while the R. C. A. had done

the dirty deeds. The R. C. A. should prosecute infringements of its patents, indeed, must do so lest the patent rights be deemed to be waived, but it had better beware of echoing empty charges and wringing unclean hands in the faces of sensible judges and juries in the expectation that from such soiled conduct it may wring the sweet fruits of success.

## R. C. A. Neutrodyne Suit Thrown Out of Court as **Bold Scheme to Cash In**

Radio Trust Alleged Hazeltine's Method Infringed Rice and Hartlev Patents-Court Sarcastic About Usefulness and Efficiency of R. C. A. and Associates.

## IMPUGNS SINCERITY

## **Remarks That No Action** Was Even Attempted Until Long After Success of Hazeltine's Circuit.

The suit brought by the Radio Corpora-The suit brought by the Radio Corpora-tion of America and others against the In-dependent Radio Manufacturers, Inc., mak-ers of the Hazeltine licensed Neutrodyne sets, alleging that the Hazeltine patent in-fringed the Rice and Hartley patents, was thrown out of Federal Court in Brooklyn. Judge Inch, who heard the arguments of both sides in the suit for injunction and heavy damages. in his opinion openly charged the plaintiffs—the R. C. A., Gen-eral Electric, Westinghouse and the Amer-ican Telephone and Telegraph Co.—with having made not even an attempt to act on having made not even an attempt to act on their alleged claims until the popularity of the Neutrodyne was well established, and good profits were being earned.

The judge also referred sarcastically to the R. C. A. and its associate members of the Trust as "useful corporations" with "various efficient and large research de-partments."

The judge further wrote: "The first radio receiving set that, if properly constructed, would not squeal or whistle and was not a nuisance to the neighborhood, was the so-called Hazeltine neutrodyne apparatus."

### Last-Minute Grab

Judge Inch declared in his decision that "after Hazeltine gave to the commercial world a new receiving set, there has arisen almost overnight a great and important industry in the making and selling of receiving sets, a substantial portion of which, \$50,000,000 worth, were employing the Ha-zeltine idea."

Then, the decision pointed out, the Radio Corporation of America and its associated companies, brought the suit charging Hazeltine had infringed their patents on radio inventions by Rice and Hartley.

### A Dig at the Trust

In dismissing the suit the judge said : "Only after success by those dealing in these (Hazeltine) radio sets, the plaintiffs (Radio Corporation and others) come and claim that this defendant's apparatus and circuit infringe certain patents which, so far as I can see, have been quietly rest-ing, with others, in the archives of the various efficient and large research departments of these enormous and useful cor-

"By broad claims which state a discovery of a principle already given to the world,

this suit is an endeavor to prove infringe-ment of new instrumentalities. Wherefore ment of new instrumentalities. the defendant is entitled to a decree dismissing the complaint."

## **Decision Removes** Menace to Dealers

The suit which the R. C. A. lost, re-garding the Neutrodyne patent, was known as the Garod case. The plaintiffs sued, among others, the Twentieth Cen-tury Radio Corporation, of 102 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., distributors of Garod Neutrodyne receivers. The charge was that the Garod set, using the Hazeltine neutralization method, infringed the inventions of Ralph Hartley and Chester Rice.

The Garod corporation is a member of the Independent Radio Manufacturers, Inc., which in 1922 obtained from Professor Hazeltine licenses to make and sell radio sets embodying his inventions. Had Judge Inch's decision been favorable to the Radio Corporation the decision might have given that corporation a virtual monopoly of the manufacture and dis-tribution of sets, since the R. C. A. controls the regeneration and Super-Heterodye patents and is claiming the tuned radio frequency patent on the Splitdorff case. The Judge said in the Garod case: "It seems to me that this suit is an

endeavor, by proof of broad claims, which state in slightly different words a discov-ery of a 'principle' already given to the world, to prove infringement of new in-strumentalities expressly covered by claims not sued upon.

claims not sued upon. "The valid claims of the Hartley and" Rice patents would seem to be for 'in-strumentalities.' Each may represent slight steps in the art without disturb-ing the other. The claims in suit set forth a 'principle' well known to the prior art. The claim covering the 'in-strumentalities' is not sued on. Where-fore the defendant is entitled to a decree fore the defendant is entitled to a decree dismissing the complaint."

Ira Adams, head of the patent depart-ment of the Radio Corporation, admit-ted that a favorable decision on the corporation's claims would mean that hundreds of small dealers now selling Neutrodyne sets, as well as firms manufacturing such sets, would probably go out



Speaker Aids Business

(Courtesy Wave Radio Corp.)

CUSTOMERS are attracted to the Try-Mo Radio Store, 9 West Broadway, New York City, by a speaker hung to the plate glass window by means of a rub-ber suction cup. The speaker leads are connected to a set inside the store. Passersby are attracted to the speaker and window by the music. Moe Lager, propri-etor, is shown adjusting the Wave Cone.

of business. "We shall very probably appeal this case," he added.

## **Edelson Vice-President** Of Insulating Company

Samuel Edelson was elected vice-president and director of the Insulating Com-pany of America, Inc., New York City. This concern, originally known to the trade as the Radio Panel & Parts Corp., has atracted widespread attention in radio circles because of its phenomenal growth under its founders, A. G. Heller and S. J. Spector.

The Insulating Company of America is operating one of the largest and best equipped plants of its kind, occupying the entire building at 59 Warren Street. They are manufacturers of insulating materials and parts which enjoy a world-wide repu-tation for quality. Through their radio panel and parts division they have become an important factor in the radio trade.

Mr. Edelson brings to his company a record of marked achievement in the business world, in the sales field and as a directing executive.

## Australia to Investigate Validity of Many Patents

A conference of all interests concerned with radio broadcasting was held recently with radio broadcasting was held recently in Sydney, Australia, according to a re-port to the Department of Commerce. Representatives were present from the Federal Government, the Institution of Engineers, the English Speaking Union, the Listener's League, the broadcasting companies and the radio dealers. The report on the committee of re-search stated that it was the policy of the Wireless Institute of Australia to establish a scientific laboratory along the lines of the subsidized laboratories exist-

lines of the subsidized laboratories exist-ing in other countries. The committee on

broadcasting and copyrights recommended the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the whole question. The committee on patent royalties also recommended an investigation by the royal commission with a view to ascertaining whether the claims to patent rights by certain companies were valid. Further recommendations of the committee dealt with the cost of operating stations and revenue obtained from the importation of radio material.

A request was also made to the Post-master-General to increase the margin of wavelengths between certain of the stations now operating.

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**Drawing Card Features** 

The committee in charge of the fourth annual National Radio exposition, to be held in the Ambassador Auditorium here from September 5 to 11, has adopted sug-gestions believed to bear an important influence in carrying out the dual motive of the show.

J. A. Hartley, general chairman, de-clared these features will consist of educational programs for the general public, a preview for dealers only, a partly paid ticket for distribution by the dealers, an elimination of costly souvenir programs and substitution of a concise directory of exhibits, standardized booth equipment and the use of a complete and experienced exposition organization, headed by Waldo T. Tupper, Pacific Coast exposition expert

Outstanding among the reasons for adoption of the educational program, it was said, is the fact it insures heavy af-ternoon attendance. Each patron of the program is to be tendered a free admission to the exposition.

Heretofore expositions have had light crowds when they opened their afternoon sessions, but as was proven at last year's radio show, the programs of radio technical talks, personal appearances of announcers and the presence of noted radio stars, have drawn such throngs that when

## New Move to Tax Radio **Opposed by Manufacturers**

#### BUFFALO, N. Y

The Board of Directors of the Radio Manufacturers' Association appointed a committee on radio receiving installation, H. H. Frost, chairman, to co-operate with organizations in the construction industry in wiring of houses for proper radio re-ceiving installation as a means of improving service to the public. The com-inittee will make an intensive study of the principles and methods underlying efficient installation of radio receiving apparatus and work for their adoption in schools, hotels, homes and other types of buildings

In line with the suggestion of Secretary Hoover at the time of the convention at Atlantic City a statistical committee, B. Hawley, chairman, was formed with instructions to make a survey of the statistical needs of the industry and to present plans for a competent statistical service to the association. Such a service, it is thought, will be of distinct value in helping to stabilize the industry.

### Authorize Official Organ

Authorization for publishing "The R M. A." news as the official medium of the association under the direction of B. W.

Ruark, executive secretary, was voted. The directors opposed taxes specifically directed against the products of the in-dustry, in view of the growing tend-ency to single out radio products for ancy to single out radio products using taxation. Among the reasons advanced in support of such opposition were the following: radio is already taxed as personal property and additional taxes therefore would constitute double taxation; radio is an agent of education and in-struction and its use should be encour-aged and it should not be subjected to hindrances brought about by specific tax-ation; and the imposition of such taxes

would be reflected in higher distribution or maintenance costs and would be a burden both to the industry and the public

The fair trade practice committee, C. Colby, chairman, the Colby, chairman, was authorized to formulate a code of fair trade practices or principles of business conduct for presentation to the association as a means of providing machinery for the self-govern-ment of the industry and thereby reduce to a minimum the necessity of regulation from without.

### Seek Farmers' Business

Important changes in the government of the association were forecast in the proposed new constitution and by-laws presented by President A. T. Haugh, Haugh. This contemplates associate membership for jobbers, creation of a technical group in the association, election of officers under the Australian ballot system and various other matters. It will be presented

to the association at its forthcoming New York meeting in September. The board of directors approved the national contest proposed by the Depart-ment of Agriculture to intensify interest in radio among farmers and recommended that members of the association cooperate through the donation of prizes and otherwise to carry the contest to a suc-cessful conclusion. The importance of the farm market to radio manufacturers cannot be over-estimated and the contest will develop data of value in reaching that

Win develop data bi value in reaching that market, it was said. Present were: A. T. Haugh, L. G. Bald-win, P. C. Lenz, Jr., B. W. Ruark, C. D. Boyd, C. C. Colby, Godfrey Gort, S. B. Trainer, D. MacGregor, H. H. Frost, T. K. Webster, W. W. Dowdell, J. B. Haw-ber, H. Elbu and H. W. Ginerico and ley, H. H. Eby and H. W. Simpson. The headquarters of the R. M. A. are

at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago.

the radio show gates were opened at least 2,000 persons entered immediately. The educational programs are to be timed to conclude coincidentally with the opening of the show.

By means of the partly paid ticket, each By means of the partly paid ticket, each radio dealer in Southern California will be able to offer his patronage a reduced rate order on the box office. He will dis-tribute these free, and the balance due will be paid at the exposition Each pat-ron records his name, as well as that of his dealer on the partly paid ticket, and these names are listed and returned to the these names are listed and returned to the distributor, thus affording a double check on his mailing list.

## New Tuning Condenser Is Made By Unitrol

A new type of die-cast variable condenser has been introduced by the Unitrol Condenser Corporation. The rotor and stator blocks are two complete castings, respectively, which form the main struc-ture. An alloy of aluminum, copper and silicon is used to produce an accurate surface. Straight line frequency is obtained through tapered circular segments without the usual offset plates, which are used by many manufacturers to obtain this result.

Only twelve parts are used in the complete condenser, the cubic contents of which are about one-half that of other condensers of the same capacity. In this condenser the inter-leaving blades rotate parallel to the axis of the condenser and differ from other condensers in that respect.

A novel shaft construction is employed and cone bearings substituted for cylindrical bearings.

One of the bearings is of semi-floating type, held under spring tension to compensate for any wear on the bearings. The engineer who designed the device explains that the advantage of this con-struction is that no "end play" will be noticed when the knob is turned, no matter how long this con-denser is in service.

## **Industries Banquet** To Be Held September 15

The third annual radio industries ban-quet will be held in New York on Wed-nesday, September 15, Paul B. Klugh,

chairman of the committee, announced. More than 1,400 attended the second annual banquet held during the radio shows last year, while an attendance of over 2,000 is forecast for the third annual affair

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## A Battery Substitutes Called Unsubstantial

Optimism was the keynote of the meet-ing of the National Battery Manufac-turers Association, held in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel. It was the annual meeting and reports of the vari-ous activities of the departments operating in the association were given. President Kelly, re-elected to succeed himself for the coming year, made a ringing speech on the work of the organization and offered many recommendations as to the reorganization and replanning of the

work for the coming year. The program for the convention rep



resented a continuance of the policy reserved a continuance of the poncy planned at the Chicago meeting and in-cluded several technical papers. Among them was a paper by W. C. Brooks, of the Hartford Battery Mfg. Company, on the trickle charger and combination A battery units. This had to do with a question that is attracting a great deal of attention among manufacturers because of the publicity given to eliminators. Mr. Brooks was impartial in his remarks and placed the exact facts before the members.

[His article, elsewhere in this issue, embodies the gist of his remarks to the meeting.]

#### **Business** Conditions

One of the interesting features of the meeting was a composite report of business conditions as reported by various members. This was given by O. B. Towne and showed a varied experience on the part of manufacturers in different lines. Some of those who were confining themselves to only cerfeatures of the battery business indicated a falling off 'of business during certain months in their main line and picking up of other lines. Manufacturers of farm lighting storage batteries and battery plates showed a substantial increase in their busi-Automobile battery business remains ness. about the same.

Lawrence A. Nixon, secretary of the Radio Trade Association of America, gave very comprehensive address on the outlook for radio batteries. He encouraged particularly improvements in radio batteries which would eliminate certain objections. However, his remarks were more encouraging for the radio batteries than anything heard for some time. He did not seem to feel that inventions which have been heralded recently about doing away with storage batteries in radio, were anywhere nearly



through the experimental stage, and con-sequently were offering nothing of substan-tial nature in improvements. It is Mr. Nixon's opinion that improvements are bound to come and that the battery people should be among those to take the lead.

#### Officers Elected

In departmental activity of the Associa-tion, a report was given by C. H. Smith, of the Westinghouse Union Battery Com-pany, Chairman of the Cost Committee, on profit leaks or waste in the industry, and relieve a wave samadalia character in indicated a very remarkable advance in cost systems. Mr. Smith had arranged a complete chart giving the outline of a cost system in each plant.

The following officers were elected for the coming year

President, D. H. Kelly, U. S. Light & Heat Corp.

Vice-President, R. D. Mowry, Universal Battery Co. 2nd Vice-President, O. L. Schutz, Grant

Storage Battery Co. Secretary, T. D. White, Victor Storage

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Treasurer, P. M. Marko, Marko Storage Battery Co.

Membership of the Board of Directors is made up of the officers of the Association and the following directors especially ap-

pointed for that purpose: C. H. Smith, Westinghouse Union Bat-, tery Co.

L. A. Doughty, Carlile & Doughty, Inc. The Association will meet again in Cleveland or Detroit during the last of September or early part of October.

## Prize From England To Be Awarded at Show

#### LONDON

A gold medal from England, in addi-tion to the Radio World's Fair medal and other awards, will go to the winner of the international amateur set contest, to be held at the Radio World's Fair in Madison Square Garden, New York City, Sept. 13-18. The prize is offered by the "Wireless Magazine." An elimination contest will determine the sets to be sent to New York to compete with the re-ceivers built by Americans, as well as a number from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Australia.

Sets of exceedingly novel construction and those of proven extraordinary effi-eiency will be judged in New York. The winning sets in all classes will be given places of honor, too, at the Fifth Annual Radio Show in Chicago.

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#### CAPITAL INCREASES

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## Man and Girl Alone In Dark as Iron Fails

The value of having a real good soldering iron lies in the assurance that it will keep on functioning properly and, if it is of the electric type, will not cause you to

of the electric type, will not cause you to blow a fuse in your home power wiring (the DC or AC main). Recently a radio engineer was using a poor iron which had been giving fair serv-ice for a few months. A girl friend tele-phoned him that her set was out of order. He rushed for the garage. Taking some radio tools with him, he sped over to the girl friend's house. You see, they were in love. in love.

When he got there he found that the A battery switch was disconnected at the point where the battery lead should have been in constant contact with the switch lug. Obviously this was a soldering job, so he fished the iron out of his little bag and plugged into the electrolier socket.

### He Explains Fuses

And nothing happened, except that the lights went out! Imagine his embarrass-ment, and incidentally hers, at their being left alone in a dark house! "The fuses went!" he exclaimed.

"Can you fix them up?" she inquired anxiously, although with some confidence at that, for she knew he was well versed

at that, for she knew he was wen versea in things electrical. "Have you any fuses?" he asked. "Fuses?" she inquired innocently. "Why, a fuse is something that you put in the fuse box," he explained darkly. "It's a piece of wire in a sort of con-traption and it melts if the house wiring is shorted. That avoids trouble else-where you see"

where, you see." "No," she confessed, "I don't see. I'm all in the dark."

He was not of a mind to laugh at her joke. He asked where the fuse box was. She did not know. There was nobody else at home. Maybe some neighbor could tell, she suggested. "Never mind," he counselled, "I'll go into the cellar and find the fuse box."

### Not Even One Fuse

So he did, with the aid of his pocket flashlight. But there was not an extra fuse to be found. So he made the rounds of the neighbors, without any better luck. The nearest electrical store was two miles away, and likely closed by this time, as he was well aware. The clock had struck 10:30 p. m. Strictly speaking, it had merely struck once, but he knew it was 10:30 and, to make matters worse, was P. M. besides. He helped the girl into his car and

together they drove to the electrical store, which was locked and dark. They found out where the electrician lived, wrung him away from a poker game back to the store away from a poker game back to get away to find a few fuses, and then sped away with the precious safety devices. These the engineer quickly installed in the fuse box and all was happy. "What caused the lights to go out?"

she asked

### "Why, my soldering iron shorted," he splained. "We'll have to heat the iron explained. on a gas stove."

### A Fire Solves Problem

"We have no gas," she politely informed him. "Then we'll build a fire."

And so, in the back yard, he built a bon fire and heated the iron so that he both fire and heated the from so that he could complete his originally simple, but by this time frightfully complicated, job. When his work was finished she thanked him and said:

"I have an alcohol lamp, if that's any good to you."

"No, not now," he said, He groaned. ne groaned. No, not now," he said, containing himself with superb exhibition of will power. "Everything" is all right now, except the iron. Tomorrow I'll buy the best iron that the market affords. It's cheap insurance."

## Children at the Dials **Compel Program Care**

"The child in the home can and does tune in to any program that is available and can absorb many things which he would not otherwise hear. Under these conditions it is important that if radio is to accomplish the matter and of is to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number it be in the hands of those who realize their responsibility to the listening public, rather than in the hands of those who for publicity or other selfsh purposes will depreciate this me-dium of communication."

So said William E. Harkness, vice-president and general manager of the Broadcasting Company of America, which operates WEAF, New York City. He reported that a survey by WEAF

determined the average listeners per set are 5 and brought out the very interes-

ing fact that WEAF and a chain of sixing fact that WEAF and a chain of six-teen broadcasting stations in the north-eastern section of the United States served 61.6% of the total number of re-ceiving sets in the United States and 52% of the nation's total population. As the result of another questionnaire, Mr. Harkness pointed out the fact that due to the children's choice of operatic and classical music it would seem to in-dicate that the efforts of the city and town schools to stimulate an interest in

town schools to stimulate an interest in these classes of music have been effective.

In speaking of radio and the newspaper, Mr. Harkness stated that the radio would never supplant the paper, but both would have their own place, particularly in the field of education.

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## **Better Programs Keep** Interest High in Summer

### By Charles B. Popenoe Manager, Stations WJZ and WJY

The program, after all, is the founda-tion of the broadcasting structure. Were it not for the steady flow of increasingly good program features, radio would have but a limited appeal to the American pub-lic. Especially is this emphasized during Summer, when radio must allow for the vastly increased diversions that come with the transition from an indoor to outdoor life.

Broadcasters fully recognize this and radio program directors have prepared accordingly. This season, therefore, will witness a genuine radio Summer in the matter of suitable radio programs quite as much as in ample transmitting power and improved reception.

Highly significant, so far as this Sum-mer's programs are concerned, is the marked change that has taken place in broadcasting practice during the past few months. Gradually broadcasting has progressed from a rather amateur and haphazard means of entertainment to a professional and thoroughly stablished institution

#### The Great Improvement

Instead of a steady procession of amateur talent, with just an occasional sprinkling of professional performers, present-day programs consist virtually of all-star talent, so far as the leading broadcasting stations are concerned. For the first time, through the medium of the sponsored program, the program director has the necessary means at his dis-posal to summon the best of professional talent. Today the program director,

like the theatrical manager, plans his program and then selects and arranges features with a view to providing his maximum enjoyment and value to his invisible audience which, by its steadily increasing attendance, repays both the program director and the program sponsor for the effort and expense involved.

And, under the new circumstances, the for the maximum Summer-time appeal. This choice makes for variety and cor-rect balance. Thus the radio audience is assured the highest class of entertain-ment in Summer as well as Winter, borne on powerful radio waves capable of com-batting atmospheric disturbances, while the radio performers and their sponsors are assured a full house, in a manner of speaking.

#### Continuity Is Result

This new-day program makes for a continuity in radio that has heretofore been most difficult to maintain. Thus the been most difficult to maintain. same program features and the same radio personalities who have come to the radio audience week after week through the Fall, Winter and Spring, are, for the most part, to continue through the Summer season. There is no rea-son whatever for breaking off one's radio acquaintances that have been formed during the cooler seasons. Even if the Summer takes the radio listener to the distant farm or remote camp, the long arm of the high-power broadcasting station assures friendly contact amid the new surroundings, whether the home receiver be brought along for the pur-pose or whether it be a portable receiver included in the vacation luggage. Thus,



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with very few exceptions; indeed, the established program features are to continue through the present season, for the program sponsors realize fully the importance of continuity in maintaining the public good-will which they have been building up from week to week.

## **New Direction Finders** Save Extra Patrol Work

The Bureau of Standards has developed for the Coast Guard a simple type of radio direction finder that will enable

on ship to locate another, to relieve it from patrol duty. Also to locate ships in distress. Likewise to spot a rum runner. The new direction finder will be in-stalled on a fleet of small coast patrol boats recently aded to the Coast Guard Service which already have been equipped with radio telephone and teleparant transwith radio telephone and telegraph transwith radio telephone and telegraph trans-mitting and receiving apparatus which operates at a frequency of 2,100 kilo-cycles per second. The direction finder functions on the same frequency. The Coast Guard direction finder coil consists of four turns of ignition cable wound on a 20" frame. It is installed over the pilot house and rotated from be-low. A tuning unit and coupling trans-

low. A tuning unit and coupling transformer have been designed so that the direction-finder coil may be used on the ship's receiving set without changing its tuning adjustments, which are locked in the 2,100 kilocycle position.

## Canada a Good Neighbor On Air as Well as Earth

That several American stations, notably KOA, Denver, joined in celebrating Canada's Dominion Day, June 30th, was a reminder that Canada, with its 4,000 miles of unguarded border separating her from the United States, has proved as good a neighbor on the air as otherwise. Through a gentlemen's agreement, and without the aid of a treaty of any sort, the United States ocupies 90 wave bands and Canada 5 in the Class B assignment of from 280 to 545 meters.

There was quite a flurry recently when an American station took possession of one of the Canadian wave bands and it was feared in some quarters that this might disturb the friendly air relations between the two countries, but this did not materialize.

### HIGH FREQUENCY TESTS

For conducting tests between 8,000 and 27,000 kilocycles, Dr. A. Hoyt Taylor, of the Naval Research Laboratory, started for St. Nazaire aboard the U. S. S. Memphis.



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### By H. C. Brooks Hartford Battery Mfg. Co.

During the last radio season there was popularized a new expression among the many others connected with the radio trade, that of trickle charger. Strictly speaking this refers to a charger for a radio A battery, but often it refers to a combination charger and battery

While the majority of radio sets are oper-ated from a large A battery having about 100 ampere hours' capacity, there is an increasing demand for a combination bat-tery and charging unit so that the radio fan will always have his battery charged when it is required.

To keep the cost of the combination as low as possible and at the same time elim-inate mental effort required to keep the nate mental enort required to keep the battery in its best condition, a charger has been designed to charge at such a slow rate that it may be used to charge the bat-tery at all times when the set is not in use. It is obvious that this convenient ar-rangement would be desirable, and there has been considerable pressure upon bat-tery obvious such a produce such a combine tery companies to produce such a combination

This idea is not new, having been used for several years in railroad signal work with very good success. The service in this case is somewhat different. Since the railroad signal service requires an abso-Since the lutely certain source of current at all times, the trickle charger is kept connected con-tinuously and a Plante type of battery is used to withstand this continuous charge. Then if the source of charging current fails temporarily, the battery continues the ser-vice, so this is really a standby and voltage regulating battery combined.

In the combination A battery and charger, a small 6-volt storage battery is permanently connected to a rectifier which in turn is provided with a standard plug, just as a flat iron, toaster or other appli-ance is equipped. There are four types of rectifiers used for changing alternating to direct current after it has been transformed to the proper voltage for charging the battery. All these rectifiers are similar to radio detectors.

### Four Types Explained

The four types are, first, bulb or vac-uum type, more familiarly known as tungar and rectigon; second, electrolytic, which is divided into alkaline and acid; third, vibrator; fourth, crystal. In the bulb type of rectifier, with which



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you are all familiar, a small 2-element vacuum tube is used. This is perhaps the

vacuum tube is used. This is perhaps the most popular type thus far. The electrolytic rectifier was developed and most commonly used in the alkaline type, being formed of a single cell having aluminum and lead electrodes and a borax solution. This rectifier was developed and had considerable use in the ignition battery trade fifteen years ago. It was not found successful, however, nor has it been in its revival of the past few years, on account of its uncertainty of operation and its high internal resistance.

The second type of electrolytic rectifier, which is a newer development, uses an acid electrolyte and some rare metal or alloy electrode and a lead electrode. The most familiar combination, of course, is the tantalum rectifier. This has been very successfully used and is a desirable arrangement, it has about the same electrolyte as that of the battery. The only difficulty with this type is a tendency to go dry in continuous operation, especially in a warm place, but if it is properly pro-portioned it will need water no oftener than the battery and may act as a pro-tection to that neglected article. The third division of rectifiers, that of

the vibrating type, may well be dismissed from our consideration since it depends upon a vibrating armature which creates sparks that produce interference. While this might be overcome it is extremely difficult and since there are no compensat-



ing advantages in this type it will not be further considered.

### Crystal Charger Prophesied

A new type of rectifier for this service, which will probably have increasing apwhich will probably have increasing ap-plication in the future, is the dry crystal. You are all familiar with the crystal de-tector and since the trickle charger will require only small current, it seems easily possible to multiply the number of de-tectors until they have sufficient current carrying capacity, to operate a trickle charger. There is considerable work be-ing done on this charger at present and ing done on this charger at present and undoubtedly in the near future some of these will be on the market.

We may now consider the effect of continuous charging on the life of the battery. Some engineers are firmly opposed to the use of anything like a trickle charger, since they claim that the continuous charge has a disintegrating effect on the plates and grids to a greater extent than a higher charging rate. This view of the matter may be correct if we consider the If have being purely continuous charge. If, however, we balance the charging rate properly and the user is careful that he does not allow the battery to charge for weeks at a time without using the set, we believe that in normal operation the battery will not be injured. Since most trickle chargers operate at about 5/10 of an ampere and the average

5-tube radio set requires approximately 1¼ amperes. if the average use of the radio set be taken at four hours, we will remove six ampere hours from the battery, then, in the remaining twenty hours



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### This is really a little more than is necessary and it is required to take care of the few cases where people operate sets for longer than the average or have more than the usual five tubes and an addi-tional drain caused by the use of a one ampere detector or a horn which uses about one ampere A battery current. Since there are these variations in requirements, some of the trickle chargers are provided with means to change the charging rate. This is obtained either by taking different taps off the transformer or a small variable resistance is placed in series with the battery. The former method is more economical and will give sufficient gradations of current. In this way one type of charger will vary the charging rate from 2/10 to 7/10 of an ampere.

Various sizes of batteries are produced for the combination. Theoretically, the battery need be no more than 10 ampere hours capacity, which would be enough to take care of a set for one evening. This is not good policy, however, since it would mean almost a complete discharge for the battery every day and also would leave no reserve supply. At the same time it would be giving such a battery a complete charge at its normal rate daily and that would shorten its life very materially

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Most of the batteries, therefore, which are being used in this combination will run from thirty to fifty ampere hours in capacity. Even the smallest of these therefore will provide the average 5-tube

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Whether their friends or relatives are traveling in air or on land, telephone subscribers throughout Germany are now able to communicate with them with the able to communicate with them with the same ease as when talking over the sta-tionary land phone, due to radio tele-phony. Thirty-six express trains of the Berlin-Hamburg line and the huge air liners of the German Air Service employ this service. Although a three months' trial on the trains did not prove financially profitable, such great scientific success resulted, that the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs and the Railway Administration decided to extend the service to the entire express service. Experiments are being carried out on the Berlin-Munich express trains, the results being watched

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set for five or six nights without a charge. This reserve capacity is very desirable. It is conceivable that the owner may forget to plug in the charger after an unusually long session with his radio set and he naturally wants sufficient reserve capacity to take care of him the next night.

The one real disadvantage of this combination is the fact that if the battery is allowed to become discharged there is not sufficient capacity in the charging outfit to restore the charge quickly enough to operate the set the same day, which may cause the fan to lose an evening's enter-tainment. This, however, is no worse than his condition in the ordinary case if he had not discovered the discharged condi-tion of a standard A battery until he wanted to use it. Some combination sets are so equipped with filters and chokes that the battery may be used while the charge is in operation. This method does







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by many experts, as it is feared that the high voltage cables, which run parallel to the tracks for many miles, may interfere with reception and transmission.

No difficulty has been encountered by the 'plane service, despite the roar of the three 120-horsepower motors. Even during a thunderstorm a pilot circling over Stockholm falked with officials at Tem-plehofer Field in Berlin for approximately five minutes. Directors of the Air Service announce that transmitters and receivers will be placed at the passengers' disposal on the routes between Berlin-Paris, Berlin - Stettin - Stockholm and Berlin -Danzig-Konigsberg. The instrument, as the passenger sees it, resembles the common telephone.

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not meet with general approval, as it requires a charger of enough current ca-pacity to carry the load directly and introduces the usual noise and hum which seem to be unavoidable when an alternating current transformer is used near a radio set.

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## Connecticut to Give School Courses Via Air

HARTFORD, CONN.

With the co-operation of WTIC, the Travelers Insurance Company station in this city, the state Board of Education will begin the broadcasting of a regular educational course in the schools of Connecticut, during the next school year. It is thought that this program will become New England wide, as representatives of New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts education department have been appointed to act with the Connecticut board. Even authorities in Maine have signified their intention to cooperate. Music appreciation will be the topic of discussion during the broadcasts.



## Prize Winning Soloists To Perform at Stadium

The concerts of the harmonic Orchestra from the Lewisohn Stadium are being broadcast by WJZ each Wednesday and Saturday night at 8:30 Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with WRC of Washington, D. C., participat-ing in the broadcasting on Saturday nights only.

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The orchestra is the second oldest orchestral organization in the world, the London Philharmonic, organized early in the nineteenth century, being first. Founded on April 2, 1842, the Philharmonic has out of more than 2,000 it has given, and only two have been postponed, one on account of the death of President Lincoln and the other because of the sudden death of a conductor, Anton Seidl.

### **Dates** of Concerts

The Philharmonic will be under the leadership of four conductors during the series, Willem Van Hookstraten and guest conductors Nikolai Sokoloff, Henry Hadley and Frederick Stock. The dates on which they will conduct are as follows:

Van Hoogstraten, July 27; August 10 to August 17; August 25 to August 31; Sokoloff, July 28 to August 3; Hadley, August 4 to August 9; Stock, August 18 to August 24.

Among the soloists to be heard in the Stadium concerts will be the winners of the auditions recently conducted by WJZ. They are Nora Fauchild, soprano; Guiseppe Martino-Rossi, baritone, and Enrique Ros, pianist, with Allice Godil-lot, George Harold Miller and Margaret Hamilton as alternates.

#### The Four Conductors

Born in Holland, but now an American citizen, Van Hoogstraten has been the

main conductor of the Stadium concerts since 1922, when he shared the season with Henry Hadley. He has appeared as conductor of the Philharmonic in the Winter season with Willem Mengelberg and the past Winter found him as conductor of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, to which post he will return next season. He has also appeared as a guest conductor with the Philadelphia, Detroit and Los Angeles Orchestras, and also at the Hollywood Bowl

Sokoloff is a graduate of Yale University and is now conducting the Cleve-

## land Symphony Orchestra. This will be his second year as a guest conductor at the Stadium.

After studying at the New England Conservatory and in Vienna, Hadley served as conductor of the Seattle Sym-phony and San Francisco Symphony Or-cliestras. Since 1915 he has devoted himself largely to composition, and among his works are several operas, tone poems and numerous works for solo and chamber instruments.

Stock studied at the Cologne Univer-sity and upon graduation with highest honors was chosen from among fifty competitors as the first violinist of the famous Municipal Orchestra. In the latter part of the nineteenth century he came to America to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and in 1905 succeeded Theodore Thomas as its conductor, a post which he still holds.

## Radio a Peace Agency, Says Haiti's President

In two addresses, one delivered in French for his people in Haiti and the other in English spoken for listeners in the United States, Louis Borno, president of Haiti, sent messages on the air from the studio of WGY recently. President Borno is deeply impressed with the possibilities of radio as a peace preserving agent and pictured for American listeners the little island republic which is en-deavoring to achieve and maintain real independence.

"The United States," he explained, "has undertaken to assist, by treaty, the Re-public of Haiti in reorganizing its econo-mic, social and political life. This work mic, social and political life. This work is being done through cordial cooperation between the Haitian and the American governments, and gratifying progress has been made. "Assistance by the United States Gov-

ernment has taken the form of lending American personnel to the Haitian Gov-ernment. These Americans are nominated to certain offices in Haiti by the President of the United States and are appointed by me, Activities supervised Activities supervised by Americans under the terms of the treaty of 1915 are the constabulary, the finances, public works, public health and agriculture. Marked progress has been made in placing each of the foregoing functions of government on a solid basis, and it is wise statesmanship to continue, according to our treaty, the cooperation between Haiti and the United States for a period which to some may seem too long, rather than to terminate such cooperation prematurely and thereby undo all the spendid progress which has been accomplished in recent years through this arrangement."

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## **Experts** Debate Waves As Trespass on Property

By Thomas Stevenson

WASHINGTON.

Would it be possible for a land owner to prevent broadcasting stations from sending out programs or from interfer-ing with other stations? This interesting question has arisen in governmental and legislative circles in connection with discussions of various radio bills.

Leading legal authorities contend that until there is a Congressional declaration that the ether belongs to the Federal Government, "every radio transmission which traverses the sky above a man's land constitutes legal trespass." These authorities base their argument upon the ancient maxim—"he who owns land owns to the heavens above and to the center of the earth, from the zenith to the nadir."

### Must Prove Ether Exists

If it can be proven that radio signals constitute trespass, it would be entirely possible for the landowner to appeal to the courts for relief from bad programs or from undue interference, these authorities say.

Other authorities contend, however, that "existence of the ether must be proven before trespass can be claimed." The very basis of property is possession, they say, and all ownership is postulated upon possibility of control and that which may

not be possessed may not be owned. For want of a better term, scientists have designated as the "ether" the hypothetical substance which is supposed to exist between and surrounding the atoms

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and electrons of all matter and through which the radio wave is assumed to travel. What the ether is and whether it really exists is not susceptible of positive demonstration.

### An Expert's Opinion

Here is an opinion on the subject by a leading legal authority of the Federal Government :

"The claim of ownership of the upper air has been made by landowners who have suffered damages from airplanes. To uphold such absolute title would be to prohibit aerial navigation; for every flight would constitute innumerable trespasses. The tendency of the courts has been to allow damages for actual injury but not upon the theory of nuisance or trespass on the upper air.

"A radio wave passing through air, earth, rock, brick or timber causes no change in the material. The particles of matter remain the same as before, their quality unchanged and position unaltered.

"If we could imagine the space above and below the surface of the land to be a vacuum, the radiation would still pass through it. Nothing is added to it and nothing taken away. There is no apprec-iable effect whatever, certainly no physical entry. The wave cannot be seen, felt or detected by any of the senses except with artificial aid. It is invisible, intangible and imponderable.

### Question of Annoyance

"It becomes of some importance to determine whether or not the sending into land of an impulse of this sort constitutes a trespass. If it is a trespass, an action would lie by the landowner, nominal dam-ages could be recovered without proof of actual injury or negligence or perhaps repetition could be enjoined. It it is a trespass, proof of actual damage and negligence or other similar ground of liabil-ity would be essential elements to a re-"If the landowner could prove that a

particular kind of program was of an an-noying nature, or if it could be established that the signals of a station trespassed to the extent of preventing the fuil enjoyment of the programs of other sta-tions, it is entirely possible that the courts might allow damages and enjoin repetition

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## **Eleanor Edison Joins** WHN Staff of Singers

Eleanor Edison, soprano, formerly with the Aborn Opera Company and leading lady in the "Clinging Vine" two years ago, is now singing at WHN, New York. She is a Washington girl who was started on a stage career as a singer by her mother, a pianist. She came to New York to study under Abbott Jeanett and Dr. Ernest Knoch. She began her stage career as a dancer in "The Poor Little Rich Girl," but preferred singing and now plans to return to opera.

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## Circuits Simmer Down **To Five Important Groups**

### By Leon L. Adelman The Chas. Freshman Co., Inc.

There are so many circuits-good, ex-tra good and others-that a beginner is The good and others—that a beginner is likely to become bewildered and exclaim, "I give up.". However, there is no need to give up, since, if one has the least bit of interest in radio, he will be willing to spend a little while in learning more about it.

Most likely you are using one of five different fundamental types of radio receivers: (1) The non-regenerative set; (2) the regenerative set; (3) the tuned radio frequency receiver; (4) the Super-Regenerative; and (5) the Super-Heterodyne.

These are the five groups in which all existing receiving circuits can be class-ified. The theory of operation of each type differs from the others.

### The Simplest One

The simplest type is the non-regenerative. This includes the hookup wherein the antenna is conductively or inductively coupled to the tuning circuit. Again, we are not limited to the type of detector which can be used with such a circuit. Thus, we can employ the coherer, the crystal (with or without a battery), the microphonic detector, the electrolytic, magnetic, colloidal, the tickler, the heterodyne, the 2-element and the 3-element tubes.

Each type of detector has its own peculiar characteristics and theory of op-eration, and although one rarely finds non-regenerative sets being used, crystal and the tube detectors are being used extensively.

With the discovery of the 3-element tube came the regenerative detector. Regeneration, by the definition generally used, is the process of feeding a signal back from the plate circuit to the grid circuit of a tube by means of inductive or capacitative coupling.

## Effect of Regeneration

Regeneration increased the volume and Acceleration increased the volume and sensitivity of a set to a very large de-gree. There is one drawback, however, —that of radiation when the set starts to over-oscillate. Thus, if you are using a single circuit regenerative set. it is



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strongly advised that you change it to the 3-circuit tuner, which will not cause nearly so much trouble with your neighbors. In the regenerative classification are the direct connected and inductively coupled antenna systems, both of which may be used with regenerative sets employing inductive or capacitative feed-back. Reflex circuits of the regenerative variety also fall into the same classification

Undoubtedly the most widely used type of set is that using radio frequency amplification.

Reflex circuits, there are hundreds of them, found great favor in the eyes of the experimenter. They are either straight reflex or inverse reflex type. The reflex need not be classified as an independent circuit.

In coupling radio frequency amplifier tubes together, there have been discov-ered several means which have certain points of merit. The coupling arrangement can be either of the tuned or un-tuned type. The tuned type produces superior results. Thus, tuned impedance and tuned transformer coupling may have positive feedback, negative feedback, potentiometer stabilization, absorption circuit stabilization or Hazeltine, Rice or Farrand neutralization.

### Classifying the Neutrodyne

If, for instance, you have a Neutro-

It, for instance, you have a Neutro-dyne, you would classify it as follows: It belongs to the radio frequency clas-sification, and employs tuned transfor-mer coupling. The antenna system may be either conductively or inductively coupled. It is neutralized by the Hazel-ting method and unarity to the theory of the system. tine method and uses in combination, a non-regenerative detector and two stages of transformer coupled audio frequency amplification.

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"Which is the best circuit and why?" is a question often asked. It is hard to answer. One can not tell what the in-quirer means by "best."

With the rapid strides that are being made in radio it is possible that new classifications for circuits will be found, although at present there are but five channels into which one can place the thousands of receiving circuits and nothing in sight to suggest a sixth group.

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