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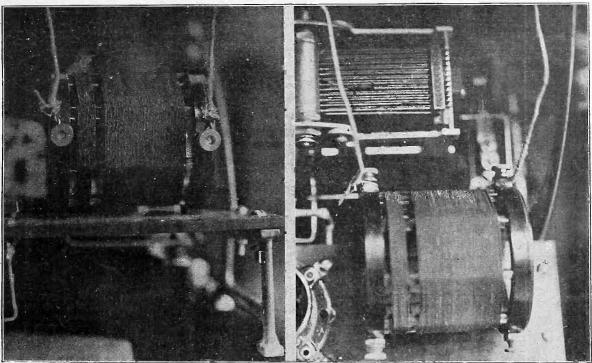
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# HOW TO MEASURE ANTENNA CAPACITY



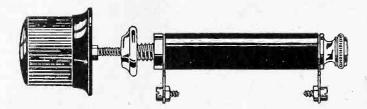
HOW to measure to capacity of your antenna-ground system. The coil at left has untuned primary connected to aerial and ground. The dial setting is noted. Then these leads are connected instead to the grid and grid return and the new dial setting noted. The difference discloses the approximate capacity of the antennaground system. See article on and other photographs on page 5.

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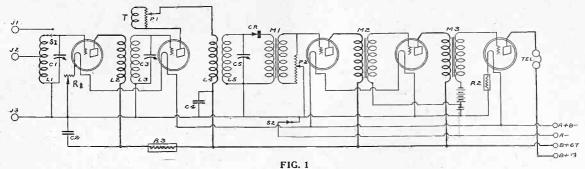
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# 5-Tube Compact Receiver



The circuit diagram of the Compact 5-Tube Set, showing a special method of introducing regeneration. P1 is a potentio-meter connected across the tickler coil T. The movable arm goes to L4. The first two tubes have filaments connected in series, the source being 6 volts but the filament terminal voltage being 3. This is true of the next two, also. The last tube is parallel connected, as to filament, with an Amperite dropping the 3 volts.

#### By J. E. Anderson

#### Consulting Engineer

MANY persons live in single rooms or in apartments where space is at a premium. They would like to have a radio receiver suitable to these restrictions.

In small places there is no good reason for using large tubes, including power tubes, throughout the set, because ample volume of good quality for a small room may be obtained with the small dry cell tubes and a small cone type of loud speaker, particularly now that dry cell "power" tubes are available.

There are a few novel ideas incorporated in the receiver (Fig. 1) which was designed for space needs. The idea has been to select small but efficient parts to get the maximum sensitivity out of a set occupying the smallest space.

Provision has been made in the set for a loop as well as for an aerial, because many prefer a loop on account of its greater mobility. Then just because most loops are large affairs there is no reason why one of these should be employed. It is entirely practical to use loops as small as 4" in diameter or 4" square. Fine results with such small loops may be obtained provided they have been constructed for efficiency and also provided that the location of the receiver is not wholly unfavorable. But if the location is a bad one in this respect it is no more favorable for an indoor antenna, or even for an outdoor antenna, for that matter. Between a 4" and a 2' loop there are many sizes to choose from, according to the requirements of the space available.

#### The Jack System

At the extreme left of the circuit diagram there are three small jacks, J1, J2 and J3. The first of these is for the loop, the second for the antenna, and the third is either for the loop or the ground, according to which method of pickup is employed. These are Imp Jacks, requiring individual plugs, which are chosen because they are very much more efficient than the ordinary plug and jack arrangement often used for substituting a

New Method of Obtaining Regeneration, with Remarkably Smooth Control. Incorporated in Set That Fits on 7x18" Panel —The 99 Type Tubes Is Used Throughout, with the X120 (Power Tube) in the Last Stage.

loop for an antenna. When an antenna is to be used, the antenna lead, provided with an Imp plug, is inserted into J2, and the ground lead, similarly provided with a plug, is inserted into J3. The lower portion of the tuning coil L1 then becomes the primary or antenna coil.

When a loop is to be used, the two terminals of the loop, each provided with an Imp plug, are inserted into J1 and J3. This arrangement for changing loop to antenna requires an additional switch, S1. This switch may well consist of a heavy flexible conductor having one end permanently connected to the grid and the stator of the first condenser and the other provided with a forked terminal lug which may be connected either to the upper end of the tuning coil or to Jl. It is well to provide small binding posts for this switching, one connected to the coil and one to the jack. They may be made of No. 6 brass screws and thumb nuts. It is better to use this kind of switch than a ready-made single pole double throw switch on account of greater efficiency.

#### Coil Data

A satisfactory tuning condenser for the first coil is one having a capacity of 350 mfd, and a straight line frequency characteristic. Such a condenser requires a tuning coil of about 226 microhenries to cover the broadcast range. This inductance may be obtained by winding 80 turns of No. 26 double cotton covered wire on

2" tubing. This will make a winding nearly 2" long. The tapping for the an-This will make a winding tenna connection should be made from 15 to 20 turns from the ground side of the coil.

The next two tuning coils are tuned with a double condenser, C3 and C5, preferably one having two sections of 500 micromicrofarads each, such as the General Radio double condenser. It is better to use the double condenser which has hard rubber end plates rather than the metal end plate because it occupies less space. Of course, other double condensers of small sizé may also be used provided they have the proper capacity.

The two coils L3 and L5, which are con-

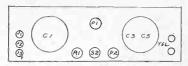
nected across these condensers, should be identical, or as nearly so as possible. The same size tubing as was used for L1 may also be used for these coils, as well as the same size and kind of wire. For these coils the required inductance to cover the band is 165 microhenries. This is the band is 165 microhenries. given by 64 turns of the wire and on the tubing specified above.

#### Matching Coils

Although these coils would have the same inductance when isolated they will have slightly different effective values on account of the different conditions under which they work. Hence it will be necessary to adjust them to have the same effective value for some chosen wavelength near the middle of the band, say 330 meters. The adjustment is accomplished by tuning in the completed receiver to the selected wave and then removing turns from L5 until the signal comes in loudest. As turns are removed from this coil in adjusting it is best to put on more than the 64 turns specified above. In removing turns do not cut off all the wire but always leave enough for one turn in case it is necessary to replace one of the removed turns. The wire of the removed turns of course should be straightened out so that it will not mate-rially add to the inductance. Extremely fine adjustment is neither possible nor necessary on account of the broad tuning of the second tuned circuit, that is, L5C5. The auxiliary windings L2, T and L4

should all be wound with No. 36 double

# 3 Volume Controls in Set



The panel layout for J. E. Anderson's compact receiver

cotton covered wire, or other well insulated, fine wire. L2 should consist of about 20 turns, and it should be wound on the ground end of L3, in the same direction as that winding, and the terminals should be so connected that P and G are farthest apart on the tubing and B and F together.

#### The Special Tickler Method

The tickler winding T should be put on at the grid end of the secondary L3, and it should be wound in the same direction with the plate lead next to the grid.

The tickler winding is fixed in position and the variation of the feedback is effected by means of the potentiometer Pl, connected directly across the tickler. This method of controlling regeneration is a departure from ordinary practice. It requires a rather large tickler and at the same time a fairly high resistance across it, otherwise the regeneration will be uncertain and the closed circuit formed by the tickler and the resistance will exercise an undue damping on the tuned circuit. I used 40 turns for the tickler and 2,000 ohms for the resistance in the potentiometer. Due to the damping it is not likely that the tube will oscillate for even the shortest waves when the sliding arm of the potentiometer is at the plate end of the resistance. However, if it end of the resistance. However, if it does, the plate lead may be connected to a tap a turn or two up on the tickler winding. Then when the arm is at the lower end of the resistance there will be some reverse feedback which still more will damp out any oscillations. the arm is at the upper end of the resistance the feedback in the right direction is sufficient to cause the set to oscillate for all settings of the tuning condenser. the potentiometer is a mechanically smooth working instrument, the control of regeneration will also be smooth for all settings of the condenser. The plate lead should be connected to the end of the tickler whenever possible.

#### Directions of Primaries

The primary, L4, of the next tuned transformer should not contain fewer than 20 turns of the fine wire specified. It should be wound and connected with respect to L5 in the same manner that L2 was wound and connected with respect to 1.3

A crystal detector Cr is used instead of a tube because this occupies less room and is very nearly as efficient. Its use also makes it practicable to use a double condenser for tuning two circuits simulwill give good results and it takes the least space, but if somewhat greater sensitivity is desired an adjustable crystal may be employed.

Since space is one of the main considerations in this receiver the three audio frequency transformers, M1, M2 and M3, should be the smallest good transformers that can be obtained. But the prime requisite is that they be good, irrespective of what space they occupy. As three of

them are employed in one set makes this requirement imperative. Good small transformers are now available.

There are three volume controls in the receiver. The first is the rheostat R1 in series with the two radio frequency tubes. The second is the tickler potentiometer P1. The third is potentiometer P2 connected across the secondary of the first audio frequency transformer. This should have a resistance of one-half megohm. These three controls will give ample latitude of volume variation to suit all recep-tion conditions. Each of these controls should be employed so that overloading of tubes is a minimum throughout the set, particularly the three audio frequency

#### Filament Hookup

The set is designed to operate on a 6volt source, either from a 6-volt storage battery or from four dry cells connected in series, and also to employ dry cell tubes, so-called. These tubes require only 3 volts normally. For that reason the filaments of the two radio frequency tubes have been connected in series across the voltage source. Similarly the first two audio frequency tubes have been con-nected with their filaments in series. Each of these tubes requires 3 volts and 60 milliamperes. Hence these four tubes draw a total of 120 milliamperes and the voltage drop across the series-parallel combination is just 6 volts. This is the most economical way of operating these tubes. Of course, the voltage of the source must be kept up to 6 or the current in these tubes will not be normal. A 5% variation up or down will not matter much. When the dry cells have become depleted to the point where reception is not satisfactory, a fifth cell may be added in series with the four. The last tube is a so-called dry cell power tube which re-

#### LIST OF PARTS

Three Imp jacks and plugs, J1, J2 and

One input coil, L1.

One 3-circuit coupling coil, L2, L3, T. One two-winding tuning transformer,

One 350 mmfd. tuning condenser, C1

(General Radio 247-N). One double tuning condenser (each section .0005 mfd.) C3 and C5 (General Radio

248-F.) Two .001 mfd. by-pass condensers, C2

One 20-ohm rheostat, R2 (Carter).

One 6V199 Amperite.

One high resistance unit, R3, 20,000 to 50,000 ohms.

One 2,000 ohm potentiometer, P1 (Centralab).

One 500,000 ohm potentiometer, P2 (Carter).

midget filament switch, S2 One (Carter).

One crystal detector, Carborundum or Goucher.

Three small audio transformers (Melo-

Five 99 type sockets (last audio must be X type).

Seven binding posts.

Two 4" dials, preferably vernier. A panel 7x18".

A baseboard 7x17".

quires 3 volts and 125 milliamperes. This tube is supplied with an Amperite (6V199) R2 for cutting down the voltage from 6 to 3.

#### The Grid Bias

The rheostat R1 is placed in the nega-The rheostat KI is placed in the negative lead of the filament of the first tube to take advantage of small grid bias thereby obtained. The grid return lead of the second tube is connected directly to the negative lead of the battery. This puts a grid bias of 3 volts on that tube, since the artire filament of that tube is above. the entire filament of that tube is above that of the first tube. The first audio tube gets a 3-volt bias in the same manner, the entire filament of that tube being connected above that of the fourth tube, and the grid return of the third tube being connected to the negative lead of the battery. Observe that it is the arm of the potentiometer which is the grid return lead. The fourth tube gets its 3-volt bias by connecting its grid return lead to the appropriate point of the grid battery G. The power tube gets its bias partly from the voltage drop in the resistor R2 and partly from the grid bat-

The plate voltage on the three intermediate tubes is 67, or a value appropriate to a 3-volt grid bias. The first tube, which does not get much grid bias, should have a lower value of plate voltage, or about 45. This may be obtained by run-ning a separate lead from the plate of that tube to the proper point on the plate battery, or else in the manner shown in the diagram, that is, by connecting the plate return of the tube to the common 67 volt point on the plate battery and then inserting a resistance R3 in series with the plate return of the first tube to Any value between 20,000 and 50,000 ohms may be used for R3. The plate voltage on the last tube is 135 plus half the voltage of the filament battery, or a total of 138

#### Adjustment of Bias

The value of the C bias should be adjusted to this value of plate voltage, and the adjustment may best be done experimentally. The normal value is about 23 volts, but usually it will be found that a considerably lower value will give the best results.

Two by-pass condensers C2 and C4 are used to confine the radio frequency currents to their proper channels as much as possible and also to help secure regeneration. Each of these condensers may be of .001 mfd

A suitable arrangement of the panel is shown in Fig. 2. The three small jacks are shown at the left lower corner. Then comes the first tuning condenser C1. Symmetrically located on the other end of the panel are the two output binding posts and the dial for the double con-denser. The tickler potentiometer knob is at the top center of the dial, and directly under this near the bottom of the panel is the filament switch S2. On the left of this switch is the rheostat R1 and on the right the volume control potentio-

meter.

The panel is 7x18". A stock cabinet for this panel will contain the set proper and the C battery. If a 10" deep cabinet is obtained some of the other batteries also may be put inside. If very small B batteries are employed all of the batteries may be placed inside. It is not recommended that small batteries be used, however, because they are not economical.

### HOW TO FIND **CAPACITY OF** YOUR AERIAL

#### By Herman Bernard

Associate, Institute of Radio Engineers

M ANY experimenters like to know the M approximate capacity of their antenna-ground system. This becomes important when one is considering inserting a fixed series condenser in the aerial circuit, or even a variable condenser in that circuit, for the object of either condenser would be to cut down the fundamental wavelength of the antenna-ground system. If one does not know the capacity of that system he does not know even approximately what maximum value the condenser should be, for it must be less than the antenna-ground capacity if there is to be any reduction.

The approximation may be made, therefore, by picking out some station on a relatively high wavelength, tor instance WEAF, and tuning with a semi-circular plate condenser. In the photograph at left, the dial setting for this station is shown. The antenna and ground are consisting the property of relatively high wavelength, for instance nected to an untuned primary, consisting of a few turns of wire, while the second-ary, in inductive relationship to the primary, is connected to condenser and to grid and minus A (since this is an ampli-

fier circuit).

#### Must Use Proper Condenser

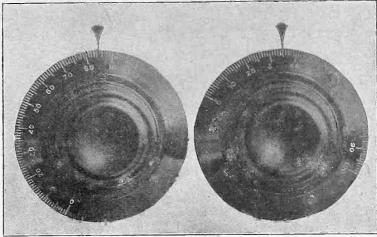
The condenser used must be of the straight line capacity type, meaning that its plates are semi-circular and untapered. This type is known as the old-style condenser. If your set has some other kind of condenser, a 1-tube regenerative set may be rigged up with an old-style condenser, and the test made on that.

Note the dial reading, in this case 85. Then disconnect the aerial and ground from the primary, and leave the primary unconnected to anything. Connect aerial to grid of the tube and ground to the grid return, which is one or the other post of the A battery. In sets which have a grounded secondary, only the aerial wire need be moved, being newly attached to grid, while the ground remains it was.

Note the dial reading. It will be much lower, that is, less tuning condenser capacity will be in the circuit. This is due to the conductive coupling of the antenna-ground capacity directly into the tuned circuit. Subtract the new reading from the first reading. In the test which was the subject of the photographs, the difference was that between 35 and 85, or 50. As the condenser has semi-circular 50. As the condenser has semi-circular plates and varies in capacity in direct relationship to the dial reading, 50 equals one-half of the 100-division scale, hence one-half of the capacity of the tuning condenser. As the total, that is, maximum capacity of the tuning condenser in this instance was .0005 mfd., the aerial capacity was one-half of that, or .00025 mfd. This is normal.

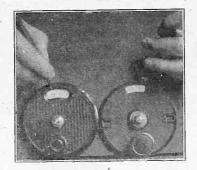
#### Use Loose Coupling

In making the test one may disregard the minimum capacity of the tuning condenser, as it is a comparatively small fraction of the total capacity, where the test is made on a high wavelength. Also the capacity coupling between untuned primary and tuned secondary, under the original hookup of the set, may be ignored for the same reason, unless the coupling is very close. If it is, loosen it



THE difference in readings indicates the antenna capacity.

# HOW TO TELL **CLOCKWISE** TYPE DIAL



#### By Capt. P. V. O'Rourke

The problem often arises as to whether to use a clockwise or a counter-clockwise dial. Indeed many are confounded when confronted with the necessity of distinguishing between the two.

A clockwise dial is one that requires turning the knob or dial to the right to make the numbers read higher. A counter-clockwise dial is one that requires turning the knob to the left to make the

as much as possible. In any event the calculation is only approximate, but it

is very serviceable.

The aerial and ground connected to the untuned primary are shown in the photograph at left on the front cover, while the other view, at right, taken from a different angle, shows the aerial and ground disconnected from the primary posts, in the lower part of the photo, and connected instead to the grid and negative A posts, at the coil terminals. The connections may be made on the tuning condenser, instead of at the coil terminals or posts, if more convenient.

#### PATENTS

A portable antenna comprising a coil of spring wire which, when not in use as an aerial, is adapted to be contracted under its own tension to a convenient size for transportation, but when in use as an antenna is adapted to be expanded and suspended under tension (1,581,133).

The right-hand motion is called clockwise because it corresponds to the motion of the hands of a clock. Only the upper half of the face of the clock is considered, for when the hands dip into the lower half the motion is from right to left. But so it is with a radio dial, too. The upper part of your hand will be turning from left to right while the lower part is turning from right to left.

#### The Determination

To determine what kind of a dial you want, take note of the variable condenser it is to actuate. Hold the condenser in your hand in the same position it would occupy if it were on a radio set panel. If you must turn the shaft to the right to engage the plates more, that is, put them more in mesh, then you want a clockwise dial. If you must turn the shaft to the left to get capacity increase, then you want a counter-clockwise dial.

#### The Conflicting Result

If the dial motion conflicts with the condenser motion, in the manner of turning, then you will get lower numbers for the higher wavelengths, instead of higher numbers for higher wavelengths. There is no technical objection to this, so long as uniformity prevails on all dials of a given set, especially if straight line frequency condensers are used, for higher readings may be taken as higher frequencies.

The clockwise dial at left in the photograph is a Bruno Slo-Moshen Vernier dial, while the one at right, which is counter-clockwise, is a Marco dial. Note that the pencils point to the direction in which the numbers on the dial scales increase, and that the opposition of direc-

tion is confirmed.

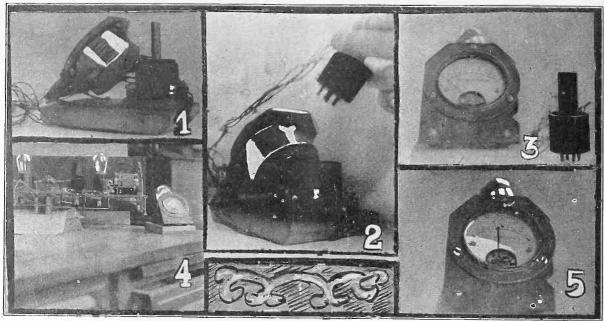
#### Trust Hearing Goes On a National Tour

After prolonged sessions in New York City and examinations covering the better part of two days in Washington, the scene of the hearings of the alleged radio monopoly investigation by the Federal Trade Commission is now New Orleans. When the sessions close there, it is expected that Examiner William L. Reeve and others representing the Federal Trade Commissions will persent to San Trade Commission will proceed to San Francisco to hear additional witnesses. Thus the better part of the summer may be occupied with taking testimony in this lengthy matter, which already has been pending over two years.

Several experts were heard at the New York sessions. The trust refused to divulge who owns stock in it and the

amount thereof.

# A Tester for Tube Circuits



A TUBE CIRCUIT TESTER is shown with its own plug in its own socket in Fig. 1. This depicts what the instrument looks like. Take the plug out of its own socket (Fig. 2). Note that the plug is made of an old tube base. Fig. 3 shows how the tester looks with the tube in it for test. Fig. 4 shows where the tube came from, and the tester plug that was put in its place. Fig. 5 shows the reading obtained. At right are Fig. 6, showing a circuit to be tested, and Fig. 7, showing the hookup when the test is being made.

#### By Spencer Hood

TUBE circuit tester may be made very easily, and at small cost, so that you may determine the B battery drain of any particular tube in a circuit, or the B battery drain of all the tubes in a set. This tester is very handy in enabling one to obtain the correct grid bias, or to compute the grid bias from a reading of the plate current drain, or to determine whether the grid return is properly connected. For instance, if amplifiers have a positive grid return the plate current drain will show up abnormally high, say 10 milliamperes per tube, while with the correct negative bias this drain at 90 volts may be cut to 4 milliamperes.

To build the tester, shatter the glass envelope of an old tube and remove the contents, including the leads from the tips at the base of the tube. These leads were connected to the contact pins that joined the socket prongs when the tube was inserted in the socket during the tube's useful days. For the connections to the two filament and one grid post of the reconverted base use flexible insulated wire, 10" long.

#### Completing the Work

Solder one terminal of each piece of wire to the previously specified pin points inside the socket plug, the former tube base. Now mount a milliameter on a small panel. Connect a short lead from the plate terminal of the erstwhile tube base to the proper terminal of the milliameter. Experiment will reveal the proper direction. The wire should be just long enough to establish the connection. The

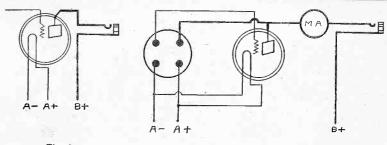


Fig. 6

Fig. 7

other terminal of the milliameter should have a 10" length of flexible wire attached to it. Behind the meter is a regular tube socket and the free ends of the four long leads are connected to the proper terminals of the socket.

Fill the inside of the former tube base with sealing wax, after the leads have been soldered inside as explained.

To make a test, take any given tube in a receiver, remove the tube and insert the home-made plug that fits right in that socket. Then put the tube in the socket that is behind the milliameter of your tester. Thus you do not have to break any leads to get the plate current drain (B battery consumption).

#### Bias Measurement

By applying various negative grid biases to the tube you will note the varying plate current drain at the particular B battery voltage then employed. The set should not be receiving signals. Thus a scale may be made up, and if you can not measure the bias with a meter, as where there is a grid leak in an audio circuit, which leak a voltmeter would short, you may determine the grid bias from a reading of the plate drain. In fact you can chart a curve, if you like, showing grid voltage plotted against plate current drain, this being the characteristic curve of the tube.

As for the selection of a milliameter, one reading from 0 to 10 for full scale deflection will suffice, although if it is desired to read total drain of all tubes in a set, a scale of 0 to 50 is preferred. To

get the total drain of all the tubes the meter alone need be connected between the common posts of the A and B batteries, usually B minus and A plus, although occasionally B minus and A minus.

The free plate lead from the meter is connected to one post, while the other common battery post is touched to the plate post of the socket (not plug) of the tester, with a piece of wire.

#### Figs. 6 and 7 Explained

Fig. 6 shows the circuit to be tested, while Fig. 7 shows the resultant circuit, if the tube is removed from the receiver and placed in the tester socket, while the home-made plug occupies the position in the receiver formerly occupied by the tube. The milliameter in Fig. 7 is in series with the plate lead, and that is correct, although to carry out the physical connection more exactly the meter should be to the left of the plate design.

to the left of the plate design.

Thus Fig. 6 shows the final audio output. Fig. 7 shows the home-made plug at left supplanting the tube, and the double-ringed tube design at right is that of the tester socket, into which the tube has been placed.

#### SAN SALVADOR STATION OPENS

A broadcasting station is operating in San Salvador. The wavelength is 482 meters and the power 500 watts. The equipment is of American manufacture. Public interest is high, and the sale of receiving sets is expected to increase rapidly.

# Latest Experiments Show—

That Weather Has Only Very Slight Effect on Reception—That Waves Split Into Sky and Ground Components, Only the Heavenly Twin Affording DX—That Fading Is the Worst Problem

Interesting experiments by the General Electric Company, conducted four months, show: (1) That the wave sent out by a station is split into a sky wave and a ground wave; (2) that weather has virtually no effect on radio conditions, being confined only to the minor effects on lower air levels; (3) at distances of more than 400 miles weather has no effect; (4), that fading is an outstanding serious problem, super-power being the only suggested remedy; (5) mysterious changes in the upper atmosphere cause reception to be poor or good and affect distance-getting. February was notoriously poor.

#### By W. T. Meenam

SUBSTANTIATION of the theory that radio waves split into a ground wave and a sky wave in passage from transmitter to receiver, has been found in preliminary compilation of data obtained by radio engineers of the General Electric Company in broadcast wave propagation tests conducted from January 1 to May 8

Company in broadcast wave propagation tests conducted from January 1 to May 8. According to the split wave theory, one wave passes along the earth and the other, passing into the air probably about 100 miles or so above the earth, continues until reflected down upon the receiver by a semi-conducting layer in the atmosphere. The ground wave weakens rapidly and becomes negligible about 200 miles from the broadcasting station and reception at greater distance is due entirely to the sky wave.

#### Studied Weather's Effect

In conducting propagation tests with the cooperation of radio listeners in every

#### Tests Show Small Effect of Navy's Interference

So pleased are officials at Washington with the results of the cooperative effort made with listeners to see how much NAD, the Boston Navy radio station, was interfering that they have suggested to other naval commandants throughout the country, where a similar test is desirable, that they communicate with the New England station for particulars

England station for particulars.

According to the Navy Department, the interest aroused at Boston and the value of the test are indicated by the fact that 4,084 letters were received. In the effort to determine what interference, if any, was created by the Navy Yard station and WBF the station of the Tropical Radio Telegraph Company, the cooperation of the local stations, WBZA, WEEI, WNAC, WNAB and WSSH was obtained.

WNAB and WSSH was obtained. Through the courtesy of the telephone company the local broadcasters were tied together and transmitted simultaneously, while the public listened to its favorite station, the Navy Yard station and then the Tropical station transmitted code on various wavelengths, according to a preparanged signal. Only 171 out of 4,084 reported hearing the Navy Yard station.

part of the country, the engineers were seeking, among other things, the possible relation of radio reception and the condition of the weather. The weather condition is known to depend largely on the barometric pressure over various parts of the country and radio engineers endeavored to find a relation between reception records and the barometric pressure through which the waves had passed. From present analysis of data it seems probable that barometer and weather have only a minor effect on radio conditions. The data do show that signals received at short distances are stronger when they have come along a region of even pressure than when they have come from a low pressure area to a high pressure area, or vice versa. At distances of more than 400 miles, however, the conditions on the surface of the earth seem to have little or no effect.

The Conclusion Drawn

On the basis of the split wave theory of transmission, it becomes obvious that if the sky waves goes through an arc reaching 100 miles or more above the earth, weather conditions, which are known to go up less than ten miles, can have but little effect upon it.

Reports received and tabulated by the General Electric engineers were made on all stations received by the listener and they covered practically all stations on the air, on wavelengths covering the entire band reserved by the Department of Commerce for broadcasting and on powers from 50 watts to 5000 watts.

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The investigation of fading indicated that there had been a change in conditions from January to February. In the

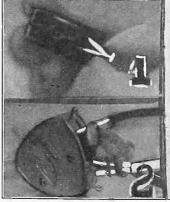
study of January reports it was found that most of the bad fading reports came from a definite region between 200 and 400 miles from the transmitter.

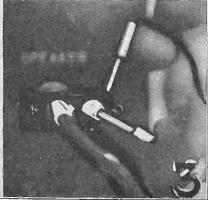
#### Poor Rsults in February

The February reports, however, indicate that equally bad fading occurred at all distances beyond 200 miles and was not confined to any particular zone. Ten percent of the reports record bad fading, thirty-five percent slight fading and fifty-five percent no fading. They emphasize the fact that this is now one of the worst obstacles to perfect broadcast service and they further indicate that increasing the power of the broadcasting stations is the only remedy for fading now known.

In studying the average signal strength at various distances from a broadcasting station the engineers found, from the reports, that the signals decrease rapidly in volume for the first 300 miles. This is true of all transmitters, no matter what the power. The high power stations, while they decrease just as rapidly, give stronger signals at all distances. From 300 to 800 miles away the signals seem to remain fairly constant in strength and seem to depend largely on the radio conditions. In January signals were stronger 600 miles from a transmitter than at 300 miles. In February, this was no longer true. In fact, there is considerable evidence that radio reception was everywhere poorer in February than in January. As indicated above, this change in transmission is due to some change in the upper atmosphere rather than a change in weather conditions on the earth

#### Two Speakers Quickly Compared





COMPARATIVE TESTS as to the volume and quality of two loud speakers may be made with the aid of a paper clip, phone plug and of the cords of the two speakers. The B plus terminals of both cords are joined together. Insert a paper clip in one plug terminal (Fig. 1). A phone tip goes to that point, while two leads, one from each speaker, are contacted (Fig. 2) at the other terminal. Fig. 3 shows how the grouped leads are at left, while the free tips of the two speakers are contacted to the clip top, one after another, for the comparison.

# Problems of Portables Discussed by Gernsback

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THE portable receiver in radio is not a new thing. We have had portable sets for some fifteen years or more, but only since broadcasting came into vogue have portable radio sets really come into extensive use.

The surprising thing, however, is that, at least in this country, such sets have not attained the great popularity which

they deserve.

There is really no reason why every automobile, every motorboat, and, for that matter, every home or office, should not have its portable receiver, because

its utility is paramount.
While, of course, untold numbers of portable receivers have been constructed either by private builders or by companies turning out sets commercially, it is surprising how few such sets are actually in use.

#### Portables Classified

As to the sets themselves, they may be divided roughly into four classes, as fol-

- (1) Sets requiring the use of head phones.
  - (2) Sets with loud speakers.
- (3) Either of the above, used in connection with an aerial.
- (4) Either of the sets, used with a loop or concealed antenna.

In the first class we may include even the modest crystal set, which is excellent up to a distance of 50 miles from the nearest broadcast station. In order to use it, it is necessary to have a regulation aerial, because a crystal will not work with a loop. A portable crystal set, particularly for vacation purposes, is really most excellent, because it requires so very little room, and neither A nor B batteries. Reception up to 50 miles is surprisingly good, and where low cost is of prime importance, nothing better can be had.

In the same group falls also the set which uses up to three tubes, which, as a rule, is not powerful enough to operate a loud speaker. However, there are some reflex sets which, if well constructed, are able to bring in strains on the land. able to bring in stations on the loud speaker up to 50 or 75 miles, but in very rare cases with sufficient strength to really be called good loud speaker volume. On phones, however, in connection with an aerial, such sets are excellent. It is even possible for the constructor to build a 1-tube reflex set, using a crystal and one tube, that will bring in local stations with a middling-to-fair volume on the loud speaker, while on the phones such a 1-tuber is known to bring in stations within a radius of 800 to 1,000 miles without much trouble.

#### **Question of Volume**

Such a single tube reflex set is excellent where room is at a premium, low first cost is desired, and weight is a consideration. It can be built so that it will weigh hardly more than five or six pounds, complete with batteries and phones. A set of this kind, it should be understood, requires an aerial of from 50 feet up to 100 feet for best results.

In order to produce comfortable loud speaker reception, it is necessary, as a rule, to have a set with at least four tubes, in order to bring in stations from 50 miles and over with good loud speaker volume. The 4, 5 and 6-tube sets then

really become necessary.

Such sets can be built to work on the regulation aerial, as well as with loops. Roughly speaking, the loop set requires at least two more tubes to get the same volume as with the usual aerial. The simple reason for this is that the longer aerial collects vastly more energy on its surface than the small loop, and as a rule the smaller the loop the more tubes we must add in order to get the required volume.

#### Locality Important

If you are satisfied to use headphones, a 2-tube reflex set with regenerationfor instance, the very excellent set described in the June issue of "Radio News"—will serve the purpose. Such a set weighs somewhat under ten pounds, including the batteries, and occupies a very small amount of space. As a matter of fact, the one under discussion was built into a small portable typewriter case. Such a set is good for phone reception up to 100 miles and more, under good conditions, and shows in a striking manner what a really good portable set can

The thing that is of greatest importance, and which few people realize at all, is the great difference made by the locality in which a set is operated. I have frequently had portable sets that would hardly perform at all in our big cities, but the same sets, taken out into the country or the wilderness became remarkably good. Loop sets, as a rule, do not work well in congested centers where there are many steel buildings, whereas the same sets out in the country, away from such obstructions, will do wonders.

I have seen sets that would not bring in a local station above a whisper on head receivers, actually operate loud speakers with a fair volume, forty miles from a broadcast station.

#### The Effect of the Forest

Here again we must make a distinction, and we should remember that the same set that performs well on a country road in a flat country, will not work as well in a mountainous region, unless it be on top of the mountain; nor will it work so well, either, in denser forests. As a matter of fact, most sets, when operated in forests which are at all dense, do not perform well, because the trees, being conductive, absorb the radio frequency energy in the same manner as do the tall buildings in the city.

But in the forest we can have recourse to the well-known and time-honored trick of General Squier, who found out that a tree itself can be used as an excellent aerial. He discovered, many years ago, that if you drive a fairly large nail into the trunk of a good-sized tree, about three or four feet above the ground, and connect your aerial wire to this nail, excellent reception can be had, the tree in this instance becoming the aerial, while the ground connection is used in the usual manner. Even loop sets can be made to operate in this way, in the forest, by attaching one of the binding posts from the loop to the nail driven into the tree trunk.

You will have to experiment to find which of the two binding posts gives the better results.

#### The Ground Problem

The ground, when using a regulation aerial, is of the utmost importance; and the direct cause of failure is to be sought here in most cases when the set does not perform right. Most persons have an idea that if they drive a metallic stake into the ground this will make for good

#### Windings of an AF Coil



HOW the primary and secondary windings of an audio-frequency transformer appear. The pencil points to the primary winding. Usually this type of winding is employed where a shell-type core is used. However, an auto-transformer employs this same method of winding, the primary and secondary windings however, being wound together, a tap being taken for the primary.

reception. This is not true. As many experimenters have found, there is a huge difference between grounds in the open For instance, one of the most difficult things in connection with portable set reception is to find a good ground on top of a hill or mountain. Usually such localities are devoid of moisture, and a rocky, dry ground is just as effective as any other insulator. Moisture, or a good wet ground, should always be obtained for best reception.

There is no better ground than a metallic rod driven near a spring, or the bot-tom of a small creek; or, in the case of a river, right into the bank, where the river water actually inundates the spike or stake used for the ground connection. If a metallic rod, which should be at least four feet long, can not be had conven-iently, then a piece of wire chicken netting, or other metallic netting, thrown right into the water, or buried in the river bank, is the second best thing to use.

#### A Source of Joy

One thing is sure, that a portable receiver taken into the country, is a great source of joy, if only because there is no man-made static there; and unless there is natural static, reception, even in the summer time, is usually surprisingly good. Outside of excellent reception and giving you a lot of free entertainment, the portable set for camping purposes will keep you in touch with civilization as nothing else will do.

And as for the bugaboo of lightning, I would much rather be in a forest with an darial strung between a number of trees than without the aerial; because so long as you keep away from the aerial while the lightning is playing around, the chances are that if a tree in the neighborhand in the strucks the serial will distribute the serial will di hood is struck, the aerial will divert the charge. Though once in 100,000 times such a thing may happen, it is better to have the small portable wrecked than be killed while standing under an unpro-tected tree, minus the aerial. In other words, the aerial becomes an actual protection.

The safest and best thing to do during a thunderstorm is to disconnect the aerial from the set and attach it to the nearest tree trunk, about ten or fifteen feet away from your tent so that if lightning strikes it will surely follow down the aerial wire, leaving the tent unharmed. Thus your radio becomes an actual protection.

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# Bureau Seeks to Improve Measurement of Signals

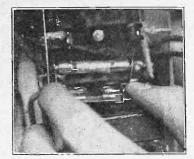
An attempt to change the constants of the Austin Cohen transmission formula, evolved as a means to measure the electric field produced by radio signals at considerable distances, is being made at the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce. The experiment is an effort to attain more correct values from the application of the formula under present conditions of greater distances and low wavelengths.

The first systematic attempt to measure the electric field produced by radio sig-nals at considerable distances was made in 1910 by the United States Navy be-tween Brant Rock, Mass., and the scout cruisers, Salem and Birmingham. The distances covered were about 1,000 miles, and, while the methods of measurement were primitive, the observations were fairly accurate and the result of this attempt was the discovery of the Austin-Cohen transmission formula for daylight signals over salt water. The formula signals over salt water.

distances and wavelengths then used.

In recent years, however, with greater distances and wavelengths, it has been found that the formula gives too low values for signal strength. For example, it gives values which are only about onehalf of the values observed at 6,000 km (3,700 miles) and about one-fourth of those observed at 12,000 km (7,500 miles). The preliminary results of the present attempt to change the constants so that the calculated value of the greater distances will be correct and, at the same time, to maintain the accuracy at the shorter distances and wavelengths are re-ported to be encouraging. There are, however, difficulties attending the experiments due to the many disagreements in the measurements of different observers, especially at distances where the signals are weak, and to the fact that most of the long transmission paths include more

#### Easily Inserted By-Pass



WHERE a by-pass condenser is to be placed across a resistor, as in the plate circuit of a detector tube to which is hooked up resistance coupled may be used. Insert the plate re-sistor in the grid condenser, then push the springs of the clips or protruding ends of the leak against the inside contact points of the clips on the resistor mounting. This places the condenser across the resistor, from plate to B plus, and increased volume often results.

# Automatic Amplifier Is Used at WAAM

Those who have heard Ray Nichols and his orchestra from Four Towers in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, through station WAAM, may have noticed the balance of the instruments, as well as the rounded quality of transmission. The bass tuba stands out with the same prominence as do the saxophone and piano, and all frequencies are treated impartially. This is the outcome of considerable experiment and development by the engineers of WAAM, who have built many amplifiers of different types, the latest development being that installed at Four Towers.

This amplifier requires no attendant or operator. The orchestra goes on at scheduled periods, previous to which the mem-bers of the orchestra may listen to the program at the station if they wish, to ascertain its progress, or may talk direct with the control operator at the station, so that there may be no misunderstanding as to the time.

#### Uses Two Microphones

It is also possible for the control operator to call the orchestra at any time to



IN WIRING A JACK in a set, connect the B plus lead to the frame or right angle, as plus are made with this in mind, and often have their terminals marked, the one intended for positive B having some sort of red mark on it. Thus it is possible to respect the polarity of the speaker, for many speakers work much better than when the cords are connected a given way. Pencil points to the right angle. This method of connection also avoids squeals in the event you touch the jack with your finger.

make arrangements prior to the broad-cast. The equipment is arranged for two microphones, one being the encased type for announcer and the other the open frame type, which is placed directly under a large metal resonator in the middle of the dance hall.

This resonator is responsible for the perfect balance. Each of the microphones has a small lamp fastened above it, so that at all times the orchestra is on the air there is never a question as to which microphone is in the circuit. When the time comes for Nichols to "take the air," the line is closed through from the broad-casting station, a buzzer buzzes momen-tarily at Four Towers, placing the orches-tra on their guard, and the light lights on the announcers microphone, which Nichols places on a music stand at his elbow. He depresses a non-locking button on the base of the microphone, and the circuit is transferred to the orchestra microphone located in the center of the hall.

#### Button Does Trick

phone is extinguished and the lamp at The light on the announcer's microlamp also acts as a signal to the orchestra. The transfer of "mikes" is made without click or noise and there is no perceptible loss of time.
When it is desired to transfer back to

the microphone at the announcer's side it is merely necessary to touch the button again and both mike and lamp are connected to that point. This is done by an arrangement consisting of eleven relays of different types, located in the cabinet with the amplifier and so rapid and noiseless is the transfer of mikes that it is possible to connect to the "near" mike for choruses without interfering in the least with the transmission. In fact it is impossible to tell that a change has been made except in the balance of the instruments. In addition to this arrangement, the batteries at Four Towers are automatically placed on a slow trickle charge when not on the air, so that they are always in the best of condition. It might be added that all control is done over one pair of telephone wires.

# LABOR HINTS AT USURPING WAVELENGTH

A test case of whether a broadcasting station may operate without a license may be made in Chicago if the Chicago Federation of Labor carries out its plans for opening a new station.

On the ground that there are already too many stations in and around Chicago, and that an additional station would greatly increase interference, the Department of Commerce has refused a license to the proposed station of the Chicago Federation of Labor. The Labor Federation will base its defense on the claim that the Department of Commerce is re-

quired by law to license any applicant.

The legal staff of the Department of Commerce refuses to comment on what it will do if the Chicago station goes on the air without a license.

As there are on hand at the Department of Commerce about 600 applications for licenses for new stations, if the Chicago labor group should win its case, the door would automatically be opened to many other prospective broadcasters.

It is understood that the new Chicago station is planning to operate on the same wavelength as WEAF (491.5 meters).

#### WAIU to Be Located 500 Feet Above Earth

WAIU, of Columbus, Ohio, will have the highest broadcasting station in America, when the new American Insurance Union building is completed. The building, 555.5 feet high, is higher than Washington Monument and the tallest skyscraper outside New York City. WAIU will occupy a special story 500 feet shows the ground. feet above the ground.

HOW TO WIND A LOOP ON A CARD-BOARD FRAME, appeared in RADIO WORLD, dated May 8. 15c the copy, or start your subscription with that number.

### OnePanelis UsedBoth for Transmitter and Receiver

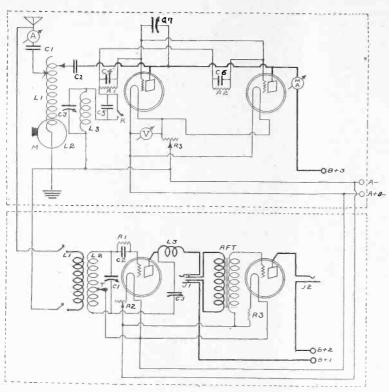


FIG. 1
The electrical diagram of a transmitter and receiver. The transmitter is on top.

I AM going to camp this summer and would like to take a combination low power short wave transmitter and receiver (150 to 200 meters) with me so that I may be in constant communication with some of my friends who are to be in another camp, some 25 miles distant. The -01A type tubes are to be used at camp, while the standard 5-watt tubes will be used when the outfit is brought home. The wiring diagrams of both the receiver and the transmitter, as well as the wiring directions, specific constants of all parts and operating suggestions when using the 5-watt or -01A tubes are desired. I have an antenna ammeter (0 to 4 amperes); a filament voltmeter (0 to 10 volts) and a milliameter (0 to 1 mills), which I wish to use in the transmitter. The transmitter-receiver is to be placed in one large cabinet with a common panel.-John C Buttry, Butte, Mont.

Fig. 1 shows the electrical diagrams of the combination unit you request. As to the transmitter; Two tubes are connected in parallel and used as oscillators. If the 5-watt tubes are used, you will obtain a total of 10 watts output. If the -01A type tubes are used, you will obtain an output of approximately 6 watts. The absorption method of modulation is used. Although this is considered an in-efficient method. When using as low a power as 10 watts, the results obtained are very good for your purpose. Although you specifically state that you will use a maximum of two 5-watt tubes, these are the highest powered that can be employed in this system, with any kind of success. The plate resistance of too many tubes connected in parallel, becomes too low. This causes the power output to be lower than even the power of one tube. If ten 5-watt tubes are

connected in parallel, the output will not be equal to a single 50-watt tube. It will be equal to approximately 25 or 30 watts, depending upon the control of the oscil-lating system, etc. The key is such as is used with high powered transmitters. However, with this system, the results are very much better than with the key shunting the grid condenser and the leak. The feedback voltage for the grid is obtained from the plate circuit, through the midget variable condenser, C7. This condenser has a maximum capacity of .0001 mfd. This same method, it will be remembered, is used in Neutrodyne receivers, to suppress oscillations. However. the condenser may be brought to such a point that the tube will oscillate continuously. That is, it serves as a control of the oscillatory flow, whether to suppress or create. C2, having a capacity of .0001 mfd., is called an isolation condenser. That is, it keeps the DC plate voltage off the antenna. As to the constants: A is the ammeter. C1 is a .0005 mfd. (approximately) fixed condenser. The capacity of this condenser depends upon the length of the antenna, type of coil, and type of ground employed. In other words, condensers having capacities of words, condensers having capacities of from 0.0003 to .001, etc., may be found to function properly. A .0005 mfd. variable condenser will be of great value here. L1 is a 30 turn coil, wound on a special 4" form, using No. 14 bare ribbon copper wire. The special form is made thus: Procure two strips of hard rubber, 6" long, 1/4" wide and 1/4" thick. Notch these strip at every 1/5", the notch being deep enough for the wire to pass through. These are about 1/8" deep. Both strips are used as binders. That is, the wire is passed through each of the notches.

After this operation has been completed, either one of the portions of the coil. where the strip is located are placed on a baseboard. This board should be about as long as the strip, about 1/4" thick and 4" wide, which is the diameter of the winding. The strip is then bolted down. winding. The strip is then bolted down. Small binding posts may be placed on the board, the beginning and the end of the winding being brought here. The taps (every 6th turn), may also be brought to binding posts on this board. If the posts are not used, the taps are brought to taps on the panel. The tapped portions can be soldered to these terminals or brought to clips, such as are used for terminal connections on batteries, etc. The grid coil, L3, consists of 25 turns of No. 16 bare ribbon wire, wound on a 3" diameter, this being the same as used for the antenna coil, except that it is not tapped and is l' less in diameter. This coil is placed inside of the antenna coil, with the proper insulation between the two. This coil is not variable. C3 is a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. If the 5 watt tubes are to be used, then R3 will have to be a 5 ampere, 10 ohm rheostat. If the -01A type tubes are used, the resistance of the rheostat should be 6 ohms. This winding should be able to pass 1/2 amperes. R1 and R2. the grid condensers are of the .002 mfd. fixed type. C4 and C6 are 10,000 ohm grid resistors. The fixed condensers in the grid circuit should be so constructed that they will be able to stand at least 1,500 volts, in the case of a surge. C5, the condenser acting as a protective device, as well as an added capacity to the grid condenser, is of the .5 mfd. fixed type. K, of course is the key. L2 is the michrophone inductance. This should consist of about 5 turns of No. 14 tubular consist of about 5 turns of No. 14 tubular or ribbon copper wire wound on a similar form to that already described, the diameter being 4". Each of these turns is tapped. M, is the michrophone, shunting the inductance. V is the voltmeter. MA is the milliameter. As to the wiring. The antenna terminal goes to one terminal of the antenna ammeter, A. The other terminal of this ammeter goes to one ter-minal of the fixed condenser, Cl. The other terminal of this condenser goes to the arm of a switch or to five clips. If the switch is used, the tap points are brought to the five taps on the coil. The end of the coil, or that portion of the coil which consists of the last turn of wire placed within the form, goes to the ground post. The microphone coil, L2, is placed in inductive relationship to this antenna coil, Ll. It is not placed over the wire, as is done by many. By placing it directly over the coil, the strength of the signals on the output are much louder, but also variable, this being due to the close relationship as well as the fixed position of the two. However by placing the coil only in inductive relationship, it may be varied. Therefore some form of signal compensation is at hand. If the aerial swings, etc., the signal output is changed, since the antenna coil is near the modulation coil, but by pulling the modulation coil away the variation ceases. To go on with the wiring. One terminal of C2 is connected to the very beginning of the antenna coil. L1. Although this is shown as if it went to a tap, by connecting it to the beginning of this winding you satisfy all demands. The other terminal of this condenser is brought to the plate terminals of both sockets. This common terminal also is brought to one terminal of a milliameter. The other terminal of this one terminal of R1, is brought to the grid post of one of the sockets. One terminal of C4 is also brought here. The other terminals of this combination is brought to one terminal of C5 and the free end of the key. It also is brought

to one terminal of R2 and C6. The other terminal of this combination is brought to the grid post on the other socket. The grid terminals of both sockets are brought to the stationary plates of the small con-denser, C7. The variable plates of this condenser is brought to the plate ter-minals on both sockets. It will be seen that this condenser is shunted to the grid-plate terminals of both tubes. It will be also seen that the grid leak condenser combinations of both tubes are in parallel. The other terminal of C5 and the closed point of the key, K, is brought to the end of the grid winding, L3, and to the stationary plates of C3. The beginning of this winding is brought to the rotary plates of C3 and to the ground post. The F minus posts of both sockets are connected together. They then are brought to one terminal of the rheostat, R3, and to one terminal of the voltmeter, V. The other terminal of the voltmeter is connected to the F plus posts of both sockets. This terminal is brought to the A plus B minus post. The other terminal of the rheostat, R3, is brought to the A minus post. A wire from the A— post is run to the ground post. That completes the wiring of the transmitter. The receiver wiring of the transmitter. The receiver will now be discussed. The capacity feed-The receiver back method of obtaining regeneration is used, C3 being the medium of obtaining this oscillatory action. L1, consists of 8 turns, L2, the secondary consist of 32 turns. Both the secondary and the primary are wound on a tubing 3½" in diameter, using No. 18 double cotton covered wire. Only 10 turns to every inch are made. The secondary, L2, is tapped at the 2nd, 4th and 6th turns, from the beginning of the winding. A .00035 mfd. variable condenser shunts the secondary This condenser is known as C1. winding. This condenser is known as C1. C3 is a .00025 mfd. variable condenser. L3 is a radio frequency choke coil, consisting of 100 turns of No. 30 enameled wire wound on a 1½" diameter. C2 is a .00025 mfd. grid condenser. R1 is a 2 megohm leak. R2 is a 10 ohm rheostat. R3 is a 1/4 ampere ballast resistor. J1 is a double circuit jack. The audio frequency transformer is of the low ratio type. J2 is a single circuit type jack. The taps from the secondary coil are brought to tap points. The arm is brought to the A plus post. The rotary plates of both these condensers are brought together. common terminal is brought to the beginning of the secondary winding, L2. The radio frequency choke coil, L3, is connected in series and the plate post of the first socket and the plate post of the audio frequency transformer. No C bat-tery is used, therefore the F minus ter-minal of the AFT is brought direct to the A minus post on the terminal strip. The minus post of both the transmitter and the receiver are joined together, provided you use -01A tubes. If the 5 watt tubes are used, then you will have to place a 6 ohm, 2 ampere rheostat in series with the A minus lead, between the transmitter and the receiver. That is, since the 5-watt tubes require a 10-volt battery, battery. this voltage application to the -01A tubes The rheostat will would prove disastrous. control this. The plate of the detector tube receives 45 volts. The plate of the amplifier tube receives 90 volts. The plate of the oscillator tubes on the transmitter receive a high voltage, e. g., 350 volts.

The latter high voltage is obtained from a batch of dry batteries or a motor generator, etc. A choke coil should be placed in series with the plate of the oscillator tubes. This acts in the same capacity as the choke coil in the receiver, allowing the tube to oscillate more freely. This high voltage is used only when the 5-watt tubes are used. However, when using the -01A tubes, 135 volts may be placed upon the plates. High frequency oscilhatton between the oscillator tubes, can be prevented by inserting 20 turn coils, wound with No. 28 enameled wire on a

11/2" diameter, in series with the grid posts of the tubes. This does away with the grid leak and condenser. When using the phone system, the key is not closed. The condenser, C5, acts as a capacity coupling medium, feeding into L3. The voice frequency from the michrophone will be impressed upon this carrier wave. This carrier wave will not be heard, unless

intercepted by a receiver in an oscillating state. That is, if you allow the receiver to squeal, you will hear this wave. However, when using CW (key), you will have to allow your set to oscillate, to receive signals, so that you may know the character of the note, etc. This, in the transmitter, will be controlled by the midget condenser, C7.

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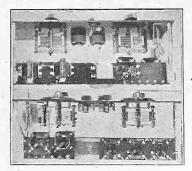
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I HAVE a pair of .0005 mfd. variable condensers, which I would like to incorporate into a 5-tube receiver, wherein the first stage of RF amplification is so arranged that a loop can be used and the second stage so arranged that an untuned RFT can be used. The rest of the circuit should be standard, e. g., nonregenerative detector and two stages of transformer coupled AF amplification. I wish to use a filament control jack, instead of a filament switch. The complete wiring directions, including the detector and the AF stages, parts layout and oper-

ating data of such a receiver is desired.

—Leo White, Saint Martin, Ind. Only one RF coupling coil will be necessary in this receiver. This will be that one which couples the output of the second untuned stage of RF amplification to the detector. Here and in the loop cirto the detector. Here and in the loop circuit, the variable condensers will be put into use. The primary of this special coil, which will be called, L1, consists of 8 turns of No. 30 double silk covered wire, wound on a tubing 23/4" in diameter. The secondary, which will be called L2, consists of 50 turns of No. 22 double cotton covered wire, wound upon the same form as the primary. Between the two windings, a 1/4" separation is left. Plain cardboard may be employed as the winding form. The variable condenser which shunts this secondary winding, will be called C2, while the variable condenser which shunts the two terminals of the loop, will be called Cl. The filament of the two RF tubes will be controlled by ballast resistors of the ¼ ampere type, these being called. R1 and R3. The filament of t ment of the detector tube is controlled by a 6 ohm rheostat. This will be called R4. Ballast resistors will also control the filaments of the two AF tubes and will be called R5 and R6. Now in order to control the oscillatory action of the first RF tube, a high resistance rheostat, called R2, will be used. This should have a re-The audio fresistance of 200,000 ohms. quency transformers, called AFT1 and 2, may be of any make, but should have a low winding ratio. The filament control jack will be called FCJ. Now as to the wiring of this receiver. A wire is brought from one binding post, which will connect with one terminal of a loop, to the sta-tionary plate connection of Cl and to the grid terminal on the first socket (holding the first RF tube). The rotary plate connection of this condenser is brought to another binding post. This post will be another binding post. This post will be connected with the other terminal of the This same connection is brought to the terminal of R2, which is connected with the resistance wire. The arm of this piece of apparatus is brought to the F minus terminal of the first socket. This same terminal is also brought to one terminal of R1. The other terminal of this ballast resistor is brought to the F minus post on the first socket. The plate post on this socket is brought to the P on the untuned RFT. The B post on this RFT is brought to the end of the primary winding, L1. This common lead is brought to a post on the terminal strip



LAYOUT OF parts for set requested by Mr. Leo White.

marked 67½ volts. The G post on the untuned RFT is brought to the G post on the second socket (holding the second RF tube). The F post on this RFT is brought to the A minus terminal on this This same terminal is brought to strip. one terminal of the ballast resistor, R3. The other terminal on this ballast is brought to the F minus terminal on the The plate post on this socket is brought to the beginning of the primary winding, L1. The beginning of the secondary winding, L2, is brought to the rolary plate connection of C2 and to the F plus post on the socket. This socket holds the detector tube. The stationary plate connection of C2 is brought to the end of the secondary winding, L2, and to one terminal of the leak-condenser combination. The condenser is of the .00025 mfd. fixed type, while the leak is of the 2 megohm type. The other terminal of this combination is brought to the grid post on the third socket. The terminal of R4, holding the resistance wire, is brought to the F minus terminal on this socket. The other terminal of this rheostat is brought to the A minus post on the strip. The P post on AFT1 is brought to the P post on the third The B post on this AFT is brought to a post on the terminal strip, labeled B plus 45 volts. The G post on this same AFT is brought to the grid post on the fourth socket (holding the first AF tube). The F minus post on this AFT is brought to the F minus terminal of AFT. This common lead is brought of AFT2. This common lead is brought to a terminal on the strip labeled O minus. The C plus terminal of this battery is brought to the A minus post, on the same strip. The P post on the fourth socket is brought to the P post on AFT2. The B plus terminal is brought to the bottom terminal on the FCI. This common lead is brought to a post on the terminal strip labeled B plus, 90 volts. The G post on AFT2 is brought to the grid post on the last socket. The plate terminal on this same socket is brought to the second terminal from the bottom of One terminal of R5 is brought to the F minus post on the fourth socket. One terminal of R6 is brought to the F

minus terminal on the last socket. The other terminals of these ballast resistors are connected to the A minus post. The F plus posts on all the sockets are connected together. This common connection is brought to the top terminal.

I WOULD like to know how to test my variable condenser for a short or open circuit; also a variable carbon pressure grid leak.—C. E. Shriber, 1061 Eunna Ave., Akron, O.

Always test the condenser when it is completely cut out of the circuit. Con-nect either the stationary or the rotary plates to a terminal of a 11/2 volt battery, either the positive or negative post. Connect a terminal of the phones to the other terminal of the battery. Now place a piece of wire on the open terminal of the condenser. This will give you two terminals, e. g., one from the condenser and one from the phones. Rotate the plates and touch these terminals. If a click is heard, a short circuit is prevalent. Otherwise the condenser is all right. The plates should be turned entirely around, each time the two terminals being touched. The same parts should be used for the leak test, viz., phones and battery. This leak test, viz., phones and battery. This need not be disconnected from the circuit. Connect one terminal of the resistance to the battery and one terminal of the battery to the phones, which again gives you two terminals. Turn the knob all the way out. This increases the resistance. Now, as you turn this knob in, when the two terminals are touched, a louder click will be heard. When the louder click will be heard. When the knob cannot be turned, the loudest click should be heard. This click should be equal to that heard when touching the two terminals alone (battery and phones in this circuit only). In other words, a perfect short circuit will prevail, when the knob is turned all the way in. Of course this is a rough way to test a grid leak, but as quick test serves the purpose. A milliameter and voltmeter should be employed to actually test the smooth flow of the current. Of course a Wheatsome bridge or an ohmmeter would complete the bill.

I RECEIVED a General Radio Type 247-W Wavemeter and Filter for a birth-247-W Wavemeter and Filter for a birth-day present, the picture of which I am enclosing. However, I received no instructions as to its use. An explanation, therefore, would be greatly appreciated.—James Clinton, Los Angeles, Cal.
When used as a filter, the filter coil, at-right, may be connected in series or parallel to the antenna-ground system. When used in series connection, a single interfering station may be eliminated. The

interfering station may be eliminated. The parallel filter is used to eliminate several interfering stations simultaneously and accept only one station within the filter



FIG. 351 The precision type wavemeter.

range (200 to 600 meters). The range of the wavemeter is also 200 to 600 meters. The wavelengths may be determined by direct readings from the condenser dial. this being calibrated with an accuracy of 2%. The coil and condenser may be placed in series with the antenna or ground or in inductive relation to the primary. The station is tuned in on the receiver. It is then tuned out by the condenser dial. Here the wavelength of that station is noted on the condenser dial. The taps are for varying the in-ductance value of the meter. They are seldom used, however, exept when as a

WE WOULD like to obtain complete information on how to prevent interference in radio receivers from external power sources, etc.—E. D. Richardson Mfg. Co., Cawaker City, Kans.

Complete information regarding this type of interference was given in the August 1, 1925, issue of Ranto World by Lewis Winner, in an article entitled "Man-Made Static." However, this issue is out of print. We are therefore conference with the work of the static.

orming with your request by reprinting such parts of this article as will aid you:

"There are two distinct types of manmade static: (1), the energy which is
propagated outside the receiver; (2), the
energy propagated within the receiver.

"Many folk like to place their set
underneath an electric light. This is a

very poor policy, as the proximity of the light wires to the set may cause a hum. A loud hum will be heard in the phones or speaker when the speaker cord, the antenna or the ground leak is parallel to the light wire. I have known cases where the set was about 20 feet away from the light wires, but the cord was directly underneath the light, with the result that a loud hum was heard in the phones. This is an external source of interference. The sound that you hear is not like static, but rather a continuous drone, acquired by induction from the

"The following is a list of places where man-made static originates

'(1)-On the electric light poles, defective transformer bushings and wirings in tive transformer bushings and wirings in the high voltage transformers; (2)—Arc lamps; (3)—Leaking high-voltage insulators; (4)—Sparking commutators on the large motors in the power houses; (5)—Poorly insulated high potential switches; (6)—Worn magnet holders in the large circuit breakers; (7)—Static machines; (8)—X-ray machines; (9)—Violet ray machines; (0)—Frictional cardinal between chines; (10)-Frictional sparking between chines; (10)—Frictional sparking between the tracks and the wheels of the trolley car; (1)—High-voltage overhead lines, with leaking insulators; (12)—Leaking lightning arrestors in the power houses; (13)—Proximity of the leadin wire to the telephone wire; (14)—Proximity of the antenna to high power lines; (15)—Flashing signs. ing signs.

"It is possible to adjust all the above faults in these high-powered instruments, with the aid of the local power company. The power companies deserve all the credit that can be given them, for they usually are most eager to help the radio fan locate the fault.

"In the high-voltage lines where there are leaks, one can readily realize that the current leaks through the line and since it is of such a high potential is received

by the set.
"As for the X-ray and violet machines a different case exists. machines, when operating, send out strays of electricity. If there should be an antenna leadin or ground in proximity to the machine the waves will be picked up in the same manner that any other

radio waves are picked up.
"A sparking commutator in motor may A sparking commutator in motor may be due to any of the following: (1) a wedged-in brush (held in brush holder so that there is no freely movable action); (2), a gritty commutator; (3), unclean brushes; (4), a commutator which is grooved (due to excessive wear); (5), brushes which are not in position to the brushes which are not in position to the field (unneutral position); (6), a field coil, partly short-circuited; (7), wedge which is raised above all the others in the circuit of the circ cumference (brush will stick every time this spot is arrived at and a constant sparking will result for a few moments, until the wedge is worn down and passed over); (8), an open circuit in the armature, which if not attended to, will cause the commutator to burn out.
"Worn magnet holders will not hold a

circuit breaker in place. The circuit breaker will open every few minutes, causing the motor generator to cease operating. When this happens sparks are emitted. The operator of the plant doesn't realize the trouble until after several attempts have been made to start the motor. He may think he pulled the motor. handle of the starting box too quickly.

"In all the above cases there is a leak somewhere in the instruments, but it is not so readily noticed as in the high-voltage lines.

"All of these noises are very easily distinguished from natural static, which duces sharp, interrupted crashes. Man-made static sounds entirely different. There are no sharp crashes, except when coming from a broken circuit breaker. The interference is usually three or four minutes in duration or continuous, and is very scratchy. But blasty crashes may be heard from X-ray or static machines. The noise will sound like rushing water at a distant point. Then, as if one is nearing water falls, the noise will get louder. There will be a uniform rise of the amplitude of the noise, that is, it will not come

in very loud at the beginning.
"As to the proximity of the telephone wire to the leadin, a loud intermittent line buzz will be heard in phones. When the telephone bell rings you will hear the noise in the speaker. When the parties talk you will be able to listen to their con-

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# Compromise Is Sole Hope As Congress Debates Bills

#### By Thomas Stevenson

WASHINGTON.

Regulation of broadcasting by the government is in abeyance pending disposi-

tion of several radio bills by Congress.
Since the decision of Judge Wilkerson in Chicago that the Department of Commerce has no authority to allocate wavelengths to stations, Secretary Hoover's radio administrative staff is marking time waiting for Congress to grant the authority for regulation of the many kinds of radio service.

If Congress adjourns without the enact-

ment of radio legislation, the radio administrative staff is in for a long siege. It is believed, however, that a stubborn fight will be made against new stations which attempt to crowd into the already congested picture and against existing stations which attempt to operate in such a way as to unbalance the existing order of things.

#### Dill and White Optimistic

Senator C. C. Dill, author of the radio bill pending in the Senate, and Representative Wallace White, author of the bill which has passed the House, are optimistic as to the chances for passage of a radio bill before adjournment of Con-On the other hand, they admit gress. that unless radical concessions are made by either the Senate or House, there may not be sufficient time to reconcile the differences between the two legislative branches on the form radio regulation

It is no secret that Secretary Hoover and President Coolidge prefer the White bill, which would leave the detail of administering the radio law in the Department of Commerce but which would establish a Commission with authority to

settle any disputed proposition.

But Secretary Hoover resents charges that he may attempt to use radio to win for himself nomination to the Presidency

of the United States. Chief Radio Supervisor W. D. Terrell does not believe the "worst will happen" even if Congress fails to pass a radio regulatory bill.

#### Terrell is Cheerful

"I do not think many of the stations "I do not think many of the stations will jump to other wavelengths even if Congress does not pass a radio bill," said Mr. Terrell. "They probably know by experience that they can operate where they are with the least amount of interference. They ought to know that if they stated they wavelength of come higher get on the wavelength of some higher power station, their signals will be blotted out. They realize that a central figure must allocate wavelengths for the entire country to avoid interference and that if they start jumping around they may end up with a worse wavelength than they

"I do not believe many people will care to investmoney in such a doubtful proposition. Of course, if the stations could get a good wavelength, it would be a different matter. But that is impossible. And then there is always the additional possibility that when Congress does enact a radio bill it will compel the outlaw stations to close down."

Substantiating Mr. Terrell's views are several telegrams and letters received at the Department of Commerce from existing stations pledging themselves to live up to the wishes of the Department of Commerce until laws are passed by Con-

gress. (Copyright, 1926, by Stevenson Radio Syndicate)

#### Talking Movies by Air Predicted by Sarnoff

David Sarnoff, vice president of the Radio Corporation of America, predicted that moving pictures would be broadcast eventually in the same manner as "stills" are now being sent by radio from London to New York. He told members of the National Electric Light Association, in National Electric Light Associated Session at Atlantic City, that extensive experiments toward speeding up transmission time are being made. It will be possible to synchronize radioed movies with the broadcasting of speech and music, he said.

Thus the screen may be in every front parlor in America and harness "music to movies" in absolute synchronization.

#### Fitting a Unit Clamp



MANY who use a unit in conjunction with a phonograph, to afford loud speaker facilities, sometimes find that the nozzle of the clamp does not fit the opening from which the phonograph sound box was removed. Ordinary rubber hose, such as is used for a shower bath connection, may be pressed into service. Cut a 4" length. Fold back one or two layers at one end, to make the hose fit snugly into the clamp. Distend at the other end of the hose to fit it to the phono-

# Chain Station Policy Set Forth by Harkness

It is very likely that the incorporation of the Broadcasting Company of America, as WEAF and the broadcasting department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are now to be known, marks another significant milestone in the history of radio development in this country. The reason given for forming the Company is that its problems differ from those of regular telephone operation and can, therefore, be more effectively handled by a separate organization.

Further, it is said the personnel will be chiefly made up of the present WEAF organization which would appear to mean that W. E. Harkness, assistant vice-president of the A. T. & T. Company, who has had such an important part in past development, will continue as the directing head. A popular impression seems to have prevailed that the Telephone Company owns many of the allied stations which already comprise the country's largest broadcasting chain and charges have been made that it had a monopoly of the air.

This question was gone into in an understandable way at the recent radio control hearings before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. The testimony, which now has additional interest in view of the formation of the new company, was as follows:

#### Phone Group Owns Two Stations

Mr. Harkness: First in regard to the question of chain stations. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. owns but one station in the United States. One of its associate companies owns one station, so that the whole telegraph industry so far as the American Bell system is concerned consists of two stations, which they own and operate—WEAF of New York, and WCAP of Washington, D. C. We have no financial or other interest in any other stations with which we con-

At the moment we have an arrangement with 15 stations in other parts of the country as far west as the Missouri River, the northern point being St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the southwestern point being St. Louis, Missouri. The connections with these stations have been made at the request of the stations them-

selves and the public in those communities who desire to receive programs which we were transmitting from our own station in New York.

Senator Dill: Explain just how that is done, briefly.

#### The Chain Plan

Mr. Harkness: It is done by taking the facilities which we normally use for telephone purposes, stripping them of the regular telephone equipment, and applying to them special equipment for transmission of musical programs so that it is entirely a special service and not looked upon as a part of our regular service.

It has been our endeavor as far as we have been able to do so to accommodate broadcasters desiring that sort of service. I can show you letters, probably a thousand of them, if you should want me to get them together, indicating the special desire of the public of those communities to have that sort of a program.

There are sixteen stations involved out of a total of 536, so that seems to be ample selection of a program other than that provided by the 16, for those who care to listen to other programs. So that it is hard to consider that one program is monopolizing the air.
Senator Couzens of Michigan: Is that

service confidential?

#### Not Seeking Monopoly

Mr. Harkness: No; it is on public record for the past two years by Mr. Thayer, the president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., that that company desires no monopoly on the broadcasting nor has it desired a monop-

oly on broadcasting.

We are operating a 5,000-watt station in New York City. There are 22 other stations operating in New York City, and there is no difficulty in selecting any aft the 22 stations in the control of the 22 stations in the control of the 22 stations in the control of the fact that the control of the 22 stations in the control of the fact that the control of the 22 stations in the control of the control of the 22 stations in the control of the 23 stations, irrespective of the fact that we are operating a 5,000-watt station, the selection of the station depending entirely on the equipment that is employed by the listener.

THE GREAT AID OF BY-PASS CON-DENSERS, by John F. Rider, appeared in RADIO WORLD dated May 8. Sent on receipt of 15c, or start sub. with that number, RADIO WORLD, 145 W. 45th St., N. Y. C.

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# Paulist Fathers to Sell Time on Air At WLWL

John Shepard, 3rd, Boston station manager, took over the booking of commercial programs for station WLWL (288 meters) of the Paulist Fathers in New York City. Mr. Shepard was in New York for several days perfecting the arrangement.

Several hours each week will be reserved for the special programs of the Paulist League. The famous choir of that organization will continue to be heard regularly. Other features of the Paulist organization will continue to be available to radio listeners.

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A hookup with Station WNAC of Boston, of which Mr. Shepard is in charge,

as well as WEAN, the Shepard Stores station in Providence, is expected. This new combination will be the third largest chain of stations in the country.

Features that have appeared in the Shepard stations in Boston and Providence will be introduced on WLWL.

Mr. Shepard is prominent in broadcast-

Mr. Shepard is prominent in broadcasting circles, having been identified with the broadcasting art for more than three years. WNAC is one of the first five Western Electric installations in the country.

Offices for the commercial booking were established by Mr. Shepard at the WLWL studios in New York City.

# Shakespeare's Popularity Is Rescued by the Radio

Miss Katherine Emmet (Mrs. Alon Bement) told the Shakespeare Association of America, at its annual meeting in New York City, that the radio has done much to repopularize Shakespeare with the masses. She expressed keen satisfaction over this.

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Miss Emmet started to broadcast Shakespeare some months ago in a dubious frame of mind. It seemed like sacrilege to attempt to make Shakespeare "snappy" as she was told she should do. She soon found, however, that Shakespeare's oratorical passages were well adapted to the air and that at least the skeleton, if not the "rotund body of his work," could be conveyed through the air to countless thousands.

Letters reached her from every type of enthusiast. Educators wrote that they

Letters reached her from every type of enthusiast. Educators wrote that they consider the broadcasting of Shakespeare a great work. An illiterate wrote that he enjoys Shakespeare's "pomes." The bedridden derived a new joy from his plays.

A man who likes his roaring melodrama though the swishing of the swords in "Hamlet" over the radio was the most realistic thing of the kind he ever had heard.

heard.
"Of course, there are few people who deliberately tune in to be educated," Miss Emmet remarked.

"We have to give them in sixty minutes (which seems to be the limit of their endurance) a play that takes two and a half hours on the stage. It is more difficult to separate the characters on the air, but, on the whole, I find that Shakespeare is in danger of becoming popular."

Miss Emmet pointed out that American producers were a longer willing to give

Miss Emmet pointed out that American producers were no longer willing to risk Shakespeare, and that this source of inspiration would be lost to the growing generation were some effort not made to keep his plays alive. She had found, she said, that literature on the air had much more power than between the

# Scout Will Tell Fans of Reception Condition

A new service for radio listeners and experimenters has been inaugurated by the Peerless Motor Company under the direction of P. W. ("Bill") Harrison.

Peerless will go on the air every night, except Sunday, from WEEI, Boston, about 11 p. m.

Mr. Harrison is equipping an observing station, to be located in Greater Boston, with the necessary receiving equipment, aerials, etc., with which he will roam about every night, gathering data on how reception for Greater Boston is; which out-of-town sections are coming in best; how the quality of reception is; what the static conditions are, and in general give the listener a little advice on where he may locate the best stations for the rest of the evening, for there are many of us who like to linger with the radio a little longer than the local stations are on the air.

In order that the data gathered may be of value to the average listener with the

average receiving set, Mr. Harrison has selected a 5-tube receiver, about equal to the equipment in use by the average listener.

The Peerless Motor Company feels that this service will be of value to the listener, not only because it will tell him where he may look for more entertainment, but it will also provide the listener with a check on the performance of his own receiver. If Mr. Harrison's report for the evening says stations to the west are coming in good with a minimum amount of static and distortion, and the listener's receiver gives him the same results, he will know that his receiver is in good order.

However, if the listener has a receiver of the same general characteristics as the one employed for making the reports, and he does not get the reception the report indicates he should, it would be advisable to check the condition of his A and B batteries, tubes, etc., so that he could enjoy similar reception.

#### Hays Waxes Eloquent



(Underwood & Underwood)

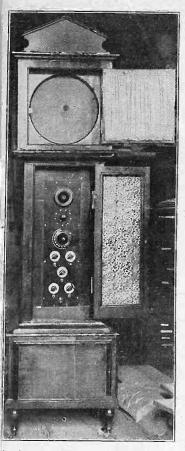
WILL H. HAYS, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, delivering a speech at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Paramount Building, Forty-third and Broadway, New York City, where the Putnam building formerly stood.

#### Test of Radio Coil



WHEN you test a coil with phones and a battery, the resulting click will be loud enough to be heard plainly, even though the phones or unit are on the table. The test is for continuity. If the coil winding is broken then no click will be heard. To test, connect one phone tip to one terminal of the battery, the other phone tip to one terminal of the battery, the other phone tip to one terminal of the coil. The remaining open coil and battery terminals are connected together for a moment, to produce the click. If an audio transformer winding is tested it is necessary to put the phones or unit to the ear, as the click is a slight one, due to the great resistance of the many turns of wire on the transformer.

#### Time Works Changes



HENRY S. GRUGER of Lancaster, Pa., cabinet maker and radio fan, produced the unique radio receiver shown in "grandfather's clock." The coils, condensers, sockets, etc., are all mounted on partitions. The speaker is placed at the top, while the bat-teries are at the bottom.



THE CHILDREN Commander Richard E. Byrd (left to right) Evelyn Bolling, Katherine Ames, and Richard E., endeavoring to listen to the voice of their father when he was on the airplane trip to the Pole. Being young they were full of confidence.

RUMANIANS SEEK CATALOGS
The American Consul at Constantza,
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# Sarnoff Says Most Sets Will Be Run from Main

#### By David Sarnoff

Vice-President and General Manager R. C. A.

The types of broadcast receivers which now operate completely from the lighting circuit require up to 200 watts for their operation. The numerous power accessories on the market require from seven to fifty watts. It is reasonable to assume that within the next three to five years by far the larger percentage of broad-cast receivers will draw their local source of energy from the lighting socket. It is estimated that the average of such receivers will consume energy at the rate of eight kilowatt hours per month.

Radio is keeping people at home. We Radio is keeping people at home. We have all known, in a general way, that this has resulted in larger monthly current bills. The Danbury and Bethel Gas and Electric Company, Danbury, Conn., has given a definite example of this general understanding by checking the bills of the Customers who for a period of experience. ten customers who, for a period of a year, purchased no current consuming device other than a radio set and rectifier.

#### Revenue Increased 33 Per Cent.

The gross revenue increase was found to be 33 per cent, the company estimating that a 22 per cent. increase came about by longer burning hours of house lights, the other 11 per cent. from the use of the rectifier that was purchased with the cet. with the set.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Company of Vancouver, B. C., was one of the pioneers in the sale of radio sets, and E. E. Walker, Sales Engineer of that company, recently said: "We carry radio and feature it as part of our merchandicing stock because we cannot af chandising stock because we cannot af-ford not to do so. The public is interested in radio and a portion of that interest, we feel, should be directed toward our company. We find that it brings customers to our salesrooms who would not otherwise call. Furthermore, we feel that the radio has come to be a current-consuming device and we look forward to the time when all radio sets will be operated from the power company's line.

But to obtain the benefit of this in-creased load on your power lines the receiving sets in your community must operate at peak performance at all times; this brings me to the all-important matter

#### Service to Be Rendered

The major service that the electric light and power companies can render to the public in the immediate future lies in the direction of servicing the instru-ments which have been sold to the public, making the slight adjustments that constitute the difference between perfect and imperfect reception, and instructing the user in the best ways of conserving the high quality originally built into the

apparatus.

The radio broadcast receiver is essentially a sensitive device, for in order to obtain adequate loud-speaker signals it obtain adequate loud-speaker signals it is required to amplify an infinitesimal amount of energy to thousands of times its original strength. It is, therefore, capable of picking up and amplifying the inductive electrical disturbances in its neighborhood. So-called inductive interference results from sparking electrical machinery, leakage on high voltage lines and from the operation of other high voltage devices. voltage devices.

#### Power Companies Helpful

With the advent of the more modern broadcast receiver, with its ability to give further amplification than that obtainable heretofore, the problem has been somewhat increased; but lest it take on an overwhelming aspect I desire to make clear that we in the radio industry have not found it an insuperable problem. not found it an insuperable problem. Quite the contrary, through the generous co-operation of the power companies, it has been found possible to suggest a solution to every case which has been brought to our attention.

The Radio Corporation investigated more than 500 cases of inductive interference in 1925 alone. It has established a

ence in 1925 alone. It has established a special department for these investigaspecial department for these investiga-tions, and through the co-operation of its manufacturing associates, the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies experts are available to aid the power companies at all times. The data which we have collected on this subject are available to your interference committees and to the power companies upon call.

In carrying on this work, the radio industry has recognized the necessity of avoiding any action which would result in ill-will to the central station industry from the broadcast listener.

# Fight on Interference Hampered by Finances

Economy which caused Congress to lop off \$19,000 of radio appropriations is giving officials considerable perplexity as to how the new allotment of \$335,000 may

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It was planned that new sub-offices, each in charge of an inspector, be established at Portland, Ore., Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Memphis, Buffalo, Denver and Omaha. It called for the addition of 28 new inspectors which would considerably evolutement. ors which would considerably supplement the present force of inspectors and supervisors, who number but 39 for the entire United States.

That these men might be better fitted for their work of locating and eliminating interference, it was planned to add at least three new radio test trucks, similar

to the one now in use in the Detroit district, the first of its kind in the country. How much of this plan may be carried out is now the big question. Although the appropriation is \$19,000 short, there is a silver lining in the cloud, as the act provides \$115,000 more than last year.

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To the layman—the person who merely

buys a receiver and has it installed, not knowing anything about radio-comes the same sensation, only with a mingled feel-ing that the seemingly impossible is being

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bafflingly achieved. Often a group of laymen, listening to a radio concert, and thrilled by the delightful reproduction, falls into a conversation dealing with the marvelous in radio.

While the scientist has penetrated the mysteries that confound the layman, and sees with a skillful and utterly different eye, both elements combine to recognize in radio the greatest scientific advance ever achieved.

To the layman the fact, as he calls it, that sound is sent through the air, and received in a set, while no one with bare ears in the intervening space can hear a murmur of that sound, is tantalizing inded. The man in the street wonders why thousands, aye millions, of ears between station and his set, hear nothing of

the program.

This "mystery" is fundamentally easy to comprehend. Suppose an orchestra is broadcasting from a studio. The sound waves are communicated to a microphone and carried by a line to an electrical device known as an oscillator. This device creates radio waves of a given frequency or wavelength, and this is the frequency or wavelength of the station, assigned to it by the Department of Commerce. The two sets of waves are mixed-the sound waves, which are continuously varying, although they are of long wavelength, and the radio wave, which is of comparatively short wavelength, and is steady. radio wave alternates so rapidly per second, say 1,000,000 times for a wavelength of 300 meters, that the human ear can not hear it. Thus when the audible not hear it. Thus when the addible waves, i.e., the sound waves, are mixed with the radio wave, by the process known as modulation, the net result is still a radio wave, altered too slightly to change the inherent characteristic. Thus the frequencies of the audible waves are added to and subtracted from the radio wave. The radio wave is so rapid that

the slight addition or subtraction does not even nearly change things enough to render the broadcast wave itself audible. It is the function of the receiver to tune to the incoming wave radio wave and, by rectification, to separate the radio wave. The resulting current will actuate phones. Being audio now, it is amplified at audio frequencies so as to be made loud enough to operate a speaker.

#### Personal Taste

CONSIDERATION often overlooked A in analyses of radio results is that of personal taste. This applies most pointedly to audio amplifiers and speakers. All human ears are not alike. They do not respond equally nor do the brains behind them reap most enjoyment from the same kind of tones.

Endless discussion may take place as to whether a cone speaker is better than a horn, or a certain form of audio amplification is better than some other kind. The person who is to make the decision should listen to comparative demonstrations of the various types of amplification, in conjunction with different types of speakers, and let his own ears guide him in the selection. Cone speakers are low-pitched, while horns favor high notes. Hence, where a system of audio amplification causes some attenuation of higher notes, this may be compensated for by the use of a horn, and the combination may please the prospective purchaser. Where the selection is a family mat-

ter, trouble may develop, in the event the woman of the house has ears that behave differently than the ears of the titular head of the family. In such cases it is commonly regarded as a factor of happiness to agree that the woman's ear is more discerning and musical, though the man be a professor in a college of music.

# Factory Tests of Receivers That Make Sets Stay Sold

The lack of proper testing of factory-made sets, before shipment, undoubtedly has proven costly, if not disastrous, to many manufacturers. In the long list of set manufacturers now in bankruptcy are many who ignored proper testing. Returns are very costly, both directly in money and indrectly in ill-will and consequent sales resistance. Especially with the marketing of sets with simplied controls is it necessary to make thorough tests. By following the directions in the ensuing article, much grief will be avoided. The apparatus, set-up and tests are not difficult, and the service department head can supervise it. Detailed advice on any technical point will be gladly given by RADIO WORLD to any executive of a set-manufacturing concern. Address Factory Set Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City.]

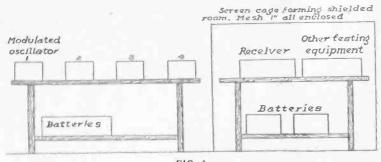


FIG. 1 Disposition of apparatus in testing a receiver.

I like feeting of a receiver in the manufacturer's organization is a laboratory problem. One very often hears about certain tests prescribed for the testers of receivers, such as the reception of any one station located 40 or 50 miles distant, which feat is considered indicative of the sensitivity of that receiver, and upon which is based the acceptance of rejection of the receiver. Experience has shown that the test is not adequate, because made in conjunction with the human ear, and under operating conditions entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the tester or operator. The consequence is tester or operator. The consequence is that a reduction of 25 to 30% in sensitivity and volume output passes unnoticed, since the human ear, especially after a person has been listening to loud signals for several hours, is unresponsive to in-tensity variations of this value or less. And when the receiver is delivered to the fan, it is not "up to snuff." Now if we give the benefit of the doubt

to the tester, and assume that he has defected this small variance in received signal intensity from the outside station, what assurance has the tester that the defect is within the receiver? Perhaps power has been reduced at the transmit-Perhaps ter, as is frequently done during the daynot remain a matter of conjecture. It is imperative that the facts be known. Is it as sensitive as the standard or is it

Limitations of Tests

facilitate this comparison some organizations have arrangements whereby the standard can be switched in place of the receiver under test, but this method of operation is not as efficient as the times call for, since it involves an unnecessary amount of work, that of placing the standard into operation, and if it just so happens that the station is off the air for a minute or two, it is necessary to wait until it goes on.
And with all this, the signal intensity

tests are still limited to use of the ear as the responsive device, for an output indicating device cannot be used, unless it is of the tube voltmeter type, since the signal from the broadcasting station varies in modulated frequency and intensity in accord with the intensity of the modulating signal at the broadcasting

Of selectivity determinations and frequency allocations on the tuning dials we have not spoken, but this is even more difficult to determine when testing on the air than by the previously mentioned The majority of stations by means of which selectivity could be determined is very seldom on the air during the daytime, and the same is true of the number of stations which is necessary for the frequency allocation tests. To overcome all of these deficiencies in testing and to permit of signal intensity measurements by methods other than the human ear, I suggest the arrangement shown in Fig. 1.

#### A Proven Success

This system of testing has proved successful in several organizations manufacturing and servicing radio receivers. It is purely a laboratory proposition and entails a greater financial outlay than would the "on the air" method, but its superiority is great. In addition, this method of operation permits of determinations which are absolutely impossible with the juferior "on the air" arrangeents. All points of doubt are removed. The wavelength range of each receiver can be ascertained, the degree of selectivity with various amounts of power in the transmitters, the degree of selectivity with various modulation side bands and the allotment of the various frequencies on the dials, are easily determined.

All of the receiver testing is done right in the plant, by replacing the outside broadcasting stations with several modulated oscillators, each numbered, and each of which may be tuned to any wavelength

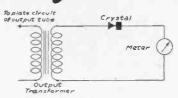
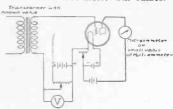


FIG. 2 Method of obtaining the value of the output. The meter may be an 0-to-200 microammeter. For loud signals an 0-to-5 milliameter will suffice.



A vacuum tuhe voltmeter. The device first is calibrated, and the voltage to be measured (in the grid circuit) is disclosed by the plate current flow. This is the proportion that was calibrated.

within the broadcasting band, and each of which can be modulated at several audio frequencies, say No. 1 at 250 cycles; No. 2 at 500 cycles; No. 3 at 1,500 cycles and No. 4 at 3,000 to 5,000 cycles, preferably fixed at 5,000 cycles. Provision also is made so that oscillators No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 can be modulated at the higher frequencies. This arrangement alone af-fords several distinct points of information with each set tested.

First, the oscillators are adjusted to frequencies (wavelengths) sufficiently far apart to simulate two actual stations in operation and the selectivity is judged. Second, what are the frequency (wavelength) locations on the dials? One of the oscillators is adjusted to the lowest wave to be covered by the receiver and the other to the highest wave. maining oscillators are adjusted to wavelengths between the minimum and maximum. Third, what is the amplifying characteristic of the audio circuits on the various frequencies? By tuning in the oscillator modulated at 50 cycles or lower, the output on that modulated frequency can be noted and compared with that of the standard

#### Trouble Sources Avoided

It is logical that in this method of operation, the inconsistencies encountered when operating with external broadcasting stations are entirely precluded. Fading, signal swinging, static, stations off the air, etc., are avoided as sources of The signals from these local oscillators are constant and can be depended upon, assuming that proper cali-bration has been carried out. These stations" are always on tap, whenever necessary Just press the various butnecessary. tons and the broadcasting stations are in operation.

As the frequencies of these stations remain constant, that is the frequency of the modulator signal as well as its amplitude, it is possible to utilize output indicating devices in lieu of the ear.

## Hookup and Operation of Oscillators for Tests

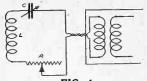
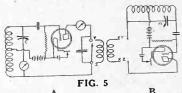


FIG. 4 antenna used in the The phantom tests.



location of this equipment is designated in Fig. 1 as "other testing equipment." The parts comprising this output indicating device are a Carborundum detector and low reading, low resistance microammeter and output transformer, arranged as shown in Fig. 2. The meter used by me when determining output values for weak signals was an 0-to-200 microammeter with a total resistance of 12 ohms, and for lould signals an 0-to-5 milliam-Output calibrations were made with the standard, with various output values for the oscillators, recorded and used for comparison with the other receivers placed on test.

Coupling Tips

With respect to sensitivity, the coupling between the pickup coil and the oscillator is reduced to a predetermined value, or the output of one oscillator designated for that purpose is reduced by means of a remote control switch, controlling the plate battery supply. By properly cali-brating the output of the oscillator, the pickup into the receiver can be reduced to a value which will give an excellent determination of sensitivity. In fact it is possible by using a calibrated tube voltmeter connected to the output tube of the receiver under test, in place of the output indicating device, to measure especially well the values on low audio frequencies which may not be sufficient to cause a satisfactory fluctuation on the This type of tube other output meter. All this voltmeter is shown in Fig. 3. may appear to be very tedious in opera-Once tion, but it is just the contrary. the installation is in operation, the various values can be determined in quick

The pickup medium is a phantom or "dummy" antenna consisting of a variable condenser, to replace the distributed capacity of the aerial system. It is variable because of the frequent necessity to test with aerials of various values of capacity. with aerials of various values of capacity. The inductance replaces the distributed inductance of the aerial, and the resistance replaces the effective resistance of the aerial. The layout is shown in Fig. 4. The resistance R should be non-inductive and variable in steps of .1 ohm. A good unit is a General Radio Decade Box. The condenser C should have a maximum of 500 mfd. (.0005 mfd.). The leads to set should be twisted so as to reduce the capacity between the leads, and preferable between the leads, and preferable between the leads, and preferable encased in a metal cable, such as BX, so that the pickup via the leads be minimiped. The cable should be grounded.

The RF Oscillator

The design of the radio frequency oscillators is simple and since all designs

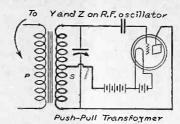


FIG. 6 A circuit better adapted for measuring low audio frequencies.

are identical, the specifications of one will

The wiring diagram for the radio frequency generating unit is given in Fig. 5A and that of the audio frequency unit used in conjunction with it in Fig. 5B. By interconnecting the terminals marked Y and XY and Z and XZ the audio frequency oscillator is connected so as to modulate the oscillations generated by the radio frequency generator. The primary of the telephone repeating transformer is connected to XY and XZ and the secondary to Y and Z. The output of the audio oscillator with this arrangement is not a sine wave, but is satisfactory for the purpose. For the low audio frequencies the unit shown in Fig. 6 may be used to replace the audio oscillator shown in Fig. 5B. The transformer used is a push-pull unit. The value of the shunt gondenser is dependent upon the frequency output desired. It is indicated as variable but it is not limited to the values usually associated with variable as variable but it is not limited to the values usually associated with variable condensers. The primary of this unit is connected directly to the terminals Y and Z on the RF oscillator, thereby obviating the coupling transformer. It will be found that this method is preferable for obtaining the 50-to-250 cycle notes.

Coils For AF Circuit

If the audio oscillator, Fig. 5B, is used, the coil consists of a number of 1,500turn honeycomb or duolateral wound coils connected in series with several laminations of transformer steel used as a core. The condenser is indicated as variable but again does not signify values usually associated with variable condensers. The value required may be obtained by connecting several fixed condensers in parallel. The inductance and capacitance values for the tuned circuit of the RF oscillator are also dependent upon the wavelength to be covered. To specify wavelength to be covered. To specify exact details to a radio receiver manufacturer is like carrying "coils to Newcastle," hence will be omitted. If, however, they are desired a line to the Factory Set Editor will produce the desired data.

The short circuiting switch at points V.7 in the RE oscillator is provided in

Y-Z in the RF oscillator is provided in case it is desired to isolate the audio frequency oscillator from the radio frequency generator. By closing this switch the plate circuit is closed after the removal of the transformer winding from the plate circuit.—John F. Rider.

# More Power in Less Room Is Trend of Sets, Says Kent

PHILADELPHIA.

Demand on the part of the radio public for greater simplicity in radio sets was reported at a national convention of dis-tributors held here. The purpose of the convention was an exchange of opinion on the trend of radio merchandising methods throughout the country and a discussion of the development of popular tastes in radio models.

That the old style, cumbersome radio receiving set is passing and is rapidly being supplemented by less complex instruments was reported by delegates from all parts of the country. Evidently, from reports, radio is becoming more and more a utility instead of a more clavitics and a utility instead of a mere plaything and therefore the demand is for greater sim-plicity in operation. The popularity of the single-dial model was said to be growing by leaps and bounds and opinion was expressed that the set that will bring the stations in by the simple turning of one dial is the set of the future, provided trouble due to unmatched circuits is avoided.

A. Atwater Kent, prominent in the convention, declared his belief that the simpler a radio receiving set can be made,

the more popular it will be.
"There is no reason," he said, "why more power cannot be placed in less space in radio as well as in anything else. This has been the development in automobiles, speed boats, powerful guns and in practically every other line of mechanical engineering, and it is the development in radio that is right upon us.

"Simplicity in operation is the dominant feature of radio set building today. In my judgment—and I have backed up what I believe with production—the single dial radio set will ultimately displace the set that is more difficult to operate, for I believe the radio public is demanding the

greatest simplicity in both operation and design."

Radio was hailed by Dr. E. J. Cattell, nationally known economist of Philadelphia, as having potentialities as great for the development of the nation as the loco-

motive or the cotton gin.

"Radio already thus early in its phenomenal development has brought the very best music to the lowliest of homes in America," he said, "and has extended the spoken word in a multitude of ways to a constantly widening range of listeners. It will do more than almost any other one thing I can conceive to check the movement from farm to city. When a nation has close to fifty per cent. of its population in cities that nation is in danger. The movement of our population to the cities must be checked.

'I know of no other force that has as great power as radio to kill loneliness in out of the way places, to satisfy the common craving for music and to fulfill the general longing to hear the human voice. Such power cannot help but be of illimitable good in every line along which we are working to better the state of our great country. Radio will have the effect of bringing labor and capital into a better understanding and will bring us all closer

#### SIGNIFICANT CALL LETTERS

Adopting the practice becoming so prevalent in this country of having descriptive call letters, the newest station authorized by the Canadian Government, CHNS, stands for Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia. While the material for the new Halifax station has been contributed by the Northern Electrical Company, its general maintenance, including programs, will be in the hands of the Halifax County

# FACTORY SETS

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#### How the Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., Built Up a Marvelous Set Business in Only Two Years-Will Build 500,000 Sets For 1926.

#### By Leon L. Adelman

THE radio industry, since its beginning, has witnessed an astonishing number of changes, additions and revisions as pertaining to the number of manufacturers in the field. A mere few developed, as if overnight, into hundreds of radio firms of all manner of description and with just the same celerity most of them fell by the wayside and disappeared.

Persevering in the face of all difficulties,

and there are countless and innumerable ones in radio manufacturing, The Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., famed the world over for the fine class of radio receivers they manufacture, have stood the withering storm and fire of competition, dangerously misleading criticism and the most adverse market conditions.

#### Teamwork Won Out

Early in their career, they realized the importance of co-operation between their various departments, co-ordination between the different units and teamwork between the officials and workers as leading to the inevitable of greatly increased production, lower cost of materials and overhead and allowing in giving the peo-ple considerably more for less mney.

In 1924, when the Freshman Co. started its operations in the radio industry, they faced a serious problem in economics. The average radio receiver at that time listed at approximately \$150, exclusive of accessories. In competing with a large number of radio firms that were already well entrenched, the Freshman Co. observed that there was a decided tendency amongst manufacturers to overlook that incommensurably large field of buyers— the middle class—who could ill afford to pay the prices asked.

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The task of getting at the rock-bottom truth of the situation faced not only the engineers and business officials of the Freshman Company, but every employe. All problems were carefully considered, with the result that now the Chas. Freshman Co. is for in the face in the same carefully considered. man Co. is far in the fore in the radio in-

#### Neat and Simplified Set

From among boxes which encased masses of entangled wires connected in bewildering and unkempt manner, there appeared upon the market in 1924 the first Freshman Masterpiece radio receiving set, a simplified receiver the excellent performance of which immediately gained for it the nickname of "The Wonder Set."

The popularity of this set coupled with the tremendous demand for it enabled a manufacturer of radio receiving sets, The Freshman Company, to be sure of his ground in laying out a factory for quan-

tity production.

The first Freshman Masterpiece receivers retailed at \$60 for the 5-tube set Because 5-tube receivers which gave the same performance and had the same efficiency retailed at that time at \$150 it was said that the Freshman Company could not continue to give such values and remain in business.

#### Slogan the Answer

The answer to these comments at this time was the Freshman slogan: "They said it couldn't be done-but here it isat \$60, the equal, if not the superior, of any 5-tube radio receiving set." People, everywhere, saw the Freshman Masterpiece Receivers, marvelled at the low price, and bought them. They and their friends heard the set's performance and soon a demand that was practically an avalanche of orders poured into radio dealers in all sections of the world for Freshman Masterpiece Receivers. Simplified construction, efficiency in manufacturing and proficiency in performance had won a great victory.

In 1925, the Freshman Company was determined to keep up the pace previously set and much to the surprise of the trade and the public in general, announced a vastly improved 5-tube receiver, complete with a built-in loud speaker of great volume and superb tone at the same price, namely, \$60, the price of the 1924 re-

#### Reached 250,000 in 1925

Again the trade and the so-called "wise ones" said: "It can't be done. They can't keep it up." But the Freshman Company's answer to this was the manufacture and sale of more than 250,000 radio receiving sets during 1925.

While this enormous number of receivers was spreading happiness and con-



THE 1924 Freshman Masterpiece



THE 1925 Freshman Masterpiece

tentment in hundreds of thousands of homes in all sections of the world, the officials of the Freshman Company and its engineering staff, enthusiastic over the great success that they had made, were planning even bigger things, greater values for 1926, and here is the result, the fruits of their concerted efforts

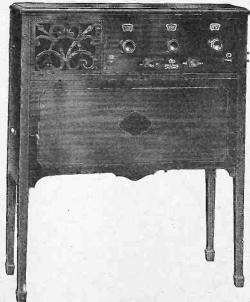
A console model, a beautiful piece of furniture, made of finely selected 5-ply genuine mahogany; a radio receiving set with the finest of built-in loud speakers in an exceedingly pretty console which provides ample room for all batteries, chargers, eliminators and everything that could possibly be used in connection with a radio receiver.

#### The Proof

Again one may expect to hear the cries and wails of inefficient set manufacturers with excessively costly systems of production and distribution. One hears them saying now: "It simply can't be done!"
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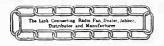
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bafflingly achieved. Often a group of laymen, listening to a radio concert, and thrilled by the delightful reproduction, falls into a conversation dealing with the marvelous in radio.

While the scientist has penetrated the mysteries that confound the layman, and sees with a skillful and utterly different eye, both elements combine to recognize in radio the greatest scientific advance ever achieved.

To the layman the fact, as he calls it, that sound is sent through the air, and received in a set, while no one with bare ears in the intervening space can hear a murmur of that sound, is tantalizing in-The man in the street wonders why thousands, aye millions, of ears between station and his set, hear nothing of

the program.

This "mystery" is fundamentally easy to comprehend. Suppose an orchestra is broadcasting from a studio. The sound waves are communicated to a microphone and carried by a line to an electrical device known as an oscillator. This device creates radio waves of a given frequency or wavelength, and this is the frequency or wavelength of the station, assigned to it by the Department of Commerce. The two sets of waves are mixed-the sound waves, which are continuously varying, although they are of long wavelength, and the radio wave, which is of comparatively short wavelength, and is steady. radio wave alternates so rapidly per second, say 1,000,000 times for a wavelength of 300 meters, that the human car can not hear it. Thus when the audible waves, i.e., the sound waves, are mixed with the radio wave, by the process known as modulation, the net result is still a radio wave, altered too slightly change the inherent characteristic. Thus the frequencies of the audible waves are added to and subtracted from the radio wave. The radio wave is so rapid that

the slight addition or subtraction does not even nearly change things enough to render the broadcast wave itself audible. It is the function of the receiver to tune to the incoming wave radio wave and, by rectification, to separate the slight audible variations from the steady radio wave. The resulting current will actuate phones. Being audio now, it is amplified at audio frequencies so as to be made loud enough to operate a speaker.

#### Personal Taste

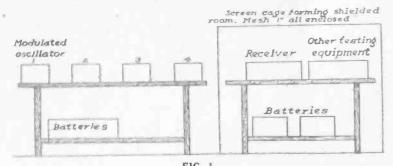
CONSIDERATION often overlooked A in analyses of radio results is that of personal taste. This applies most pointedly to audio amplifiers and speakers. All human ears are not alike. They do not respond equally nor do the brains behind them reap most enjoyment from the same kind of tones.

Endless discussion may take place as to whether a cone speaker is better than a horn, or a certain form of audio amplification is better than some other kind. The person who is to make the decision should listen to comparative demonstrations of the various types of amplifica-tion, in conjunction with different types of speakers, and let his own ears guide him in the selection. Cone speakers are low-pitched, while horns favor high notes. Hence, where a system of audio amplification causes some attenuation of higher notes, this may be compensated for by the use of a horn, and the combination may please the prospective purchaser.

Where the selection is a family matter, trouble may develop, in the event the woman of the house has ears that behave differently than the ears of the titular head of the family. In such cases it is commonly regarded as a factor of happiness to agree that the woman's ear is more discerning and musical, though the man he a professor in a college of music.

# Factory Tests of Receivers That Make Sets Stay Sold

The lack of proper testing of factory-made sets, before shipment, undoubtedly has proven costly, if not disastrous, to many manufacturers. In the long list of set manufacturers now in bankruptcy are many who ignored proper testing. Returns are very costly, both directly in money and indrectly in ill-will and consequent sales resistance. Especially with the marketing of sets with simplied controls is it necessary to make thorough tests. By following the directions in the ensuing article, much grief will be avoided. The apparatus, set up and tests are not difficult, and the service department head can supervise it. Detailed advice on any technical point will be gladly given by Radio World to any executive of a set-manufacturing concern. Address Factory Set Editor, Radio World, 145 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City.}



Disposition of apparatus in testing a receiver.

If E testing of a receiver in the manufacturer's organization is a laboratory problem. One very often hears about certain tests prescribed for the testers of receivers, such as the reception of any one station located 40 or 50 miles distant, which feat is considered indicative of the sensitivity of that receiver, and upon which is based the acceptance or rejection of the receiver. Experience has shown that the test is not adequate, because made in conjunction with the human ear, and under operating conditions entirely heyond the jurisdiction of the tester or operator. The consequence is that a reduction of 25 to 30% in sensitivity and volume output passes unnoticed, since the human ear, especially after a person has been listening to loud signals for several hours, is unresponsive to intensity variations of this value or less. And when the receiver is delivered to the fam, it is not "up to smiff."

Now if we give the benefit of the doubt to the tester, and assume that he has detected this small variance in received signal intensity from the outside atation, what assurance has the tester that the defect is within the receiver? Perhaps power has been reduced at the transmitter, as is frequently done during the daytime. The sensitivity of the receiver cannot reciain a matter of conjecture. It is imperative that the facts be known. Is it as censitive as the standard or is it inferior?

#### Limitations of Tests

To facilitate this comparison some organizations have arrangements whereby the standard can be switched in place of the receiver under test but this method of operation is not as efficient as the time all for, since it involves an unnecessary amount or work, that of placing the standard into operation, and it it just so have no that the station is off the wir for a orimite or two ft is necessary to wait until it must an

And with all this, the signal intensity

tests are still limited to use of the ear as the responsive device, for an output indicating device cannot be used, unless It is of the tube voltnieter type, since the signal from the broadcasting station varies in modulated frequency and intensity in accord with the intensity of the modulating signal at the broadcasting station.

Of selectivity determinations and frequency allocations on the tuning dials we have not spoken, but this is even more difficult to determine when testing on the air than by the previously mentioned tests. The majority of stations by means of which selectivity could be determined is very seldom on the air during the daytime, and the same is true of the number of stations which is necessary for the frequency allocation tests. To overcome all of these deficiencies in testing and to permit of signal intensity measurements by methods other than the human ear. I suggest the arrangement shown in Fig. 1.

#### A Proven Success

This system of testing has proved successful in several organizations manufacturing and servicing radio receivers. It is purely a laboratory proposition and entails a greater financial outlay than would the "four the alt" method, but its superiority is great. In addition, this method of operation permits of determinations which are absolutely impossible with the inferior "on the air" arrangements. All points of doubt are removed. The wavelength range of each receiver can be ascertained, the degree of selectivity with various amounts of power in the transmitters, the degree of selectivity with various modulation side bands and the allosment of the various frequencies on the dials, are easily determined.

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All of the receiver testing is done right in the plant, by replacing the outside broadcasting stations with several modulated oxidiators, each numbered, and each of which may be timed to any wavelength

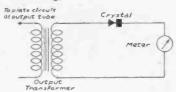


FIG. 2
Method of obtaining the value of the output. The meter may be an 0-to-200 microammeter. For loud signals an 0-to-5 milliameter will suffice.

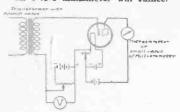


FIG. 3

A vacuum tube voltmeter. The device first is calibrated, and the voltage to be measured (in the grid circuit) is disclosed by the plate current flow. This is the proportion that was calibrated.

within the broadcasting band, and each of which can be modulated at several audio frequencies, say No. 1 at 250 cycles; No. 2 at 500 cycles; No. 3 at 1,500 cycles and No. 4 at 3,000 to 5,000 cycles, preferably fixed at 5,000 cycles. Provision also is made so that oscillators No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 can be modulated at the higher frequencies. This arrangement alone affords several distinct points of information with each set tested.

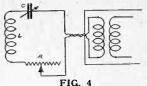
First, the oscillators are adjusted to frequencies (wavelengths) sufficiently far apart to simulate two actual stations in operation and the selectivity is judged. Second, what are the frequency (wavelength) locations on the dials? One of the oscillators is adjusted to the lowest wave to be covered by the receiver and the other to the highest wave. The remaining oscillators are adjusted to wavelengths between the minimum and maximum. Third, what is the amplifying characteristic of the audio circuits on the varlous frequencies? By tuning in the oscillator modulated at 50 cycles or lower, the output on that modulated frequency can be noted and compared with that of the standard.

#### Trouble Sources Avoided

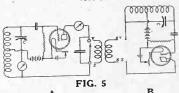
It is logical that in this method of operation, the inconsistencies encountered when operating with external broadcasting stations are entirely precluded. Fading, signal swinging, static, stations of the air, etc. are avoided as sources of trouble. The signals from these local oscillators are constant and can be depended upon, assuming that proper calibration has been carried out. These "stavions" are always on tap, whenever necessary. Just press the various buttons and the broadcasting stations are in operation.

As the frequencies of these stations remain constant, that is the frequency of the modulator signal as well as its amplitude, it is possible to utilize output indicating devices in lieu of the ear. The

## Hookup and Operation of Oscillators for Tests



antenna used in the The phantom tests.



location of this equipment is designated in Fig. 1 as "other testing equipment." The parts comprising this output indicating device are a Carborundum detector and low reading, low resistance microammeter and output transformer, arranged as shown in Fig. 2. The meter used by me when determining output values for weak signals was an 0-to-200 microammeter with a total resistance of 12 ohms, and for lould signals an 0-to-5 milliam-meter. Output calibrations were made with the standard, with various output values for the oscillators, recorded and used for comparison with the other receivers placed on test.

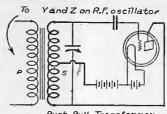
#### Coupling Tips

With respect to sensitivity, the coupling between the pickup coil and the oscillator is reduced to a predetermined value, or the output of one oscillator designated for that purpose is reduced by means of a remote control switch, controlling the plate battery supply. By properly cali-brating the output of the oscillator, the pickup into the receiver can be reduced to a value which will give an excellent determination of sensitivity. In fact it is possible by using a calibrated tube voltmeter connected to the output tube of the receiver under test, in place of the output indicating device, to measure especially well the values on low audio frequencies which may not be sufficient to cause a satisfactory fluctuation on the other output meter. This type of tube voltmeter is shown in Fig. 3. All this may appear to be very tedious in opera-tion, but it is just the contrary. Once the installation is in operation, the vari-ous values can be determined in quick order.

The pickup medium is a phantom or "dummy" antenna consisting of a variable condenser, to replace the distributed capa-city of the aerial system. It is variable because of the frequent necessity to test with aerials of various values of capacity. The inductance replaces the distributed inductance of the aerial and the resistance replaces the effective resistance of the aerial. The layout is shown in Fig. 4. The resistance R should be non-inductive and variable in steps of .1 ohm. tive and variable in steps of 1 ohm. A good unit is a General Radio Decade Box. The condenser C should have a maximum of 500 mfd. (.0005 mfd.). The leads to set should be twisted so as to reduce the capacity between the leads, and preferable between the leads, and preferable have and in a metal cable, such as RY condenses of the such as encased in a metal cable, such as BX, so that the pickup via the leads be minimiped. The cable should be grounded.

#### The RF Oscillator

The design of the radio frequency oscillators is simple and since all designs



Push-Pull Transformer

FIG. 6 A circuit better adapted for measuring low audio frequencies.

are identical, the specifications of one will

be sufficient guide.

The wiring diagram for the radio frequency generating unit is given in Fig. 5A and that of the audio frequency unit used in conjunction with it in Fig. 5B. interconnecting the terminals marked Y and XY and Z and XZ the audio frequency oscillator is connected so as to modulate the oscillations generated by the radio frequency generator. The primary of the telephone repeating transformer is connected to XY and XZ and the secondary to Y and Z. The output of the audio oscillator with this arrangement is not a sine wave, but is satisfactory for the purpose. For the low audio frequencies the unit shown in Fig. 6 may

be used to replace the audio oscillator shown in Fig. 5B. The transformer used is a push-pull unit. The value of the shunt condenser is dependent upon the frequency output desired. It is indicated as variable but it is not limited to the as variable but it as not limited to the values usually associated with variable condensers. The primary of this unit is connected directly to the terminals Y and Z on the RF oscillator, thereby obviating the coupling transformer. It will be found that this method is preferable for obtaining the 50-to-250 cycle notes.

#### Coils For AF Circuit

If the audio oscillator, Fig. 5B, is used, the coil consists of a number of 1,500turn honeycomb or duolateral wound coils connected in series with several laminations of transformer steel used as The condenser is indicated as variable but again does not signify values usually associated with variable condensers. The value required may be obtained by connecting several fixed condensers in parallel. The inductance and capacitance values for the tuned circuit of the RF oscillator are also dependent upon the wavelength to be covered. To specify exact details to a radio receiver manufac-turer is like carrying "coils to Newcastle," hence will be omitted. If, however, they are desired a line to the Factory Set Edi-

tor will produce the desired data.

The short circuiting switch at points Y-Z in the RF oscillator is provided in case it is desired to isolate the audio case it is desired to isolate the audio frequency oscillator from the radio frequency generator. By closing this switch the plate circuit is closed after the removal of the transformer winding from the plate circuit.—John F. Rider.

# More Power in Less Room Is Trend of Sets, Says Kent

#### PHILADELPHIA.

Demand on the part of the radio public for greater simplicity in radio sets was reported at a national convention of distributors held here. The purpose of the convention was an exchange of opinion on the trend of radio merchandising methods throughout the country and a discussion of the development of popular tastes in radio models.

That the old style, cumbersome radio receiving set is passing and is rapidly being supplemented by less complex instruments was reported by delegates from all parts of the country. Evidently, from reports, radio is becoming more and more a utility instead of a mere plaything and a utility instead of a mere plaything and therefore the demand is for greater simplicity in operation. The popularity of the single-dial model was said to be growing by leaps and bounds and opinion was expressed that the set that will bring the stations in by the simple turning of one dial is the set of the future, provided trouble due to unmatched circuits is avoided.

A. Atwater Kent, prominent in the convention, declared his belief that the simpler a radio receiving set can be made,

the more popular it will be.
"There is no reason," he said, "why more power cannot be placed in less space in radio as well as in anything else. This has been the development in automobiles, speed boats, powerful guns and in practically every other line of mechanical engineering, and it is the development in radio that is right upon us.

"Simplicity in operation is the dominant feature of radio set building today. In my judgment—and I have backed up what I believe with production—the single dial radio set will ultimately displace the set that is more difficult to operate, for I believe the radio public is demanding the

greatest simplicity in both operation and

Radio was hailed by Dr. E. J. Cattell, nationally known economist of Philadelphia, as having potentialities as great for the development of the nation as the locomotive or the cotton gin.

"Radio already thus early in its phenomenal development has brought the very best music to the lowliest of homes in America," he said, "and has extended the spoken word in a multitude of ways to a constantly widening range of listeners. It will do more than almost any other one thing I can conceive to check the movement from farm to city. When a nation has close to fifty per cent. of its population in cities that nation is in The movement of our population danger. to the cities must be checked.

"I know of no other force that has as great power as radio to kill loneliness in out of the way places, to satisfy the com-mon craving for music and to fulfill the general longing to hear the human voice. Such power cannot help but be of illimitable good in every line along which we are working to better the state of our great country. Radio will have the effect of bringing labor and capital into a better understanding and will bring us all closer

#### SIGNIFICANT CALL LETTERS

Adopting the practice becoming so prevalent in this country of having descriptive call letters, the newest station authorized by the Canadian Government, CHNS, stands for Canada, Halifax, Nova CHNS, station for callada, Italian, Social While the material for the new Halifax station has been contributed by the Northern Electrical Company, its general maintenance, including programs, will be in the hands of the Halifax County Radio Association.

# FACTORY SETS

DEPARTMENT Conducted for Present and Prospective Owners of Manufactured Receivers and Equipment. Address Questions to Factory Set Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York

#### How the Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., Built Up a Marvelous Set Business in Only Two Years-Will Build 500,000 Sets For 1926.

#### By Leon L. Adelman

HE radio industry, since its beginning, Thas witnessed an astonishing number of changes, additions and revisions as pertaining to the number of manufacturers in the field. A mere few developed, as if overnight, into hundreds of radio firms of all manner of description and with just the same celerity most of them fell by the wayside and disappeared.

Persevering in the face of all difficulties, and there are countless and innumerable ones in radio manufacturing, The Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., famed the world over for the fine class of radio receivers they manufacture, have stood the withering storm and fire of competition, dangerously misleading criticism and the most ad-

verse market conditions.

#### Teamwork Won Out

Early in their career, they realized the importance of co-operation between their various departments, co-ordination between the different units and teamwork between the officials and workers as leading to the inevitable of greatly increased production, lower cost of materials and overhead and allowing in giving the peo-

ple considerably more for less inney. In 1924, when the Freshman Co. started its operations in the radio industry, they faced a serious problem in economics. The average radio receiver at that time listed at approximately \$150, exclusive of accessories. In competing with a large num-ber of radio firms that were already well entrenched, the Freshman Co. observed that there was a decided tendency amongst manufacturers to overlook that incommensurably large field of buyers— the middle class—who could ill afford to

The task of getting at the rock-bottom truth of the situation faced not only the engineers and business officials of the Freshman Company, but every employe. All problems were carefully considered, with the result that now the Chas. Freshman Co. is far in the fore in the radio in-

dustry Neat and Simplified Set

From among boxes which encased masses of entangled wires connected in bewildering and unkempt manner, there appeared upon the market in 1924 the first Freshman Masterpiece radio receiving set, a simplified receiver the excellent performance of which immediately gained for it the nickname of "The Wonder

The popularity of this set coupled with the tremendous demand for it enabled a manufacturer of radio receiving sets. The Freshman Company, to be sure of his ground in laying out a factory for quan-

thy production.

The first Freshman Masterpiece recedvers retailed at \$60 for the 5-tube set
alone. Because 5-tube receivers which gave the same performance and had the same efficiency retailed at that time at \$150 it was said that the Freshman Company could not continue to give such values and remain in business.

#### Slogan the Answer

The answer to these comments at this time was the Freshman slogan: "The said it couldn't be done—but here it isat \$60, the equal, if not the superior, of any 5-tube radio receiving set." People, everywhere, saw the Freshman Masterpiece Receivers, marvelled at the low price, and bought them. They and their friends heard the set's performance and soon a demand that was practically an avalanche of orders poured into radio dealers in all sections of the world for Freshman Masterpiece Receivers. Simplified construction, efficiency in manufacturing and proficiency in performance had won a great victory. In 1925, the Freshman Company was

determined to keep up the pace previously set and much to the surprise of the trade and the public in general, announced a vastly improved 5-tube receiver, complete with a built-in loud speaker of great volume and superb tone at the same price, namely, \$60, the price of the 1924 re-

#### Reached 250,000 in 1925

Again the trade and the so-called "wise ones" said: "It can't be done. They can't keep it up." But the Freshman Company's answer to this was the manufacture and sale of more than 250,000 radio receiving sets during 1925.

While this enormous number of receivers was spreading happiness and con-



THE 1924 Freshman Masterpiece



THE 1925 Freshman Masterpiece

tentment in hundreds of thousands of homes in all sections of the world, the officials of the Freshman Company and its engineering staff, enthusiastic over the great success that they had made, were planning even bigger things, greater values for 1926, and here is the result, the fruits of their concerted efforts:

A console model, a beautiful piece of furniture, made of finely selected 5-ply genuine mahogany; a radio receiving set with the finest of built-in loud speakers in an exceedingly pretty console which provides ample room for all batteries, chargers, eliminators and everything that could possibly be used in connection with

a radio receiver.

#### The Proof

Again one may expect to hear the cries and wails of inefficient set manufacturers with excessively costly systems of production and distribution. One hears them saying now: "It simply can't be done!"

But, 500,000 Freshman Masterpiece receiving sets manufactured during 1926 will be the answer to that old cry: "It

can't be done!"

To have been able to accomplish so much in so little time is certainly to the credit of an organization which has gone to a large amount of research and expense in producing a radio receiver well within the average means. The realization that in this short expanse of time the price has been reduced to considerably less than half, is proof enough that no stone has been left unturned in lowering the cost and maintaining highest quality.



THE 1926 Freshman Masterpiece

#### THE DIAL TWISTER EMPTIES TWO CHAIRS

#### By Dan Napoli



#### Literature Wanted

THE names of readers of RADIO WORLD who desire literature from radio jobbers and dealers are published in RADIO WORLD on request of the reader. The blank below may be used, or a post card or letter will do instead. Trade Service Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th St., N. Y. City. I desire to receive radio literature Name ..... City or town ..... State ..... Are you a dealer? ...... If not, who is your dealer? His Name

F. Shaw, 66 2nd Ave., Conege Ave., (Dealer).
H. M. Johnson, 11 James Ave., Riverange, Mich. (Manufacturers).
M. A. Mackey, Ace Radio Electric Co., 252
Asylum St., Hartford, Conn. (Dealers).
M. K. Randall, Kalamazoo, Electric Co., 218
West Main St., Kalamazoo, Mich. (Dealers).
Ray F. Yager, Music Box, P. O. Box 772,
Delvay, Fla. (Dealer).
L. H. Roussiau, 505 South Roosevelt Ave.,
Pioua. O. F. Shaw, 66 2nd Ave., College Point, N. Y. West Main St., Rabanacov Arthur Ray F. Yager, Music Box, P. O. Box 7 Delvay, Fla. (Dealer).
L. H. Roussiau, 505 South Roosevelt Av Piqua, O. Ernest R. Cady, 862 54th St., Oakland, Cal.

His Address .....

#### Japan Still Leads In Import Figures

Domestic exports of radio apparatus from the United States by some of the leading purchasers for March by countries, follow:

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Transnitting sets and parts: Japan, \$159,090 and Venezuela, \$12,356; Receiving sets; Argentina, \$58,276; Japan, \$27,-430; and Canada, \$24,829. Tubes: Australia, \$25,792; Japan, \$19,538; Canada, \$13,355; and Argentina, \$13,323.

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Receiving set components: Japan, \$28,-930; Australia, \$22,109; and United Kingdom, \$18,120. Receiving set accessories: United Kingdom, \$45,593; Japan, \$32,609, and Australia, \$28,971.

The month's total exports of transmitting sets and parts amounted to \$170,120.

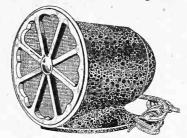
ting sets and parts amounted to \$179,129; receiving sets, \$216,119; tubes, \$96,850; receiving set components, \$153,609; and receiving set accessories, \$174,331.

#### Clapp-Eastman Now in Their New Factory

The Clapp-Eastman Company formerly at 139 Main Street, Cambridge, Mass., have taken up new quarters in the Chicle Building, Manley Street, Long Island City, N. Y. The work in their new plant will be the production of single control receives with provisions for A and B. receivers, with provisions for A and B eliminators

### THE RADIO TRADE

#### Freshman Develops New Type of Speaker



THE new Freshman Speaker.

The Chas. Freshman Co., Inc., manufacturers of the popular line of tuned radio-frequency receivers and B battery eliminators, announce the introduction of an entirely new type of loud speaker.

It is of novel construction and incorporates a special reflexed resonating air chamber which affords wonderful volume and most realistic quality reproduction. It is but 6" high and is readily adaptable for placing in any nook or corner or on top of or alongside the radio receiver.

#### Secretary Hoover to Open New York Radio Show

The Radio Show will be officially opened on September 10, at 8 p. m., by Secretary Herbert Hoover.

The following night will be International night, and plans are practically complete for a rather remarkable demonstration, including radio messages from Mussolini, Premier Briand of France, and the Prince of Wales.

The Hotel Commodore will be Radio Show headquarters.

The show will be held at Grand Central Palace, New York City.

SEPT. 10 to 17—National Radio Exposition, Grand Central Palace, New York City. American Radio Exposition Co., 1560 Broadway, New York City.

SEPT. 13 to 18—Third Radio World's

SEP1. 13 to 18—Third Radio World's Fair, Madison Square Garden, New York City. G. Clayton Irwin, manager, Times Bldg., N. Y. City.

OCT. 11 to 17—Fifth Annual Chicago Radio Show, Coliscum, Chicago, Ill. G. Clayton Irwin, manager, Times Bldg., N. Y. City.

Y. City.
OCT. 25 to 30—Second Annual Indianapolis Radio Exposition of the Central States, State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis,

#### Music Trade Refutes Sousa's Business Lament

John Philip Sousa's statement before a congressional committee that radio had almost ruined the sheet music business was not sustained in a joint report of Chicago music firms. The sale of sheet music, the report states, is growing steadily, especially as better radio has supplanted the makeshift of earlier days. Indeed, the report stated that interest in music is growing tremendously fast, due to radio

#### Teheran Hears Europe

WASHINGTON.

Programs broadcast from European radio stations were received recently in Teheran, Persia, on a 6-tube radio set of American make, the Department of Commerce is informed by Consul MacVitty, Teheran. The reports of this reception have apparently stimulated the interest of other inhabitants of the city in the possibilities of radio reception and it is said in Teheran that a number of similar sets will be installed in the city during the present year.

#### Caracas Station Opens

WASHINGTON.

A broadcasting station in Caracas began operation. The operating company has an exclusive concession to broadcast and to import and deal in radio sets and equipment. Some 200 American sets have been purchased and a retail store opened. A fee of \$5 monthly is charged for the privilege of listening in.

#### ESTHONIA TO HAVE STATION

The recently constructed broadcasting station at Tallinn, Esthonia, will begin to operate soon. A special program will be broadcast to radio subscribers, of whom there are 500 now registered. It is thought in Esthonia that the opening of this station will result in an increased market for receiving sets.

#### **NEW INCORPORATIONS**

Security Radio Service, N. Y. City, 100 common, no par; W. R. Root, S. L. Cassell, E. L. Rotheim. (Atty's., Feiner & Skuch, 22 Exchange Place, N. Y. City).
Sparks Radio Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y., \$5,000; F. and B. Haber, J. A. Ammenwerth. (Atty.. E. F. Hazleton, Jamaica, N. Y.).

# Analysis of 3 Functions In a Super-Heterodyne

There are three main products of a modulator of any one type; first, the carrier frequency; second, the summation frequency; third, the difference frequency. The summation frequency is the sum of the carrier and the modulating frequency; the difference frequency is simply the difference between them. In broadcasting all of them are transmitted, and the summation and difference frequencies are so nearly equal to the carrier that no differentiation between them is made in ordinary broadcast receivers. In the Super-Heterodyne they are widely different. The modulating frequency is of the same order of magnitude as the carrier frequency; the summation frequency is approximately twice as great as either of the components. The difference frequency is comparatively very small. In ordinary broadcast reception one tuned circuit, or filter, can pick out all the three parts; in the Super-Heterodyne one filter can pick out only one component. filter may be tuned to any one of the three main components. If it is tuned to the carrier, that is, to the frequency of the local oscillator, nothing is received because this does not carry any audio frequencies. It may be tuned to the summation frequency. This does carry audio frequencies, and the original broadcast matter may be received on this summation frequency. But nothing would be gained especially by doing that, and a great deal would be lost because an amplifier tuned to this high frequency would be less efficient and more troublesome than an amplifier tuned to the original modulated carrier. The filter is usually tuned to the difference frequency, which also carries the original broadcast matter. Since this frequency is very low, comparatively, an amplifier tuned to this is very efficient and not very troublesome. While the difference frequency is only one of the two side frequencies locally generated, it carries both of the side bands of the original carrier frequency broadcast.

Now to make a statement regarding whether the Super-Heterodyne modulator or first detector is, or should be, operated as a detector. The alternative is to operate the tube as an amplifier. If it were, and if its characteristic were perfectly straight over the region involved, the two waves, the signal wave and the locally generated wave, would pass through it independently of each other, both being amplified. There would be no more modu-lation or mixing of the two than there is modulation in the ether of light waves or radio waves of different frequencies, or of two distinct sound waves in air, or of two independent waves in water. They pass through the same medium, cross each other with a simple how do you do, and go on their way unaffected by the meeting. The modulation of two sound waves of different frequencies often heard in music takes place in the ear of the observer.

#### Best Detector Method

Which is the better detector method, the grid bias or the leaky condenser? The consensus is almost unanimous for the leaky condenser. But it depends some-what on purpose and conditions. For weak signals the leaky condenser method is unquestionably far superior, provided that the plate potential, the grid potential, the capacity of the grid battery and the resistance of the grid leak have been properly coordinated. For very strong signals the method is not so good on ac-count of the tendency for the grid to block. For such signals the high grid bias method is more stable in operation and it is just about as sensitive, provided that the grid bias has been carefully adjusted. In cases where the difference between the carrier frequency and the modulating frequency is not great the grid bias method is, in my opinion, superior for reasons already pointed out. Hence for Super-Heterodyne work I prefer the grid bias method both for the modulator and the final detector, with especial emphasis on the modulator .- J. E. A.

#### College Stations Cut Service for Summer

Although many stations have not yet been heard from the Association of College and University Broadcasting Stations announces that at least three of their announces that at least three of their members will be on full schedule during the summer, WABO, Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.; KWUC, Western Union College, Lemarks, Iowa; and WDBO, Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.

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Six stations will be on reduced schedule, KUSD, University of S. Dakota, Vermilion, S. Dak.; KFJM, University of N. Dakota, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; KOB, College of Agri. & Mech. Arts, State College, N. Mex.; KWSC, State College, Pullman, Wash.; WHAD, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.; and KFDY, State College of Agriculture, Brookings, S. Dak.

Among those that will close down for the summer period are WMAZ, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; WPAK, N. Dak. Agri. College, Agri. College, N. Dak.; WCBH, University of Mississippi, Oxford, WCBH, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.; KUOA, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; KFKA, State Teachers College, Greeley, Colo.; KFMR, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa; WHA, University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wis.; KFKU, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.; WEBW, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.; KFMX, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.; and WCAJ, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Univers-

ity Place, Nebr.
WDBO, Rollins College at Winter
Park, Fla., and WAPI, Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala., are new members of the Association of College and University Broadcasting stations.

#### WFBH to Send Out Yiddish Songs Weekly

A contract was made between WFBH, New York, and the Libby Hotel Corporation to broadcast programs in Yiddish.

The programs, to be broadcast regularly on Sunday evenings, will include vocal selections. The concerts will be under the direction of Joseph Cherniavsky, formerly cello soloist of the Imperial Opera House at Petrograd. According to Max Bernstein, president of the Libby Hotel Corporation, noted Jewish musicians, cantors and actors will participate in the radio entertainment.

#### Necessary Distortion

To bring about modulation of the local frequency some distorting device is necessary, such as any of the well known methods of modulation, a crystal, a grid biased tube, Heising plate modulation, leaky condenser tube circuit or absorp-

#### Jack Soldering Advice



MOST FOLK use some type of flux when soldering. This, if not properly handled, smears all over the joint, causing a high resistance, resulting in its attendant losses. However, most trouble is encountered when soldering the terminals of the jack, due to the odd position of the prongs. With the aid of a small paint brush, this excess paste may be taken off. First immerse the brush in alcohol. Most of the paste will be found between the in-

#### Summer Reception Is Best Appreciated In Great Outdoors

Mighty good radio reception may be obtained in summer, not only at Mighty good rauto reception obtained in summer, not only at home but in field and stream. Hence portners worth the having. They supply music and other entertainment under conditions when it is most acceptable. Sitting on the porch of a cottage by the lake, or before a roaring fire at campside, one enjoys the radio set with a new and enthralling sensation. To get nowhere near the same scope and variety of entertainment from any other source one would have to tote many extra pounds. A portable, with all equipment, will render excellent service, through con-servative design will limit the total weight to less than thirty pounds. This may be divided, with the batteries and speaker in one compartment, and the set in another, so that when two or more make a trip, no one person need carry more than 15 pounds, which isn't much. especially in view of the benefit achieved.

### RESULTS

Readers report on their experiences with sets built from hookups published in RADIO WORLD. Address Results Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York City, and send photographs of sets, if possible.

I have just completed two 1926 Model Diamonds of the Air. I must take the opportunity to congratulate RADIO WORLD for publishing such a wonderful hookup. I have been making sets quite a while and of all these sets, this one is a marvel; There is absolutely no interference from any stations, no matter how near together are the wave lengths. The volume is so tremendous that I will have to place a volume control in the receiver.

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#### Eldredge Gets Higher Westinghouse Post

F. E. Eldredge has been appointed commercial manager of the radio department of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, succeeding to the position recently

made vacant by the promotion of E. B. Mallory.

Mr. Eldredge will make his

headquarters at the East Pittsburgh Works of the company and will also have an office in the West-Buildinghouse inghouse Building, 150 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Eldredge holds the degree



of Master of Science from Syracuse University where he graduated in 1910. From 1911 to 1917 he taught physics and chemistry, being for five years of the time head of the Science department in the public schools

of Long Branch, New Jersey.
In 1917 he enlisted in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army and when the war ended was serving as an officer, in charge of the inspection of all radio material manufactured in the Department of the East. He continued in the service and after being made a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the Regular Army in 1920 was transferred to the Signal Corps Depot, Fourth Corps Area, Georgia, where he remained until 1922. Then he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone, as commanding officer of the 10th Signal Company in the Panama Division.

Mr. Eldredge in 1924 entered the service

of the Westinghouse Company, in charge of the government section of the radio department and held that position until

his latest promotion.



# Inclusion of C Battery Aids the Amplification

Fans consider the C battery in an audio amplifier mostly as a means of prolonging the life of the B batteries, by virtue of the action of the C battery in reducing the plate current consumption, and as a means of obtaining better quality of amplification. They overlook the fact that any grid current in any amplifying unit, audio or radio, results in a reduction in amplification due to the reduction in the gridfilament impedance of the tube. To obtain maximum amplification it is essential to keep this impedance as high as pos-sible. Since there is present a certain value of grid current even when the grid

AC potential is appliet to the grid that a certain value of grid bias be applied. This is true especially in audio frequency circuits, since loud signals obtained when listening to broadcasting from local sta-tions usually overcome the small bias obtained through the voltage drop across the filament. This drop results when the grid return is connected to the negative lead of the A battery, and the rheostat is between the negative filament and the negative A battery.

The necessity for a separate C is even greater when 6-volt tubes are used.

# Next Week, June 12th RADIO WORLD'S Fifth Annual Vacation Number

Thousands of RADIO WORLD'S readers are now most interested in installing radio in their bungalows, summer cottages, pleasure boats, camps and hotel rooms. This Vacation Issue of June 12th will give the latest and best information on portables, battery eliminators, DX getters, new sets and hookups.

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## 381 Sets, 100 Phones Given to Lightkeepers

The lonely keeper of the lighthouse needs a radio set. He can not generally afford to buy one. So Secretary of Commerce Hoover made a plea through the press recently for donations of sets, etc. He reports 381 sets and 100 pairs of phones were received. Secretary Hoover said:

said:
"So many persons have taken such a friendly and helpful interest in securing radio sets for the Lighthouse Service that it is a distinct pleasure for me to report that we have received to date about 381 receiving sets and 100 telephone receivers

(head sets)—enough to take care of all of the more remote and isolated stations. "Mr. Putman, Commissioner of Light-

"Mr. Putman, Commissioner of Lighthouses, states that the men in the service who have received sets sincerely appreciate the kindness of the press in prevailing upon some of our generous citizens to make the donations which have so greatly improved their conditions.

"Letters coming in from the lightkeep-

"Letters coming in from the lightkeepers indicate that the sets which the Department has been able to distribute thus far are working very satisfactorily. The keepers report that they are getting clearly and distinctly the words of prominent speakers, musical entertainment, good Sunday sermons and the like. One keeper in expressing appreciation describes his radio as 'the most company of anything I have ever seen in the Lighthouse Service.'

"In addition to being entertained, the keepers are making use of the sets in receiving important messages and in the reception of weather reports and time signals. When they become proficient in reading code, many of the sets may be of vital use in receiving urgent code mes-

"The whole plan has worked out splendidly, due to the help of the press, the generosity of the public. I hope that those who have been responsible for this success will permit me to express my gratitude for their cooperation."

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#### Meehan is Hailed As Second McCormack

John McCormack, world renowned tenor, who sang over a chain of radio stations including Westinghouse station KYW, during January, naturally had very many listeners. Many since compared the singing of Louis Meehan of KYW's Edison Studio with that of McCormack.

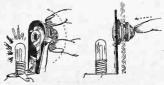
Mr. Meehan, Irish tenor of the station, is the recipient of many highly congratulatory letters from far and near. Many compare his voice to McCormack's, especially remarking about his splendid interpretation of Irish melodies.

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#### University Stations Back the White Bill

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As between establishing a separate Radio Commission and referring radio questions to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the members are almost unanimous in favor of the separate commission. mission. The association asks for the establishments of two special bands of 12 to 16 meters each to be used exclusively by stations of 500 watts and under located in educational institutions.

Edison Is Nonplussed in His First Broadcast

ATLANTIC CITY. Thomas A. Edison, who consistently re-fused to speak over the radio, broke his rule at the dinner of the National Elec-

tric Light Association.

The inventor was made to address the microphone by continued applause at a reference that the electric light industry was indeed wonderful in being able yet to interest the man who started it. Mr.

Edison's face was perplexed as he looked at the "mike" reared in front of him.

"Why, I don't know what to say," he said. "This is the first time I ever spoke into one of these things. Good night."

#### Extreme Alertness

One Friday night WGBS, the Gimbel Brothers stations in New York City (315.6 meters) signed off, as usual, at 7:30 p. m. A woman listening to the station in her home said to herself: "Now I'll just leave the set tuned the way it is and see what station comes in where Gimbel's left off. With all these stations clamoring for a place on the air I'll bet somebody will grab the opportunity."

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There is, of course, nothing new in this, but the novel feature is that in these same places, and in many other rooms in the hotel, there are also outlets for loud speakers. If anything of importance is broadcast at the studio on the 18th floor, it can be heard at will practically anywhere in the hotel through these outlets belonging to the Public Address system. A great many loud speakers are connected permanently, and a throw of a switch in the control room puts these loud speakers into action immediately so that the guests can hear the program emanating from the studio.

However, that is not all. It is also possible for the thousands of guests throughout the hotel to hear other stations, if this is desired. For instance, if a baseball game is being broadcast by another station, this can be caught on WRNY's receiving aerial, a special set with a receiving aeria; a special set being in use whereby, with amplifiers, it is possible to broadcast any desired sta-tion throughout the hotel on loud speak-ers, if this is desired, even if WRNY is actually on the air and is broadcasting a program of its own at the same time.

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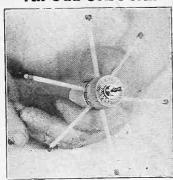


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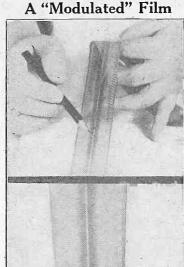


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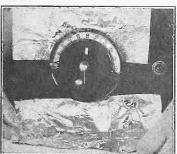
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continued.

The opening concert will be given on Wednesday night, July 7. The series will continue until September 1. As in the past few years, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra will play at all of the Stadium Concerts.
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harmonic Orchestra, by virtue of its ability, has won a place of prominence in American musical circles.

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be William Van Hoogstraten, who has led the Stadium concerts for the past four years. The guest conductors will be Nikolai Sokoloff, of the Cleveland Orchestra; Henry Hadley, associate conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra, and Frederick Stock, conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Messrs Sokoloff and Hadley already are well known to the radio and Stadium audiences; but Mr. Stock's appearance will be his first in the New York Summer season.

As an added feature of the broadcast Stadium concerts this year, the radio audience is to be allowed to select the compositions to be rendered by the Philharmonic in the last radio concert of the season. As the season nears its close, the radio listeners are requested to send in the names of the selections which they consider would make an ideal farewell

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WJZ has proof that it almost reaches the Pole every night. The following let-ter was received from a missionary at Shingle Point on the Arctic Alaska:

"We wish to express our appreciation for the privilege of listening in to WJZ during the past four months. As our semi-annual mail leaves here in about ten days you will be able, from the time it takes this letter to reach you, to appreciate something of our isolated position. In spite of the distance when conditions are favorable we can get very clear reception on our loud speaker. We heard very on our loud speaker. clearly and greatly enjoyed on the morning of Jan. 12 your program being broadcast to Australia. Atmospheric conditions on New Year's Day somewhat marred the opening program from your new super-power station at Bound Brook and we

missed hearing Big Ben. However, as we get London direct we are not so disappointed as we otherwise might have

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"As we have not seen the sun for nearly two months we have enjoyed and appreciated the radio very much.

Very sincerely yours, "A. W. GEDDES, "Shingle Point, Arctic Coast, "Via Edmonton, Alberta, Canada."

# Bay City Asks Set Fee; Law's Legality Doubted

While the government and Secretary Hoover are more or less handicapped at lack of authority as to what they may or may not do regarding air control, word reaches Washington that Bay City, Mich., passed an ordinance all its own to regulate the operation of radio receiving sets and to prevent unnecessary interference to broadcast reception.

According to advices from S. W. Edwards, radio supervisor at Detroit, the wards, radio supervisor at Detroit, the ordinance stipulates that no person or organization can operate a receiver in the city until a license has been secured. The fee is \$2.00 and the permit is to continue until revoked for violation of regu-lations. Sets must be operated so that they will not cause interference to broadcast reception on nearby receivers. Nothing but receivers may be connected with the antenna. Radio dealers are permitted to demonstrate sets licenses for a period of ten days.

Violations are punishable by a fine of not in excess of \$100 and imprisonment for three months or either. A third violation would bring about a revocation of the receiving license.

Bay City is by no means the first city to pass an ordinance having to do with interference but so far as Department of Commerce officials at Washington recall, it is the first city to follow the custom so popular abroad of endeavoring to collect revenue from licensing receiving sets. In fact, if the interpretation prevails, as set forth in pending legislation in Congress, radio communication would be considered as interstate commerce and a city would have no jurisdiction with regard to its control.

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### Man-Made Interference and Its Elimination

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versation. A wire could be put parallel to the line and by mutual induction the concert could be clearly heard by the telephoning parties.

"Do not misconstrue outside noises for those caused in the set proper. The set noises often will cause the reception to stop for a time or engender loud howls. Outside interference will never these.

"At times the noise from a leaking power main sounds like a bee drone. It is continuous and nearly breaks the diaphragm at times, due to the immense volume de-

"A specially constructed radio receiver and loop are essential in running down the interference or rather finding its source or origin.

"A receiver which is selective, sensitive and voluminous is required for tracing sources of interference. One that is portable needs very little attention as to batteries or tubes and can be easily tuned as

"All the different types of noises heard must be differentiated, so that they can easily be picked out. If you are out testing on a stormy day and static prevails, you must be able to tell which is natural static and which is line noise. This requires good quality of reception with minimum distortion. Therefore a set employing impedance or resistance AF coupling should be used. Even when you are testing on a clear day there is a possibility that there will be two leaks on the same line, one emitting a larger current than the other.

"The selectivity is another important detail. The loop does all the actual tuning here, as there is no definite wave on which the discharges are transmitted.

is usually all over the dials and can only be tuned out by the directional effects of

the loop. There should be a set of loops, one 3-foot square and one 2-foot square.

"The 2-foot loop contains 18 turns of No. 22 DCC wire spaced every ½". The 3-foot loop contains 25 turns of No. 22 DCC wire, spaced every 1/2". The diamond

wound loop is used.
"These should be mounted on a small "These should be minimized on a small revolving base. A switch should be pro-vided so that either one of these loops may be switched in or out. We use two may be switched in or out. We use two aerials because the energy being emitted often is too strong and is difficult to tune The small loop solves that problem.

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the dial.
"The receiver and loop should be placed in an automobile or other vehicle and the

power line tested. "The same receiver should then be taken to the power house and the same method applied. As a matter of fact all

the sources of interference may be traced with this receiver and loop.

"As for how to remedy the cause of interference after it is found, the power company possesses and gladly applies such knowledge. All the radio fan should do is give the use of the set, loop and possibly a car. The fan should tune the set, but leave the rest to the power man.'

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The new bill has no reference to the government's "control of the ether," a

foolish phrase which appeared in earlier bills, and embarrassing because no two Senators, or radio experts for that mat-ter, could be found who could give the same definition of "ether" or appeared to know what it really was. Rather the new bill sets forth "that Congress hereby new DIII sets torth "that Congress hereby declares, asserts, and reaffirms that it is the policy of the United States to exercise jurisdiction over all forms of interstate transmission of energy, communications, or signals by radio within the United States, its territories, and possessions," etc.

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