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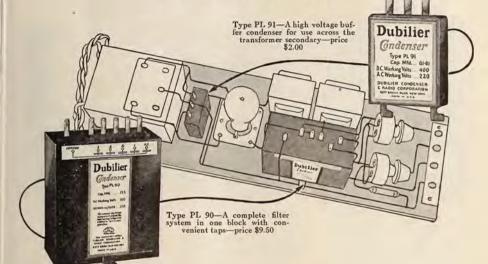
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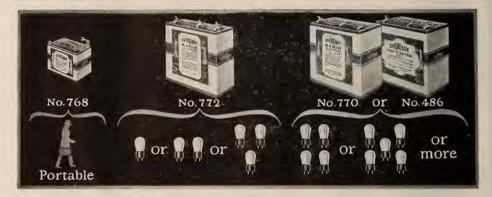
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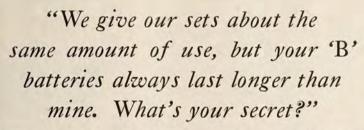
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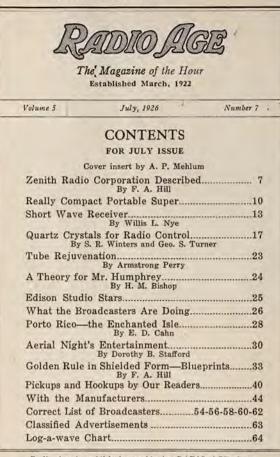
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Chats With the Editor

BROADCAST fans who desire to make the transition from the ranks of the listeners to that of the telegraphing amateurs will find much of interest in the blueprint section of the August issue of Radio Age. A low power, short wave telegraph transmitter has been made, is operated frequently during the evening hours under the call 9BHX and is fully described in the blueprint section with enough data to enable any prospective amateur to duplicate the set and get on the air. Of course the aspirant must have a license from the Department of Commerce, but the amateur field is different from that of the broadcasters; on the lower waves there is no waiting list. All you have to do is demonstrate you can copy ten words a minute and have a rudimentary knowledge of transmission and reception and you secure an amateur operator's license. Then to get your transmitting license, build the set first, describe it in your application for a license, and if everything is all right your amateur transmitting license will follow shortly. Then you can go ahead and work. Many of the amateurs one hears on the air were formerly BCL's but they had to have an outlet for their excess energy and amateurdom was the next step.

Beautification of radio sets is the keynote of the leading article in this month's issue. Then there is an article on a seven tube super that is portable and compact. The receiver may be used either at home in a console or spirited away in a carrying case on your vacation. It uses either 199 or 201-A tubes and controls are down to a minimum.

Short wave enthusiasts will find good meat in the story by Willis L. Nye covering the low wave receiver he constructed.

A great deal of interesting matter is uncovered on crystals by R. S. Winters and George S. Turner, while Armstrong Perry takes a fling at tube rejuvenation. Porto Rico is described as the home of WKAQ by E. D. Cahn while Dorothy B. Stafford gives us an idea of aerial night's entertainment.

The Golden Rule receiver shielded form is shown in the blueprint section.

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Editor of RADIO AGE.

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# Why the Zenith "B" Battery Eliminator is different and better!



The Highest Type "B" Eliminator for All Receivers



How It Fits the Zenith Cabinet

In the few weeks since we announced the Zenith "B" Battery Eliminator, the demand has been literally astounding—once more confirming the basic policy on which we have founded and built our business. The people *do* want the better thing in radio, and are willing to pay for quality merchandise.

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- 2—The condensers are of an extra heavy capacity, for this same reason. They will take care of a greater variance of line voltage and still maintain the required voltage output—will deliver more milliamps and still not have the voltage drop, a thing a great many Eliminators cannot produce. Many Eliminators are using a Hallowax condenser. Although this possesses ability to withstand flashes of high voltage, it is a known fact that the great weakness with the Hallowax condenser is that if subjected to a moderately high voltage continuously, an ageing process takes place and the condenser detriorates rapidly. With voltage around 100, this period of deterioration is about three months, at the end of which time more than 90% of the condensers blow. The Zenith employs a Parrafin condenser, which will stand its rated voltage asmuch as Hallowax. Zenith considers service and performance before cost.
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RADIOEDITORIALS

**RECENT** letter from an English reader tells us that he finds our magazine quite the best thing he has encountered in his search for information on home set-building. Our London friend supplies the interesting information that American parts are now available in the English shops. This leads him to the further comment that the American parts are rather more up-to-date than those manufactured by our English cousins. It appears that the effort to restrict the English fans has not been successful. It is a good thing for the fans over there. The wider the field of selection open to the builder of sets the more satisfaction he may derive from his experiments. In some respects the English have managed their broadcasting on a better plan than have we here in the United States. But we do not believe that the British manufacturers have enjoyed the same stimulating spirit of competition that has caused the American makers of sets and parts to literally fight for the latest and best.

THE Englishman referred to in the foregoing paragraphs also made known his approval of the blueprints which are a part of each issue of this magazine. He likes these so well that when he is unable to obtain this magazine in the London bookstalls he has the magazine mailed from America by his brother, who is resident here.

Those blueprints have been a distinguishing mark for the magazine for twenty-two issues. They have attracted so much favorable attention that our book has come to be known generally as "The Magazine with Blueprints." An application for a patent on the special method of incorporating such prints into the magazine has been pending for almost two years. The publishers believed if this idea were of any merit at all it was good enough to deserve protection.

We observe that another radio publication, after successively borrowing other good ideas originating in this magazine, has laid hold of the blueprint method of producing diagrams. The editor of the other magazine does not take this step joyously, with a proud announcement to his readers that he is giving them something fine and new. He merely prints the prints, presumably deferring until a later date his announcement that his magazine is "The Blueprint Magazine." Meanwhile we hope our readers will remember that we have been publishing the blueprints in every issue for practically two years. We also hope that our readers will agree that the incident of the blueprints proves that it is best in the long run to remain loyal to the leader. If we were the first to use isometric drawings of hook-ups and the first to publish corrected complete broadcast lists with a log chart each month and the first to print blueprints of our hook-ups it probably is not too much to expect that we shall continue to be the first as new conditions demand new methods. After so many readers have complimented us upon the blueprints we are now especially gratified that a competing publisher, by imitating us, has also placed the stamp of his approval upon our technical service.

DOWN east, where we have many thousands of readers, certain irresponsibles have been circulating a report that RADIO AGE is to be sold to a combination of other radio publications. The report is entirely baseless. At no time has a suggestion been made to or by the corporation which publishes this magazine contemplating a sale of RADIO AGE. As a matter of fact we have just begun to enjoy ourselves. After almost five years of the business we feel that we may fairly claim to be pretty well established in the field. We have absorbed two other radio publications since we started and we venture the prediction if there is any further absorption we will not be the absorbees.

RADIO AGE has subscribers and newsstand sales in the British Isles, Germany, France, South Africa, Porto Rico, Australia, Japan, Austria and in South American countries. At a fair estimate 150,000 technical radio fans study our pages each month. We have not that many individual subscribers or newsstand buyers but our readers pass the magazine from one to the other, either inside the family or within the neighborhood, so that we have an impressive circle of readers. To one and all of these RADIO AGE friends we wish to say that we are still here at the old stand and expect to be here for many years to come.

SEVERAL of the leading radio manufacturers summer radio transmission and reception by advertising their wares in the summer issues of the radio publications. It is a good sign. We believe, as we always have believed, that the radio business during the hot months can be made comparatively as good as the automobile business in the winter time. In olden days it was the theory on gasoline row that it was little use trying to sell cars in the oyster period. Closed cars came along and winter sales are now enormous. Better radio receivers and better radio stations have come along and radio is losing its seasonal handicaps.

THAT "chaos of the air," which was promised **1** as a result of the victory of the Zenith Radio Corporation, has not materialized. The only effect of the United States Court's decision against the Department of Commerce appears to be a more generally understood necessity for legislation that will cover the intricate aspects of broadcasting. It appears, therefore, that the Zenith Corporation, instead of deserving censure as the first "pirate of the air" is entitled to approbation for waking up congress. Still we do not hope for legislation this year. A lot of people are still five years behind the times insofar as radio is concerned. We know of one editor of a big newspaper who got along for many years without radio and when it burst into his ken he would have none of it. It was decided by the publishers nevertheless that the paper would have to have a radio section. The editor yielded, perforce, but he ruled that the radio editor could not have his desk on the same floor as that occupied by other sub-editors. So the radio department was shunted off somewhere upstairs. That will be a good one to tell our grandchildren.

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# Zenith Doing Much to Make Radios Beautiful

New Models of This Line Show Trend of Receiver Design

LMOST every one of the larger radio organizations in the field today, regardless of whether parts manufacturers or complete set builders, have a background of previous experience that goes back a bit further than the dawn of the broadcast craze. The Zenith Radio Corporation, of Chicago, Ill., of which Eugene F. McDonald, Jr., is president, is no exception to this rule. In this article we will therefore review some of the early history of the present Zenith corporation as well as present a few ideas as to what may be expected in future radio manufacturing.

Zenith's beginning can be traced to the days shortly after the Armistice in 1918 when two young Chicagoans, Carl E. Hassel and R. H. G. Matthews, possessors of one of the first Armstrong regenerative licenses, designed, manufactured and sold what was then known as a "ham tuner" which is the amateur term for a receiver to cover amateur wave bands. This set was manufactured under the name "CRL Paragon" and made by the Chicago Radio Laboratory in which Hassel and Matthews were partners. Later on the trademark Paragon was sold to the Adams-Morgan Co., in New Jersey and the name of the receiver changed to the Zenith.

#### By F. A. HILL Associate Editor

During the useful life of the Armstrong regenerative license the sets were manufactured by the Chicago Radio Laboratory while the sales were handled by the Zenith Radio Corporation. Now the Armstrong regenerative license is not used so extensively; all the manufacturing and sales is carried on by the Zenith Radio Corporation. The engineering and production departments are all under the supervision of the plant superintendent, C. E. Mead, who personally conducted the writer through the various departments.

#### **Quality Sets**

ENITH has occupied a definite L place in the radio industry through an early choice of its destiny. If there was to be a good market for quality parts, then of necessity there would likewise be an excellent market for the quality receivers which would go to a public quite able to afford the best in receiving equipment as well as its housing. That such a policy has been the correct one has been borne out by the volume of business done by the Zenith corporation. Further evidence of a desire on the part of the public for beautiful cabinets forming a particular function is

the latest models which Zenith has produced and which will be their standards for the years 1926 and 1927.

Taking advantage of centralized manufacturing facilities the Zenith factory was located at 1620 Iron St., where it is housed in a four story building having team tracks and railroad sidings, the location being in that section of Chicago known as the Central Manufacturing District. Through use of these and other factory facilities at their disposal Zenith is able to handle large shipments in an orderly manner without the necessity for additional switching and other industrial lost motions.

Taking a leaf from the experience book of the automobile and other large industries, the factory itself has been arranged so that maximum production may be attained economically and with celerity. For example in the assembly of the receivers instead of the workers being arranged in tables so they sit side by side, the space has been fitted so tables of workers are in progression, with each worker facing in the same direction, each one behind another operator. Thus when the work is laid out, each table with its worker has a definite, prescribed function to perform. The amount of time involved in perand consoles is also reflected in pre-arranged; the load on each



Here we have both a beautiful piece of furniture and a quality radio receiver represented in the English model made by Zenith

table is altered to a point where very important one. all tables have the same amount of work to perform. Then when a set is started through at the assembly stage the work progresses by orderly steps. A delay in one of the tables causes a piling up of work from tables behind and as a result the worker who is not able to meet the pace is eliminated. In setting the pace the speed is determined by what is considered good production per man per day, and since all tables have an equal amount of work to perform, the load is evenly distributed and none is given a heavier burden than others. This feature has much to recommend it from the standpoint of satisfaction on the part of the worker. Naturally a contented worker can turn out more material than a grumbler and chronic kicker.

#### **Inspect Raw Materials**

S is to be expected from an organization that goes into heavy production, the matter of inspection of raw materials is a

Any production schedule can easily be slowed down through rejections. The way to maintain the production schedule is to inspect the raw material before it ever goes into the various parts used in the manufacture of a receiver. Then if all material passes rigid tests it is sent into the department requiring it where it is made into the parts desired. But even this inspection could not be depended

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upon entirely by such an organization. So there are other inspections: one while the set is in the chassis form when it is tested for electrical accuracy and perfec-Then again it is given a tion. test when in the completely assembled state in the console or the cabinet. The individual condensers, (and they are beauties) are all measured by a capacity bridge so their capacities are equal and within the tolerances allowed by the engineering department.

In the drilling of holes in bakelite, instead of single holes being drilled, four are drilled at a time. A master gauge, milled down to a thousandth, is used to see that all four holes are always accurately placed. The worker on a drill press has this master gauge beside him during his work and frequently uses it to deter-mine the fact that none of the apertures are being drilled off center.

#### **Drilling Chassis**

VERHEAD is of vital importance and wherever possible machinery is relied upon to give uniform accurate work. In the case of holes drilled through the metal portion of the chassis of the sets, templates are provided and power drills used. Thus drilling can only be done in one way and that is the right way. The writer was informed that shortly the Zenith factory will have three separate drills for the chassis work so that drilling that section of the receiver can be confined to three operations, all of which further speeds up production.

Going into the engineering fea-



Inside the Zenith sets the curious will find many desirable features as are explained in the article

tures of the organization we find the single control, together with A, B and C battery elimination, the latest development. The single control is achieved through the gang condensers so arranged that with one knob working through a worm and gear, the entire set of condensers is turned. Since all inductances are of an exact size and since the condensers are of a predetermined accurate capacity there is no necessity for later trimming. All leads are the same length in every set too. This ideal can only be attained when all parts are machined, all coils exactly the same inductive value, all connecting wires the same size. Here again Zenith has succeeded in matching all parts to a nicety and the result is a smooth acting. simple, single control receiver.

For B elimination the problem has never been very difficult, but A elimination presented another problem. To try to rectify and choke out from 2 to 4 amperes at 6 volts is a problem that has staggered many an engineering organization. Instead of wasting time on this, the Zenith interests attacked the problem from another angle. They put all filaments (199's) in series (for the RF and detector stages) and then used a Raytheon tube which would pass sufficient milliamperes to light all the filaments. For the power stage raw alternating current is fed to the UX171 tube and in this section there is no need for A battery elimination.

#### Series Filaments

filaments will not be run at an excessive value there is provided a zero to sixty milliampere possible or advisable. 0



This is one of the first pictures of the new Zenith reproducer which will take in from the highest to the lowest notes of orchestra, organ and symphony music

meter, with a red danger mark bias for the grids of the RF tubes set at the figure 60. On account of series filaments a filament voltmeter would not be advisable so the milliammeter was adopted instead.

Three stages of audio frequency amplification, using low ratio transformers, give all the 10 make certain that tube volume necessary to bring the music above the noise level. Further amplification would not be The C



This is the Zenith set before the shielding is applied

is secured through voltage drop across the filaments.

To obtain greatest selectivity and to confine each coil's respective field to its own domain. shielding is carried out to an extensive degree as will be seen by referring to one of the photographs supplied with this article.

In the bigger models there is a drum on which are shown the degrees representing various wavelengths. This is for the single control. The circuits of the new models are the same as previous ones except further simplified.

#### New Models

CIX and eight tube receivers are O the two major types, the latter being batteryless and arranged for either indoor or outdoor antenna. The self-contained antenna is placed inside the console. Means of preventing oscillation of the RF stages is provided in the primaries of the RF

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### Two Purpose Super-Het IS Easy to Construct Seven Tuber May be Used

Either at Home or on Vacation

DAPTABILITY of a superheterodyne to home usage as well as use while on a vacation is an objective which will probably be considered favorably by all experimenters who like to make up their own receivers.

In years past the term portable was hardly proper for the amount of apparatus necessary to build up a super that would deliver good results was so great that portability was no longer a feature. However as is the case in other radio lines the super has been subjected to the simplification process and as a result we now have a portable that is really portable. In addition to this fact the receiver is so constructed that it may occupy a place in your cabinet or console at home, and then when you decide to go on your annual vacation the set may be removed from its permanent location, placed in a travelling case and you can have your entertainment wherever you go.

In the receiver to be described the design was based on the desire to be able to use storage battery tubes of the quarter ampere type while the set is at home, and then without any changes other than the substitution of tubes and dry cells, use the set while out in the country. or at the seashore, with the 199 tubes. A single rheostat located in the positive side of the A battery takes care of the difference in tubes, this rheostat being turned seven-eighths of the way on for the 201-A type tubes and only a two-thirds of the way on for the 199 tubes.

#### Super Not Wrong

B ASICALLY there has never been anything wrong with the super-het, although many of the component parts that go to

#### By F. A. HILL

make up a receiver of that type have been open to criticism for various reasons. But with the increased interest in the super there have been many advances made in the construction of the integral parts. One of the best changes was noted in the more careful manufacture and charting of the long wave transformers. In the beginning with a limited number of stations the charting of long wave transformers was not so highly necessary, but with over 500 stations pouring their power into the air, the poor chap who had a poorly designed and none-toosharply-peaked set of transformers and as a consequence picked up all types of beat notes and interference created within his own set, laid all of the blame at the door of the super-het principle instead of going into his receiver and remedying the trouble.

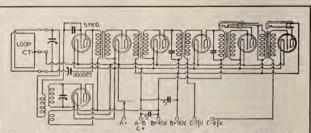
Today, however, much greater care in design, better inspection after manufacture, and ac-

curate matching of the frequency for which the long wave transformers and the long wave filter are to be used, has brought about the possibility of good reception on the super with its ability to pick up long distance signals. Added to that you have the feature of being able to use a loop with much better effect than a loop on another type of receiving set.

#### **Better Peak Value**

WITH the hit-or-miss peak-ing it was natural that some of the distant strong stations would beat with either the fundamental of a local station, or, perhaps, its third harmonic. But with the long wave transformers being peaked at a frequency that would not fall on a half of either 100.90.80.70.60 or 50 kilocycles the greatest amount of locally created interference has disappeared, leaving only that created by stations which do not maintain their ten kiocycle separation, and these are mighty few.

But transformers are now available for use by the experi-



This schematic diagram, Figure 1, shows the simplicity of the wiring in the portable super described in this article. Only two plus B voltages are provided, one combined for the oscillator, second detector, and the long wave transformers at 45 volts, and the other for the audio stages consisting of 90 volts. In the case of the C battery, 7.5 volts are provided for the second detector biasing scheme (for 199 tubes), and 4.5 volts for the two audio transformers is provided by the former secondaries. Bias for the long wave transformers is provided by the grid return to the negative filament



Figure 2 is the rear view of the seven tube portable showing the socket mountings all arranged in a line. The oscillator coil of the plug-in type is shown under the subpanel at the extreme right. All the long wave transformers are mounted underneath the subpanel as are the two audio transformers, the latter seen at the left of the picture

menter and set builder, which are matched for either 201-A tubes or the 199's. Improved methods of capacity measurements have permitted far greater accuracy in tr a n s f o r m e r peaking than before and today the experimenter gets the benefit of such progress.

We recently noted curves on a number of long wave transformers. the type being used in this receiver having their peak at about 42.5 kilocycles, with a gain per stage of approximately 13 as contrasted to a few other commercial types in which the gain ran from 7.5 to 12. While the gain of the filter was only 7.5 compared to gain of 13 for the iron core long wave transformer, nevertheless it was much sharper than any of the other filters, and this particular quality is desired in a filter rather than its amplification factor, since this feature permits far greater selectivity, the preceding long wave transformers having taken care of the desired amplification at intermediate frequencies.

#### Matched For Tubes

I N using the long wave transformers for this super the units were matched first for 199

tubes and then for 201-A's. The operating frequency for the 201-A tubes will be somewhere between 42.5 and 45 kilocycles (preferably the former) while the peak for the 199's will be approximately 62 kilocycles due to the difference in the load imposed on the iron core transformers which changes the inductance value. However the air core transformers are supplied tuned to frequencies to match the iron core stages, but do not change their value under load, and consequently their peak frequency will be the same regardless of whether used with 199 or 201-A tubes.

Grid condenser and leak method of detection is much more sensitive than other forms. so it is used for the first detector, while in the second detector where the signal is already highly amplified and sensitivity need not concern us, we have used the grid bias method of detection, a tap from the C battery at a value of 7.5 volts (for 199 tubes) being utilized for this purpose. As a means of controlling the volume a midget condenser having a small capacity is connected from one end of the loop to the plate of the first detector and

serves to sharpen the loop tuning and give either more or less volume as desired.

To eliminate body capacity through hand tuning of the oscillator condenser the grid-tofilament span of the variable was adopted since under these conditions the rotor is always at a nodal point as regards potential and of necessity not subject to body capacity. This also permits of the plate section of the oscillator being of a fixed value and using series feed instead of parallel feed as in the case of a number of other methods.

#### **Negative Grid Returns**

TO oscillation control is provided for the long wave transformers other than that provided partly by use of the rheostat in the filament circuit. The return from the grids of the long wave transformers go direct to the negative filament. If difficulty should develop it can be easily remedied by placing a Clarostat or some other high resistance (variable) across the secondary of the first intermediate, allowing the operator to alter the load on that stage and thus control oscillation. Under test we did not find this necessary, but mention

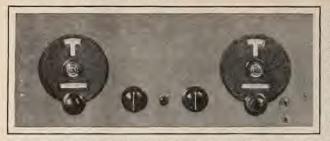


Figure 3 shows the front panel view of the seven tube portable described in this article. The number of controls has been cut to a minimum

it in the event an experimenter does encounter instability of this character.

Filters are best operated with a C bias in series instead of using the conventional grid condenser and leak with the grid return to the positive terminal of the filament. So in this set the C bias was used, there being no current in the grid circuit and better results being attained. In most cases it has been determined that a bias of from 3 to 4.5 volts will do for the bias on the 201-A detector tube, whereas for the 199 tube the value may range from 6 to 8 volts. Individual experimentation on the part of the builder will show the best value for a particular set of tubes and receiver.

Small sized audio transformers were used in order to gain in the saving of weight while at the same time holding constant the quality of output. Larger and heavier types of audio transformers may be used if desired, but greater space allowances will have to be made.

#### The Carrying Case

HERE are numerous "readymade" carrying cases that would be satisfactory for use with this receiver but the final choice should be made after the speaker and type of loop have been chosen. Of course, it would be possible to have one made to order by a trunk manufacturer, in that case we would suggest one with a front and back hinged removable door. A small cone speaker could be mounted in the rear door and the front door should contain a loop. The receiver itself should be mounted directly above the

battery compartment. In 3 case like the one described above the outside dimensions of the case would probably be about 16x18x9 inches.

#### LIST OF PARTS 1 7"x18"x3-16" Bakelite panel

- 1 2 1-8x17x3-16" Bakelite subpanel 1 Pr. S-M 540 Mounting
- brackets
- 2 S-M No. 316 Condensers 00035 MFD variable
- 7 S-M 511 UX Sockets 1 S-M 340 .000025 MFD Con-
- denser
- 2 S-M 210 Long Wave Transformers
- S-M 211 Long Wave Filter 1 S-M 111A Oscillator Coil,
- Plug-in type
- S-M 515 Coil socket 2 S-M 801 Vernier dials
- 1 Yaxley 6 Ohm Rheostat
- 1 Yaxley No. 10 Jack Switch
- 2 No. 1 Yaxley Jacks
- 1 No. 2A Yaxley Jack
- 1 .00025 Grid Condenser with clips
- 1 Meg. Grid Leak
- 2 .5 MFD By pass condensers
- 1 .002 MFD condenser

#### ACCESSORIES

- 1 Carrying Case with arrangements for loop and speaker
- 7 UX 199 Tubes
- 3 41/2 Volt "C" Batteries (1 for audio, 2 for second detector)
- 2 45V B Batteries (small size preferred)
- 3 No. 6 Dry cells

#### Instructions

FOLLOWING are instructions which have been given in previous articles but their importance justifies repetition. dry cell tubes. The balancing The first step after getting the

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material together is to lay out and drill the panel. It may then be sanded by rubbing in one direction only with fine sandpaper and oil until all of the original bright finish has disappeared.

Each part should be examined and all screws, nuts and springs tightened up. Lugs should be placed on all binding posts. Transformers should be clicked out with head-phones and a battery for continuity of windings.

In connecting up the set, as much wiring should be put on the panel and sub-base separately as is possible, using a well tinned iron. Then the panel is screwed to the baseboard again. and the few remaining leads run between the two.

The set is now ready for test. The "A" battery should be connected to the two "A" posts, and the tubes inserted. When the on-off switch is turned and the rheostats turned on, the tubes should light. The "A" plus battery wire should then be connected to, first the "B" 45. and then the "B" 90 post. The tubes should not light-if they do there is an error in connection which should be corrected before proceeding further. One 45 volt battery is then connected with its negative lead to the "A" minus post and its plus to the 45 volt post. The other is connected with its minus lead to the 45 volt post and its plus to the 90 volt post. Both "C" batteries have their plus lead to the negative filament line. One has the minus to the F posts of the audio transformers. The other has its minus (approximately 6 to 9 volts) to the "A" minus posts of the long wave transformers.

#### The Loop

THE loop is now connected with its outside end to the top loop post, its center tap to the center post, and its inside lead to the lower post. If it is of the solenoid type, either end may go to top or bottom post.

The tubes being put in place. the rheostat should be turned seven-eighths on for storage battery tubes or two-thirds on for

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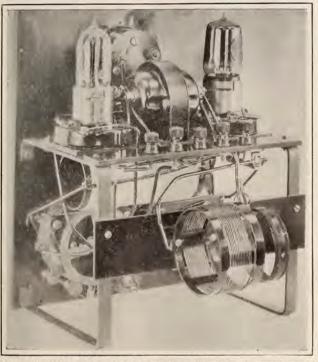
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Receiver for Short Wave Telephone and Telegraph Work

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Here is Mr. Nye's receiver which he describes in this article. It certainly should appeal to the builder of sets for its neat construction

shorter waves (i. e. below 200 meters), the radio enthusiast requires a receiver that differs in many respects from those which the average listener is used to or familiar with. It is in reception on the high frecustomary to employ radio frequency amplification in broadcast field it is unsurpassed for short be found true wherever short work and it seems that the good wave work in receiving. The old regenerative receiver is fad-

OR the reception of the listener wants real performance great satisfaction that the regenand satisfaction in radio such as is required by the broadcast fan field is due to the excellence of of the present moment. However, the old stand-by regenerative is still performing miracles quency wave bands and in this supers and neutrodynes simply ing into the past when it comes cannot compete here and it will ceiver described is the use of a to comparison with the more be a long time before the multi- condenser to control the feedmodern receiver employing radio tube receivers are going to give back and oscillation. The advanfrequency amplification. How- the results that the two tube re- tages of such a system is obvious ever many are in use yet but they generative receiver has given to the builder. Along with the are few and far between if the tube for tube. No doubt that the novel idea of controlling the feed-

erative receiver has given in this design employed in their construction and the development of good parts. However, the opinions of the reader may be adverse but the convictions stated are to wave reception is being tried out.

The main feature of the re-

back is the design of the tuning circuits that allow the interchangement of the inductances. In this way the inductances can be changed and the wavelength altered. This allows reception on all waves below 200 meters except those perhaps below 20 meters.

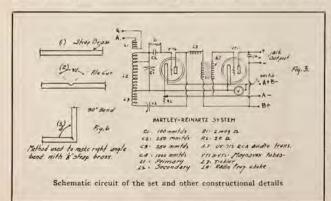
The apparatus is mounted directly on a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bakelite panel 9"x12". The panel will be made to rest on the short side. This makes the receiver of upright design and saves table space. The panel is finished in the usual manner. The large hole for the voltmeter is cut by means of a keyhole saw.

The secondary tuning condenser is of minimum number of plates to just cover the bands that we wish to receive on. The original condenser used in the set employed but 5 plates. This gave a capacity of 100 mmfds. The condenser is moved by the vernier dial shown. The ratio of the vernier should not be less than 20 to 1. With the small capacity shown the signals will be spread out on the dial and not cramped together. This feature permits easy tuning.

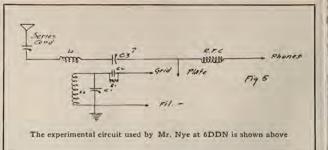
The feedback condenser is of 250 mmfds. maximum capacity and even larger in size. The setting on this control is not critical. It should be mounted as shown.

#### Mounted As Shown

ALL the apparatus is mounted as shown in the detail with the condensers at the bottom of the panel and spaced equally. Right above the condensers is



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mounted the rheostat. Above the rheostat is mounted the volt-This combination premeter. sents a panel that is attractive and vet consistent with good electrical design. Note the way in which the brass straps are bent to make a square joint. The sockets and the audio frequency transformer are mounted on the sub-panel as shown. The subpanel carries the binding posts The also at its extreme edge. choke coil is mounted beneath the sub-panel.

The hard rubber strip that carries the terminals for the inductance coils is mounted 2/3 up from the bottom of the brass straps in the rear. The coil terminals are mounted directly on this strip.

The coils themselves may be made by the builder or purchased. A good set of coils that works very efficiently are the Bremer-Tully short wave coils. They are admirably suited for the purpose in this receiver and the orginal set designed used them. If

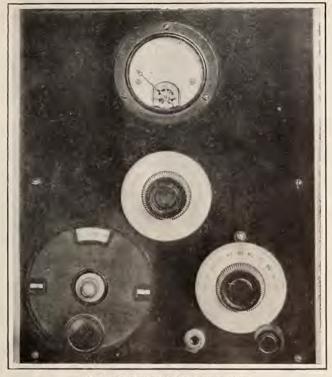
the coils are purchased they are mounted the same identical way as described. The range of the Bremer-Tully coils allows one to tune to 121/2 meters with the secondary condenser of 100 mmfds. capacity. The four coils provided allow one to go up to 200 meters in four steps. Surely this allows one a very selective receiver if built as shown. The Bremer-Tully coil set includes an antenna coupling coil also. If the coils are built by the builder they should be of the basketweave style. See table for correct sizes.

The choke coil should be wound with No. 28 s. c. c. wire and single layer wound on a 2" diameter form; 250 turns will be required although sometimes less turns will suffice.

#### Flexible In Design

THIS receiver is very flexible in design and with the mere substitution of a coil of 59 turns shunted by a 250 mmfds. maximum capacity condenser the range will be from 200 to nearly 600 meters for the secondary. The feedback will need to be increased some in its inductance. This receiver really is two purpose and can be readily used for either range of waves. A Bremer-Tully broadcast tuner may also be used in place of the coil given with excellent results.

The set as a whole if built according to these directions will be very rigid and solid on its base. The center of gravity will be very low if the apparatus is mounted as shown. The design was so chosen after numerous ideas were tried out and a departure was then tried from



Front panel view of the short wave receiver

the usual style of panel and a very sensitive and are always bulky if built as shown. The ficiency. For short wave work receiver when it is designed this it is advisable to use a tube with way allows the panel to be easily removed without taking the cabinet to pieces.

be very moderate when com- used these tubes and found expared to the usual tuner. It is very pleasing to the eye in its unique arrangement. With the voltmeter in this receiver the of this receiver may use are filament voltage is accurately shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5. controlled. This may seem a Figure 6 shows the method used luxury at first but one of the to bend heavy strap brass 1/8" secrets of good consistent results thick easily making a corner is to keep a steady temperature that has sharp lines in it. This on the filament and just enough lends a good artistic touch to the so that good reception is assured. receiver. The idea is used in It is a good plan to set the the brass straps that hold the rheostat and connect the filament sub-panel. In this way one does to a switch which allows the fila- not need to use any other tools ment to be controlled steadily. to bend the brass except to file The result of good filament con- it as shown and bend it by trol is that the tubes remain hand.

baseboard. The set is not very operating at their maximum ef- quired in this receiver. minimum internal capacity. The only 6 volt tube that has this feature is the Magnavox tube. The cost of this receiver will With this receiver the writer has cellent operation attributable to them.

The circuits that the builder

The following parts are re-

Parts Needed
One 5 plate condenser 100
mmfds. max. cap. One 13 plate condenser 250
mmfds. max. cap. One 20 ohm rheostat.
One Jewell voltmeter.
One phone jack.
One audio freq. transformer Five binding posts.
One sub-panel 41/2"x9".
One panel 9"x12". One grid condenser 250 mmfds.
cap. (Max.).
One variable grid leak 2 to 10 meg. ohms.
3' of strap brass 1/8"x1/2".
One strip of hard rubber 9" x1" long.
One 3" dial.
One vernier dial 20-1 ratio.

The filament type jack that controls the filament may be substituted in place of a separate switch. However, this will make the wiring more difficult.

#### Schematic Figures

In figure 3 the proper wiring circuit for the receiver is shown. This is a Hartly-Reinartz affair and has been found to be best suited for short wave work.

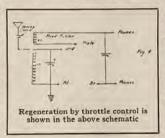
scheme of controlling the feed- sion. back by the throttling condenser. This is phenomenal and This is nothing unusual except speaks well for the receiver that it eliminates the use of a by-pass condenser across the wave transmission. phone terminals. is fixed here also.

An experimental circuit somewhat similar to the Reinartz transmitting circuit is shown in figure 5. It was first used in France and was found to work well on the shorter wavelengths. It has been tried by the author for the 100 to 200 meter waves but not below that region. It would be well to try it and make a comparison with our standard circuits. From the results obtained by the author it ought to be fine business for the ultrashort waves.

possible to hear out here on the and it has given much satisfacwest coast in full daylight WGY, tion due to its excellence in KFKX, KDKA on their short design. It would be well to ex-

		-			For the Coils
Meters	Pri.	Grid	Plate	Turns	Approximate Range
20 Ban	d 3	31/2	4	**	(16 to 25 Meters)
40 "	id 3 3	31/2	6	**	(25 to 50 Meters)
80 "	6	14	8	**	(50 to 100 Meters)
200 "	15	28	14	**	(100 to 200 Meters)
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design as it does also of short Amateur The tickler transmission in 15 foreign countries was also logged here.



This type of receiver has been With this receiver it has been used by a great many people

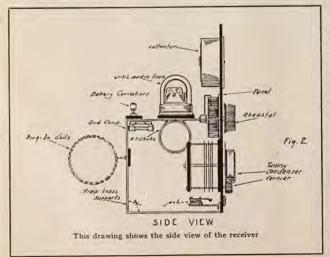


Figure 4 shows the usual wave bands on voice transmis- periment with the different sizes of tickler coils for proper control of oscillation.

#### Antenna Coupling

For the shorter waves it will not be necessary to cut down your present antenna, although the coupling between the aerial and the secondary will have to be cut down to some extent. One of the popular methods of coupling the antenna to the secondary is through a small capacity, metal plates about an inch square being mounted on a small bakelite block so one of the plates may be moved closer to the other, or further away.

In getting the best out of short wave receivers the vertical height of your antenna will be much more important than the horizontal. If you are going to have an antenna especially for use on the short waves (20 and 40 meters) then it would be best to limit its length to not more than 40 feet and take advantage of all the vertical height possible.

Ordinary reception on code may be secured without any antenna or ground, the secondary coil of the receiver acting as a small loop whose pickup is partly enhanced by the presence of an antenna even if the antenna is not directly connected to the set.

Under certain conditions you can make use of a counterpoise instead of a ground, although as a rule the ground is the best except where you are bothered by continuous power discharges from leaky transmission lines. Keep the antenna at right angles to power lines, since power circuits are exceptionally bothersome on the short waves where their disturbing signal volume is generally greatly in excess to that of the desired long distance signal.

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### When the Magic Crystal Becomes the Magic Carpet

Fragile Slab of Quartz Performs Seemingly Impossible Task of Power Control

DR. A. HUND of the Bureau of Standards, who is shown in an accompanying photograph, is not examining samples of eye glasses, as you might surmise from a cursory glance at this picture. Quite to the contrary, he is demonstrating specimens of that recently acclaimed magic mineral known as quartz crystal. More specifically, he is exhibiting a crystal plate holder designed by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards.

Like the magic carpet of ancient fable, this frosted-looking glass is in reality credited with many magical properties in its relation to radio. A piece of this crystal which may be ground so fine as to render it extremely fragile, will keep a broadcasting station from straying from its path of rectitude; it will produce audio as well as radio frequencies or wave lengths of very definite value; it will enable radio inspectors to discharge their duties with unerring exactness; and, furthermore, this magic mineral will assist broadcast listeners in making precise settings of their radio receiving sets.

Radio amateurs are combing jewelry and optical establishments for imitations of this precious mineral as a means of precisely controlling the frequency of their transmitting stations. The radio inspectors of the nine radio districts in the United States have been supplied with pieces of quartz crystal by virtue of which the inspectors can rapidly and accurately standardize their wave meters. To broadcast listeners, this means that a close check can be kept on the 560 broadcasting stations and thereby interference with radio reception is minimized. The radio-aircraft section of the

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the properties of this mineral to use on aircraft radio installations, thus contributing to the accuracy of transmission and reception of radio communications on board flying machines.

To thoroughly acquaint our readers with all of the popular and semi-technical data on crystal operation, we have combined the two stories in these pages; the first written by S. R. Winters, our Washington correspondent and wellknown writer on radio subjects, and the second by George S. Turner, also a writer on radio subjects who handles his topic very interestingly. In forthcoming issues of Radio Age will try to have articles covering the construction of a crystal wavemeter and also crystal control for short wave telegraph sets. -The Editor.

#### Known for Years

"PIEZO-ELECTRICITY is a phenomenon which has been known for many years but which is having some remarkable new applications," declares Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, in contemplating the uses which are unfolding so rapidly and in such great numbers. "Certain crystals," explains the Chief of the Radio Laboratory, "undergo a slight expansion or contraction when an electrical voltage is applied to them and, vice versa, produce a slight voltage when com-United States Navy is adapting pressed or pulled. A piece of

quartz crystal one or two inches long has a high natural frequency of the same order as the frequencies of currents used in radio communication.

"It has been found that the frequency of vibration of the piece of quartz is extraordinarilv constant and that it is very useful as a radio standard. In association with a small electron tube it acts as an oscillator or generator of a current, the frequency of which is that of mechanical vibration of the piece of crystal. As the frequency thus produced is accompanied by numerous harmonics, the crystal is a standard giving several radio frequencies. It is thus a remarkable supplement to the wave meters which have hitherto been used as standards of radio-frequency.

"A study just completed by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards indicates that such a quartz oscillator has many valuable applications in radio work. Means of producing audio as well as radio frequencies were worked out. The crystals can be used to control or determine the frequency of a transmitting station and to hold it strictly constant, which will mean a great advance in radiotransmission technique. The crystals are also useful in accurate setting of receiving apparatus and in controlling the frequency of radio-frequency generators used in laboratory measurement work. The value of these various applications is particularly great at the frequencies above 2,000 kilocycles (150 meters), which are now rapidly coming into use.

#### For Standardization Work

"DART of the work resulted in the design of an outfit for use by the Department of Commerce radio inspectors and adapted to the rapid and accurate standardization of frequency meters. It consists of two instruments, both being simple devices of low power, operated by dry batteries. Persons desiring to construct or procure these instruments can secure copies of specifications therefor from the Bureau of Standards. These specifications are Specifications for Portable Piezo Oscillator, Type N, and Specifications for Portable Auxiliary Generator, Type O.

"The Bureau of Standards has also prepared a set of directions for the use of the two instruments, Letter Circular 183, Directions for Use of the Piezo Oscillator and Auxiliary Generator for Calibration of a Radio-Frequency Meter. It may be obtained upon application addressed to the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., by persons having actual use for it."

I witnessed recently a demonstration of the use of a tiny piece of crystalline substanceresembling a bit of glass, one inch square-in controlling a radio transmitter with the accuracy of one-thousandth of one percent, a negligible quantity. This transparent looking product was connected to the grid element of a transmitting vacuum tube and as the radio waves were propagated into space the operator of this shortwave transmitter confidently realized that the frequency assignment was being adhered to with incredible precision.

#### Holds Set to Wave

UARTZ crystal, or more scientifically speaking, the oscillating properties of the piezo electric crystal, was exercising the seemingly magic wand on this transmitter. In other words, this bit of crystal was, figuratively, acting as a traffic officer on a one-way street, commanding this radio transmitting device to travel unerringly along the 81-meter ether lane. A slight deviation from this ethereal pathway and confusion would be produced, causing a congestion of air lanes and a possible tie-up of traffic in the ether. A burly New

York traffic officer, however, never received more literal obedience to his command than did this quartz crystal receive from this radio transmitter.

The transmitting device used in this particular demonstration employed only a 71/2-watt electron tube, with an output of probably 5 watts. This, obviously, was a low-powered set and a low wave length was used, on the order of 81 meters. However, the Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevue, District of Columbia, could have as easily demonstrated a high-powered crystal-controlled transmitter. For, we are told that this government radio research laboratory operates the highest powered crystal-controlled transmitting outfit in the world; the power output being 12.4 kilowatts or more than 12,000 watts. This operates at a wave length of 73.1 meters, and occasionally the power output has approximated 15.000 watts.

More recently, the Naval Research Laboratory put into operation a crystal-controlled transmitter functioning on 25.5 meters, and approximately 10,-000 watts are pumped into the antenna. A 24-hour test with this equipment demonstrated that signals from NKF, the call letters of the experimental station at Bellevue, were copied readily at NPU, a station in faraway Samoan Islands. The antenna system thus employed consists of an iron pipe, 30 feet long and one and one-half inches in diameter. This iron rod is insulated from the top of the building by means of a large pyrex bowl, which also supports the antenna.

#### Vertical Antenna

A CRYSTAL - CONTROLLED transmitter at Bellevue, functioning on a wavelength of 73.1 meters, shoots 10,000 watts into the antenna. According to a claim of the Radio Division of the Bureau of Engineering, United States Navy Department, this is the original high-powered crystal-controlled transmitter in the world. Its performances include many long-distance feats, "working" regularly with radio amateurs in Australia and New

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Zealand, between 6,000 and 10,000 miles distant. Moreover, traffic was handled regularly with NBA and NPL, naval stations. This 71.3-meter set has handled traffic ordinarily routed through NSS, the 500-kilowatt arc station at Annapolis. This crystal-controlled equipment makes use of a single upright iron rod as an antenna, which is reinforced by use of a counterpoise.

Other transmitting devices whose frequency assignments are maintained with unfailing precision by means of quartz crystals include outfits operating on 16, 17, 20.8, 32 and 41.7 meters. These for the most part have a power output of only 1,000 watts, with the exception of the 17-meter set which functions with 300 watts. Two crystal-controlled units, designed and built by the Naval Research Laboratory for use by the Marine Corps of the United States Navy, will operate on a wave band between 35 and 70 meters. The crystal controls two UV-210 71/2-watt electron tubes.

A radical departure in the use of quartz crystals for radio purposes is that of using them on aircraft for maintaining the wavelength assignments of transmitters on airplanes. The first experiments of this kind were conducted quite recently, the radio transmitting device employing 201-A vacuum tubes and operating on a wave length of 28.3 meters. Signals thus radiated were picked up at distances up to 1,000 miles. Now, the radio-aircraft division of the Bureau of Engineering is making arrangements to install quartz oscillators on spotting aircraft. This will undoubtedly mean a marked improvement in the operation of radio transmitters on aircraft.

#### Big D. C. Generator

 $\mathbf{I}$  is interesting to note that a 12,000-volt direct-current generator, the most powerful ever used for radio purposes and for the first time described by this writer in a recent article, is used in supplying power to the plates of the electron tubes used in the 25.5-meter transmitter.

This powerful generator was designed by the General Electric Company and a bank of six kenetrons deliver a steady power load of 50 kilowatts at 12.000 volts, direct current. Trouble has been experienced in operating this power-supplying unit but eventually the wrinkles will be smoothed out and it will afford a source of energy for the plates of the crystal-controlled vacuum tubes.

Such has been the remarkable development of quartz crystalpieces of glass, to all appearances-in controlling radio transmitting devices. These tiny shapes of crystal are to the transmitters what the safety valve is to boilers, the damper is to the cookstove, the rudder is to the ship. They are the throttles on radio transmission. And, from a small 5-watt crystal-controlled outfit to a 15,000-watt crystal-controlled transmitter, such is the growth of the application of the oscillating properties of the piezo electric crystal in the hands of the Bellevue Naval Research Laboratory.

#### **KDKA** Crystal Control

PIEZO crystal oscillator control is the solution for one of our main difficulties in radio broadcasting. The Department of Commerce has gradually been compelled to crowd the stations in assigning wavelengths until they are now separated by 10 kilocycles, which, theoretically, is about as close as it is desirable to put them. Practically, however, this assignment plan does not work very well, as it has never been possible to keep all the stations rigidly on their assigned frequencies. Many stations, therefore, have drifted from their proper assignment and are causing interference with other stations. Any owner of a sensitive receiver will bear me out in this.

The piezo crystal, having the property of vibrating at a fixed frequency, depending mainly upon its size, and the added advantage of vibrating in the radio frequency band has been utilized by station KDKA to control several of its transmitters. This

guarantees against any change which uses, not audio fre--in wavelength due to variation of antenna capacity or any other changes on the set. If any change does occur the most that can happen is that the station shuts down but it can never slide off its assigned frequency and interfere with other stations.

A few words concerning the general method of controlling a set by means of a piezo crystal. At KDKA there is a crystal which controls the oscillating



Quartz plate holder for piezo oscillator assembled

circuit of a 5-watt tube. This 5-watt tube is coupled to a 250watt tube controlling the output of that tube which, in turn, controls the behavior of two 250 watt tubes in parallel. This last unit in the amplifier in turn controls the high power watercooled transmitting tubes which are coupled to the antenna 'system. The great difficulty of making a set of this type behave may be realized when we stop to consider the high power in the final stage, the danger of feedback and the extreme care which must be taken to carefully neutralize all circuits to balance out any feedback. Most of us have had experience with audio amplification giving us trouble from feedback when using perhaps from 75 to 100 volts on the plates. Compare this trouble with a transmitting set. quencies, but radio frequencies in the neighborhood of 1,000,-000, or 5,000,000 cycles in the case of the short wave, and many thousands of volts on the plates of the tubes. That this has been successfully accomplished gives the engineers who were engaged in this work great credit for their ingenuity and ability in overcoming obstacles.

Ev Geo. S. Turner

HAT is it in radio broadcasting that could possibly deserve such a title? The almighty dollar would probably be the guess of most of us, but as usual our guess would be wrong. Even though it is true the American dollar is today about the *biggest* little thing in existence, in this case it is not applicable nor does it meet the exacting requirements of such a contrasting and at the same time, specific title. Rather consider if you will, a certain something that is just lately becoming a necessity around the modern broadcasting station; something smaller than a silver dollar, being usually more nearly the size of a twenty-five cent piece. It may be round or square but always flat; it is brittle, fragile, something like a diamond, nearly as valuable and much more useful -at least in broadcasting.

If you have as yet failed to guess what the particular thing might be and if you have a curiosity to know, then possibly you are getting ahead of the story and imagining what kind of fool thing these radio fellows have now devised. Before your minds eye come pictures of gold, silver and precious stones. And you guessed it! A precious stone it is-crystalline quartz. Precious not because it is beautiful, for in the rough its many sided chunks of varying sizes, at the best, only resemble glass. Neither is it necessarily precious because of a limited supply even though it was necessary for this country's largest user to import their last collection of crystals from Germany. Briefly, the reason

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Dr. A. Hund, of the Bureau of Standards showing samples of quartz crystal Fig. 2. (in right hand) and crystal plate holder (in left hand). The latter has been designed by the Bureau of Standards

is because of its rapidly developing value in radio transmission as a standard for maintaining the assigned frequency (wavelength) within very narrow limits.

#### Their Oualities

T is probable you have already seen articles of a technical nature in this and other periodicals on the quartz crystal, or piezo-electric crystal as it is sometimes called. You read these articles and no doubt wondered if these small crystals would really amount to as much as was promised for them. However, before attempting to prove or disprove their worth it might be well for us to review briefly, in a non-technical manner, certain peculiar qualities possessed by these magic crystals such as their inherent property when squeezed to become electrified; that is, charged with static electricity as a two plate condenser when placed in a circuit and excited with an electric current. Conversely, by placing the crystal between two plates of a charged condenser the dimension of the crystal will change in a certain plane, for example, flatten out lengthwise. Removing the charge, the crystal will return to its normal shape. Consequently, if we impress an alternating potential on this condenser, a stable crystal will vibrate or oscillate at a definite and unvarying frequency as determined by its physical dimensions. Usually the thickness or width between the two parallel faces of the crystal disk determines this frequency although certain other factors having to do with the cutting of the disk from the quartz as it is mined has been found to have a marked effect upon its vibrating, frequency, some even refusing to vibrate at any frequency. In actual practice therefore, these factors, at present, limit the crystals frequency range for commercial purposes to that portion of the spectrum lying between 1520 and 100 kilocycles.

#### For Broadcast Use

FUNDAMENTAL properties were discovered nearly half a century ago and although for some time made use of in other ways with varying degrees of

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success, have not until the last year or so become associated with radio. Recent developments have shown the major possibilities of this device are two-fold. The first and more complicated being the incorporation of one of these crystals in an oscillating circuit to provide a fixed frequency oscillator as a nucleus of the modern broadcasting station for the automatic control of the emitted frequency or wave. The second possibility and the one more often taken advantage of, is the use of such a fixed frequency oscillator as a standard to which the frequency of the emitted wave is made to con-This latter possibility is form. particularly important in view of the recommendation of The Fourth National Radio Conference, "that the Department of Commerce require all stations to use some means of frequently checking their transmitted frequencies with a properly calibrated instrument."

According to certain authoritative tests conducted over a period of a year, the indication is that interference from other broadcasting stations is one of the greatest obstacles to be overcome before we have satisfactory reception. The reason is obvious-in the past, stations have not been maintaining their assigned frequency. No doubt this is what the Conference had in mind relative to the above mentioned recommendation. In any event, such a condition can surely no longer be tolerated by the listening public.

#### **Must Maintain Frequency**

WITH the constant improvement of the transmitting and receiving apparatus with particular attention now being given to the development of the entire audio frequency range by engineers trained in telephony as well as radio science, it is necessary now as never before, to give each station every cycle of its available side band in order that no encroachment upon the adjacent station shall result and in order that the radio programs may come through with rich and undistorted reproduction. Such an accomplishment can only be realized by the wholesale maintaining of the assigned frequencies within narrower limits than the two thousand cycle variation heretofore allowed. Nor is such a thing impossible now that we may obtain the crystal indicator having an accuracy of one-tenth per cent of a given frequency. Let us for a moment visualize what this means in the broadcasting spectrum.

The highest frequency (lowest wave) assigned for broadcasting use is 1470 kilocycles and the lowest frequency (highest wave) 550 kilocycles. An error of one-tenth per cent in each would be 1.47 and .55 kilocycles or 1470 and 550 cycles at the two extremes of the spectrum with proportionate variations in between and it is probable a greater degree of accuracy is being realized. With the broadcasting station operator constantly checking the emitted frequency of the carrier

wave with his fixed frequency oscillator by means of a zero (thirty cycle) beat adjustment between the two waves, the station is assured of maintaining a fixed and unvarying frequency in the assigned channel while the accurately ground crystal ensures the correctness of the emitted wave.

#### **Fixed Frequency Oscillator**

OW that we know something of the possibilities of this device, it might be well at this time to enlighten the uninitiated regarding such a fixed frequency oscillator with particular reference to its make-up and operation. Therefore, in order to facilitate the explanation, let us forget the crystal for the moment and consider the so called three circuit regenerative receiver having a variometer in the plate circuit instead of electromagnetic (tickler) feedback. You will remember this circuit is capable of producing sustained oscillations when the

plate variometer is brought into resonance or balanced with the grid circuit. These oscillations produce an alternating potential in the grid circuit across the secondary (tuning) condenser, the frequency (wavelength) of which, is determined by the setting of this condenser in relation to its associated coil. As is known, this frequency is not constant but will vary sympathetically with any variations in the constants of the circuit. An attempt will be made in the following paragraph to show how a carefully cut and ground quartz disk can stabilize this frequency.

Again referring to the regenerative circuit, same having been adjusted for oscillation at some wave approximating the natural period of our crystal, if the coil and condenser in the grid circuit are replaced with the crystal in a two plate condenser mounting, we shall find the circuit will continue in oscillation. This is because the am-

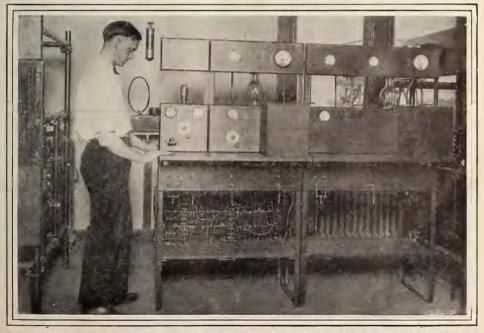


Fig. 3. KDKA controls its vast antenna output by means of the small crystal described by Mr. Winters in this article. The picture shows the crystal oscillator with a 5 watt tube in the panel in front of the operator

circuit is fed back to the grid circuit through the inter-electrode (grid plate) capacity to excite the crystal into vibration at its own natural period. In vibrating it is expanding and contracting thus producing minute charges of piezo electricity. Same is impressed upon the plates of its condenser mounting which in turn causes constant frequency potential variations upon the grid and in the plate circuit. Thus these two phenomena, when associated with each other work together in combination-a sort of fiftyfifty proposition which reaches a state of equilibrium of oscillation at one definite and unvarying frequency as determined by the period of vibration of the crystal. If the frequency of oscillation in the grid circuit should have a tendency to change, the oscillating crystal will serve to draw them back as a speed governor on an engine controls its speed and insures even running under varying loads. Temperature, atmospheric conditions, varying circuit constants and even rough handling within reasonable limits do not affect the natural period of oscillations. Quite simple isn't it, the way the ordinary three circuit tuner has evolved into a fixed frequency standard.

The beginning of the new year saw the quartz crystal already in use in a few of our more progressive stations. It is not surprising to note that the Westinghouse and General Electric Companies' chain of stations are already making use of the quartz crystal. This is to be expected. However, when stations other than those owned by these concerns purchase them, the indication is that their value is already becoming generally known. In the Ninth Radio District the following stations are now using some form of quartz oscillator as a frequency WLS, WBBM, standard: WEBH, WQJ, KYW, WSBC, WLIB, WGN, WJJD, WOK, KWCR, KFKX and WOC. In addition, the following Ninth District stations advise their orders have been placed and by

plified RF energy in the plate this time the majority are using circuit is fed back to the grid the crystals—WMAQ, WEBW, circuit through the inter-electrode (grid plate) capacity to excite the crystal into vibration at its own natural period. In WEBQ, WBNR, and WGWY.

#### They Help You

HIS list is being given because it is believed these stations deserve credit. Also, it. is well for the broadcast listener to be informed regarding all stations maintaining their assigned frequency within onetenth per cent, for calibration purposes. The only other list of broadcasting stations maintaining their assigned frequency within narrow limits are those contained in the monthly issue of the Radio Service Bulletin, obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, care of the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C. In addition, the signals sent out from WWV at Washington, D. C., and 6XBM at Stanford University, California, at regular intervals are of a known and predetermined frequency. However, in each case the signals from these stations do not satisfactorily serve the listeners of the great middle west because it has been found signals from these stations can only be regularly heard and utilized at distances within about 500 to 1000 miles. Hence, this new group of constant frequency stations should admirably supplement the signals of WWV and 6XBM and thus facilitate the calibration of the experimenters receiver, wave meter or oscillator. specially in the middle west.

Last, but not least, the radio inspection service comes in for its share of the benefits from the use of these crystal oscillators. One of the biggest jobs the inspector has faced in the past, has been the constant checking and readjusting of broadcasting frequencies. This was made necessary by the limited separation of the ten kilocycles between adjacent channels in order that as large a number of stations as possible might broadcast. Experience has proven that this limited separation is

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tion can be depended upon to keep their assigned frequency.

#### **Change Calibration**

WITH the average wavemeter such as the majority of stations have been using, it has been found this is not possible. Wavemeters, even the best of them, will change their calibration if dropped or handled roughly. Here I might mention for the enlightenment of Pullman car porters, and the like, that is the reason radio inspectors always insist upon carrying that one piece of baggage, even going so far as to hold it upon their lap or sleeping with it in their berth at night. Such care does not guarantee unvarying accuracy over long periods of time. For this reason, the Department of Commerce has provided each of its nine district offices with quartz crystal oscillators for checking their wavemeters and decremeters at frequent intervals. The adoption of these oscillators by the Government surely will prove to the dubious. that they are really worth while. Let us hasten the day when broadcasting stations discard their homemade wavemeters, purchase a quartz crystal and give the inspector more time to be of assistance to those who are experiencing interference from non-radio sources.

Summarizing the quartz crystals' advantages, we find who will benefit through their use:

The station owner benefits, in that he gets all and no more of his available wave channel than is coming to him. Of equal importance he is assured of a permanent address in the ether.

The broadcast listener benefits through a minimizing of heterodyning and over lapping of adjacent side bands.

The experimenter benefits in that he is assured of a dependable group of fixed frequency signals for checking purposes over the entire broadcasting spectrum.

The radio inspector benefits in that he is able to rely upon a station continuing along the "straight and narrow."

that this limited separation is Surely, the "biggest little" sufficient, providing each sta- thing in radio deserves its title.

Same Thing That Shortens Tube Life Lengthens It

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

OTHING short of a suc- a time, replied: "No doubt you could have brought more joy to the human race than the discovery that radio tubes which had ceased to function could have their youth renewed.

Economically. socially and spiritually, there is nothing more depressing than a tube that will light but that shows no other signs of life. When the filament burns off, the ensuing silence gives the same impression of finality as the crash that comes up from the pavement a few seconds after the stenographer's bottle of milk falls out of the tenth-story window, but when the filament lights as usual and still the phones give indubitable evidence that it is only going through the motions without delivering any goods, it is like standing at the bedside of someone who has had a stroke of paralysis just as he was going to tell you where to find Captain Kidd's gold.

The method by which tubes are rejuvenated has none of the indelicate implications of the operation for the rejuvenation of human beings. In fact, it is particularly attractive. All you have to do is to burn the tubes. The same thing that shortens their life lengthens it! Oh, for a Steinach or Voronoff to develop some such operation for renewing the youth of human beings. Who that has felt the insidious approach of old age has not wished that he might get all lit up and have the result as permanent as it is, temporarily, exhilarating.

The polite Frenchman who was told that worn-out tubes could be made to function normally by tube. One and one-half volts burning the filament brightly for from the "A" battery will not

cessful monkey-gland op- are right, but God knows eet ees eration for rejuvenation impossible!" Most radio users feel the same way about it at first and look upon the rejuvenators, that are finding their places on the shelves of radio stores, with the eyes of a Doubting Thomas. It is the truth, however, and there is no mystery about it since the metallurgists have revealed the whys and wherefores.

> Tube rejuvenation has always been an interesting process. Readers of this story should refer to the article by Mr. Humphrey in the May Radio Age; also to a bit of data furnished by the General Electric tube experts which is printed in the Pickups and Hookups department of the June issue.

> Then add to your list this story written by Mr. Perry and you will have a pretty accurate conception of rejuvenation of thoriated filament tubes. -The Editor.

#### **Only Thoriated Filaments**

THEY preface their explana-tions by a word of caution: rejuvenation is not for the ordinary tungsten-filament tubes but only for those having thoriated filaments. A thoriated filament is one made of tungsten to which a small percentage of thorium has been added.

Thorium emits electrons more readily than other metals, and a comparatively low temperature will cause it to emit the number per second required for the proper action of a radio tube. It was thorium that developed the full possibilities of the dry-cell

heat pure tungsten to a degree where it will expel electrons in sufficient numbers for radio purposes. But a small percentage of thorium, mixed with the tungsten, will cause the exceedingly small filaments used in dry-cell tubes to emit all the electrons needed, even when the filament is heated only to a dull red.

As the electrons are emitted from the surface of the filament. the surface is where the particles of thorium are needed. The metallurgists tell us that, when a thoriated tungsten filament is heated, the particles of thorium worn out and wasted away at the surface are replaced by particles from the inside of the metal.

The wearing out of the particles of metal at the surface, and their replacement by particles from the interior, continues until thorium particles become scarce. There seems to be a boiling-out process like that which is supposed to eliminate the rheumatism from the folks who take the mud baths at Hot Springs, except that in the case of filaments it is the virtue instead of the dross that is expelled. If an excessive voltage is used on the plate, the supply of thorium in the filament may be exhausted earlier than it would be if the normal plate voltage were employed.

#### **Tube Goes Dead**

S the amount of thorium at A the surface of the filament grows less and less, the discharge of electrons becomes correspondingly less. Eventually, the plate, no matter how great its positive attraction for the negative electrons may be, cannot pull enough of them through the vacuum from

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### Tube Paralysis May Be Cause of Strange Effects

Baltimore Fan Has Theory for Mr. Humphrey

ITHOUT doing any actual work on the peculiar method of tube rejuvenation propounded by K. B. Humphrey in the May issue of RADIO AGE, other than the considerable amount of thought I have expended on it since reading of it (if that can be called work), I wish to propose a theory of just what occurs and why it successfully reactivates the tube which is in such a bad condition that ordinary "flash" reactivation is impossible, yet it completely paralyzes a "good" tube.

This method, for the benefit of those who did not read Mr. Humphrey's article in the May issue, consists of placing the tube in circuit as shown in Figure No. 1, applying seven volts across the filament, and twenty-two and onehalf volts across the filament and the plate and grid, the last two named being tied together by a jumper as shown. The tube is left burning in this circuit until the grid-plate milliammeter shows a normal reading, which is about 25 mils (milliamperes) in the case of a 201A type of tube, at which time it will be found to be as good, or nearly as good as when perfectly new.

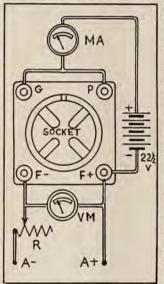
The puzzling thing about this method of reactivation is the fact that it is diametrically opposed to all of the previously conceived notions of tube reactivation. Not only is this so, but it is also true that what is usually considered a "good" tube, that is, one in satisfactorily efficient "light and play" condition, would be completely paralyzed and to all intents and purposes go absolutely dead after a very few moments of this treatment. A most peculiar condition, at least on the surface of it, is it not?

To understand the theory which I am to present on the action of this peculiar method of tube reclamation, it is necessary By H. M. BISHOP

to first consider a brief review of the theory of the tube flasher, commonly called a reactivator.

#### **Thoriated Filaments**

A<sup>LL</sup> of the modern receiving tubes of either the 'A type or the '99 type are equipped with



filaments of thoriated tungsten. This consists of tungsten filament wire which has been impregnated with the rare, and radio active metal, *thorium*, by a secret process.

In the process of manufacture the filament is "flashed" by the method which will be described below, which causes *part* of the thorium to be driven from the interior of the filament wire and deposited on the surface of it, where it forms a layer of thorium approximately one atom thick. Or should we say one atom thin?

After this flashing treatment

the filament is in such a condition as to throw off electrons with a high degree of efficiency when only heated to a fair degree of brilliancy, consequently drawing far less battery current than an ordinary tungsten filament. The only fly in the ointment is the fact that after the tube has been in use for some time the filament emission begins to fall off rapidly due to the fact that the thin layer of thorium on the filament is driven off at a greater rate than it is replaced from the interior of the wire.

When the filament gets to the point where its electron emission is too low to allow the tube to work with a reasonable amount of efficiency, it is possible to reperform the "flashing" process which was used in its manufacture, and by this process restore a good part, if not all, of the original sensitivity of the tube.

This process is a very simple one, and is as follows: The tube in question is put into a socket, the filament terminals of which are connected to a variable source of filament voltage, either A. C. or D. C. The grid and plate terminals of the socket are left open. The filament is now given an initial "flash" of 16 volts for exactly one minute, then switched over to 8 volts and allowed to "cook" for about ten or twelve minutes.

The effect of this process is just this: the initial high voltage flash lights the filament to bright incandescence, so that it seems ready to burn out, (once in a while they do "blow"). At this tremendous heat the thorium in the filament tends to "boil out" to the surface, after which the somewhat higher than normal voltage "cooks" or "fixes" the thorium layer. After this treatment, usually called reactivation, the majority of tubes will be to all intents and purposes as good

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### EDISON STUDIO STARS



Gale Swift, Edison studio director, and librarian of the Edison Symphony Orchestra

Above — Sallie Menkes, known to thousands for her bright personality, is the accompanist and planist at the Edison Studio in the Fine Arts Building

Above-Morgan L. Eastman, manager of the Edison Studio of KYW, and also director of the Edison Symphony Orchestra



Below-Lillian Rehberg, cellist, who frequently is heard on Edison studio programs

This magnificent salon is the Edison studio in the Fine Arts Building. From here KYW picks up all Edison programs



E. H. Gager, radio engineer at the Edison studio



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### What the Broadcasters are Doing



A BOVE is Arthur Wellington, announcer and baritone, at the Edison studio of KYW. Mr. Wellington has a very pleasing voice both for announcing and singing

#### Poor Reception in Parts of California

N ELECTRIC power line carrying 60,000 volts has been found to be the major cause of radio complaints received in the office of the radio supervisor in California. On a trip through twenty-two towns and cities in California, he found that faulty or dirty insulators, power-line substations and equipment, were causing the complete blanketing of reception in four small towns. In these localities satisfactory reception of even the more powerful, nearby stations was impossible.

Road dust and ether dirt, settling on insulators was found not as bad during the winter months when seasonal rains wash the insulators. More serious power-line interference occurs in the summer months when dirt accumulates on the insulators and allows the current to leak.

With the completion of several new substations under construction, most of the troubles will be eliminated, the supervisor believes.

S TATION WAIU of Columbus, Ohio, will shortly 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.

#### Bay City Charges Fee for Receiver Licenses

 $\mathbf{A}^{N}$  ordinance to regulate the operation of radio receiving sets and to prevent unnecessary interference to broadcast reception has been enacted by Bay City, Mich., according to Department of Commerce, Radio Supervisor S. W. Edwards at Detroit.

According to the ordinance no person or organization can operate a receiver in the city until a license has been secured. The operator agrees to be responsible for the apparatus and to permit its inspection. The fee is \$2.00 for a permit, good unless revoked, for violation of regulations. Sets must be operated so they will not cause interference to broadcast reception on nearby receivers. Radio dealers are permitted to demonstrate sets without licenses for a period of only ten days.

#### Labor May Go on Air with WCFL

THE Department of Commerce hears unofficially that the Chicago Federation of Labor Radio Broadcasting Association plans to open a station soon, to be known as WCFL and operate on a wavelength of 491.5 meters. This organization together with twentythree other applicants, has been denied a broadcasting license because of congestion in and around Chicago where some thirty stations now broadcast, and because no additional channels are available.

It is understood, however, that WCFL will go on the air soon, with or without a license and that it will use the channel now shared by KGW, Portland, and WEAF, New York.

Frequency Stabilizer is added to WLS INSTALLATION of a new device in the radio transmitter of WLS, the Sears-Roebuck station, has increased its signal strength and vastly improved its tone quality, according to Howard E. Campbell, chief engineer of the station. This is the first device of its kind to be attached to a radio transmitter in Chicago or any other place in this territory and the fifth of its kind in the world.

"Shortly after the construction and installation of the new 5000 watt station at Crete, Ill.," said Mr. Campbell, "there were reports of distortion of signal in parts of the Chicago area. Immediately the engineers of the Western Electric Company, which built the new WLS station, started a series of experiments to find out what was wrong. It was discovered that the same panel arrangement of the transmitter suited to one radio territory was not as effective in another district. The result was the installation of the new panel device now attached to the WLS transmitter. This device stabilizes the frequency whereby the station gets the full power of the transmitter and has high standard of tone quality at the same time. One is not sacrificed at the expense of the other.

"This device is the latest development of the Western Electric Company's radio engineers and gives WLS an increased signal strength which will be plainly noticeable to all listeners-in here in Chicago and at points of greater distance."

#### Results of 2XAF'S World Spanning Tests

FIFTY FEET of wire of little more than pencil thickness, hung vertically from the cross arm of a wooden pole seventy feet high, has been flashing broadcast radio programs from the experimental stations of the General Electric Company at Schenectady to practically every corner of the habitable globe.

Here are some of 2XAF'S achievements on 32.79 meters.

April 3—A special program broadcast by 2XAF for the farmers of South Africa was rebroadcast by JB, the Johannesburg station. Signals received by N. Grant Dalton and passed on by wire to JB. Johannesburg is approximately 8100 miles from Schenectady.

E. C. Cox, an Australian amateur at Elsternwick, Victoria, Australia, heard the entire program to South Africa and gave an accurate log of the performance.

Just to prove that the reception and rebroadcast were not freaky, station JB also rebroadcast 2XAF, March 27 and April 10.

April 12—The British Broadcasting Company received and rebroadcast 2XAF, reporting the quality of the rebroadcast signal as good as though originating in the London studio. The same program was heard direct from 2XAF by radio listeners in Perth, Australia, 11,498 miles from Schenectady.

May 3—Broadcast music of 2XAF was heard by the crew of the Chantier, in King's Bay, Spitzbergen. The Chantier was Commander Richard B yr d's base ship. Shortly after Byrd's successful flight to the Pole a special program was broadcast to him from the office of the New York Times.

Frank Gow Smith, explorer and writer, en route to Brazil, preparatory to making an expedition into the unexplored wilderness of South America, reported picking up 2XAF aboard ship, 1800 miles from Schenectady. Mr. Smith used neither ground nor antenna for reception. He also received 2XAF when 4540 miles away, using aerial and ground. Reception of the long wave signal used by broadcasting stations was impossible because of static, he reported.

A letter from N. Grant Dalton of Johannesburg, dated April 13, contains much material of interest to those interested in the vagaries of radio transmission. Mr. Dalton reports, for example, that "on certain mornings reception of 2XAF operating at 6:30 p. m. E. S. T., has been excellent, whereas at 11 p. m. E. S. T., the signal has dropped to practically nothing."

Mr. Cox, of Elsternwick, Australia, stated by letter, that the transmission of April 3, received between 8:30 and 9:30 on the morning of April 4, was very strong, the words of the announcer being audible three feet from the headphones. He used a two tube receiver of standard design. He reports that the wavelength was perfectly steady and carrier pure.

While at Corumba, Brazil, and prior to his departure into the unexplored country, Frank Gow Smith, invited a few residents of Corumba to listen to United States stations. One of his guests was Simeon Quass, British vice-consul, who reported enjoying the "absolutely unique and unparalleled experience of listening to the broadcast programs of WGY in this remote portion of the globe." R. A. Smith de Vasconcellos, chief of telegraphs of Matto Grosso, heard WGY broadcast the opening baseball game between the Dodgers and the Giants.

2XAF will continue to broadcast programs of WGY, every Tuesday and Saturday evening.

> Baltimore Fans will see WBAL pictured in the August Radio Age—Out July 15.

#### Beans Burn While Music Broadcast

HARVEY ENDERS, of St. Louis, who wrote the music for Vachel Lindsay's "Daniel," has filed a claim for forty cents against the "Eveready Hour", broadcast each Tuesday evening through station WEAF, New York, and its network of affiliated stations throughout the East and Middle West.

Added to the normal difference in time between New York and St. Louis, this daylight saving thing brought the "Eveready Hour" and the evening meal into keen competition in the Enders home. For a time Enders and Mrs. Enders entered into the spirit of this competition and made it a game. In each Tuesday evening's race, by agreement, Enders piloted the "Eveready Hour" while Mrs. Enders held the reins in the kitchen.

Then, one evening, Enders was seated at the dials and breezing along into the home stretch when a peculiar odor assailed his nostrils. He turned and saw that Mrs. Enders was leaning on the back of his chair. Somehow he gained the distinct impression that she had been in that position for some minutes. Both made a dash for the kitchen. A pot of beans on the stove was quietly going up in smoke — hideously malodorous smoke.

Mrs. Enders says it wasn't her fault. Enders wants forty cents for that charred pot of beans.

G ENERAL calls have recently been assigned by the Department of Commerce and should be of interest to amateurs. The call will generally be used on 600 meters, but might also be found on some of the lower waves.

NOB is the general call for any or all warships of the Navy.

NQO is the general call for any or all naval coast stations.

WKW is the general call for any or all merchant vessels of the United States.

WTM is the general call for any or all commercial coast stations in the United States.

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# PORTO RICO

ORTO RICO is the last and is known far and wide as the Ansmallest of the island group known as the Greater Antilles. It is 1,380 miles from New York-96 hours by steamer -it is 100 miles long and 35 miles wide and is, roughly, the shape of a parallelogram.

It is located like a great stepping-stone between the southeastern tip of North America and the northeastern extremity of South America. In fact it might well be the foundation of some gigantic bridge of the future.

Even today radio has created an aerial bridge between the two and WKAQ, located in San Juan Porto Rico is calling the world's attention to this Island of Enchantment.

Mr. Joaquin Agusty, the Announcer and Program Director, tion PWX of Havana.

nouncer with the Spanish accent and is not only largely responsible for the attention which radioland is focusing on WKAQ but for the interest of his fellow Porto Ricans in radio itself.

He organized the Radio Club of Porto Rico in 1914 and later on became manager and organizer of WKAQ which is operated by the Radio Corporation of Porto Rico, affiliated with the Internanational Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of New York.

The station, of which Mr. Enrique Camuñas is Operator, is located on the roof of the Porto Rico Telephone building and has a wavelength of 341 meters. Incidentally, it was built in 1922 at the same time as its twin sta-



The white building in the foreground is the Porto Rico Telephone building, atop of which is located WKAQ of the Radio Corporation of Porto Rico. This station's towers can be seen in the photograph. This station is a sister station to PWX at Havana, both being built in 1922 and owned by the same interests

WKAQ's Prefers for Station

By

It broadcasts Wednesdays and Saturdays from seven to nine p. m. Eastern Standard Time and its programs are musical and educational.

#### **Programs by Courtesy**

WHILE WKAQ has naturally not the array of talent to choose from that is at the disposal of a station on the mainland it is by no means at a loss. Most of its programs are given by courtesy and the Figueroa family is one of its most faithful cooperators.

One of the sons of this family is a violinist who has won the highest honors at the Conservatory of Madrid and his music often delights the audience of WKAQ. Paoli, the well known tenor, was another great friend and favorite.

The station's audience has expressed itself as preferring music to most other radio features and accordingly the greater part of its programs are of this nature.

In spite of the circumstance that a high-powered naval station located nearby frequently interrupts with code messages, reception locally is generally satisfactory. As for its more distant audience WKAQ has been heard by thousands of listeners in all parts of the United States, Canada, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Central America, South America and Europe.

One letter was received from Czechoslovakia and during the recent International radio tests

# The Enchanted Isle

Audience Music Features

#### E. D. CAHN

the station received 1100 cards in one mail. These came from all parts of the world and referred to the first day's program.

So, isolated on the map as the Island of Enchantment may be, it makes itself heard a long way across the ocean and the lands beyond it.

The voice with the Spanish accent is recognized where Mr. Agusty's name has never been heard and quite often mail has reached him addressed simply, "To the Announcer with the Spanish Accent, Island of Enchantment."

#### An Enchanted Land

S URROUNDED by the warm sapphire seas Porto Rico lies like a gem in undulating folds of velvet, a truly enchanted land.

Its people are of Spanish origin, language and traditions but by virtue of the treaty of Paris 1898 they have come under the influence of the United States and live contentedly under its flag.

Sugar cane, coffee, oranges, tobacco, pineapples, cocoanuts are the principal crops and all add to the indescribably rich and verdant aspect of the island.

The port of San Juan, where WKAQ is located, has been improved during a long period of years by dredging and other operations. The city is proud of its age, having been founded in 1508 by Juan Ponce de Leon not many years after Columbus's discovery of the island on his second voyage in 1493. San Juan likes to

remember that it was making history fifty years before the old Florida city of St. Augustine was thought of.

The bells of its cathedral have been heard ever since 1540 and many of the narrow streets contain mouldering souvenirs of the past when pirates swooped down upon the town every once in awhile and all the turbulent life of the Spanish Main swirled around it. It was sacked by Sir Francis Drake in 1595 and again three years later by the Duke of Cumberland.

Today San Juan displays a fascinating mixture of the old and the picturesque side by side with the modern and utilitarian.

It has fine public buildings, modern suburbs, splendid roads which follow the rising and falling contours of its mountains and valleys and yield a thousand splendid views of beauty from the cultivated and orderly to the rugged grandeur of its greatest heights.

The Aibonito (Oh, how beautiful) Park is famous for its splendid and far-flung views of mountains, valleys and the Caribbean and Atlantic oceans. At one point on the Carreta Militar twenty towns can be seen. The highest settlement on the island is 2,000 feet above sea level.

The trees of Porto Rico are alone worth a visit, being of many varieties, ranging from the intertwined mangoes, the orange and banana to the fire-trees or "flamboyantes" which at seasons carpet the ground with the flaming color of their fallen blossoms.

In spite of its latitude the average temperature of Porto Rico is 76° in the cool months and 79° in the hot ones. The trade winds temper the humidity and people (Please turn to page 48)



Operator Enrique Camuhnas is shown seated at the control desk of WKAQ. From this vantage point the whole station may be started or stopped at will

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### Aerial Night's Entertainment—and Otherwise

Cleveland's Station WTAM Seems to Fill Need of Radio Public

#### By DOROTHY B. STAFFORD

when the The amateur Engineer, who usually plays the role of innocent commented, as he industriously bystander in these sometimes hectic exchanges of opinion, suggested that it should be entitled, "Why Is a Radio Station?" and it was brought about by an announcement in a WGY program. The item read.

"An address on 'The Moral Obligation to be Intelligent.' will be delivered by Dr. John Erskine, of Columbia University, Wednesday night."

The Chief guffawed. We thought it worthy of serious consideration.

"There," we said, "is a station that has some excuse for being. When a broadcaster reaches the point where he has the courage of his convictions,-and it takes some courage to be intelligent these days .- he has gone about as far as he can go. But the standard of Schenectady has always been high. If one heard no other station he would be well entertained by the variety and quality of broadcasting that comes out of WGY."

The Chief has spent several crowded years sailing up and down the seven seas in the wireless cabins of ships, and therefore takes a rather sniffy attitude toward broadcasting stations in general. In fact, he is the only person we know who agrees with the pessimistic violinist in his dire prophecy that person could be so obtuse, the in a few years broadcasting is going to die a horrible death from inanition. In vain we

tempting to discredit our said of the movies ten years ago, L contention that there wasn't and still they are flickering a decent detector tube in the en- merrily on their way, becoming tire thirteen he had sold us, more prosperous though more discussion started, impossible each year.

"Intelligence, piffle!" he now



Art Herske is announcer and master of the Saturday night revel at WTAM, Cleveland

switched tubes, "It doesn't matter what they broadcast. People listen to the station that comes in the clearest nowadays, and this trying to do something different is mere wasted effort. You know we are to have a broadcasting plant on the new Superba Hotel, and with a hundred-watt station right here in town they won't listen to anything else."

#### What To Do?

WHILE we were wondering how an otherwise logical Amateur bobbed up.

"We are to have a broadcasting station?" he inquired, "and

THE Chief Engineer was at- remind him that the same was what, may I ask, are we going to broadcast after we get it?"

The Amateur, we regret to say, has no civic pride, and would be hopeless material for a Rotary or Kiwanis club. But his question was justified. We know of no community of equal population that is so utterly devoid of any outstanding musical organization as this particular city. We haven't even a good hotel or cafe orchestra, not even a "silver cornet band," and while the local saenger-bunds are as fair as the average, there is nothing to distinguish them from the hundred and one similar amateur entertainers that are already cluttering up the air lanes. While the natives storm the concert-halls when anybody of note comes to town, and trying to hear the Philadelphia Symphony is about as strenuous an undertaking as getting on to a foot-ball field when Red Grange is playing, the community seems incapable of producing or supporting anything of outstanding musical excellence within itself.

So what it could possibly have to offer the outside world,-a world already fed to repletion with the best in music,—is some-thing of a mystery. It is all very well to talk about wearing paths to your door for mousetraps, but if your mouse-traps are constructed along the same mediocre lines as the other fellow's, you'll have to buy a lawn-mower to keep down the grass in the path. And we can't imagine anyone wearing grooves in the air trying to get what is going to come out of this station.

#### No Excuse for Existence

TF THE radio commission, or whoever hands out the spe-



Three wielders of the banjo are found in the Dixie Trio who frequently appear over WTAM

cial dispensations communities and individuals to shoot forth their broadsides of since the day she sang her first Hertzian waves upon a defenseless public, would but ask, "What have you got to tell the world?" there wouldn't be such a crying need for straight-line condensers to sort out the sta-Any of us can mention tions. a score of broadcasters right off the reel who have no legitimate excuse for messing up the atmosphere, and yet, just because some misguided soul has money enough to maintain a plant for the purpose of getting his name upon the air, or whatnot, this small, unimportant fry continues to blatt forth its purposeless programs night after night to the exasperation of the listener, who is trying to get some worthwhile station in clear and clean. About once a week something like the following comes over the telephone.

"Oh, Mrs. Stafford, Lillian is going to broadcast from WJX tonight. She is visiting over there, and they've asked her to sing.

Our subconscious mind always retorts, "Well, what of it?" but the conscious mind, trained by years of polite hypocrisy, murmurs, "How nice! So glad you told me."

Forewarned, we stay away from WJX that night, for why

permitting should we want to hear Lillian? We have had to listen to her solo in the Unitarian church. have painfully followed her struggles through the Chimes of Normandy, the Mikado and Elijah; and with the best sopranos of the country at our beck and call by the mere turning of the dial, why waste battery-juice to hear Lillian anni-"Shadow Song," hilate the (which we feel in our bones

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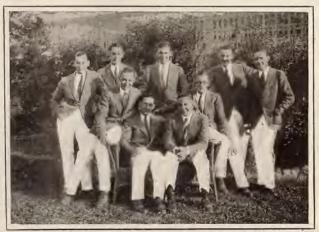
she'll attempt.) just because we went to school with her mother? We firmly believe that a station that has nothing better to perpetrate than Lillian should be out off the air.

"Then." said the Chief, "I suppose your policy would be to eliminate all stations like Tuinucu, Shenandoah and Beaumont, just because they have no grand opera stars and milliondollar jazz-hounds to broadcast. Where are the people, with a range of a couple of hundred miles, in remote districts going to get their radio?"

#### Who Have Alibis

F COURSE our cowardly opponent was evading the issue. He knew perfectly well our argument was applied solely to the over-congested districts of the East and Middle West. And besides we told him we didn't believe there were any listeners any more with a radius of only two hundred miles.

And as a result of so much having been said about legitimate broadcasting, and it being the time of year when a review of the season seemed in order, we went into executive session with half a dozen other seasoned listeners and began checking up the stations in this crowded area that had good alibis. We elim-



These gentlemen, attired so nattily, belong to Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians and furnish much of the high class jazz music broadcast from the Willard Storage Battery's Cleveland station

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In this photograph may be seen the members of the Willard Symphony. Walter Logan is the director of this ensemble

inated most of the stations with eastern hook-ups, for they were supposed to furnish the best.

And after the smoke had cleared away,—for general allaround popularity with all kinds of listeners, for a six days a week diet .- lo WTAM led all the rest.

Write ups of radio stations. as a rule, intrigue us about as much as the canned reviews on the covers of books. Usually the fine Italian hand of the press agent is plainly discernible, or it is apparent that the reviewer has visited the studio, and been so royally received and entertained by the gracious hostesses and announcers that he can, in decency, write nothing but the most glowing praise.

#### Not a Clevelander

7HEREFORE, we conscientiously disclaim acquaintance with anyone connected with the Cleveland station, and solemnly affirm that we haven't been in that city since the war. Our viewpoint is entirely that of the listener, and while we hesitate to trust the judgment of our best friends in anything connected with the musical arts, from our own observation and that of various curious scouts, who spend half their waking hours with pricked-up ears,-WTAM seems to stack up as a mighty satisfactory radio station.

Situated in the largest city in Ohio, it naturally has much to draw on; the hotel and cafe orchestras broadcast are the equal of anything similar that comes out of the east, the special concerts of high-class music present artists of reputation and distinction, and the mechanical performance of the station leaves little ing of genuine relief that we to be desired. One thing we like about WTAM is, that contrary bardos. Apropos of these to the course pursued by many strange epidemics a musician in-Middle Western stations, it quired not long since if the radio doesn't wait until night to wake stations were having "a 'Glow up. It is on the job every noon Worm' week." He complained

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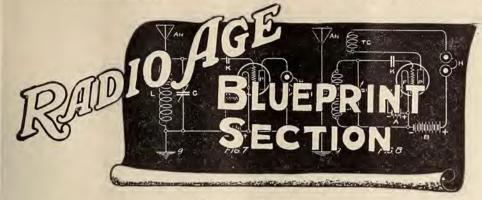
with a lively cafe orchestra, and a couple of times a week puts on a morning lesson in Music Appreciation.

While comparisons are odious. personally, we regard the gay Lombardos,-more properly known as Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians-as having little competition on the air in their particular line, with the possible exception of the few Meyer Davis orchestras that still broadcast. There is a rhythm and lilt to their dance orchestrations that we haven't heard since the famous Lido-Venice faded from the air by reason of one of Mr. Buckner's padlocks. And despite all ridicule to the contrary, dance orchestras do have a definite place to fill in radio. particularly since program directors seem prone to fall victims to classical epidemics.

We recall one night last winter when there was an appalling We don't Dvorak outbreak. know whether or not it was the composer's birthday,-but north, south, east and west everybody seemed to be "Goin' Home," and it was with a feelturned to WTAM and the Lom-



Louis Rich and the Blue Room orchestra, in the public auditorium at Cleveland. They are frequent broadcasters at WTAM



Radio Age's

### Golden Rule Receiver Is Completely Shielded

Audio Transformers are Changed to Gain Better Tonal Quality

HILE the preceding model, described and illustrated in the June issue as the Golden Rule receiver, was a very simple receiver in itself, in the July model of the Golden Rule which we are about to describe, simplification has been carried still further through the elimination of the wave filter and the use of a metal panel and complete metal shield for the set. The latter course was decided upon for allaround work since so many of the set builders live in the congested areas, and even those who do not are occasionally confronted with extraneous interference which at times is bothersome.

Because of the height of the panel it became necessary to rese the baseboard construction inside the set instead of making up a sub-panel arrangement. With the sub-panel the socket height and that of the tubes would have allowed the latter to shield which was not desirable. So the wooden baseboard was the baseboard was placed on the floor of the shield and the er removed from the bottom and wood screws inserted instead so the bottom of the shield and the faces of the baseboard could be drawn together. In doing this touch the metal cover for the shield which was not desirable. So the wooden baseboard was

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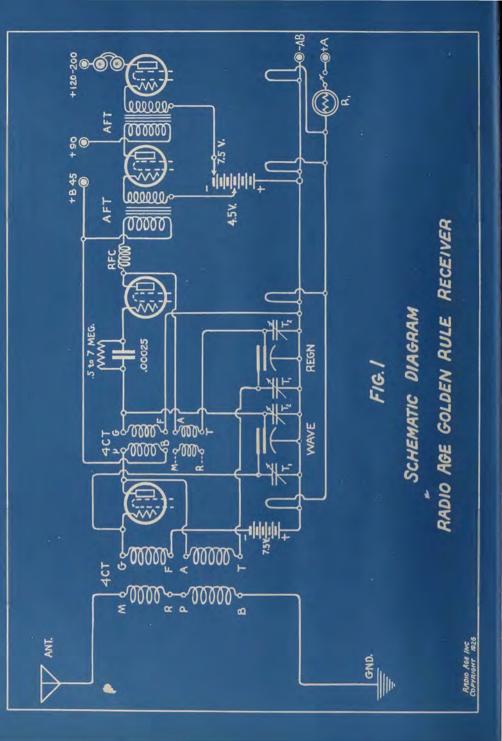
decided upon and all the apparatus mounted on it.

#### Metal Panel Used

HAVING the four walls of the metal shield to contend with made it advisable in the beginning to mount all of the various units on the board while the board was affixed to the floor of the shield. The metal panel was first prepared by drilling it for the various controls such as the variable condensers, filament switch and telephone jack; the parts assembled on the panel and attached to the baseboard. Then the baseboard was placed on the floor of the shield and the screws holding the sides together removed from the bottom and wood screws inserted instead so the bottom of the shield and the faces of the baseboard could be drawn together. In doing this it was necessary to have the baseboard cut to barely slip into

much space between the baseboard faces and the bottom portion of the two end pieces of metal and the metallic back wall of the shield.

Under these conditions all the soldering and wiring was done while the set was inside the shield, and it appeared at first somewhat of a job, but by properly cutting the wire lengths. attaching the soldering lugs loosely to the wire and then laying the wire alongside the filament connections on the socket line, it was possible to do just as good a job as if the lugs had been placed on first, the screws run up, and the wire then fed through the eyes in the end of the lugs. This practice applies principally to the two filament lines, the negative one on the left of the sockets and the positive side of the A battery on the right side of the sockets. This was the only long set of wires which had to be placed on the set, all of the others being more or less of short length so it was not necessary to give much thought to their placement.





## Newer Transformers

N ORDER to get better results from the audio end we changed over from the old style Thordarson transformers, 2 to 1 ratio to their newer model, R200, which has more of a straight line amplification characteristic while not greatly increasing the bulk of the transformer. We thus found it possible to make use of the R200 without having to allow more space than convenient in the back end of the baseboard. The terminals on these audio transformers are about level with the socket terminals which meant easier wiring and all wires close down by the baseboard instead of being carried at a higher level.

In the previous model the toroid coils were placed so they had their flat surfaces facing each other, but in this case in order to keep the ends of the coil farthest from the shield it was arranged so the coils were lined up at the angle shown in the blueprint reproductions.

Two C batteries were used instead of a single one, the C battery for biasing the grid of the r. f. tube being located flat on the baseboard underneath the lefthand tandem variable condenser, with a clip and short length of flexible wire so the bias voltage may be altered as desired. If higher voltages are wanted another 7.5 volt section can be placed in series with the one shown so the total voltage will be 15 volts.

### **Two Bias Values**

FOR the audio stages the second C battery is laid on its side on the baseboard, with two taps for grid bias, one for the first audio transformer and the other for the second. This is because a different B battery voltage is applied to the first audio than is given the second. For the first audio 90 volts are applied to the plate, for which about a 4.5 volt negative bias is allowed, while the second audio transformer has a 6 or 7.5 volt negative bias on account of the 140 volt B potential applied.

As in previous cases a single filament resistor, the Daven No. 5 with mounting, was attached

to the baseboard in the positive side of the A battery wiring. This resistor was large enough to take three quarter ampere tubes and one half ampere tube.

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225.	4 WBBM	151/2
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249.	9 WMBB	20
258.	5 WRNY	21 1/2
265.		23
275.	1 WORD	26
282.		27
288.		28
293.		29
296.	9 KPRC	30
302.	B WGN	30
302.	6 WGN	31 1/2
309.	1 KDKA	32 1/2
312.		33
315.		331/2
319.	0 WSMB	34
322.	4 KOA	35
325.		36 1/2
329.	5 WIAZ	37
333.	1 WBZ	38
336.		381/2
340.	7 WKAQ	39
344.	6 WLS	40
348.	6 WEEI	41
352.	7 WWJ	42
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365.	6 WDAF	45
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394.	5 WOAI	51
399.	8 WHAS	531/2
405.	2 KHJ	55
410.		56
416.	4 WCCO	57 1/2
422.	WLW	59
428.	3 WSB	61
434.		62 1/2
434.		02 1/2
440.		64
447.	5 WQJ	661/2
454.	B WJZ	68
468.	5 KFI	71 1/2
475.		73
483.	5 WOC	75
491.	5 WEAF	77 1/2
516.	WCX	851/2
526.	WHO	871/2
535.	KYW	901/2
545.	KSD	93
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the former being 201-A's and the latter a UX-112 for maximum volume on the loud speaker.

Attaching the condensers to

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the metal panel was not very difficult since all the rotors are common with the shield and the negative filament. Position for the dial holding holes was marked, the hole drilled and the dials attached, these being the National type B with scale running from 0 to 200, clockwise. By means of the governor on the front of the dials the ratio can be varied from slow to fast, slow being used on the left hand wavelength control while the rapid motion was allowed for the regeneration condenser on the right.

### Mount Carefully

N ACCOUNT of the filament switch and pilot light being connected in the positive leg of the A battery, it was necessary to insulate it from the panel, this being accomplished by means of the insulating washers furnished by the Crowe Nameplate Co., with the panel and shield. The same held true for the phone jack which would be at maximum B potential and which had to be insulated properly to prevent a short circuit between the total of the B battery and the negative of the A battery. A simple means of testing for shorts in this case, and others too, is merely to take a C battery and a small range voltmeter and put it across from the panel or shield to the terminals of the jack. If any reading is found on the voltmeter it is an indication that the jack and the panel are common. The washer should be juggled around and carefully placed so the jack does not come in contact with the metal of the panel.

A base mounting Jones multiplug was anchored to the baseboard somewhat farther back than we are accustomed to since it was desired to allow clearance for the cable head to go through the real wall of the shield. There are four holes there provided with insulating bushings, but we only used one hole and covered the others up in order to have as holeproof a job as was possible. Leaving several half inch holes in a shield does not help matters much and does allow radio energy to enter which is not desired.

## R. F. Choke Used

FOR KEEPING the r. f. out of the primary of the first audio transformer we used a Samson r. f. choke, such as was used in the June model.

Grid condenser mounting was simplified with the use of the Sangamo .00025 type furnished with clips for holding the grid leak, the latter being a "nonoise" variable grid leak made by the Radio Foundation, Inc. We have used the Sangamo receiving condensers in amateur transmitting circuits without disastrous results so we felt sure of their action in a receiver.

In operation the receiver gave better tonal quality on both a Western Electric cone and a Model 100 Radiola cone, this increase in quality being brought about by the use of the Thordarson R200 audio transformers which have a good flat curve covering a wide range of frequencies. (Perhaps the R200 is not quite as good in tone quality as the autoformers made by the same people, but we were interested in transformer coupling in this instance and did not have room for additional stages of impedance coupling.)

Various combinations of tubes were tried in the r. f. end of the set. First we used a UV 201-A, then a Perryman

## LIST OF PARTS

- 2 Bremer-Tully 4 circuit torostyles
- 2 Bremer-Tully tandem variable condensers (.00035 mfd.)
- 4 Benjamin cushion sockets
- 2 Thordarson R200 audio transformers, 2 to 1 ratio
- 2 National type B vernier dials
- 1 Sangamo .00025 grid condenser and clips for leak
- 1 Radio Foundation no-noise variable grid leak
- 1 Jones base-mounting multiplug
- 1 Yaxley panel light and switch
- 1 Yaxley telephone jack
- 1 Daven No. 5 ballast resistor and mounting
- 1 Samson radio frequency choke
- 2 C batteries 7.5 volts
- 1 Weston phone plug
- 1 Crowe metal panel 7 by 26
- 1 Crowe metal shield for above

panel.

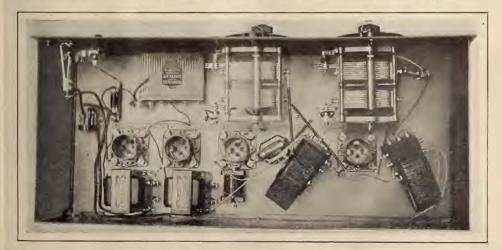
quarter ampere tube, then a Magnavox quarter ampere tube. All worked well if different grid biases were applied so as to bring down the tube to an antiradiative condition. For the detector the Magnavox and the UV201-A were tried, and found successful. In the first audio a Perryman tube (amplifier) was used while in the last stage we used a UX-112 with 140 volts on the plate. We believe a voltage of about 250 would be better on the UX112 with a proper grid bias. Eveready and Burgers can furnish good biasing batteries.

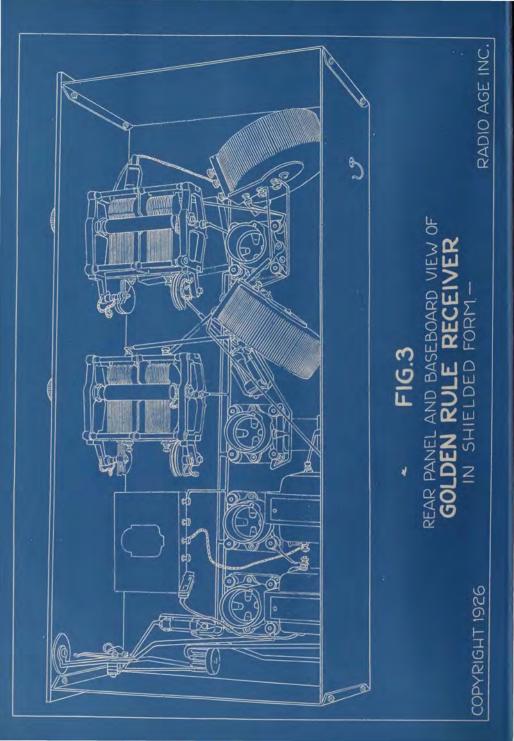
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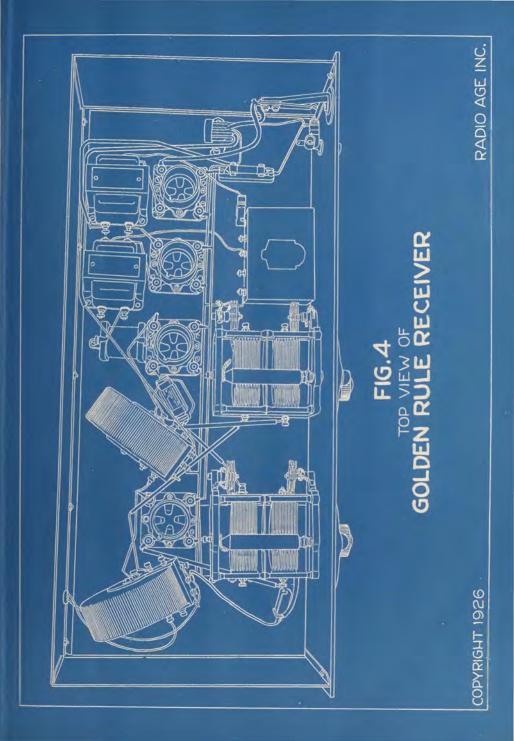
TUNING qualities of the Golden Rule were just about the same as the preceding model, except perhaps a little sharper on locals on account of the shield effectively barring signals from the coils themselves, for after all there is no such thing as a fieldless coil. When we find a fieldless coil there will be no energy in the coil and it will be worthless from a radio standpoint. The front trimmer on the left hand condenser, which controls the wave, was set while in operation on stations around 322 or 328 meters and once this adjustment was made it remained so for the balance of the range. both up and down the wavelength scale.

Ability of the receiver to pick up out-of-town stations while the locals boomed on was a bit better than the June model of the Golden Rule, although we could not tell whether this was to be attributed to altered conditions in weather which might have permitted greater signal volume on distant stuff than was found during the test and oper-

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Conducted by F. A. Hill

THE material appearing under the title "Pickups and Hookups by Our Readers" in RADIO AGE, is contributed by our readers. It is a department wherein our readers exchange views on various circuits and the construction and operation thereof. Many times our readers disagree on technical points, and it should be understood that RADIO AGE is not responsible for the views presented herein by contributors, but publishes the letters and drawings merely as a means of permitting the fans to know what the other fellow is doing and thinking.

S HORT wave enthusiasts who have perhaps not found all of the high frequency phone circuits now in operation, will note we are printing at the bottom of page 62 a list which will enable many readers to have good summer reception when some of the distant stations on the normal broadcast channels would hardly be audible.

In the case of the two General Electric stations, 2X AF and 2XK, the wavelengths given are correct for the time being. In the last few months these channels have been shifted somewhat but according to latest advices from that company they will remain as indicated for some time, since most of the desired experimental work on higher waves has been finished.

It will be noted that all of the stations are crystal controlled and this should be an excellent means of calibrating your receiver.

YEORGE S. RICHARDSON, G 604 King St., London, Ont., Canada, carries out his dial twisting propensities to the point where he gets an eighth of a column in the local newspaper, recounting his success in bringing in PTT (Toulouse) during the recent International tests with a five tube Atwater-Kent. If we had a special DT button we would certainly award it to Mr. Richardson. The reception was formally verified by PTT on April 5. Mr. Richardson is an old DT member so we really are not surprised as his good work.

L OUIS J. ANDREATTA, 48 Lake Ave., Clifton, N. J.,

F. E. Filies, Jr.		Portland, Me.
Jack Berscheid	408 Wood St	Aurora, Ill.
Louis J. Andreatta		Clifton, N. J.
George S. Richardso	n604 King St	London, Ont., Can.
John Scott		Union Furnace, Ohio
Elmer W. Schmidt		Ave. Chicago, Ill.
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DIAL TWISTERS

liked the tube tester by Brainard Foote in the April (1926) subject of interference. Mr. Radio Age so well he made it up, and now spends a good poring signals from a radio station for his friends. He is also infor his friends. He is also insion and reception so he looks like a prospect for the ranks of mine the source of an inductive interference the antenna will

JOHN SCOTT, Union Furnace, Ohio (sounds rather warm, doesn't it?) must have spent hours over the typewriter in making up a list of some 150 stations which he picked up on a three tube receiver. In addition to the eastern, western, northern and southern broadcasters, including Cuba, he also logged a goodly number of amateur stations, all of which shows considerable application. A single wire about 70 feet long was used with a driven ground. He wants his DT emblem pronto, so by this time he will have received it, we trust.

WE have received an interestesting letter from Joseph some chargin (a few years ago) H. O'Connor, a radio engineer galloping all over town with a at the Public Service Co. of Colloop and a receiver to hunt down orado, at Denver, in which he an especially pernicious power calls our attention to a slight leak, tearing out all our hair on error in a statement made by finding that every arc light in a Armstrong Perry in the April radius of five miles gave a direc-

subject of interference. Mr. O'Connor says: "When receiving signals from a radio station a coil antenna (loop) will point in the general direction of the station, but when attempting to take compass bearings to determine the source of an inductive interference the antenna will show a maximum signal parallel to any power circuit. In many cases it will point parallel to the nearest telephone or telegraph circuit, or a wire fence, showing the direct radiation from the source is very small, and that r. f. currents are being carried over these circuits. The effect of a filter proves this, for the filter does not affect the direct radiation but keeps the RF currents from traveling back over the distribution system." Readers of this department should remember the above and when shooting trouble not be led into believing that every street lamp is the cause of trouble, when the source may be at another spot miles away. We remember with some chargin (a few years ago) galloping all over town with a loop and a receiver to hunt down an especially pernicious power leak, tearing out all our hair on finding that every arc light in a at the central station and fol- used 1000 volts with a 65 volt lowing the high tension line grid bias, the plate drawing 110 found the trouble in one of the oil switches which was getting ready to let go. The following day it did, with a vengancethe company had to buy a new one and the radio community breathed in peace thereafter. Incidentally we are very pleased at the entirely new attitude which power companies take towards radio trouble shooting, for often it gives them a clue to prospective trouble not apparent on indicating devices at the central station.

ACK BERSCHEID, 408 Wood St., Aurora, Ill., sends in a good-sized list of results from a three-tube set. in which both coasts and the north and south are well represented with good distance.

FANS who use Amperites instead of filament rheostats wil be interested in knowing the Radiall Co., (makers of Amperites) have issued a fixed resistance known as No. 112 which is to be used for the RCA UX-112 power tubes (also any other tube which takes a half ampere at 5 volts (from a 6 volt source). It will also do for the UX-171.

A<sup>T</sup> the right of this paragraph we are printing a view of the short wave transmitter in operation at 4BY, owned and operated by John E. Hodge at Savannah, Ga. It is crystal controlled on 37.9 meters and puts a healthy amateur signal into Italy, England and other foreign countries (which are no longer foreign by radio).

In the picture the small tube on the right is a UX-210 (or a VT-2) this being the master oscillator with a crystal in its grid circuit, the crystal being ground by the owner who is an optometrist by profession, and who also designed the type of holder used for housing the quartz slab. The crystal oscillator circuit has 350 volts DC applied to the plate with a grid bias voltage of 45 volts negative. The first power amplifier is an old UV-204 which has weathered many

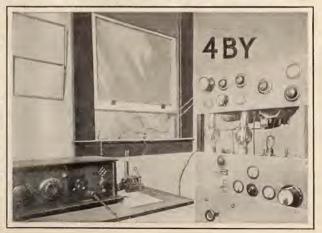
tional effect. We finally started a radio storm and on which is milliamperes. The first power amplifier is tuned to the same wave as the crystal oscillator, 75.8 meters, while the second power amplifier is another UV-204 with 1700 on the plate, a grid bias of 112 volts and a plate current of 175 milliamperes. The second power amplifier is tuned to twice the frequency of the first (half the wavelength) and puts from 2 to 3 amperes in the antenna circuit. The antenna is a single No. 10 wire with a counterpoise of the same length (34 ft.) The note is DC, R6-8, and very steady under normal weather conditions. 4BY is now engaged in conducting tests with 9BHX at the Radio Age laboratory to determine the best input value in order to put a reliable signal into Chicago. Other amateurs who desire to test with 9BHX may do so and we will be glad to help.

> W ILLIS L. NYE, 1344 Bernal Ave., Burlingame, Calif., who writes of a short wave receiver in this issue, is an amateur, owning station 6DDN. Arthur A. Collins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who has written previous short wave articles, is also an amateur, having station 9CXX. Quite fre- Radio Listeners Club at Evansquently you will find articles in ville, Ind., thanks RADIO AGE for Radio Age by amateurs who help given in making up a small

like to help out the coming radio telegraphic generation with hints and suggestions on receiving and transmitting circuits.

TUBE to take the place A of the UX-112 and for use as a heavy duty power amplifier tube is the UX-171 recently released by the Radio Corporation. Maximum plate potential is 180 volts with a 40.5 grid bias voltage and 20 mills current drawn. For 90 volts the 171 takes 16.5 volts and draws 10 mills. When operating tube at full voltage and mill capacity a choke and bypass should be placed between the tube's plate and the loud speaker to isolate the DC component from the loud speaker. The choke may run from 10 to 30 henrys while the bypass should be from 2 to 6 microfarads. The secondary of an ordinary audio transformer will make a good choke. Or the output may be delivered to a 1 to 1 output transformer, the secondary of which is connected to the speaker. In either event the current from the tube will not flow the windings of the loud speaker.

ONALD S. ROSE, supervisor of interference of the



portable set with which to run down power line interference. The club has organized a campaign against radiative receivers and power leaks and is meeting with success in both lines of endeavor due to the civic spirit of the owners of radiative receivers as well as the cooperative spirit of the local power company.

ISTANCE seekers, or even those who are casually interested in the air-line mileage between cities may secure a government table, made up by the Department of Commerce. This table shows the distance between fifty leading broadcast centers of the country. It is published by the government printing office and sells for five cents a copy.

WE are advised by the Engi-neer in charge of WJZ at New York at the present time that station is not operating any short wave telephone channels. For a time WJZ was to be heard on the short waves but apparently work on that band has been discontinued.

E. FILIES, Jr., 702 Ocean F. Ave., Portland, Me., must have been a cow puncher in his youth for the manner in which he has rounded up 353 broadcasting stations and logged them all. In the list is included a large number of amateurs. It's hard enough to have to listen on that many stations, but to log them on paper is still harder. Here's your button. Mr. Filies!

O NE of the hardest tests that can be imposed upon a B-eliminator is to use it on a short wave receiver in handling amateur traffic on 40 or 80 meters. In this case the operator must wear headphones and if there is any discernible ripple it will be evident.

Recently at the Radio Age laboratory we had an opportunity of testing the Mayolian B supply unit which in addition to the conventional detector, r. f. and audio voltage taps, has a

high tap for a maximum of 180 volts. The unit uses a Ravtheon tube. Hooking up the eliminator to the short wave receiver at the station we operated the set for six hours handling traffic and getting even the faintest signals on the dial without ever knowing we had an eliminator hooked up. If any eliminator passes such a test you can know it is an eliminator.

TWO interesting patents were recently granted A. H. Taylor of Washington, D. C. The first one was for the operation of a number of quartz crystals in series in the grid circuit of a crystal oscillator, and the other one the operation of a number of crystals in parallel in the grid circuit of the crystal oscilator.

The latter patent interested us most, and will interest many amateurs, on account of the higher power which can be put on a single oscillator when two or more crystals are used in parallel. In these cases, however, the crystals must be one thousandth of one per cent accurate, so as to permit their oscillation in parallel. Hodge of 4BY, referred to elsewhere in these columns, is now doing some work along that line and we expect to be able to chronicle his results in a later issue of Radio Age.

REPLYING to a recent letter from RADIO AGE covering the subject of keying at high power, C. W. Horn, superintendent of radio operations of the Westinghouse interests at Pittsburgh, has the following to say:

"The question of keying a transmitter does not hinge so much on the question of wavelength as the type of transmitter. Where high power is used and in congested centers it is necessary that no disturbance be created which will interfere with traffic or reception on other wavelengths. This particularly holds your neighbors' line, are quite apt true as regards interference with and could be followed with good broadcast frequencies. Any meth- results by all amateurs using alod which causes the energy to ternating current as original supstart and stop suddenly in the an- ply.

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tenna system will cause key clicks. Therefore the only method now available for keving which will prevent such disturbances is that of shifting the wavelength, which has the objectionable feature of utilizing two wave bands instead of one authorized by the license. This can be minimized by shifting the wave but a few hundred cycles, thus using a band no wider than that which would be used if the transmitter was modulated as in broadcasting. The Westinghouse Company has been doing this to some extent successfully, but it requires especially fine receiving equipment with careful adjustment on the part of the operator.

"The matter of varying the load on the rectifiers is one that can be taken care of in several ways. One is to use no chokes and another is to provide an artificial load when the key is up. Another way is to provide a modulating system and to key in that manner, but this is somewhat inefficient for the reason it requires more equipment such as tubes. etc.

"Of the several factors above I consider the matter of preventing interference to broadcast listeners the most important one. Amateurs who desire to make use of transmitting equipment should be careful to refrain from using unrectified current and to cause no key clicks. They should also provide proper equipment across the power supply lines to drain that system of any high frequency energy, which is probably the way most of the interference is caused to neighbors. as in many sections large areas are connected to the same low tension side of the transformer that the amateur is using. In some localities all secondaries of distribution transformers are tied together, thus increasing the possibility of this sort of interference."

We believe Mr. Horn's statements, particularly about draining your power supply so as to curb RF pickup going out onto

REPORTS received regarding 2XAF just before publication date state voice transmission from that station is being regularly heard in South Africa and Australia. The transmitter used at 2XAF (Schenectady, General Electric Co.) is crystal controlled and uses a vertical antenna hardly fifty feet long, suspended from the cross arm of a wooden pole seventy feet high. The aerial is a single wire about the thickness of a lead pencil. The wave used is 32.79 meters. Reception of this wave at the RADIO AGE laboratory for the past few weeks has been extremely consistent and loud using only a detector and one stage receiver. We have no data as to the antenna current at 2XAF but imagine it is of rather high value on account of the large input.

ELMER W. SCHMIDT, 3108 N. Christiana Ave., Chicago, III., in addition to being a dial twister, is a candidate for the amateur game. His log includes many of the worth while broadcast stations and a number of amateur stations. The August number of RADIO AGE will have some interesting matter for the telegraphic fraternity.

## WORKED 9BHX

Following are amateurs reported as having worked 9BHX during the month of May:

8CJM	5ARH
9ACL	6CUW
4PF	2FR
4JR	9CJQ
9AHM	4VQ
5AQT	8APM
4BY	4BK
4QE	5ACY
4SC	5LS
3BNR	9D00
5AUZ	2KG
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17420	17.21	Key West, Fla., training
17300	17.33	New Orleans, La., training
17260	17.37	Great Lakes, Ill., training
16980	17.65	San Diego, Calif., training
16860	17.72	Cavite, P. I., training
16820	17.82	USS Henderson (NOH) for training (NLE, NEZB, NITZ)
16700	17.89	San Francisco, Calif., training
16300	18.38	Honolulu, T. H., training
16220	18.42	Norfolk, Va., training, Puget Sound, Wash.
13215	22.68	Charleston, S. C., training
13065	22.94	Key West, Fla., training
12975	23.10	New Orleans, La., training
12945	23.17	Great Lakes, Ill., training
12735	23.54	San Diego, Calif., training
12645	23.71	Cavite, P. I., training
12615	23.76	USS Henderson (NOH) for training
12525	23.93	San Francisco, Calif., training
12435	24.11	Boston, Mass., training
12225	24.52	Honolulu, T. H. training
12165	24.64	Puget Sound, Wash., and Norfolk, Va., training
8810	34.03	Charleston, S. C., training
8710	34.42	Key West, Fla., training
8650	34.66	New Orleans, La., training
8630	34.74	Great Lakes, Ill., training
8490	35.31	San Diego, Calif., training (NQG)
8430	35.57	Cavite, P. I., training
8410	35.65	USS Henderson (NOH) for training
8350	35.91	San Francisco, Calif., training
8290	36.17	Boston, Mass., training
8150	36.79	Honolulu, T. H., training
8110	36.97	Puget Sound, Wash., Norfolk, Va., training
6972	43.11	San Francisco, Calif., (NPG)
6118	49.00	Honolulu, T. H. (NPM)
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		New Orleans, La., training
4315	69.50	Great Lakes, Ill., training
4245	70.60	San Diego, Calif., training
4215	71.10	Cavite, P. I., training
4205	71.30	USS Henderson (NOH) for training
4193	71.50	Washington, D. C. (NKF)
4175	71.80	San Francisco, Calif., training
4145	72.30	Boston, Mass., training
4075	73.60	Honolulu, T. H., training
4055	73.90	Puget Sound, Wash., Norfolk, Va., training
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Clapp-Eastham Company Moves to New York

LAPP-EASTHAM Company. C located for many years at Cambridge, Mass., has moved their whole plant to Long Island City, N. Y., according to announcement of Verner A. Hendrickson, the president. This move marks the passing of the world's oldest exclusive radio manufacturer from New England

For over twenty years the Clapp-Eastham Company has been located at 139 Main St., Cambridge. Its new quarters are in the Chicle Bldg., Thompson Ave., Long Island City. This location was made necessary to obtain larger quarters, particularly for space and to secure a national distributing point. The new factory is modern and up-to-date in every respect.

An entire new line will be brought out. One of the receivers is designed either for "A" or "B" eliminators.

Both sets will utilize the timetested radio frequency circuit with controlled regeneration added. The receiver will be wholly "squealless."

The company has been re-organized on a large scale and will go into volume production. It will continue under the direction of Hendrickson, who is a well-known pioneer in the industry.

## Los Angeles Show

THE exposition committee of the Radio Trades Association of Southern California under whose guidance the successful 1925 Radio Show was held, announces September 5 to 11, inclusive, as the dates for the 1926 Radio Show, which will again be held in the Ambassador Auditorium at Los Angeles.

Mayolian B Supply



1HE Mavolian "B" supply shown above is encased in a beautiful mottled blue grav metal cabinet, with a satin finish aluminum base and top, and engraved Bakelite panel.

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With the Mayolian one can obtain a high "B" voltage up to 180 volts, which is quite desirable for power amplification.

### Abandon KOP

ETROIT police recently abandoned their broadcasting station, KOP, to operate a station known as WCK on 144.8 meters.

## Leaks in Vacuum

THE TOBE Deutschmann Company, Cornhill, Boston, Mass., has secured the contract as sole representatives in the United States for the Loewe leaks. These are metallic resistors in a vacuum tube, designed and developed by Doctor Siegmund Loewe of Berlin.

St. Louis Radio Show THE ST. LOUIS Radio Trades Association will hold its second show October 18 to 23. inclusive. It is known as the second annual southwest national radio exposition, at the Wm. P. Mackle is Coliseum. executive secretary, 1207 Syndicate Trust Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

New Models of Burns Speakers THE American Electric Com-

pany of Chicago are announcing new models in their Burns loud speakers for the coming season. They will have something particularly attractive in the new floor cabinet speaker-the Burns Ortho-Harmonic. Some rather original features have been worked out in this speaker, embodying the latest developments in acoustics.

Included in these new developments by the American Electric Company will be the Burns Hi-Lo Speaker Unit. The reproducing qualities of this unit will certainly prove a revelation as to what is possible in this type of equipment -the range of tone, the volume, and above all else the remarkable timbre.

## New Code Channel

THE Radio Corporation has L just opened a new short-wave commercial radio telegraph station at Rocky Point, N. Y. It will carry on a continuous service on 18 meters. The call is WLL.

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## Aerial Night's Entertainment -and Otherwise

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plaintively that in every home he had visited where they owned a radio set, the old familiar air was rolling forth from some point of the compass. The reason for the occasional renaissance of some forgotten composition by a score of stations on the same night must be added to the ever-growing list of broadcast mysteries.

## Jazz To Stav

TO RETURN to our Lom-bardos,-they sing as well as play.-or almost as well as they play.-and one of the brothers. Carmen, we believe, has a voice which he uses to advantage in the popular numbers which make up the orchestra's repertoire. One's impression of this organization is that it symbolizes youth, -yet that may be said of all jazz. Some one asked the other day where jazz musicians go when they get old, and the reply. "Into the symphonies," can scarcely be correct, for so many of them come from there. The more we listen to orchestras of this character the more we agree with Paul Whiteman that jazz. carefully and conscientiously executed, has come to stay. In the case of the Lombardo outfit. there is scarcely a home with dancing feet that does not know their music.

Another WTAM feature along this same line is Austin Wylie's Vocalion Recording Orchestra, which alternates with the Lombardos in the noon-day and evening dance programs. The outstanding feature of this organization seems to be one Jack Rose, who performs on a variety of instruments that embraces almost everything but our pet aversion, the vibraphone.

Carl Rupp and his Hollenden Hotel Orchestra have done much to add to the prestige of WTAM. Aside from the dinner-hour concerts from the hotel, they put on an hour Saturday night that is always worth waiting for. Occasionally they turn them. selves into a symphony and do some exquisite bit, again they cater to the popular taste, but

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all their performances are conscientious and show careful conducting. Mr. Rupp is a composer of reputation,-his chief claim to fame the past winter being the melodious "Love Bound." We've liked especially his arrangements of old musical comedies and hits of former years, a class of music that has a wide appeal, and to date has not been overdone.

When WTAM wants to be really serious and produce music of the highest order it puts on the Willard Symphony, under the able direction of Walter Logan. We have heard some very fine concerts and operatic productions the past winter from this organization and assisting vocalists.

And then there are the broadcasts from Cleveland's great public Auditorium, which embrace a wide range of subjects. and it is on these programs that Louis Rich and his Blue Room Orchestra are heard. In fact an attempt to catalog all the many features this station has at its disposal is somewhat bewildering. While WTAM is essentially a cheerful station, and most of its broadcasts are designed to chase away the blues rather than disseminate heavy culture, there is a fine balance to its programs that makes them acceptable to all classes.

### Saturday Night Session

WE KNOW not what embryonic Earl Carroll conceived the idea that it was fitting and proper for radio stations to have a mental lapse one night in the week, and stage what is commonly known as a "nutty" program, (and it is possibly well for the genius that he is unknown to posterity) but the idea caught on to a deplorable extent, and in the average case has done more to injure broadcasting with intelligent listeners than any other single phase of radio. The "clubs," the "gangs," the "owls," and other multitudinous organizations, that through poor direction, indifferent talent, and in many cases, flagrant bad "ombine to make night hideous, have discouraged many a listener. Too often the humor (Please turn to page 57)

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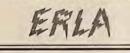
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## Porto Rico-The Enchanted Isle

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sleep under blankets in the high lands.

The island has been called Uncle Sam's Tropical Garden and truly, with its flowers, its gorgeous sunsets and its leisurely life it merits the description.

## Porto Rico Booster

T HOUGH Mr. Agusty's enthusiasm for radio is keen he is an even greater booster for Porto Rico. And he knows how, for he began to hustle at the age of fourteen, when his parents died and he found himself at the head of the family with brothers to support.

His first job was watchmaking. Later he was employed in the printing department of the Insular Government and after his interest in radio developed finally found himself in his present happy niche with WKAQ.

He will tell you that it was at Arroyo, Porto Rico, that Morse tried out his telegraph invention and he can see no reason why equally important developments in radio should not also take place in the beloved isle.

In the twelve months ending June, 1925, the United States exports of radio supplies amounted to \$13,642 and the difficulty of obtaining receiving sets locally is one of the reasons that the estimated number of radio listeners in the island is about 2,500.

The remnants of the peculiar living conditions of Spanish days still linger in the roots of the common people. The *jibaro*, (mountain dweller) comes slowly under the influence of modernity; but he is coming; and a great and wonderful future is opening before his eyes.

In the meantime massive machinery goes on crushing sugar cane. There is horse racing and baseball. Evening concerts are given in the Plaza Principal in front of a City Hall built in 1799; the fort of San Cristobal frowns down upon the doings of tamarindo vendors and palm leaf hat merchants. The Ballaja Barracks, built for 2,000 Spanish soldiers and now occupied by Porto Rican members of Uncle

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Sam's army, floats the Stars and Stripes above.

In San Juan the clubs and varied women's activities advance the cause of civilization in their own ways while on top of the telephone building Mr. Agusty stands before the microphone of WKAQ, the living voice of Porto Rico-with its Spanish accent—alive, enthusiastic, full of hope and promise and vibrant with the romance of the Enchanted Island.



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## Tube Rejuvenation Is An Attractive Operation (Continued from page 23)

the filament to produce the plate current necessary to impress the characteristics of the received radio waves upon the diaphragm of the phone or loud speaker. At this point the tube is "dead," though its filament may burn as gaily as before.

The thorium in the filament, however, may not be completely exhausted. In the deeper strata of the metal there may be lurking particles that can be coaxed to the surface and made to function. Some scientist discovered that the way to bring them out was to keep the filament heated but prevent the escape of electrons from the tube.

## **Hastening** Process

F more than the voltage usually delivered by the radio storage battery is available, the process of rejuvenation may be hastened. Sixteen to eighteen volts, applied for thirty seconds, then ten volts applied for about ten minutes, are the doses for 6-volt tubes, according to a recent radio text book. For the lowvoltage tubes it is better to apply not more than twelve volts for the first half-minute period, and the eight volts for ten minutes. These figures do not agree exact-



ly with the recommendations of some manufacturers concerning tubes of their own manufacture. Alternating current appears to work as well as direct current, as it heats the filament equally well. There is no sixty-cycle hum because there are no phones or loud speaker in the circuit to hum it. Transformers that will step down the voltage of the house lighting circuit to that required for the rejuvenating process may he found in toy shops.

The tube rejuvenators now on the market enable the user to make his methods more exact. Some of them are designed for use with alternating current. These contain transformers to reduce the voltage so as to regulate the voltage applied to the filament. Those designed for use with direct current need no trans-

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formers, of course, but do have resistances. The directions furnished with these devices tell just what treatment to give each type of tube. Some of the rejuvenators have meters, so that the result of the rejuvenation may be measured before the tube is returned to its socket in the radio set.

With the prices of tubes reduced as they have been, and with these processes of rejuvenation demonstrated to be practical, there are now no reasons why we should not play with radio all we want to, except those that wifie enumerates along about 3 a.m. as she leans over the banister in her nightie and inquires, with quinine-coated sarcasm, why, since we can sit up all night listening for Europe, we cannot keep awake one hour in church!



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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. On the basis of the split wave theory of transmission, it becomes obvious that if the sky wave goes through an arc reaching 100 miles or

sure 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 con-

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jects Tests UBSTANTIATION of the theory that radio waves split into a ground wave and a sky wave in passage from

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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-conduct-

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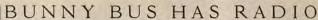
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## Zenith Doing Much to Make Radios Beautiful

(Continued from page 9) coils being arranged on a shaft which turns in step with the variable condensers and alters the inductive coupling between the RF primaries and the secondaries.

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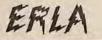
In addition to receivers so far the Zenith organization is manufacturing two accessories. The first is a B eliminator which has been on the market a short while, and the second is the new Zenith reproducer, which is also shown pictorially in these columns. In designing this new reproducer the Zenith engineers have succeeded in getting a much larger resonant surface into a smaller space than it had been thought possible. The range of tone is from that of the shrill notes of the upper register of a pipe organ or a piccolo down to the rumbling notes of the bass.

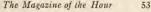
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To locate a station, the loop dial should be set at twenty, and the oscillator rotated slowly from ten to thirty. A click may be heard, and if so, a station would come in a few degrees either side of this point. If no station is heard, the loop dial should be moved in steps of two degrees over its entire range, the oscillator being rotated through a range of from ten to fifteen degrees below the loop dial to ten to fifteen degrees above it, for each setting of the loop dial.

Once a station is heard, the dial settings may be written down and the station tuned in again later at these same figures. Two points will be found for all stations on the oscillator dial, with one on the loop dial. Rotating the loop will strengthen signals, or help to eliminate unwanted stations, as it is quite directional. It will be difficult at first to tune with a loud-speaker due to the extreme selectivity of the set, and headphones should be used. Loud speaker volume will be obtained from locals on six tubes, and on far distant stations on all seven. or in a few cases, on six tubes. Once a few stations have been heard, the rheostat should be turned down as far as possible to save the tubes and batteries.





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## Aerial Night's Entertainment —and Otherwise

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is of the "smart-aleck" brand, the lyrics of a type that would not be attempted at any other hour, and the whole affair so common and small-time, that one wonders what manner of mind can possibly be edified by such an exhibition. Here again WTAM has succeeded.

At nine o'clock on Saturday night it turns its microphone over to Everett Jones and his accomplices, and there ensues three hours of absolute irresponsible absurdity, which gets by with some of the most captious listeners simply because it is funny and clever. We don't know where Mr. Jones holds forth the other six nights in the week, but if he is responsible for the programs, he has a genius for clowning that is worthy of wider recognition. Aided and abetted by Art Herske, to whom we have had occasion to refer previously, the versatile Everett guides his crew of really able jazz artists through a vaudeville hodgepodge that we would willingly pay full price plus war tax, to hear across the footlights. Mr. Jones is one of these young men, who can do almost anything with a piano, like Gamby, he "sings," and if you haven't heard him put on "The Three Trees," and "The King With The Terible Temper," you've missed a lot out of your radio life. Here, again there seems to be a superfluity of talent to draw on, and when some wandering minstrel such as Art Gilliam or Jack Little happens at the station, he fits into the general scheme as "guest artist." and the riot goes on more merrily than before. Mr. Herske uses a Roxy-esque method of presenting the performers, and the whole affair has an intimate flavor that seems to make it a family institution.

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ation of the June set. By making use of the log-a-wave chart found every month on the last page of RADIO AGE the receiver can be logged, starting in at the lowest station on the dial on up to the highest one. The volume can be controlled by means of the regenerative tandem which is turned to zero when minimum volume is desired on the locals.

#### **Different Experiments**

ANYONE making the receiver Acan readily compare the difference between the set without the first tube in it and that using the r. f. stage even if it is biased down to a point so as to prevent radiation. As a straight regenerative receiver without the first tube in (and antenna and ground having been transferred to the second coil) there is naturally some increase in volume, but selectivity has departed out of the picture. Putting back the



first tube and coil gives almost as much volume but with a great increase in the selectivity of the receiver. Taking off the wire from the regenerative tandem to the first regenerative coil makes the set more unstable and a trifle broader, so the use of tandem regenerative effects are justified in practice. There are many experiments which the builder may go into if he desires. The vacant coil in the second torostyle can be hooked up with a zero to 200,000 ohm Centralab variable resistor across it to alter the regenerative position of that particular inductance. It can also be bridged with a small condenser and tuned to a higher period than its own fundamental. It can also be hooked in series with the normal primary to allow greater transfer of energy.

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## Canadians Do Not Like Interference

OF the seventy-one Canadian broadcasting stations, 23 are operated by amateur clubs and non-commercial organizations, 17 by radio dealers and manufacturers, 14 by railway and commercial houses, 9 by the press, and four each by religious organizations and retail stores, according to Director C. P. Edwards of the Canadian Radio Service.

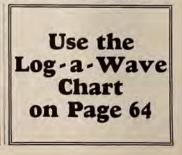
Actually there are but 59 individual stations broadcasting. the Director explains, but twelve other organizations or individuals hold what are termed "phantom" licenses permitting them to operate from the existing stations under their own call letters which are independent from the regular station call. This reduces the number of stations which ordinarily would be required, and is fortunate in view of the scarcity of broadcast channels in Canada. The Dominion has but six exclusive wave lengths, not used in the United States, and shares eleven other channels with this country.

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## Tube Paralysis May Be Cause of Strange Effects

(Continued from page 24) as when they were new, except that their life will be somewhat shorter than that of a new tube. In addition, this treatment can often be applied to the same tube several succeeding times. Truly the monkey gland operation of radio, n'est ce pas?

## Sometimes Doesn't Work

Sometimes, however, for some unexplained reason, the above described reactivation process fails to restore the faulty tube, the plate current reading in the test set being even lower after the attempt at rejuvenation. This has so far been thought to indicate that all the available thorium in the filament has been used.

It is at this juncture that the peculiar process of rejuvenation for these heretofore unreclaimable tubes which has been developed by Mr. Humphrey steps in, seeming to entirely disprove the used up thorium idea, for it brings all these worthless tubes back to normal. Why? Nobody knows, but I have a theory as to what happens which is logical, if nothing else. Only prolonged experimentation can prove or disprove the truth of the following hypothesis, but whether right or wrong, it at least gives a plausible base upon which to make experiments.

To understand this theory, it will perhaps be best to first see why a "good" tube would be paralvzed by the circuit shown in Figure No. 1. This is simply shown. The plate and grid of the tube carry a twenty-two and one-half volt positive charge, which alone would tend to cause a heavy emission of the negatively charged thorium electrons at normal filament voltage. Added to this is the further driving effect of the augmented filament voltage, which is forty per cent above normal. It will readily be seen that with this abnormal demand on the filament the thorium could not possibly replace itself from the interior of the wire at the same rate that it is driven off of the surface, and consequently, it is soon in the state of paralyzation. Ordinary reactivation, however, would in most

cases restore it to perfect condition, because the effect on the tube is the same as if it had been paralyzed by prolonged use in a set.

It is just the above described driving effect of the forty per cent augmented filament voltage coupled with the strong attractive power of the twenty-two and one-half volt positive charge on the plate and grid (which is of course much nearer to the filament than is the plate) that turns the trick!

In the case of the so-called absolutely worthless tube all the thorium which is left is undoubtedly buried deep down at the very heart of the filament wire, hence ordinary methods will not serve to bring it to the surface.

The fact that practically all the thorium has been driven off the surface of the filament undoubtedly slightly changes the skin resistance of the filament and is responsible for the slightly decreased current draw of this member in a "bad" tube. This would also account for the fact that the current draw is brought back to normal when the tube is finally reclaimed.

M R. HUMPHREY'S method, as described in his article, is a slow one, and the probable effect is that the combined driving power of the forty per cent higher filament voltage and the heavy positive charge on the plate and grid of the tube cause the deeply buried thorium to gradually be forced to the surface. If the process were to be continued too long, however, (and this agrees with the remark made by Mr. Humphrey in his article that a "so-called good tube would be paralyzed if treated in this manner") it would again become completely paralyzed due to the thorium which had been drawn so forcibly to the surface of the filament being just as forcibly driven from the surface.

It is the fact that a good tube would be ruined by the treatment outlined above that is responsible for the theory which I have just recounted, and which makes that theory plausible.

Should this theory be correct, the process would be undoubtedly

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hastened (but made more hazardous and critical) if the positive charge on the plate and grid were made considerably higher in voltage, say forty-five or even ninety volts. The same thing would hold true for a raise in the filament voltage above the recommended seven volts.

As soon as possible I hope to make some experiments along this line, but have manifestly had no time to do so at this date. I am, however, presenting this theory for what it is worth.



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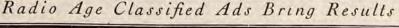
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