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## Chats With the Editor

SCANNING the pages of this issue our readers will find a wealth of construction ma-terial-from the simplest to the most complex receiver. One feature this month deserves special mention. On page 18 we are printing full constructional data on the superheterodyne originally described in the November issue. Flooded with requests from all parts of the country, and from abroad, it became almost imperative that further data be given to at least attempt to stem the tide of correspondence which this set evoked. So we trust we have done our duty well and that all our correspondents will find an answer to their every question.

Next month, due to the craving of the average home constructor for a beautifol thirty-six inch cone speaker, we are going to publish complete details that will enable any reader to make such a cone and get real enjoyment from the task, which, by the way, is not so difficult as it might seem.

Fans who have followed the description of the Henry-Lyford receiver will find another article by Mr. Lyford in this issue which will increase their stock of knowledge on that subject.

For the beginner in our next issue we will have a new article from the pen of Armstrong Perry showing a few of the possibilities of regeneration, while the seasoned builder will find described a well-known receiver with power amplifier installed in the same cabinet.

Be sure to read Robert J. Casey's humorous story of the vicissitudes of broadcasting-it will be found on page 11 of this number.


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[^0]IMPORTANT work is leing tone for radio broadcasting by the National Radio Co-ordinating Committec, which has been formed to push the passage of legislation that will regulate the number of stations, their wave lengths and their power. The committee realizes that it is going to be difficult to obtain definite action from the next congris lut they are prepared to do their best to convince our national legistators that delay in passing a radio bill is sure to work hardship on a great industry and inflict an increaking antoyance upon twentyfive millions or more of broadeast listeners.

If is obvious to everybody that if the present umregulated rush for wave lengits continues the broadeast listener is going to suffer. The math who has invested consider:ble sums in receiving equipment will be discouraged ty ontinued failure to tume in his favorite stations without interference from wave-jumpers. His attitude will be commuricated to the man who is considering the question of huying a receiver. The facts are so plain they seem almost too obvious to be mentioned.

The owners of WGN recently obtained an iujunction against WGES on the contention that in moving its wave length up 00316 it was trispassing upon the wave band used by WGN, whose wave length is 303. IVGN alleged that in operatiog a station and cansing upwards of 500,000 persons to take such interest in advance programs of the station that they would buy The Chicago Tribune to obtain the program information the station lad established a property tight to the air, or a baud of the air. This contention was upheld by the court. The Tribune also was upheld in its argoment that priority in operating on a wave-length further established the property right. Various stations linve given warning that they will protect their wave length by injunction proceedings boif WGN is the first to bring the mather to a definite issue. There will be a trial of the WGN-WGES controversy to determine whether the injunction will be permanent. There will be appeals and ferther litigation and none can say what may be the outcome.

It is clearly set ont in the court's decision in the IWGNWGES suit that the court regards the regulation of waye lengths as one properly within the province and duties of congress. It is intimated that any decisions in present controversies will le supplanted and should be supplanted by Tederal legislation.
That is why every man interested in the progress of radio as a social factor should exert his influence foward prompt action by congress. In any case it should be remembered that it is not the interest of the broadcast station owner which is paramount it any settifment of the question of rights on the air. The prime object should be to care for the millions of radio listeners who are gettings news, entertainment and instruction from
the broadcast stations. If anybody doubts the immense interest of the public in radio broadcasting let them climinate broadcasting for a week and then take note of the country-wide how that would certainly be the first reaction. Radio demands a federal law which is ayplicahle to radio as it functions today. All other means of regulation and control must necessarily break down.

QUEEN MARIE of Roumania afforded Americans an interesting example of the rather autocratic attitude of royalty toward the common herd. And Americans supplied the Queen. with a demonstration of how the homo folks in a free country regard even the appearance of slight on the part of distinguished visitors. The Queen was to have spoken from a New York station at a definitely scheduled time and announcements from the station had led hundreds of thousands of listeners to tune in for the Queen's talk. It appears that the Queen arrived at the studio in advance of the time she was scheduled to speak. She wanted to go on at onces, explaining that she was in laste to keep another engagement, etc. The studio directors on their side explained that vast numbers of radio listeners expected to hear her at a given moment and that if the time were advanced most of them srould be disappointed. The Queen and her entourage declined to wait and departed from the studio. The royal party must lave reccived considerable proof of the general amoyance caused by this failure to carry out the announced program for the Queen's apologieand explanations were profuse on the following morning. The Queen found out two things about America. The people tahe their radio seriously and they are not Roumanian in their popular intequretation of the rules that govern the relations between moyatty and home folls. The Queen was an indefatigable broadcast talker for the remainder of her tour.

THIS magazine enters its sixth year with the present issue. We take this opportumity of wishing a happy and prosperous 1927 for all those who have heer vor loyal friends since we established the magazine, back in the pioneering days of broadeasting, and to those new Iriends who are constandly appearing in our list of regular readers. We start the new year with two new departments which we believe will interest those who are radio experimenters as well as many who are not. Everyday mechanics and current developments of seience are subjects of sufficient fascination to appeal to all clastes of readers. To the readers of Rado Age, who, we assume, are inclined to be technically-minded, we believe the pages on mechanics and popularized science witt be particularly selcome.


# Radio Frequency Amplification forthe Crystal Detector Set 

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

ANYONE who took up radio in the natural way has a crystal detector set somewhere in the attic. Anyone with a family, or, even with neighbors, sees times when he would be glad to have a little set all to himself and clamp on a pair of phones to keep out extraneous noises while listening to broadcasts that do not enterest the entourage. The weak point of the crystal detector is its limited receiving range. That can be extended, inexpensively, by using a one-tube radio frequency amplifier. Very likely it will make the little receiver reach out five hundred miles, which is about twenty times the usual range of the simple crystal detector hookup and far enough to pull in an earful any time.

Go on-you can too make it yourself, if you know a screw driver from a pair of pliers. The circuit that includes the detector and phones can be left as it is. If it is a single circuit outfit, the antenna leads directly to the cat whisker that tickles the crystal. The crystal is connected to one tip of the phone cord and the other tip connects with the ground, via a wire or two and a binding post. One end of the inductance coil is hooked to the antenna and the other
end to the ground. The tuning condenser usually is shunted around this coil, but may be in series at one end or the other. The coil may or may not be tapped. There may be a fixed condenser shunting the phones, to intensify the signals.

The two-circuit hook-up has two coils instead of one. One is connected to the antenna and ground just as the single coil in


One stage of radio frequency amplification coupled to a crystal detector through a variocoupler
the single-circuit outfit is. The other is close to this and the two form a coupler. The coil hooked to the antenna is the primary, because it is the first to receive the energy from the ether. The other coil is the secondary because it is the second to receive the energy. Just as in school, the incoming visitors go through the primary grade first and the secondary next.

The secondary circuit looks,
when diagrammed, like the single circuit with the antenna and ground connections omitted. It includes the tuning condenser, the crystal detector and the phones. There may be a condenser in the primary circuit also. It may be in series between the antenna and the primary coil or between the coil and the ground connection, or attached to both ends of the coil in a shunt connection. The single circuit loses less energy and therefore may give louder signals, but selectivity is increased by two circuits connected through a coupler. A weak signal with less intereference may be better than a stronger one with more interference.

It is well to diagram the crystal detector outfit so that all details can be seen at a glance. Trying to carry too much information in the head is hard on the brains. Then the radio frequency amplifier should be diagrammed. The diagram may save the price of a tube, if you use it to check up your work just before you start to connect the filament with the wrong end of the " $B$ " battery.

There are various ways of designing a radio frequency amplifier. None of them is too complicated even for a beginner. Following some other fellow's
design takes half the fun out of the job. Be original, and you will discover that some wise guy imitated your design years ago.
The radio frequency amplifier belongs between the detector and the antenna. Start at the antenna and work toward the detector. An expert will, of course, figure out the inductance and capacity of his antenna and design it to fit his set. If he does not forget the tin roofs, metal framed buildings, trees and other nearby objects that may absorb energy and cause capacity effects, he may secure better results than the common variety of radio bug. Roughly, the fundamental wavelength of the aerial is about three times its length. It is quite safe, for ordinary purposes, to run a wire from the garage to the house and trust the variable inductances and condensers to tune to the stations you want to hear.

## Variable Condenser

YOU may place a variable condenser in series between the antenna and the inductance coil that comes next. It will help with the tuning. The inductance coil may be tapped or not. Some prefer a flexible unit, adaptable to wide bands of wavelengths, and others believe in covering a narrow band more efficiently and getting rid of effects caused by dead ends. A 50 -turn honeycomb coil, or some other type of coil containing about the same value of inductance, and a .00025 or .0005 condenser work well together for broadcasting wavelengths. Either the coil or the condenser, or both should be variable.

The antenna, or the series condenser, if there is one in the antenna circuit, connects with the grid of the amplifier tube. If the rotor of the condenser, its movable part, is toward the ground, connect the grid to the stator. Changing the connections, so that the stator connects with the ground and grid, may make a difference. Try both ways and compare results on the same signal.

The filament circuit for the tube is the same as in most tube circuits. The directions that come with the tube may state that the positive terminal of the "A" battery should be connected with the rheostat that regulates the current. If the connections are not specified, try both ways. Any type of amplifier tube may be used except the new kind designed for the last stage of audio frequency amplification only. The correct voltages, as stated in the directions, should be applied to filament and plate. The manufacturers know more about these things than the local standing committee. As few constructors care to spend any large sum for add-


One stage of radio frequency amplification, including regeneration, transformercoupled to a crystal detector. Either a variocoupler or a radio-frequency amplifying transformer may be used in coupling the plate circuit of the tube to the crystal detector citcuit
ing an amplifier to a crystal set, dry-cell tubes are likely to be chosen.

A potentiometer is a useful device in radio frequency amplification. It is known also as a stabilizer, for it helps to prevent the tube from oscillating. It resembles a rheostat in having a coil of resistance wire as its principal element, but instead of being connected in series it is shunted across the terminals of the "A" battery. There is a variable contact in the middle of the coil as well as the terminal contacts at the two ends. From this middle contact a wire leads to the grid, sometimes by way of the inductance coil. The result is that the grid is made positive and the grid circuit absorbs an appreciable amount of power. The effect is similar to that of a " C " battery used to place a biasing potential on the grid.

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It may be difficult to find a potentiometer, unless you shop by mail. I asked three local radio dealers in my town for once and every one of them asked me what that thing was. A wire rheostat can be used by eliminating the connection between the tongue and the end of the coil and connecting the tongue with the grid. The ends of the coil are connected to the filament or "A" battery terminals.

The plate of the tube is connected to the primary coil of the coupler. If a single-circuit crystal set is used, the plate is connected, through a condenser, to the end of the single coil to which the detector is attached. The condenser prevents the " $B$ " battery current from entering the detector, where it might fuse the cat whisker to the crystal. The positive terminal of the " B " battery is connected with the other end of the coil and the negative terminal is connected with the "A" battery. Either minus-to-plus or minus-to-minus connections may be tried. So long as the positive terminal of the "B" battery is kept away from the filament connections there is no danger of burning out the tube. A resistance is connected in series between the plate and the " $B$ " battery.

The output resistance of a tube often is specified by the manufacturer and 11,000 to 15,000 ohms may be required for efficient operation. If a suitable resistance element is not at hand, an old-time amateur device may be tried. Draw a line on paper with a lead pencil or India ink. Place the paper on a little base of dry wood or bakelite where it will form a connection between two screws or binding posts that touch the ends of the line. Test the resistance and change it by erasing the line, or part of it, and making a new line that is thinner or fatter. A short, fat line probably will come nearer providing the proper resistance than a long, thin one.

Where coupled circuits are used, the variable tuning con-
denser may be shunted either cy amplifier amplifies the voltaround the primary or the secondary coil. Try it in both positions.

## Transformer Coupling

CONNECTING the amplifier with the two-circuit crystal detector set, as described above, gives what is known as transformer coupling. The tuning coils can be placed in the anten-- na circuit and a radio frequency amplifying transformer used for coupling the amplifier to the detector circuit. It will give increased amplification. Connecting the amplifier with a singlecircuit crystal set, as stated, gives resistance coupling. Each type of coupling has advantages and disadvantages.
Government experts have stated that resistance-coupled amplifiers seldom give full amplification below 1,000 meters. On the other hand, they save some troubles due to distortion. They require more " $B$ " battery power than transformercoupled amplifiers, so they are less desirable for use in portable sets.

One weakness of the radiofrequency transformer is that usually it covers a narrow band of wavelengths. The United States Bureau of Standards built several hundred of them, studied them exhaustively and produced a type that gave good amplification over a comparatively wide range. One of the men who worked on the problem resigned from the Bureau and manufactured transformers of this type, but the fact that he made them in plug-in form, so that one could be removed and another substituted easily, indicates that even the best do not give equal amplification over the entire broadcastin range of wavelengths.
Some have found it difficult to understand how a radio frequency amplifier amplifies weak signals more in proportion than strong signals, while an audio frequency amplifier amplifies strong signals more than weak ones. The secret lies in the fact that the radio frequen-
age applied to the detector and is not concerned with increasing the power output, while the audio frequency amplifier must amplify the power available to actuate the diaphragm of the phones or the loud speaker. Vibrating a diaphragm or cone and propagating sound waves


One stage of radio frequency amplification resistance-coupled to single-circuit crystal detector set
that must run through thousands of cubic feet of air and make themselves heard by many ears requires much more energy than it does to increase the grid potential of a tube. The small amount of energy used to produce the changes of grid voltage, or the voltage applied to the crystal detector, is used up in the tube and its circuits, while the energy in the
plate circuit of the tube comes entirely from the " $B$ " battery.

## Grid Influences Plate

VARIATIONS in the grid voltage which, in the case of the single radio frequency amplifying tube, are caused by the very small amounts of power gathered from the radio waves, influence the plate current much more than changes in the plate voltage itself. With the plate voltage at 40 , for example, an increase of grid voltage from . 04 to 1 . increases the plate current from 430 to 530 microamperes, or 167 microamps for each volt. Increasing the plate voltage of one volt increases the plate current only 21.6 microamps. The increase of grid voltage is eight times more effective, therefore, than a corresponding change of plate voltage.
This explains why the radio frequency amplifier can be used effectively with a crystal detector receiver, and give it twenty times as great a range, while the best an audio frequency transformer could do would be to increase the volume on such stations as probably could be heard, at least faintly, with the crystal detector without amplification.


In order to show the entreme simplicity of the crystal set, we are reprinting the diagram above which shows the coil, condenser and detector unit. Taps are shown on the coil, although they are not absolutely necessary-a honeycomb coil of 50 turns, or 50 turns of bell wire on a 3 inch form, will suffice. Full details of this simple crystal receiver appeared in the August issue of Radio Age (1926) page 17


Front panel view of the Mieroilex, showing the switch located kt eenter of panel

## Experimenter Has Choice of Four Receivers in One

ANOVEL combination of a cuit tuner on the market. tuned RF receiver, with a regenerative detector and two stages of audio, which can also be made into a straight regenerative and two of audio, RF, detector and one audio, and regenerative and one audio, is


Rear panel view shows the twa Micro-couplers, sockets, and all other parts used in this set
found in the Microflex which has been built around the Microcoupler made by the Simplex Radio Devices Inc., of Newark. N. J.

Thus the experimenter is enabled to have four sets in one, the change-over being accomplished by a four pole double throw switch located in the center of the panel. This by its action makes the set either a straight regenerative, or a RF and regenerative combined. One of the coils is mounted on a micrometer action which permits minute inductive relationship changes, something heretofore lacking in the ordinary three cir-
should be used. The schematic circuit on this page shows the
method of hooking up the set to give four receiver combinations,

For the change-over switch either a Yaxley, Carter, or Federal four pole, double throw panel switch may be used. The first two named are made in the single hole mounting type, while the Federal requires a cut-out of the panel for insertion.

Remler condensers are used for the tuning which obviate any possibility of body capacity due to the insulated stator and rotor. Because of the precise control of coupling afforded by the use of Micro-couplers, the over all efficiency of this receiver is greatly increased.

The receiver covers the conventional broadcast band from 200 to 550 meters, and should be able to provide any degree of selectivity desired by the builder.


# Further Notes on the <br> Henry-Lyford 



IN THE previous article on the Henry-Lyford which appeared in this magazine, nearly all of the space was given to a description of the receiver and to constructional details, for those who wished to build one. Of necessity, much of interest to builders of this receiver had to be left out, and it is the purpose of this second article to provide additional information about this popular set.

It is necessary to use UX201A type tubes throughout in the Henry-Lyford with the exception of the second audio stage-the last tube. In this position a UX112 type power tube is necessary. With this arrangement of tubes, 135 volts of " B " battery will be required. The first two 45 volt blocks should be of the heavy duty type, for they supply current to all five tubes of the receiver. The third 45 volt battery may be one of the regular type, for it supplies current to the last tube only, and the drain on it is very light.

All of the "C" battery voltages, as was stated in the previous article, may be secured from one Burgess No. 5540 battery, which is a $71 / 2$ volt battery with a tap at every $11 / 2$ volt.

Of course, any good "B" eliminator may be used instead of batteries, if desired. Because of the use of sufficient by-pass condensers, the receiver is particularly adaptable to " $B$ " eliminators, and any good one will give very satisfactory results.

A power tube of the UX171
type, may be used in the second audio stage without necessitating any changes in the wiring of the receiver. The only changes that are necessary to use this type of tube are those of the battery supplies. The "B" max. lead in the battery cable runs to B plus 180 volts instead of to B plus 135 volts, and the C minus max. lead runs to C minus 45 volts instead of to C minus $71 / 2$ volts.


## Isolate DC Component

WITH any type of power tube which requires a plate supply of more than 135 volts in this second audio stage, precautions should be taken to safeguard the loud speaker windings from too heavy a current through them. Under these conditions, the direct current supply to the plate of this last tube should not be allowed to pass directly through the speaker windings. One way to accomplish this is to use an output transformer between the plate circuit of the tube and the speaker, as shown in Fig. 1. Another equally good method is to use a choke coil and condenser combination, as pictured in Fig. 2. Here the choke coil should have an inductance of about 50 henries, and the condenser should be 2 or 4 mfd . filter type. One terminal of the loud speaker is connected to the blocking condenser, and the other side may be connected to either B minus or B plus, preferably B minus.

The use of a milliammeter in the plate supply lead of the last tube is a practical and convenient
way of checking up on the operation of this tube, and of determining when it is over-loaded. A 0-25 DC milliammeter inserted at X in Fig. 1 or Fig. 2, should show a steady reading when the receiver is in operation. If there is any fluctuation of this milliammeter needle, the tube is being overloaded, and the volume should be reduced. An overloaded audio tabe is a prolific source of distortion, if nothing else.

Right here is a good place to say something about loud speakers. An audio amplifier capable of reproducing such a wide range of frequencies as does the one in the Henry-Lyford, deserves nothing less than the best of loud speakers. In no other way can the rich low tones of the receiver be appreciated. Some sort of a cone type loud speaker should be used and the Western Electric is recommended for best results, though there are others which are nearly as good. At any rate, an effort should be made to use the best one that is available.

Questions have been asked about the use of a loop antenna with this receiver. The answer is that this set was not designed for and is not suited to use with a loop. It will work on a short indoor antenna, however, with exceptionally good results. Almost any sort of an antenna which will work with any receiver will work with this one, as long as it is not too large. One of about 75 or 100 feet over-all lengthincluding the leadin-is just about the right, wherever possible.

The use of the rotary coil on the antenna coupling transformer, was explained in the previous article. It allows greatly


Figure 1
In the sketch above is shown the way to connect your loud speaker so as to isolate the DC component. The choke may be an old audio transformer secondary while the condenser is a 2 or 4 mfd condenser
different antennas to be used with equally good results. It will be found that there is one position of this coil which is best for general use, depending on the location and the antenna, and after this coil is once set, it need not again be changed.

It is convenient, and often very useful, to have on hand a tuning chart of your receiver, and one may easily be made. A typical tuning curve is shown in Fig. 3. This, as may be seen, is a curve of dial settings against wave-length. To make one, first $\log$ the settings of as many stations on different wavelengths as possible. These settings should then be plotted on a piece of squared paper, such as may be

> Shown originally in the blueprint section of the November Radio Age the Henry-Lyford sircuit bas been quite well received by our readers, both the fan and the experimenter type.

The use of a deliberately unbalanced circuit and a stage of untuned frequency amplification, makes this receiver very interesting to those who are constantly on the alert for something new or novel in radio. Using a stage of untuned radio permits having three stages of radio (two tuned) with only two dials and without necessity for using a tandom condenser.

Quality is one of the main features of the audio end of this set, two of the larger transformeri being used. Results on a cone type speaker are certainly worth while.
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procured at any stationary store. After a sufficient number of points have been plotted, a smooth curve is drawn through them. The tuning curve for any Henry-Lyford, thus drawn, will correspond very closely to the one shown, both in appearance and position. In locating a station whose wavelength is known but which has not been logged, a reference to this curve will tell you, within a degree, where they should come in on the dials.
The curve of Fig. 3 shows very plainly the advantages of combination type condensers for tuning, such as are used in this receiver. There is no undue "crowding" of stations on either end of the dial, but all of the
transmission channels are evenly spaced, making for easy tuning.

The tuning curve illustrated was made for the broadcast type coils, but curves made for the other two sets of plug-in coils for this receiver, for the lower wavelengths, will look the same. The range of these other coils is from 37 to 125 meters and from 75 to 225 meters, respectively, and the operation of the receiver is the same when using these coils as when using the broadcast type.

IF you are building the HenryLyford particularly because of its exceptional distance-getting ability, the use of vernier dials on the tuning condensers is strongly recommended. When the fullest gain of the r. f. amplifier is used, the antenna dial particularly tunes very sharply, and it will be found difficult to tune the receiver properly with ordinary dials. For stations within the radius of 200 miles, tuning is easy, but for any distance work the vernier dials will be very helpful.

The panel size of the receiver is $7 \times 24^{\prime \prime}$, and the depth is $9^{\prime \prime}$, so that the completed receiver fits readily into any standard cabinet, many styles of which are available. The panel layout of the receiver is simple and dignified, and graces any cabinet.

One final word, about the results which you may expect to obtain. The first hour's use of this receiver may be a little disappointing, as far as results on DX are concerned, but as soon as the proper use of the balancing condenser is learned, slight disappointment will turn to admiration. Radio receivers, like automobiles, are individual, and each one requires a little familiarity with it before the ultimate results are obtained.


The loud speaker in thin sketeh is shown connected throngh an output tranaformer, several makes of which may be found on the market today

# What's Wrong With Broadcasting? 

By ROBERT J. CASEY

WHEN Thomas Edison sounded off some weeks ago on the subject of Radio and its manifold deficiencies, he stirred up more typographical conversation than could be found in the national output of alphabet soup.
"Radio," said Mr. Edisoninterrupt me if I quote him in-correctly-"Radio has ceased to be a novelty and is now an affliction. It is consecrated to the dissemination of blah and symptoms of adenoids. I would much rather listen to a phonograph."

Mr . Edison must have known what he was getting into when he made this pronouncement. At any rate he got into it. Every official of every set factory in the country ignoring the publicity it might entail, took his stenographer in hand to answer Mr. Edison. Every soprano who ever got tuned out of a receiving set observed loudly but with becoming modesty that the sage of East Orange knew nothing at all about music. Every broadcaster in the country quit reading applause telegrams long enough to put Mr. Edison in his place and the great American indignation boiled and seethed for days and nights on end.

Of course Mr. Edison was wrong. It is true that the phonograph at its worst moments never brought one the current news. There never was a record built that would deliver at one winding the first sixty-five ballots of a democratic convention or the play-by-play account of a world's series baseball game. On the other hand the most skillful engineers in the phonograph business have failed utterly to reproduce in wax the overtones of a simple but lovely heterodyne whistle. Some of the sounds of radio are the peculiar property of radio and will remain an object of continuing wonder until the ears of the coming generation grow calloused and unappreciative.


If Mr. Edison were to ask what has been the agency most responsible for the rise of radio to its present high state of efficiency, any city dweller could tell him off-hand. The credit is due entirely to the broadcasters.

In England, where government control has put a curb bit on small town tenors, egg-beater salesmen, harmonica players, and surplus announcers, the benighted populace is still listening to stations a thousand miles away through aboriginal receivers such as the one-coupler-two-variometer thing that America discarded years ago. The ignorant broadcast listener thinks that a circuit is selective if it will separate stations a couple of hundred meters apart. And he has never given any thought or time to the solution

of the so-called "interference problem." The fact that he is totally unacquainted with interference is, of course, a minor point. The poor blighter probably never will know how badly off he is and that is most distressing.

In America, the land of the free hot air, development has been much more encouraging. Government invasion of public rights to the ether has been definitely stopped and at last we are beginning to get enough broadcasting stations to make things interesting. There is at least one station on every possible wave-length and generally two or three. What need to comment on the result?

If Joe Bozo, leading cold-in-the-head of the Hokeholm church choir, desires to make himself better known, he no longer has to journey to Europe for years of vocal culture or camp on the front steps of the impresarios of the Metropolitan opera company, Not Joe! He gets himself a brace of fiftywatt bottles and starts a broadcasting station. The station may not be large-but then there is always a chance that some gent with insomnia in New Zealand may hear him some night when conditions are favorable-and posibly thereafter commit suicide. The talent may not be so good, but on the other hand this deficiency is always compensated for by the modulation which isn't very good either. Joe cracks his merry quips into his microphone every night and so gets a lot of publicity within a radius of twenty-five miles at an expense far less than that which would have been entailed had he decided to reach the populace of the same territory by postal card.

HOKEHOLM gets to know Joe very well-so well indeed that when he is mysteriously murdered, which ought

to be any day now, he will be given a fifty word obituary on page 18 of the local Bugle. De Forest, Armstrong, Hertz, Fara-day-all of them might find the culmination of their life work in Joe's nightly broadcast. Unfortunately some of them are dead and those who are alive will have to make some new and important discoveries during the coming year if Joe's radius of interference is to be extended another twelve miles.

If Theodore Goolash, the prominent real-estate broker, desires to peddle his lots in his most recently subdivided swamp his first thought is to create good will toward Theodore Goolash and all his works. Formerly such a campaign entailed much thought and quite an outlay of words in the public prints.

Now, thanks to the radio, his problem is simple. He finds a hotel that has not been finished more than twenty-four hours, he fights off the mob of wouldbe announcers who are jamming the lobby, and he arranges with the proprietor to put a couple of lightning rods on the roof. Then he looks through the book until he finds the wavelength of the neighborhood's most popular station and he refurbishes it with a new set of call letters. In a week or two he is proclaiming his message to the palpitant millions.

His task is even simpler than it used to be. In other days when the government was assuming a paternalistic and unAmerican attitude on the subject of air-rights the newcomer
to the broadcasting station would be asigned a wave length and frequently it was a very inferior wavelength. Nowadays he has his choice of wavelengths and the trick of picking the frequency of a popular station immediately solves his problem of building up good will.

WHEN he begins to broadcast on such a wavelength he is sure that most of the town will be tuned in and waiting for him. Thousands of listeners who had hoped to hear some advertised program will be tickled stiff to learn that they can listen instead of Mr. Goolash and snappy lines about homes in the suburbs. A lot of the listeners will take steps to move into the suburbs at once-the farther the better and everybody will write letters to Mr. Goolashletters that he can use as leads for such of his salesmen who survive when his office is bombed.

There was a time when one akulele did not constitute an orchestra. But that was before five or six hundred one ukulele broadcasters felt themselves called upon to meet the popular demand for more radio stations.

With conditions as they are any fifty of the one-ukulele stations may be tuned in at one setting of the dial. Inasmuch as all of them will be emitting "Don't Steal My Daddy's Medal" or some song ending in "Yoo-hoo, Dear, Just Yoo-hoo," the result will be an ensemble beyond the wildest dreams of Philip Sousa.

Announcers, too, have been given their chance. Where in less enlightened times the town ass had to content himself with being just a town ass, he now finds himself in great demand. "This is station BLAH, Happy Willy Whoosis announcing. We have just received a telegram from Mr. Patrick Knockenschlocker of 4567 McApplesauce Boulevard asking 'Who was that lady I seen you with last night?' Hah! Hah! Mr. Knockenschlocker, that wasn't no lady, that was my wife."
Or "This is station GLUE, The Old Soak announcing. We are broadcasting a play by play account of the football game between * "Ding Ding! did you hear the fire engine going by just now. Hokus McPherson has just come into the stand. Hello Hokus. Did you bring. anything with you? I'll turn the microphone and maybe you can hear the telegraph instruments. There are eleven men on the team representing-Fergus Fitzraspberry just interupted to ask if I ever tried to get a drink in Ishpeming. No Fergus, I never tried to get a drink in Ishpeming because I ain't never been to Ishpeming.

BUT WHY go on with it? There is no particular object in writing about matters that are known intimately to every radio set owner in the country. There are now fortysix stations in Chicago alone, and since the air has been made permanently safe for adenoids it seems quite possible that ev-
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# Try-out Hour for Radio Performers 

By GWEN WAGNER

IT WAS an off hour in one of Chicago's largest radio stations. In the reception room sat a varied collection of human beings, ranging in age anywhere from 10 years up to 55 . All wore expressions of rapt expectancy and all clutched satchels of some description or another.
In the studio beyond, a soprano was singing. Passionately and determinedly, but not too well she was caroling, "In the merry, merry muh-UNTH of May!"
Just then the studio director, whom I happened to know, appeared. I went up to him.
"Pardon me," I inquired, indicating the varied collection of human beings and also the soprano voice out in the offing, "but just what is going on around here?"'
"Oh," replied the director with a harassed look, "this is try-out hour. They all want to get on the air you know."

I didn't, but no matter. I found out.

According to this particular director, half the people in the world want to go on the stage and the other half want to sing for radio.
"It doesn't make any difference how young or how old they are," he observed, "they're all determined to get on the air. Just let someone make some remark about what a grand voice they've got and they're off."
"Do you give them all a chance?" I queried.
"Oh, certainly!" retorted the director. "Occasionally we run across a find. For example, a bell boy from one of the hotels came up here one afternoon and wanted to sing for us. We tried him out and found he had a very good voice, exceptionally good for broadcasting. Now we use him regularly."


The young lady in front of the microphone is being tried out at WHT. Gwen Wagner tells about it in this article. Al Carney at the piano and Pat Barnes near the organ

## Finds Are Scarce

HOWEVER, according to variout directors whom I later interviewed, "finds" are as scarce as hair ribbons on flappers. In fact, in one studio I was told that out of all the hordes that apply there, less than five per cent exhibit talent that would lend itself to broadcasting. Even this five per cent usually have to be coached in studio technique before they can be used.
These applicants have various reasons for wanting to get on the air. The main reason, according to practically every director I asked, is that they want their friends to hear them. Two others are: publicity and the desire to make money.

One man, however, had rather an unique reason. He came bolting into the studio and wanted to be put on the air instantly. He could sing, he said and that very well indeed. The director courteously suggested a tryout.
"Tryout?" repeated the gentleman "Tryout?"
"Yes," replied the director. "To see whether your voice is suitable for broadcasting you

The gentleman cast his eyes toward heaven. Between clenched teeth he muttered something in a foreign tongue. Then he brought his eyes down and his voice upin English.
"But I don't want a tryout! I don't need a tryout! I am an operatic tenor. I can sing! But!" and here he appeared about to brandish something, probably the inevitable music satchel with which all applicants seem to be equipped. "They won't hear me! Can you believe that? They won't hear me! Just now I have come from a manager of an opera company. I have been to him many times. He says he will not hear me sing. He will not listen to me! But," and here the radio aspirant lowered his voice to a husky, confidential tone, "I want to sing on the radio and then he will have to listen to me! Understand? He will HAVE to listen to me!"
It might be said in passing, however, that the "manager" didn't.
Arrives now the little boy whose mother knows that if there

# When Radio Turns Navigator <br> Radio Direction Finder Guides and Locates Vessels 

"UNABLE to give position -last bearings taken three days ago-we're lost!" !

Thus reads the terse but dramatic message from a ship in distress. Out in the blackness of the night, pitching and tossing on waves stirred to a frenzy by the wintry gale, are fellow mariners and passengers, far off the traveled ocean lanes and all but lost save for the slender thread of radio communication.
"Keep sending us test signals," flashes back our operator. "Will locate by direction finder." And so the latest wonder of marine radio and the newest aid to modern navigation is brought into play.

Soon our operator is at the radio direction finder in the pilot house. A moment later he is wearing the headphones and


View of radio compass loop mounted on upper deck of vessel. Rotation of the loop is controlled from inside the cabin beneath.
manipulating the receiver dials. He begins turning the handwheel, which serves to swing the small loop frame on the deck above into the very teeth of the angry gale. The operator listens intently, the captain and others silently stand nearby; the swings of the hand-wheel become shorter and shorter. Here it is-the line of signals-the direction of their passage through space from the radiating point! But on which side of our shipin what sense? Now the operator throws a switch, swings the hand-wheel again. The swings become shorter until they virtually stop. The operator now bends down as he peers through a magnifying glass, squinting an eye so as to line up the parallax lines which will give an accurate reading from the compass card below. Then he gives the reading to the pilot of the ship. A few moments later the course is changed, and the ship throbs to the command of full speed ahead in the face of a heavy sea.

One hour, two hours, three hours-and our ship comes within searchlight range of the vessel in distress. A rescue is out of the question in such a rough sea, but we stand by, ready to act if absolutely necessary. The direction finder has completed well the task which radio began.

JUST as the dog turns his ears in determining the direction of sounds, so does the radio direction finder turn its loop to get a bearing on a given transmitter. This ingenious radio device operates on the principle that a given signal of maximum intensity will be received with a loop so placed that its plane is pointing at the radio station which is transmitting. If, on the other hand, the plane of the loop lies at right angles to the
direction of the radio transmitter, no energy is picked up and nothing can be heard in the earphones. The position at which the signal drops out, or so-called minimum, is well defined and is employed in reading the direction of the transmitting station from the compass card that forms part of the apparatus.

The standard marine direction finder, as now installed on many ships, is entirely self-contained and occupies less than two square feet of floor space, in the pilot house or chart room. On the deck, above the pilot house or chart room, is the sturdy tripod frame supporting the loop which is encased in bakelite tubing with aluminum alloy fittings. The protective tubing of the loop measures $41 / 2$ inches in diameter, while the loop measures 30 inches on a side. A 2 to 1 reduction gear, operating by the vertical handwheel, serves to swing the loop in all directions, even in high gales, without backlash or interference or muscular exertion.

An eight-tube super-hetero-
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Rotation control of the radio compass loop and the receiver used for pieking up directional signals.

# Washington Monument Does a Radio Shimmy 

Radiates at Third Harmonic of NAA Transmitter

By S. R. WINTERS

TREES, bridges, enbank- caused by objects interposed in ments, streams of water, trolley lines, valleys, large screens, water towers, and other surrounding objects are likely to exercise a distorting influence on radio waves. In effect, this means that if you are one of the millions of radio fans using a coil or loop of wire for radio reception, the directional properties of this pick-up system are effaced. Any one of the above-named objects, when interposed between the transmitting station and your radio receiving set, may cause the wave to deviate from its true course.

Such distortion, other than invalidating the use of a loop antenna in determining the direction of a particular transmitting station, does not operate to the detriment of broadcast listeners. However, when coils of wire are employed as radio direction-finders, the distorting effect of surrounding objects must be systematically avoided or the causes of such wave deviations taken cognizance of and included in direction-finding calculations. Instances of proof may be cited: The United States Navy, before establishing radiocompass stations, investigates any objects that might cause radio waves to swerve from their path of rectitude; similarly, the Navy must ascertain the distorting effect of metal in a hangar for a huge dirigible, like the Los Angeles, on which a radio compass is used.

The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards is called upon to make all kinds of tests to determine the twisting influence of radio waves as
their path. The Lighthouse Service, with its radio beacons and their far-reaching implication of service, may request of the Bureau of Standards assistance in determining suspected deviation of waves which would invalidate the effectiveness of direction-finders in taking bearings from radio beacons. Again, the United States Coast Guard, in its recent adaptation of radio direction-finders in trailing rum smugglers, may need to know if the shore line of a river or a concrete bridge is undermining the directional characteristics of these direction finders.

## Study Distortion In.Zuences

THESE suggested services, together with the ever-increasing applications of the radio direction-finder, as well as the loop antenna with our radio receiving sets, place added emphasis upon results of original investigations conducted by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards entitled "A Study of the Surroundings Upon the Indications of a Radio Direction Finder:" And, while these comprehensive investigations in the field were made some time ago, this writer is fortunate enough to be able to present exclusive information, photographs, and charts disclosing the interesting results. Francis W. Dunmore and Morris S. Strock negotiated this study for the Federal government, exploring into the secrets of trees, bridges, banks of rivers, valleys, and trolley lines.

Even the Washington monument, towering in silent majesty to a height of more than 500


Washington Monument whose Fundamental is set into oscillation when NAA transmits
feet, did not escape the searching eye (magnified by a telescope) of these government scientists. And, stranger than fiction was the revelation coaxed from this enduring shaft of marble. It not only has a natural wave length-about 625 meters-but when NAA, the naval station at Arlington, is broadcasting on 2,500 meters, the Washington monument is, in effect, a secondary radio transmitting station. For, we have the words of Francis W. Dunmore, eminent radio engineer and physicist of the Bureau of Standards, as authority for this conclusion. He says: "In this connection it is interesting to note that when the Arlington station was transmitting on 2,500 meters, the signals could be heard on about 800
meters. Observations of direction at this time all showed that the monument was the source, thus indicating it was set in oscillation at the third harmonic of the Arlington wave and was thus radiating into the surrounding region."

This disclosure would seem to imply that the memory of George Washington may, in the future, be held accountable for some of the ills which beset radio reception. Broadcast listeners who complain to Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover about radiating regenerative sets, interference from the Annapolis are station and code from the Arlington naval station, may protest against a radiating W ashington monument ! Those that would besmirch the name of the Father of Our Country by referring to his beer recipe and his fondness for the feminine gender may contend that radio interference from the Washington monument is a haunting memory or proof of the adage that "the evil that men do lives after them!" Jesting aside, the scientific investigation into the influence of this shaft in distorting radio waves produced interesting and valuable information.

## Natural Wavelength

TESTS in proximity to the Washington monument indicated that the greatest distortion of the wave front was at 625 meters, which observation led to the conclusion that this is the natural wave length of the marble shaft. Signals were sent from a specially installed transmitting station, located at the Soldiers' Home, on a series of wave lengths, ranging from 400 to 1,000 meters. The directionfinder was stationed, successively, at each of six positions at increasing distances from the monument. Observations were made of the horizontal angle through which the directionfinder must be turned in order to obtain a minimum signal, Some of the observations were productive of peculiar twists of the radio waves; this phenomenon leading the investigators to
conclude that these strange distortions were traceable to an underground cable line extending in a southeasterly direction.

With a portable directionfinding outfit, the representatives of the Bureau of Standards invaded a valley, through which coursed a brook, 25 feet wide. Alfred Tennyson, in writing his poem, "The Brook," was not equipped with such modern instruments, and neither were these fact-searching scientists provided with a poetic license. They are content in informing a radio-interested world that a small body of water causes little distortion to radio waves. The direction-finder was carried from point to point along this leisurely-moving brook, and only in one instance did the invisible wave swerve to any appreciable degree. At this particular point a tree, only six feet away, was held responsible for the fadio wave wandering from its path of rectitude.

The tentative conclusion that trees cause deviation of wave fronts prompted the Bureau of Standards to focus its direction. finder around a tree in an open field. While the transmitting set, located a number of miles away, at the Soldiers' Home, was sending on wave lengths of 400 and 1,400 meters, respectively, there was a negligible amount of distortion, either directly in front or behind the tree. However, when the coil antenna and receiving set were placed to the right or left of the tree the intercepted radio wave deviated as much as five degrees. The tree involved in this test was only 40 feet high; which factor prompts the Government investigators to assume that greater distortion would be caused by proportionately larger trees. Radio experimenters might pursue this line of investigation with interesting results.

If broadcast listeners reside in the vicinity of a water tower, this form of structure may prove to be the source of radiation of radio waves-a sort of secondary broadcasting station, if you please! Distortion tests were conducted in proximity to
a 150 -foot water tower and an electric-power line nearby. The waves swerved considerably but, we are told, that "Observations on the longer wavelength $-1,400$ meters-indicated that a large part of the distortion may be due to the power wires near which the observations were taken. On the shorter waves the distortion is in such a direction that radiation from the tower is indicated, though the observations on 625 meters make it uncertain whether this is the entire cause!"

Banks and shore lines of rivers may be disconcerting to the otherwise unimpeded progress of all-embracing radio waves. Thus, if you are camping and fishing this coming Summer, with a radio receiving set and loop as a pick-up system, the waves from your favorite broadcasting station may be slightly distorted and your coil antenna, in effect, may lose some of its otherwise sharp directional properties. However, tests behind a 20 -foot bank afforded proof of relatively little deviation of radio waves. Furthermore, we are informed that a wave speeding over one-half mile of fresh water, approaching the shore line at an angle of 500 degrees, is not distorted appreciably.

A concrete bridge, if it contains iron reinforcements, is apt to bend radio waves consider-ably-that is, cause a relativeIy wide deviation. The Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards placed its portable radio direction-finding equipment on a 150 -foot reinforced concrete bridge. Curves plotted as a result of this test showed large angles of distortion, which are attributed to the iron reinforcements of the bridge. In another test, in a small valley-a cut of 500 feet long and 50 feet deep-which was spanned by a small frame bridge, the direction-finder failed to disclose any appreciable distorting affect of the speeding invisible waves. A telephone line crossed this valley, parallel to the bridge.

Distortion measurements were
made near a 100 -foot wire, supported five feet above the ground, at an angle 45 degrees with the line to the transmitting station. This elevated antenna was tuned to the wave length of this experimental broadcasting station, with the result that a slight distortion of the wave front was recorded. Experiments with the coil aerial, an integral unit of a radio direction-finder, directly under a 100 -foot 3 -wire antenna, 75 feet overhead, failed to produce any distortion, when the antenna was tuned or untuned. This antenna was stretched at an angle of $15 \mathrm{de}-$ grees with the line to the transmitting station. However, when the direction-finder was placed near the lead-in wire the incoming radio wave evidenced a marked deviation. "Very little, if any distortion existed with the antenna untuned," observed Francis W. Dunmore of the Bureau of Standards. "This shows," he emphasizes, "The importance of keeping the di-rection-finder at a considerable distance ( 100 feet or more) from any such tuned circuit."

## Explore Three Channels

THIS comprehensive investigation into the reaction of radio waves when they collide with objects in their mad race through the ether involved the design of special equipment for this purpose. For instance, the direction-finder consisted of a coil of wire wound on a frame four feet square. This design made provision for the use of three wave lengths- 400,625 and 1,400 meters. The frame of this aerial was mounted with its plane vertical on a tripod three feet from the ground. The frame was rotated on a vertical axis by the observer, who was located eight feet away and he manipulated two heavy pieces of cord which were attached to the frame. The detector circuit and batteries were placed on a stool three feet high.

The scale on the directionfinder read from zero to 180 degrees, and it could be clamped at any position on the tripod.

A pointer on the coil frame turned with the latter and served as an index by which to read the position of the direc-tion-finder. Visual observations were made in determining the direction of the transmitting station, a telescope being mounted upon the coil frame for that purpose. The position of the telescope on the frame was determined by observation made in a large open field, where it was presumed that no distortion existed. The directionninder was turned to such a position that the signals were inaudible. The telescope was then put in place on the shelf in the middle of the frame so that the image of the transmitting station could be seen on the cross hairs. The telescope was then secured firmly in position.
The radio receiving set or detector circuit for the reception consisted of one vacuum tube. of the non-oscillating type. A small air-core transformer was employed, the particular advantage of which was the reduction of the change in direction with reversal of coil leads to about two degrees. The observer, engaged in making distortion observations, would listen to the radio signals received by this detector circuit, turning the frame of the coil antenna until a mini-
mum signal is heard. The scale reading on the direction-finder is then recorded. The leads to the detector circuit are reversed by means of a switch, and the observation repeated. The mean or average of these two readings is the basis for plotting the charts showing the distorting effect of radio waves when striking different objects.

The transmitting station, established especially for these tests, was located on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, three and one-half miles from the Bureau of Standards. The transmitting antenna was supported between an elevated water tank and the tower of a building. The commanding location of the Soldiers' Home, situated on one of the highest points of the District of Columbia, was a natural advantage favoring these observations. The magnetic compass was discarded as a means of determining the direction of the transmitting station when taking bearings because of its possible effect upon the deviation of the indications on the scale of the direction-finder. The telescope afforded visual means of sighting directly on the transmitting station, located as it was on a commanding hill. Con-
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Transmitter used in the tests to determine field distortion

## Full Data on Building World's Record Super 8

UNPRECEDENTED interest in the type of superheterodyne described on pages 38,39 and 40 of the November issue of this magazine, coupled with insistent demands from our readers for further and complete building data on the laboratory model which we constructed, prompts the staff to present in the following article all the details of this excellent receiver so that even the novice may duplicate the set.

In the November issue the schematic was shown for the more advanced fans. Pictures were also published. However, in this presentation practically all of the details are shown in pictorial form with the excep-

tion of the photograph of the hope that all our readers who completed receiver equipped have bombarded us with queswith loop and loud speaker, tions on this receiver will find which is shown at the heading their hopes realized when scanof this page. In this manner we ning these pages.


Layout diagram of the panel with instructions for drilling and engraving if the latter is desired

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## Detail of Coupler

 GREAT many of the requests received in this office were for the details of the coupling unit on which in this issue, on page 19, are given the number of turns for the plate, grid and pickup windings. The wire used is No. 26, DCC, and the stator form is 3 inches in diameter, with the rotor being $21 / 2$ inches in diameter. The connections are shown in detail at the left of the coupler sketch, while the proper method of wiring them in is shown in the pictorial representation on page 21.For the more advanced experimenters we are again showing the schematic circuit of the receiver, with slight changes made in it since its first appearance in November. One departure from the original one is the insertion of a C battery in series with the center tap of the loop which will have a tendency to further sharpen up that circuit. This is only suggested for those living under the shadow of a broadcasting station in some of the metropolitan areas.

Tendency of the intermediates to oscillate is suppressed by means of the C battery tap going to the filament terminal of all of the RF transformers, and the first audio. Grid bias is given the last audio where a UX112 is used, this bias being the full voltage of the $C$ battery, $71 / 2$ volts.

Two ten ohm rheostats are

| EVERY NIGHT LOG |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ke | Stn. | Loop | Osc. |
| 1010 | KPRC | 61 | 60 |
| 1000 | WPG | 62 | 62 |
| 990 | WGN | 64 | 63 |
| 980 | KOIL | 65 | 64 |
| 970 | KDKA | 66 | 65 |
| 960 | KSBA | 67 | 66 |
| 950 | WGES | 69 | 68 |
| 940 | WSMB | 70 | 69 |
| 930 | KOA | 71 | 70 |
| 920 | KWKH | 73 | 72 |
| 910 | WZAZ | 74 | 73 |
| 900 | WBZ | 75 | 74 |
| 890 | WJAX | 77 | 75 |
| 880 | KFAB | 78 | 76 |
| 870 | WCBD | 79 | 79 |
| 860 | WEEI | 81 | 80 |
| 850 | WWJ | 83 | 81 |
| 840 | KRLV | 85 | 84 |
| 830 | WPAP | 86 | 85 |
| 820 | WDAF | 88 | 87 |
| 810 | WEBH | 90 | 88 |
| 800 | KTHS | 92 | 90 |
| 790 | WGY | 93 | 91 |
| 780 | CKY | 94 | 93 |
| 770 | WTAM | 95 | 93 |
| 760 | WOAI | 98 | 96 |
| 750 | WHT | 100 | 98 |
| 740 | KMMJ | 103 | 101 |
| 730 | None h |  |  |
| 720 | WCCO | 106 | 104 |
| 710 | WLW | 109 | 107 |
| 700 | WSB | 111 | 109 |
| 690 | None he |  |  |
| 680 | wos | 113 | 112 |
| 670 | WQJ | 117 | 115 |
| 660 | WJZ | 120 | 118 |
| 650 | KMA | 121 | 120 |
| 640 | KFI | 124 | 123 |
| 630 | WBAP | 126 | 124 |
| 620 | WOC | 131 | 129 |
| 610 | WCFL | 136 | 134 |
| 600 | KFRU | 139 | 137 |
| 590 | WIP | 141 | 140 |
| 580 | WCX | 143 | 141 |
| 570 | WHO | 151 | 149 |
| 560 | KYW | 158 | 156 |
| 550 | KSD | 163 | 160 |

Detail of the oscillator coupler No. 26 DCC wire is used in all windings. The turns are shown in sketch
provided, one for the filament control of three of the intermediate stages while the second one is used for the filament control of the first and second detectors. The tubes to be used are noted in the pictorial representation and this scheme should be followed for best results.

While the midget condenser used for balancing the loop is placed on the panel where it may be easily reached, in actual practice it has been found possible to place it back of the panel and once adjusted for a certain tube in the first detector stage, it can be left alone. Perhaps the average set builder will like it on the panel so it is shown in that position. By means of it the loop may be made either sharp or broad. Switching around the two outside loop terminals may make a difference on the tuning of this midget condenser, and it is rec-

ommended that connections be switched until best results are secured. It is also advisable to try more than one position of the rotor coil inside the coupling unit. With the rotor at right angles to the grid and plate windings on this unit there will be least transfer of energy from the oscillator to the grid of the first detector. In this case there is no tendency of the first tube to block under strong signals. However if the inductive relationship of the pickup rotor and the stator coils is such that maximum energy is pieked up from the oscillator there is a possibility of overloading the first detector grid and introducing considerable distortion. Tune in a signal of medium strength and then adjust the pickup coil for best results. Alse switch the outside terminals of the loop and see if different results are obtained.

IN OPERATION we found the simplest method of tuning was to set the oscillator condenser, at the right, to a given point and swing the loop condenser, left, back and forth until a gentle hissing sound is heard. This shows that the loop circuit is then resonant at the frequency for which the oscillator is set. A variation of the rheostat controlling the filaments of three of the intermediate stages will result in changing the volume of the signal.

If properly built this receiver will surprise its owner with its

## LIST OF PARTS

8 Benjamin UX cushion sockets 2 Selectone 410 RF transformers
2 Selectone 400 RF transformers
1 Thor RF coupling unit
2 Remler . 0005 mfd variable condensers
2 Yaxley 10 ohm rheostats
1 Jewell dual range voltmeter 0.7 $12 / 2-0-150$

1 Carter 500,000 ohm resistance, variable
1 Hammarlund 000046 mfd midget condenser
1 Sangamo .006 mfd condenser
2 Sangamo .0005 mfd condensers
1 Samson 125 mh rf choke
3 Sangamo 1 mfd bypass condensers
1 Yaxley base mounting plug
2 Thordarson audio transformers 2-1 $+3-1$
1 Yaxley filament control jack
1 Radiall 34 Amperite
1 Radiall 4-A Amperite
2 National vernier dials
3 X-L Pushposts
1 Quali-tone loop
1 Quali-tone drum speaker
1 Burgess 716 volt C battery
1 Frost phone plug
1 Formica $7 \times 26 \times 3-16$ panel
1 Abox filter
1 Majestic "Super" B eliminator
1 Rectigon 5 amp , charger
ability to pick up long distance signals. The audio quality is good with the type of audio transformers shown, although those who are finicky on the subject of quality may find it more to their liking to make use of the larger transformers made by the same manufacturer, such as the R200.

For those who like to be relieved of any trouble in the op-
eration of a set, we used this receiver with an Abox filter for the filament supply and a Majestic B eliminator for the plate potential. Thus all we had to do was to turn on a snap switch and the filament and plate power was on. What could be simpler?

Power for the Abox filter is supplied by a five ampere charger, bulb type. This insures sufficient filament voltage to run the Super 8 even if a UX 210 is used in the last stage. Even on extreme distance when the set is working to its utmost there is no hum of an electrical nature, such as modulation. All bulb chargers have a slight mechanical hum, but this does not affect reception.

A few final words. Be sure to solder all connections well. Go over the set twice to make sure that all connections are in accord with the pictorial layout on page 21. When satisfied that all is well, hook up the set to the A and B source and prepare to entertain yourself to your heart's content.

To make the loop and oscillator settings track as nearly as possible, the Quali-tone loop was used since it seems best designed for this particular set.

Set builders may expect a slight deviation from the published loggings, due to a difference in tubes, loop and the amount of C battery applied to the center tap. However the $\log$ shown will serve as a guide for the experimenter who should be able to log his own set in the same manner.



# Dual Impedance Receiver Has Excellent Tone Quality 

## RF and Regeneration Make Ideal DX Set

TONAL quality has always been an aim of the experimenter. In the receiver shown on these pages this objective has been gained by a combination of one stage of audio amplification followed by two stages of impedance coupling. For the distance enthusiast the set has been arranged for one stage of neutralized RF amplification and a regenerative detector. This combination has been tested thoroughly in the laboratory of this magazine and has performed very satisfactorily in all respects, including that of selectivity. This being under the control of the operator, any degree of selectivity may be secured merely by altering the inductive relationship of the RF primary rotor.

As will be noted from the schematic on page 23 the dual impedances (Samson) are a compromise between transformer and impedance coupling. These give good quality reproduction and are mounted and connected in the same manner as ordinary audio transformers, the condensers being already placed inside of the cases.

In the photograph on page 22 ,
the condenser on the left is for wavelength tuning, the upper knob on the RF coupler in the center of the panel is for the regenerative rotor, while the lower rotor is for the RF plate rotor which permits either fine or broad tuning. The right hand condenser governs the secondary wavelength. The antenna winding on the coupler at the left is fixed. This coupler is arranged horizontally whereas the double rotor coupler is arranged vertically, this eliminating any possibility of inter-action between inductances.

For neutralization of the first RF tube and to prevent this tube from slipping into oscillation and radiating in the antenna circuit, (even though feebly) the 85 mh choke spanned by a .0001 mfd . fixed condenser is placed in series with the grid return of the first tube and goes to the negative of the first tube. The neutralizing condenser is placed between the plate of the first tube and the grid end of the 85 mh choke. The connection is shown clearly in the schematic circuit printed in this article.

In the regenerative circuit another 85 mh choke is placed in series with the regencrative rotor between the rotor and the primary of the 2 to 1 audio transformer. It prevents RF energy from going through the primary of the audio transformer and being passed on to the next tube resulting in distortion. This choke is spanned by a . 001 mfd condenser which serves to bypass the RF energy to the filament positive terminal which is common with the ground.

Aside from the features mentioned above the set is a standard, good, radio frequency amplifier with regenerative detector, one straight audio and two impedance stages. The cost of the parts is not excessive and their assembly is simplicity itself.

## Pictorial Layout

THOSE who are not accustomed to wiring a receiver from the schematic circuit should consult the pictofial representation of this receiver as shown on page 24. The parts may first be laid out upon the baseboard and the panel as shown in the drawings and the photographs. Then the filament wiring of all the sockets, together with the Am-



Rear view of the completed receiver showing all parts in place and wired
perites, should be placed in before the other wiring is done.

In mounting the double rotor coupler attention should be paid to the fact that upper control is the regenerative one. This winding is larger, in turns, than the primary of the RF circuit, and the coupler should be mounted with the regenerative rotor at the top of the panel and the RF primary at the bottom. All connections of the two couplers are brought out to soldering lugs which makes assembly quite easy. A strip for the binding posts at the rear of the baseboard may be made from a piece of bakelite 7 inches long and about an inch wide. Another smaller

## LIST OF PARTS

1 Samson antenna coupler
1 Samson double rotor coupler
2 Samson .0005 mfd . variable condensers
1 Samson 2-1 audio transformer
2 Samson dual impedances
2 Samson 85 mh chokes
1 Samson neutralizing condenser
2 Samson vernier dials
5 Eby UX cushion sockets
10 Eby engraved binding posts
3 Radiall 14 Amperites
1 Radiall 4-A Amperite
1 Sangamo 001 mfd , condenser
1 Sangamo .0001 mfd . condenser
1 Sangamo .0005 mfd . condenser
1 Durham 2 megohm grid leak
1 Carter "I mp" battery switch
1 Centralab $0.500,000$ ohm variable resistor
$17 \times 26 \times 3-16$ panel
$181 / 2 \times 25 \times 3 / 2$ baseboard
strip 2 inches by 1 inch can support the two binding posts for the loud speaker, while another strip of the same size can be used for holding the two binding posts for the antenna and ground.

As shown in the photograph the grid condenser may be mounted directly upon the grid terminal of the socket. This will conserve space. The $0-500,000$ ohm variable resistance which is used as a volume control is mounted on the panel at the extreme right, and is connected in the circuit across the grid and bias connections of the first audio transformer. It is not shown in the schematic drawing, but is in the pictorial. Another means of cutting the volume of the receiver lies in the manipulation of the RF plate rotor so that its winding is at right angles to that of the secondary. Which of the two is preferable remains for the individual set user to determine.
Neutralization of the first tube is not difficult, the knob permitting any value of capacity within the range of the neutralizer to be used.

This receiver has been used with A and B batteries and with A and B elimination, performing satisfactorily in either case. For congested areas like Chicago and other metropolitan centers, it should appeal to fans who have had difficulty in tuning out interfering stations.



Pictorial representation of the Samson Dual TC Receiver which may also be used as a wiring diagram by those who are not accustomed to schematic sketches

# Clough 7 Tube Super Result of Much Research 

Several Novel Features Make it Highly Desirable

By F. A. HILL.<br>(iferciate Rditan

CONSIDERABLE research work has been done in the past few years on the superheterodyne, principally by independent engineers who have seen in this type of receiver the culmination of all ideas concerning distant reception, freedom from interference and, lately, excellent audio quality in the loud speaker.

With this in mind we take pleasure in announcing a recent design by Kendall Clough, of the Research Laboratoríes of Chicago, of a seven tube superheterodyne in an exceedingly compact form which has given, under Radio Age laboratory tests, perhaps the highest account of itself of any of the types of similar receivers of the same number of tubes, In addition the quality of the audio end of the receiver is excellent, and surpasses anything we have yet tested.

These remarks may seem rather radical for a magazine of conservative tendency, but the facts speak for themselves. We are always on the lookout for
something better than the ordinary for our readers and in this case we believe we have found it.

Inspection of the schematic circuit of this set will not disclose any trick stunts. Instead the reader will observe that it is the conventional superheterodyne with a shielded first detector, a shielded oscillator, and antenna coupling instead of a loop. These features (the first two), make for decreased local pickup of stray energy, while the latter permits the use of the receiver in a congested locality where a loop's directional propensities would be set at naught due to the construction of the building in which the receiver was located. It also permits using a very small energy collector, an antenna of from 4 to 25 feet in length.

However the feature to which most importance should be attached is the method of feeding the oscillator a positive grid bias to a point where the plate circuit of the oscillator will take the same space current with the
tube oscillating as it does with the tube not oscillating. When this point is reached (as will be explained further in this article) the even harmonics of the oscillator will have been eliminated, leaving only the odd ones which will be greatly cobbed of their energy.

## Peaking the Filters

ANOTHER point to be considered in this particular superheterodyne is the fact that a great deal of work was expended on the intermediate stages by Mr. Clough who had felt there was much to be desired in peaking long wave filter circuits and who set about designing a new method of doing this work. Beside the accuracy of peaking in the intermediate stages, the question of field intensity of the transformers themselves was fully investigated with a view to finding the effects of coupling between the intermediate transformers; the presence of shielding; the effect of non-uniform tube capacities and a host of other problems with which the


average experimenter is not prepared to cope.

As a result of months of work this especial design has been found to be an ideal one both for the experimenter and the listener. By means of the oscillator biasing system there are only two points on the oscillator dial where a station appears, this being a normal function of this kind of receiver. In some localities this feature is highly necessary to permit reception of a distant station either on the higher or the lower beat of the oscillator. In some cases where interference is encountered in the upper beat, the lower one will bring the desired station through without a trace of interference. With the even harmonics eliminated much of the short results. Then carefully begin fishing for the distant stations. Do not make too great capacity changes in the oscillator circuit when hunting DX for on many occasions you will entirely pass over the desired long distance signal. The midget capacity shown as RF gain will help in making the set sensitive to signals. If the potentiometer (volume control), on the panel is thrown all the way over to the negative it will throw the intermediate stages into oscillation. This control should be operated at a point just below that where the intermediates go into oscillation.

Elsewhere in these columns there will be found a log of the performance of this receiver on aights other than Monday-this particular night being "silent" in Chicago and not a good evening to test a receiver against the local barrage.
In a forthcoming issue of Radio Age we hope to have more data of an operative nature on this receiver. Those of our readers who build this set will confer a favor on us by reporting their results for the benefit of other experimenters.

In the audio end the plate circuit of the second detector is supplied with a 276 of choke which serves to keep out any rf from the audio primary. This coil is spanned, from plate to

## LIST OF PARTS

2 S-M type 11-A plug in coils
2 S-M type 515 coil sockets
1 S-M type 275 rf choke
1 S-M type 276 rf choke
2 S-M type 316 variable condensdensers
2 S-M type 801 vernier dials
1 S-M type 340 midget condenser
7 S-M type 511 tube sockets
2 S-M type 210 Jong wave trans. formers
1 S-M type 211 air core transformer
2 S-M type 220 audio transformers
1 S-M type 221 output transformer
2 S-M type 631 stage shields
1 Yaxley closed circuit phone jack
1 Yaxley plug and cable
1 Yaxley 3 ohm filament rheo. stat
2 Yaxley 200 ohm potentiometers
2 Yaxley Imp jacks for speaker
5 Polymet 1 mfd bypass condensers
1 Dubilier, 002 mfd condenser
1 Dubilier .0005 mfd condenser
1 Durham 2 megohm leak and mounting
1 Bakelite panel 7 by 21 by 3-16
1 Bakelite sub panel 10 by 21 by 3-16
2 Benjamin brackets
4 Eby binding posts
1 Yaxley flament switch
negative filament, with a . 002 mfd condenser. The grid return on the first audio is to negative filament, whereas the grid return of the second audio is to the $6-71 / 2$ volt tap on the C battery. The output transformer is shown. 221, this serving to completely isolate the de component from the lond speaker.

## Use Good Tubes

HAVING gone over the component parts of this super, which is clearly shown in the schematic, we will go into its operation. First of all, regardless of the expense entailed, get six standard Radiotron or Cunningham 201-A tubes, and one UX112. Since the intermediate stages and the filter are designed to work with tubes having minimum tube capacity, it is imperative that 201-A tubes of the type mentioned be used. We had a couple of trick tubes in
the set and nearly lost all of our religion wondering what was wrong. If you are going to the trouble of making up a good job like the Clough super by all means use the best tubes it is possible to secure.
Take a fresh $71 / 2$ volt C battery and insert at the terminals shown Osc+C and Osc-C. This is a separate C battery from the one used for biasing the audio and the second detector. On account of the positive bias applied to the oscillator this battery will not last as long as the other since it draws about one milliampere. After connecting in the oscillator C battery (having put in all tubes, hooked up the antenna and ground and plugged in the loud speaker) take a voltmeter or milliammeter (any low reading one will suffice since it is also a milliammeter) and plug it into the jack marked "meter." Then take a short length of wire with a clip at each end, and short out terminals 8 and 4 of the oscillator coil. While doing this watch the meter. If the reading of the meter goes down as you short terminals 3 and 4 change the potentiometer knob on the subpanel to add more $C$ bias. If the reading on shorting terminals 3 and 4 goes up, then less C bias should be supplied. The simplest way to do is to attach one clip on terminal 4 of the oscillator and then with other end tap on terminal 3 . Alter the potentiometer value as you tap until you reach a point where the meter needle remains steady regardless of whether the terminals are shorted or not. In this condition the oscillator takes just as much space current when the grid circuit is shorted and the tube stops oscillating, as it does when the tube is fully oscillating. Here the even harmonics will have been eliminated and the odd ones greatly reduced in strength. If the $71 / 2$ volt C battery is not sufficient, hook another one in series with the first one.

## Get Proper Voltages.

ANOTHER word might not b amiss. The voltages shown in the diagram, namely, 45,9
and 135 , should be assured. If using a B eliminator, test your voltages to see the proper values are secured. In using dry batteries be sure to use the heavy duty type, since the receiver when using a power tube, takes from 30 to 50 milliamperes. In actual operation and with everything going full blast our test set ran 35 milliamperes.

Inside of the 111-A coils there will be found small rotors. These rotors govern the pickup from the antenna, and the pickup from the oscillator. It would be a good idea for the set builder to experiment with different inductive relationships of these rotors. The rotor in the antenna coupler should be yaried until a good signal strength is secured with a given length of antenna, while the oscillator rotor may also be varied until the best results are secured.

Tune in a local station first and get the set adjusted for best wave transmission which might ordinarily be heard on the super, is likewise done away with. In the audio end with the falling characteristic of these transformers many of the shrill whistles heard on another set are cut off to a point where they are not noticeable. In the lower register we found tones from the well
known "oompah" of the Sousaphone, the throbbing cello and a number of the pedal notes of an organ that we did not believe were in existence before. One of our radio wags suggested the audio transformers used in this receiver should be sold to a great many of the broadcasting stations for line transformers.

In another portion of this story we will give the results of our tests. At present we will confine ourselves to a description of the circuit, section by section.

## The Description

FIGURE 1 of the blueprints shows the front view of the panel, which is 7 by 21. On it are located the jack for the meter, volume control, selector one, RF gain control, selector two, filament control, and the filament switch. The drawing gives the detailed dimensions.

In the second blueprint, Figure 2, are shown, reading from left to right, the three intermediate stages, the shielded first detector, the shielded oscillator, and the two stages of audio with output transformer. The stage shields are available so that any one can duplicate this feature of the design.

Figure 3 shows the under side of the subpanel on which a majority of the connections are
made, most of these connections being run together across the bottom of the subpanel.

Schematically the Clough superheterodyne is shown in Figure 4 , which is the diagram from which the set should be studied and wired. All markings are shown on the diagram so that even a novice should not hesitate to make up a set.

Referring to the schematic circuit, we will dissect it for our readers. The first detector circuit is located inside the stage shield. It comprises the coil socket, 515, the plug-in coil, 111-A, the tube socket 511, the variable condenser 316, the grid condenser and grid leak. Ground is common with the stage shield, the negative filament terminal 4 of the coil, the rotor of the variable condenser, the rotor of the midget condenser ( .000025 mfd ) and one side of the bypass capacity which is across the 45 volt lead.

The oscillator circuit is likewise shielded with a stage shield, which is common with the negative connection of the potentiometer, the negative of the filament. A strap is shown below the ground connection which serves to join the two stage shields und place them at ground potential, thus limiting


Photograph of the completed Clough superheterodyne with the atage shields removed from the firat detector and oacillator


considerably the local pickup of the circuits. A one mfd bypass is shown between terminal 5 and the negative filament, the 275 choke being in series with the plate section of the coil, the meter jack and the 45 volt line.

The intermediate, or long wave section, of the circuit is self explanatory. Two long wave, iron core transformers are used, the first one using 45 volt plate potential, and the second one 90 volt potential. A potentiometer is placed across the positive socket terminal and the negative of the filament battery, its center arm going to the two grid returns of the iron core transformers. The air core filter coil, 211, has 90 volts applied to the plate, while the grid return goes to the $11 / 4$ or 3 volt negative terminal of a C battery. The capacity Cx placed across the primary of the air core transformer, peaks this transformer at the desired frequency-in this case 55 kilocycles. The condenser is supplied with the transformer.

0BSERVING the log shown as a result of tests on the Clough super, readers will note a slight deviation from a uniform curve for both the oscillator and antenna settings. These, we believe, are due to the changes we made during the logging, of the antenna and oscillator rotor inside of the plug-in coils. Where greatest interference from local splash was encountered, it was necessary to alter the inductive relationship of the antenni rotor to bring back sharpness. In such a case a slight irregularity shows up in the plotting of the condenser settings. The same holds true for alteration of the oscillator pickup rotor, and a difference in the positive bias applied to the oscillator will likewise bring a slightly different oscillator condenser setting. It is suggested before a permanent $\log$ is made of the receiver, all possible combinations of rotor settings be tried, especially in the vicinity of stations like WQJ against WJZ. If the rotor adjustments are made on the WQJ-WJZ band (separated by 10 kilocycles), and the degree of selectivity fixed, this
degree will remain true for the balance of the broadcast channels. It is not advisable to be constantly changing the antenna settings since it would entail considerable bother in making up a standard set of logging figures.

Particular attention should be paid to the filament setting of the tubes. With a voltmeter, adjust the filament circuit until the reading is exactly 5 volts. From this point all other adjustments may be made. However if the filament voltage is constantly shifted there will be a slight deviation in the oscillator readings.

LOG OF CLOUGH SUPER

| KC | Stn | Ant | Ose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1010 | KPRC | 34 | 38 |
| 1000 | WPG | 35 | 39 |
| 990 | WGN | 36 | 40 |
| 980 | KOIL | 37 | 41 |
| 970 | KDKA | 38 | 42 |
| 960 | KSBA | 39 | 43 |
| 950 | WGES | 40 | 44 |
| 940 | WSMB | 42 | 46 |
| 930 | KOA | 43 | 47 |
| 920 | KWKH | 44 | 48 |
| 910 | WJAZ | 45 | 49 |
| 900 | KTNT | 46 | 50 |
| 890 | WJAX | 47 | 51 |
| 880 | KFAB | 48 | 52 |
| 870 | WCBD | 49 | 53 |
| 860 | WEEI | 50 | 54 |
| 850 | WJAD | 52 | 55 |
| 840 | KRLV | 53 | 56 |
| 830 | WPAP | 54 | 58 |
| 820 | WHB | 55 | 59 |
| 810 | WEBH | 56 | 60 |
| 800 | KTHS | 57 | 61 |
| 790 | WGY | 58 | 63 |
| 780 | CNRM | 59 | 64 |
| 770 | WTAM | 60 | 65 |
| 760 | WOAI | 61 | 66 |
| 750 | WHT | 62 | 67 |
| 740 | KMMS | 63 | 68 |
| 730 | WCRW | 64 | 70 |
| 720 | WCCO | 65 | 72 |
| 710 | WLW | 66 | 73 |
| 700 | WSE | 67 | 75 |
| 690 | KFKB | 69 | 77 |
| 680 | WOS | 70 | 79 |
| 670 | WQJ | 72 | 82 |
| 660 | WJZ | 74 | 83 |
| 650 | WCAE | 75 | 86 |
| 640 | KFl | 77 | 87 |
| 630 | WBAP | 79 | 90 |
| 620 | WOC | 81 | 93 |
| 610 | WCFL | 83 | 96 |
| 600 | WMC | 85 | 98 |
| 590 | KFQB | 88 | 75 |
| 580 | WCX | 90 | $77 *$ |
| 570 | WOAW | 92 | 79 |
| 560 | KYW | 96 | 82* |
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#### Abstract

THE material appearing under the title "Pickupa sod Hookups by Oar Reiders" in RADIO AGE, is I cantributed by our paderk. It is a deporment mbertin ous readers ezebange views on vaitious circuitr and the conatruction and operation thereof, Many times our resden disagret on technical pointa, and it  follow it doting and tainkine.


WHEN Miss Elizabeth Zandonini of Washington, D. C., received a radiogram from a friend in Italy recently she was somewhat surprised to, note that the message had been filed in Italy only an hour before she had received it in this country. A checkup on the routing showed that an Italian amateur had sent it on short waves direct to an American amateur in Philadelphia, who in turn passed it on immediately to an amateur in Washington, the latter completing the fast delivery by telephoning to Miss Zandonini's residence.

JAMES W. WIGGINTON. watchmaker and jeweler at Larkspur, Calif, has a homespun single tube regenerative set with which he prowls the ether lanes in search of DX. Mr. Wigginton is located at the brow of ML . Tamalpais, 8 miles northwest of San Francisco. In our dreamy moments we pine for such a location for our pet set.

FOR those fans who want the best in their radio installation, there is nothing better than a row of plugging in places in the baseboard, where connections to. everything can be converiently made and just as easily disconnected. The sketch shows how this can be accomplished in $n$ simple way.

At the left is the antenna receptacle, which is only an ordinary electric light receptacle. In connecting this one, only one of the contact screws are used, and in the cap both of the screws are jumped with a piece of wire as shown, so it will make proper connection, whichever way it is inserted. The group of four fit-

Permanent Attachment Place For Radio

tungs consists of a push button switch to start and stop the charger when desired, and the others represent three more receptacles, the first is the same type as the antenna uses, and the other two are "polarity" type, which mean that they can only be inserted one way, which insures the right battery polarity. This whole assembly gives connection to antenna, ground. charger switch, "A" battery, "B" battery 22 v , and 90 v . all brought up through the cellar directly underneath, a location being selected where the partition can be easily entered by boring holes up from the cellar to admit the wires.

The usual switch box is used, cut in flush with the baseboard, to encase the receptacles and the switch. For the group of four.
the boxes are joined together into one, by removing the side walls as required and the screws provided, will clamp thems all together. The single brass finishing plate is easy to purchase anywhere, but the four "gang," may have to be made for you, out of a piece of $1 / 4$ " brass.
In operation, the charger switch is left "off." When it is desired to charge the battery, you simply push the switch "on," making sure all the rheostats on the set are off to avoid possible injury to the tubes, leaving it charging until it is desired to operate the set again, if necessary. This being all located in the baseboard, it makes tramping to the cellar unnecessary, and all unsightly batteries out of sight.

- H. P. STROUD.

0NE of our readers, whom we take to be a telegraph operator (from his signature), tells this department of his scheme for using a telephone as an aerial. J. N. Bacon, at Oshkosh, Wis., writes as follows :-
"I am located on a corner with street cars on west and south sides of me, power line carrying 8 wires (power to car barns) 60 feet west of and parallel to my antenna, high power line carrying 66,000 volts 300 feet east of and parallel to my antenna and all approximately at same height, Reception spoiled by incessant crackling and when street cars are passing reception is entirely drowned out.
"It was inconvenient to change the antenna to right angle to these power lines, and the results would have been doubtful even then, so I tried the stunt of using the telephone as a "pick up" with the result of an apparent increase of signal intensity, reducing the crackling to almost abs lute quiet, and unless I am looking for the street cars, would not know they were passing, except when forcing the tubes, then I get a slight crackling, but when the R. F. and detector tubes are being worked on the correct amount of filament battery, no noise is noticed. Am using a BrowningDrake hook-up, and while I have only had both coasts, the Gulf and Canadian station, as well as anything intermediate so far, with this new 'pick up,' I am in hopes that I may possibly get a little farther later on.
"While the wife was not looking, I 'acquired' an aluminum pie pan from the kitchen cupboard and attached a wire to it for a lead-in to the antenna post on the set, cutting off the outside antenna entirely. I then placed the pan on the one desk and placed the phone upon the pan.
"Do not attach the wire to the phone, nor allow it to come in contact with the metal part of the phone or the trouble shocter will be trying to locate trouble on your lines.
"If it broadens your tuning, as it did mine, cut a .0005 fixed condenser in series in the leadin. This will bring it back to
very sharp tuning again.
"If you think this would help out some one who might be similarly situated, pass it along. There is no interference from the phone, whether it is working or not, neither does the ringing of the phone interfere, only a slight 'click' of the make or break, as the receiver is lifted off or replaced on the hook."

The Magasine of the How

BUILDING his own sets from prints in this magazine, $Z$. T. Wheeler, 112 Russell St,, Nashville, Tenn., writes to enroll in the DT fraternity. Mr. Wheeler seems to have a penchant for three tube sets and says he has made up nearly every possible combination of three tubers, getting good results from all of them.

# Trees as Sources of Radio Inductive Interference 

By JAMES MONTAGNES

IN some sections of the country radio inductive interfcrence is the bugbear of radio fans. Electrical appliances and electric lines are the cause of this, and it takes radio inspectors and supervisors much time to hunt the trouble in order that the broadcast listener may be rid of this pest.
The little town of Orillia in Ontario at the head of Lake Simcoe, recently sent in a complaint to the Toronto ralio inspector that terrific radio interference was making radio reception almost impossible. The radio interference car was quickly prepared and Inspector S. J. Ellis with his assistant left for Orillia, about eighty miles north of Toronto.
On coming within view of the town, Mr. Ellis was greatly impressed with the vast number of trees in and about the community. In fact Mr. Ellis fervently believes that there isn't another town with such a distinguishing entry. The trees proved to be more than that.
Usually inspection for this sort of interfercnec is done on foot; wheres long road has to be investiguted the car is nsed. A receiver, loop aerial and phones are carried by the hunter, the receiver being slung over the shculder by means of a strap and the loop carried in the hand. Then as a noise is heard in the phones it is tuned in and hunted till it is loulest. This vicinity is then thoroughly searched and the source of the trouble quickly found in this mamer.
Following this system Mr. Ellis began huntang for inductive interference on reaching Orillia. He did not have far to go. Coming under some of the trees a faint sizzling was heard in the earphones. With-
out the aid of radio this was also to be heard, although very faintly. On investigating it was discovered that in a number of places throughout the town high voltage lines carrying 2,200 volts for the electrical consumption of Orillia were touching the trees in various places. As soon as the wires were separated from these branches the trouble ceased. As a result wherever this phenomena was found branches were sawn off. Typical examples of these charred limbs are shown in the accompanying photograph Today Orillia is still a town of trees but radio reception is excellent.


Section of tree trunk, indentation showing where wood was burned away by high power line grounding to tree

# Keeping Pace With Science 

## European Scientists Study

 Ghostly Temperature DropSCIENTIFIC circles in Europe are experiencing a distinct revival of interest in the supposed phenomena produced by mediums and in other so-called psychic manifestations. Most scientific men have been disinclined to investigate these phenomena seriously on the ground that many mediums are known to be frauds and that fraud is probable in the whole realm of the psychic. Outstanding exceptions to this view have been Sir Oliver Lodge, in England, and Dr. Charles Richet, in Paris. These pioneers are now beginning to have imitators among other scientific men. Few of these scientists share the spiritualistic beliefs. They prefer the idea that if any of the phenomena are real these are to be explained by new forces of nature which we do not yet understand. The most important single experiment yet reported in the field of actual scientific investigations of mediumistic phenomena appears to be one in which the temperature of the seance room dropped suddenly while a seance was in progress.

## This Ship Swallows the Whate



Hat Welu Mas
The whale may have swallowed Jonah, but in 1926 here is what surallows the whale. In the strange blunt prow of this modern whaling vessel, is a waterproof door which is opened when a whale is caught, and in goes the whale, where thetry-work scannery and full equipment for using every bit of the big sea beast is located. The ship shown here is the C. A. Larsen, one of the biggest whalers afloat

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## Mother of Airplanes at Sea

 tain John Rears planes 2500 times without a single major accident. One thousand seven hundred of these landings have taken place since last November and all have been made at sea while the Langley was engaged in tactical maneuvers with the fleet or in training of the pilots. The arresting gear on board the Langley, which permits the plane to come to a full stop within the length of the deck, is one of the few jealously guarded secrets of the American Navy

## Keeping Pace with Science

## Eyes and Ears of the U.S. Coast Artillery



In the foreground is shown the huge new two-billion candle power Sperry searchlight, capable of casting a ray of light 40 miles, exhibited for the first time at the 1926 Electrical and Industrial Exposition at Grand Central Palace. In the background of the picture may be seen the listening machine used by the Army to detect the approach of enemy airplanes

## First Plane Catapulted From Turret of U.S. Battleship By Powder Explosion

The U. S. Navy added another chapter to the history of aeronautics when a 5,100 pound am-


## Cosmic Rays Have Been Traced to Milky Way

TWO discoveries have been announced concerning the remarkable cosmic rays which continually bombard the earth from outer space. One announcement comes from the American physicist, Dr, R. A. Millikan, who detected these rays last year by sinking his apparatus deep in the water of a snow-fed lake high op on the California mountains. Dr. Millikan has now repeated these tests in the water of another mountain lake on top of the Andes Mountains in South America. The results are the same. The reality of the cosmic rays can no longer be doubted. The other announcement comes from Dr. Werner Kolhoerster, of Berlin, a German scientist who has been studying these rays for several years. Assisted by Dr. Gubert von Salis, he tested the intensity of cosmic rays on the top of one of the mountains in Switzerland. This intensity was found to vary from hour to hour, depending upon what part of the sky was overhead. More of the rays appear to come from the Milky Way than from other parts of the sky, with two other apparont sources perceptible; one in the neighborhood of the great Andromeda nebula and the other in the constellation Hercules. What produces these cosmic rays is unknown. Many scientists think that it is some transformation of the atoms of matter. The rays resemble Xrays but are much more penetrating. If they can be identified as coming from some particular class of celestial objects that may yield a clue to their origin and thence to how they can be produced and studied here on earth.

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## Everyday Mechanics

## Experiment Confirms the Electric Nature of Matter

CREATING electric currents by shaking the electrons inside a bar of copper, as peas might be shaken inside a baby's rattle, is the striking scientific experiment recently accomplished by Dr. Richard C. Tolman and L. M. Mott-Smith at the California Institute of Technology, at Pasadena. The new experiment concludes and strengthens a series of similar tests begun by Dr. Tolman nearly ten years ago. Its result confirms the modern idea that both electricity and matter are fundamentally the same. The electrons with which Dr. Tolman's experiment dealt are the tiny electric particles which operate the vacuum tubes of a radio set and which constitute electric sparks and electric currents. These same electrons are believed to form parts of the atoms of matter. A bar of metal contains millions of them. Ordinarily these electrons are tightly held inside the metal, escaping only under the action of intense heat or of electric forces. Nine years ago Dr. Tolman was able, however, to shake a few of them out of a moving copper rod by stopping it quickly, in the same way in which one shakes pills out of a bottle to which they adhere. Now he has used the different method of making his cylinder of metallic copper twist back and forth on a spring. This sets the electrons inside the metal to swinging.

## Germ Personalities

THAT even the tiniest germs possess personalities and individualities is the conclusion reached by a German biologist, Dr. F. M. Lehmann, from longcontinued studies of a variety of microscopic, one-celled animal called the Paramecium. Creatures of this kind are plentiful all over the world and may usually be seen under the microscope in a drop of water from

## Skill With Knife Wins Scholarship



Alfred Bird, 16 years old, of Somerville, Mass., makes models of famous old shipps with his trusty jack-knife as his only tool. Professors at the Mass. Institute of Technology thought so much of his work that he has been offered a scholarship in Marine Engineering. He is shown here holding a model of the famous "Flying Cloud" which he built from an accurate blueprint of the original ship

## May Fly Like Angels



Wide Wierli Fhatar The least angelic of men will soon be flying about with a set of substantial mechanical wings, according to M. Anton Lutsch, Austrian engineer, who has invented an apparatus to be worn by an individual with an extremely light motor furnishing the motive power for a set of wings. The first model, shown here, weighs only eighty pounds, and has already risen several yards above the ground and for quite a distance in any given direction. The model has been bought with all rights by a Swiss consortium and transported to Switzerland where further improvements and experiments will be made. Photos show a front and.rear view of the unique apparatus worn on a man's back
any stagnant ditch or pond. Dr. Lehmann has studied the effects of such things as temperature, food, fresh water and so on on individual creatures of this spe-
cies. He finds them to differ almost as markedly among themselves as human individuals would do under parallel circumstances.

## Smoke-Eating Apparatus


C. W. Ringer, chief engineer of the Minneapolis Fire Department, demonstrating his new upparatus for sucking out of burning buildings clouds of suffocating smoke which impede the efforts of firemen

## Coach Using Electric Drive



Recently Chicagoans witnessed demonstrations of the Verase coach which utilizes electricity for its motive power, the current being furnished by a generator driven by a gasoline motor. The coach is equipped with a 125 hp ., six cylinder engine recently developed by the Versare and Waukesha companies. The engine is connected to a 40 kw Westinghouse generator by means of a dise type coupling. Two Westinghouse 28 hp ., motors take current from the generator for driving. Braking is accomplished by air brake, electric resistance braking and the conventional hand brake. Speed determined by the electric controller, there being no gear shifts. A number of these coaches are now in operation, one similar to the coach shown above being used by the Alton Transportation Co.

## General Electric Has

## 15 Transmitter Licenses

FIFTEEN radio licenses have been issued to the General Electric Company by the Department of Commerce, to assist engineers of that company in their comprehensive inquiry into the mysteries of radio transmission.

To the average listener fifteen radio licenses sound like a lot of interference and there might be some atmospheric difficulties in
the vicinity of Schenectady if all the transmitters represented by the fifteen licenses were on the air at the same time with voice and code. This is not the case however, as rarely more than six transmitters are working at once and these are so widely spaced that there is no chance of one transmitter encroaching on the air lane of another. Furthermore all of the Schenectady transmitters, no matter in what
stage of development they may be, are controlled by crystal quartz which holds them on the desired frequency.

The licenses issued to the General Electric Company and the wavelengths for which they are issued are: $2 \mathrm{XAW}, 3$ to 20 meters: $2 \mathrm{XO}, 2 \mathrm{XAF}$ and 2 XAD , 10 to 50 meters; $2 \mathrm{XH}, 2 \mathrm{XK}$ and 2XAC, 50 to 150 meters; 2XAK and $2 \mathrm{XAZ}, 100$ to 200 meters; 2XAG ( 50 kilowatts), 380 meters; $2 \mathrm{XAH}, 1000$ to 4000 meters: 2XI, general experimental license: 2XAM, 110 meters. The fifteenth license is for broadcasting purposes and is for WGY, licensed for 379.5 meters.

Station 2XAF is now being used on 32.79 meters and it was this transmitter which carried the signals of WGY across the Atlantic and the Pacific, early this spring.

2XAD is now being used for transmission on 20 and 26 meters, and 2XK, heard previously on 109,100 and 65 meters is now operated periodically on 140 meters. 2 XAH , at one time operated on 1360 meters, later on 1480 , is nom transmitting signals on 1400 meters for rebroadcasting by WCAD of St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N. Y. 2XAM and 2XAE are used by the General Engineering laboratory of the General Electric Company for communication between the main laboratory and the standardizing laboratory in the town of Glenville, about eleven miles away.



San Francisco is the richer for 15,000 horse power of electricity being generated in the mountains of California, brought down and under San Francisco Bay by cable. The length of cable laid across the bay was $83 / 2$ miles, vilued at $\$ 225,000$ and represented the culmination of 8 months of toil. The cable measured $4 / 5$ inches in diameter. Contained within its outside insulation of wrapped wire there were three insulated groups of heavy copper wire to carry the 12,000 volts needed to meet the demands in San Franciaco. The coils of cables twere 41,000 foot lengths and were spliced together. The cable barge is shown dropping the last coll of cable into the Bay.

## What's Wrong With Broadcasting <br> (Continued from poge 12)

ery city which supports more than a thousand inhabitants will have that many before the snow flies.

When programs and licenses were considered a part of the equipment of a broadcasting station many a voice was stilled despite the knowledge of its owner that millions of people wanted to hear it. Now neither programs nor licenses are required and most of the birds who used to build receivers are now building transmitters. It seems quite likely that within the next two or three months no-body-that includes Mr. Edison -will be left to listen to the broadeasting stations. And what of it?

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## Washington Monument Does a Radio Shimmy

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tinuous waves were transmitted, these being chopped by a commutator connected in the filament center tap.
"As a result of these observations," summarizes Mr. Dunmore of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, "it appears that there is induction or radiation from most metallic objects so that a radio directionfinder placed in the immediate vicinity gives nn erroneous indication of the direction of the transmitting station. The magnitude of this distortion depends greatly upon the wave length.
"For this reason, it is always advisable to detune or open circuit any antennae which are in the immediate neighborhood of a direction-finding station. It also seems doubtful whether burying wires near the receiving station is sufficient to avoid all distortion.
"In general, the distortion decreases to a negligible amount at a distance away from the disturbing object about equal to its largest dimension.

## White Paint Cooler

THE Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, was recently requested to devise a method for preventing the excessive heating of gas balloons in sunlight, it has been announced. Previously, it was pointed out, the Bureau had conducted tests showing that radiators in homes radiated more heat when painted with certain kinds of paint and, conversely, tents painted with different kinds of paint would bar heat from the interior.

The information gained from these early tests, stated the Bureau, was an aid in solving the problem of devising a method for preventing the super-heating of gas balloons. The outer surface of the top and sides of the balloon, should be painted white,

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When Radio Turns Navigator (Continued from page 14)
dyne receiver is employed in connection with the radio direction finder, neatly installed in the metal cabinet which forms the base of the equipment. The tuning controls, exposed to view by a drop cover, consist of two station selectors, a volume control, a filament control, and a switch for obtaining "Line" and "Sense" readings. The batceries are also in the base of the equipment, and are connected with a trickle charger.

SO LMPORTANT is the direction finder in navigation that radio beacons, like lighthouses and lightships, have come into existence along our coasts as infallible guides to coastwise and transoceanic and lake navigators. These radio beacons, operated by the U. S. Lighthouse Service, norr extend up and down the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, along the Gulf of Mexico, and on the Great Lakes, as well as in Alaska and Hawaii.

Operated on regular schedule, the radio beacons are also pressed into service when weather conditions warrant steady operation. They are likewise started on request Operating on 1,000 meters wavelength assigned for such radio transmission by international regulation, the ICW or inter-rupted-continuous-wave transmitters employed send out signals that vary in note and in character, so that each beacon may be readily identified. Heretofore, all radio beacons have been operated at the same time, causing considerable and troublesome interference bocause of the uniffed wavelength, This interference has been eliminated, however.
"Invariably, navigators are enthusiastis in their praise of the direction finder, which, in many cases, has taken precedence over the time-honored sextant in determining a ship's position, even when ideal weather prevailed," according
to T, M. Stevens of the Radio Corporation of America. "In foggy and cloudy weather, of course, the radio direction finder serves to solve what has hitherto been a serious predicament. Where sounding are impractical along steep coasts, because of great depths a short distance off shore, navigators have used the radio direction finder and their known speed in guiding their ships along. Delays on account of fog can now be practically eliminated.


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## Try Out Hour for Radio Performers <br> (Contimed from page 13)

ever was a gift to radio, her offspring is it.
"I want you to try Johnnie's voice on the air," she wheedles. "He has such a lovely voice. All the neighbors say they never heard anything like it. He's not the least bit afraid either. Shake hands with the gentleman, Johnnie! Yes, indeed, I was just saying to my husband last night, 'I MUST take Johnnie up and let him sing for XZY. They have SUCH a good station.' I wouldn't take Johnnie any place else."

The long-suffering director or whoever happens to be trying out the talent, agrees to listen to Johnnie's phenomenal voice. Usually the poor little soul has adenoids or enlarged tonsils or an advanced case of toothlessness and could never be used under any circumstances, even on a children's program. As gently as possible mamma is told that Johnnie's voice is not suitable for broadcasting.

## Mamma Gets Peeved

WHAT: Not suitable for broadeasting!" Manma usually retorts in righteous indignation. "Why I heard a little boy sing from your station last week and his voice didn't begin to compare with Johnnie's! It didn't compare! Of course if you WON'T use him here, I'll be OBLIGED to take him to some other station."

And she sails out of the studio while the director is left to curse Mr. Volstead and all his cohorts.

I might as well insert, right here, the method used by most directors for disposing of the applicant and still keep him in a good humor. The old inevitable standby is: "Give me your name and address and we'll call you when we need you."

This does not mean that when a director tells an applicant that, the applicant is hopelessly lost. In some cases, applicants are called but they are rare, oh very rare!

I know one girl, pianist in a big studio, who tries out talent and who, when she began, used to
tell the truth. She is a German girl of very frail and saintly appearance and it was her beautiful, innate sincerity that caused her to tell the applicant, simply but accurately, just what was what.
After the tryout was over and the applicant would prove unworthy, this little German girl, who speaks with an engaging accent, would say sorrowfully (and incidentally she is always sorry when someone's hopes are dashed), "It is too bad but you are not good. I am so sorry. You go home and practice for a good long time. Then when you think you are good enough, you come back and we will see what we can do."

## Scheme Worked For While

THIS formula worked beautifully for several weeks while directors and studio attaches stood aghast at hearing the truth told in such a sincere, straightforward manner. But one day this little German girl's honest sincerity was betrayed. She told the plain and rather painful truth to a young man who had reached the no-hat, wide pants stage. He listened to her to the end and then smiled pityingly.
"Of course," he remarked, sweeping her small person with his eyes, "you haven't the slightest idea of what you are talking about."

And walked out of the studio.
Since that, the little German girl uses the age-old formula of Give-me-your-name-and-address-and-we-will-call-you. I think it': rather too bad.

I believe I must have, by this time, given the impression that all of the people who apply for tryouts want to sing. That isn't true. Most of them want to sing but a few of them want to do other things. There are pianists and violinists and other musicians who make application and, in rare instances, prove good enough to use. One studio reports on an applicant who came to the station equipped with everything but the kitchen stove. He had a French harp in his mouth, a violin in his hands, cymbals between his knees. sleigh bells around his ankles and
such a varied collection of other gimeracks and do-dads that the astounded studio director just naturally couldn't keep track of 'em. I believe the gentleman called himself a "one-man band."

In weeding out radio talent, I am told there is one system that is absolutely sure-fire and one in which the applicant does not have to make a display of his talents. That system is this: When they say they don't know whether they're good or not, they usually are. But! When they admit they're good, it's a safe bet they're terrible.

Said I to a radio director after he had told me all he could about tryouts, "What would your advice be to anyone who wanted to get on the air?"

His answer was this: "Listen to the different radio stations to find out their standards. Visit the studio and learn, by observation, how singers or musicians broadcast. Take your talents to the station whose standard you think you suit. Then, for heaven's sake, be willing to take advice from those in the studio."

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Scientist Proposes Big Rockets to Attract Lightning

AN interesting modification of A Benjamin Franklin's celebrated experiment of drawing down lightning on a kite string has been proposed by Dr. C. V. Boys, famous English physicist now living in well-earned retirement after a lifetime of distinguised service as a teacher. Dr. Boys proposes that rockets be sent up into a thunder cloud to see whether a flash of lightning will then follow the track of the rocket, either downward to the earth or upward from the earth to the cloud. Experts on lightning are disagreed about what starts the flashes and about what determines the path of a flash. The track of a rocket contains, Dr. Boys points out, a multitude of electrified atoms, discharged as the explosive burns and drives the rocket upward. Knowledge of whether or not lightning would instantly follow the electrified channel thus created through the air might tell us much, Dr. Boys


## Theories of How Prehistoric Man Discovered Fire

CONFLICTING theories of how prehistoric men first learned about fire are affected by an investigation made for a quite different purpose by the United States Forest Service and just reported in the Monthly Weather Review by H. T. Gisborne. Some students of prehistoric man assume that the first knowledge of fire came from volcanoes; others ascribe it to forest fires started by lightning. The volcano advocates have urged that lightningignited forest fires are too few to have served as such a general cause.

Mr. Gisborne and his assistants are charged with the duty of watching for forest fires in a portion of the northern Rocky Mountains. So far from being a rare occurrence, they find that during 1924 lightning started 51 per cent of the forest fires and in 1925,81 per cent. Lightning constitutes, therefore, the greatest single danger to the

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The final measurement of this value was accomplished by means of a rapidly-revolving sixteensided block having mirrors on each of its sixteen sides. A ray of light from a powerful are lamp was focused on this revolving mirror-sided block, so that the succession of light flashes reflected as each mirror passed by was sent out of the laboratory on Mount Wilson and off toward another mountain top twenty-two miles away. On this other mountain top was a stationary mirror which reflected these light flashes back again to their original sources.

While the light was on its journey to the distant mountain-top and return, the revolving set of mirrors at the source moved slightly, due to the rotation of the mirror-sided block. Accordingly the light flash returning from the distant mountain was not received on the same mirrorface from which it departed, but on the next face; this next face having been brought into line by the rotation of the mirror-faced block. The speed of rotation of this block could be altered by means of a throttle controlling the compressed air turbine which drove the block. By adjusting this speed so that the second mir-ror-face came to occupy for the returning light ray exactly the same position that the preceding mirror-face had occupied when the ray departed, it was possible
for Professor Michelson to calculate the length of time (a little less than one four-thousandths of a second) that the light-flash had been on the way to the distant mountain-top and return. In order to make this calculation, the speed of rotation of the mirrorfaced block was measured accurately. Also, the United States Government engineers carried out a special and extremely accurate survey to determine the exact distance between the laboratory on Mount Wilson and the distant mirror.

T10 the layman, and even to some scientists, it may seem remarkable that so much labor and money should be expended on a single scientific experiment, especially when the only result expected from that experiment was the attaining of a slightly greater precision for a figure already known with a considerable accuracy. That the experiment was considered worth doing and important is due to the fact that the speed of light in space is felt by physicists to be the most fundamental of all of the constants of nature. This speed enters importantly into the calculations of the Einstein theory as well as into practically all modern theories of the nature of matter, of energy and of the universe.

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