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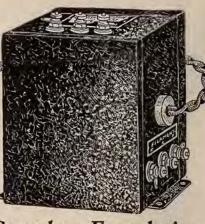
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### Chats With the Editor

UILDING activity has been greater than ever before if the volume of correspondence from our readers is any in-dication of the virility of the parts business and the human urge to accomplish something constructive and yet entertaining. Especially is this true of the eight tube super which was featured in November and January. For March we are preparing another feature in supers-this one to be known as the Ideal World's Record Model. It is made, tested and described by the staff of the RADIO AGE laboratory. Be sure to get your March copy either by subscribing for the magazine or else putting in your order with the newsdealer.

Speaking of supers we have another treat for experimenters with this type of set in a forthcoming series of articles from the pen of D. S. Breitenbach, who is describing the various forms of oscillator tuning, first and second detector detection, intermediate oscillation control and other items dear to the heart of the super experimenter. Watch for these articles in an early issue of this magazine.

Cone speaker enthusiasts will find a construction article of interest on page 11—you'd be surprised to see how easy it is to build a good three-foot cone. And if the wife thinks she is left out of the picture, tell her she may have the pleasure of decorating the face of the cone with an attractive water color design. Or she may even resort to the use of the familiar decalcomanias with which we, as children, adorned our school books.

In the blueprint section of this issue will be found instructions for building the Browning-Drake in power form; that is, using a 171 power tube supplied from a power compact which produces the A, B and C voltages for the 171 and the B voltages for the rest of the receiver.

Frederick Smith

Editor of RADIO AGE.



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# RADIOEDITORIALS

PRE-EMINENT in many other ways, the Chicago Tribune appears to have taken the lead in the radio broadcasting field. It probably was inevitable that the paper should have set the pace after it awoke from its long indifference to radio. The explanation for the excellent programs regularly offered by the Tribune lies in the fact that it has devoted intelligence and money to the effort—plenty of both.

The Tribune does not copy other newspapers in any of their or its departments. It sets a policy, based on careful consideration of readers' wants and interests, and then adheres to that policy. Therefore, when it began broadcasting it did not fall into step with the unfortunately popular idea that all a radio station needs is a ukelele picker, a whiney tenor weeping for a lost pal o' his, a triple-action saxophone jazz outfit and an announcer who cracked jokes about hip liquor and baby dolls.

The outstanding distinction of WGN is that its programs are sufficiently diversified to appeal to everybody. The radio features may be likened to the various religious beliefs. As the old negro expressed it "They may not touch all 'round, but they all touch somewha'ar."

The Tribune, in short, made a decision which we devoutly wish all other broadcasters had made before they started operations. The newspaper decided that unless it was to put on programs that were better than the other fellow's programs, there was no use in broadcasting at all. A newspaper which spends great sums of money in developing programs of surpassing merit and which does not too obviously intrude upon the listener with advertisements of its own high quality as a newspaper is entitled to the generous support of radio fans everywhere.

S PEAKING of newspapers in the broadcasting fields, it would be positively unfair not to mention the Chicago Daily News. Miss Judith Waller, director of WMAQ, doesn't take a back seat for any man director when it comes to obtaining good features and putting them on with professional skill and spirit. She has won the gratitude of many thousands of listeners by her production of sport-news features and she has a sure sense of what the public wants in musical numbers. The American Bar Association suggests that the over-supply of broadcasting stations be remedied by eliminating the "non-essential" stations. We hope that when the authorities swing their snickersee, if they ever do, they will leave untouched such stations as WGN and WMAQ.

ROBERT Casey, writer extraordinary, is a member of the editorial staff of the Daily News. He is the author of those whimsical and delectable comments on everyday incidents known as the "Vest Pocket Anthology." He is also a radio experimenter and a widely-followed writer on experimental radio. Recently he wrote

an article in the News in which he referred to a hookup which Fred Hill had described in RADIO AGE. Mr. Casey confessed that he at first paid little heed to the rumors heard about the "hokum corners" that the set actually worked. Mr. Casey says he doesn't have much faith in the general run of comment on new circuits. But he tried this one and it worked. If you want to see the set call on Lou Straus at the Newark Electric Co., Chicago, or write us about it.

THE folks are turning more and more to super-hets. In that connection it is pleasant to be able to announce that the next few issues of Radio Age will have a generous supply of super-het material. Mr. Hill is working on various developments in this magazine's laboratories at Hinsdale. You will want to follow his descriptions and constructional articles.

THE Radio Manufacturers' Association will hold a show for jobbers and dealers in the new Stevens Hotel, Chicago, the week of June 13. Models for the 1927-1928 season will be on display and we believe the exhibition will do a great deal toward eliminating the seasonal aspect of the radio industry.

THOSE stations which are trying to build up good will by reaching distant listeners would do well to remember that the announcer who assumes that the listener knows it is his station and himself announcing without having been told so between numbers is going to lose more good will than he accumulates. It does make a feller sore to wait for an orchestra to complete a number and then have the announcer glibly go on with another number without giving the station call letters. Why do they do it? Will some announcer please explain? Let's make the logging of distant stations a bit more satisfactory by cutting out the mystery.

NE of our readers has solved the problem of what is to become of the vast array of miscellaneous radio parts which every experimenter accumulates in his quest for the world-beating circuit and set. In his own neighborhood this reader found a number of crystal fans who did not feel parts for a tube set were within the reach of their purse. Our reader, remembering the thrill he felt when changing over from crystal to tube, and especially when he brought in his first DX station, foraged around in the dusty collection of coils, condensers, sockets and the like until he had found enough material for three one tube receivers. These supplies were turned over to his neighbors who are now enjoying distant reception (compared to their crystal sets). Other readers may find a tip in the foregoing that will give them pleasure and swell the ranks of the experimenters.

# The Magazine of the Hour

M. B. Smith

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### Two Tubes and Regeneration

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

EFORE advising anyone to build a regenerative receiver, it is only fair to issue a warning that regenerative sets became such a nuisance, soon after broadcasting attracted the general public to radio, that the United States government called conferences in which serious recommendations were made (by manufacturers who were building other types of receivers!) that the manufacture, sale and use of regenerative sets should be prohibited by law. Such a prohibitory law might be enforced more easily than another one that has been quite a live topic of conversation for the past few years, for a government inspector with a radio compass can locate a blooper more easily than an enforcement agent can find a still.

The principle of regeneration is as sound in radio as it is in religion. It must be, for one man is said to have been paid a million dollars for a patent on it and another man spent thousands in proving to the satisfaction of the courts that the fellow who got the million only copied his invention. Superregeneration will amplify energy so tremendously that a receiver using it will pick up a whisper from a man a hundred feet away and throw it back with the volume of a cannon's roar, or make the footsteps of a fly on a bald man's head resound like the ambling of an elephant on a tin roof.

DEGENERATION is a method R of salvaging some of the radio-frequency energy that passes

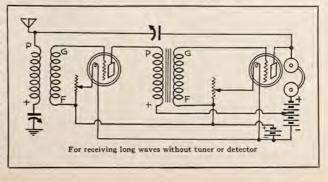
no useful effect on the side where stronger ones. If he wants more the phones or loud speaker areand feeding it back into the grid heard with one tube, then the circuit so that it increases the energy that controls the volume of the sounds we hear. Even a novice, by doing a little experi- luck if he tries audio-frequency eration successfully.

Having made the plunge into the field of multitube set construction, as far as two tubes, the constructor asks himself which tube shall be the detector and which the amplifier. If the first tube, counting from the antenna, is the amplifier, the set will have one stage of radio-frequency amplification. If the first tube is the detector and the second the amplifier, then the amplification will be of the audio-frequency variety.

The builder who wants to pull in the far-away stations will find that radio-frequency amplifica-

through a radio tube-which has the weak signals more than the volume on stations that can be second tube should be used as an audio-frequency amplifier.

The beginner will have better menting, can learn to use regen- amplification at first, making first tube the detector. Radio-frequency amplification is more difficult to handle because the filament and plate, and filament and grid, form small condensers whose capacity, small as it is, has effects that may be hard to overcome. There may be inductive effects that are troublesome also. The tube may howl at the slightest provocation and for no reason that the novice can discover. If radio-frequency amplification is attempted, it should be remembered that a potentiometer, otherwise known as a stabilizer or voltage divider, will be of great assistance in steadytion will give him the best chance, ing the action of the tube. It for the R. F. amplifier increases should be connected across the



the amplifier tube. The device is similar to a rheostat but has terminals at both ends and a sliding contact in the middle which is connected with the lower end of the secondary coil of the first transformer, or to the ground.

There is one advantage in using a radio-frequency amplifier with a regenerative detector, namely, it may stifle the howls of the detector tube before they goad the neighbors to the point of committing justifiable homicide.

The safest recommendation for the average fan who is just striking out into multitube construction is to make the first tube a regenerative detector, with a variocoupler between it and the antenna, use the second tube as an audio-frequency amplifier, and be careful in tuning to keep the tube from howling. Single-circuit regenerative receivers are almost sure to become a nuisance to listeners for blocks around, but with coupled circuits between the antenna and the tube, careful operation usually will prevent any serious disturbance.

As selectivity is important in these days of multiplying broadcasters, it is better to spend a little more money and secure more satisfactory results than are likely to be obtained from the simplest and least expensive outfit. Secure a good variocoupler and two variometers adapted to the wavelengths to be covered. It is almost if not quite impossible to cover the entire broadcasting band efficiently with one receiver, so it is good policy to aim to bring in one station with maximum strength and clarity meter, and another wire from the

terminals of the "A" battery of and then take whatever else comes along for good measure. A station can be selected that has programs you like to hear, and whose wave is near the middle of a waveband that includes other good stations. The receiver that will bring in the one station satisfactorily will probably reach well up and down the scale and miss only those whose wavelengths are at the extremes. There will be enough in any case.

To complete the outfit, secure two tubes, good sockets, an audiofrequency transformer, batteries, rheostat, phones, grid leak and condenser of the correct resistance and capacity values, and jacks for the phone plug.

A loud speaker is not likely to work satisfactorily with so small a set, but a horn to which the phones can be attached may make it possible to hear programs from the near-by stations without wearing the headgear. A crystal detector can be added, so that the local stations can be brought in when the battery is being charged or when the tubes are out of commission for any other reason.

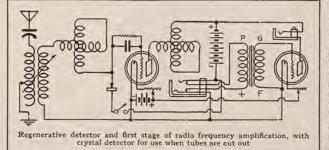
### A Simple Circuit

IRCUIT by circuit, the following two-tube hook-up is easy to understand. See figure 2. The aerial connects with the stationary plates of the variable condenser. The rotor of the condenser connects with the primary coil of the variocoupler. other end of the primary connects with the ground. That completes the antenna circuit.

Run a wire from the secondary of the variocoupler to a varioother terminal of the variometer to the grid leak and condenser, which usually are mounted with common terminals. The other terminal of the grid leak and condenser connects with the grid terminal on the tube socket. The other end of the secondary of the coupler connects with one filament terminal on each of the two tube sockets, the terminals that are not connected with the rheostats. Whether these are positive or negative terminals will depend on whether the positive or negative end of the "A" battery goes to the negative end of the "B" battery. Some tubes require a polarity specified in the directions, and some may be connected either way. The "B" battery connection, however, is always with the positive terminal toward the plate. The above connections complete the grid-filament circuit of the detector.

The plate is connected with the second variometer and the other terminal of the variometer goes to a positive terminal of the "B" battery. Nearly all "B" batteries have several positive terminals, provided with convenient clips, so the voltage may be adjusted easily after the testing begins. The negative terminal of the "B" battery goes to the first jack. whose other terminal connects with the two filaments and the secondary of the variocoupler. This completes the detector plate circuit, which is closed when the phone plug is placed in the jack.

The detector jack is provided with two terminals that should be connected with the two ends of the primary coil of the audio-frequency amplifying transformer. The secondary of the transformer connects with the grid of the amplifier tube on one end and with the filament on the other. The filament terminal used should be the same that connects with the secondary of the variocoupler. The plate of the amplifier tube connects with one terminal of the second jack. The other terminal of the jack goes to the positive terminal of the "B" battery. This completes the wiring for the set, unless a crystal detector is connected between the detector grid lead and phone jack, with a



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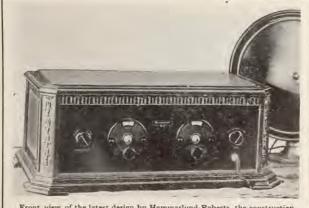
### Building the Hammarlund-Roberts

PART I By LESLIE G. BILES

AMMARLUND-ROBERTS' new design known as the "Hi-Q" is an entirely modern radio receiver, non-oscillating and incorporating the latest approved features. The most important of these includes dual tuning, stage shielding, automatic coupling variation, high detection efficiency and a high power output.

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Anyone can build this receiver.



Front view of the latest design by Hammarlund-Roberts, the construction of which is detailed in this and a succeeding article

And you have a receiver that will plicity of design and operation.

Here is a receiver of five tubes, which employs two highly efficient stages of tuned radio amplification, a non-regenerative detector and two stages of high quality transformer coupled audio amplification, the second stage of which is so arranged the new power tubes may be used.

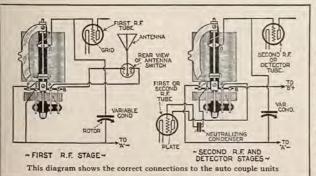
Tuning has been held down to two major controls. Scientific shielding of the radio frequency units produces a receiver of unusual selectivity, sensitivity, quality and volume.

In theory this receiver is com-

All the research, the selection of paratively simple. It combines parts, the exact placing of units, the sensitivity and selectivity of has been worked out in advance. two stages of radio frequency amplification with the inherent staequal an eight-tube set-sim- bility and distortionless characteristics of a non-regenerative detector. While it is admitted that a regenerative detector provides a considerable degree of radio frequency amplification it is well known that amplification secured in this manner has many drawbacks. Chief among these is the tendency to cut "side bands," a type of tone distortion which has a very disagreeable effect when passed on to the loud speaker. In order to avoid this and other types of "regenerative" troubles without sacrificing sensitivity, the two radio frequency stages have been designed to insure an extremely high degree of amplification.

### Quality Output

FTER providing for a high A quality audio output from the detector a two stage transformer coupled audio amplifier is used to step up the signals to loud speaker intensity. transformers used in the audio amplifier have a high primary impedance, insuring faithful reproduction of the lower musical and speech tones. The secondaries are wound by a special helical process which reduces distributed capacity to a minimum



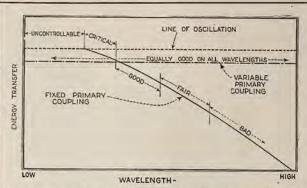


Figure 2—Theoretical advantages of variable coupling as compared to fixed coupling

so that the higher audio frequencies and their harmonics are passed on to the loud speaker without loss. This results in the reproduction of the higher musical tones of such instruments as the violin with full life and brilliance, and aids very materially in removing the dull and muffled effects so commonly associated with loud speaker reproduction.

Although the receiver has three radio frequency circuits the tuning controls have been reduced to two by placing the second and third variable condensers on the

same shaft. A small compensating condenser in parallel with the third variable condenser has been provided to compensate for the small difference in circuit capacity of the third tuning circuit chiefly due to the detector grid condenser. This compensator needs no adjustment after its setting has once been determined.

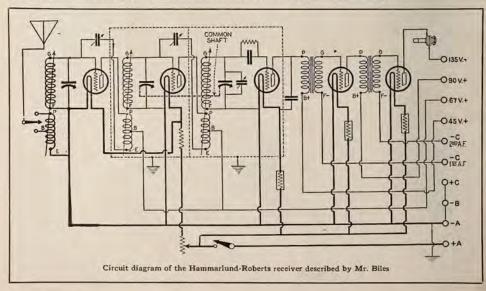
A volume control has been provided which is exceptionally smooth and gradual, allowing the operator to adjust for a powerful local or a weak and distant station with equal facility.

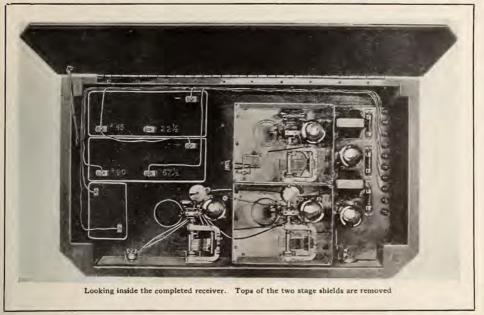
This volume control is a 10 ohm rheostat regulating the filament brilliancy of the two radio frequency amplifier tubes. To eliminate the possibility of applying more than the rated voltage to the filaments of these tubes, a 2 ohm resistance unit is used in series with the radio frequency tubes and rheostat. The filaments of the remaining tubes are held at their proper operating temperatures by separate automatic resistances.

Voltages induced in the antenna ground system are magnified by the action of the first stage of radio frequency amplification and passed on to the second radio frequency stage where their intensity is still further increased.

Since the second radio frequency stage and the detector stage are shielded unwanted signals are weeded out due to the filtering action of the three tuned circuits through which they would have to pass in order to reach the detector tube. This shielding also prevents direct pick-up by the second radio frequency and detector circuits.

The use of stage shielding also eliminates any interaction between circuits, thereby stabilizing the radio frequency amplifier and greatly increasing its over all efficiency.





No shield is necessary on the first radio frequency stage although the receiver is designed so that a shield can also be used for this stage if desired.

The output of the second radio frequency stage which is a highly amplified copy of the original signal picked up by the antenna, is then fed to the non-regenerative detector where it is demodulated or converted into audible frequencies. These audio currents, or electric sound waves are then further increased in strength by the two stages of transformer coupled audio frequency amplification and passed on to the loud speaker.

### R F Amplifier

TawO stages of radio frequency amplification used in this receiver present some rather new and novel features in the design of the antenna coupling coil and the interstage radio frequency transformers. The design of these coils is based on two fundamental laws of radio engineering that are as old as radio itself. The first of these laws is this: Up to a certain point an increase in the coupling between two coils

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- pr. Sangamo grid-leak clips
   Durkam metallized resistor, 3 megohms
- 1 Hammarlund-Roberts foundation unit (containing drilled and engraved Westinghouse Bakelite-Micarta panel, drilled Bakelite, Micarta sub-panel, two complete shields, two equalizers, extension shaft, resistance unit, wire, screws, nuts and all special hardware required to complete receiver.

affords an increase in energy transfer and a decrease in selectivity. The second law is this: The energy transfer between two coils such as the primary and secondary of an ordinary radio frequency transformer increases rapidly as the frequency increases. In other words, the energy transfer is much greater at high frequencies (short wave lengths) than at low frequencies (long wave lengths), and the relative selectivity is less at high frequencies and greater at low frequencies. Conversely, a constant transfer of energy and constant selectivity can be maintained by loosening the coupling as the frequency is increased.

Successful broadcast receivers must be capable of receiving wavelengths from 200 meters (1500 k c) up to 545 meters (550 k c). This represents two extremes in frequency corresponding to a range of about three to one. These requirements together with the two laws stated above make it evident that some means of variable coupling must be provided if we are to obtain equal energy transfer and selections.

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### "Noise Doctors" Cure Inductive Static

By GEORGE A. BARCLAY

better if there is someone ers. you can complain to when especially true if you are a radio fan. So when the Canadian government decided to institute a degood psychology. When the loud speaker begins to scream like a locomotive and the reception sounds like a load of coal, radio fans in the Dominion simply telephone the nearest government interference station and register their complaint. Soon a corps of trained "noise doctors" are on the case diagnosing the trouble and preparing a remedy.

Canada has taken a step ahead of the United States in trying to improve radio reception for its listeners. The radio branch of the Federal Department of Marine and Fisheries conceived the idea of organizing a body of experts to suppress preventable interference. Government stations were established at Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax. C. P. Edwards, a commander in the British navy during the World War, was placed in charge of the service. stations are equipped with automobiles fitted with special instruments and apparatus. When a complaint is received, the experts start out in their cars to locate the source of the interference and, if possible, to correct it.

"Every population center has a noise level due to preventable causes." Commander Edwards told me. "Every time an electrical switch is opened it creates a static noise. Research by the department disclosed that in one moderately sized town there were ence in the district. Radio fans sixty-seven sources of prevent- were complaining constantly. Our tors of all kinds, and defective pany. They examined the ma-

T ALWAYS makes you feel switches are the principal offend-

"The difficulty of locating things are going wrong. That is noises increases with the size of the city. In a small population center it is possible to isolate noises with comparative ease. partment for combatting pre- But in a big city where there are ventable static, it was employing thousands of power plants, interference may be felt by radio listeners as far as ten miles from its source. Whenever a defect in an electrical plant is corrected. a permanent source of radio noise is removed. For instance a transformer may have been slightly out of order for ten years without being detected. When it is fixed there is that much less noise on the air to deal with.

#### Thermostatic Static

"COME of the queerest things O cause trouble. At a soldiers' hospital in Hamilton, Ont., the patients had a terrible time with static. The authorities called in our 'noise doctors.' Every bed in the hospital was fitted out with electrical footpads equipped with automatic cutouts. When they tuned in on a big city station and the orchestras began to play jazz numbers, the patients would tap their feet in bed in time to the music. This threw the switches off, creating a static that ruined the reception at the hospital until our experts discovered it.

"In another instance our service not only corrected static, but saved some lives as well. In a fairly large city in Eastern Canada there was a street railway company operating a converter which supplied 700 volts of current to its terminal lines. There was a strong inductive interferable noise. Faulty street car experts investigated. They bewires, telephone wires rubbing lieved the noise was caused by against trees, short circuits, the car line's power plant. They power plants out of order, mo- interviewed officials of the com-

chinery. But they could find nothing wrong and engineers at the station laughed at them. Finally they induced the company to shut off power at noon one Sunday. The inductive noise stopped immediately and radio fans got wonderful reception on the afternoon concerts. At four o'clock the plant started again. noise appeared at once.

"Our 'noise doctors' were not satisfied. They began checking up on the frame of the converter. Then they found something startling. A wire from the armature was touching the frame. It had charged it up to 600 volts. Workmen of the plant knew nothing about it. Yet if one of them had touched the frame it would have meant instant death. The short was corrected and the converter is still operating. It is as safe as can be now but you could not pay a workman to approach it without rubber gloves. All the inductive trouble it caused has ceased.

"Another case was baffling. There was a noise in a Toronto office building. It was spoiling reception for four city blocks around. Our experts tested and tested without success. They visited the place fifteen times and still could not find the cause. The noise was like a phantom. It came and went. Finally the experts isolated the noise down to a dentist grinding teeth in the building. The motor of his drill was defective. It caused enough electrical disturbance to ruin the reception of scores of radio listeners."

Canada is spending \$100,000 a year on this special service. Revenue for operation of the work is derived from a license fee of one dollar on every radio receiving set. The Dominion is the only country in the world carrying on an organized campaign of noise prevention.

Radio has had a remarkable

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### Building a 36 Inch Cone at Home

appeared to our staff to be a very difficult job and one that Columbus took a chance. So we figured if that venerable gentleman could discover this country the worst we could do would be to wreck about fifteen dollars worth of parts, and with that alibi in mind we tackled the task. Much to our surprise the matter was comparatively simple, requiring only a little patience and a careful adherence to instruc-

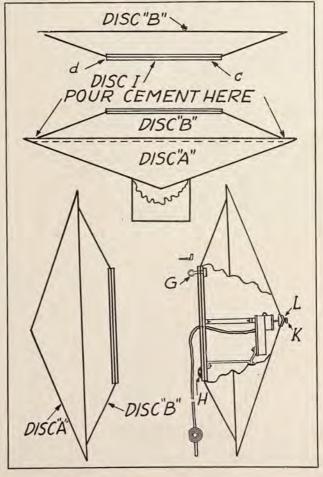
Two diagrams are shown with this article which will give a great deal of the detail necessary. Parts for the construction of such a cone may be secured from a number of manufacturers who supply the integral parts in kit

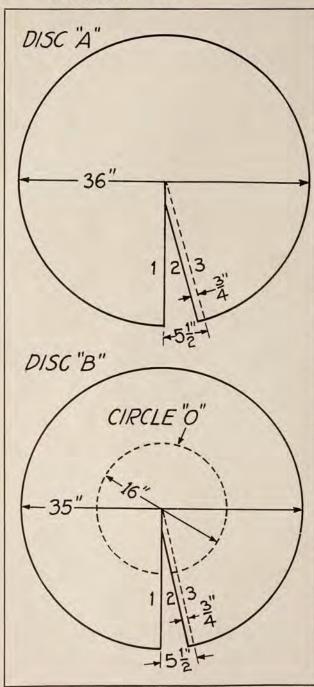
Material for the cone comes in 38 by 38 inch sheets, two being required. This is a special product which leading cone speaker manufacturers are using. One sheet is used for the front of the cone and the other for the back. The upper diagram on page 12 shows the manner of cutting the front cone. To properly scribe the 36 inch circle it is suggested the builder make up a beam compass, consisting of a ruler, or slat about 24 inches in length, with a tack driven through at one end and two small holes drilled 18 and 171/2 inches from the tack, the holes being for a pencil to mark the circle. The end of the ruler with the tack in it is placed in the center of the sheet (after you have marked into quarters the 38 by 38 sheet and found its center) a pencil inserted in the hole 18 inches from the tack, and the circle drawn. For the second cone, B, the hole 171/2 inches from the tack is used since the diameter of disc B is only 35 inches compared to the first one, disc A.

Consult the top drawing on

UILDING a thirty-six inch page 12. Line 1 is now cut at the bottom edge and at the cone speaker at first blush from the lower edge of the cone center. Here draw a full line to the exact center. Measure which will be the line you cut, 51/2 inches (at the bottom edge) line 2. The dotted line, 3, is the the average experimenter or to the dotted line 3. Place a three-quarters of an inch lap handyman would not tackle. But ruler at this point inward to the which the cone will have when its exact center and draw a dotted bottom edges are pulled together. line. Be careful not to use too A quarter inch hole should be much pressure on the pencil or punched out at the exact center. you will tear the material. Then measure off three-quarters of an in the same manner except its inch to the left of the dotted line diameter is 35 inches instead of

The back cone, disc B, is made





36. It also has a 16 inch diameter circle which is later cut out for cementing of the cone to the back rings (these rings come with the parts). In the diagram on page 11, upper, the rings D and C have been cemented on the back disc B. Disc A is placed in a round hatbox, or a smooth rim vessel so it will be self-supporting. Disc B is then placed over the disc A, and a special cement poured at the edges. This cement dries very fast and the builder will have to work quick. This type of cement is furnished with the parts. Let the cones dry overnight to harden the cement thoroughly. The lower left diagram shows the two cones joined, while the lower right sketch shows the mounting of the cone movement to the back rings and the nose piece of the front cone. In cementing the large brass disc on the inside of disc A and the smaller brass disc on the outside of the disc A, it is suggested a small bolt be run through these discs to keep them tight against the inside and outside of the disc A. This will insure a good cement job since the brass discs will not be able to move while the cement is setting.

After all cementing work has been finished and is thoroughly set, insert the cone unit, line it up right and see that threaded nose piece goes through the cone to the driving rod which it engages. Two small set screws are provided, one for the connection to the driving pin which goes into the end of the nosepiece. The other is for a set screw going into the side of the nosepiece to prevent the center screw from turning while the cone is in use.

Results with a speaker of this type are quite surprising provided a good amplifier is used in reception. No cone can make beautiful music out of a poor amplifier so be sure you have a good amplifier and use a power tube in the last audio stage. Low tones are pronounced on a 36 inch cone that might not be observed on a smaller unit. Full building instructions were included with the unit used in building this speaker.

## How A Variable Condenser Affects Your Set Tuning

Shape of the Plates
Determines Its Characteristics

OWEVER much involved the subject of condensers with variously shaped plates may become, there are two outstanding points for consideration at the outset of a discussion of this subject an understanding of which will form the nucleus of all ideas subsequently considered.

The first of these points reminds us, simply, that the method of allocating broadcasting stations gives them uniform kilocycle separations throughout the band available for broadcasting. An explanation of why this is the ideal method is outside the purport of this article. You must take this statement on faith, if need be. (This question is discussed in an article by this writer in RADIO AGE for December, 1926.)

Having satisfied ourselves as to this first point, we obtain an introduction to the second point by referring to the dials on our receiving sets. The relationship of these dial settings to the frequencies of the various broadcasting stations, a matter of intimate concern to all of us, is most con-

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DIAL SETTINGS

By KIRK B. MORCROSS

veniently shown by means of curves plotted with dial settings against frequencies. And this brings us squarely to the second roint.

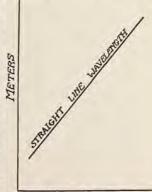
This tells us that for any type of condenser-"type" meaning here the shape of plate employed -a curve may be plotted, frequency values against dial settings, which indicates the relative spacing of stations on the dials. Three curves, each representing a particular type of condenser, are shown in Fig. 1. As indicated, these curves show the tuning characteristics of the "straight line capacity," "straight line wavelength" and "straight line wavelength" line frequency" types of condensers. If your set is equipped with the straight line capacity condenser the frequency to which your circuit is tuned will change rapidly as the condenser is varied near the lower end of its scale then less rapidly on up until at the higher dial settings the frequency change is relatively slow. In other words, since broadcasting stations are (with few exceptions) evenly spaced in kilocycles this condenser spreads them out at the high dial settings and crowds them together at the lower end of the dial. The same is true for the straight line wavelength condenser but to a lesser degree. The "curve" for the straight line frequency condenser is in reality not a curve at all. equal angular rotations of the dial at high or low settings producing equal frequency changes regardless of the dial settings and consequently stations are equally spaced over the dial.

In studying the curves of Figure 1, which, incidentally, deserve preservation for the radio note book, you will avoid confusion by

bearing in mind that all three curves are plotted with frequencies along the vertical axis. With the exception of the straight line frequency condenser the names near the curves have nothing to do with the units used in plotting.

It is very difficult in practice to produce a truly straight line frequency characteristic. A shape of plate can be designed mathematically which should give an almost truly straight line, to be sure. But in actual use, owing to distributed capacity in the circuit and particularly to distributed capacity in the coil associated with the condenser, a truly straight line is difficult if not almost impossible to obtain. All of the three curves in Figure 1 are in practice somewhat distorted near their ends, that is, near the maximum and minimum capacities attainable on the condensers. For the discussions in this article, however, these curves and others subsequently considered may be assumed to be as shown.

A simple rule is of assistance



DIAL SETTINGS

in understanding the definitions of the three types of condensers. The first part of the definition for each of these three condensers refers to the character of "curve" when the curve is plotted with units along the vertical axis named in the last part of the definition, it being understood that the units along the other axis are dial settings. The straight line capacity definition is thus illustrated in Figure 2. (The curve for the straight line frequency condenser in Figure 1 illusrates the rule for that type of condenser.) Applying the rule to the straight line wavelength condenser, we suspect this gives a straight line when plotted with wavelengths against dial settings as is the case in Figure 3.

TTENTION may be called A here to definitions sometimes used, namely, "straight capacity "straight wavelength line" and "straight frequency line." These are perhaps to be preferred because they are more nearly self explanatory. The other definitions have, however, become well established.

Although it is an undisputed fact that for use in a receiving set, a condenser giving an approximately straight line frequency effect is generally to be preferred, it is by no means true that such a condenser is necessarily any more effective at eliminating interference. Let us demonstrate.

Suppose you tune two receiving sets to the same broadcasting station and suppose that these two sets are identical in construction except that one is equipped with straight line capacity condensers while the other has, sav. straight line wavelength condensers. Assuming equal resistance in the two types of condensers, in other words equal losses, an equal amount of interference from other broadcasting stations will be noted on each set. The fact that the tuning in of stations at low dial settings on the straight line capacity condenser is accomplished with a small amount of rotation is of course a disadvantage from the mechanical viewpoint but this condition does not somewhat more closely as the dial determine selectivity. A fine ad- settings are decreased.

justment knob will make it possible to vary the capacity of that condenser quite accurately. It is an advantage though to have stations uniformly spaced on the dials, and normally the straight line capacity condenser falls very far short of accomplishing that end. A way of securing this result with a straight line capacity condenser is to equip it with a dial to give slower and slower rotation of the condenser plates when the dial is rotated uniformly in such a direction that the condenser capacity is decreasing.

denser has its advantages in the laboratory. For instance when it is used as a standard of capacity it is convenient to have a calibration curve plotted with capa-

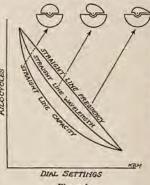


Figure 1

cities against settings of the condenser dial which is essentially a straight line. Again, as many experimenters know, who have used oscillators in obtaining numerous frequencies by means of harmonics, the use of straight line capacity condensers in the oscillators is an advantage. double the frequency, one-fourth the dial setting is used.

The straight line wavelength condenser would have a good bid for the ideal condenser in a receiving circuit if broadcasting stations were allocated with equal wavelength separations. It is doubtful, however, if such a condition will ever prevail and consequently that type of condenser will always group the stations

ONE sometimes hears the expression "straight line tuning" applied to a condenser. That term may be most correctly assumed to refer to the straight line frequency condenser. It is interesting to note a degree of flexibility inherent in the definition, however, for if broadcasting stations were reallocated with equal wavelength spacings the "straight line tuning" term would fit the straight line wavelength condenser.

The straight line frequency condenser is theoretically the The straight line capacity con- most nearly ideal type for the receiving set although as mentioned previously a truly straight line effect is seldom obtained. Peculiar and interesting difficulties are encountered in the design of the plates of this condenser and, in general, their shape represents a compromise between pure theory and the necessity for a reasonable degree of compactness.

> One can not easily conceive of a necessity for designing a condenser giving a characteristic differing from one of the three standard types. A condenser giving a sufficiently straight line characteristics to ensure that there will be no great variations in the spacing of stations over the range of dial settings, and which offers the possibility of slightly greater compactness than the straight line frequency type, is sometimes desirable. As already intimated some so-called "straight line frequency" condensers do just that: a more specific example is found in the Hammarlund "midline" condenser. But no new type of condenser of which we can conceive will give radically different results-at least in the light of present radio knowledge.

In the design of condenser plates, one is not limited to a single means of securing a given characteristic. Sometimes the fixed plates are given a special shape; or again, both sets of plates may be made movable. Still another idea is embodied in the Cardwell straight line frequency condenser which uses rotating plates semi-circular in shape but of increasing thickness from one edge to the other.

### Power Six Is Elaboration of the Counterphase Six

Popular Circuit Changed to Include New Heavy Duty Tubes

radio public been sold on the question of power am-112, 171 and 210 types of power tubes that manufacturers today are all including arrangements for operation of a power tube in the last stage.

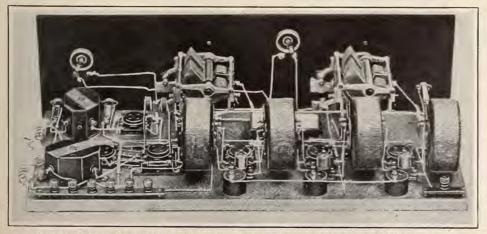
Bremer-Tully's popular circuit known as the Counterphase Six (described by Ray G. Piety on page 23 of the May, 1926, issue of RADIO AGE) has been altered in a few circuit respects and provision made for the use of a former.)

O THOROUGHLY has the Filament control is by a master form. rheostat.

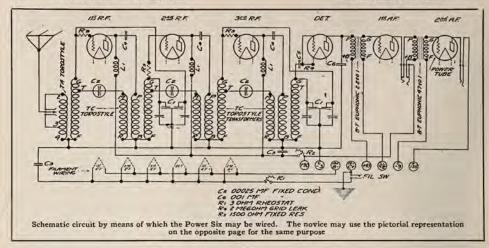
Experimenters will note, on plification through the use of the close inspection of the circuit diagram on page 16, one departure from the Counterphase Six in the addition of three 1500 ohm fixed resistances, one placed in each of the three radio frequency grids to allow the sensitivity of the tuning to be maintained at an equal value over the entire broadcast band. Another point of difference is the use of a single unit 500,000 ohm variable resistance instead of the dual type used pre-UX112 or UX171 in the last viously. Antenna coupling has stage. (For the UX210 the fila- been changed from the tapped ment supply would be AC and coil in the previous design to the furnished by a step-down trans- inductive form in the present receiver with a switch permitting Pictorially and diagrammatic- change from short to long anally we are showing in this ar- tenna. Jacks have been inserted ticle the "Power Six" which con- in the first and second stages of sists of three stages of tuned audio to allow the listener to cut radio frequency amplification, the volume at will. Neutraliz-non-regenerative detector, and ing condenser design has been two stages of audio amplification. changed to a simpler and better

Individual radio frequency chokes are placed in each of the three RF plate leads. It is not recommended that this set be shielded since that job alone is an exceedingly tough proposition unless the reader has had considerable experience. In the new coils some of the connections have been made inside the forms whereas in the older type these connections were made by the builder himself. The 1500 ohm fixed grid resistances together with the 500,000 ohm variable resistor in the 90 volt lead of the set serve to maintain the amplification of the receiver practically constant over its range. The variable resistor is simply a volume control. Grid biasing is used on both the radio frequency and audio grids. This sums up the alterations made in the later model, changes being made to bring the set to its highest efficiency.

On page 15 is shown a rear



Rear view of the completed receiver. Either binding posts or a plug connection may be used by the constructor



view of the completed receiver. Circuit diagram, and the front panel view are shown on page 16 while the pictorial representation of the set (for use by those unable to read a schematic diagram) is printed on page 17, where also the list of parts used in making up this set may be found.

#### Connections Simple

SCILLATION control in the Power Six is the well known system used by Bremer-Tully and called the "Counterphase." Wiring of the set may be done with No. 14 tinned, round bus wire. All sockets used are the cushion type while the detector socket has a snubber attachment which will eliminate microphonic action in that tube. The biasing battery should preferably be placed inside of the cabinet. In the circuit diagram on page 16 it will be seen that all connections to the filaments are very simple ones. Only one rheostat is used and this

where the filament switch is also found where the signal diminlocated.

Assuming that all wiring has been finished, go over the work again to make sure that no wrong connections have been made. Then put in tubes, connect loud speaker and turn on batteries. previously having adjusted all the mikro-mike condensers to about half way down. Tune in a station of moderate volume to exact resonance, this being done with the condenser dial and the trimmer. Adjust the volume control to greatest volume without oscillation. This means greatest volume secured without a whistle or beat note secured when the condenser dial is rotated back and forth across the incoming signal. Disconnect either the positive or negative filament connection to socket of tube number three. The signal will still be heard. Turn adjustment screw of mikro-mike number twenty (see pictorial representation for all numbered is in the negative filament lead parts) carefully until a point is

ishes in volume or disappears entirely. Now rotate right hand dial for loudest signal, also rotating trimmer condenser to exact resonance. Again adjust mikro-mike to the setting which gives weakest signals or at which signal disappears. If signal remains weak or disappears over a setting of several turns of the mikro-mike screw, adjust to the middle of this weak or silent band. This will be the proper setting for mikro-mike number Replace the filament twenty. connection to tube number three and retune the set carefully using the trimmers. Remove filament connection of tube number two and determine setting of mikromike number nineteen exactly the same as before. Retune both dials carefully before making final adjustment of mikro-mike. Signal may become weak or disappear altogether over a band of one or more turns of the mikromike. The proper setting is half way between the settings where volume starts to increase. place filament connection to tube number two and retune the signal carefully. Remove either positive or negative filament connection on tube number one and adjust mikro-mike number eighteen exactly the same as the previous ones, first finding approximate setting, then retuning carefully as before to find the final setting.



Front panel view of the Power Six

On this stage the reduced volume band is very small and the mikro-mike should be rotated very carefully. As soon as position of reduced volume is found retune carefully for loudest signal and rotate mikro-mike carefully to setting where signal becomes weakest or disappears. Then replace filament connection on tube number one. If careful wiring has been made slight oscillation may be secured in the vicinity of 350 meters, when volume control is full on, this being desirable for greatest sensitivity.

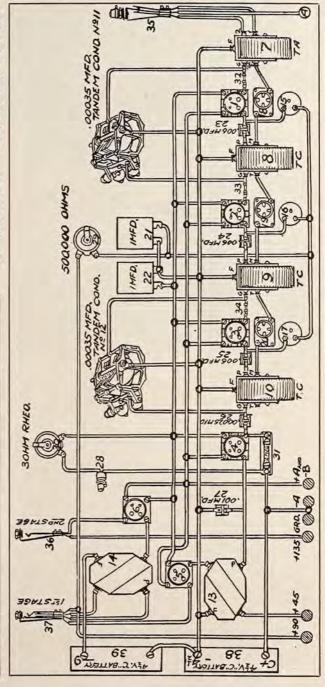
Both the left and right hand dials on the panel will run fairly close together as far as settings are concerned. In the Bremer-Tully dials both the numerical values of the condenser degrees and the approximate wavelengths

are shown.

Parts necessary in the makeup of this receiver are given in the following list:

### LIST OF PARTS

- 1 B-T type TA torostyle transformer
- 3 B-T type TC torostyle transformers
- 2 B-T type LD17 tandem condensers
- 3 B-T mikro-mike condensers
- 1 Carter 500,000 ohm variable resistance
- 3 B-T radio frequency chokes
- 3 Carter 1500 ohm fixed resistances
- 1 B-T 2 to 1 audio transformer
- 1 B-T 4 to 1 audio transformer
- 2 B-T tuning controls
- 5 B-T type UXA sockets
- 1 B-T type UXD socket
- 1 Carter double circuit jack No. 104
- 1 Carter single circuit jack No.
- 1 Carter filament switch
- 1 Carter 3 ohm rheostat
- 1 Carter SPDT jack switch
- 9 X-L Pushposts
- 2 Eveready 41/2 volt C batteries
- 1 Sangamo .001 mfd condenser
- 1 Sangamo .00025 mfd condens-
- 3 Sangamo .006 mfd condensers
- 2 Dubilier 1 mfd condensers
- 1 Durham 2 megohm grid leak
- 1 Formica 7 by 24 panel
- 1 Wood baseboard 9% by 231/2



# oing Step with SCIENCE

How the Lonely Astronomer Is Fed



An Airplane Dropping Supplies by Means of a Parachute to the Staff of Mount Blanc Observatory Perched High on the Side of the Highest Pinnacle of the Swiss Alps. Someone Is Then Dispatched on the Perilous Task of Rescuing It, Where Ever It May Alight

### Four Faint Comets Are Now Visiting Us

THE earth is now experienc-I ing the unusual astronomical event of the presence of four comets near enough to be visible at the same time. Were these celestial visitors large enough to be seen by the naked eye the assemblage undoubtedly would cause apprehension among the considerable part of the population which still regards a comet as presaging disaster, a superstition inherited from the days of belief in witchcraft and black magic. Fortunately for the peace of mind of the more credulous, the four comets now in our neighborhood are far too faint to be seen by the eye alone or even in the smaller telescopes usually available to amateurs. Even the great observatories, provided with large telescopes and with sensitive photographic plates, are having difficulty in detecting the movements of our four visitors, so faint are these bodies.

All four of the present comets are believed to have visited us before. Finley's comet, the most familiar of the four, was here in 1886, 1893, 1906, and 1919. The comet named Giacobini-Zinner. the names referring, as usual, to persons associated with the discovery, visited the neighborhood of the earth in 1900 and in 1913. Neujmin's comet was here only once previously, in 1916. fourth of the ones now visible, that named for Professor Comas-Sola, of the Barcelona Observatory, is suspected of being identical with a comet first seen in 1890, named Spitaler's comet and never seen again.

As far as is known the presence of comets in our heavens does not have any effect upon radio reception, although of course this is a subject upon which there is little data.

Elsewhere in this issue the case of sun spots affecting reception by causing fading, is discussed and may prove of interest to readers.

Land Indicated By Tides

SCIENTIFIC predictions, made from studies of the tides, which led the arctic expeditions of the Norge, of Commander Byrd and others to seek a supposed continent in the polar regions, now turn out to be wrong, even from the tidal data. Such is the report of Mr. H. U. Sverdrup, just published by the Wash- the head has been traced to a ington Academy of Sciences. As nervous reflex originating in the the daily waves which produce three small liquid-filled semi-cirthe tides move around the earth cular tubes in the inner part of under the influence of the gravi- the cat's ear. These same tubes tational attraction of the moon, serve as "levels" for the human

What Neptune Does to Propellers



Wide World Photo

Three of Uncle Sam's gobs inspect the barnacled port propeller on a destroyer in dry dock at San Diego, Calif., before setting to work to cleanse the screw.

they are stopped and deflected by the continents. If scientists knew as much as they now do about tides but were ignorant of the existence of the American continent, it would be possible to detect the presence of this land mass from the tidal data alone.

Slow Movies of a Cat's Fall VERYONE knows when a E cat falls it will turn over in the air and land on its feet, usually without injury. Recent scientific studies of the reflexes tell how this useful accomplishment is brought about. An English physiologist, Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, took slow-motion motion pictures of the fall. These show the cat's head is the first part of its body to take on the new and safer posture. The head twists with reference to the body, so the head is right-side-up. Righting of

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body, warning us whenever our head is tilted. A nervous impulse from these three tubes notifies the cat's head it is upside down. The neck muscles instantly twist it around. Another set of nervous reflexes begun by the tension of the neck muscles start the body muscles into motion, so the whole body of the cat is righted and lands right-sideup. These nervous reflexes are involuntary, unconscious practically instantaneous.

### Melted Rock Crystal Urged for Telescopes

TEW material for the construction of large astronomical telescopes was suggested by Dr. E. R. Berry, of the Lynn, Mass., works of the General Electric Company in a recent address to the New York Electrical Society, the oldest electrical society in America. This material is clear fused quartz, a substance which Dr. Berry and his associates first succeeded, a year or two ago, in producing in quantity and at reasonable cost. Fused quartz is rock crystal, like that found in many rocks, melted at an enormously high temperature and with the bubbles removed from it by the alternate application, while it is still very hot, of vacuum and of pressures up to thousands of pounds per square inch. The fused quartz is not suggested for telescope lenses, although small lenses have been made of it. What Dr. Berry urges is the use of fused quartz for the great mirrorblocks used in the largest of modern telescopes. These instruments collect and concentrate the light by large concave mirrors, not by lenses. The glass now used for these mirror-blocks expands when slightly heated and contracts when cooled. The body heat of a person standing near one side of a glass-block mirror may heat the glass sufficiently to distort the image formed in the telescope. Fused quartz expands and contracts only very slightly when heated and cooled. Mirror telescopes made from quartz blocks would be easier to build and could be used with fewer precautions.



The giant naval dirigible "Los Angeles" leaving the naval air station at Lakehurst, N. J., for its recent flight to Philadelphia in honor of the American Legion. Photo shows the land crew walking the ship out for the take-off

### Use Mica Particles for Insulators

ICA particles which heretofore could not be used, are now utilized as an insulating material for the production of radio high-frequency insulators. The new insulation is a composition of ground mica and lead borate.

Mica previously presented a difficult problem because of the enormous amount of waste. Obtained in India and Canada in large sheets, there was considerable waste at the mines, it being estimated that only about five per cent of the material taken from the mine could be used. In manufacturing, there were still further wastes of small pieces of mica, but some years ago it was found that these mica flakes, mixed with a binding material and compress-

ed under heat, made very good insulation. Such sheets of prepared mica are used by the General Electric Company in manufacturing processes.

The new material has better insulating properties than has porcelain, and several applications for it have been developed by engineers of the General Electric Company. The substance, light gray in color and with a metallic ring, is being used in the manufacture of bases for radio transmitter tubes, for aerial insulators in high frequency work, and for numerous similar applications.

Chief among its characteristics are that metal parts may be inserted or combined with Mycalex during the process of moulding; and, although a hard and stone-like product, it can be subjected to ordinary machining methods.

# Fveryday Mechanics

### Accurate Sun Dial



Wide World Photos.

Father Terray, of Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., who has just perfected a unique sun dial which gives extremely accurate readings of minutes of the day as well as hours

### Radio Starts Lights

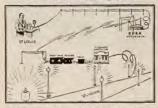


Diagram of the radio-starting of St. Louis' new \$8,000,000 lighting project, which was inaugurated December 16. The voice of Mayor Victor J. Miller, picked up by a microphone produced a low-frequency wave from Station KDKA which set in motion the train of automatic operations which illuminated the streets of St. Louis.

### No Trouble For This Car



A new innovation in the automobile line is this "Wheel-Cum-Track" combination of automobile and tractor, exhibited at the recent tank demonstration at Camberley, England. The body is that of an ordinary touring car, and the change from to wheels to rack can be made by engine power in less than a minute.



### Microphonic Air-Gap

OON after the invention, by Emile Berliner, of the loose contact transmitter, or microphone, scientists tried to explain its delicate action. That air was a factor in microphonic action was indirectly proved by Berlinger and his assistant W. L. Richards in 1879 when they put a Blake transmitter contact into a tight chamber and pumped the air out. Regularly the normal electric resistance of the contact was reduced on exhaustion and as regularly restored when again admitting air into the chamber.

Recently it occurred to Mr. Berliner to consult Roy M. Allen of Bloomfield, N. J., formerly the President of the New York Microscopic Society and who is very skillful in the making of photomicrographs. Mr. Berliner furnished Mr. Allen with a mounted telegraph key the contacts of which consisted of elongated, conical iron pins, which could be adjusted by a small relay spring. They were fashioned so as to permit the close approach of a high power microscope that had a photographic attachment.

The mounted key could be readily adjusted so that it would by microphonic action transmit the the ticking of a watch and the whirring of its wheels. Mr. Allen's problem consisted in photographing the contact while listening to the ticking of the watch which was transmitted by the delicately adjusted key where an air-gap was supposed to exist; this air-gap Mr. Allen was trying to enlarge and photograph.

The invention of the microphone started with a telegraph key improperly manipulated by Mr. Berliner and it is mentioned in his patent document of April 14, 1877 describing the microphone. The details appear in Frederic William Wile's biography of Mr. Berliner recently published.

We shall be glad to have the comments of our readers on this feature, and the one on science which we are running each month. Are you interested in the pictures? Does the type of news matter give you any needed imformation? Let us hear from you. —Editor.

### Head First Toward the Ground



Wide World Photo

Corporal Archie Atherton, Marine Corps parachute jumper, leaving a bombing plane head first with a parachute strapped to his back. As yet the parachute has not opened but Archie has lived through several hundred experiences like this and he knows that it will, sooner or later. He hopes it won't be much later. Taken over the city of San Diego, Calif., recently

### Test Tank Duplicates Altitude Conditions



Wide World Photo

Some of the sensations of an airplane ascent 30,000 feet in the air can now be experienced without leaving the ground. Thomas Templeman, aeronautical instrument expert at the Bureau of Standards, is shown inside of the steel cell, the interior of which is designed to duplicate conditions in the upper atmosphere. The changes of atmospheric conditions can be regulated by the "pilot" and the cylinder is also used to test in-

struments used in altitude flights

### Engine Tug-of-War



Wide World Phot

Storage locomotive plays tug-o-war with steam locomotive in the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. yards, at Chicago. Demonstration proves the storage battery locomotive far superior in many different types of duties. The storage battery locomotive is 17,000 pounds lighter than the steam locomotive

### President and Engineer



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The famous Toonerville Trolley of the cartoons has a rival in the 5-mile railroad in the Ozarks of Southwest Missouri, said to be the shortest railroad line in the country. Dave Dingler, of Cassville Mo., is the president of the "Cassville and Exeter Railroad Company" and also is the line's only engineer. Mr. Dingler says he owes his success to having risen from the ranks. He is part owner of the road with J. C. Ault who is auditor and secretary. Mrs. Dingler is vice-president, while Mrs. Ault is treasurer. In all, there are eight employees of the road. Photo shows Mr. Dingler in the conventional overall attire, standing beside the locomotive of his line

What kind of pictures would you like to see in this section? We are always glad to please our readers if we know their desires. Moral:-Write us your wishes. —Editor.

### Studying Mars



Some forms of animal and plant life probably exist on Mars, is the conclusion of Dr. W. W. Campbell, president of the University of California and a director of Lick Observatory shown at the telescope. He is regarded as one of the world's foremost astronomers. Dr. Campbell bases his conclusions on the fact that studies of the ruby planet, now but 42,000,000 miles distant, show that there are indications of vegetation there. The fact that the surface of Mars takes on a dark hue in spring and a lighter color in the fall, comparable to seasonal changes on earth, indicates to Dr. Campbell that there is a strong possibility of plant and animal life there. Two factors necessary for the existence of life, he explains, are the presence of water vapor and oxygen.

Almost conclusive evidence of the presence of these two vapors is seen in the findings of Dr. W. H. Wright of Licks observatory, who has made many investigations of the Martian atmosphere.

# Vords--Without Music

By

### DOROTHY BRISTER STAFFORD

F YOU get as much of a "kick" as we do out of this fascinating new advertising known as "whisper copy," you've surely seen the two distinguished gentlemen-immaculate in evening clothes-who apparently are present at every fashionable gathering, discussing one of their fellow-guests behind his back; (in this case not the instance where they are expressing pity for the poor chap for his social ostracism because no kind friend has had the courage to tell him to brush the dandruff off his coat collar or gargle his throat,) but the one where approval beams from their expressions and they are saying.

By George, that chap Jones is certainly interesting. He is never at a loss for something to say and I can't see where he gets time to pick up so much general information. He has no more time to read than we have yet he can talk better than any of us."

And if, intrigued by the possibility that you, too, may become a social knockout, or learn how to talk back to the boss in conference, you read on, you'll find that Information Harry has climbed to this lofty pinnacle where he is the envy of all his associates by zealous study of some little book that contains the best thoughts of the greatest minds, and all the



Graham McNamee, champion long distance talker of the world, who to the satisfaction of millions answered the question "How big is Alexander, pa, that people call him great?"

his business.

We are sure our corpsbruder of the Corona won't mind much if we steal his carefully prepared thunder and trot out our own par- all. ticular hobby as an answer, instead of his little book. everybody knows that the best informed people we come in contact with these days, whether it be at a social gathering or in the business world-those who are right up to the minute with knowledge and information on all subjects of current interest, politics, news and sports, are those far-seeing souls who own radio sets and listen to what comes over sciously absorbing a wide knowl- games." edge of music and cultural sub-

boy trying to get along needs in living today he would surely nominate Radio as the Fifth, and as its information is so often in the present tense, it can truly be regarded as the most important of

> A man said the other day that For he would just as soon think of getting along without a radio set as a telephone.

"The entertainment and music appeal to the family," he said. "To me it is as necessary as the newspaper. I use the market reports in my business and of course I get them long before they are printed. And as baseball and football are my hobbies, I wouldn't think of missing the rathem. That we are all subcon- dio accounts of the important

And since it seems that so jects on the side is an old story. much of moment in the way of What we are talking about in epoch-making events has tranthis lesson is the tremendous spired in the past few months in news and informative value of this phase of broadcasting, it radio. If Burke, who named the might not be amiss at this period general information that a poor press the Fourth Estate, were of the year to review some of it.

### Hearing the Series

TANDLING of the World's marked with a white mile- it is a strike. stone in the progress of broadcasting. For although in previous seasons, we of the outlying districts have had the excellent Associated Press accounts of the games broadcast by our local stations, this year was the first time in history, when, by reason of the network of hook-ups, millions of baseball fans in practically every state in the union heard not only the detailed accounts of the games at the instant they were transpiring, but of the roar of the crowds witnessing the struggle, in several instances the crack of the bat, and with the aid of the vivid word pictures of Graham Mc-Namee, were able to follow the game with as breathless interest as those actually witnessing the contest. And while personally we felt that we had never heard a more dramatic or colorful description of anything either by McNamee or any other radio speaker than the account of these games, it is significant that the New York Times considered this announcing so important and epochal, that in the sacred first column of its first page it printed the verbatim radio account of the first game, and continued at length to five full columns, relegating its own important sport writers' accounts to the sporting section. This policy was followed daily throughout the series. It seems to us that this was not only a high compliment to the ability of the announcer, and the National Broadcasting Company, as we must now learn to call the WEAF-ers, but establishes radio as something entirely legitimate and standard, and places broadcasting not only alongside the newspaper as a distinguished public servant, but a little bit ahead of it. We wonder if the baseball public would ever again be satisfied with a telegraphic account of the games. The best a ticker can do is the past tense, "It was a strike." But listen to Mac,

"Alex-an-der pitching.

strike! Struck him out!" The listener doesn't have to be told Series the past fall will be that it was a strike. He hears it,

> And there comes the thought that the newspapers and the expert writers thereon are going to regard radio as a bit more of a menace to their profession. Of course the dved-in-the-wool baseball bug who delights in post



Clyde R. Randall, announcer at WSMB, deserves honorable mention for yeoman's service at the time of the Florida hurricane

mortems still wants to read everything he can find printed about the game, but the average person who has listened to the strikfor who the event was history hood after any of the games.

was becoming familiar to millions all over the land. Surely no such privilege has been enjoyed by any other speaker since the beginning of time. And while naturally in such a heterogeneous mass of individuals as is represented by Two the radio audience there are as balls, two strikes! His arm comes many opinions as there are types up-here it comes!" A mighty of minds, to us it seems that Mr. howl from the crowd. "It's a McNamee's technique is just listen, but we don't know any of

about what it should be. A crowd of rabid baseball fans doesn't want to hear the dignified Mc-Namee of the Atwater-Kent concerts, and we wonder what the disgruntled listener who wired him that he talked too much expected him to do while the pitcher is stalling for time or the umpire is settling an argument. This same listener would be the first to howl if he had to listen to the hum of the wire between plays, and we note in the New York Times' accounts all the extraneous chatter was included. And how many of the self-appointed critics could keep up a running fire of comment for two hours and a half, give an accurate description of the game and equal Graham McNamee's batting average?

### Colorful Announcing

THIS inevitable criticism of the announcer's method brings to mind some of the funny comments we heard regarding Major Andrew White's able delineation of the Dempsey Waterloo down in Philadelphia. Here again was a first time on any stage performance. Never before had the fifteen millions-which seems to be the popular current quotation on the size of the radio audiencebeen given the opportunity to listen to the description of a championship prizefight direct from the ringside-the clang of the ing description of every play, and gong, the conversation of the vast multitude soaking in the downwhen the last man went out, is pouring rain and the thud of the he likely to dash out and buy a gloves. Some of the psychologpaper? We think not. We know ical effects of bringing a slugging there were mighty few sport ex- contest into the sacred precincts tras sold around our neighbor- of the home were humorous to say the least. For instance the And as we watched the tense white-haired grandmother, (a faces about the loud speakers and real grandmother, this time with heard the comments of the listen- her soft silk gown trailing about ers, we thought of the unique ex- her and her glasses slightly askew perience of this man whose voice in her excitement,) who rushed into the hall and informed the tenants in the next apartment, whom as she explained afterwards she didn't know "from Adam's hat-band," that Jack's nose was a complete wreck and one of his eyes was closed! Possibly there were some God-fearing souls in the radio audience who shut off the set and didn't

little villages, the type who have had no contact with anything in the world of sport, let alone a thing as revolutionary as a prizefight, drinking in the vivid account of that battle. And the crowning event to many of them as it was to the eleven-year old whose father allowed him to stav up for the finish was the opportunity of boasting to less fortunate ones. "And I heard Gene Tunney speak himself." A night or two later the small boy was able to say, "And I heard Gertrude Ederle," though personally the only thought we were able to carry away from Miss Ederle's discourse was that Channel swimmers seem to exist entirely on chicken.

But to return to Major White and the fisticuffs. One of the most absurd criticisms we heard was from a man who said:

"I couldn't understand that announcer. He sounded like he was excited." Well, my word! and a couple of sentences! Who wouldn't be excited? We know the air in our living-room was fairly electric, and we couldn't see the contest. When psychologists tell us how extremely difficult it is for the average human being to give an accurate description of even an unimportant happening, and how in criminal trials three supposedly reliable persons will give three totally different versions of the same event, doesn't it seem a little remarkable that a man can think so quickly and put his thoughts into intelligible words in the fraction of time it took the agile Tunney to sidestep one of Dempsey's lunges? It requires a little more than a quick eye and a gift for gab. A pretty agile mind, working on all six seems to be the chief requisite for reporting a championship ring battle, and anyone who listened to Major White knows that he possesses it.

#### Back of the Scenes

NE doubts if a dozen of the listeners to this great broadcast even gave a thought to the tremendous mechanical and technical work involved in its suc-

them. It is interesting to conjure cess. The radio audience has had up a vision of the listeners far so many marvelous things done away on lonely farms, in prim for it that it accepts everything as a matter of course, and the attitude of some of our blasé friends of the dial-twisting fraternity leads us to believe that if we were back in 1917, and some enterprising station corraled the rights to broadcast from the western front, the listeners wouldn't bat an evelash, but someone would probably complain that the machine guns were too close to the microphone. But whether the listeners were impressed or not, the broadcasting of the fight was quite an achievement. Held up until the eleventh hour because of the difficulty of finding an advertiser willing to pay the exorbitant fee Mr. Rickard deonly on the Monday preceding the fight that the contract was closed with Mr. Smith which made the broadcast possible, and all the

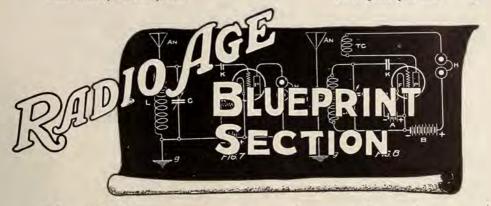
mechanical difficulties had to be solved in three days. And there were many. In addition to the WJZ hook-up, there was the complicated WEAF chain, to say nothing of dozens of independent stations clamoring to get in on the big event. But under the direction of Carl Dreher, chief engineer of the R. C. A. stations all the technical complications were met and overcome, and the fight went on the air, and into thousands of living-rooms, where the unique spectacle of father, mother and the children all listening to the account of two huge men pummelling each other to the accompaniment of considerable spilt gore probably gave the reformers much food for thought.

And then this past fall there manded for the privilege, it was was that event, decidedly impromptu in nature, that for the time being represented to thousands of people the most impor-

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Andrew J. White, who with McNamee, as alternate, announced the Dempsey-Tunney fight recently



### Building Browning-Drake Power Receiver

Quality Reproduction Assured With Compact

By J. E. COOMBES

ADIO'S public today, whether it be the experimenter or the listener, has become quite fastidious in its taste for quality in all forms of reproduction. With the improvements made in the nature of the programs broadcast last year, the radio set has become almost a vital necessity in the home of the music lover as well as the individual who keeps track of news developments via the air. The receiving set described in this article is designed so that its reproductive powers will be readily appreciated by the severest music Considerable care has critic. been used in selecting the proper apparatus so the finest musical performance will be obtained without sacrificing the other elements for successful reception. From the standpoint of simplicity of construction the Browning-Drake design was used, since this arrangement is deserving of, rather than in need of, publicity. For over two years this design has remained unchanged and has gained popularity constantly because of its ease of construction, comparatively low cost and efficiency of operation in service.

One stage of neutralized radio frequency amplification is used with a regenerative detector, thus getting all of the energy possible out of a small number of tubes. As for selectivity and distance getting ability the receiver is quite commendable, but it is primarily for its freedom from distortion in the radio frequency and detector circuits that it has been selected for use as a self contained power operated receiver. The only deviation from the standard Browning-Drake construction practice is the introduction of an optional antenna inductance for greater selectivity. This inductance consists of from two to four turns of insulated wire wound on the outside of the antenna coupler at the filament end. One end of the extra coil attached to the common ground-filament connection while the other is brought out to an additional antenna binding post. This reduces the coupling from the antenna to the secondary of the first coupler and sharpens up the tuning considerably. was done for work in Chicago where the average experimenter and listener is beset with two ciate the fact a correspondingly

dozen or more broadcasting stations. In sections removed from metropolitan districts there will not be the necessity for the added antenna coupling since interference there will not be anywhere near as bad as in the city. If it is desired the added antenna coil may be left on and the degree of selectivity governed by changing from one binding post to another as conditions warrant such a change.

#### Reason for Power

OWER amplification requires but little introduction to the radio public for no single feature of the improvement of the methods of reception has earned more publicity from radio magazines and journals than this comparatively recent development. The reason for power amplification is not difficult to find. Bass notes require a considerable expenditure of energy if they are to be amplified faithfully. When we reason back and realize how much more mechanical energy it takes to sound the pedal diapason of the organ than the note of the violin it is not hard to appre-

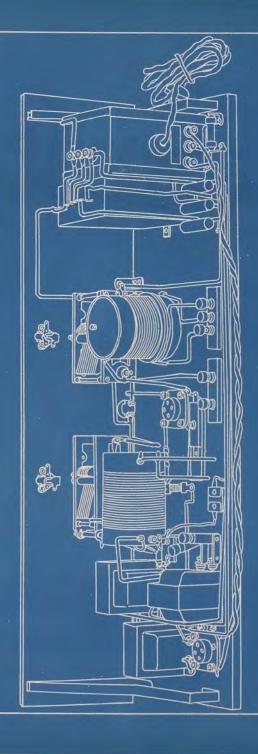


FIG. 1 REAR VIEW BROWNING-DRAKE POWER OPERATED RECEIVER

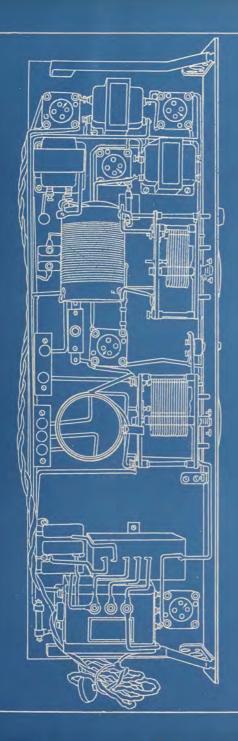


FIG. 2 TOP VIEW BROWNING-DRAKE POWER OPERATED RECEIVER

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greater amount of electrical energy must be spent for the full reproduction of these deeper tones. Consequently a radio tube with a capacity just sufficient to amplify comfortably the music of the violin cannot be expected to do justice to the tones of the heavier bass instruments.

It is significant that the power tube UX171 used in the last stage of this receiver has an undistorted power output approximately forty times greater than that of the ordinary amplifying tube. This power tube gives full sway to the bass notes which have heretofore been squeezed through the audio channels of the receiver with diminished and strained quality and volume.

### Choose with Care

UCH care has been taken in selecting the apparatus for the audio frequency end of the power operated Browning-Drake set. Upon the construction of the audio amplifier depends the success or failure of the receiver as a musical instrument. Thordarsons R200 audio transformers were chosen as giving the smoothest amplification obtain-These transformers will handle all notes from 30 cycles up past the upper range of the human ear.

#### LIST OF PARTS

These parts were used in the model shown here. Other parts of equal merit will serve.

- Bakelite panel, 7"x30"x3/16"
- Wood baseboard, 9"x29" Panel brackets
- 1 National Browning Drake kit, consisting of coils, variable condensers, and vernier dials.
- 1 X-L Neutralizing condenser
- Carter resistor, 2 ohms RU2 Carter resistor, 50 ohms RU50
- Sangamo grid condenser, .00025 mfg.
- Durham grid leak, 2 Megohm Thordarson R-200 amplifying transformers
- Thordarson speaker coupling transformer
- Thordarson compact R-171
- 1 Raytheon rectifying tube, type BH
- Benjamin spring base tube
- 1 Dubilier condenser block, Raytheon type
- 1 5000 ohm resistor, 40 capacity resistor, 40 2 3000 ohm MA
- capacity 2000 ohm resistor, 40 MA
- capacity 1 Carter A battery switch

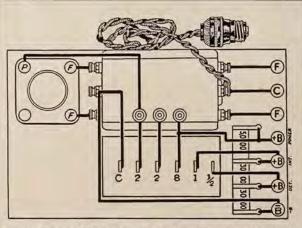
(R171) makes it possible to build a very compact power supply and B eliminator into the set itself. This power compact contains the major portion of the complete unit. Within its compound filled The use of the power compact case are to be found the power

supply transformer, two filter chokes of 30 henries inductance with a current carrying capacity of 80 milliamperes; two buffer condensers of .1 mfd. each (to go across the Raytheon elements) and a filament supply for the 5 volt power tube. This power supply unit is designed to supply complete A, B and C power for the power stage, and in addition, the plate supply for the rest of the receiver. With the power supply unit constructed in accord with the diagrams shown in the blueprint section of this article there is not the slightest trace of a hum in the loudspeaker. The 60 cycle pulsations in the house lighting current have been carefully filtered out, leaving a smooth direct current flow to the plate of the tubes.

One of the features of the power compact used in constructing this set, is the perfectly balanced filament winding. mid-tap is taken from the exact electrical center. This center position is not obtained by tapping a continuous winding, but is taken from the common lead of two individual perfectly balanced coils, wound side by side. The C bias for the power tube grid is brought to the center tap through a 2000 ohm resistor which gives about 50 volts grid bias. It is only with a perfectly balanced grid return that the AC hum may be completely obliterated. As will be observed, the power supply unit is placed at the radio frequency end of the receiver. This is done because the tuning circuit is less apt to pick up the 60 cycle hum of the light circuit than is the audio amplifier.

In looking at the schematic circuit, Figure 4, the 2000 ohm resistor is shown, at one end, common with the negative B and the negative A, and common with all the grid returns of the set. Since the power tube filaments are lighted from raw AC and since that circuit is not a part of the regular filament circuit, the C bias connection will be at zero potential to the balance of the receiver, but will be 50 volts negative to the power tube grid.

Another feature is the absence of variable controls. The voltages delivered to the set by the



Separate diagram of the power compact. This may be made up as a separate unit if desired and used for all receivers

power device are automatically the alternating current pulses controlled by means of fixed resistances. The first three fixed resistances in series divide the voltage in proper values for the receiver. Two hundred and fifty volts are delivered to the plate of the power tube. The 5,000 ohm resistor cuts this down to 90 volts for the first audio tube. The two 3,000 ohm resistors divide this last voltage in half and deliver 45 volts to the plate of the detector tube and 50 volts to the radio frequency tube. These resistances should be capable of carrying a current of 40 milliamperes.

The importance of having these voltages predetermined will be appreciated when we realize the average voltmeter in possession of the home constructor is of a comparatively low resistance. These low resistance voltmeters, while they give a fairly accurate reading of voltages from batteries, are not suggested for reading the voltages supplied by power devices. The voltage output of the power supply devices varies with the amount of current consumed in the output device. When these voltmeters are used a comparatively heavy current is caused to flow through the low resistance windings of the instrument, increasing the total current consumption and causing a considerable drop in voltage.

transformer method has been chosen since under this arrangement the speaker windings do not carry the direct current voltage, but rather handle only fixed two ohm resistance. With

from the plate of the power tube. The speaker coupling transformer R76 is inserted in the plate circuit of the power tube and its output delivered through a secondary winding to the loud speaker.

In the blueprints, Figure 1 shows a rear view of the receiver. The wiring for the filament of the power stage is twisted as shown and leads from the power tube filament terminals on the compact along the baseboard and over to the last audio tube. The compact itself is shown with the accompanying condenser bank beside it so that all leads may be made as short as possible. The location of the socket for the Raytheon tube is shown in Figure 2 at the left end of the panel. Since the newer type Raytheon tubes have the long prongs on the tube, the standard UX base socket may be used in the receiver. The fixed resistances are shown in Figure 1 at the right of the baseboard. These plans merely show the location of the parts, which however should be wired according to the schematic circuit, Figure 4. Flexible, rubber covered wire should be used for hooking up the set, although bus bar wire may be used providing spaghetti is used on all sections where there is any possibility of short circuiting.

Filament control for the 199 For loud speaker coupling the tube used as the radio frequency tube is through a fixed fifty ohm resistance. Filaments of the detector and the first audio are handled in parallel through a

these resistance values the filaments secure their allotted current rating and manual control is obviated. The bypass condenser shown across the primary of the first audio transformer may be either a .001 or a .002 mfd. fixed condenser. Grid return of the first audio transformer is to the negative filament, there being no C battery used in this position. Biasing of the power tube grid is automatic through the 2,000 ohm fixed resistor in series with the center tap of the filament winding of the power compact. In Figure 4 the parts which are included in the power compact itself are shown within the dotted lines. The filament switch is placed in the negative lead.

For neutralization purposes the neutralizing condenser shown in Figure 2, is located between the first socket and the front panel, being connected between the grid of the radio frequency tube and the neutralizing tap on the detector inductance. This should be adjusted with a wooden or bakelite rod and should be manipulated so that with the set in a non-regenerative condition (tickler backed away from oscillation point) the first dial may be rotated back and forth across a station's signal without the first tube going into oscillation and squealing. A little practice with the neutralization adjustment will determine the best position. The neutralization should be made on a signal about the mid position in the broadcasting channels.



Rear view of the completed Browning-Drake power operated receiver, parts for which are shown in list on the opposite page

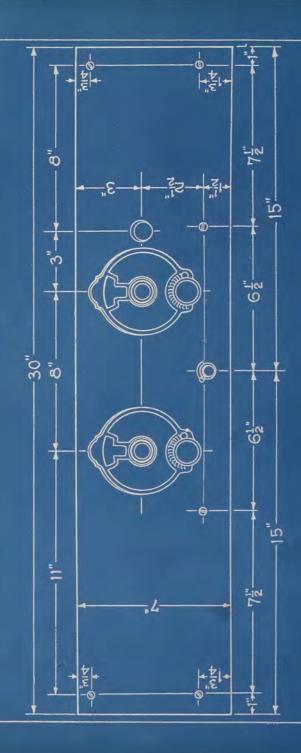
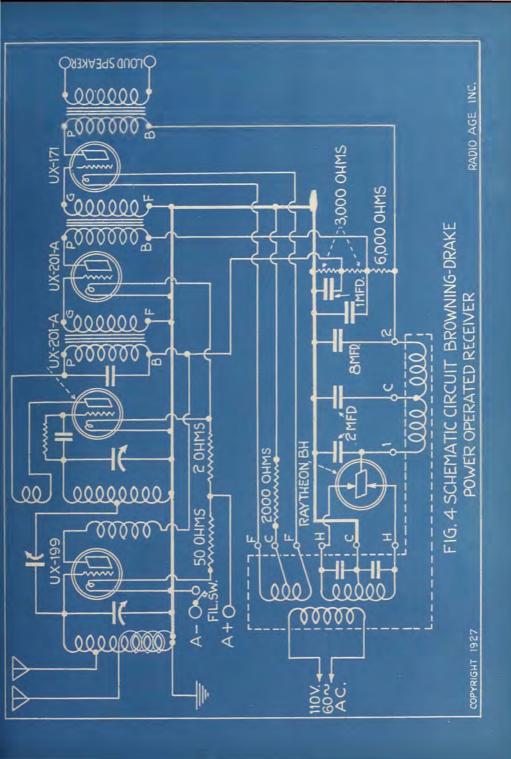


FIG.3 FRONT VIEW BROWNING-DRAKE POWER OPERATED RECEIVER



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

NE of our readers, W. D. Devore, an electrical contractor, writes very interestingly concerning power transmission by radio. Because his letter holds a novel viewpoint we are printing it for the benefit of our readers.

"In reading your September issue I noticed an article by Armstrong Perry in which he severely criticizes the idea of power transmission by radio.

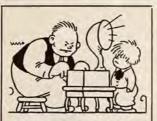
"As the transmission of sound by radio has reached a very good stage of development and as we are about exhausted with speculations in that direction we only naturally turn our thoughts and direct our experiments towards that which will open up new and larger spheres of activity.

"Foremost of these newer ideas is the transmission of power with no interconnecting means. Whether or not the term radio should be used to express this form of transmission is open to discussion, but we will use this term to convey the idea.

"Many engineers claim this means of power transmission is wholly without foundation and dismiss the thought as absolutely impossible. For example, one engineer calls to mind the statement that a very small amount of energy, three trillionths to be exact, is the amount of the original broadcast power picked up by a receiving set. We will grant this statement without argument. We can readily understand what an inconceivably great power would be required to transmit enough power to light a small lamp only a short distance from the transmitter. But before we dismiss the idea

as wholly impractical let us consider a few different angles of the situation.

"Radio as we are familiar with it today consists of but one thing, the transmission of sound waves, nothing more and nothing less. How well this has been accomplished you can answer for yourself. Does it then seem fair and reasonable to think that to transmit power it



"Pop is that some one whistling on the radio?"

"No dear that is little Tommy Jones next door operating one of those sets that 'even a child can run'."

would be necessary to send out a stronger sound wave and convert this sound wave into a heat wave or a light wave? Certainly not. If you turn on your radio and wish to receive a good concert it is necessary that some broadcasting station be transmitting a concert. You would not think for a moment of using your lamp socket for a telephone or trying to heat your home and illuminate your parlor with the telephone. But that is the idea those persons surely must have when they come out and say point blank and say that power transmission by radio is an absurd idea.

"How is the feat going to be performed? We do not know,

neither did we know, just a few years ago, how the radio telephone was to be made practical. These same men who today so quickly condemn power transmission were among those who said that practical radio telephony was only visionary. Some of you old timers go back with me just for a moment. Do you remember how we used to try to modulate a direct current arc circuit, how the microphones would fuse almost as soon as the power was turned on, how we some times used a dozen or more of them in series (and paralleled) to withstand the high current? And then, the one wonder working invention that made all our dreams come true. The three electrode tube. The wonderful little lamp that could be used as a detector, an amplifier or as a generator of undamped oscillations. This alone made radio telephony practical and some day some little device is going to make power transmission possible.

"Do not misunderstand me. When we receive power, power must be transmitted. When we receive heat, heat must be transmitted. We cannot expect to convert a sound wave at radio frequencies and get any use from it in the form of heat or light. Some day a station will broadcast a heat wave which will be picked up and amplified in the same manner as our present sound waves.

"In the preceding paragraphs I have named three possible kinds of transmission, power, heat and light. We need not consider the power and light problems because they will only involve unnecessary arguments.

Whenever we can transmit heat at a radio frequency we have conquered the entire radio universe because with the transmission of heat will come power and with heat will come light and from light we will get vision. So if you are told your receiver only picks up three trillionths of the broadcasters power do not become down hearted because some day if you can pick up three trillionths of heat. Broadcasters power you will not only will be able to heat and light your home but you will be able to see important events as you now hear them.

"In conclusion I might add these statements for the benefit of those who will criticize this article and thus rob them of some of their arguments. Sound wave transmission as we know it today is of course transmitted by electricity but the sound wave must be changed in character so that it will blend with the carrier wave. In short the simple term for this is modulation. This is accomplished by a simple microphone which of course must have its attendant speech amplifiers in order to modulate the powerful oscillator. With some such an idea we may hope to change the form of a heat wave so as to cause it to blend into a carrier and be amplified. Such an accomplishment is not only possible but very probable, so before we condemn the idea lets give it a chance and maybe someone will come forth with a device that will render our present system as obsolete as the ancient coherer."

A SURVEY of the United States by the Department of Commerce shows the following proportion of listeners:

New England 8.025 percent; Middle Atlantic states 18.998 percent; East North Central states 27.068 percent; West North Central states 19.242 percent; South Atlantic states 5.730 percent; East South Central 3.489 percent; West South Central 8.046 percent; Mountain states 2.876 percent and the Pacific states 6.526 percent.

TATE HAVE had quite a few laughs in our existence, but this letter from A. Rufus Applegarth, Jr., of 86 South Long Beach Ave., Freeport, N. Y., gives us quite a chuckle, although we will admit it is serious business for our correspondent. He says: "I built one of your circuits called the 'ultra-audion' described in the August, 1925, is-I have had wonderful results from the set, but my neighbors are loading their shotguns." We can readily appreciate what his neighbors think, but the

cure is simple: go over to one stage of neutralized RF; something like the circuit shown on page 21, January, 1926. This set is a great distance getter and if properly constructed will not radiate. Tell the neighbors you are building one of this type of sets and watch them trade their shot guns for bouquets. We are sending a DT button on account of the excellent log which Rufus has furnished this department. We'll bet the neighbors didn't get as good a log!



## February Evening Skies

## Mars and Jupiter Only Planets Seen This Month

Bu JAMES STOKLEY

(Science Service)

HIS month sees an end of the evening display of one of the plants of the autumn sky, for Jupiter has passed close to the sun. On the first of March it will be in opposition, which means that Jupiter and the sun will be in the same straight line from the earth. But Mars is still with us, shining with its ruddy glow in the southwest, just to the south of the Pleiades, the famous loose cluster of stars in Taurus, the Bull.

On February 25, Mercury, a planet which few people have ever seen, will be in a position where it will be visible low in the western sky at dusk, ready to be picked up by a keen eye. As it revolves around the sun in a year of 88 days, it is sometimes seen to the west of the sun, and sometimes to the east, when it is said to be in either western or eastern elongation. On the 25th, it will be in eastern elongation, which means that the sun sets a little while before Mercury. It is only a third as far away from the sun as the earth, so that it is never seen more than 28 degrees from our orb of day-a distance about the same as that between Betelgeuse and Sirius, two of the bright stars now in the southern sky. Its orbit is not circular, but elliptical, and as a result it seldom reaches the maximum elongation on the average getting only about 23 degrees away from the sun. Twilight lasts until the sun is about 18 degrees below the horizon, so Mercury can never be seen for very long after complete darkness has arrived. This month the opposition is not as great as the average, being only 18 degrees, so that it can be seen at best only as a bright star in the evening twilight.

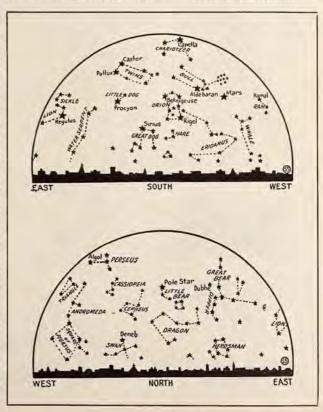
But the February evening sky makes up in stellar attractions for what it lacks in the planets. The winter sky is now in all its glory, for at no other time of the year can as many first magnitude

whole sky there are twenty stars brighter than one and a half in the astronomical scale of magnitudes. Five of these are in the southern hemisphere and are never visible above our horizon. This leaves fifteen which we can see, and of these, eight are now in the sky at once, six of them forming a hexagon with another at the center.

Almost directly overhead is the yellowish-white Capella, astro-nomically alpha Aurigae, as it is the brightest star in the constellation of Auriga, the Charioteer. This is so bright that it is very

stars be seen at once. In the easy to identify, for only Sirius, of the stars we can now see, exceeds it in brilliance. To the southwest of Capella is the orange-red star, Aldebaran, or alpha Tauri, the brightest star in the constellation of Taurus, the bull, and which was represented on the ancient star maps as the bull's eye, glaring at the nearby warrior, Orion, South, and a little east of Aldebaran, is a representative of Orion itself, in the form of Rigel, or beta Orionis, for it is the second brightest star in Orion. Rigel has the distinction of being one of the most brilliant

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Hope to Solve Mystery of Dengue Fever

S IXTY-FOUR soldiers who voluntarily submitted themselves to the bites of infected misquitoes have enabled officers of the U. S. Army Medical Department Research Board at Manila to clear up the previously unsolved problems of dengue fever.

Lt. Col. J. F. Siler told the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting at Philadelphia that medical science is now in a position to wage war on dengue with the same assurance of success that has attended the campaigns prosecuted against yellow fever.

Dengue, or break-bone fever, is a common disease of the tropics and is one of the chief causes of sickness in the U. S. army in the Philippines. Five years ago an epidemic swept through the southern states from Texas to Georgia, attacking about 2,000,000 people.

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of known stars, referring to its intrinsic brightness. In general the brightest stars are very close, but Rigel is at the respectable distance of 540 light years, one light year being the distance that a beam of light will travel in twelve months, going at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, or about 6,000,000,000,000 miles.

Compared to Rigel, Sirius, to the southeast of it, and the next star in the hexagon, is next door to us, for we see it tonight by light that left it in 1918, instead of in 1387, which was the year that the light reaching us from Rigel left on its long journey. Sirius is the brightest of all the stars we see in the sky, partly, of course, because it is so close. Alpha centauri, the nearest known star, is at a little less than half the distance of Sirius, but it is one of the southern stars not visible from northern latitudes. Sirius, however, appears brighter than alpha centauri. It is the "dog star," as it is in the constellation Canis Major, the great dog.

The great dog is one of the two that accompanied the mighty hunter Orion, the other one being represented by the next star in the hexagon, yellow-white Procyon, northeast of Sirius. This is in the constellation Canis Minor, the lesser dog, and is also very close, for it is only 10 light years distant. They look close together in the sky, and in fact they are but a relatively short distance apart-about four and a third light years, closer to each other than either of them are to the earth.

Completing our hexagon, we come to the orange colored Pollux, northwest of Procyon and southeast of Capella. Pollux is one of the two stars that form the twins, Gemini, the other member of the pair being the fainter Castor, just above Pollux. The ancients considered the Twins propitious to navigators, and the Romans swore by them, as they were two of their most popular gods. The remains of the temples to Castor and Pollux at Rome, and at Girgenti, are among the most famous of the Roman ruins. The Roman oath by them



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Finally, in the center of the hexagon is the famous Betelgeuse, or Alpha Orionis, the brightest star in Orion. This star is in the warrior's right shoulder, according to the old star maps, and in his upraised right hand he holds the club with which he is about to smite the giant bull Taurus.

The constellation Leo, the lion, now rising in the eastern evening sky, contains the eighth first magnitude star now visible. This is Regulus, or alpha Leonis, at the end of the handle of the "sickle," probably the most famous group of stars next to the Dipper and Orion. The blade of the sickle forms the lion's head.

#### Female Fish Fuses Mate to Body

NE of the most curious living creatures ever discovered by science has been described by Dr. C. Tate Regan, of Copenhagen. This astonishing creature is named Ceratias and lives in the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, a mile or more below the surface. There are two sexes, male and female, but the male Ceratias is unable to live alone. He passes his life attached to the body of the female. The female fish is much larger than the male, being some three or four feet long while the male equals only as many inches. Dr. Regan thinks it probable the baby males attach themselves to the similarly immature females soon after the young fish emerge from the eggs. The male then loses his mouth and head parts.





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Miss Johnson used sunflowers for her material, raying them while they were young seedlings and even unplanted seeds. Then she let them grow up and watched for results. Most of the plants developed doubled, or "fasciated" stems, a phenomenon occasionally observed in nature, caused by injury to the growing tip. The doubling tendency extended to leaves and flowers as well, for many leaves had two blades and some of the flower heads appeared in distorted and unnatural shapes.

The effects of the X-rays were evident internally as well as externally. The stem was made coarser and woodier, its water-conducting vessels were dislocated from their usual positions, and abnormal amounts of corky material appeared in the skin. Measurements of physiological effects showed that the rate of life-processes in general was depressed. (Science Service).

American Anticipated

British "Dark Vision" EEING in the dark by means of the "televisor," the reported invention of John L. Baird in Great Britain, was anticipated, at least so far as its fundamental principles are concerned, by an American physicist, Prof. R. W. Wood of the Johns Hopkins University. There is nothing new or mysterious about the rays which the British inventor employs; they have been known for many years and are of the same character as ordinary light rays. but due to their lower vibration rate do not stimulate the human eye and therefore remain invisible.

Gasoline of Future May
Be Pink But Plentiful

OTORISTS of the future will be able to match the color of their cars when filling the tank, and they will not have to worry about the gasoline supply for some time to come, according to Dr. Gustav Egloff who has investigated the possibilities of getting motor fuels from various sources.

"The potential future gasoline supply will last for hundreds of years," Dr. Egloff said, "and it will come from 'cracking' a wide variety of materials such as petroleum, coal tars, shale oil and wood tars. The old fashioned gasoline was simply evaporated off of the crude oil and had no anti-knock properties. The modern 'cracking process' is a way by which heavy oils are chemically broken down into lighter ones suitable for motor fuels. 'Cracked' gasoline has valuable anti-knock properties, and the gasoline of the future will be a mixture of the two. Motor fuels will yield double the mileage and have anti-knock properties.

But the cracking process has not only created new styles in the quality of gasolines, Dr. Egloff explained, but has also introduced a new variety of colors. Although there are still many specifications that require gasoline to be water-white, the automotive cylinder that transforms "gas" into miles has no preference for any particular shade or tint. In fact color means nothing to the motor. It does, however, mean something to the distiller, for he often tries to doctor up his gasoline to get rid of all trace of color and as a result loses some of the antiknock properties.

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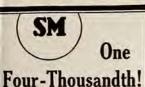
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Briefly, the method which he proposes to use is to "cascade" two or more tubes, the rays from one being fed into another, which speeds them up still further and increases their range. The cathode rays are rapidly moving electrons, small particles of electricity, moving with speeds of a hundred thousand or more miles a These electrons start second. from a small electric light filament from which they come at speeds of merely a few miles a second. With a voltage of 350,-000 they are speeded up within the tube, so that they leave it with a velocity of 150,000 miles a second. By building larger tubes, it will be possible to increase the voltage to a certain limit, but when too much power is applied to a single tube the cathode itself is bombarded by positive rays, which move in opposite directions to the cathode or negative rays. This introduces troublesome effects.

By arranging two or more tubes together so that the nickel window at the end of the tube, from which the rays ordinarily emerge into the open air, acts as the cathode of the next tube, they are already moving at great speed when they leave the first tube and when the same voltage is applied to the second tube they are still further accelerated. window between the two tubes may be made thick enough so that it passes the cathode rays going in one direction, but stops the positive rays going the opposite way, as they are less penetrating. Another advantage of the multiple tube over a single very large one is that it is much easier, to supply, for instance four tubes with 250,000 volts each than one tube with a million volts. (Science Service.)

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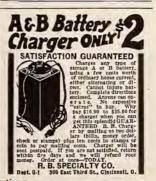
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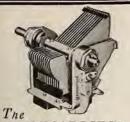
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The "death whisper," Dr. Thone stated, is simply a nickname for vibrations similar to those of ordinary sound, but produced so rapidly that the human ear cannot hear them, just as the human eye cannot see ultra-violet light or X-rays. They are generated by means of electrically excited quartz crystals in a bath of oil. When a vessel of water containing a small fish or tadpole or other aquatic animal, or some kinds of water plants, is set on top of the vibrating crystal the waves are shot through the glass into the water, and there they kill the animal or plant, and frequently break down its structure so completely that it simply disappears.

While the waves cannot leave the liquid, Dr. Thone explained, they will pass through solids and will penetrate human flesh and bone, causing no pain at high intensities, but giving rise to no sensation but a feeling of warmth at low ones. At the lower intensities, however, they are still destructive to the red cells of the blood, and a mouse was once kept exposed to them until it had a bad case of artificial anemia without showing the least sign of discomfort.

The discovery of the possible uses of these inaudible sound waves was made by Prof. Wood during the War, as a result of a chance observation in the laboratory of Prof. P. Langevin at the great naval arsenal at Toulon, where the French scientist was experimenting with them in an endeavor to perfect an apparatus for the detection of submarines. (Science Service.)

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#### Windmills For Making Electricity

Extension of the unex-XTENSION of radio to pected result of assisting the use by man of one of the world's greatest idle sources of cheap power, the power of the wind. Modern radio receivers require considerable amounts of electricity, more than can be supplied conveniently or cheaply from chemical batteries. In cities and towns the radio fans make use of the ordinary current supply. Where no electric current is available, as on isolated farms, radio is under a severe handicap. Wind power, like that which was once much used in windmills for pumping water, has often been sugested to charge storage batteries for such isolated radio receivers but development has been retarded by the lack of suitable windmills and dynamos and by

uncertainties about the amount of wind available. During the past two years successful windelectric plants large enough for radio use or even for house lighting have been constructed in France and England. In the United States the engineers of the University of Nebraska have made similar tests. The uncertainty about the wind has now been studied by Harry G. Carter of the United States Weather Bureau station at Lincoln, Nebraska, where the university is located. A wind velocity of at least ten miles an hour is necessary for charging storage batteries and Mr. Carter finds that this velocity is available for at least five hours a day on threefourths of the days of a year.

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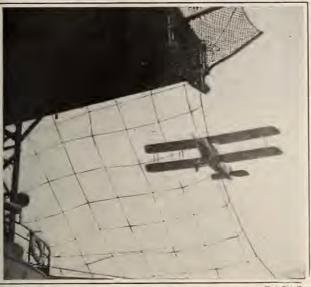
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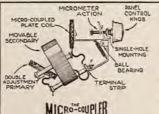
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In most so-called "self-balanced" circuits elimination of the tendency to oscillate has been attained at the sacrifice of efficiency. A method often used is to design the coils in such a way that the losses in the coils introduce enough resistance to prevent oscillation. This method is of course detrimental to efficiency. Some others make use of very low plate voltages in the radio frequency stages, thus reducing the tendency to oscillate, but again with a consequent lowering of efficiency.

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## Improving and Adapting the Resistance Coupled Amplifier to the "B" Eliminator

By WILLIAM H. FINE

HOSE who have experi- problem but sets forth the use of with resistance coupled amplifiers are fully aware of the usual difficulty encountered in determining the most efficient values to use in both the plate and grid circuits. While it is generally recognized that resistance coupled audio amplification preserves the original purity of the incoming wave to a more pronounced degree than any other present known method, still, the final output remains more or less distorted, due primarily to the fact that ordinary fixed resistors cannot be made to take care of that small fractional part of resistance which would undoubtedly afford greater clarity and more perfect fidelity of reproduction.

Another annoying and really serious problem which has but recently been brought forcibly to the attention of resistance coupled enthusiasts, is the continuous "putting" or "motorboating" as it is more commonly termed, which manifests itself to varying degrees of intensity when "B" eliminators are connected to this type of amplifier.

These plopping sounds, which generally rise to such intensity as to drown out the incoming signals, are caused by low frequency audio oscillations.

The information given in this article is the result of extensive laboratory experiments and not only solves the "motor-boating"

variable resistances in a manner which tends to lift resistance coupled amplification up to a still higher plane of excellence.

In the plate circuit R-1, is a fixed resistor with a value of .75 megohms; R-2, .5 megohms and R-3 .5 megohms.

In the grid circuit, R-4 is a resistance variable up to 500,000 ohms; R-5, a resistance variable up to 250,000 ohms and R-6, a resistance variable up to 100,000 ohms. If a power tube is used in the last stage a resistance variable up to 500,000 ohms was found to give maximum results.

It might not be amiss at this time to impress upon the reader the fact that the resistance in the grid circuit of the last tube is the one that actually governs the final tone quality of the receiver and therefore, only by employing a highly dependable make of variable resistor can the proper value be determined which will assure both clear reception.

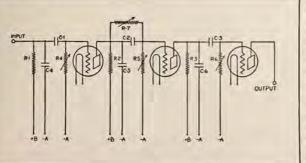
The isolating condensers, C-1, C-2, and C-3, have a capacity of at least 1 Mfd. Condensers C-4, C-5 and C-6 are of the small bypass type and are low in capacity, about .00025 Mfd. These bypass condensers keep the radio frequency currents out of the resistors in the plate circuits and were found absolutely necessary for best results. It was found better practice to connect these by-pass condensers to minus A as



they will then by-pass the batteries as well as the resistors themselves.

To eliminate all semblance of the aforementioned "putting" or "motor boating," it was found advisable to shunt a variable resistance across the isolating condensers C-2, coupling the first and second stages. This resisttance is shown in the illustration as R-7 and should be variable up to approximately 5,000,000 ohms.

Last but not least, when building a resistance coupled amplifier, as well as any other piece of radio apparatus, it is well to bear in mind the fact that the final results of your labors depend entirely upon your own workmanship and the quality of the parts used. This is particularly true in the selection of the isolating condensers, and the resistances, especially the variable types. Metalized fixed resistors are recommended for the plate circuits because their values do not readily change. Centralab variable resistances were selected by the writer for use in his set.



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tant broadcast of the year, but so quickly did the news fade from the front pages of the subsidized newspapers that to many it is now scarcely a memory. We refer to the valuable service rendered by WSMB, New Orleans. at the time of the Florida disaster, and while we haven't heard of anyone else going out of the way to pass out any eulogies to the southern station, from personal observation of north, it seems to us if there is standing service rendered by a paper. broadcasting station during the past year it should go to New Orleans.

Every hour through the Sunday and Monday night following the hurricane, WSMB was on the air, at first merely repeating messages from distracted friends in the north, then as the fury of the wind abated, sending out the cheering word that New Orleans, Pensacola and Mobile were safe; and finally as they established communication with Florida, broadcasting the first authentic news from the stricken region. It was a thrilling experience even to those not vitally interested, and we stayed with them through a goodly portion of Monday night, feeling that we were participating in one of the most extraordinary of our radio experiences.

And we had the feeling that, f New Orleans had been preparing for such a contingency, they couldn't have found a man more happily adapted to the work than Clyde R. Randall, whose voice was already known to thousands of listeners. His calm, reassuring tones-somewhat weary toward morning-came over with faithful regularity, and must have carried comfort and optimism to many apprehensive listeners. The fact that the only Florida station any of us could pull in that night was calmly talking about the New York Radio Show, as though cataclysmic occurrences were of no moment, rendered WSMB's service more commendable.

Thus, it is, with outstanding events such as the foregoing, that RADIO-two or three short years ago regarded as the rather annoying toy of the boy next door-has come through the year 1926, not only as the greatest entertainment feature of all times, but as a dignified public utility; safeguarding our homes with warning of storms, aiding in the capturing of criminals, searching for lost persons, and giving us first-hand information what this service meant to thou- of all notable events in the day's sands of frantic people in the news-truly as important a factor in our daily life as that other any Nobel prize for the out- great public servant-the news-

#### No Congressional Cure for Radio Tangle

T THE time of printing this issue, no congressional action has been taken to unscramble the congested condition of the air, although many plans have been advanced by various interests.

Latest reports from Washington show the Senate and House conferees have been unable to come to a definite agreement on pending legislation.

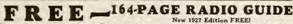
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government, has apparently not stopped the stream of new licenses, over fifty changes being made in our present broadcast list in the form of additions to the broadcasting ranks.

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An interim report on radio legislation by the Air Committee of the American Bar Association has recently been published, its chief feature being the suggestion that excess stations be deleted from the list and just compensation to their owners made from a tax levied upon the remaining station owners.

Chester W. Cuthel, of New York, chairman of the air committee advances the opinion the problem will be worked out only by a slow and expensive litigation even if no legislation is The reason adforthcoming. vanced for the suggestions in the committee's report is that by their adoption will follow greater justification for full regulation of





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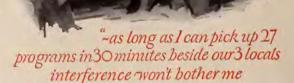












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