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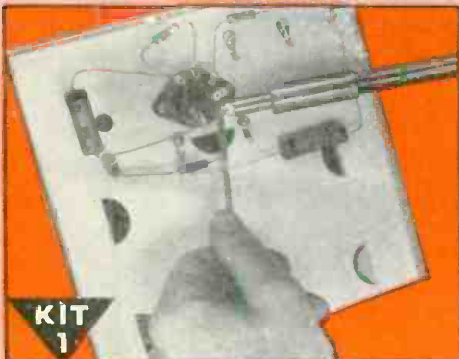
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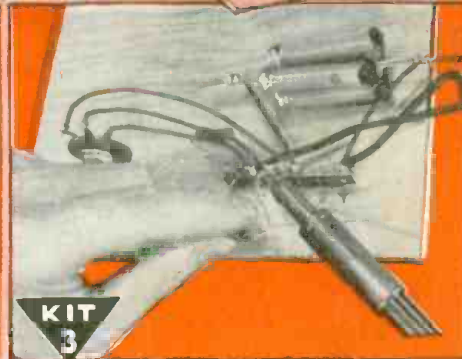
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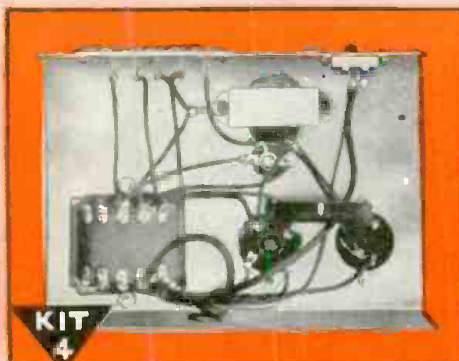
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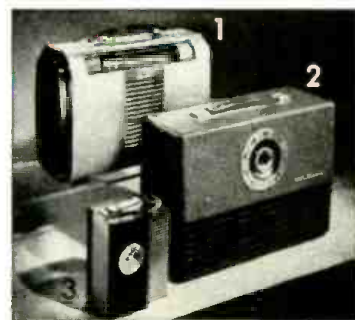
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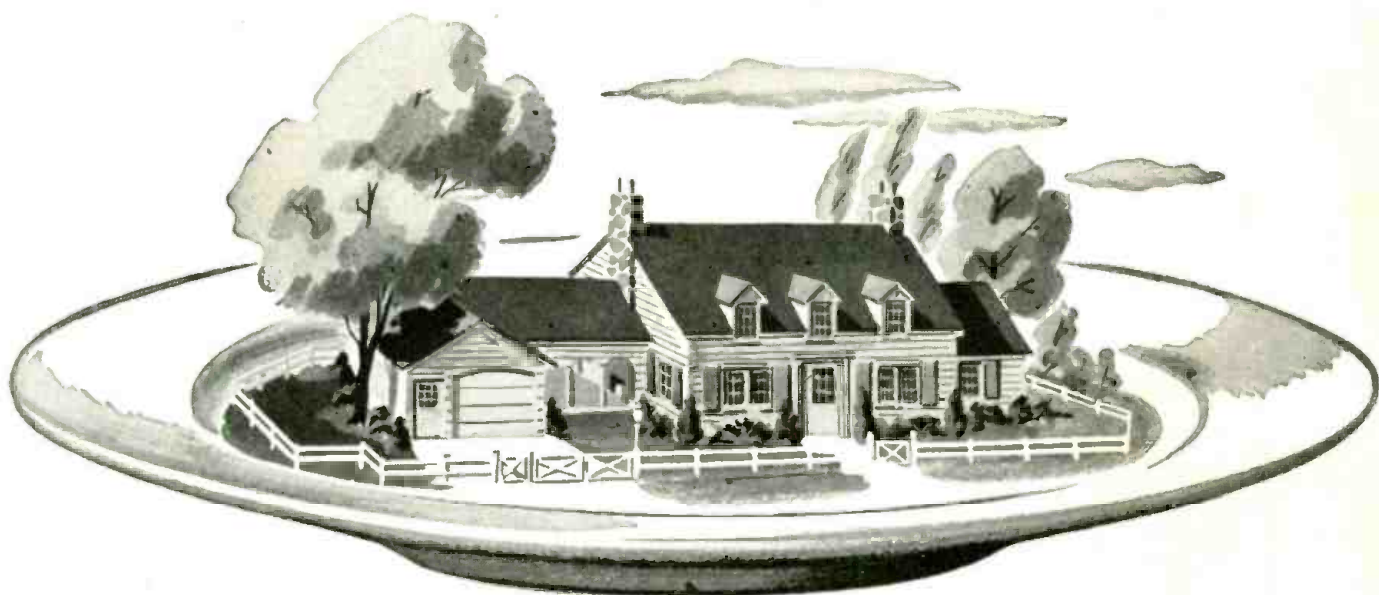


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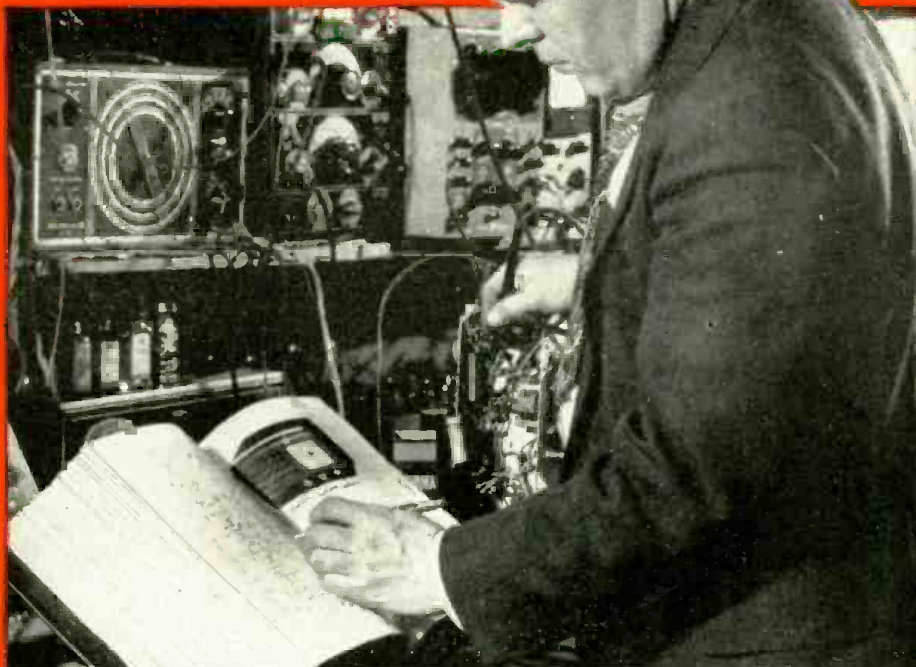
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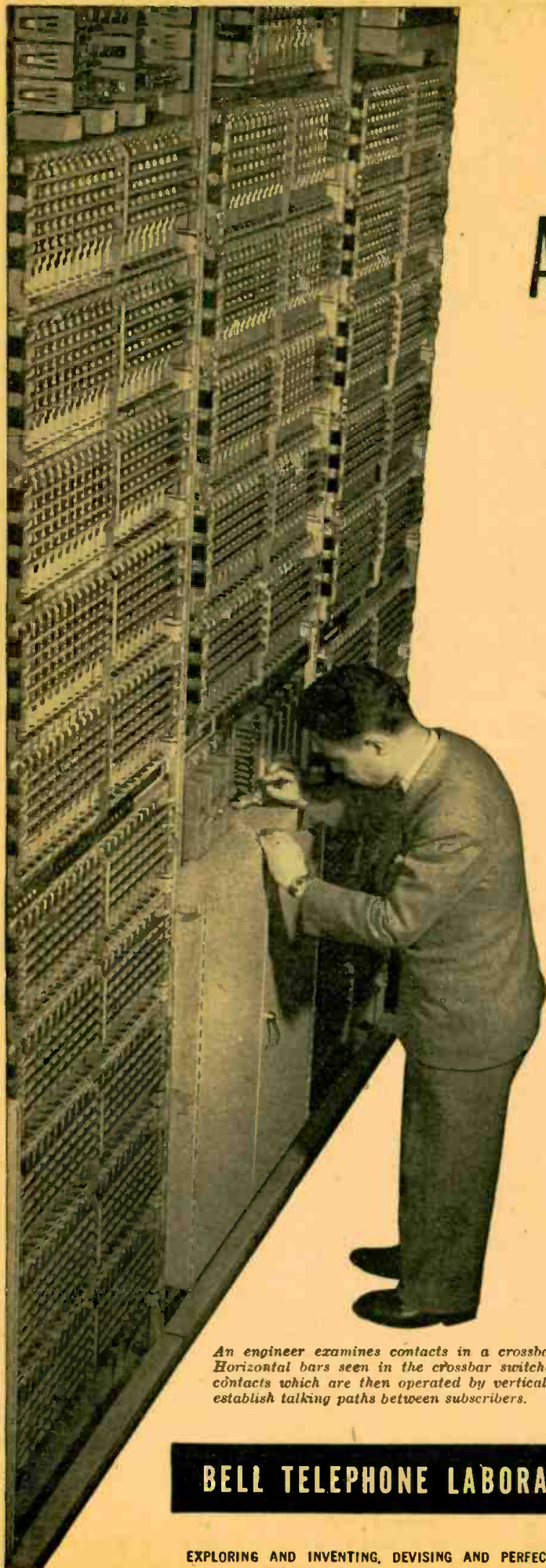
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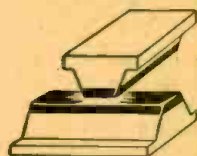
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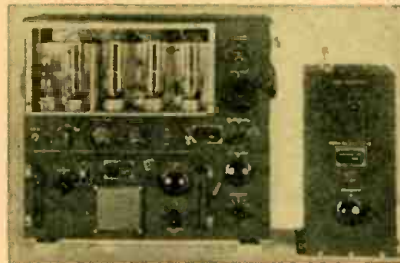
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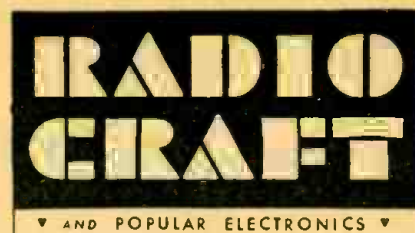
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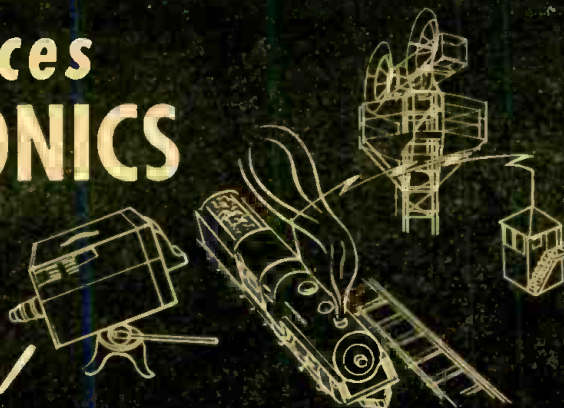
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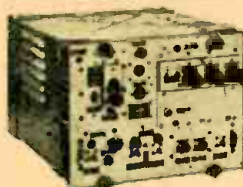
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FREQUENCY modulation made notable progress before World War II. It has now—in the postwar period—reached boom proportions. This is true of both FM transmitters erected and contemplated, as well as in FM receiver production.

The latest figures made public by the FCC give the following picture as far as FM transmitting stations are concerned:

FM stations operating as of June 1, 1947, total 223. As of June 1 there have been granted 568 construction permits for transmitters, which reasonably may be expected to be in operation before very long. This gives a grand total of 791.

Against this we have 1,239 licensed AM transmitters as of June 1, and 522 AM stations under construction, or a total of 1,761.

To keep abreast of all the new FM stations, which are now mushrooming all over the countryside, the radio set industry has striven valiantly to keep up with the FM receiver demand, yet so far it has not been too successful. The demand continues to outrun production.

Last June the Radio Manufacturers' Association predicted that total radio production may be more than 15% under the expected 1947 output.

The RMA looked for a 1947 output about equal to that of last year's 15 million sets. Yet, during the past few months the industry was producing at the rate of 18 million sets a year. The trouble, however, is that the radio makers find that they cannot sell all the sets they make, particularly in the AM classification.

FM receivers are selling at an accelerated rate over AM sets, and it is quite likely that there will be no decline in FM output which reached a high of 112,000 sets in April, according to the RMA.

A spokesman for the RMA also stated "Manufacturers who formerly scoffed at FM are now eager to enter the field with its new market potentialities. However, FM sets are not easy to make and some manufacturers will not reach planned production goals."

So far the radio industry itself has not told, by publicity or otherwise, the bewildered public just what the AM *vis-à-vis* FM radio situation means.

The average set buyer nowadays knows of the existence of FM mainly because the radio *dealers* educate the public to it. But the average buyer is puzzled as to the future of radio reception as a whole.

They want to know the answer to the question "Is AM radio here to stay or is it being supplanted by FM?" Then there is also the extra puzzle of television, thrown in for good measure, which further bewilders the public.

It is easy to understand why AM sets are not selling as well as FM sets nowadays because anyone listening to the much better reproduction of FM sets would almost automatically choose an FM over an AM receiver. The nearly staticless reproduction—without background noise—naturally impresses the public.

How soon will AM become obsolete in this country? That is a difficult question to answer, one guess being as good as another. It would be futile to predict how many years it will take to accomplish this, but one thing seems certain: AM will fade slowly and gradually out of the picture. There seems little doubt that today we are in a transition period. The tremendous upswing in FM transmitters certainly points the way to the future of radio broadcasting in this country.

There are those who will maintain that we will always have AM. It is entirely possible that there will be a number of such transmitters still operating for very many years to come in this country, but certainly the trend is unmistakably toward FM.

In the meanwhile manufacturers of radio receivers are trying to straddle the fence by serving the two fields, i. e., in building combination AM-FM receivers so that both types of reception can be had in one receiver.

Unfortunately the consensus of opinion is that so far such combination receivers—at least the smaller table models—have not worked out too well. There are many technical difficulties to be overcome, and while in due time such combination receivers will be produced successfully; with few exceptions at the present time the results have not been too good.

Despite the fact that FM receivers are more expensive than AM receivers, the public—always eager to get the latest and the best—prefers the more expensive FM sets. FM receivers eventually will sell for less than they do nowadays, but not until radio manufacturers become more expert in the intricacies of their manufacture.

In the not too distant future, FM sets probably will sell at a lower price than present-day AM sets. That stage has not yet been reached.

A somewhat similar situation prevails in automobile FM receivers, which so far are not in large production, and portable FM sets, which are still in the experimental stage. Many technical problems have to be solved to make such types possible, but they will be solved.

With automobile receivers there are, of course, some disadvantages to FM. With FM range limited to about 25 miles from the transmitter, anyone taking a long automobile trip will have to switch from station to station as he progresses along the road. Thus, during a hundred-mile trip, switching or tuning to 4 different stations will be necessary. This may or may not be a great disadvantage. It might even be pointed out that many AM transmitters become weaker at the 25-mile range too, except for the much more powerful transmitters.

As for portables and pocket FM radios, both these seem to be in the future. So far only experimental models have been evolved and much engineering work remains to be done in that class.

The country now has one of its cyclic radio booms—this time in FM—which conceivably may last until the end of 1948 and perhaps longer.

ELECTRON LIGHT was seen for the first time last month in the laboratories of General Electric. The light came from electrons whirling in the new 70,000,000-volt synchrotron, and comes literally from the moving electrons.

In 1944 two Russian physicists, D. Iwanenko and I. Pomeranchuk, pointed out that radiation should come from the electrons moving in circular orbits in a betatron, a form of atom-smasher related to the synchrotron. This effect, they said, would impose a limit on the simple betatron. Over about 100,000,000 volts, the electrons would radiate energy away as fast as they receive it unless proper compensation were made.

Calculations indicated that such an effect should be observed from the electrons in the 100,000,000-volt betatron in the GE Research Laboratory and that some of the radiation should be visible light. However, the "doughnut" of the betatron is lined with silver, which makes it opaque, thus preventing any observation. Then it was thought that perhaps some radiation of the very short radio waves might be detected, using methods developed for war-time radar. But again the search was unsuccessful. Dr. J. S. Schwinger of Harvard University calculated that while there might be some slight emission in the microwave region, the maximum amount of energy would come in the shortest wave lengths, either visible light or the longer invisible waves of infra-red.

The new synchrotron doughnut is lined with a transparent layer which is electrically conducting like the silver layer and carries away unwanted electrical charges as they accumulate. Recently a GE laboratory assistant, Floyd Haber, noticed a curious spot of light inside the doughnut while the synchrotron was operating. After checking to assure that everything was working properly, the physicists in charge of the project determined that this was actually radiation from the electrons themselves as they moved in their circular path.

Electron light travels out in a beam half a degree in diameter, tangent to the orbit. It comes out ahead of the electrons. Thus, an observer looking at the doughnut from a point in the plane of the orbit sees light from the electrons approaching him, but cannot see the light in any other part of the tube.



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Because of the curvature of the doughnut, the spot is distorted at present. Dr. Herbert C. Pollock, who has charge of the synchrotron project, and his associates, Drs. R. V. Langmuir and Frank R. Elder, are preparing a modified doughnut with a flat quartz window through which the effect may be better seen. This will permit any part of the radiation that may fall in the invisible ultra-violet part of the spectrum to be photographed, since quartz, unlike glass, is transparent to these rays.

FM TELEPHONE LINK between Death Valley, Cal., and the rest of the world is the first 150-mc FM point-to-point radio in the Bell Telephone system, a last month's release from that company states.

Increasing number of tourists and business arising from exploitation of the Valley's mineral resources necessitated the link, which replaces an older single pole line.

Radio transmitting and receiving equipment similar to that used in the land station of an urban mobile telephone system was installed in the existing Specter Mountain repeater station on the Las Vegas-Reno line, and in a Quonset hut just outside the town of Death Valley. This at present provides two telephone links between the two points, nearly 30 miles apart.

Telephone messages from the outside world reach Death Valley through San Bernardino. They travel by open wire to Specter Mountain via Las Vegas, thence by radio to the Death Valley radio station, and from there by wire two miles to the town of Death Valley itself and 28 miles to the resort areas, including Furnace Creek Inn. Telephones in the Valley region can ring each other and operator assistance is given at San Bernardino, Cal.

While Death Valley and San Bernardino are 160 airline miles apart, there

are 251 highway miles and 341 circuit miles between them.

A 37-mile section of the old telephone line between Silver Lake and Tecopa, no longer required, will be abandoned.



The 150-mc FM relay station at Death Valley.

FACSIMILE newspaper service, independent of either a regular newspaper or radio station, is planned for Springfield, Mass., it was announced by the New England Facsimile Corporation.

Receivers will be placed in homes on a monthly rental basis.

Programs consist, roughly, of 24 to 32-page morning editions transmitted from 3 to 5 am; bulletin service till 3 pm; market reports, business news, comics and amusement service till 4 pm; bulletin "run of wire" service till 9:30 pm; and late evening news and sports finals 'til 10 pm.

Springfield is especially well suited for the experiment in news distribution. Its citizens have been without regular newspaper service for the greater part of 8 months because of a labor dispute between Sherman H. Bowles, owner of the city's 5 newspapers, and the local printing trade unions and the Newspaper Guild unit. During this period, they have been conditioned to new ways of receiving their news. For a considerable period they were dependent on the local broadcast stations, which expanded their news programs greatly, and even printed a daily mimeographed sheet.

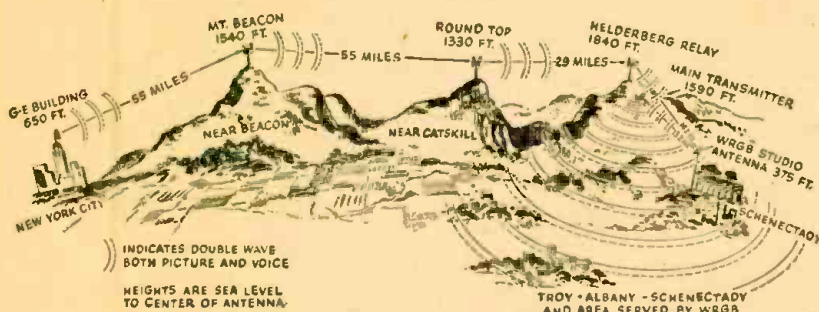
MONTHLY REVIEW

the Radio Technician

A TELEVISION RELAY circuit for commercial operation between New York City and Schenectady, N. Y., was opened last month by the General Electric Company. The circuit will be extended to Syracuse later.

The new relay operates in the 2,000-

is the largest. News items of special interest to Indians are supplied to KGAK by the Indian agency at Window Rock and by other sources close to Indian affairs. Following each newscast KGAK airs a talk in the Navajo tongue by a Navajo active in tribal affairs.



NEW YORK-SCHENECTADY TELEVISION RELAY

megacycle region. Extremely directional, the microwaves are beamed from a transmitter atop the General Electric office building in New York City to a relay station on Beacon Mountain, 55 miles north from New York. From there they travel 55 miles to Round Top Mountain where another relay tower transmits them 29 miles to the Helderberg Mountains. Picked up by a third relay tower there, the signals are sent 14 miles to the Schenectady terminus.

At present the microwave relay circuit uses separate carriers for the sound and picture components of the signal, but it is planned to convert the present system so that use of only one of the microwave channels is required for handling both aural and visual signals. This will be done by the addition of multiplexing equipment at the two terminals. Incorporated in production equipment, multiplexing equipment would greatly reduce the cost of constructing the television relay and as well would lower the operating costs.

Television station WRGB at Schenectady now has pending before the FCC an application to use this circuit commercially for relaying to the Troy-Albany-Schenectady area television programs available in New York City.

The General Electric Company has been relaying television programs from New York City for the past 7 years on an experimental basis.

AMERICAN-LANGUAGE broadcasts were commenced last month by Radio KGAK, Gallup, New Mexico, in a series of Saturday afternoon news broadcasts in Navajo for the large Indian population of the area.

Gallup is the trade center of vast Indian reservations, of which the Navajo

CITIZENS RADIO appears to be closer as Raytheon announces a new tube which puts out appreciable power at the high frequencies above 450 mc. The subminiature type CK608CX is a high mutual-conductance triode with a 200-milliamperere, 6.3-volt heater. It is only four-tenths of an inch in diameter and 1½ inches long, but will put out about 1 watt of power at approximately 25% efficiency in the Citizens radio band of 460 to 470 megacycles. Reduced output can be obtained up to 800 megacycles or more.

The photograph of the oscillator shows the CK608CX operating in the Citizens band and lighting a 150-milliamperere, 6.3-volt pilot lamp to full brilliance. The CK608CX is used with a sub-miniature socket similar to those now commercially available. The tube may be soldered into the socket with some increase in operating efficiency at these frequencies.

Still needed is a tube that will operate from a 1.5-volt A-battery, for use in the light pack transceivers which will be required for mobile use.

New Subminiature
High Frequency Power Tube.

TELEVISION NEEDS drastic price cuts on receivers and considerably better quality of programs if it is to be an early success, according to a survey released last month by *The Televiser*.

The survey was made among 800 television dealers who visited the receiver displays at the recent Television Institute held at New York's Hotel Commodore.

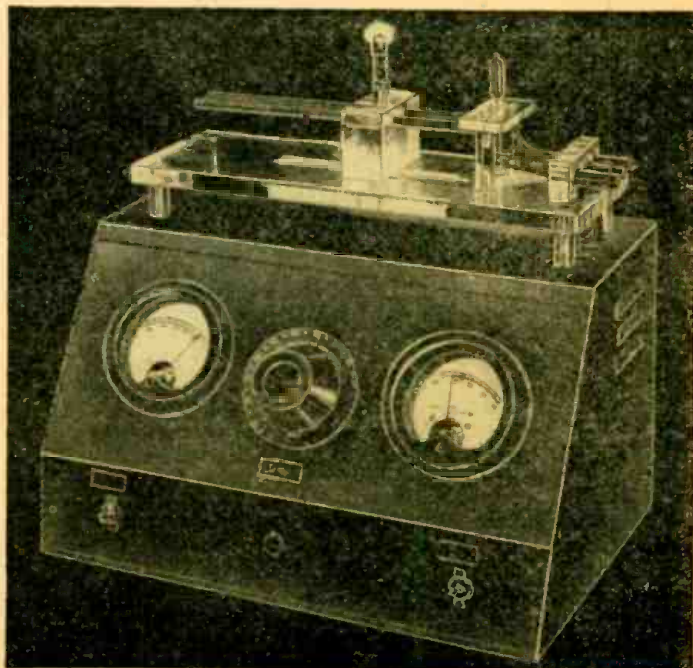
According to the study, the public is prepared to part with \$500 for a television receiver, provided the instrument includes AM, FM, and a phonograph. The present price range for such receivers, the study indicated, is from \$800 to \$2,500.

Over 50% of the dealers thought table models, the kind most frequently sold today, should be ticketed from \$200 to \$300, instead of \$250 to \$400—the present price range on standard makes.

Among the hurdles in selling television receivers today, states the *Televiser* survey, are:

1. Refusal of apartment house owners to permit installation of antennas: 15.7%.
2. Price of antenna and receiver installation: 13.4%.
3. Poor quality of programs and not enough programs: 13.4%.
4. Lack of daytime programs: 11.9%.
5. Lack of merchandise for early delivery: 11.2%.
6. High price of receivers: 9.7%.
7. Small size of screens: 6.0 %.
8. Miscellaneous: 8.7% including uncertainty of set delivery, possible future price cuts, lack of set selection, fear of early obsolescence, desire for color, problems of clarity of reception, demand for short term credit.

MAPS MADE BY RADAR were announced last month by Charles J. Pannill, president of the Radiomarine Corporation of America. The maps are of the type used in river navigation, and were assembled as a mosaic of numbers
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Portable Recorder-Player

Recorder, record player, PA system
and a radio in one instrument

By JOSEPH G. KARNATH, W2RRA



ALTHOUGH this recorder adds nothing radically new to the field of recording equipment, it does have several unique features which, to the writer's knowledge, have never been combined into a 1-piece portable unit. The model illustrated in the accompanying photos was developed and built by the writer during the long winter evenings while ham radio was taboo, and the interest shown by several capable radiomen spurred the builder to write this article.

Several units have already been constructed by fellow radio tradesmen and several more are in process. Cost of components is surprisingly low, compared to the net price of a manufactured unit of comparable quality, and its additional features make for a unit of utmost versatility.

It may be used as a recorder, record player, radio, or a public address system. In its recording capacity, records

can be cut at either 33 1/3 r.p.m. (transcription speed) or at 78 r.p.m. (speed of ordinary phonograph recordings). All recordings may be monitored constantly by a volume-level indicator on the control panel, eliminating the danger of overcutting or undercutting and assuring uniform volume on the finished disc regardless of the type of program recorded. When recording from the microphone, the over-all gain is more than ample to pick up and record, with suitable intensity, a normal conversation anywhere in the average-size room.

A tilt-head microphone with 360-degree pickup (such as the one shown) will allow the recordist to make many candid and interesting recordings at parties and gatherings. Any radio program may be recorded merely for the tuning in. When recording from the radio, monitoring is done not only visually by the use of the volume indicator meter, but also audibly, at a reduced volume level, through the speaker.

The unit also can be used to re-record any previously cut recording, or to make copies of any phonograph record, simply by plugging an auxiliary turntable pickup into the RE-RECORD jack on the front panel. This feature has proved its worth in many instances when a certain choice record was sold out but could be borrowed for a few minutes from a friend. There are many occasions too, when a recording has been made at a gathering, that several of those present may wish a copy record. The original may be cut at the 33 1/3 speed and the copies of the desired parts may be reproduced at 78 r.p.m. so that they can be played on any record player or combination phonograph radio.

The re-record feature has been used also to produce some very unique (but perhaps rather impractical) effects. With the proper manipulation of two recording blanks and the auxiliary turntable, the author has recorded a 4-part harmony quartette of his own voice.

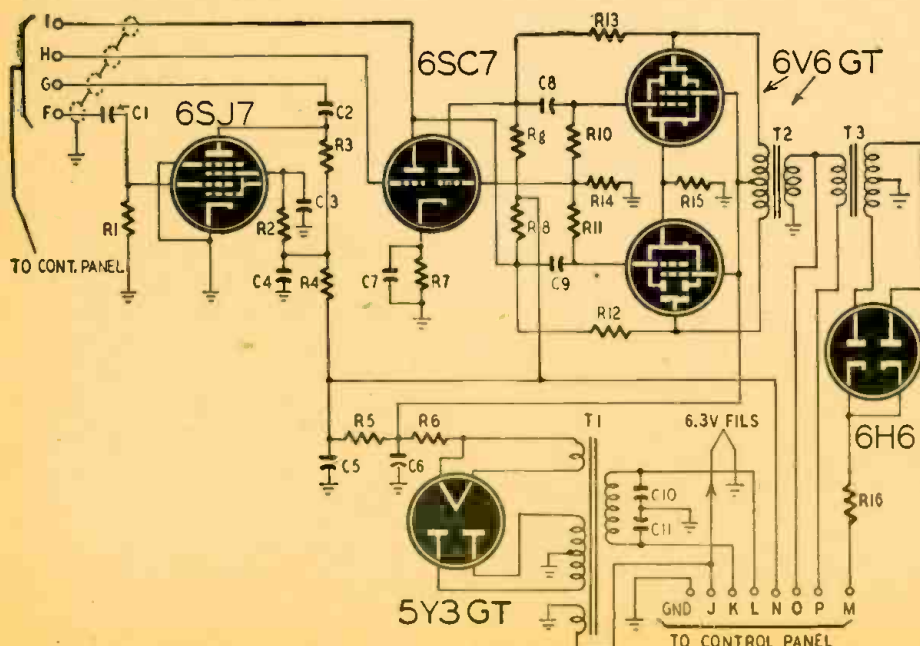
For ease of presentation and for simplicity of wiring and servicing, the schematic circuit diagram is broken down into 3 parts: the amplifier chassis, Fig. 1; the control panel, Fig. 2; and the tuner chassis, Fig. 3. The units are wired individually, then installed and interconnected within the case.

The amplifier (Fig. 1) consists of a 6SJ7 microphone amplifier stage feeding a 6SC7 dual triode, one section used as a second stage, the other as a phase inverter, in turn driving a pair of 6V6 beam-power output tubes in push-pull. Output is fed from the transformer T2 through the selector switch (Fig. 1) to the speaker voice coil, cutting head, or output indicator circuit.

The various positions of the switch are as follows:

AMPLIFIER PARTS LIST—FIG. 1

- T1—Power transformer, Stancor P-6013
- T2—Output transformer, Stancor A-3852
- T3—Volume indicator transformer, Stancor A-3856
- C1, C2—0.001- μ f mica condenser
- C3—0.1- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
- C4—10- μ f, 450-volt
- C5—40- μ f, 450-volt
- C6—30- μ f, 450-volt
- C7—20- μ f, 25-volt
- C8, C9—0.05- μ f, 600-volt, tubular paper condenser
- C10, C11—0.01- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
- R1, R2—2-megohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R3—150,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R4—50,000-ohm, 1-watt, carbon resistor
- R5—2,000-ohm, 10-watt, wire-wound resistor
- R6—500-ohm, 10-watt, wire-wound resistor
- R7—15,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R8, R9—250,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R10, R11—500,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R12, R13—5-megohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R14—100,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
- R15—300-ohm, 1-watt, carbon resistor
- R16—50,000 ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor



Position 1—radio reception; Position 2—radio recording; Position 3—microphone recording; Position 4—playback; Position 5—public address, blending microphone, record playback and radio simultaneously, with their respective gain controls.

The circuit and several of the constants differ somewhat from the conventional. The value of the coupling condensers C1 from the microphone, and C2 between the first and second stages is considerably lower in capacity than one might expect. This was done to rid the amplifier, particularly on low-speed (33 1/3 r.p.m.) recording, of any over-emphasized bases or boominess.

The 6SJ7 plate resistor is also lower than usual for the same reason, for as the plate resistor is decreased the high-frequency response is increased up to a certain point. Both these circuit peculiarities definitely reduce the overall gain of the stage, but this is desirable, as any tendency toward feedback and oscillation is also eliminated. More than enough gain is still available.

No direct current or cathode bias is applied to the first stage. The tube is biased by rectification of signal voltage by the grid and developed across the high value of R1, when the microphone is spoken into. This allows the cathode to operate at ground potential and prevent hum pickup through that point.

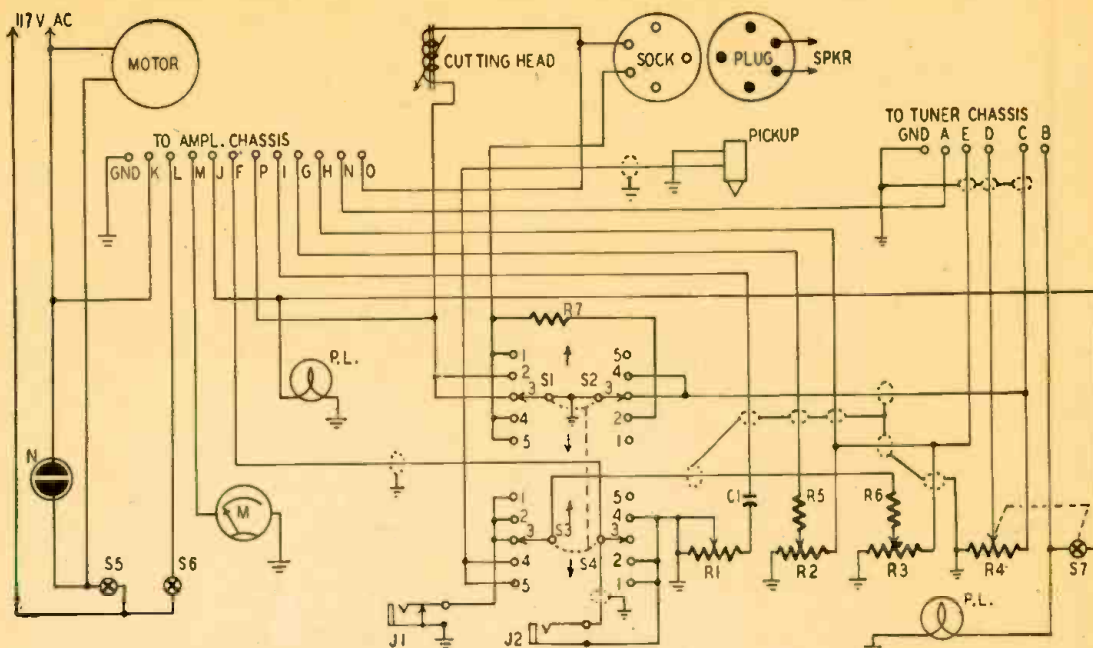
A small amount of inverse feedback is incorporated in the 6V6 push-pull output stage, for flatter frequency response

and greater over-all stability. This is done by including two 5-megohm resistors, R12 and R13, from the plates back to the grids of the 6V6 output tubes.

The output indicator circuit consists of another smaller output transformer T3 and a 6H6 dual diode, which rectifies a small portion of the output signal for the 0-1 milliamper output meter. The series resistor R16 is chosen to bring the meter to a given point (about half-scale deflection), for a suitable value of output which will give the correct depth of cut.

The power supply, with its 5Y3 rectifier, is orthodox except that no filter choke is necessary. Capacity-resistance filter C5, C6, R5, R6 is used. This re-

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CASE AND CONTROL PANEL PARTS LIST—Fig. 2

C.H.—Magnetic cutting head
P.U.—Crystal phono pickup
Motor—Turntable motor
SPKR—8-inch PM dynamic, Jensen PM-8-D5
Sw-1—Output section
Sw-2—Radio section
Sw-3—Phono section
Sw-4—Microphone section
Sw-5—Turntable motor switch, s.p.s.t. toggle
Sw-6—Amplifier power switch, s.p.s.t. toggle
Sw-7—Radio filament switch, ganged to R4
N—Turntable motor pilot, 1-inch jewel, 1/4-watt neon bulb
P.L.—Amplifier power pilot, 1/2-inch jewel, 6-8-volt bulb

General Industries Model G.I.-R90L 2-speed recording and playback assembly
Selection switch, 2-gang, 4-Pole, 5-position, Centralab #1415

D.L.—Dial light, 6-8 volt, on tuner dial
C1—0.02-uf, 600-volt, tubular paper condenser
R1—Tone control, 1/4 megohm
R2—Microphone gain control, 1 megohm
R3—Phono gain control, 1 megohm
R4—Radio gain control, 1/2 megohm with switch (Sw7)
R5—250,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
R6—1-megohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
R7—25-ohm, 1-watt, carbon resistor
J1—Microphone jack, single closed circuit
J2—Re-record jack, single open circuit
M1—Volume indicator meter, 0-1 milliampere, trip-lett 221
S—Speaker disconnect, 5-prong tube socket
P—Speaker plug, 5-prong plug
Crystal microphone—Turner 33X or equivalent (with desk stand)

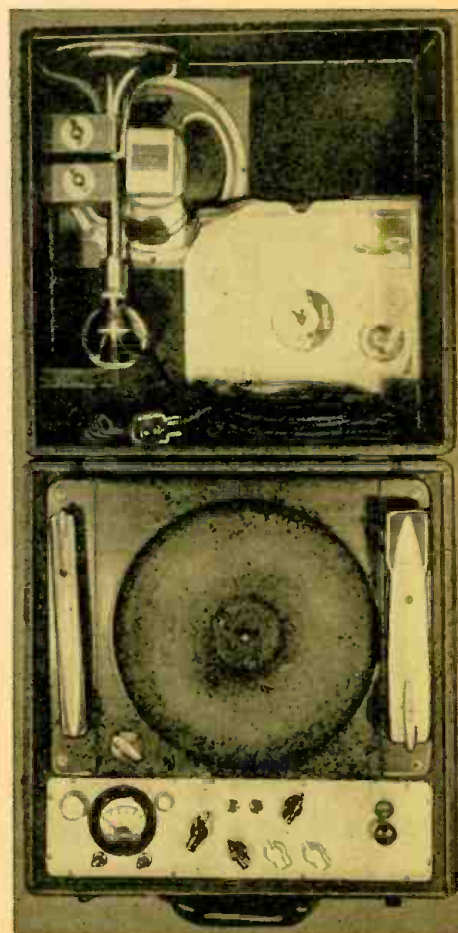


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Formally associated with Colonial Radio Corporation, Western Electric Co., and Curtiss-Wright Corporation, where he was active in the development of test methods for radio equipment and in the installation of telephone and auxiliary power equipment and where he supervised an electronic test group, Mr. Karnath at present is employed as electronics engineer by Frederic Flader, Inc., North Tonawanda, N. Y.



Top view of recorder and inside of the lid.



COVER FEATURE

Ham Antenna Tower For V.H.F. and U.H.F.

By BILL HOISINGTON, W2BAV

HAVING been active on the u.h.f. bands since the old days on 5 meters, and having operated on 5 or 2½ meters from almost every high spot of land in Westchester and Putnam counties (N. Y.) and on mountaintops from High Point, N. J., to Mount Cadillac in Maine, as W1LAS, it was decided to find a location where a permanent u.h.f. station could be set up for transmissions on all the u.h.f. bands with interesting possibilities of geographical coverage.

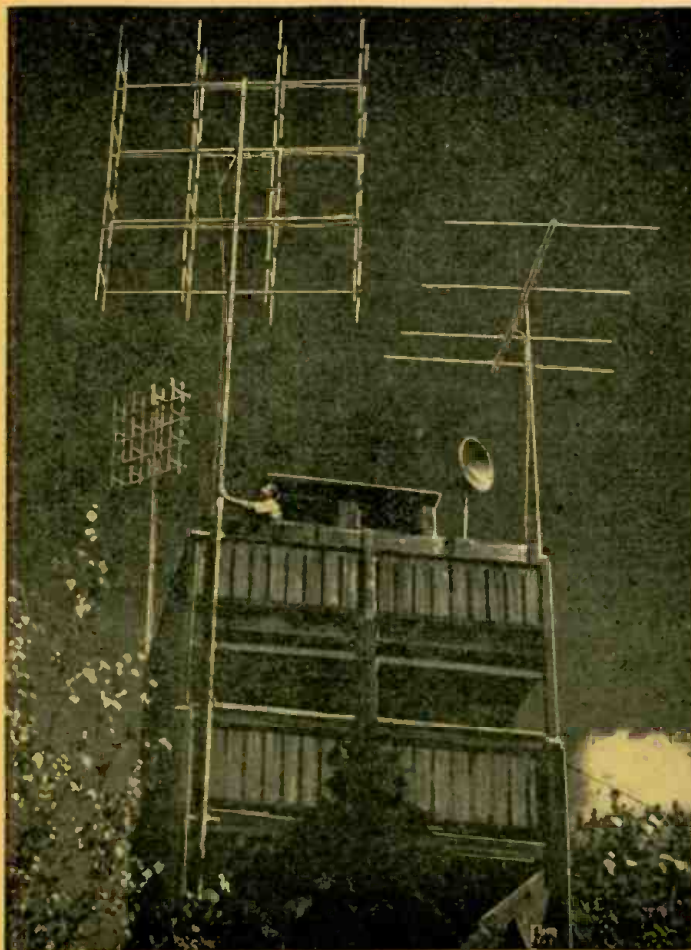
A friend, who is an amateur astronomer and understands well what amateur radio is, has been very generous in his co-operation. On his rather large estate a few miles north of Rye, N. Y., is the highest piece of land to be found in that area. Approximately 40 miles northeast of the Empire State Building, it rises to an 826-foot elevation. A 50-foot wooden observation tower, 12 feet square on top, with a 10-foot, glass-enclosed shack completes the—to us—ideal spot for u.h.f. work.

Installation of 4 kw of a.c. power from the nearest road

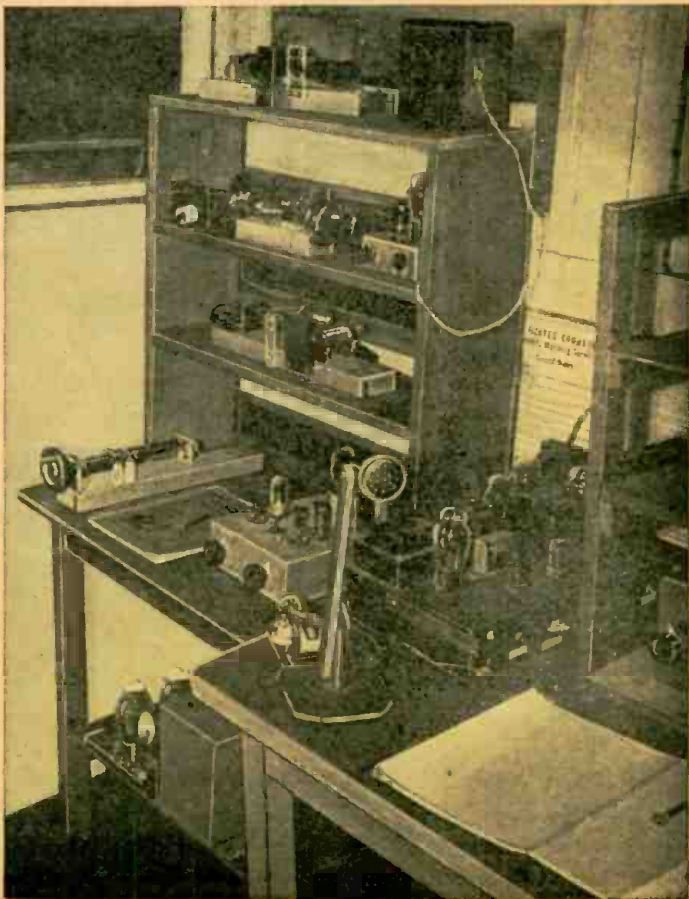
almost half a mile away was not easy, but is now accomplished, thanks in part to friends with extra wire.

The beam needs were easily met, as the author is the owner of a beam manufacturing company whose sole purpose is to produce beam antennas with the highest possible gain. Continued practical experiment has been combined for years with intensive study of fundamental electromagnetic theory. The theory studied has not been the so-called "classic mathematical radio theory" which has produced, among other things, the sight of thousands of amateurs for a decade (and still at it!) using close-spaced beams in the belief that they afford the highest gain. The very first time anyone *maximizes* the spacing of a beam he will find out one of the several errors of popular handbooks and the above theory. In the words of one of the great physicists, "Mathematics are of no avail if they cannot be reduced to physical reality!"

At present we have installed on the tower on one corner a 6-meter, 4-element, all Duralumin *wide-maximized-spaced* (Continued on page 76)



Left—Top of tower, with 2-meter and 6-meter beams in foreground. Below—Interior of shack, with some of last summer's equipment.



AUDIO OSCILLATOR WITH BAND SPREAD

PART I—General design considerations

By C. F. VAN L. WEILAND



THE reader is no doubt familiar with the Wien bridge or RC audio oscillator, operating principles of which can be found in any standard handbook. The basic circuit of such an oscillator is shown in Fig. 1.

Two methods of tuning this oscillator are commonly used. In one method, the resistor is varied; in the other, the capacitor. Both methods have been tried by the author. Both have inherent qualities that make it difficult for the inexperienced constructor to build a unit along conventional lines—that is, by sweeping through a large range of frequencies with one movement of the variable element. It is usual for the tuning ranges to have a 10-to-1 ratio, so the ranges can run from 10 to 100 cycles, 100 to 1,000 cycles, etc.

The author originally set out to construct such a unit, and from his early attempts learned (the hard way) a few things that made him decide to develop a unit within the reach of the average home constructor.

Design

The circuit of Fig. 1 may be considered as a 2-stage feedback amplifier with positive feedback between the output of 6J5 and the input of 6SJ7 through a frequency-selective network R1-C1, R2-C2. When R2 is equal to R1 and C2 equals C1, the circuit oscillates at a frequency determined by the formula

$$F = \frac{1,000,000}{2\pi \times R1 \times C1}$$

where F is frequency in cycles/second, R is in megohms, and C in micromicro-

farads. This shows that the frequency varies inversely as the capacity or resistance.

To keep the amplitude of oscillations as nearly constant as possible negative feedback is applied to the cathode through R3 and the lamps L1 and L2. When the strength of oscillations is low, the resistance of the lamps is low; limiting the feedback. As the strength increases, more current flows through L1-L2 and their resistance increases, which increases the amount of feedback. This action keeps the signal amplitude constant at a level where the tubes will not be overloaded.

Two oscillators were constructed along the lines of commercial models using both tuning systems. With both models conditions were encountered that make it difficult for the layman to obtain professional results. The disadvantages of condenser-tuned circuits are:

1. Extreme care in shielding and parts layout is required to prevent the oscillator from locking-in with the line frequency or its multiples.

2. The tuning condenser must have a liberal capacity ratio of 10 to 1 for a decade tuning range. This is because C1 must be shunted by a trimmer C3 to compensate for the stray capacitance between the stator of C2 and ground, which reduces the minimum capacitance. Shielding must be kept well away from the condensers to keep the minimum capacitance low. This offsets the chance of keeping a 10-to-1 tuning ratio.

Resistance tuning is generally more stable and requires less shielding, but it is almost impossible to find dual potentiometers in the order of 1 or 2 megohms that track sufficiently well for tuning purposes. Variations of 5 to 10% between the units are not uncommon.

The following facts should be

kept in mind by anyone wishing to construct an audio oscillator.

1. C1 and C2 and R1 and R2 should be well matched or distortion will be excessive. A 10% mismatch will develop about 5% distortion.

2. Coupling condensers C5 and C6 should be large (minimum 0.5 μ f) for good low-frequency response. These condensers and associated wiring should have low capacitance to ground if good high-frequency response is desired.

3. The feedback condenser C4 should be large so that its reactance at low frequencies is low when compared with the resistance of R3, L1 and L2 in series.

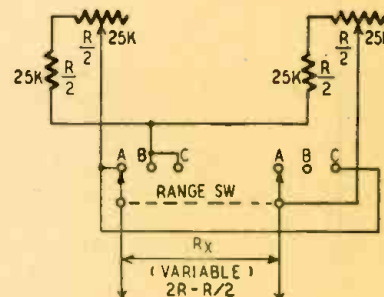


Fig. 2—Three ranges with two potentiometers.

4. If the condensers mentioned in 2 and 3 above are sufficiently large, phase shift will be kept to a minimum. If phase shift occurs, single-scale calibration for all ranges will be impossible. Deviation from the calculated frequency will increase with the frequency.

The tuning formula shows that the curve of the condenser or resistor tuning element will necessarily have a curve of $1/R$ or $1/C$. Resistors and condensers with curves of this type are not available on the open market. When standard units are used, the scale crowds at the high end of the dial and it is almost impossible to read the dial accurately in this area.

A new system of switching and multiplying is used in this model. Variables whose resistance may be reduced by one-half or one-quarter by a range switch are used. If R1 and R2 are varied from full value to half value, the frequency will vary from a low

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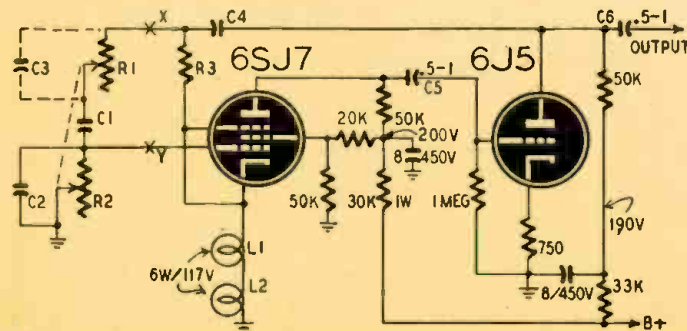


Fig. 1—Basic circuit of Wien oscillator as used in the instrument.

Radio Set and Service Review

Some unusual designs and developments

Right—
The Emor
One-World radio.



The Marcola
is strictly a
two-way receiver.



Front view of Hoffman A-700 portable radio.

POSTWAR radios have not actually presented the serviceman as many new problems as he anticipated during the crystal-gazing period of postwar planning. It appeared then that all future radios would be equipped with FM, television, wire and disc recording and a high-frequency transceiver to act as the home station for the family's mobile Citizens' radio, as a minimum.

Some of these things have come to pass. Before the end of this year, servicemen all over the United States will have the opportunity to work with FM receivers. Television, confined to the larger centers, is nevertheless spreading rapidly within its limits, and a number of firms are doing excellent business installing and servicing television receivers on a contract basis. The Citizens' radio is still in the future; but recent developments make it apparent that a low-drain tube capable of working in the 460-470-mc band may soon be with us.

Most novel feature of some of the new sets is their appearance. Radios in the shape of balls, radios concealed behind furniture-like panels until illuminated from within, Studebaker-like models which point both ways, and some receivers which cannot be described in terms of any geometrical figure, are seen on the market.

The military influence is also apparent in the tendency toward better mechanical construction, stronger frames,

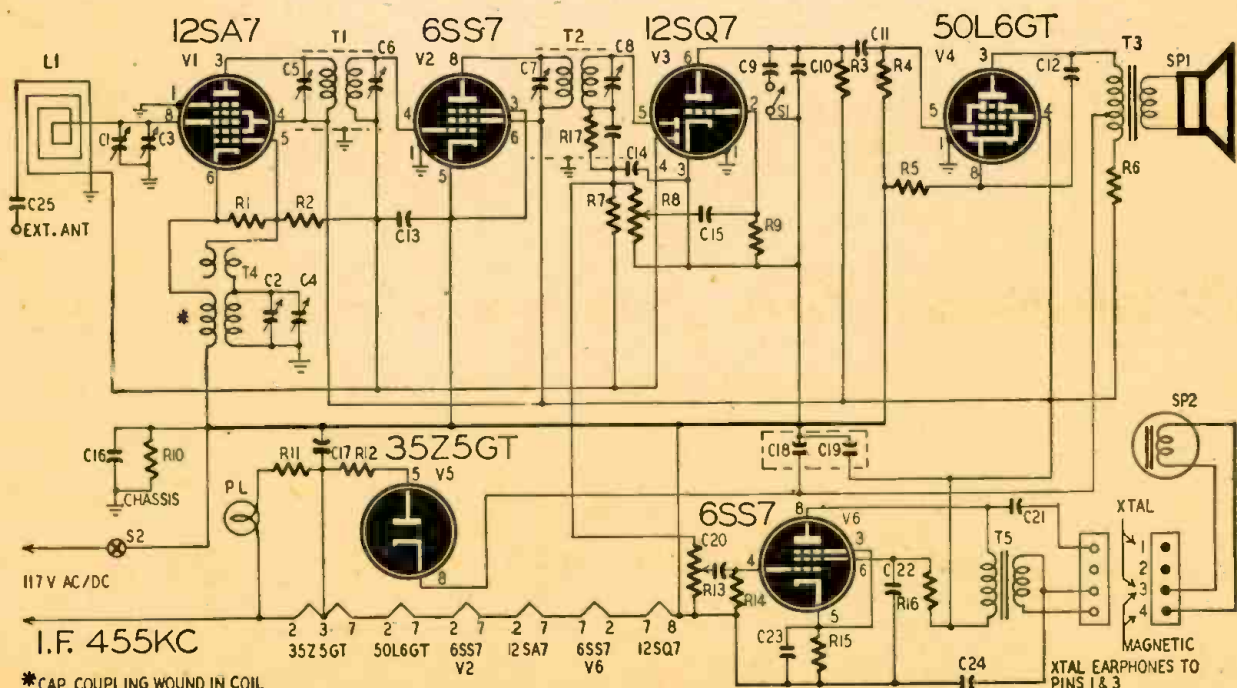
and metal cabinets. The *General Electric* portable, with its die-cast aluminum frame, and some of the broadcast receivers put out by communications equipment concerns typify this influence.

A number of sets have novel features that are really functional. One of these is the *Emerson 1002-1003*. It combines in a 6-tube set a standard 5-tube superheterodyne and a special earphone output circuit for listeners who are hard of hearing. The earphone circuit has its own output tube, making it entirely independent of the loudspeaker channel. Its volume control is paralleled across the radio volume control, and there should be no interaction.

By turning the radio volume control completely down, the set may be used as a straight earphone receiver, a convenience for listening late at night or



Cabinet of the Crosley 56TD is unique.



*CAP. COUPLING WOUND IN COIL

Fig. 1—Schematic of the Emerson 1002-1003. Two outputs are provided, to speaker and earphone, at different volume levels if desired.

in places where others might be disturbed or distracted by the sound. The earphone output circuit is so designed that either a crystal or magnetic phone may be used.

The receiver (Fig. 1) is otherwise a standard 5-tube superheterodyne, with a few special features which may interest the serviceman. The filter circuit is made up of part of the tapped output transformer and a 1,000-ohm resistor. The filter capacitors are 50 μ f each, in a dual unit. Tone control for the radio is provided by switching in a 0.002- μ f condenser from first audio plate to ground.

Another interesting receiver is the *Hoffman A-700*, shown in Fig. 2. The set has a loop hinged to the back so that it can be swung clear of the shielding effect of metal components for better signal pickup. Made by a Pacific coast firm, this feature is said to be especially important in the West, where large areas are at considerable distances from powerful broadcast stations.

The loop swings back into the set for use in city areas where signals are stronger. A special compensating circuit then couples to it (see L1, L2, in Fig. 2) to compensate for the detuning caused by closer proximity to metal chassis parts. Thus the set tunes correctly with the loop in either position. Rear of the set is shown in Fig. 3.

Other interesting features of the Hoffman receiver are the impedance-coupled r.f. stage, which uses permeability tuning, and the selenium rectifier. Originally marketed about a year ago, it was one of the first receivers to use this type of rectifier.

Servicing procedure is standard. The intermediate frequency is 455 kc. A cut-plate tuning condenser (365-180 μ f) is used, so there is no padder. The set uses resistance-capacity filtering. A 1,500-ohm, 6½-watt resistor and two 100- μ f, 25-volt condensers filter the filament current. A 1,000-ohm, 1-watt re-

sistor and a 30-50- μ f condenser pack constitute the high-voltage filter. All negative returns are made to a common bus, which is returned to chassis through a 0.2- μ f condenser and 470,000 ohm resistor.

Another functional variation in radio set design is shown in Fig. 4. Made by the American Communications Corporation, this receiver is designed to fit into the wall and actually become part of the house. Two models are made, both with a pair of receptacles for plugging in electric appliances. The de luxe model incorporates a Telechron clock which can be set to turn on the radio at any desired time.

Built for its function of wall installation, depth of chassis is only 4 inches. The front panel measures 7½ x 16 inches. The radio is a standard 6-tube superheterodyne. Special louvers to dissipate heat are another feature which adapts it to wall installation.

The *Crosley 56TD* is "different" only in its cabinet. As can be seen in Fig. 5, the chassis is in no way modified to fit the case, though it does have to be mounted upside down, with the chassis up under the dial plate.

Cabinet variation is more extreme in the *Marcola* receiver, the radio without a back. Tuning knobs are on the top, and there are two identical dial windows on each of the long sides of the set. Speaker grilles are placed at the ends.

An even more unconventional re-

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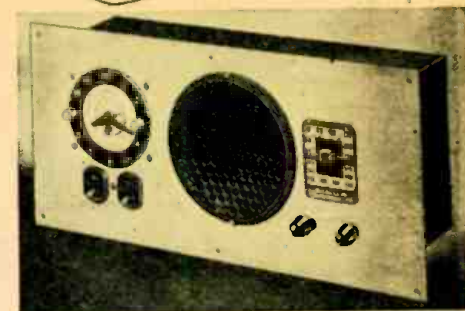
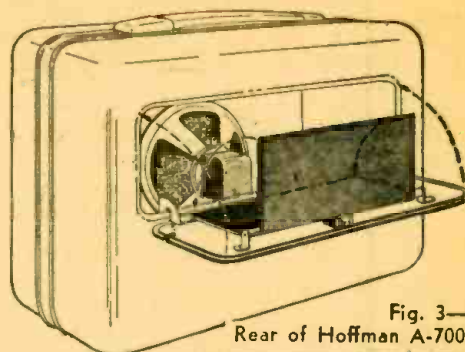


Fig. 4—A wall radio, only 4 inches thick.

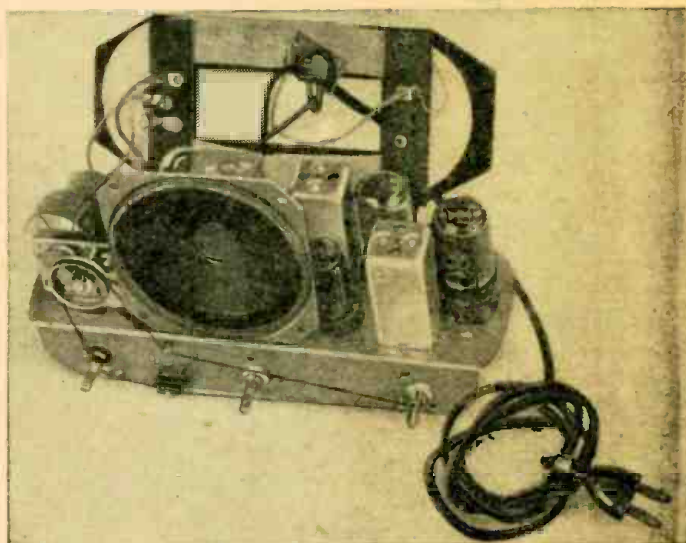


Fig. 5—Chassis view of the Crosley 56TD, with loop at rear.

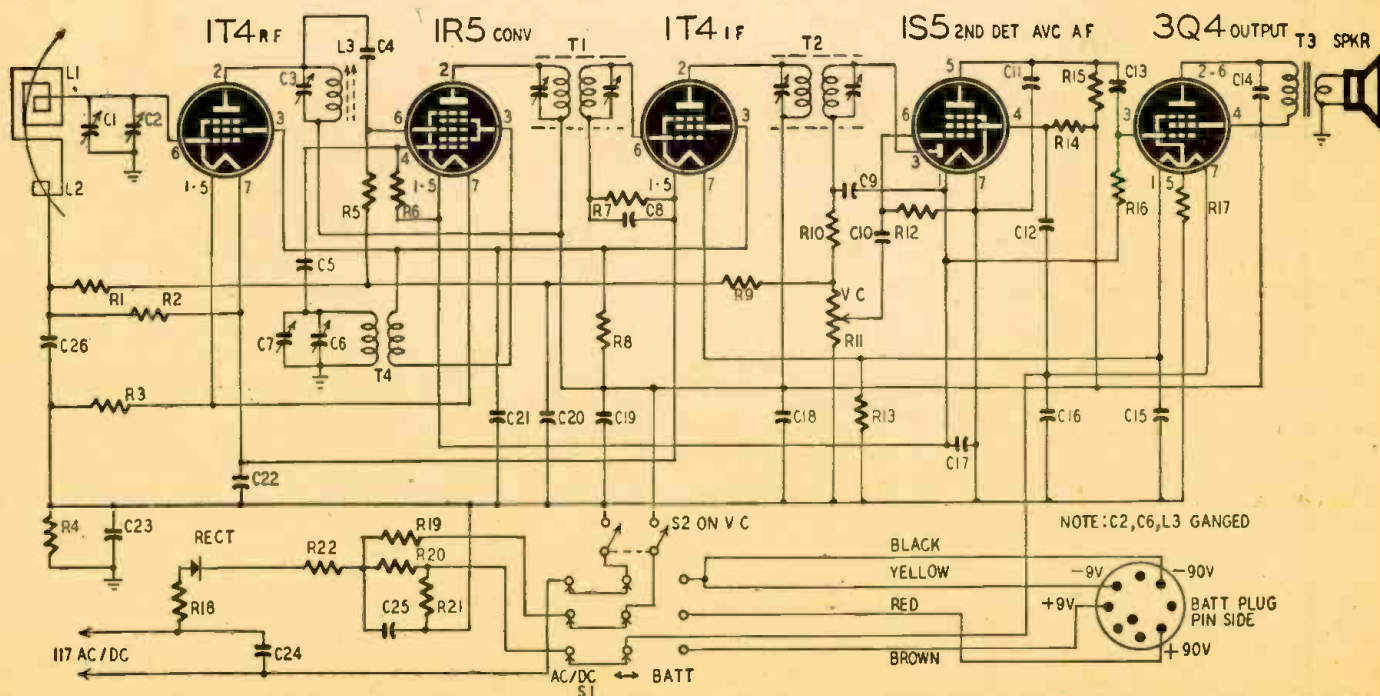


Fig. 2—The Hoffman A-700 is especially interesting because of its swinging antenna and the compensating circuit used with it.

ELECTRONIC COUNTING

• • • • Circuits and methods for counting and measuring



A commercial scale-of-64 counter used in radioactivity measurements.

Courtesy Atomic Instrument Co.

By JORDAN McQUAY

FOR the vast new electronic age now being ushered in by science and industry, many circuits have been developed that not only duplicate man's ability to count and measure but perform such functions instantaneously and with much greater accuracy.

As long as there is some measurable difference—time, size, color, etc.—between objects or quantities, electronic circuits can be constructed to distinguish such differences, lending themselves to preparation of that information for record.

The number of manufactured articles on a conveyor belt passing a given point may be counted, regardless of the speed of the operation. Color comparators can analyze, segregate, and identify paper and textile dyes, printing inks, and other color substances. Articles without a proper label or wrapping, or defective in shape or color, may be removed from the conveyor belt by another electronic device. Almost anything from fruit to nuts, nails, and needles can be graded and sorted according to shape, size, or color.

Control functions

Counting circuits receive and accept uniform input impulses, representing

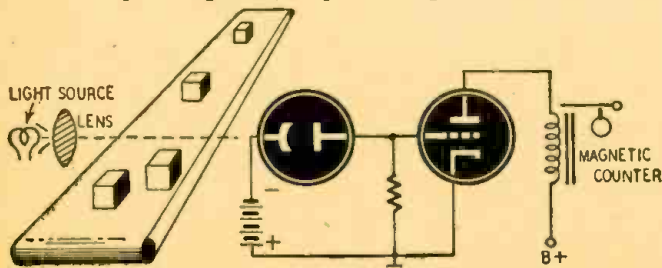


Fig. 1—Simplified schematic of standard phototube counting system.

units to be counted, and then produce an output voltage in proportion to that input frequency in such a way that the frequency of the transient phenomenon is enumerated accurately.

Impulses to be counted may come from a microphone, a phototube, an iconoscope, another electronic circuit, a manual- or motor-operated switching device, or other apparatus. Impulses can be tabulated at almost any rate of occurrence, depending upon the control function of a specific counting circuit.

Sorting circuits receive and compare two or more sets of impulses, representing two or more measurements of the size or color of the units to be sorted. Certain combinations of impulses automatically operate rejection machinery or switching apparatus, so that specific units are removed, rejected, or sorted. Sorting may be according to any combination of color, size, shape, or other variable factors.

Measuring circuits may use any of several electronic processes. Impulses of variable amplitude, representing proportional values of height, width, or weight of units under observation, are received and accepted by one type of measuring circuit in such a way that the amplitude is an accurate gauge of the unit under observation.

Other circuits, using the cathode-ray tube, measure time intervals and all transient phenomena with a time function, such as voltage, current, phase, wave forms, etc.

Modifications of basic radar circuits

measure distance, using the time function of radio waves in space and presenting reflected echo data on an oscilloscope.

Impulses applied to measuring circuits may be of constant amplitude and equally spaced, or they may be entirely random in nature.

Basic counter

In its simplest form, an electronic counting circuit provides one output pulse for any particular number—one or more—input pulses.

The output pulse can be either a current or voltage indication, depending upon the nature of the mechanical or electronic indicating device connected to the counting circuit. Often the output pulse triggers a blocking oscillator or one-shot multivibrator, or operates some type of recorder or visual indicator directly.

Input pulses may be obtained from a variety of sources: phototubes, television pickup tubes, electromechanical devices, or previous electronic circuits. These pulses are constant in amplitude; they vary only in recurrence frequency.

Phototube counter

A basic counting circuit which uses a triode is shown in Fig. 1. Source of input pulses is a phototube. The circuit actuates a relay, which in turn operates a magnetic or mechanical counting apparatus.

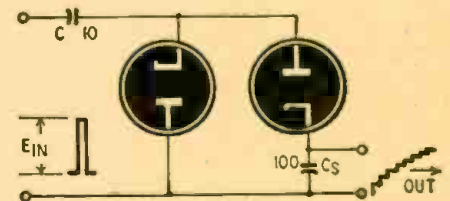


Fig. 2—Two diodes used in a "step counter."

Light entering the phototube causes continuous current flow. Current passing through the grid resistor creates a bias voltage which prevents the triode from conducting.

Interruption of the light beam reduces or removes grid bias, allowing the tube to conduct. Plate current flows, closing the output relay and operating the magnetic counter.

This counting circuit can be used in a variety of ways, as long as objects

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Time Delay Control Circuits

By R. H. DORF, W2QMI

IN RADIO and electronic work we are accustomed to thinking in terms of almost instantaneous results wherever a flow of electrons is concerned. Since electronic energy does travel at the speed of light, we can often ignore—for practical purposes—the time delay between the start of electronic action and its end result.

Capacitors do take a finite time to charge. In r.f. and a.f. work, use is made of the small time intervals usually involved, but we often forget that electronic action may be delayed many seconds by simple RC circuits. Advantage may be taken of this fact in several fields. This circuit control can replace the mechanical delay relay, usually at a much lower cost; and the delay time can be controlled accurately over a wide range. Relays can be made to reciprocate, with the times of both make and break easily controlled by a simple variable resistor. A circuit can be completed manually—as by pushing a button—and then can be made to break itself automatically after a certain length of time. Such circuits are useful for transmitter control, actuation of light blinkers, photographic timing—in fact, in any use in which inexpensive, reliable, easily controlled time delays are valuable.

Fig. 1 shows the basic time-constant circuit, a resistor and capacitor in series

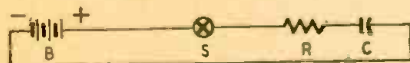


Fig. 1—The basic CR time-constant circuit.

with a voltage source, in this case, a battery. If we close the switch S and wait for the circuit to settle down, the voltage directly across the capacitor will equal the battery voltage. For d.c. the capacitor is an open circuit. There is, therefore, no current flow through R, and no voltage drop across it. The full battery voltage must be between the plates of the capacitor.

But note that this is only a voltage. If we attempt to take power from across the capacitor into a resistive load, the circuit will be as in Fig. 2. RL and R constitute ordinary series loads across the battery, the capacitor loses its effect, and the voltages in R and RL divide in the ratio of the resistances.

Consider what happens when we close the switch in Fig. 1. The positive side of the battery attracts electrons from the top plate of the capacitor. They are deposited on the bottom plate, creating the difference of voltage be-

tween the two plates, which charges the capacitor. The electrons must travel through the resistor, creating a voltage drop across it. This voltage drop prevents the full battery voltage from being applied to the condenser plates. But, as the condenser charges, the electron stream tapers off and the drop across the resistor diminishes, allowing more voltage to be applied to the capacitor. This, in turn, keeps the electrons flowing. When the maximum number of electrons—determined by the condenser's capacitance—have been taken from the top plate and deposited on the bottom plate, there is no further IR drop across the resistor, and full battery voltage appears across the charged condenser.

The time required for this whole operation depends upon the capacitance of

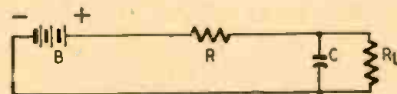


Fig. 2—Effect of loading circuit of Fig. 1.

the condenser and the resistance of R. If C is increased (the plates being made larger or the separation smaller), more electrons will be displaced from the top to the bottom plate; the IR drop across the resistor will increase, and full condenser charge will be delayed. If C is decreased, fewer electrons can flow, and the process is hastened.

Considering R: if the resistance is increased, the voltage drop across it is larger for a given electron stream; and less voltage is applied to the condenser at any given time after switch closure than before. If R is smaller, its IR drop is less, at a comparable time after the initial application of battery voltage; and the condenser charges more quickly.

The mathematics required to calculate the time for full condenser charge are extremely simple. The formula is: $t = RC$, with t in seconds, R in ohms, and C in farads. (For control purposes, it is simpler to use C in microfarads and R in megohms.) The time t is the number of seconds after initial application of battery voltage required for the potential across C to reach approximately 63% of the battery voltage.

When the condenser is discharged, the entire process is reversed. The electrons flow from the bottom to the top plate, through R. The time required to reduce the condenser charge (and the voltage across it) to a given level is again dependent upon R and C . The same for-

mula is used, but t represents the time required for the condenser to retrogress from full potential to about 63% of full voltage. In practice, the discharge time is very slightly less than charging time, due to the leakages in the condenser structure. If a condenser could be built which would retain its charge indefinitely when disconnected from the charging

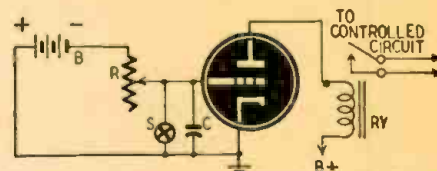


Fig. 3—The simplest time-constant control.

battery, the charge and discharge times in the time-constant circuit would be exactly equal. The difference is not usually important.

Having constructed a circuit which will produce an electrical delay, how are we to make use of it? It must be remembered that the voltage across the capacitor must not be shunted by any current-drawing load. The use of a vacuum-tube grid circuit is usually dictated.

Fig. 3 shows a basic time-constant control circuit. The grid of the tube is connected through the resistor R to the battery B , the positive end of which is grounded. The tube is biased by the battery to or beyond the point at which plate current is too small to close the plate circuit relay RY . The contacts are therefore open. The condenser from grid to ground, being an open circuit to d.c., does not affect this condition after it has charged.

If we now close switch S , the condenser discharges almost immediately; the grid is grounded. At the resultant zero bias, plate current is large enough to close the relay. When the switch is opened, the short across the condenser is removed. But the grid-to-ground potential required for plate current cut-off is delayed, due to the time required for the condenser to charge in the RC circuit; and the opening of the relay contacts is delayed by a number of seconds determined by R , C and the battery voltage.

If the battery voltage is so chosen that a grid voltage of about 63% of its value will cause the relay to open, then a resistance of 1 megohm and a capacitance of 1 microfarad will cause a delay of 1 second. If the battery is larger,

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250-Watt FM-AM Transmitter

PART II—Construction of the r.f. section

By HARRY D. HOOTON, W3KPX

CONSTRUCTION of a 250-watt transmitter such as this one is simple. The layout of the various components shown in the photographs (in this and last month's installments) is one of the best and, unless the constructor has had considerable experience with complex circuits, should not be changed. The wiring between the various parts of the transmitter must be kept short and direct. The r.f. circuits are wired with No.

14, tinned copper, round bus wire. Do not make sharp bends in the plate or grid leads; keep these leads well separated and away from the chassis.

The low-impedance leads, such as the filament wiring and the link lines between the feed-through insulators and the links of the various coils, may be made of insulated stranded wire, twisted and dressed close to the chassis to reduce their external fields. *It is of utmost importance that all wiring which*

carries a.c. be kept away from the FM speech-amplifier circuits and the control grid of the 6SJ7 reactance tube. Any stray 60-cycle current will cause frequency modulation of the emitted carrier. It may be necessary to redress some of the audio-frequency leads or to shield them in order to eliminate hum pickup completely. The d.c. plate and screen voltages for the 6F6-G oscillator, the 6SJ7 reactance tube, and the speech amplifier must be adequately filtered.

A good check for frequency deviation due to 60-cycle hum is to tune in the oscillator carrier on a regular AM communications receiver which has its b.f.o. turned on. Any hum modulation will show up as a waver in the audio beat note from the receiver. The oscillator signal should be sharp, clean, and well defined when no audio voltage is fed to the control grid of the reactance tube.

The 6F6-G may be used as a crystal-controlled oscillator for AM phone or c.w. For FM it is used as a stabilized variable-frequency oscillator. The plate tank circuit is then tuned to *twice* the grid-circuit frequency; for crystal-control operation, the plate tank circuit is tuned to the same frequency as that of the crystal in use.

For regular v.f.o. operation on AM phone or c.w. plate and screen voltages are removed from the 6F6-G and its associated FM circuits, and the r.f. excitation voltage is fed to a link on the 6F6-G plate coil, which is also in the grid circuit of the TB-35.

Immediately following the 6F6-G is the Taylor TB-35 beam-power tetrode. This is a medium-power tube which was placed on the market after the war. The TB-35 is very easy to drive, may be operated "straight through" without parasitics or oscillation, and makes an excellent frequency multiplier. Although

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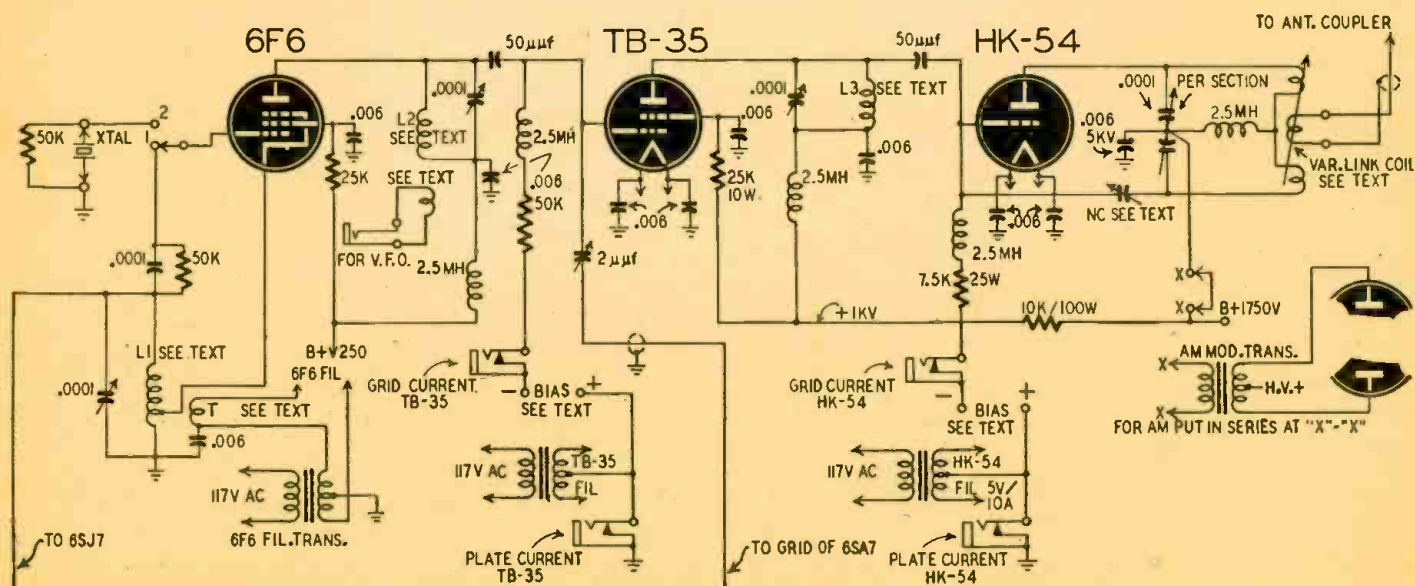
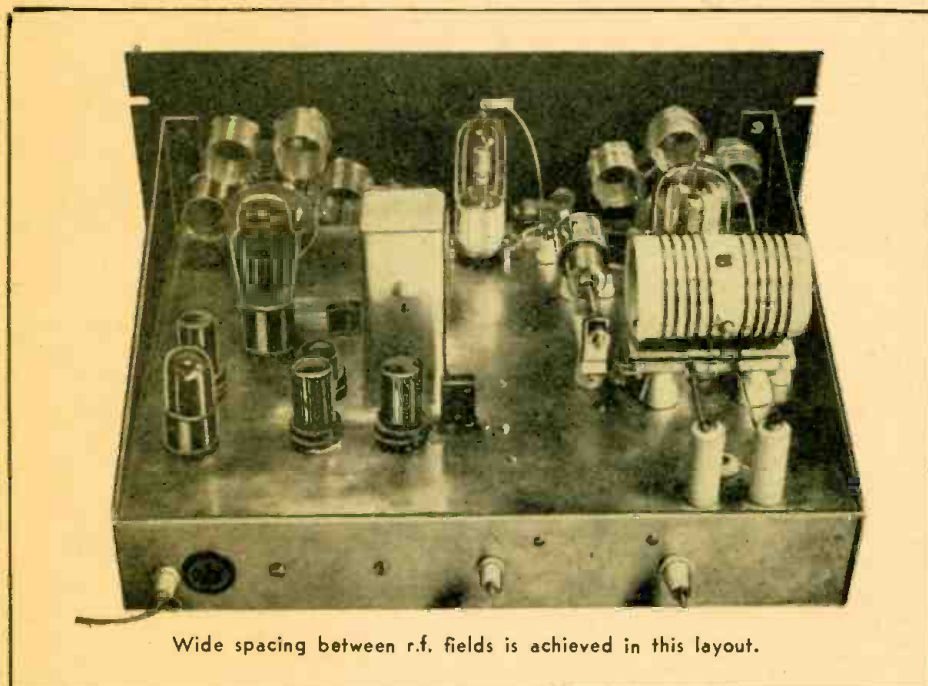


Fig. 1 The leads running down "to 6SJ7" and "to 6SA7" connect to leads on last month's schematic, and tie in the transmitter's FM section.

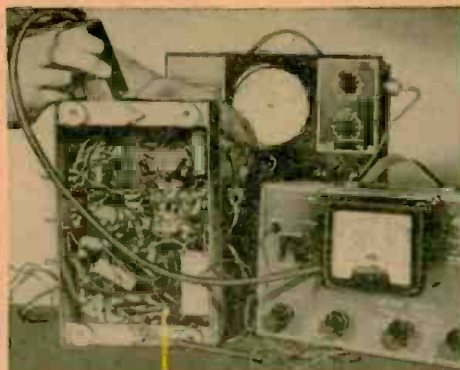
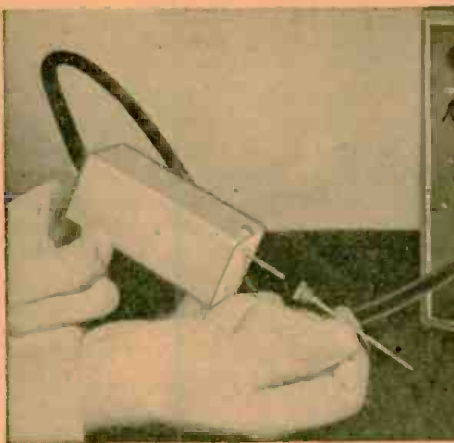


Photo 1, left—Extension for the probe tip.
Photo 2, above—The 6A8 circuit proved O.K.

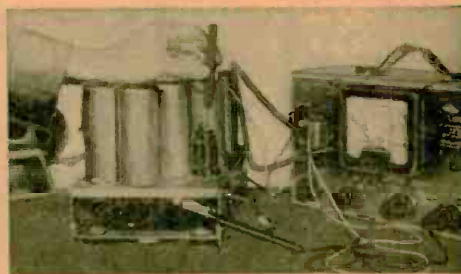


Photo 5—Grid to ground shows a dead short.



Photo 6—Visual inspection locates the short.

Quick Fault Finding

By H. E. LEEPER

A GENERAL ELECTRIC Model A-63 receiver was being serviced. By a disturbance test at the 6H6 detector-a.v.c. tube it was found that the audio section was operating.

Since no signal could be received, the vacuum-tube volt-ohmmeter illustrated was used to locate the defect in the stages preceding the audio section.

The r.f. probe tip on this instrument is less than 1 inch in length. To reach the plate terminal of some of the tubes, an extension was made for the probe as shown in Photo 1. A piece of No. 12 bare wire, about 2 inches in length, was soldered to the top of a phone jack. The jack was a small one, of the type used on meters, and was drilled out so that the probe tip would fit and stay in place while using.

This extension reduces the sensitivity of the meter, but by using a strong signal from a signal generator, satisfactory indications were obtained at the tube plate terminals.

The arrangement shown in Photo 2 was made, with a signal generator con-

nected to the aerial and chassis of the receiver, the common ground lead of the volt-ohmmeter attached to the chassis, and the r.f. probe contacted to the plate of the 6A8 converter-oscillator tube. (This receiver has the following tube complement: Converter-osc. 6A8, i.f. amp 6K7, det-a.v.c. 6H6, audio-amp 6C5, output 6J7, rect. 5Z4.)

The volt-ohmmeter was set on the a.c. 30-volt scale and the signal generator controls were advanced to maximum. The signal generator's tuning control was then varied—since the r.f. probe detunes the radio circuit slightly—until maximum reading on the meter was obtained as shown in Photo 2.

Because of the probe extension and possible a.c. pickup this reading may not have been accurate as read on the meter, but this was of no consequence as the fact that such reading would change as the signal from the generator was tuned in and out proved that the radio circuit was passing the signal to this point—the plate of the first tube.

The r.f. probe was then moved to the plate terminal of the second tube—the

6K7 i.f.-amp. tube as shown in Photo 3.

The above tuning procedure was repeated but this time no movement of the meter indicator resulted. It was evident that the defect was between the plate circuits of these two tubes.

The meter was then set to read ohms and a reading taken from the plate of the 6K7 i.f. and amplifier tube to chassis, as in Photo 4. This test showed approximately 40,000 ohms, which checked fairly closely with the value on the wiring diagram.

The ohmmeter was then attached from the grid of the same tube to chassis as in Photo 5, and zero resistance was found.

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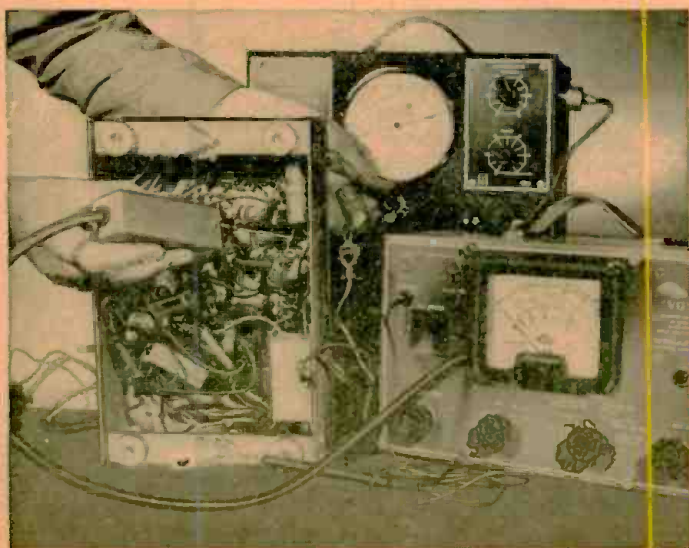
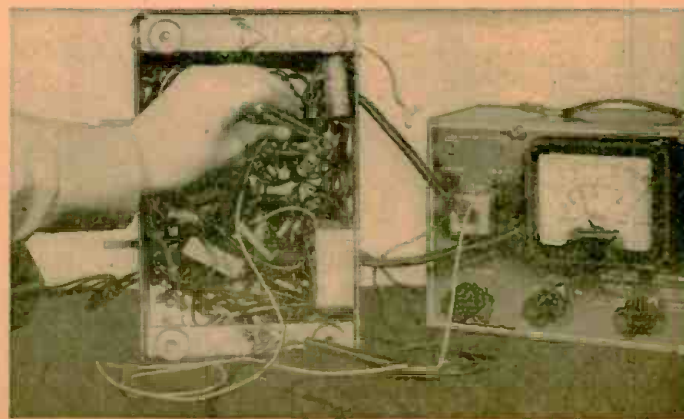


Photo 3, left—No signal is indicated at the i.f. tube output.

Photo 4, below—Using the Vomax as ohmmeter to find the bad part.





Mr. Tannehill at his own repair bench. Small parts are kept in jars on top shelf—just out of sight—and entire tube stock is at left. Dealer servicing permits these very small inventories.

Dealer Service Builds Volume

By JACK TANNEHILL

IF you have been a little discouraged with a small volume of part-time radio repair work, or if you feel ambitious and want to expand your present part-time shop, here is a plan which was worked out and is being put to practical use by the writer. Besides bringing in a large volume of repair work, it offers many money-saving and time-saving ideas that have proven their worth in making a part-time radio repair shop a profitable business.

Many spare-time radio repair benches are barren countless days of the year and they often become little more than a hobby for the radio enthusiast. But if a radioman has the necessary experience and technical background to back up this plan, he can keep busy at the bench for as much of his spare time as he desires.

Personal experience has shown which are best of many possible ways of getting a steady flow of repair work. The neighborhood sign in front of the home, while it is important in identifying oneself, at best will attract people only in the immediate vicinity and probably will not bring in more than a dozen receivers a month. Exceptions of course are the shops that have been established for a long time and are well known, or those which are located on a street where a great deal of traffic passes.

Door to door leg work will bring some results, but too much time must be devoted to this method. Direct-mail advertising, while inexpensive and easy, in the author's experience was not an effective means of getting repair business. Local newspaper advertising may be a good medium, depending on the

community served. To be worth while, it must be continuous; and it soon becomes an expensive item.

Dealer servicing

But the best method yet developed, and one which is guaranteed to bring in plenty of work, is wholesaling! Wholesaling radio repair work on a large scale is not new, but it is not often encountered in a spare-time business. Perhaps the part-time devotee does not feel up to the responsibilities wholesaling might entail, or he feels his profit margin will be small. Wholesaling will cut slightly into the profit per job, but the much greater volume it brings will more than offset that; and it can very easily be the method of making your repair business worth-while and profitable.

Believing that this is an advisable plan to follow, how can one establish himself as a part-time wholesale radio repairman? Taking for granted that you are capable as well as desirous of expanding a part-time business, your first step is to make contacts with several reputable retail outlets that feature radio and appliance sales in your community. Try to interest the proprietors in a radio repair service setup in which you will do the repair work for them on a wholesale basis, the service to be advertised under their name, as their own service. Choose one, or even two, of these who appear sympathetic with your idea. Naturally you will choose firms with established reputations, that are aggressive in their appliance sales, and that have a full line of new radios to sell.

Your approach in selling this idea to

a merchant should be to show him the advantages in having a service department of his own. Stress the fact that the service will bring additional traffic into the store, that it will be a great help to him in selling new radios, that it will lead to closer cooperation with distributors who naturally favor service-dealers over dealers without a service department. Mention the fact that he will have someone available to service the new radios sold by the store and which are coming back for repair, thus eliminating the wait on replacements and adjustments by distributors. Last but not least is the income the merchant will derive from his commissions or markups on the repair jobs. This is a substantial item and more than pays for his time in handling the incoming repair jobs, collecting, etc.

Agreement and records

No written agreement or contract is in effect between the service shop and the retail store; it might be a good thing to have, but a merchant usually does not want to be burdened with such detail. Repair tickets have been printed, and one is kept at all times with each radio brought in. The dealer in this case happens to be very co-operative and, if he can, he learns the complaints of the customers and notes these on the reverse of the repair ticket together with any wishes of the customers, special work required, etc. Arrangements are made to pick up radios to be repaired at the closing time of the store each day. They are returned to the store the next morning if possible. A local delivery service has been found useful in making these pickups and returns, for a very small fee each week. This is a great help since the repairman is not always able to get to the store in time to pick up the repair jobs before closing time. This delivery service is also used to pick up large radios at customers' homes, and thus helps to cut down on home service calls.

Closer and more elaborate bookkeeping is necessary in these associations than might be needed by a repairman working independently. An invoice is issued to the store for each repair job, covering the wholesale charges to the store, and an entry is made in a ledger for each invoice. This same entry includes the date, the customer's name, radio model number, and work performed. The work performed need not appear on the invoice but can be shown on the repair ticket kept with the radio. A notation is made beside each entry in the ledger when the invoices are paid by the store. Collections can be made from the store monthly or weekly and each invoice that is paid is marked and initialed for the store's records. Repair tickets, invoices, and statements with your name printed on them can be

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Oscillators —

Mixer circuit service problems

By JACK KING

OSCILLATOR circuits used in radio receivers vary in design, but it is possible to classify the various types into broad categories by the type of tube used. Tubes more or less commonly encountered are: 1A7, 12SA7, 6A7, 27, 7J7, 7C5. The 6A8 and 6A7 are electrically equivalent.

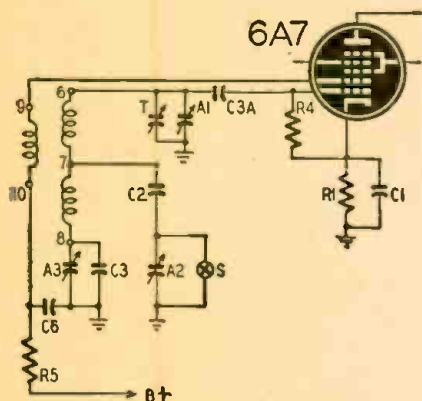


Fig. 1—Oscillator section in a 2-band set.

One of the most widely used is the 6A7, or 6A8. Fig. 1 is a breakdown of the oscillator section of a standard mixer circuit in a 2-band receiver (the Atwater Kent 545). The circuit is the usual tuned-grid, plate-tickler, or feedback-coil type. When S is closed, the 0.0057- μ f condenser C2 acts as a shunt and operation on the high-frequency range is secured. Opening S cuts A2 into the circuit, in series with C2. As A2 is a series trimmer, it may be adjusted at the low-frequency end of the high-frequency range, with S open. A1 may be adjusted at the high end of the band. A3 is a series padder which may be adjusted at the low end of the broadcast range.

The code numbers are from the manufacturer's schematic, which may be consulted in a circuit manual. As this manufacturer no longer is in business a replacement oscillator coil will not be available should the original fail. If the owner wants to retain the high-frequency range, you can attempt repair of the original coil.

If broadcast-band reception alone is desired, the circuit can be modified as shown in Fig. 2. An adjustable coil may be used or a standard type may be experimentally modified, taking off or adding turns slowly to get proper tracking. Note that C3 and A3 capacitance values are additive and that C3 merely

establishes the minimum, making tuning less critical. If necessary, a single variable padder having a maximum capacitance equal to the maximum of A3 plus C3 could be used as a replacement. Capacitance values can be checked on a bridge. If the oscillator doesn't work after installation of a new coil, reverse the leads to the tickler coil in series with the anode grid and note the results. The correct phase relationship is necessary for oscillation.

A receiver (Philco 60) using a different oscillator arrangement but also employing a 6A7 is shown in Fig. 3. The tickler or feedback coil is in series with the anode grid and goes to resistor 14 and B-plus. The r.f. is by-passed to ground through C13 and C12. A breakdown in C13 applies the positive voltage of the B-supply through 14 and the grid coil of 15 to the first grid of the 6A7, causing 14 to burn up. The tickler winding may also burn out. This is a somewhat common service trouble in this model. The grid leak is resistor 10. Whether or not the oscillator is functioning can be determined by connecting a d.c. voltmeter across 10. The

terminal of 10 connected to 13 should be negative with reference to the 6A7 cathode.

The 12SA7 is very commonly encountered. The oscillator circuit of the RCA 1X and 1X2 is somewhat unusual. Refer to Fig. 4. In place of the usual grid condenser, a small coil connected to the oscillator grid couples the grid capacitively to the oscillator tank circuit. If a standard or universal oscillator coil must be used as a replacement coil in a receiver having this type of circuit, a 50- μ mf condenser may be connected between the oscillator grid and the ungrounded terminal or stator of the oscillator tuning condenser. A very common trouble in this type of circuit is an open in the section of the oscillator coil connected between the 12SA7 cathode and B-minus.

The Emerson FU in Fig. 5 also uses a coupling coil for the grid.

The 1A7-GT is similar in some respects to the 6A7 or 6A8. The directly heated cathode requires d.c. for operation. A common complaint is failure of the set on the low end of the tuning range. This may be due to lower than



Service bench of William Porter, Los Angeles, an advocate of signal tracing service methods.

normal filament or plate voltages. So far as the filament is concerned, lower than normal voltage may be due to leakage in C30 (not shown) which can be checked by replacing it, or to a loss of emission in the 117P7 rectifier used with this receiver. Faulty filter condensers may lower the plate as well as the filament voltages and can be

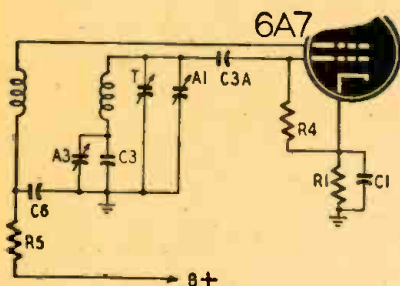


Fig. 2—Repairman's modification of A-K 545.

checked easily by the replacement method. Aside from the fact that tubes used in signal stages are operated with d.c. on the filaments, the set is similar in many ways to an ordinary a.c.-d.c. type, which is true of 3-way portables in general.

Low line voltage commonly causes failure of such sets. One possible solution lies in the use of a constant-voltage transformer connected in the circuit between the radio and power line.

In Fig. 5, a fairly modern set is shown. By way of contrast, Fig. 6 shows an old-timer. A 27 functions as an oscillator in this Philco 70. The signal voltage at the oscillator plate is applied to the tickler or feedback coil through condenser 15. Flux about the coil is developed and links with the grid section to induce a feedback voltage in the proper phase to cause oscillation. The oscillator signal is induced in the grid circuit of the 24 first detector through coupling of the coil in its grid return circuit. The r.f. impedance to ground of the 24 first detector and 27 oscillator cathodes is kept low by the condensers marked 12. Fixed bias on the oscillator is obtained from the voltage drop across the 4-5 section of the receiver's voltage divider, connected to point G. The oscillator grid automatic bias due to oscillator action is obtained through grid

current flow in resistor 11. If condenser 15 develops excessive leakage or a short circuit, the tickler coil may be burned out, or resistor 16 may fail. A short circuit in condensers 9 or 10 will remove the automatic bias and the oscillator will stop functioning properly. The loss of bias due to this cause will be compensated by the regulatory effect of the cathode circuit resistance in the voltage divider (not shown).

The bias from the voltage divider is dependent on the cathode current of the first detector. A loss of emission in this tube reacts on the oscillator, reducing the cathode resistor voltage drop. An open 24 first detector grid circuit causes a reduction in cathode current. This, in turn, affects the oscillator. A short circuit in condenser 12 in the cathode circuit of the first detector would affect the oscillator bias as well as the first detector bias.

A more modern circuit is that of Philco 40-180 shown in Fig. 7. A type 7J7, somewhat similar to the 6K8, is used. The arrangement permits modulation of the electron stream within the tube at the oscillator frequency. The oscillator plate traces to resistor 29 and B-plus. The oscillator signal voltage is applied to resistor 25 through condenser 22. Obviously, if 22 opens up, the oscillator won't function normally. The r.f. voltage across 25 is applied to coil 5-6 of

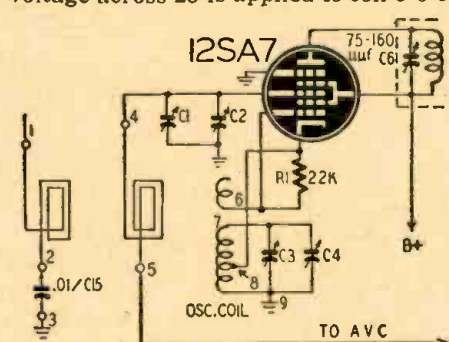


Fig. 4—Modern oscillator in RCA IX and IX2. 18 through 19A. The current through 5-6 of 18 develops magnetic flux which links with the secondary to induce a feed-back voltage for oscillation.

The oscillator grid traces to the push-button switching circuit and to terminal 1 of 18. The oscillator grid return to ground is then made through 1-2-3-4-6-5 and resistor 25. Thus 25 serves as a grid leak for automatic biasing of the oscillator grid, and its ungrounded terminal should be negative with reference to ground if the oscillator is working.

If the set works on manual tuning but not push-button tuning, look for a fault in the switching system or in the components used in push-button tuning circuits and vice versa.

Fig. 7, right—Oscillator breakdown, Philco 40-180, a common push button receiver.

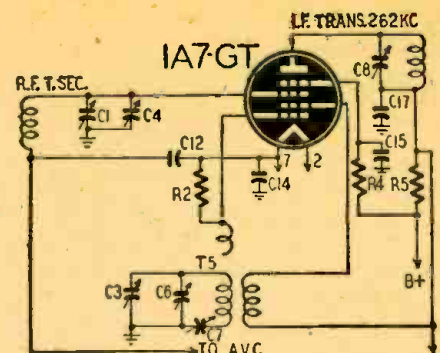


Fig. 5—Oscillator-mixer in a 1.5-volt radio.

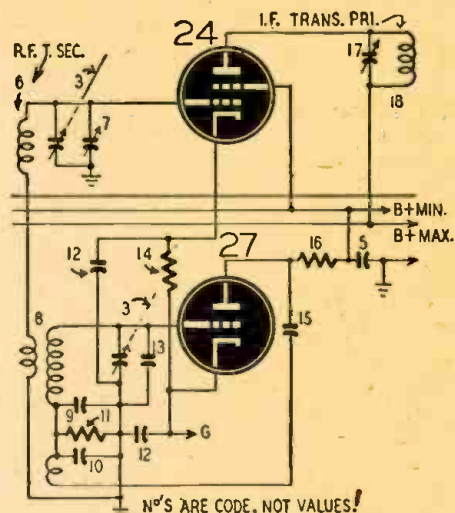


Fig. 6—Old 2-tube oscillator-mixer circuit.

Special oscillator job

Another common set is the Philco 42-1008. A breakdown of the oscillator when switched to *phono operation* results in Fig. 8. The arrangement is very unusual. An r.f. voltage at the 7C5 plate is applied to 16 through 25. By transformer action, a voltage is induced in the 2-1 section of 16 which is out of phase with the voltage in the 2-3 sec-

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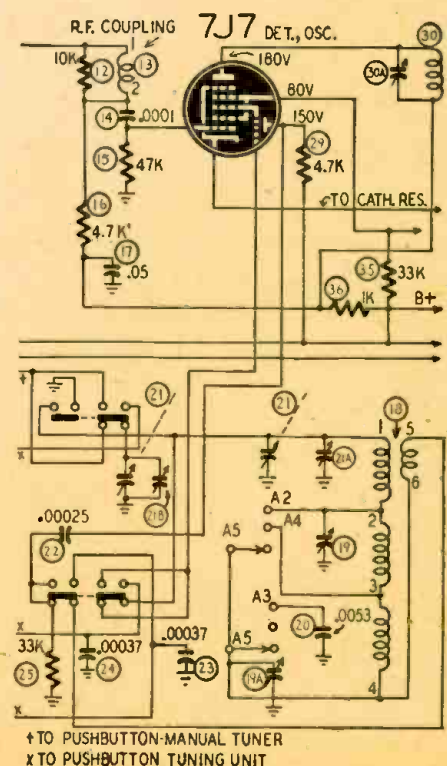


Fig. 7, right—Oscillator breakdown, Philco 40-180, a common push button receiver.

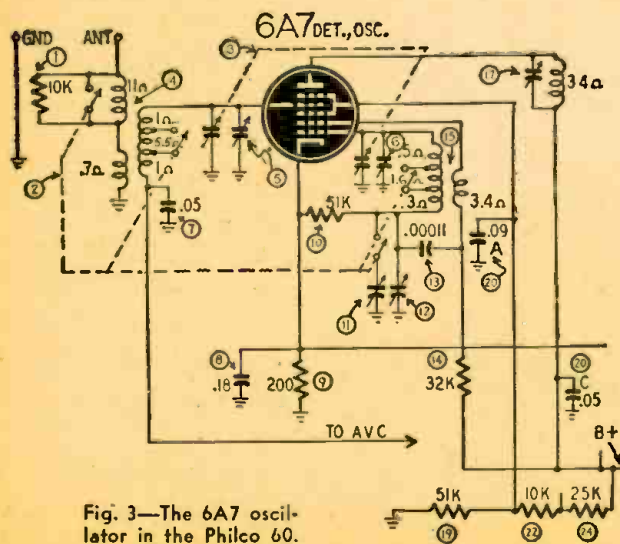


Fig. 3—The 6A7 oscillator in the Philco 60.

Decade Box For Capacity Tests

FOR the average ham, experimenter, serviceman, or owner of an amateur laboratory the measurement of values of voltage, current, resistance, capacitance, and inductance presents no great problem. With the garden variety of volt-ohmmeter plus maybe a simple form of capacitance and inductance bridge it has been possible to measure these quantities with speed and a degree of accuracy sufficiently high for ordinary uses.

Developments of the war period plus postwar progress have opened to the specialized technician fields which were hardly dreamed of a few years ago. The technician who is conversant with the trend realizes that the old days of approximation of values is fast disappearing. Even now the demand for oscilloscopes, high-range voltmeters and ohmmeters, vacuum-tube voltmeters, and signal generators which will cope with the requirements of these new developments far exceeds the supply. It is just as evident that even greater accuracy will be necessary as time goes on. With these concepts in mind we present a capacitance decade which should be a "must" for the workbench of the serious radio man.

For the radio serviceman, its uses are many as a substitute capacitor in receivers, amplifiers, and similar apparatus. Clipped into control circuits it will afford a better check on the value that should be replaced. Similarly used in coupling or by-pass circuits, it will become increasingly valuable as an aid to improving already operating receivers, and as a speedy servicing tool.

The precision of a unit of this type is dependent upon the accuracy of the components used in its construction.

By R. L. PARMENTER, W1XJF

This in turn will depend upon the requirements of the user as well as the amount of money expendable. One leading manufacturer of laboratory standards produces a decade with only three-quarters the range of this unit with a tolerance of 1%. The price closely approaches \$100, which is probably more than the average serviceman would care to pay. On the other hand a leading capacitor manufacturer turns out decades with 5% tolerance at a cost of approximately \$14. The cost of this unit will be somewhere between these two values depending upon the components used.

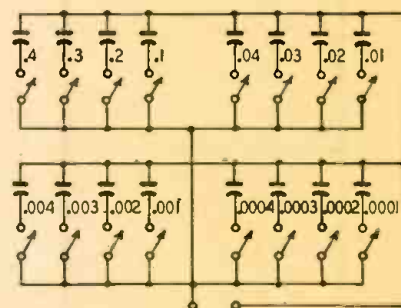
Construction of a capacitance decade should present no great difficulties to either the beginner or experienced builder. However, a few things should be kept in mind when choosing components and in the actual wiring. Since this unit has capacitance values which are relatively small, all stray capacitances must be kept to a minimum if accuracy is to be retained. When wiring, use bus bar to maintain the best possible stability. Do not permit any two conductors to run closely parallel to each other. All joints must be well soldered and should be mechanically solid before soldering, so as to prevent errors from creeping in as time goes on.

For the switches used we cannot recommend too strongly the General Radio Type 380-PS. This is a switch which has been especially developed for its low capacity, low loss, and positive contact as well as for convenience of operation.

In this unit the 4 capacitors used are wired to their respective terminals, and construction of the switch permits paralleling the proper values so that merely rotating the pointer will provide a sequence of values of 1 through 10, in their proper order. This is obviously a very great advantage as far as ease



of operation is concerned. These switches are provided with pointer, dial plate and mounting screws and stops, and present a professional appearance when mounted on the panel. However, if the cost of these units does seem prohibitively high, then toggle switches may be used at a considerable saving, keeping in mind, however, that stray capacitance may be picked up and poor contacts may cause trouble. Closing 1 or 2 switches will give any value between 1 and 10.

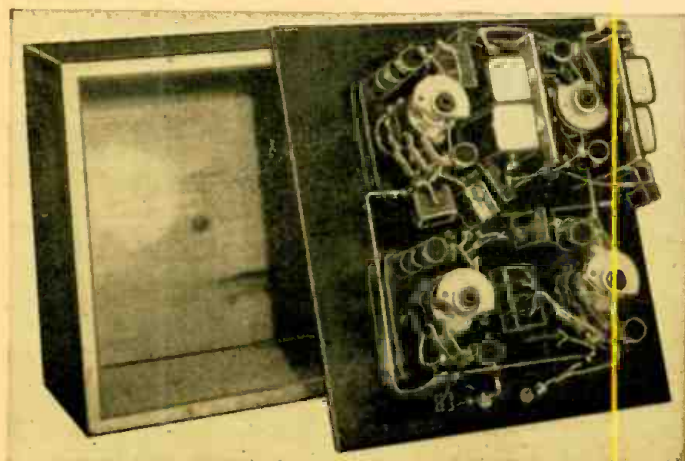


Schematic diagram of the capacity checker.

We have not gone into details of construction. The simplicity of the unit makes it unnecessary. We believe that a decade of this type will find increasing favor and use in the workshop of the serious radio and electronics worker as time goes on and the demand for greater accuracy and precision standards becomes more necessary.

Parts List

- Switches**
4 General Radio Type 380-PS, complete with pointers, dial plates and screws; or 16 toggle switches (anticapacity type if possible).
- Capacitors**
1 each—Aerovox silver micas, Type 1,479, 1,000 v test (standard tolerance 5%, but may be had up to 1% at additional cost.)
0.0001, 0.0002, 0.0003, 0.0004
0.001, 0.002, 0.003, 0.004
1 each—Aerovox standard micas, Type 1,650, 1,000 v test 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04 or
1 each—Aerovox midget, tubular, metal-cased paper, oil impregnated, and oil-filled, Type 689, 600 v.
Aerovox tubulars, Type 684, 600 v (These come in values of 0.1, 0.2, 0.15, and 0.25, so values should be selected to make up units measuring 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, and 0.4.)
(All the above capacitors should be selected at your jobber's by measuring them against a capacitance bridge, or have your jobber order them special from the manufacturer at the tolerance desired.)
1 bakelite panel 8 x 9 inches
1 cabinet 8 x 9 x 4 inches
2 binding posts—Eby combination type; wire, phone tips, or banana plugs.



Back-panel view, showing the four special low-capacity switches.

Ultrasonics, the study of mechanical vibrations above the human hearing range, is finding new and important applications.

ULTRASONIC PRINCIPLES AND CIRCUITS

ULTRASONICS, or supersonics, is the study of those vibrations of air, water, metal, or other medium that occur at a rate so fast that they cannot be heard by the human ear. The average human ear can hear as sound air vibrations of frequencies from about 30 to 15,000 cycles per second. Other vibrations of from 15,000 to 25,000 cycles are perceptible by some people, not as sound but as "characteristics" or timbre of some lower-fre-

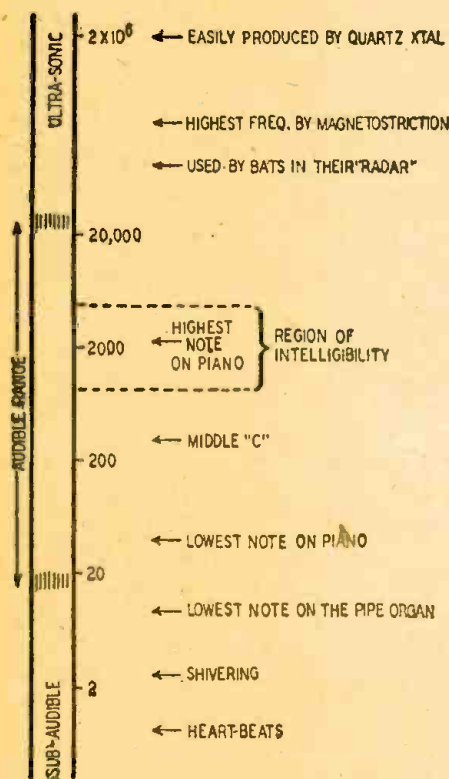


Fig. 1—Spectrum of mechanical vibration.

quency vibration. Fig. 1 is the sonic and ultrasonic vibration spectrum. Ultrasonic vibration is interesting to radio experimenters, not only because its generation and detection usually involve electronic devices and because of its employment in some systems of television, but also because the theory of ultrasonics is very similar to that of the higher audio frequencies often sought after in radio and amplifier design but very rarely attained.

Most radio experimenters know that the higher audio frequencies are emitted over only a small angle from a loudspeaker diaphragm. At ultrasonic frequencies, a pulsating diaphragm pro-

duces waves more like a parallel beam which spreads out to an almost negligible extent. The variation of directional characteristic with frequency is shown in Fig. 2.

Ultrasonic vibration occurs in nature. Some of the higher-frequency air vibrations produced by a cricket are inaudible to the human ear but can be detected by a special type of microphone. Some animals have the ability to hear these extremely high (20,000- to 45,000-cycle) frequencies. The obstacle-avoiding system of the bat is an ultrasonic equivalent of radar. (*Radar, Bats, and Supersonics*, RADIO-CRAFT, April, 1945.)

Generation of ultrasonics

Early methods of generating ultrasonic vibration in the laboratory included the use of whistles, driven by compressed air, and the rubbing of a metal rod, the natural frequency of which was above the audio range. Today, this high-frequency vibration is produced by a vacuum-tube oscillator of a type intermediate between r.f. and a.f. and a suitable "loudspeaker." The latter is usually one of three types:

1. ribbon (something like an overgrown ribbon "mike"),
2. piezoelectric,
3. magnetostrictive.

The second type has been used as a "tweeter" for wide-range audio amplification and depends for its action on the change in shape of a quartz, tourmaline, or rochelle salt crystal in an electric field. The magnetostrictive generator consists of a nickel, cobalt, or iron rod, around which high-frequency current flows in a coil. The rod vibrates longitudinally, changing its length according to the current. At one end of the rod is fastened an aluminum disk or diaphragm, about two inches in diam-



Fig. 2—High-frequency waves are directional.

eter. Instead of a rod, a roll of nickel foil or a number of laminations can be used to reduce the eddy current loss. The resonant frequency of a magnetostrictive rod is almost inversely proportional to its length.

Condenser loudspeakers with tiny, very tightly stretched diaphragms have also been used.

Typical h.f. oscillators and ultrasonic generators are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In Fig. 3-a, L and C are chosen to resonate at the desired frequency. The coils in Fig. 3-b are less critical, but may have a natural resonant frequency near that of the rod.

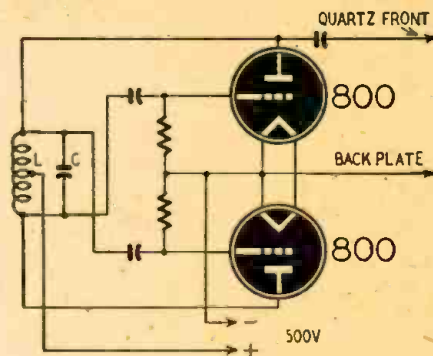


Fig. 3-a—A circuit for a quartz transducer.

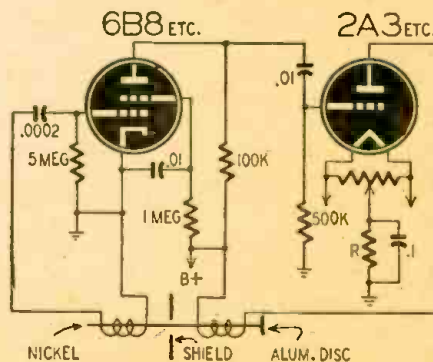


Fig. 3-b—Low-power magnetostrictive circuit.

Ultrasonic vibration in metal has been detected by the presence of ripples in a pool of oil on its surface, in air by its cooling effect on a platinum-resistance thermometer, and in liquids by suitable types of microphones. The latter, of course, can also be used to detect air vibrations. Ultrasonic vibration in air will deflect a Rayleigh disk just as sound does.

The microphone is connected to an amplifier designed on the lines of the video amplifier in television, i.e., designed so that the higher frequencies are NOT attenuated.

High-frequency microphones

Various types of microphones are employed. Crystal microphones of the

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Miller-Effect FM

How a former annoyance can be put to work

by HAROLD E. ENNES

BEFORE automatic frequency-control circuits and frequency modulation were developed, Miller Effect was considered only a troublesome characteristic of vacuum tubes, to be overcome by certain circuit modifications. The Miller effect, or the effect of tube gain on the dynamic input capacitance of a vacuum tube, has recently been put to useful work in a number of ways, and has particularly interesting possibilities as to producing frequency modulation in the simplest possible manner. At least one commercial FM manufacturer uses the Miller effect in the modulator circuits¹.

The dynamic input capacitance of a triode depends not only upon the grid-cathode and stray capacitance, but also upon the product of the grid-plate capacitance and voltage amplification of the tube². Thus the actual input capacitance of a triode under operating conditions becomes:

$$\text{Input capacitance} = C_k + C_p (1 + A \cos \theta)$$

where C_k = grid-cathode tube capacitance,
 C_p = grid-plate capacitance,
 A = voltage amplification of tube alone
 $\left(\frac{E_p}{E_g} \right)$,

θ = phase angle of load impedance in plate circuit.

With a resistive load in the plate circuit, we may omit $\cos \theta$ from the formula, since θ would become zero and $\cos \theta = 1$. Our formula then becomes:

Input capacitance $= C_k + C_p (A + 1)$. Thus it can be seen that the input capacitance will depend largely upon the magnitude of A , the voltage amplification of the tube.

For pentodes we have an additional capacitance of the grid screen (C_s) which must be considered, and the formula (for resistive load) becomes:

Input capacitance $C_i = C_k + C_s + C_p (A + 1)$.

The component $C_p (A + 1)$ now becomes the smallest factor of the three, because of the small amount of grid-plate capacitance in a pentode; but since the amplification may become quite large, the factor is very important in frequency-control systems.

The simplified schematic of Fig. 1 shows how this effect is used by Federal Telephone and Radio Corporation for frequency modulation in their transmitter. In this circuit, the Hartley oscillator, using a 12J5, has the grid circuit of a modulator tube (6AB7) shunted across a portion of the tank circuit which comprises the frequency-determining component. Audio voltage applied to the grid of the modulator varies

the grid bias of the tube, effectively changing the input admittance. With a resistive load, the input admittance is purely capacitive, and the effective input capacitance, varying in accordance with the audio voltage, frequency-modulates the oscillator tube.

The Miller effect provides a number of possibilities for the experimenter both for production of FM and the stabilization of the center frequency. It can be used in highly simplified circuits entirely suitable for amateur FM transmitters.

The electron-coupled oscillator, for example, may be thus adapted. Changing its screen or plate voltage causes a shift of frequency, but in opposite directions. That is, an increase in screen voltage causes a decrease in resonant frequency, and an increase in plate voltage causes an increase in resonant frequency. For this reason, where the ratio of voltages on screen and plate—taken

from a common bleeder supply—is correct, small deviations of plate supply voltages do not affect the operating frequency, because of the compensating action of the two parameters. It is obvious that modulation of any element of the tube would cause both frequency and amplitude modulation, the amplitude modulation being removed by following class-C stages of the transmitter. Simultaneous modulation of the screen and plate circuits would produce FM with very slight modulating voltage.

The important problem involved in this procedure is finding the correct ratio of operating voltages to allow a linear change of frequency with amplitude of modulation. The amount of frequency deviation for communication and amateur purposes need not be more than about 15 kc or 7.5 kc on either side of the mean carrier value. The amount of frequency deviation for a given mod-
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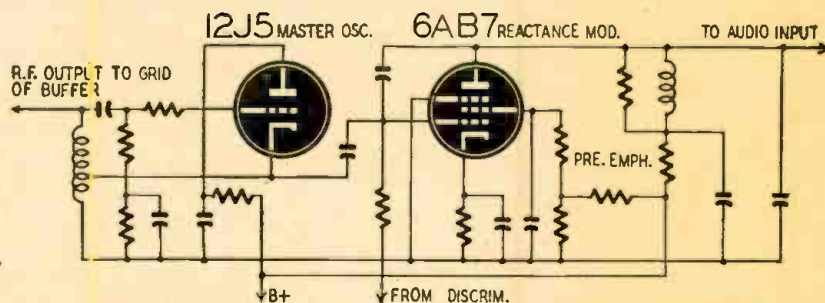
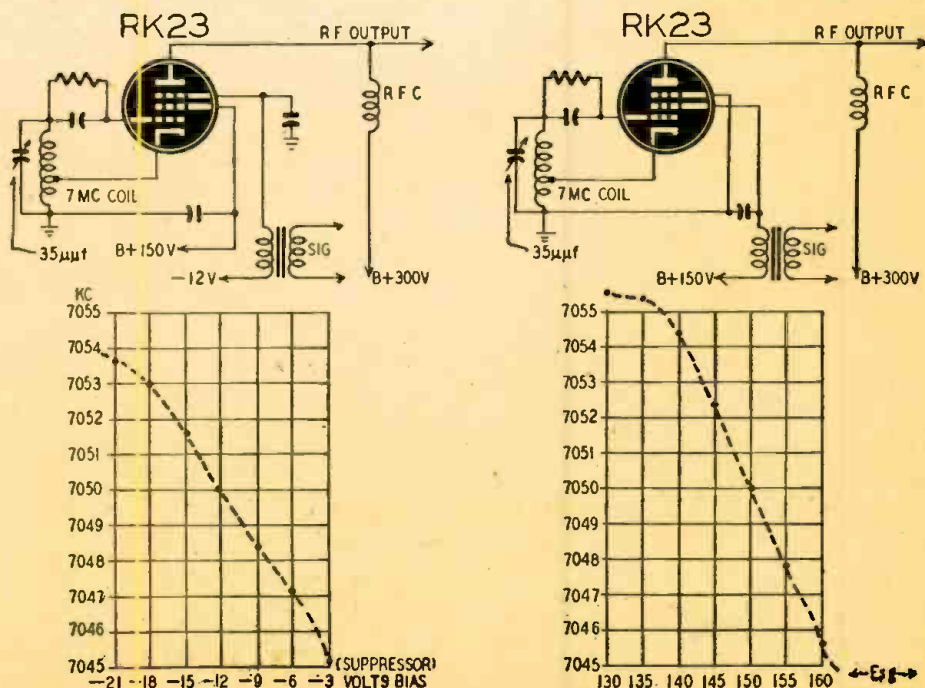


Fig. 1—Stabilizing circuit used by Federal. This was described in RADIO-CRAFT May, 1946.



Figs. 2 and 3—Frequency change vs. change in suppressor and screen voltages respectively.

1. Federal Telephone & Radio Corp.
 2. Terman: *Radio Engineers' Handbook* (pp. 468-472)

Travellers' 2-Tuber

By WILLIAM G. BEAMAN

HERE is a two-tube a.c.-d.c. mid-gut containing a minimum of parts which can be packed neatly in a suitcase or overnight bag. It has given loudspeaker reception above expectations at such widely separated points as Honolulu, San Francisco and Detroit. About the size of a box camera and weighing a little over two pounds, the *Separation Special* has worked well everywhere it has been tried except in a Pullman car washroom, where efforts to pick up the final game of the World's Series, using the electric razor current, proved futile.

Designed and completed in a week when the author* was in Honolulu contemplating early return to civilian status, the tube line-up was determined by what was available there at the time. It turned out to be a somewhat unlikely combination of a 117L7-GT as rectifier and beam power amplifier and a 3A8-GT with the pentode section as r.f. amplifier and the triode as a plate detector.

The 3A8 also contains a diode, but experiments proved that circuits using it as a detector—with the triode as first audio amplifier—did not give results comparable to the final design.

The problem of obtaining a 50-ma d.c. for the 3A8 filament was solved by placing the filament in the cathode circuit of the 117L7 (beam power section). The 3A8 filament is not only heated to the proper value by the 50-ma cathode current of the power amplifier, but also supplies part of the necessary cathode bias voltage for that tube. The rest of the bias for the power amplifier is supplied by a 75-ohm ½-watt resistor. To prevent hum and degeneration a 100-mf, 10-volt electrolytic by-pass condenser is connected across resistor and 3A8 filament.

Another important point to remember is that the pentode end of the 3A8 filament must be the end which is connected to the chassis. This permits operation of the pentode section at zero bias while the triode section grid is negative with respect to its filament by the amount of the drop across the pentode filament (1.4 volts). This is sufficient to provide the approximate cut-off bias required for operation as a plate detector and saves a resistor and condenser otherwise needed.

The rest of the circuit is fairly conventional. The filtering provided by the two 40-μf condensers and the 500-ohm resistor, is so good that no hum was noted even on the 25-cycle current available when the author made a side trip to Canada.

Contrary to expectations the 3A8 has

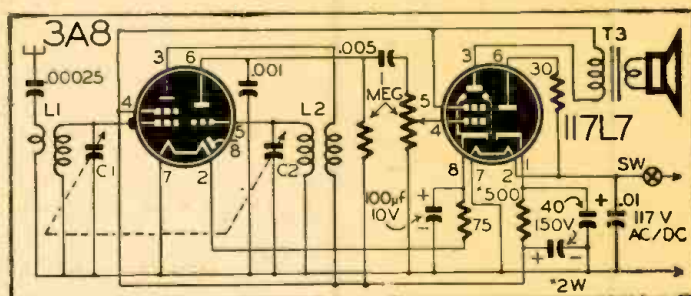
given no trouble. A notable tendency for the internal cathode connection of the 117L7 rectifier to burn up because of the high peak current drawn by the condenser input filter is corrected by placing a 30-ohm, ½-watt resistor in series with the tube.

The .01-μf condenser across the line proved particularly necessary in certain locations. It assures uniform operation independent of the way the line cord is plugged in. To avoid the shocks always possible with a.c.-d.c. operation take care to so house the set that accidental contact with the chassis is prevented. A good quality .00025-μf mica condenser in the aerial circuit is advisable in case the antenna becomes grounded accidentally. Of course no ground should be used on any a.c.-d.c. set.

Considerable ingenuity is needed to

compress the set into the smallest possible volume. The parts obtainable by the author in Honolulu were not of the true miniature variety.

Coils L1 and L2 are midget broadcast antenna coils and r.f. transformers respectively, and C1-C2 is a two-gang 365-μf midget variable. The volume con-



trol is a midget potentiometer. Most of the rest of the parts are of standard size.

Even so it was possible to mount the set and speaker on a plated steel chassis measuring only 5½x3¼x1½ inches. If miniature parts can be obtained and
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COMPENSATOR FOR A.C. METERS

By P. HEMARDINQUER

THE most common equipment for measuring weak alternating currents and voltages such as those produced in the audio section of a radio is the so-called rectifier-type meter. It is composed of a meter rectifier of the copper-oxide or the newer high-frequency selenium type, and a microammeter or milliammeter. The greater number of measurements are of voltage, therefore a series resistor or resistors are a necessary part of the apparatus.

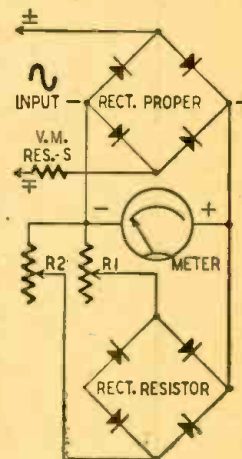
Many instruments use the same D'Arsonval milliammeter or microammeter in conjunction with a number of series resistors and shunts to make a large number of different measurements. It is generally impossible to make the same scale read direct and alternating volts, as the rectifier-type meter measures the average current through the meter, and what is required is the effective current, which is slightly over 10 percent higher. Thus d.c. readings on a rectifier-type a.c. meter are about 10 percent too high, as the meter is calibrated to compensate for the rectified a.c. Conversely, if a meter is calibrated to read correct on d.c. its a.c. measurements will be too low.

This difficulty can be avoided at the expense of adding complication to the

meter, by using a separate set of series resistors for a.c. voltage measurements. Their values are approximately 90 percent of those for the corresponding d.c. ranges. Another difficulty still exists—the resistance of the converter is greater for low current intensities than for high. Some meters use a special scale for a.c. for this reason.

A French constructor has discovered a method of solving the latter problem so the a.c. and d.c. scales coincide exactly. The method is adapted to use with European galvanometers of fairly high internal resistance, and will work well with most microammeters. For low resistance milliammeters, a series resistor of 200 to 400 ohms may be attached directly to the meter.

The method is one of compensation. A second rectifier is used as a variable
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Transatlantic News

From our European Correspondent, Major Ralph Hallows



DR. LEE DEFOREST hardly could have foreseen when he invented the grid-

controlled thermionic tube what diverse uses man would find for it in a few brief years. That thought was engendered by some of the amazingly ingenious apparatus displayed at the recent exhibition staged in London by the Physical Society. Architects want to know all about the varying strains in the structures of great buildings. The tube gives all the answers! The tube-maintained vibrations of a stretched wire are used to modulate a small radio transmitter. The wire is so arranged that its tension, and therefore its vibration frequency, is controlled by the particular strain which is being investigated. The transmitter thus sends out an accurate account of what is taking place. More remarkable still were the calculating machines of all sorts and kinds. Flip-flop circuits are made to count the pulses reaching them; time intervals are measured by counting cycles or by capacitor discharge; potentiometer networks add or multiply. In other machines the electronic tube solves four simultaneous equations or effects without turning a hair over such complicated mathematical operations as a Fourier transformation. One can hardly help wondering whether the students and the research workers of tomorrow will require any mathematical ability: one turn of a knob and a machine will do all the work for them. But, then, I suppose people had much the same kind of thoughts when Newton produced his calculus and Napier his logarithms!

Co-axial links

The 120-mile co-axial cable linking London with Birmingham and designed to feed our second television transmitter is now being laid; but the latest news is that the Birmingham station will not be operating this year because of delays due to the recent coal crisis. The authorities have practically decided that the links between our television transmitters must be of the co-axial cable type and not of the radio-relay type. The most important reasons are two in number. First there is the interference caused by reflections from, low-flying planes, which I mentioned a month or

two ago; this might be serious if radio-relay links were used. Second, we adopted (most unfortunately, as it has since turned out) vertical polarization for our vision transmissions when they were started in 1936. Since the government has given a guarantee to those who have purchased television receiving equipment and to those who contemplate doing so that their gear will be able to receive the 405-line transmissions for some years to come, we can't now make a change to horizontal polarization for these transmissions. This is a pity, for vertically polarized transmissions are much more prone to interference from man-made static (especially that due to automobile ignition systems) than those with horizontal polarization. Hence we cannot use vision relay stations for radio links as well.

Television a la Russe

From Russia comes a claim that one of the Soviet's gifted inventors has perfected a television system for use with the ordinary telephone. You don't just hear your correspondent; you see him (or her)! Young folk at the romantic age will no doubt be enthusiastic. You call up the Only Girl and there she is before your enraptured eyes. (Let such ardent youngsters bear in mind that a call to the same girl made a year or two later to explain that they are kept late at the office may not be too easy to put over successfully if she can see the caller and note his reactions to her requests for particulars.) One hopes that the new invention includes a switch enabling the recipient of the call to remain invisible at will. If it does not, some embarrassing situations may arise,

and I foresee removal from our homes of many of the extension telephones which are now so convenient.

Radio-wave velocity

For a long time we have accepted the round figure of 300,000,000, or 3×10^8 meters a second as the velocity of all electromagnetic waves. One frequently reads in radio textbooks that this velocity is fixed and unvarying, no matter what conditions may be. Some years ago A. A. Michelson determined the precise velocity of light waves as 2.99774×10^8 meters a second, with a possible maximum error of $\pm 11,000$ meters per second. The coming of radar and the call for minute precision in the measurement of the travel times of v.h.f. radio waves led to fresh investigations and the discovery that there might be slight variations in the velocity of electromagnetic waves, depending on the wave length and the medium traversed. After some years of laboratory work a new determination of the velocity in a vacuum of centimeter radio waves has been made by Dr. L. Essen, of the British National Physical Laboratory. This works out at 2.99793×10^8 meters per second, with a possible error of not more than 9,000 meters per second. The figure generally accepted during the war for radar waves in air was 2.9982×10^8 meters per second. It is worth-while to note that the velocity of radio waves through air is slightly less than that in free space or through a vacuum. Readers of a mathematical turn of mind may amuse themselves with the following problem: Taking the true velocity of radar waves in air as 0.005% less than that determined (Continued on page 70)

THERMISTOR BOLOMETERS



It has been known for some time that the resistance of metals drops with temperature until at absolute zero (-273°C) the resistance actually vanishes. Experiments carried on at a few degrees above this limiting temperature have shown that a current of electricity continues to flow for some time without apparent decay.

More recently it has been discovered that certain semiconductors or thermistors have a very abrupt resistance vs. temperature curve. Below the critical point the thermistor is superconductive because of its very low resistance.

When a thermistor is operated near its critical temperature, it is susceptible to very tiny variations in temperature, in some cases as small as 0.000001 degree. Therefore it is possible to measure heat from distant stars, to detect the temperature difference between an engine and the other parts of a plane which is beyond visibility, or even to detect the presence of a human being at a distance of about a quarter of a mile.

The development of thermistor bolometers* was completed just too late for use in the war. However, their extreme sensitivity will find wide application in science and industry within the next few years.

*Bell Telephone Laboratories.

WORLD-WIDE STATION LIST

Edited by ELMER R. FULLER

FROM Bill Duggan of Goshen, N. Y., a report has been received regarding the recent sun spots as he viewed them from a spot near Calcutta, Bengal, India. He states that on the 6th of April at noon (local time) three large sun spots could be seen. Bill says that reception on the 20-meter ham band from Chile and Cuba was very strong, and that other frequencies varied during the day. Bill is in the Navy and his reports are few and far between, but very useful when they are received. CKNC, CKCX, and CKCS were received very well in western India during March. In April VQ4?? in Nairobi, Kenya was heard as was "Radio Singapore" and Australia on 15.32, 15.20, and 11.77 megacycles.

Charles Sutton of Toledo, Ohio, reports hearing a new Trinidad station testing 0600 to 0620 and 1900 to 2015 hours EST, using the call VP4RD. Charley also says he has been hearing PMA in Bandoeng, Java, at 1115 to 1132 on 19.350 megacycles. OTC in Leopoldville is heard well on 17.770 mc during late afternoon and Berne, Switzerland, from 2200 to 2230 on 15.315, 11.865, and 9.535 megacycles. VUD7 in Delhi, India, is on 15.160 mc 2240, with the news in English. SVR in Athens is heard calling WLL and WQV at 1900 hours on 14.420 mc. Santa Cruz, Canary Islands, is heard at 1700 to 1800 hours on 7.560 mc. SDB2 is very good on 10.780 mc from 2000 to 2100 hours EST.

Other reports this month include Jo-

seph R. Rich, a newcomer to our ranks from the Bronx, New York; Edward T. Lambert (address unknown, please advise); U. S. Department of State, and William A. Moore of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Moore of Pennsylvania reports hearing VLG6 in Melbourne on 15.240 mc; ZIK2 in British Honduras on 10.600 mc; ETA in Ethiopia on 15.070 mc; and

CR7AU in Mozambique on 4.920 mc.

Conditions have been fair during the past few weeks, but your editor has been unable to pull in anything very good due to the lack of an antenna. Expect to have a new one up soon, and also expect to be on 2 meters. If any of you hear us give us a call. Best of luck, and lots of fb dx.

All schedules Eastern Standard Time.

Certificate of the World-Wide Station League



The 2-color wall card awarded to shortwave listeners who send regular station reports.

| Freq. | Station | Location and Schedule | Freq. | Station | Location and Schedule | Freq. | Station | Location and Schedule |
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| 2.390 | | QUARRY HEIGHTS. CANAL ZONE; 0530 to 0700; 1900 to 2305. | 4.780 | HJAB | BARRANQUILLA. COLOMBIA; 1700 to 2255. | 5.840 | PZH5 | PARAMARIBO, SURINAME; 1800 to 2045. |
| 2.500 | WWV | WASHINGTON, D. C.; U. S. Bureau of Standards, 1900 to 0900. | 4.790 | | BANDOENG. NETHERLAND INDIES; 0730 to 0900. | 5.870 | HRN | TAGUCIGALPA. HONDURAS; 0800 to 1000; 1300 to 1500; 1800 to 2300. |
| 3.075 | | TOKYO, JAPAN; 0400 to 0900. | 4.810 | YVIRL | MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA; 0530 to 2230. | 5.880 | ZRK | CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA; 2345 to 0130; 1030 to 1600. |
| 3.310 | YVIRD | TRUJILLO, VENEZUELA; 1700 to 2130. | 4.810 | HJBB | CUCUTA, COLOMBIA; 1700 to 2200. | 5.890 | OAX4Z | MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.; 0800 to 1645. |
| 3.340 | VUD3 | DELHI, INDIA; 1200 to 1245. | 4.820 | XEJG | GUADALAJARA, MEXICO; 2200 to 2400. | 5.890 | OZX4V | LIMA, PERU; 1630 to 2330. |
| 3.370 | YVIRT | MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA; 1730 to 2230. | 4.820 | HJED | CALI, COLOMBIA; 1900 to 2300. | 5.910 | HH2S | LIMA, PERU; 1800 to 2400. |
| 3.380 | YV5RY | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0930 to 2230. | 4.830 | YV2RN | SAN CRISTOBAL, VENEZUELA; 1100 to 2130. | 5.950 | RV19 | PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI; 0600 to 0815; 1100 to 1300; 1730 to 2130. |
| 3.390 | YV4RK | MARACAY, VENEZUELA; 1800 to 2230. | 4.840 | YVIRZ | VOLERA, VENEZUELA; 1630 to 2145. | 5.960 | HVJ | MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.; 1700 to 2000. |
| 3.390 | | COLOMBO, CEYLON; 0600 to 1200. | 4.850 | HJCA | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA; 1900 to 2200. | 5.970 | VONH | VATICAN CITY; 0900 to 0930; 1000 to 1100; 1300 to 1330. |
| 3.400 | YV5RW | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0530 to 2230. | 4.860 | PRC5 | BELEM, BRAZIL; 0600 to 1100; 1530 to 2000. | 5.970 | LRSI | ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND; 0900 to 1400; 1500 to 2200. |
| 3.420 | YV2RC | MERIDA, VENEZUELA; 1800 to 2130. | 4.880 | HJFH | ARMENIA, COLOMBIA; 0600 to 2200. | 5.980 | FG8AH | BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA; 1800 to 2300. |
| 3.440 | YVIRU | MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA; 1900 to 2130. | 4.890 | HJCH | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA; 1800 to 2200. | 5.990 | ZFY | ANDORRA; 0500 to 1900. |
| 3.460 | YV4RP | VALENCIA, VENEZUELA; 1730 to 2130. | 4.920 | CR7BO | LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE; 1330 to 1500; Sundays, 1000 to 1400. | 6.000 | CFCX | POINTE-A-PITRE, GUADELOUPE; 1700 to 1900. |
| 3.480 | YV4RQ | PUERTA CABALLO, VENEZUELA; 1700 to 2130. | 4.920 | YV5RN | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0600 to 2230. | 6.010 | HP5K | GEORGETOWN, BRITISH GUIANA; 0545 to 0745; 0945 to 1145; 1415 to 1945. |
| 3.490 | YV3RS | BARQUISIMETO, VENEZUELA; 1630 to 2130. | 4.920 | HJAP | CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA; 0600 to 1300; 1700 to 2200. | 6.010 | ZRH | MONTREAL, CANADA; 0700 to 2315. |
| 3.500 | YV5RX | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0930 to 1400; 1530 to 2230. | 4.940 | HJCW | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA; 0645 to 1115; 1600 to 2315. | 6.020 | HJCX | COLON, PANAMA; 0700 to 1300; 1900 to 2300. |
| 3.510 | YV6RC | BARQUISIMETO, VENEZUELA; 1800 to 2130. | 4.950 | VQ7LO | NAIROBI, KENYA; 1100 to 1400. | 6.020 | XEUV | JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA; 2345 to 0130; 0900 to 1100. |
| 3.530 | YV5RS | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0530 to 2230. | 4.950 | HJCQ | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA; 1000 to 1400; 1700 to 2300. | 6.020 | FZI | SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA; 0530 to 2200. |
| 3.910 | ZQP | LUSAKA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA; 2230 to 1900. | 4.960 | HJAE | CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA; 1600 to 2230. | 6.030 | PCJ | BOGOTA, COLOMBIA; 0700 to 0800; 1400 to 2315. |
| 3.930 | HC5EH | CIUDAD CUENCA, ECUADOR; 1800 to 2230. | 4.970 | YV5RM | CARACAS, VENEZUELA; 0530 to 2230. | 6.030 | CFYP | VERA CRUZ, MEXICO; 0700 to 0100. |
| 4.040 | | PONTA DEL GADA, AZORES; 1700 to 1900. | 4.990 | YV3RN | BARQUISIMETO, VENEZUELA; 1630 to 2230. | 6.030 | HP5B | BRAZZAVILLE, FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA; 1600 to 1845; 0000 to 0130. |
| 4.100 | HCJB | QUITO, ECUADOR; 1800 to 2230. | 5.000 | WWV | WASHINGTON, D. C.; U. S. Bureau of Standards; frequency, time and musical pitch; continuously day and night. | 6.030 | CFYP | HUIZEN, NETHERLANDS; 1400 to 1430; 1745 to 1815; 2000 to 2200. |
| 4.700 | ZQI | KINGSTON, JAMAICA; 1630 to 1830. | 5.300 | DTYC | MUNICH, GERMANY; 0900 to 0930. | 6.030 | HP5B | MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.; schedule unknown. |
| 4.750 | YVIRV | MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA; 0530 to 2130. | 5.330 | OAX1B | PIURA, PERU; 1800 to 2330. | | | CALGARY, CANADA; 0730 to 0100. |
| 4.770 | YVIRY | CORO, VENEZUELA; 1600 to 2130. | 5.810 | | MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.; schedule unknown. | | | PANAMA CITY, PANAMA; 1800 to 2300. |
| 4.780 | | SINGAPORE, MALAYA; 1730 to 2230; 2330 to 0130. | | | | | | |
| 4.780 | YV4RO | VALENCIA, VENEZUELA; 1630 to 2130. | | | | | | |

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New

RADIO-ELECTRONIC DEVICES

SWEEP GENERATOR

Kay Electric Company
East Orange, N. J.

The Mega-Sweep Jr. is designed for use in servicing and testing FM and television equipment and features wide frequency coverage. It provides a frequency sweep up to 30 megacycles over the frequency spectrum of 400 kilocycles to 500 megacycles. When necessary, the output frequency may be increased to 1,000 megacycles. Thus sweeps are furnished all through the color television frequency bands. Testing of video, i.f., and r.f. amplifiers is possible because the octaves of frequency sweep show almost the entire video pass-band at once, except for the lowest frequency end.



The output frequency is measured with a precision microwave wave-meter, calibrated up to 900 megacycles, which covers the entire range without switching or complicated calibrations.

Power supply is self-contained, operating on 117 volts, 60 cycles. The entire unit is encased in a crackle-finished steel cabinet and weighs 20 pounds. Dimensions are 16 x 8 x 8 inches.—RADIO-CRAFT

AM/FM GENERATOR

McMurdo Silver Corp.
Hartford, Conn.

The Model 906 AM/FM signal generator employs an 8-range rotary turret-type oscillator to cover the range of 90 kc through 170 mc on fundamental frequency output. All 8 ranges are directly calibrated to ± 1 percent accuracy upon the 10:1 vernier-driven main dial. Amplitude modulation at 400 cycles, variable from zero to nearly 100 percent, is provided. Frequency modulation output is available at any frequency between 90 kc and 210 mc by switching into operation a 40 mc fixed-frequency oscillator which beats with the variable-frequency oscillator to produce any desired carrier frequency possible to the combination of the two oscillators. Sweep rate is 60 cycles, with frequency sweep (total swing, or 2 X deviation) variable from zero to over 500 kc.



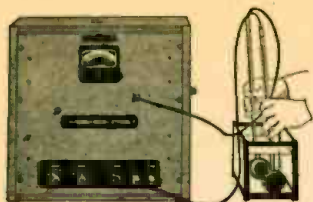
The output attenuator system, like the oscillators, is multiply shielded within the over-all shield provided by the steel cabinet, to reduce stray radiations to a minimum. Dimensions: 12 3/4 inches long, 7 1/2 inches high and 5 1/4 inches deep.—RADIO-CRAFT

ULTRASONIC TESTER

General Electric Co.
Schenectady, N. Y.

This new ultrasonic materials tester is designed to indicate the presence of voids, cracks, porosity, laminations, poor bonds, and other internal flaws

in metals, plastics, and ceramics and to indicate changes of viscosity, compressibility, and density of liquids, when these significantly alter the velocity or attenuation of ultrasonic transmission.



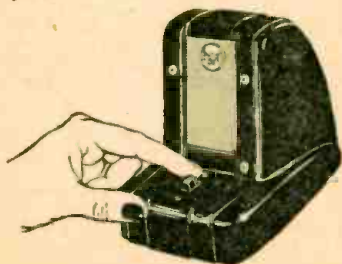
A beam of ultrasonic waves is sent through the specimen being tested. Changes in the amount of energy transmitted indicate the presence and extent of flaws. The tester is portable and self-contained.

The instrument consists of a wide-band ultrasonic transmitting-receiving system having a high-frequency generator, a crystal transducer for producing ultrasonic vibrations, a medium such as water to transmit these vibrations, a second crystal transducer to convert the received energy into electrical signals, and an indicator supplying information for materials inspection or analysis.—RADIO-CRAFT

TWO-STATION INTERCOM

Radio Corp. of America
Camden, N. J.

The new two-station intercom system is designed with amplifier and speaker station in separate units, permitting location of the amplifier at any out-of-the-way point and reducing speaker size to a minimum. Speaker stations are housed in streamlined black plastic cabinets with satin-chrome speaker grills.



Especially designed for such two-station use as communication between executive and secretary or doctor and receptionist, the system consists of two speaker stations, separate amplifier, and 100 feet of interconnecting wire. It is easily installed and plugs into any 110-volt a.c. or d.c. outlet. If desired, additional stations up to five can be connected to the amplifier.—RADIO-CRAFT

SOLDERING TOOL

Sound Equipment Corp. of California
Glendale, Calif.

The Kordless Kwikheat is a pencil-type, cordless soldering iron designed for intricate work.

The instrument is placed in operation by simply screwing the heater-receptacle into any size Kwikheat electric soldering iron and plugging-in. The forged tellurium copper alloy tip holds approximately 680 degrees tempera-

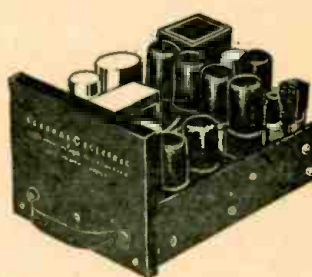
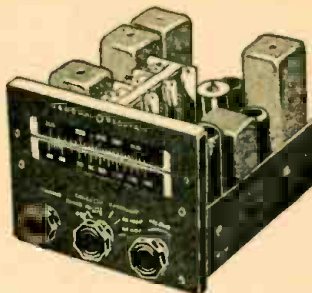


ture for nearly one minute and reheats in approximately 20 seconds by reinserting into the heater-receptacle, similar to the manner of using a desk pen set. The heater-receptacle and the normal soldering tip are quickly interchangeable.—RADIO-CRAFT

AIRCRAFT RADIO

General Electric Co.
Syracuse, N. Y.

The new two-way radio, Type AS-1C is designed for use in private planes. Operating directly from a twelve-volt power system, the AS-1C weighs twelve and one-half pounds and is 9 1/2 inches long. The receiver has frequency ranges of 200-420 kc and 500-1500 kc, includes automatic volume control, a directional loop antenna arrangement, and a voice filter.

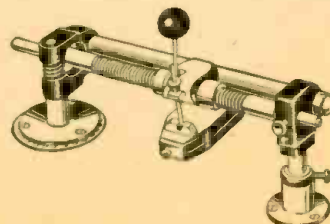


The transmitter operates at 3105 kc, crystal controlled, and furnishes 12 watts carrier output. For normal use the radio requires headphones and microphone though, in some installations where the cabin noise level is low, the use of a loudspeaker is recommended.—RADIO-CRAFT

RECORDING HEAD

Techno-Craft Products Co.
New York, N. Y.

Lightweight construction and simplified operational features make the Techno-Craft recorder suitable for high-quality home recorders and semi-professional work. Other features are: Cutting needle angle adjustment, single lever for engaging feed screw and lowering cutting head, and positive drive and gear which cannot be clogged by chips. The recording mechanisms are adaptable to any height recording turntable. A thumb-



screw allows for accurate adjustment of cutting depth. Its cutting pitch is 110 lines per inch, outside-in. The two models available permit recordings up to 16 inches diameter. The heaviest model weighs less than 3 pounds. Other features are: vertical adjustment for accurate alignment with any turntable, and complete removability from mounting flange.

Four types of static cutting heads are furnished at present: X-26, X-29A, M-41-B, and M-41-500.—RADIO-CRAFT

FREQUENCY COMPUTER

American Hydromath Company
New York, N. Y.

The new Calculaide frequency computer correlates, in one setting, the natural frequency and wavelength of a circuit comprising a coil and condenser with the physical dimensions of the coil and the capacity of the condenser with all answers given at a single setting of the instrument.

The computer's range covers frequencies from 400 kilocycles to 150 megacycles and wavelengths from 2 to 600 meters. It handles condensers between 2 and 1000 microfarads. Inductance values can be determined from 0.1 to 1500 microhenrys. The device performs calculations with coils of 1/4 inch to 5 1/2 inches diameter, 1/4 inch to 10 inches length, 2 to 150 turns per inch, of No. 10 to No. 35 wire.—RADIO-CRAFT

VACUUM-TUBE VOLTMETER

General Radio Co.
Cambridge, Mass.

The type 1800-A vacuum-tube voltmeter supersedes the Type 726-A and offers new features and improvements. It is smaller, lighted, and easier to use, it reads d.c. as well as a.c. voltages, and can be used at much higher frequencies.

The range of a.c. voltage measurement is 0.1 to 150 volts. Frequency correction curves for both resonance and transit-time effects for frequencies up to 500 megacycles are supplied. Where absolute voltage readings are not required, the instrument can be used as a voltage indicator up to 2,500 megacycles. A single zero setting serves for all ranges. D.c. voltages between 0.01 volt and 150 volts, can be measured.—RADIO-CRAFT



ILLUMINATED METERS

Marion Electrical Instrument Co.
Manchester, N. H.

The new Marion line of illuminated instruments comprises a departure from the conventional method of inserting a pilot lamp in an opening in the rear of the meter. This new design, applicable to all 2 1/2- and 3 1/2-inch round and square instruments, the 4 1/2-inch rectangular instrument, and the Model 525 tuning meter (but not to Hermetics), utilizes a transparent lucite cavity which seals the opening against dust, while at the same time controlling the size of the bulbs and safeguarding the movement.—RADIO-CRAFT

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The New Model 60-T TUBE and SET TESTER

A COMPLETE TUBE TESTER

Tests all tubes including the new post-war miniature loctals such as the 12AT6, 12AU6, 35W4, 50B5, 117Z3, etc. • Tests by the well-established emission method for tube quality, directly read on the scale of the meter • Tests shorts and leakages up to 3 Megohms in all tubes • Tests leakages and shorts of any one element against all elements in all tubes • Tests both plates in rectifiers • Tests individual sections such as diodes, triodes, pentodes, etc., in multi-purpose tubes.

\$49⁸⁵
NET PRICE

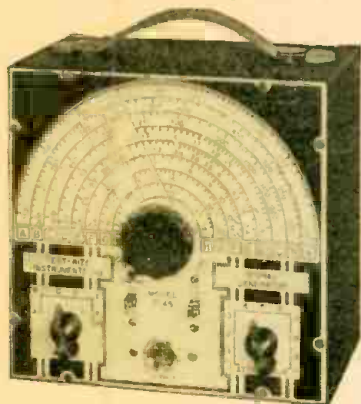
Model 60-T operates on 90-120 Volts 60 Cycles A.C. Housed in sloping leatherette covered cabinet. Comes complete with test leads, tube charts and detailed operating instructions.

ACOMPLETETESTER

- 6 D.C. Voltage Ranges: 0 to 7.5/15/75/150/750/1,500 Volts
- 6 A.C. Voltage Ranges: 0 to 15/30/150/300/1,500/3,000 Volts
- 4 D.C. Current Ranges: 0 to 1.5/15/150 Ma. 0 to 1.5 Amps.
- Low Resistance Range: 0 to 2,000 Ohms (1st division is 1/10th of an ohm.)
- 2 Medium Resistance Ranges: 0 to 20,000/200,000 Ohms
- High Resistance Range: 0 to 20 Meg-ohms
- 3 Decibel Ranges: -10 to +38 +10 to +38 +30 to +58 D.B.

EXTRA: WE CAN NOW SUPPLY THE MODEL 60 HOUSED IN A BEAUTIFUL HAND-RUBBED OAK CABINET, COMPLETE WITH PORTABLE COVER MAKING IT SUITABLE FOR EITHER BENCH OR OUTSIDE USE, ONLY \$2.75 ADDITIONAL. SPECIFY MODEL 60-C.

The New Model B-45 SIGNAL GENERATOR



Self-modulated — provides a highly stable signal. RF frequencies from 150 Kc. to 12.5 Mc. on Fundamentals and from 11 Mc. to 50 Mc. on Harmonics. Modulation is accomplished by grid-blocking action—equally effective for alignment of amplitude and frequency modulation as well as for television receivers. Self-contained batteries. All calibrations are etched on the front panel permitting DIRECT READING.

Model B-45 uses a beautifully processed dual-

tone front panel. Comes housed in a heavy-gauge crystalline steel cabinet complete with shielded test lead, self-contained batteries and instructions.

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COMPLETE, READY TO OPERATE

The New Model 670 SUPER METER

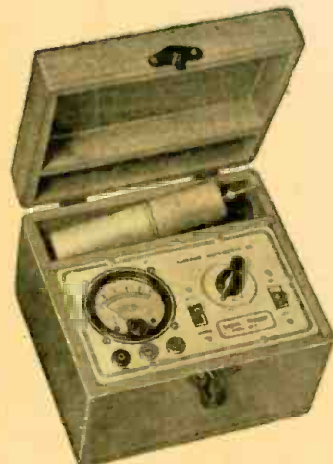
A Combination Volt-Ohm-milliammeter plus Capacity Reactance, Inductance and Decibel Measurements



D.C. VOLTS: 0 to 7.5/15/75/150/750/1500/7500.
A.C. VOLTS: 0 to 15/30/150/300/1500 3000 Volts.
OUTPUT VOLTS: 0 to 15/30/150 300/1500 3000.
D.C. CURRENT: 0 to 1.5/15/150 Ma.; 0 to 1.5 Amps.
RESISTANCE: 0 to 500/100,000 ohms 0 to 10 Megohms.
CAPACITY: .001 to .2 Mfd., .1 to 4 Mfd. (Quality test for electrolytics).
REACTANCE: 700 to 27,000 Ohms; 13,000 Ohms to 3 Meg-ohms.
INDUCTANCE: 1.75 to 70 Henries; 35 to 8,000 Henries.
DECIBELS: -10 to +18, +10 to +38, +30 to +58.
The Model 670 comes housed in a rugged, crackle-finished steel cabinet complete with test leads and operating instructions. Size 5½" x 7½" x 3".

\$28⁴⁰

The New Model CA-11 SIGNAL TRACER



Simple to operate . . . because signal intensity readings are indicated *directly* on the meter!

- ★ SIMPLE TO OPERATE —only 1 connecting cable —NO TUNING CONTROLS.
- ★ HIGHLY SENSITIVE—uses an improved Vacuum Tube Voltmeter circuit.
- ★ Tube and resistor-capacity network are built into the Detector Probe.
- ★ COMPLETELY PORTABLE — weighs 5 lbs. and measures 5"x6"x7".
- ★ Comparative Signal Intensity readings are indicated directly on the

meter as the Detector Probe is moved to follow the Signal from Antenna to Speaker.

★ Provision is made for insertion of phones. The Model CA-11 comes housed in a beautiful hand-rubbed wooden cabinet. Complete with Probe, test leads and instructions.

\$18⁷⁵

The New Model 450 TUBE TESTER

Speedy operation — assured by newly designed rotary-selector switch which replaces the usual snap, toggle, or lever action switches.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Tests all tubes up to 117 volts. • Tests shorts and leakages up to 3 Megohms in all tubes. • Tests both plates in rectifiers. • New type line voltage adjuster. • Tests individual sections such as diodes, triodes, pentodes, etc., in multi-purpose tubes. • Noise Test-detects microphonic tubes or noise due to faulty elements and loose internal connections. • Uses a 4½" square rugged meter. • Works on 90 to 125 volts 60 cycles A.C.

EXTRA SERVICE—May be used as an extremely sensitive condenser Leakage Checker. A relaxation type oscillator incorporated in this model will detect leakages even when the frequency is one per minute.

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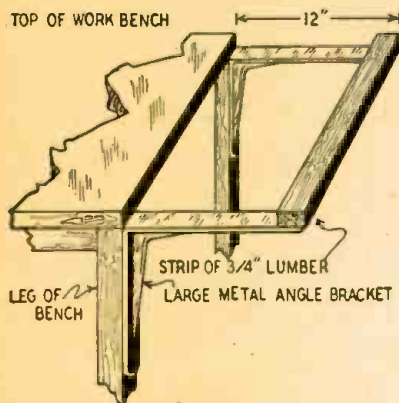
GENERAL ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING CO.

DEPT. RC-8, 98 PARK PLACE,
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

TRY THIS ONE

CHANGER RACK

This method of rigging up a record changer rack is inexpensive. Fasten two 12-inch shelf brackets to one end of the work bench so that the top will be about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the top of the bench. A piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ x 2-inch lumber is cut to the width of the bench and screwed to the



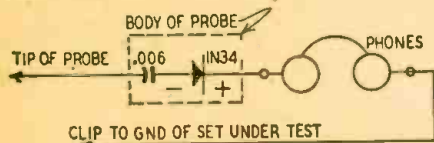
top of the brackets. This provides space for mounting two changers of the average size, with sufficient height for servicing from underneath.

GEORGE MURAKAMI,
Sacramento, Calif.

SIMPLE TRACER

I have never seen described in any radio magazine a tracer which is as simple as the one which has been giving me satisfaction for some months.

Both the 0.006 capacitor and the IN34 crystal are in the handle of the probe. A high-quality pair of headphones must be used. With my Western Electric 3,500-ohm phones, it has enough sensitivity to pick up a good signal from my signal generator. When it is connected between an outdoor antenna and ground, all the local stations can be heard at once.



I have used this signal tracer on a number of difficult jobs, and find it as satisfactory as my expensive one, with the one exception that it does not tune the signal.

O. B. MILLER,
Albuquerque, N. M.

(RADIO-CRAFT makes no apology for printing this circuit, though many old-timers will hasten to point out that they used it in their youth, before signal tracers were invented. While it cannot be expected to be as efficient as tracers using tubes, it can be reasonably sensitive if high-quality components are used, and deserves printing again for the benefit of the younger generation.—Editor)

ANTENNA INSTALLATION

When installing antennas in a home, I have often found it necessary to run a lead-in across a room under a carpet. This is a simple matter if flexible indoor type antenna wire is secured to the handle of a screw driver, which can be worked along under the carpet.

AMOS BABB,
Chicago, Ill.

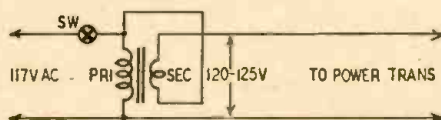
OHMMETER KINK

Accidental shorting of the test prods of my ohmmeter, when not in use, placed a constant drain on the batteries, making frequent replacements necessary. I fastened a piece of Artgum eraser in one end of the compartment where the prods are stored. When not in use, the tips of the prods are forced into the eraser. This prevents the tips from shorting and also keeps them clean, which gives me better contacts.

THOMAS HIGGINS,
Ottawa, Canada.

LINE BOOSTER

I have found that low line voltage is frequently responsible for poor radio performance in some areas. To boost the voltage, insert an 8- to 10-volt toy transformer, connected as an autotransformer as shown.



This can also be applied to a.c.-d.c. receivers if the heater supply is taken from the line ahead of the transformer as a precaution in case the voltage rises to normal.

KEITH W. MOHLER,
Gary, Ind.

(It may be necessary to reverse the connections to the secondary winding to get a step-up instead of a step-down in output voltage. A reversing switch will make it boost or drop the voltage—a useful feature in some districts.—Editor)

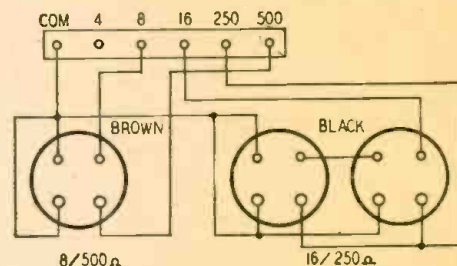
PA SPEAKER MATCHING

Most amplifiers and public address systems are designed for use with either one or two speakers and are equipped with socket-type outlets and a switch or terminal board for changing impedances. When the operator has several systems, it is unlikely that they will have the same type of output terminals. This makes it necessary to have a number of plugs and odd-sized connectors when changing speakers from one system to another.

A solution is to use the same plugs and sockets in all amplifiers and add an additional socket to eliminate switching. Color-coded sockets will reduce errors and guesswork when making quick in-

stallations. Most of the labor in making the change is in drilling the hole for the extra socket.

Use the small pins of a brown 4-prong socket for an 8-ohm speaker, and connect the small pins of two black 4-prong sockets in series across the 16-ohm tap for higher efficiency. The usual procedure is to connect two 8-ohm speakers in parallel across a 4-ohm tap. There is a loss in overcoming wire resistance and in poor contacts between sockets and plugs. A 1-ohm resistance may exist in two 100-foot speaker cables and will absorb one-quarter of the power delivered into the 4-ohm load but will have negligible effect on a 16-ohm circuit.



If line transformers are desired, the large pins on the brown socket are connected across the 500-ohm taps and the pins on the black sockets paralleled across the 250-ohm tap.

These changes need not disturb the existing terminal strip which may be used for other impedances and for patching. The 3-socket system provides for rapid and foolproof installation.

HART WEBBER,
Red Bank, N. J.

SOCKET TOOL

One-hole tube sockets require a round hole with a projecting lip to keep the socket from turning. Although adapter mounting rings are available, extra work is required to drill two bolt holes and the finished job does not have a professional appearance. After trying several ways of making a round hole with a projecting lip, a simple solution was found. The hole is drilled just under $1 \frac{5}{32}$ inches in diameter to get a tight fit. A piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch drill rod was ground down to give a flat point equal in width to one of the slots in the socket and about $1/16$ inch thick. This rod is used as a punch. It is placed at the edge of the socket hole (with chassis on an anvil) and the chassis metal upset in the direction of the socket hole. One good hammer blow will cause enough metal to be formed into a satisfactory lip to keep the socket from turning. The finished job, with socket in place, cannot be distinguished from the standard factory-punched operation.

FLOYD FELLOWS,
Flushing, N. Y.



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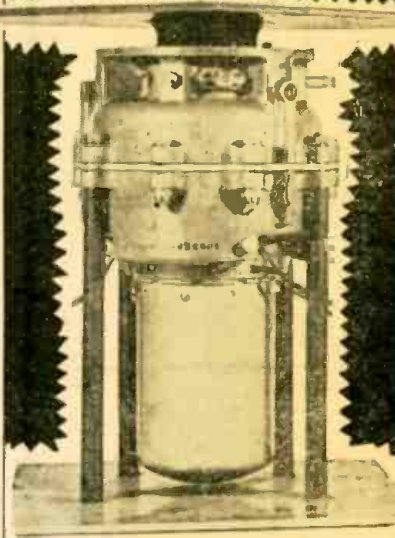
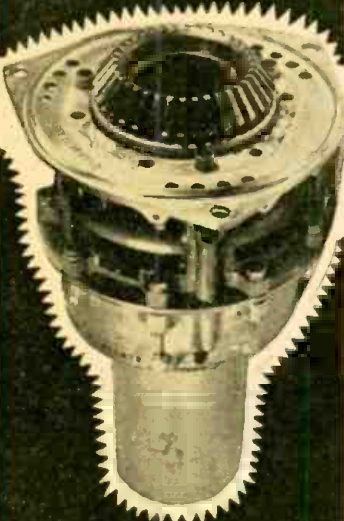
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TONE CONTROL SYSTEMS

Tone controls and equalizers are of 4 fundamental types, giving either top cut, top lift, bass cut, or bass lift. The British magazine *Electronic Engineering* has prepared a very neat reference sheet—reproduced here—to show how each of these may be incorporated in a circuit.

Fig. 1 shows the fundamental curves. The effect depends on the position of point B, which is varied by choosing condenser and resistor values in the circuit. If B is set at 30 cycles, for example, curve ABC represents bass cut; if B is set in the upper part of the audio-frequency spectrum the curve indicates top lift.

Frequency response is controlled by the respective values of R2 and C1 (Figs. 2 and 3). Thus if the reactance

of C1 is equal to R2 at 200 cycles, the basses are boosted. The same combination in Fig. 3 cuts the basses. The way

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these fundamental circuits are applied to an amplifier is shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Practical component values for these two figures appear in the table.

Fig. 6 is a combination of Figs. 2 and 3. With the values given, both top and bass lift are obtained, the signal being

up 12 decibels at 30 and at 10,000 cycles. By suitable selection of values, top and bass cut could be obtained instead of lift.

Tone control can be used in negative feedback circuits. Effects will be the reverse of those obtained in "straight" circuits. A network which would normally produce the response curve of AC in Fig. 1 would have a curve like DBE if connected in a negative feedback circuit. Fig. 8 is an example of the application of Fig. 2 to a negative feedback circuit, and Fig. 7 a similar adaption of Fig. 3. If the reactance of C1 is made equal to R2 at a high audio frequency, the circuit of Fig. 7 gives top cut. Bass lift can be obtained by matching these constants at a low audio frequency. Fig. 8 is a practical realization of Fig. 2 in a feedback circuit. Values can be taken from Fig. 4, noting that the effects are reversed.

To make any of these controls variable, a variable resistor is placed across C1 in circuits derived from Fig. 2 and in series with C1 in those derived from Fig. 3. Its maximum value should be at least 5 times the reactance of C1 at the lowest frequency to be handled by the circuit. Fig. 9 is an example of such a circuit.

TABLE

| Details of Frequency Response | Fig. No. | Component Values |
|---|----------|--|
| Bass lift, beginning at 300 cycles, rising 12 db at 50 cycles. | 4 | RL, 50,000 ohms; Cc, 0.01 μ f; R, 250,000 ohms; R2, 50,000 ohms; C1, 0.015 μ f; Rg1, 1 megohm. |
| Top cut, beginning at 2,000 cycles, falling 12 db at 10,000 cycles | 4 | RL, 50,000 ohms; Cc, 0.01 μ f; R1, 250,000 ohms; R2 omitted; C1, 0.002 μ f; Rg1, 1 megohm. |
| Bass cut, beginning at 300 cycles, falling 11 db at 50 cycles. | 5 | RL, 50,000 ohms; Cc omitted; C1, 0.001 μ f; R2 omitted; R1, 1 megohm. |
| Top lift, beginning at 2,000 cycles, rising 12 db at 10,000 cycles. | 5 | RL, 50,000 ohms; Cc, 0.02 μ f; C1, 100 μ f; R2, 500,000 ohms; R1, 100,000 ohms. |

A NEW OSCILLATOR

A circuit which offers several advantages over the transitron has been developed by Dr. A. H. Taylor of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C. Maintaining the 1-coil feature of the transitron oscillator, it permits operating the elements at or near normal voltage, as opposed to the 10 volts or less normally applied to the plate in the usual transitron.

As described in *Electronics* magazine, the circuit is based on the use of a pentagrid tube such as the 6A8. The feedback condenser, which in the normal transitron is placed between screen grid and suppressor, is connected in this circuit between G2 (or plate) and G4.

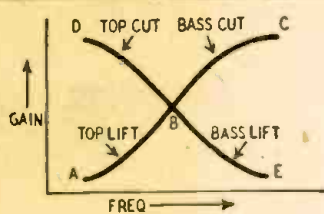


Fig. 1

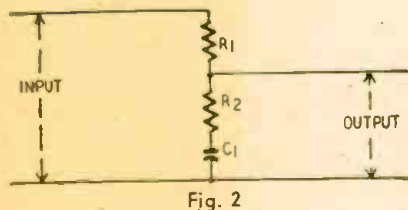


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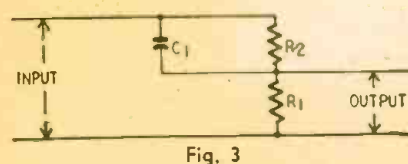


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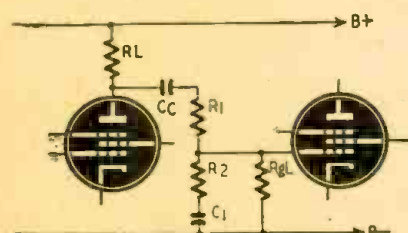


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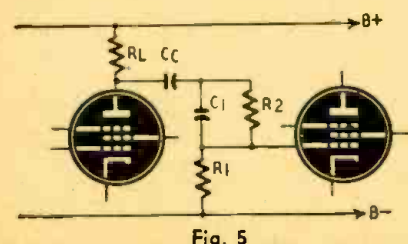


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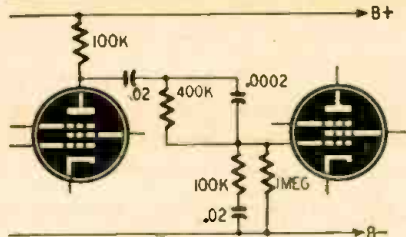


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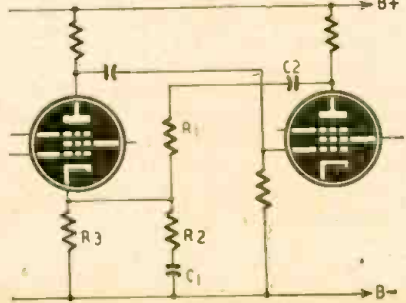


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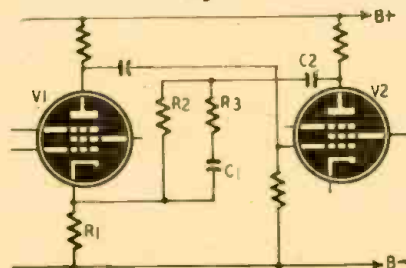


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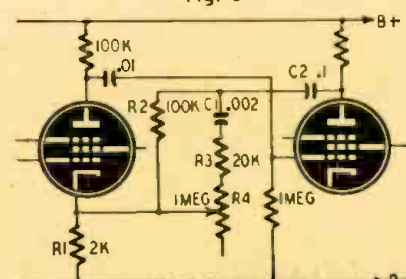
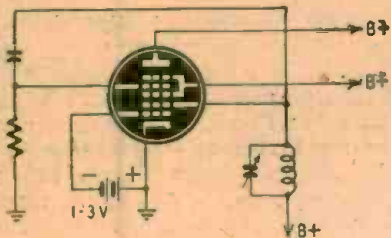


Fig. 9

Thus if the voltage is suddenly raised on G2, the voltage rise appears on G4, increasing current to plate and decreasing current in the G2 circuit. Thus an increase in voltage in the G2 circuit results in a decrease in voltage, and the reverse. This is a condition of negative resistance, therefore oscillations can be produced in a coil-condenser combination in the G2 circuit. (G1, G2, refer to oscillator grid, anode grid, etc., as per standard converter tube nomenclature.)



Besides the advantage of working at normal voltages, which should give more power output in many applications, Dr. Hoyt believes longer or at least more predictable tube life should result. The circuit also has excellent stability and almost complete independence of any injected signal, no matter how strong or how close in frequency to that of self-oscillation.

The circuit has a number of other applications. For example, a signal can be injected at G4 and equal and opposite outputs taken from plate and G2, a slight negative bias being placed on G1 and variable resistors being put in the plate and G2 circuits to permit balancing the output.

COMPENSATOR FOR A.C. METERS

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resistor bridged across the meter, as shown in the figure. A pair of resistors (R1, R2) which are variable from zero to approximately 10 times the internal resistance of the meter serve to adjust the unit. For greater ease of adjustment, the rectifier-resistor should be identical in type with the rectifier proper.

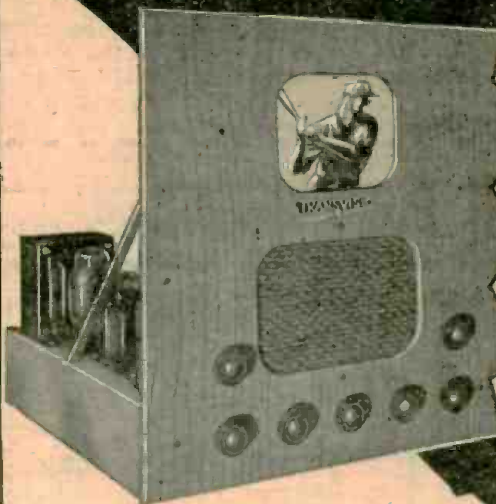
At low current intensities, the resistance of the rectifier cells is very high—running up to as much as 25,000 ohms for .01 milliampere and 4,000 ohms for 0.1 ampere in one rectifier measured. The effect of the shunted rectifier on the meter is therefore negligible.

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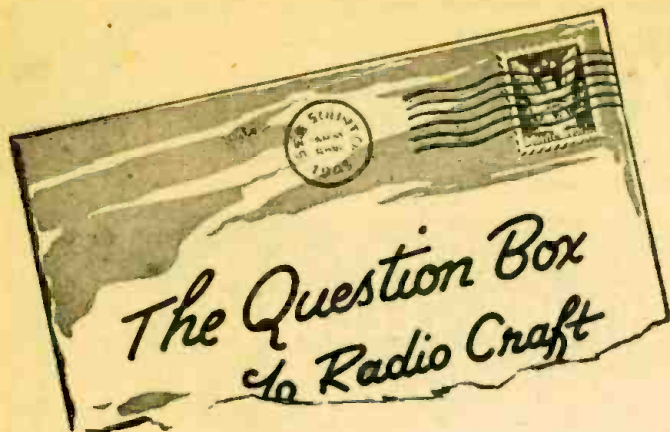
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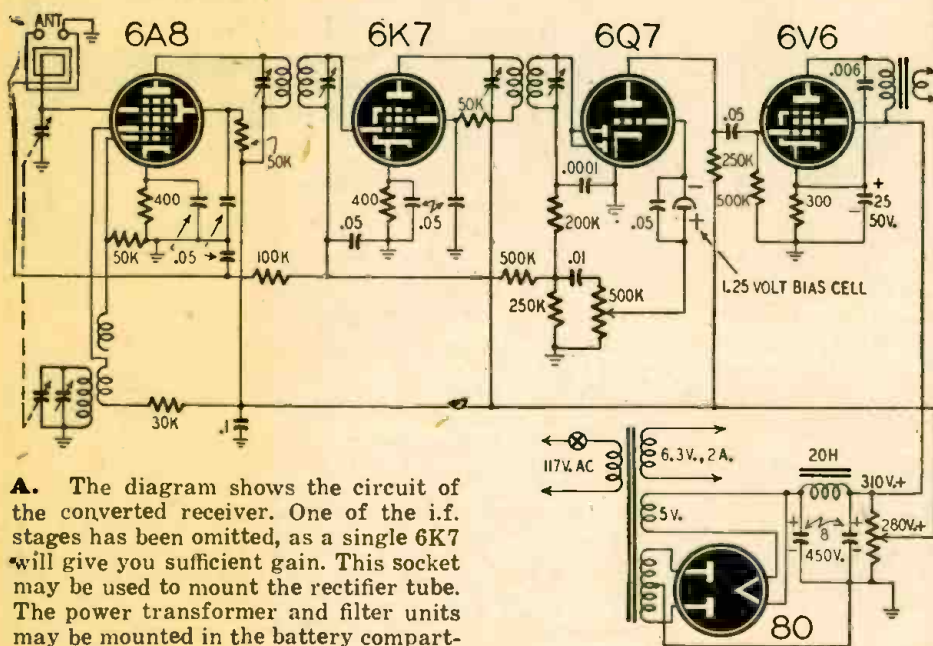


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RECEIVER CONVERSION

? I have an Emerson Model CT275 battery receiver which I would like to convert to operate from a 117-volt a.c. line and using 6-volt tubes. Kindly print a diagram of the converted set.—J.J.O., Perth Amboy, N. J.

ment instead of the present batteries. The same output transformer may be used with a slight mismatch, but better quality may be had by obtaining one with a heavy core that will match the 6V6 power amplifier.



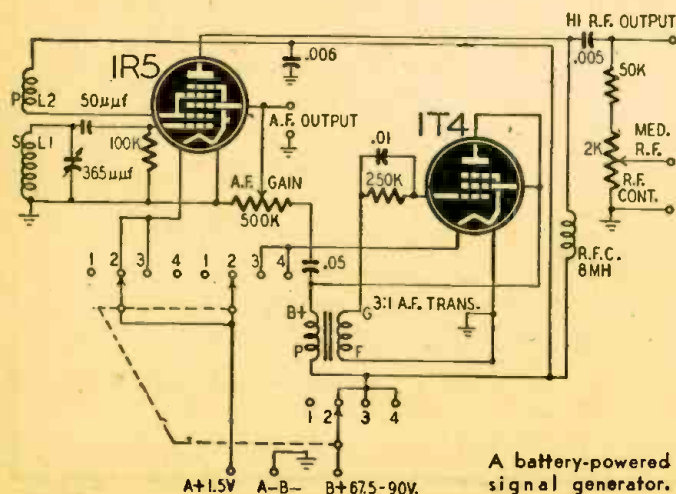
A. The diagram shows the circuit of the converted receiver. One of the i.f. stages has been omitted, as a single 6K7 will give you sufficient gain. This socket may be used to mount the rectifier tube. The power transformer and filter units may be mounted in the battery compart-

SIGNAL GENERATOR

? I would like to have a diagram of a battery-powered signal generator covering from 100 kc to 25 mc with plug-in coils. Can miniature tubes be

used?—C.R., Tabernash, Colo.

A. This signal generator is battery-operated and covers the required range. Internal modulation is provided. The modulating tone may be low-



A battery-powered signal generator.

ered by shunting the secondary of the a.f. transformer with a small condenser.

The low i.f. range is covered with a 115-kc i.f. transformer and the 225- to 560-kc range with a 456-kc i.f. transformer. All other coils are wound on ½-inch forms with enamel wire. The coils for the broadcast band are scramble-wound with 110 turns of No. 30 on L1 and 75 turns of No. 28 for L2. The coils are separated by ¼ inch. For 1500 kc to 3.5 mc, L1 has 65 turns of No. 30 close-wound and spaced ¼ inch from L2 which has 45 turns of No. 28. For 3.0 to 9.5 mc, L1 has 20 turns of No. 28 double-spaced. L2 is separated from L1 by ½ inch and has 16 turns of No. 28 close-wound. The 9 to 25-mc range is covered by using 5 turns of No. 24 double-spaced for L1 and 10 turns of No. 28 close-wound for L2. The windings are separated by 1/16 inch.

The a.f. signal may be used for signal tracing in a.f. amplifiers and receivers.

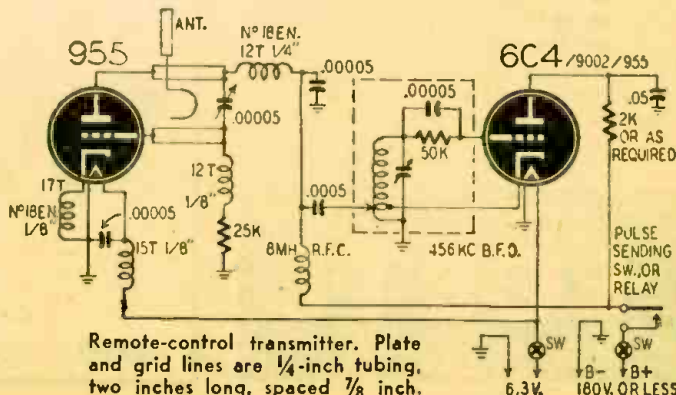
Functions of switch: Position 1—Off, Position 2—Unmodulated r.f., Position 3—Modulated r.f., Position 4—a.f. only.

REMOTE CONTROL UNITS

? Please print diagrams of a transmitter and receiver to be used for control of model boats. These units are to be operated on the 450- to 460-mc band. A relay in the plate circuit of the receiver is to operate a small relay-controlled escapement.—D.H., Baytown, Texas.

A. Transmitter and receiver diagrams are shown. The r.f. output of the 955 is modulated with a 456-kc signal which may be keyed to give the control pulses. The coupling tap between the b.f.o. coil and the plate of the 955 may be varied for proper modulation percentage.

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Remote-control transmitter. Plate and grid lines are ¼-inch tubing, two inches long, spaced ⅞ inch.

MILLER EFFECT FM (Continued from page 35)

ulating voltage (with resultant change in input capacitance) depends of course upon the L/C ratio of the frequency-determining tank circuit.

One method used by the author to produce FM by the Miller effect was to suppressor-modulate an RK-23 in an electron-coupled oscillator circuit. The plate voltage was 300 volts, the screen voltage, 150 volts, taken from two conventional VR-150 tubes in series across the power supply. The suppressor was biased 12 volts negative with a C-battery with taps every 3 volts from 3 to 24 volts. The tank circuit used a Bud 40-

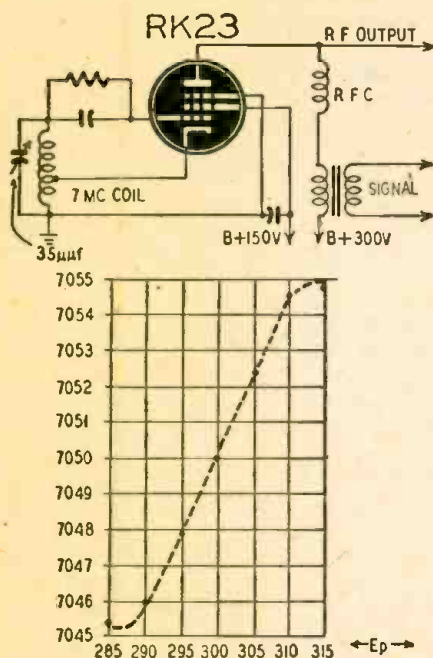


Fig. 4—Effect of varying the plate voltage.

meter coil (OCL-40) with approximately 35- μ mf tuning capacity. Fig. 2 shows the operating characteristics of this particular transmitter. It can be seen that the linear portion of the curve would just accommodate a variation of about 12 volts on the suppressor grid (6 volts either side of -12 volts bias), which would swing the operating frequency about 6 kc (3 kc either side of 7050 kc). If operation were desired on the 10-meter band, 2 doublers would be necessary; and the total frequency deviation would be 24 kc at the output of the second doubler. Thus the amount of audio voltage necessary to realize a 15-kc deviation from this oscillator is very slight, actually only a few volts. Increasing the suppressor voltage (decreasing bias) causes a decrease in resonant frequency, which is similar to the screen voltage-frequency curve (Fig. 3) of an electron-coupled oscillator⁵. Increasing the plate voltage causes an increase in resonant frequency (Fig. 4). These figures show the relative effectiveness of slight changes in suppressor grid voltage in varying frequency.

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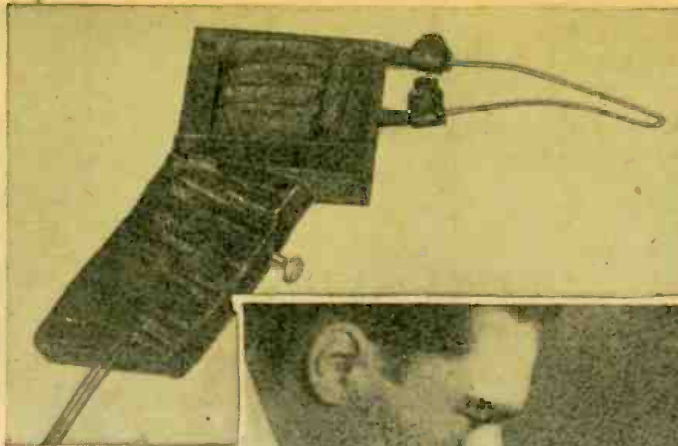
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A SOLDERING GUN

By RAL COLLINS

THE quick-heating soldering pistols now on the market are desired by many hams and radio experimenters, but the cost is too high to warrant the purchase of one by persons who do not use an iron a great deal. These are such handy little gadgets that I undertook the construction of one from parts out of the ever-present junk box. The first one I constructed is still giving good service after many hours of operation.

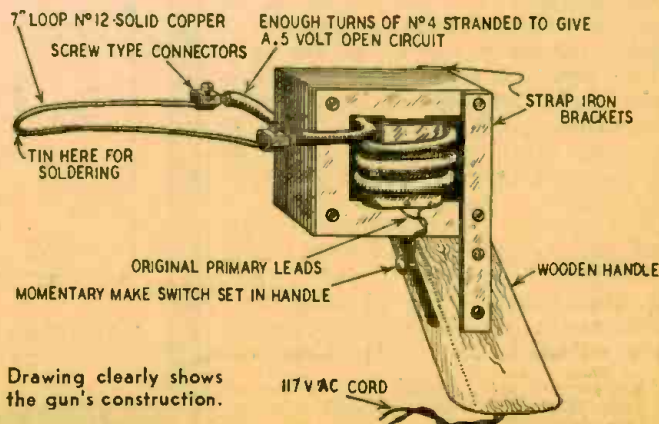
Any small power transformer having a good primary will furnish the basic element for this gun. The case is unbolted and the laminations carefully disassembled. All windings except the primary are removed (the best way to remove the high-voltage winding is to saw through it with a hacksaw). The number of turns in the 5-volt rectifier winding is counted during the unwinding. This will serve as a guide to the number of turns required by the new high current winding, which will be approximately one-tenth of the number counted, for the new winding is to deliver about 0.5 volt to an open circuit. A little experimenting with more or fewer turns might be necessary to arrive at this potential.

When the primary winding is free, the determined number of turns of No. 4 stranded synthetic covered

wire is bent around it, secured, and the transformer structure is reassembled as shown in the diagram. If sufficient space is not available in the core structure to accommodate the covered No. 4, the insulation is removed, and a single layer of friction-tape insulation substituted.

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Thurrow Distr. Inc.
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610 W. Randolph St.
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Richmond
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Power City Radio Co.
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& Appliance Co.
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Farnsworth Radio & Telev.
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327 Market
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Co. Inc.
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tion and feedback results, to sustain oscillations. A shunt feed is used, 26 being an r.f. choke. The r.f. voltage between 3 and 1 of 16 is applied to a small lamp bulb in the phono pickup through 18. The light intensity is controlled by 17. Reducing the resistance of 17 cuts the voltage to the lamp and reduces the phono output; increasing 17 has the opposite effect. A current of about 1800-ke frequency is used to operate the light-beam reproducer. A short circuit in 25 probably would result in burning out 26 or 16. A faulty variable resistance at 17 impairs operation of the light-beam. If the beam flickers appreciably or cuts on and off intermittently

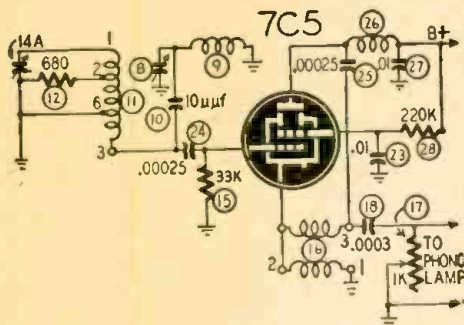


Fig 8—Oscillator of the Philco 42-1008.

as 17 is adjusted, the unit is defective and can be checked with an ohmmeter or by replacing it.

A short in trimmer 8 or coil 9 would affect radio operation, but not phono to any extent, since 10 is only 10 µf and the short would only result in connecting 10 µf between 24 and ground. An open in 18 would prevent operation of the light-beam reproducer.

If a vacuum-tube voltmeter capable of indicating r.f. voltages is available, it may be used to check for voltage across the phono-bulb circuit. If voltage is found across the 3-1 terminals of 16 but not across the bulb, with 17 at maximum resistance, 18 very likely is open. It may be checked by shunting another condenser across it or by replacing it.

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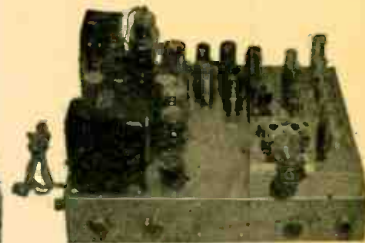
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A square wave voltage which controls the switch is applied to input e. Tube T1 conducts during a positive alternation at its grid and is cut off during the negative alternation. When it is conducting, its plate assumes a more negative potential because of current flow through R4, and its cathode becomes more positive because of the current through R3. The converse is true during tube cut-off.

The cathode of T2 is connected to the plate of T1 (through a resistor) and the cathode of T3 is connected to the cathode of T1. Making either cathode more positive is equivalent to making the corresponding grids more negative, and vice versa. Thus, when T1 conducts, T2 conducts, and T3 cuts off. When T1 is cut off, T2 cuts off, and T3 conducts.

When inputs are present at A and B the following takes place:

When T1 is conducting:

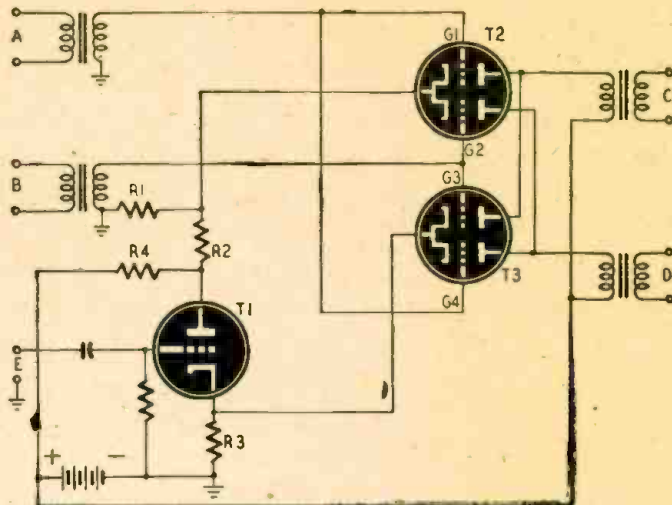
The voltage A is connected to G1 and appears at C.

Voltage B is connected to G2 and appears at D.

G3 and G4 are at cut off.

When T1 is cut off:

Voltage A is connected to G4 and appears at D.



Voltage B is connected to G3 and appears at C.

G1 and G2 do not operate.

The inventor has discovered that the following relationships are optimum:

$R1 = 2R3$

$R2 = 2R_p$ (of T1)

$R4 = R1 + R2 = 2(R3 + R_p)$

D. C. AMPLIFIER

Patent No. 2,400,734

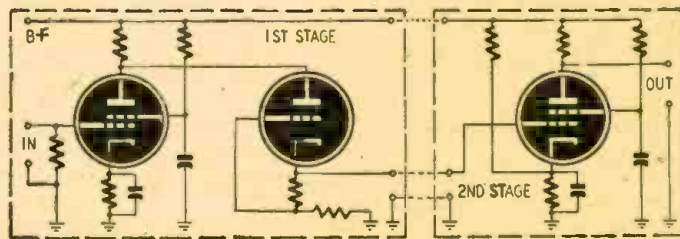
John R. Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.

Ordinary R-C coupling cannot be used in very low-frequency and d.c. amplifiers. Instead it is required that the grid of one tube connect directly to the plate of the previous tube. Because of the relatively high potential on the grid, the corresponding cathode must also be raised to a high positive voltage. Where a number of stages are used, the total power supply voltage must be very high because each stage operates at one or more hundreds of volts higher than the last.

This circuit requires two tubes, a pentode amplifier and a triode repeater, for each stage of amplification. The plate voltage variations in the amplifier are transferred to the repeater in parallel with it. The repeater operates as a cathode follower and requires no capacitance coupling. The succeeding grid is operated at a low voltage relative to ground. Therefore the circuit does not need the

very high voltage supply characteristic of earlier d.c. amplifiers.

This great advantage is accompanied by several disadvantages, which in most cases are less important. The repeater tube, like any other, is non-linear and degeneration is added to com-



pensate for it. The gain of this tube is only 0.35 approximately and therefore more stages are required than usual. In addition, the grid of the second stage operates at a slightly positive voltage, which must be compensated for.

LIGHT RADAR

Patent No. 2,409,030

Victor H. Fraenckel and Siegfried Hansen
(Assigned to General Electric Co.)

Radar by radio is well known, but often conditions exist where echo-ranging with other forms of radiation are more suitable. For example, underwater detection is usually based on power at supersonic frequencies. This patent proposes the use of light waves.

The advantage of light as against radio is the simplicity with which sharp impulses may be generated and transmitted in narrow beams, but it is at a disadvantage in certain types of weather. The distance coverage is approximately the same for either. (Continued on page 75)

"Churchilka" Beat Nazis

ON the outbreak of World War II the Germans forbade all residents of Czechoslovakia to listen to foreign broadcasts. If anyone was caught, he was punished severely. Threats and warnings not being effective, the Nazis confiscated all broadcast receivers in many Czech and Moravian districts, as the influence of foreign broadcasting increased.

On the other hand, they wished the inhabitants of the so-called Protectorate of Moravia and Bohemia to listen to their own propaganda. Since listening to Allied stations was possible in many cases only on short waves, all short-wave circuits were taken off the receivers about the beginning of 1943. The short-wave inductors were removed and the corresponding connecting circuits opened or short-circuited.

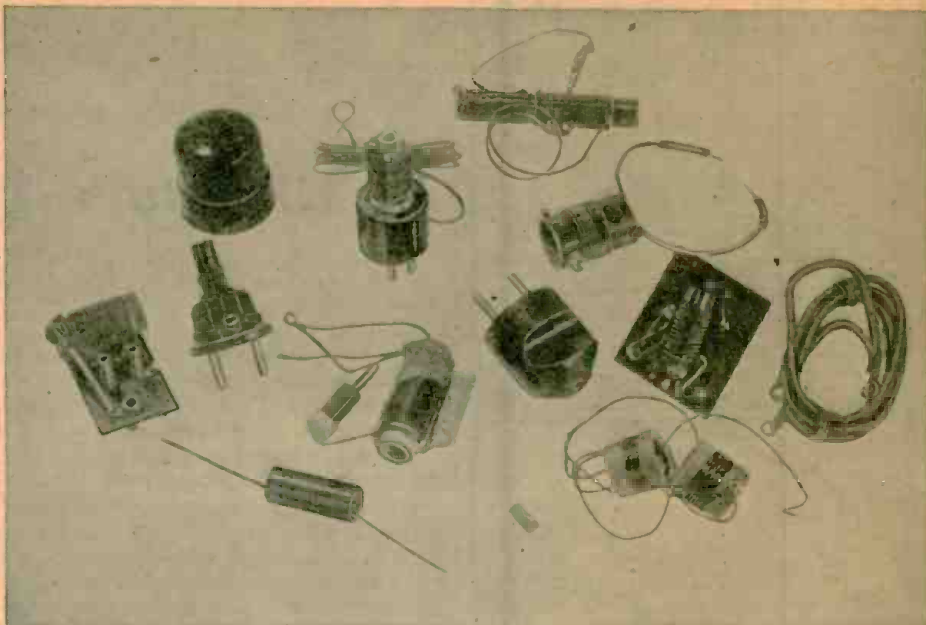
This drastic action had little effect. All who were versed in the construction of radios (Czechoslovakia has a large number of amateurs in proportion to the number of its inhabitants) tried to replace the removed short-wave circuits in various inconspicuous ways. Short-wave resonant circuits were plugged into the phono pickup jack or directly onto the grid of the detector tube. The inductors themselves occasionally were transmission lines (i.e., pieces of ordinary double line-cord) or were mounted

inside condenser cans, line plugs, or dummy tubes.

The most interesting solution, which practically cancelled the Germans' efforts, was almost universally used in superheterodyne receivers. Since all of the ordinary oscillators in most superheterodynes produce a number of har-

monics, reaching into the short-wave frequencies, it was sufficient to insert a substitute inductor between the grid of the first detector and ground. This inductor resonated the input circuit in the short-wave bands and made it possible to receive most of the strong signals

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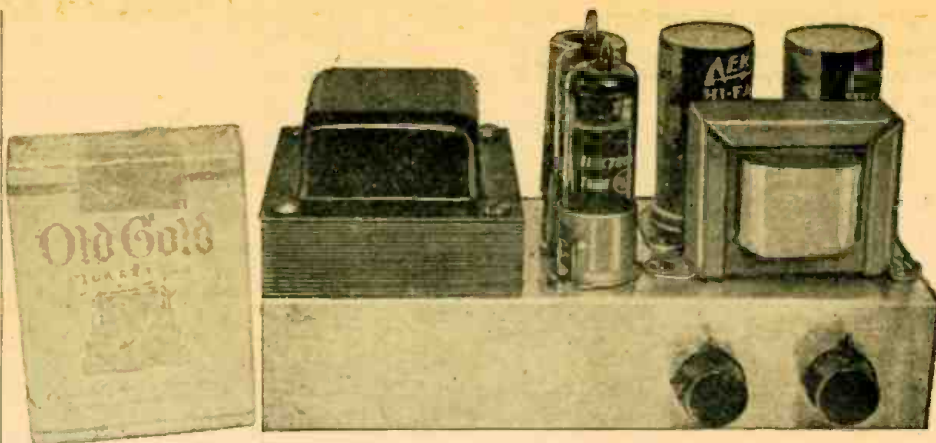
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By J. C. HOADLEY

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One of the most important factors contributing to its small size is use of the new 6AQ5 miniature pentode output tube (really a 6V6 in the miniature envelope) and the 6X4 rectifier tube, the new miniature counterpart of the 6X5.

A 6AQ6 completes the tube lineup. It is a duplex-diode high-mu triode with a gain of about 70. These miniature tubes are fully the equals of their bigger brothers and have greater mechanical rigidity as well as smaller size.

The chassis dimensions are 3½ inches wide, 5 inches long, and 1¼ inches high. The chassis is made of aluminum which was obtained from a 16-inch recording disk which had been discarded. Your local broadcasting station will probably supply one, or the nearest ten-cent store will yield an aluminum cookie sheet.

The chassis may be made by bending the aluminum sheet in a vise, or a wooden block may be cut to the proper size and the aluminum bent around it as a

form. The holes are more easily cut before the chassis is bent.

This is one amplifier that can be built without critical parts. Any 40- or 50-milliamperere receiver-type power transformer will do. All 3 of the tubes operate from the one 6.3-volt winding, so the usual 5-volt winding is unnecessary. The resistors except one in the cathode circuit of the 6AQ5, are ½ watt. This lone exception should be a 5-watt resistor.

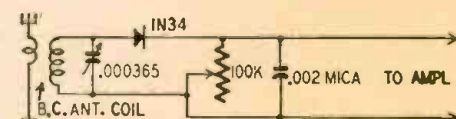


Fig. 2—A tuner useful for local reception.

Any speaker can be used, from 5 to 15 inches. If a field type is chosen, it should have a field resistance of 1,000 ohms. If a PM-type speaker is used, it will be necessary to substitute a 20-henry, 50-ma choke for the field. This can be mounted on the chassis as in the photo, and the speaker should have an output transformer mounted on it. If a field-coil model speaker is used, the output transformer may be mounted in place of the choke. The output transformer should have an impedance of from 5,000 to 8,000 ohms. The usual value is 7,000 ohms, but is not too critical.

The speaker should be mounted on a box to serve as a baffle. For best results,

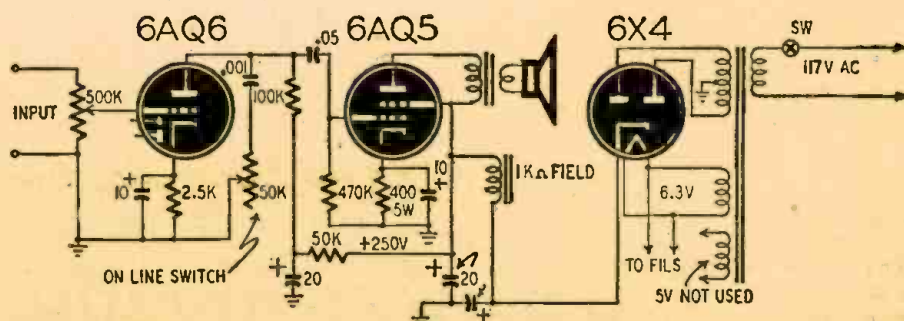


Fig. 1—The circuit. For PM use, a 50 ma choke may be employed instead of the speaker field.

it should be of the bass-reflex type. For a discussion of bass reflex, refer to the article in RADIO-CRAFT, November, 1946.

In wiring the amplifier, it is necessary only to keep the wires to the volume control away from the a.c. wires on the power transformer or hum may result. When the unit is completed, connect the input to a crystal pickup or tuner.

The small size of the finished unit adapts it for placement almost anywhere, even in a cigar box, together with a 4- or 5-inch speaker, and perhaps even a motor and pickup to make a miniature portable record player.

For those individuals who like their radios in small doses, a small variable condenser, a coil, and a 1N34 crystal constitute an ultra small radio receiver which can be connected to the small amplifier and although short on selectivity and sensitivity, will provide unusual fidelity on a strong local station (see Fig. 2). These variations allow the experimenter a lot of leeway without a vast expenditure, so let's see what you can do with this mighty mite.

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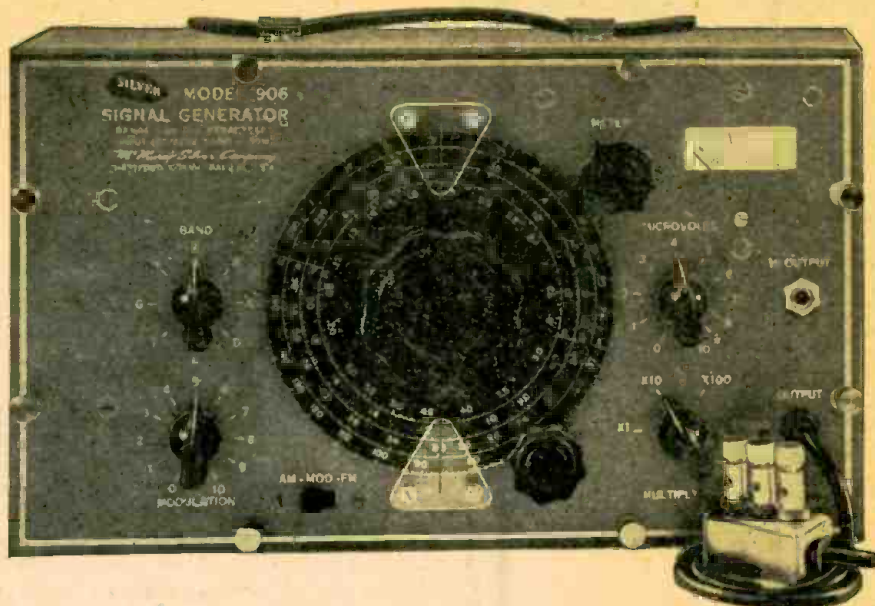
AMATEURS of New Jersey and nearby parts of several neighboring states will meet September 26-28 at Asbury Park, N. J., in the most ambitious amateur radio convention since the war. Activities are expected to be so extensive that even with the 3-day convention it will be necessary to run various activities simultaneously.

It is expected that Amateur Radio K2USA will be on the air at the convention hall, which is located directly over the Atlantic Ocean. A visit to the radar with which the moon was contacted is another of the projected activities open to delegates.

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The schematic diagram illustrates a vacuum tube radio receiver circuit. It begins with an antenna input labeled 'OUTSIDE ANT.' connected to a variable capacitor (15-400 μf) and a 2-gang variable capacitor. The signal path includes an oscillator section with an 'OSC. CONT. VARIOMETER' and a 2-350 μf capacitor. The first vacuum tube, a 37, functions as the oscillator and is biased with a 250K resistor and a .0005 capacitor. Its output is coupled to a second 37 tube, which acts as the audio amplifier. This stage is biased with a 100K resistor and a .002 capacitor. The audio output is connected to a speaker (SPKR) and a 150Ω resistor. A 6V filament transformer (6V. FIL. TRANS.) provides power to the tubes, with a 17V AC secondary. The transformer is connected to a 6V filament winding and a 17V AC winding. The 84 tube, a full-wave rectifier, is used for power supply regulation, connected to a 20H inductor and a 40 150V capacitor. The circuit is powered by a 16 150V battery.

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across the grid and plate ends of the inductor. 365 μ f 2-gang condensers can be used in both positions. The chassis of the set in connection with the large variable inductor acts like a small aerial and is balanced in such a way with the tuning condensers that any aerial you use can be tuned to the frequency you are trying to pick up. With both set and aerial tuned to the desired frequency, the set becomes supersensitive.

The grid part of the built-in aerial is mounted horizontally above the tubes and the plate part swung inside so it rotates. Part of the time this plate coil is vertical and part of the time horizontal, according to how it is set. The grid loop, being horizontal, picks up stations from every direction equally and thus nullifies the directional loop effect.

I added one audio amplifier to the set to bring in especially weak stations on the headphones. It will operate a small speaker on local stations. An audio choke and a circuit-opening jack may be inserted in the plate circuit of the detector tube so that taking out the phones inserts the choke, making it possible to use the same pair of phones for 1-tube or 2-tube reception. The power supply, superregenerative receiver, and audio amplifier are all shown in the diagram. I built the whole thing on the chassis of an old 4-tube t.r.f. radio receiver.

MAPS MADE BY RADAR

(Continued from page 19)

of radar photographs. The radar photos were made by a Radiomarine 3-2 centimeter radar.

In making a radar mosaic, Mr. Pan-nill explained, an automatic camera is attached to the radar instrument and adjusted to photograph images on the scope at regular intervals. The prints are then matched to produce a continuous strip-map reduced to the scale of standard navigation charts. On the assembled charts, engineers add dotted lines indicating the channel to be followed, together with figures showing the depth of water, and brief identifying descriptions of landmarks.

According to Brigadier General Douglas Weart, Ohio River Division Engineer, the importance of this development in chart-making is "comparable only to the introduction of steam power on the river.

"By using radar and radar charts," General Weart said, "it is possible for a pilot to know exactly where he is and 'see' the obstacles before him regardless of fog—one of the bugbears of river navigation—or other soupy weather. Each image on the radarscope, whether showing an island, shoreline cliff, a building or a cluster of gas storage tanks, will be as recognizable as if the pilot were seeing the landmark itself."

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| Output Volts | 200 |
| Filament: | |
| Amps | 6 |
| Volts | 2.5 |
| Heating Time | 20 Secs. |
| Peak Inverse Volts | |
| Maximum | 725 |
| Average Ignition Voltage | 12 |
| Arc Drop Average | 8 |
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| Output Volts | 200 |
| Filament: | |
| Amps | 12 |
| Volts | 2.5 |
| Heating Time | 30 Secs. |
| Peak Inverse Volts | |
| Maximum | 725 |
| Average Ignition Voltage | 12 |
| Arc Drop Average | 8 |
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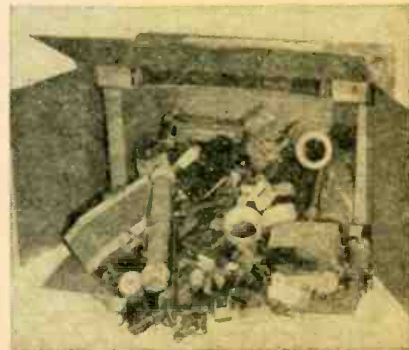
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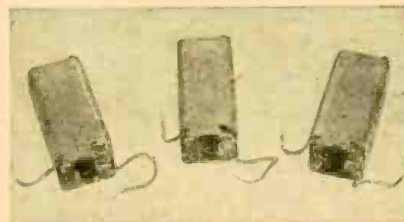
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to be counted pass between the light source and the phototube in such a way as to intercept the light beam. It may be used to count pedestrian and automobile traffic, or any other type of transient object. It is particularly useful in modern industry for counting items of manufacture passing along a conveyor belt (Fig. 1) or down a chute.

Speed of counting is limited only by the ability of the magnetic or mechanical recorder to enumerate the output pulses of the counting circuit.

Step-by-step counter

Another arrangement of 2 diodes (Fig. 2) produces an output "step voltage."

The 2 diodes provide a charge on condenser Cs, whose value is about 10 times that of condenser C.

Each positive-going input pulse increases the charge on condenser Cs, producing a step voltage across the output of the counting circuit (Fig. 2). The steps decrease in size exponentially as

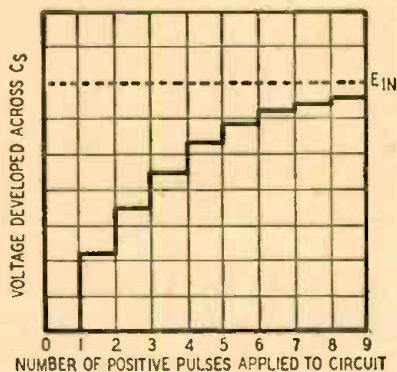


Fig. 3—Output of a step counting circuit.

the voltage across condenser Cs approaches its maximum value (Fig. 3).

When the counting circuit is unconnected or connected to a very high impedance load, there is no direct path through which condenser Cs can discharge. Thus the effective voltage increases until it is about equal in amplitude to the input pulses. At such point the cathode of the second diode is held at a positive voltage equal to the plate voltage during the pulse period, and the diode does not conduct.

In practice, however, such a counting circuit is normally connected to a sensitive circuit, such as a blocking oscillator, a ringing oscillator, or a multi-vibrator arrangement. And maximum output voltage seldom reaches or even approaches the peak value of the input pulses, because of the effect of the output load on the rate of charge of condenser Cs.

But this is not usually important, since the output circuit is so arranged that it is triggered into action at a certain value along the step output-voltage curve (Fig. 3).

The value of the output voltage is determined by the number of input positive-going pulses originally applied to

the counting circuit.

This process of step-by-step counting is also known as frequency division, and is widely used in electronic apparatus requiring submultiple measurement of high-speed input impulses.

A simple thyatron-relay circuit (Fig. 4) illustrates a conversion from electronic to mechanical energy. The counting circuit is controlled by positive going input pulses.

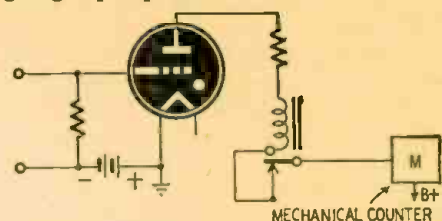


Fig. 4—A simple circuit with a thyatron.

Whenever the grid of the gas-filled tube becomes more positive than the striking potential, current flows in the plate circuit of the thyatron, the relay is energized, and the armature or counting arm of the relay operates any type of magnetic or mechanical counting device.

Removal of the control voltage from the thyatron stops the flow of plate current, and resets the armature of the relay for the next impulse.

Scaling circuits

Due to mechanical limitations of the counting device, there is an upper limit to the frequency at which input pulses can be applied to such a counting circuit.

To measure a succession of input impulses occurring above this limit, a form of frequency division known as scaling is employed.

An electronic scaler provides a single output pulse for a particular number of input pulses; the output is in numerical ratio to the input.

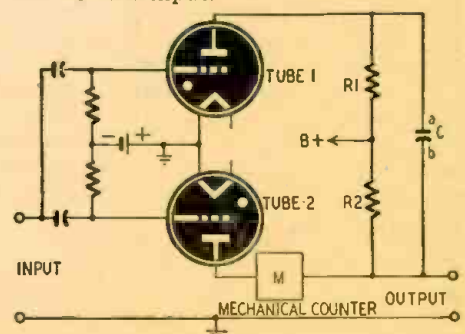


Fig. 5—Thyatrions in a scale-of-2 circuit.

A typical scaling circuit (Fig. 5) uses two thyatrons to operate a mechanical switch M, which functions only during every other impulse. In quiescent condition, tube 1 conducts, tube 2 is shut off. The plate current of tube 1 flowing through resistor R1 charges condenser C positively on its lower plate, negatively on its upper plate. Application of the first positive-going input pulse does not affect the plate current of tube 1. However, it makes the grid of the other

thyatron less negative, so that the tube strikes and conducts. This conduction activates the mechanical counter M and a voltage drop is produced across resistor R2. Condenser C discharges through R1, causing a total voltage across R1 of such magnitude that the plate voltage across tube 1 falls to zero. Thus, by allowing thyatron 2 to conduct and by reversing the polarity of condenser C, thyatron 1 is automatically cut off.

A second input pulse causes tube 1 to strike. Conduction of tube 1 shuts off tube 2, thus resetting the mechanical meter for the next input pulse.

The magnetic or mechanical indicating device counts every second impulse, and is said to have a scale of 2. By cascading such scale of 2 circuits, it is possible to construct electronic counters having a scale of 4, scale of 8, scale of 32, or even scale of 64.

Counters using such extremely high scalar values are frequently used in atomic and nuclear measurements. A typical device of this type with a scale of 64 (see photograph) is used for radio-activity detection and measurement.

Special circuits

A coincidence counter is a double-input counting circuit, somewhat similar to the single-input system (Fig. 1). The circuit is so arranged that two input pulses are required—each to occur at each input almost simultaneously—to actuate a conventional counting device in a secondary stage. Impulses applied to only one input, or random impulses applied to both inputs, will not permit the coincidence counter to function.

Grading and sorting circuits may be simple or complex, depending on the number of grades or arrangements into which the objects are to be sorted. Phototubes and color-lens systems are widely used for grading and sorting.

The simplest sorting circuit uses two phototubes and a single beam of light to classify and sort objects into two groups: larger and smaller than a certain size. As the beam of light passes over the objects to be sorted, the beam energizes one of the phototubes, depending upon the height or size of the objects. Relays connected to each phototube activate mechanical sorting devices.

Colors are identified with phototubes and arrangements of color filters. Somewhat similar circuits can be used to indicate color discrepancies. Typical of such an arrangement are the recently developed RCA electronic bean sorters, equipped with phototubes for eyes and a cathode-ray tube for a brain. (Fig. 6.)

Acceptance or rejection depends upon the respective percentages of red and green light reflected by each bean.

Mechanical design of each machine (Fig. 6) provides for feeding the beans, one at a time, through an optical system consisting of a strong incandescent lamp, focusing lens, two mirrors, and two phototubes. The first mirror reflects about half of the light through a red color filter to the first phototube; the second mirror reflects remainder of

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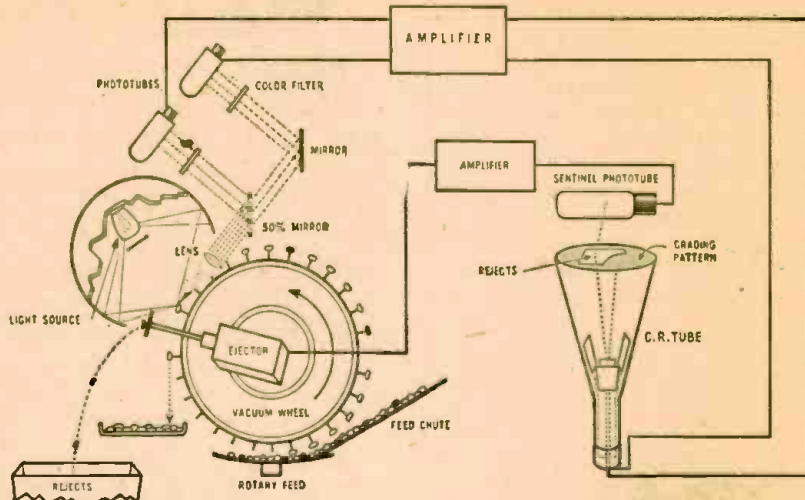


Fig. 6—Simplified diagram of the RCA electronic bean sorter, showing phototube mechanism.

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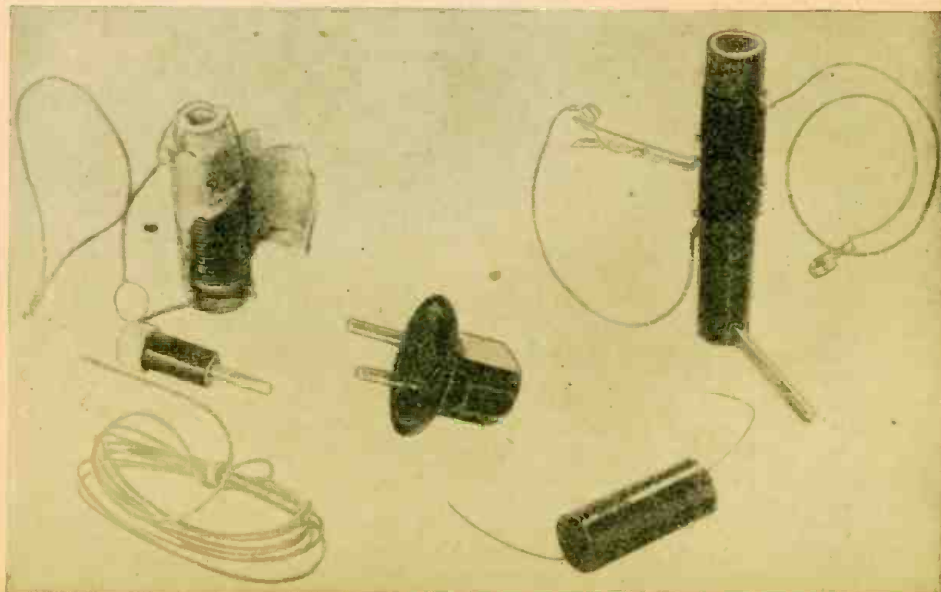
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These supplementary inductors, similar to standard short-wave inductors, masked in many ways and provided with convenient clips or connectors, have been called "churchilka" after Churchill.

The photographs will give you an idea of "churchilka" construction and what it looks like. It was a celebrated circuit, as the Czech people wished to be

well informed about all the events of the war. This invention rendered useless practically the whole German effort. The clever camouflage of some of these little instruments provides an interesting note on the resourcefulness of the Czech people, as well as their stubborn opposition to the dictates of the forces who occupied their country.

From a letter by M. Pacak, Chief Editor of *Radioamater* (Prahá, Czechoslovakia), referring to the photographs in *Radioamater* which are reproduced here.



TIME DELAY CONTROL CIRCUITS

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more R or C or both will be required for the 1-second delay. If the battery is smaller, less R and C will be necessary. Naturally, the total battery voltage must be not less than that required for plate current cutoff or reduction sufficient to open the relay.

Fig. 4 is a practical circuit for a timer for printing photographs. The battery B is between $7\frac{1}{2}$ and $22\frac{1}{2}$ volts, depending upon the current at which the plate relay opens. Actually almost any battery can be used, as there are compensating means, to be described. Power for the unit is obtained from the 117-volt a.c. or d.c. line, through the rectifier unit within the 117L7. (Other similar tubes or separate rectifier and control tubes can also be used.) In adjusting the unit, the tube grid is shorted to ground with the push button S and the tap on R1 adjusted for a plate current sufficient to close the relay, plus a little extra. The short is then removed and R set at maximum resistance. The tube is now biased to cut-off (assuming the battery voltage is sufficient) and the relay open. To operate, close the push button S and release it. The grid shorts to ground, the relay closes, and the light is lit, exposing the printing paper. Closing the relay disconnects the push button from the circuit, and the condenser C immediately begins charging.

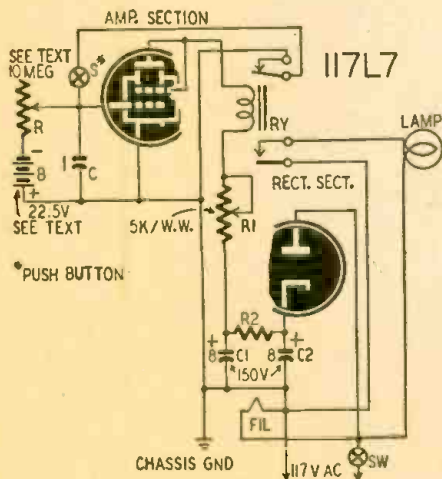


Fig. 4—Practical photograph printing timer.

After an interval of time determined by B, R, and C, the grid becomes sufficiently negative to cause plate current to drop and the relay opens, extinguishing the light. If the button is held down, the relay will immediately close again; so, in practice, the button should be released immediately. The values given for R and C in the diagram are convenient ones, but proper operation for almost any maximum time interval and with almost any battery can be obtained by changing these values. R is a simple potentiometer operated as a rheostat by omitting connections to one of the ends. For increased maximum delay, it may be made larger than 10 megohms or a resistor placed in series with it. Con-

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as drain the battery. Values of C, B, and R should be determined experimentally, and can be varied to give any desired time delay.

This same circuit can be used to control an amateur radio station. The plate, relay in this case, is used to transfer the antenna from transmitter to receiver and to open the plate voltage circuit of the receiver, as shown in Fig. 5. An extra set of contacts (not shown) can control the transmitter high voltage. Filament and plate voltage for the control tube can be conveniently taken from the transmitter in which it is mounted. Any triode or triode-connected pentode is satisfactory, if its plate current will operate the relay. When the key is first

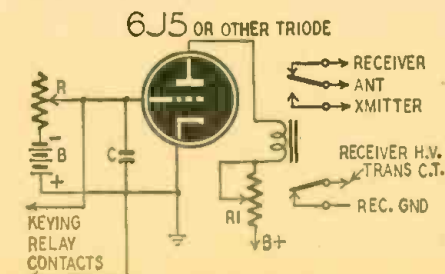


Fig. 5—Remote control for ham radio station.

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pressed, control tube bias falls to zero, closing the relay. This disables the receiver and connects the antenna to the transmitter. The resistance R is adjusted so that, in normal keying, during the period the key is up (between characters) the grid will not have time to become negative enough to open the plate relay. But when transmission is completed, or when it is broken briefly, the receiver automatically will become operative. This gives control of the entire station with the key and eliminates the terrific thumping which occurs during break-in operation when the receiver high voltage is keyed directly with the transmitter. If R is adjusted for a

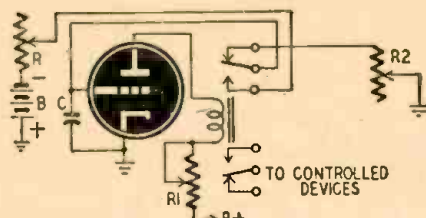


Fig. 6—Double-control reciprocating circuit.

short delay (1 second or so), virtual break-in operation is achieved.

The circuit of Fig. 4 may be used exactly as is where a light-blinker system is desired, such as an advertising sign. The only change necessary is to make S a toggle switch.

Fig. 4 is a reciprocating circuit when a toggle switch is used; that is, the relay will open and shut automatically until the switch is opened. However, in Fig. 5, there is no control over the period when the relay is open. This period is very short. A reciprocating circuit can be substituted easily to give full control over the time during which the relay is open as well as when it is closed. This is shown in Fig. 6. When power is first applied to the tube, the grid is grounded through R2, giving it zero bias and energizing the relay. This connects the grid to the battery, through R. When the condenser charges and finally allows the battery voltage to appear across the grid, the tube is cut off, opening the relay. The condenser is now shorted by R2, and must discharge through it. As explained in the first part of this article, the discharge process is the exact reverse of the charging. A certain time will be required for condenser voltage to reach zero, determined by the value of R2. When this happens, the relay shuts again and the whole process is repeated. R is adjusted to determine the time during which the relay is open. The two periods are independent and may be similar or widely different. As with all the circuits described the variable resistors (potentiometers) can be placed on the panel of the instrument with a pointer knob and scale calibrated in seconds. The extra contacts on the plate relay in Fig. 6 are used to control the actuated device.

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There are advantages to the serviceman as well in an association of this kind. If radio tubes are stocked and sold by the retail store, as in this instance, it is not necessary for the serviceman to carry a stock of tubes in his shop. A fair plan is for the serviceman to buy all his tubes from the retail store at the "one-to-five" wholesale price; the store will buy them in large quantities and take advantage of the larger discounts and will still make a little profit from the tubes sold to the serviceman. The advantage in this is the eliminating of the large overhead a tube stock entails. One or two tubes of popular types can be kept at the service bench and others procured as needed.

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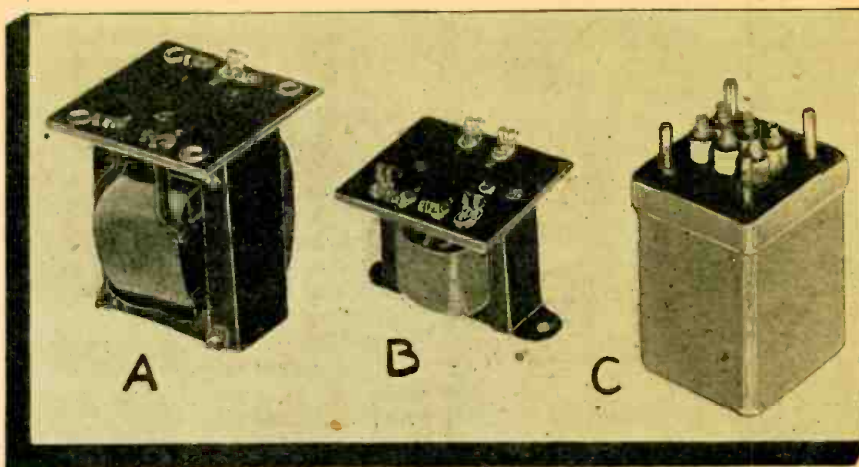
A setup has been worked out by the writer with one store in which he does all the repair work and service calls without charge to the merchant on radios sold by the store. The store in turn pays for the ads run each week in the local newspaper. Other similar trades can be worked out.

The store used as an example is a tire and supply company which has arrangements for servicing cars for tires and accessories. This works out very nicely for taking care of car radios. The store makes its own charge for taking out and installing car radios, and the serviceman is presented with car radio work without the usual encumbrances. This store also sells and installs car aeriels and the proprietor is capable of minor trouble-shooting on bad aeriels, loose connections, blown fuses, poor lead-ins, and the headaches of static suppressors and condensers. This eliminates a lot of wasted time and leaves more of that precious part time for the more profitable bench work.

Under this plan the service shop in the home can be small since there need not be the usual clutter of uncalled-for radios and the normal accumulation of "junkers" laying around.

Since wholesaling narrows the margin a little on each repair job, careful thought must be given to overhead, buying, and stocking of parts and the investment in test equipment; only small stocks should be carried. Small orders for parts, placed as needed, will eliminate large expense items. By using this method the volume of repair work each

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month will control the outlay for parts and will stay in line even during a slow period. If you are in an outlying territory, some such setup as described above with a tube dealer will assist in keeping your stock to a minimum. Although cutting the overhead to the bone is being stressed, common sense will keep you from being handicapped by not having an ample stock of common items.

Test equipment and tools need not be elaborate but must be adequate. A vacuum-tube volt-ohm-milliammeter, or a good a.c.-d.c. multimeter, a signal generator, and a tube tester are the necessary basic items. An inexpensive signal tracer is very valuable. Another tool, and one that can be made by the serv-

iceman, is a handy shunt box. This box should contain electrolytic condensers, or combinations of condensers, to make all the values commonly encountered in receivers, a complete range of paper condensers from about 0.5 μ f to 0.001 μ f and a potentiometer of about 1 megohm resistance. These can be arranged by switching or by plugging in test leads. This test box is a great help and will save much time in service work. Several circuits have appeared in RADIO-CRAFT in recent months covering the construction of these shunt boxes.

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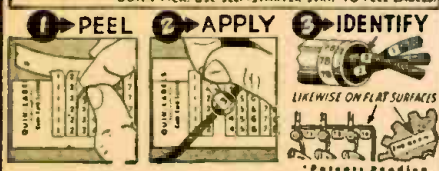
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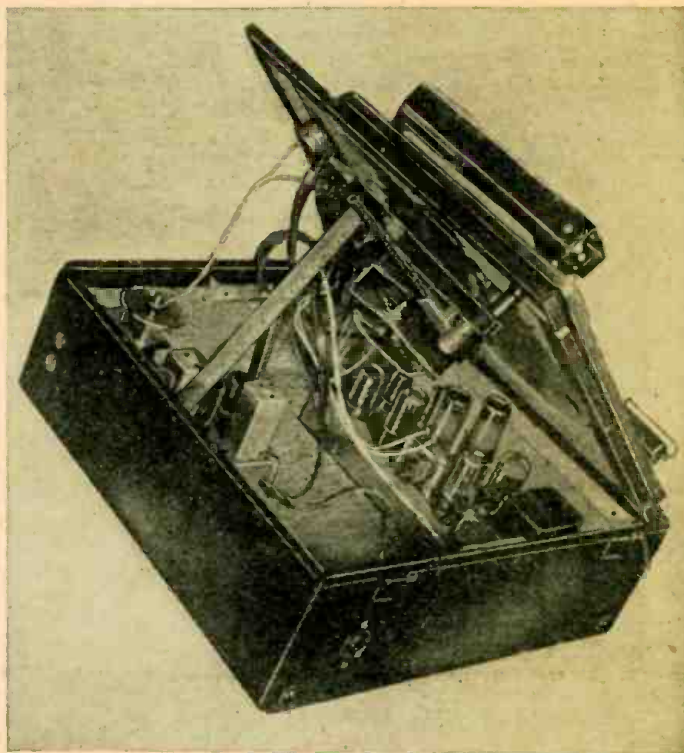
Fig. 2 diagrams the connections of the control panel and the interconnection of the amplifier, r.f. tuner unit, turntable motor, and speaker to the control panel within the case. The rear side of the panel and the inside view are all illustrated.

The carrying case used is a conventional fabric-covered portable-changer case. The inside dimensions are as follows: width, 16 inches; length, 16 inches; depth of lower section, 5 inches; depth of upper section, 6 1/4 inches.

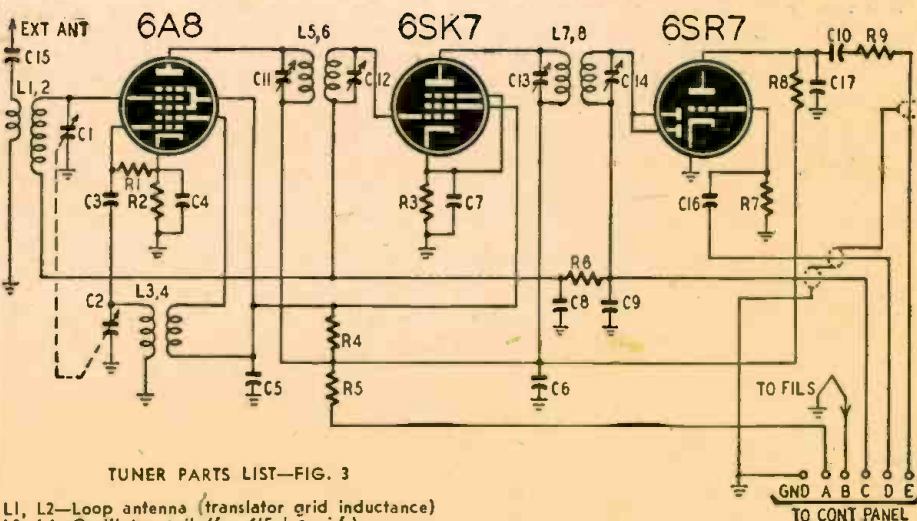
The panel and chassis are made of 1/16-inch aluminum stock. Both the amplifier and tuner chassis are simple U-shaped units, bent to a depth of 1 inch. The function of each of the con-

trols may be marked on the panel with a metal stamp lettering set and the letters filled in with enamel.

Dimension and suggested layout for the chassis and panel are shown in the photographs. Slight deviations in layout may be made, but the general layout should be followed. Note that the variable tuning condenser is mounted, not on the r.f. tuner chassis, but on the bottom of the case with its shaft protruding up through a hole in the panel. The dial arrangement consists of a shaft extension with a disk of celluloid at-



This view gives a good idea of how parts are placed in the case.



TUNER PARTS LIST—FIG. 3

L1, L2—Loop antenna (translator grid inductance)
L3, L4—Oscillator coil (for 465 k.c., i.f.)
L5, L6, C11, C12—465-kc. i.f. transformer with trimmers
L7, L8, C13, C14—465-kc. i.f. transformer with trimmers
C1, C2—2-section variable condenser, oscillator and translator section with trimmers
C3—50- μ f, mica condenser
C4—0.03- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
C5, C6—0.1- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
C7, C8—0.05- μ f, 400-volt tubular paper condenser
C9, C11—250- μ f, mica condenser

C10—0.02- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
C12—0.01- μ f, 400-volt, tubular paper condenser
R1—50,000-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
R2—130-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
R3—300-ohm, 1/3-watt, carbon resistor
R4—10,000-ohm, 1-watt, carbon resistor
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tached to the shoulder. This rotates beneath the panel and is viewed through the round window in the panel. The celluloid scale is made translucent by rubbing with steel wool or fine sandpaper.

The over-all layout may be studied from the photographs. The speaker is mounted toward one corner of the inside of the lid, so that with the lid closed it will clear the pickup arm and leave room for carrying a stack of 10-inch recording blanks. These are held on a ¼-inch, 20 screw, through the lid, with a washer and a wingnut. The microphone and stand are held rigidly in

place in notched wood blocks, secured to the side of the lid by 2 small wooden cleats. A ¼-inch, 20 screw is attached to each block, and a wing nut is tightened down on the cleat. Another small block is attached to the side of the lid to prevent the pickup arm from falling off its stand when the unit is carried.

The speaker line, a.c. cord, and a 20-foot microphone cable are carried coiled within the lid to complete the unit. The auxiliary turntable, previously referred to for re-recording, can be any dual-speed turntable with a crystal pickup in a portable case.

TRAVELLERS' 2-TUBER

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full advantage is taken of them, it is estimated that the volume occupied by the set can be cut down about 30%.

Alignment is simple. The trimmer condensers mounted on the variable condenser are merely adjusted for maximum volume on a local station. Some compromise may have to be made to equalize the volume obtained over the whole dial. Mounting one of the coils on top of the chassis and the other at right angles underneath will help prevent squealing. Making the r.f. plate and grid leads as short as possible will have the same effect.

As an antenna the author is now using about 20 feet of insulated wire, after having tried bed springs and window screens with equally good results. The use of an over-long antenna

is neither necessary nor advisable where there are powerful local stations, as selectivity becomes bad. A 400-foot antenna tried out in Hawaii provided loudspeaker reception from stations as far away as Fort Worth, Texas, but selectivity on local stations was poor.

The cabinet measuring 6x5x3½ inches is just large enough to house the chassis. Made of quarter-inch plywood nailed and glued together, it was shellacked and then varnished, giving a blond natural finish. If proper tools are not available, a sharp knife is useful in cutting out the speaker grill without splitting the work.

Cost will vary with the type of parts selected. Buying everything at somewhat inflated Honolulu prices the set cost \$12.80.

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ULTRASONIC PRINCIPLES AND CIRCUITS

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sound-cell type can be used, but, for the highest frequencies, a resonating quartz crystal is required. Any of the usual generating devices can also be employed—the iron core of an electromagnet will act as a detector, the vibration of the iron core producing a very minute voltage across the winding. Condenser microphones with very thin solid dielectrics (usually mica) have been employed. Even an ordinary telephone earpiece can be used as a detector—though it is not very sensitive—by brazing a brass rod to the diaphragm and putting the other end in the field of the vibration.

After detection by the microphone, the high-frequency alternating voltage is amplified and made to actuate a meter or oscilloscope.

Ultrasonics in television

Ultrasonic vibration has been used in a television system that does not employ a cathode-ray tube. The intensity of the lighted spot on the screen can be varied by a shutter vibrating at an ultrasonic rate or by varying the refractive index of the air between the light source and the screen. (When air is in compression, its refractive index is changed and rays of light are brought to a focus at a different place.) See Fig. 5. Circuits of this type may become very important, as they operate on the principle of modulating a beam of light from a local source, and could thus conceivably result in much brighter and larger-screen television than would be possible with cathode-ray tubes.

A mirror vibrating at a rate near the limit of audibility can be used to produce the high-speed scanning.

Further applications

Ultrasonic vibration has other uses as well. It is employed in testing metal objects, the conductance of ultrasonics being decreased by cracks, porosity, or blowholes. Ultrasonic vibration has both

the purification of air in factories.

When ultrasonic vibration is applied to a vessel containing oil and water, or mercury and water, the intensely rapid vibration causes the two liquids to be agitated together so much that an emulsion is produced. Maybe the housewife

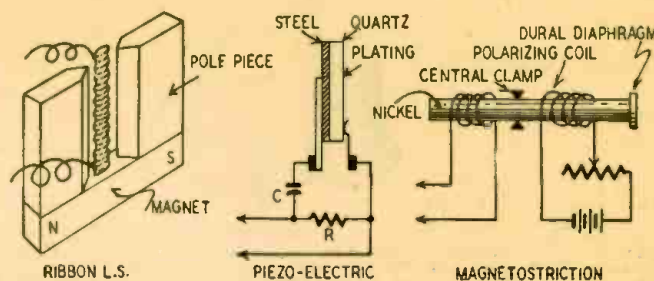


Fig. 4—Types of detectors and generators for ultrasonic waves.

could use it for beating eggs or for making cream. Because ultrasonic "sound" travels practically in a straight line, it can be used for signaling. The reflection of a beam by sea bottom or by a submarine finds its application in navigation and in war, and was very important in detection devices used against Nazi and Jap submarines.

Acousti-chemical effect

Chemical reactions of some types are promoted by agitation, and these reactions are speeded up considerably by applying ultrasonic vibration. Some biological processes (because they are chemical reactions) also can be increased in rapidity by ultrasound. Plant growth has been stimulated. On the other hand, certain types of insects have been destroyed. Ultrasonic vibration certainly appears to have a future, whether as a television device, metal tester, fog killer, depth finder, egg beater, lawn grower, flea killer, and, high-fidelity enthusiasts, don't forget that the theory of ultrasound is applicable to that high-note response you are always trying to achieve.

For the experimenter

Really startling results can be obtained by the application of from 50 to 200 watts to a highly efficient generator such as a crystal or nickel rod working at its resonant frequency, but even a

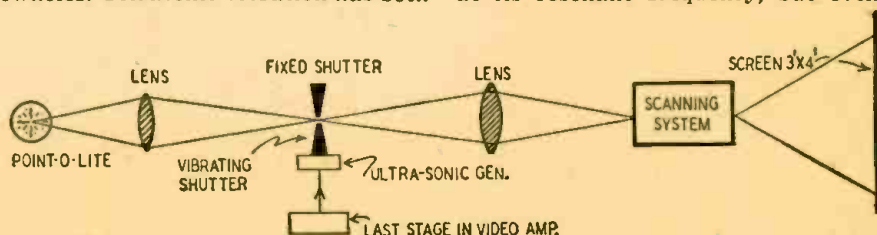


Fig. 5—Proposed television system in which a beam of light is modulated by ultrasonics.

coagulative and dispersive properties, depending on frequency and medium. Smoke particles in air can be coagulated by passing a beam of very intense ultrasound through the air. Possibly this method will be used in the future for

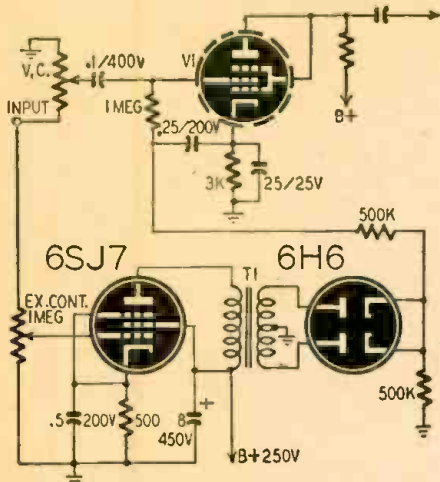
mere 25 to 30 watts can be used in a small-diaphragm projector-type unit. Some people can sense high intensity sound of frequencies from 15 to 20 kilocycles without actually being conscious of any sound.

VOLUME EXPANDER

After trying several conventional automatic volume expander circuits using 6L7 tubes (they are invariably microphonic), I was dissatisfied with the results.

Combining the best features of several circuits, I developed a hybrid circuit that has given me good results.

In this circuit, the audio signal from the radio, or from a phonograph pick-up, is applied simultaneously to the grid of the first a.f. amplifier and to the grid of the 6SJ7 expander-amplifier.



Schematic of the circuit. The top tube is incorrectly drawn and is actually a 657-G with suppressor and screen tied to the plate.

This tube amplifies the signal and couples it to the 6H6 expander-rectifier. The coupling transformer T1 is designed to couple the plate of a 24-A to push-pull grids; however, any transformer designed to work from a high-impedance plate, such as the Stancor A-2132 or Thordarson 57A42, may be used. The 6H6 is connected as a full-wave rectifier. The rectified voltage appears across a 500,000-ohm load resistor which is in series with the grid return of the first a.f. amplifier stage. The voltage across this resistor is positive, with respect to ground, and will reduce the effective bias on the grid of the tube. Since the rectified voltage is proportional to the amplitude of the audio input signal, the volume will increase with loud passages. The comparatively small capacity (0.25- μ f) connected between the ground end of the grid resistor and the cathode of the first a.f. stage gives almost negligible time delay, and therefore the expander will take hold and release rapidly to give lifelike reproduction.

This expander requires about 2 volts for efficient operation. If necessary, an additional amplifier stage may be connected between the 6SJ7 and the 6H6.

In adding expanders to any amplifier or radio, satisfactory results will be obtained only if the power amplifier stage is able to reproduce the loudest passage without distortion.

JOHN KWIETINSKAS,
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(The sensitivity of the expander may be controlled by replacing the 500,000-ohm rectifier load resistor with a potentiometer of the same value.—Editor)

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strument, instructions are given for each operation; then the functioning of the instrument in each of its uses is described in detail. Breakdown schematics are given, as well as a complete schematic diagram (there are 13 figures in the book).

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they are not shown as such in the schematic, the 6F6-G and TB-35 plate coils are Barker and Williamson band-switching turrets from which some of the coils have been removed. W3KPX does not operate on the 80-meter band; therefore the 6F6-G plate tank turret consists of coils for 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters. The TB-35 turret consists of coils for the 40-, 20-, and 10-meter bands.

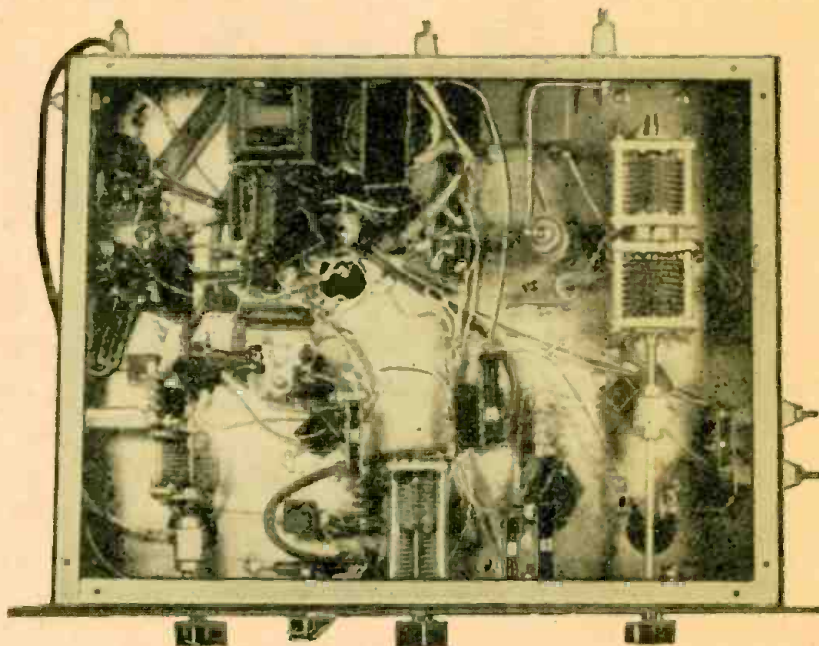
The HK-54 final r.f. amplifier is conventional in every respect. The coil used in its plate circuit is a Johnson rotary-link plug-in type. The rotary link feature is very desirable as it is incorporated in the coil itself and not in the jack bar. The link coil can be adjusted for proper coupling on the bank in use when the transmitter is first tuned up; when returning to this band,

by putting it on the air as a c.w. transmitter.

Adjusting the AM section

The first step in the procedure of placing the transmitter on the air is, of course, to tune up the 6F6-G, TB-35, and HK-54 r.f. circuits with the FM removed. Assume that you desire to operate on the 10-meter band. (The tune-up procedure for the other bands is similar.)

The switch in the grid circuit of the 6F6-G is placed in its No. 2 or crystal position. For 10-meter operation, either a 40- or 20-meter crystal of proper frequency may be used. A 20-meter crystal is recommended, as only frequency doubling in the TB-35 plate circuit is required, resulting in better efficiency. The 6F6-G plate and TB-35 grid tank



Under-chassis view of FM modulator and FM-AM r.f. section of the 250-watt transmitter.

it is *not* necessary to readjust the link coil as its setting is not disturbed when the coil is removed or reinserted.

The coil L1 consists of 31 turns of No. 22 d.s.c. close-wound on a 1 inch diameter coil form and tapped at a point 10 turns from the cold end. The filament winding T consists of 10 turns of No. 22, d.s.c. parallel-wound with turns of main winding between tap and cold end of coil. After coils are wound, paint the windings with low-loss coil dope to keep windings in place. L1 is wound on a plug-in form and is mounted under the round shield can near the large square can which houses the discriminator transformer.

The power supply will be considered in a future issue. However, the transmitter may be used with any power supply which will deliver 250 and 1,750 volts. The bias supply should deliver a maximum of 300 volts, and the grids should be biased to the manufacturer's specifications for c.w. operation. The main transmitter can then be checked

circuit is tuned to resonate at the crystal frequency. This circuit is tuned by adjusting the HRO-type dial at the extreme lower-right corner of the front panel. Resonance will be indicated by maximum grid-current reading from the TB-35 grid jack. The coupling capacitors and bias values are so chosen that the proper grid current in the TB-35 will be approximately 5 milliamperes.

If the excitation is supplied by an external variable-frequency oscillator, plate and screen voltage are removed from the 6F6-G. For 10-meter operation, it is recommended that the v.f.o. output be on 20 meters and of at least two or three watts power. The TB-35 grid turret, contains a built-in link at the cold end of each coil; the v.f.o.'s r.f. output is connected to the turret link terminals through a short length of RG-29-U co-axial cable. The grid circuit of the TB-35 is tuned to resonance in exactly the same manner as described above.

Up to this point we have not applied

plate voltage to the HK-54 or plate and screen voltages to the TB-35. The plate and screen voltages are now applied to the TB-35 and its plate circuit is tuned quickly to resonance. Using a calibrated wave meter, check the frequency to which the TB-35 plate tank is resonant. The TB-35 is a very good frequency-multiplier tube, and it is possible to obtain pronounced plate-current dips at frequencies far removed from the vicinity of the amateur bands. The cathode current to the TB-35 at resonance, with the voltage values indicated in Fig. 1, will be approximately 75 milliamperes. The grid current to the HK-54, with its plate voltage removed, will be about 25 milliamperes.

(Do not rotate the band switches with the plate voltage on the 6F6-G and the TB-35 tubes; to do so will cause arcing at the switch contacts and will burn away the silver plating.)

Neutralizing the final

The next step is to neutralize the final r.f. amplifier and apply plate voltage to the HK-54 tube. With the TB-35 plate circuit tuned to resonance on 10 meters, with 20 to 25 milliamperes of grid current supplied to the HK-54, and with HK-54 plate voltage removed, rotate the HK-54 plate tank tuning capacitor through resonance and watch the HK-54 grid milliammeter. Sharp fluctuation or "kick" in the grid current indicates that the plate circuit is being tuned through resonance. Adjust the neutralizing capacitor for minimum capacity, then slowly increase the capacitance until there is no change in the grid current as the plate tuning dial is rotated to any point on its scale. Adjustment of the neutralizing capacitor past this critical setting will again cause a change in grid current as the plate tank capacitor is rotated through resonance.

Once that neutralizing capacitor setting is found at which the plate tank tuning has no effect on the grid current, tighten the locking nut on the neutralizing capacitor and leave it alone. Apply plate voltage to the HK-54 and quickly tune the plate tank circuit for minimum plate current. The plate current to the HK-54, with a plate voltage of 2,000, will run from 150 to 200 milliamperes or higher when the plate tank circuit is tuned off resonance. Make the necessary adjustments as quickly as possible and do not allow the plate circuit to remain tuned off resonance. Without an antenna, the minimum plate current will be around 10 to 20 milliamperes when operating on 10 meters, and around 5 to 10 milliamperes when operating on the 20-, 40-, or 80-meter bands.

Before an antenna is attached to the transmitter, check, in the same manner as described above, to make certain that the HK-54 output circuit is tuned to a frequency in the 10-meter band. After it has been ascertained that the transmitter output is on the proper frequency band, attach the antenna coupling unit or the transmission line from the antenna to the final plate tank link ter-

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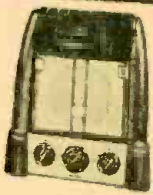
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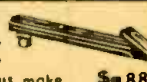
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The transmitter is now tuned and

ready for operation on c.w. For AM phone operation, an audio-frequency modulator unit capable of supplying 75 to 100 watts output may be connected in series with the high-voltage plate lead from the HK-54, as shown in Fig. 1. A pair of 809's or TZ-40's make a good modulator for this transmitter.

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TRANSATLANTIC NEWS

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mined by Dr. Essen for their propagation through a vacuum, what is the probable error when a radar set, calibrated at 6.1 microseconds per 1,000 yards of range (remember that 1,000 yards of range = 2,000 yards of pulse travel), records a reading of 35,000 yards?

Situation in television

The single television station now operating serves an area around London containing 12,000,000 people. Regular service started in November, 1936, and has continued ever since, except for the war years. Considering that televisions could be bought before the war for as little as \$100 and that instruments giving an 8- by 6-inch image are now on sale at \$140, how many of them would you guess there are in use in an area containing between three and four million radios? The rather surprising answer is 11,500.

This lack of acceptance is puzzling for the quality of the images is good (frequencies up to 2.7 mc are radiated), the programs are quite attractive and many of the most important sporting and other outdoor events are broadcast. Nobody seems to know why television does not catch on.

My own view is that the man in the street regards it as being still rather in the experimental stages and has a feeling that a revolutionary invention may come along at any time to make present sets obsolete. He is likely to be right about the possibility of such an invention, but, even if it were made today, it would be some years before it could be brought into action here. I am told that there is much the same kind of sales resistance in America. Is it for similar reasons?

Things to come

Meantime I hear that research on 1000-line television is going ahead very well indeed. As you may know, we are going to develop a 1000-line high-definition television system side by side with the 405-line system. The results of all practical tests so far made confirm that, with horizontal polarization and a carrier frequency of the order of 100 megacycles, complete freedom from interference can be obtained. There are, though, some pretty thorny problems to be tackled on the purely vision side. Not the least of these is that of reducing the size of the spot on the screen of the cathode-ray tube to something much smaller than has hitherto been obtainable. For 1,000-line scanning you need a really minute spot—and one difficulty about focusing an electron beam sharply is that the individual electrons which compose it repel each other with enormous force. Quite remarkable results have been obtained with an entirely new method of focusing, about which I am not at liberty to say anything at the moment.

When working on polystyrene sockets and coil forms hours of grief can be saved by using the following method. Usually the heat of the soldering iron melts the material and loosens the pins, thus ruining the form or socket. By soaking an ordinary pipe cleaner in

water and wrapping it several times around the pin, a neat job can be done without damaging the material.

This stunt can also be used when soldering to crystal diodes, as they are easily damaged by heat.—Frank B. Lee, VE3AOZ.

QUICK FAULT FINDING

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Upon inspecting the grid wire as it led from the bottom of the coil shield, it was noted that the wire insulation appeared cut. (This shield was not notched for the wire and was bolted tightly over the wire insulation.)

The meter was again connected as at the start of the tests and the r.f. probe again placed on the plate of the 6K7 tube.

This contact was held while a socket wrench was used to loosen the screws which held the coil shield against the grid wire. When the shield was slightly loose, a meter reading was obtained as shown—indicating the defect had been found and temporarily cleared—and that the signal was being amplified as this meter reading was higher than that obtained at the plate of the preceding tube as shown in Photo 2.

A closeup view of the pinched grid wire is shown in Photo 6.

Tape was applied and the coil shield was filed out at the point where the grid wire passed under it, the radio checked and found O.K.

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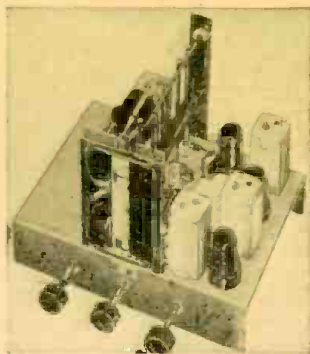
The credit line for the above item, which appeared in our February issue, on page 84, was inadvertently omitted. This little piece, which begins "In the little town of Electron, away out beyond Anode Bend..." was reprinted from the magazine *Practical Wireless* (London).

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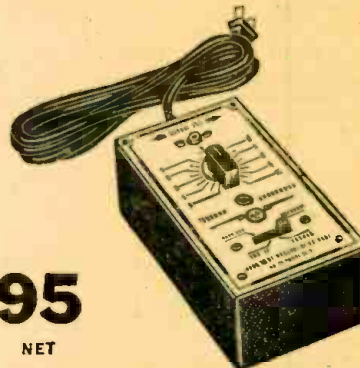
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value to a maximum of twice that value for each setting of the range switch when C1 and C2 are equal and constant.

Fig. 2 shows how R1 or R2 may be represented by a dual potentiometer, 2 fixed resistors, and a 2-pole, 3-position switch. Rx indicates the terminals of the variable tuning resistance. The fixed resistors have the same resistance as each section of the potentiometers and are connected in series with them to limit the minimum resistance in the circuit. On range A, the variable and fixed resistors are in series to establish a maximum value for R1 or R2. At B, one potentiometer and its resistor are used. In this case, Rx is reduced to one-half its original value. For range C, the elements are in parallel resulting in a variable one-quarter of its value on range A. Fig. 2 is duplicated for R1 and R2, and C1 is equal to C2, the oscillator tunes as follows: With the range switch at A, the variable resistance will vary from a maximum of Rx to Rx/2 as the frequency varies from F to 2F. At B, the range is from Rx/2 to Rx/4, and the frequency range is 2F to 4F. The frequency varies from 4F to 8F as the resistance varies from Rx/4 to Rx/8

on range C. With only 3 positions, we have a tuning range 8 times the base frequency. If we couple the 2 dual potentiometers to a common shaft with a calibrated dial, we have a system of multiplying the base frequencies F, 2F, and 4F by a factor of 2 for one set of values for C1 and C2.

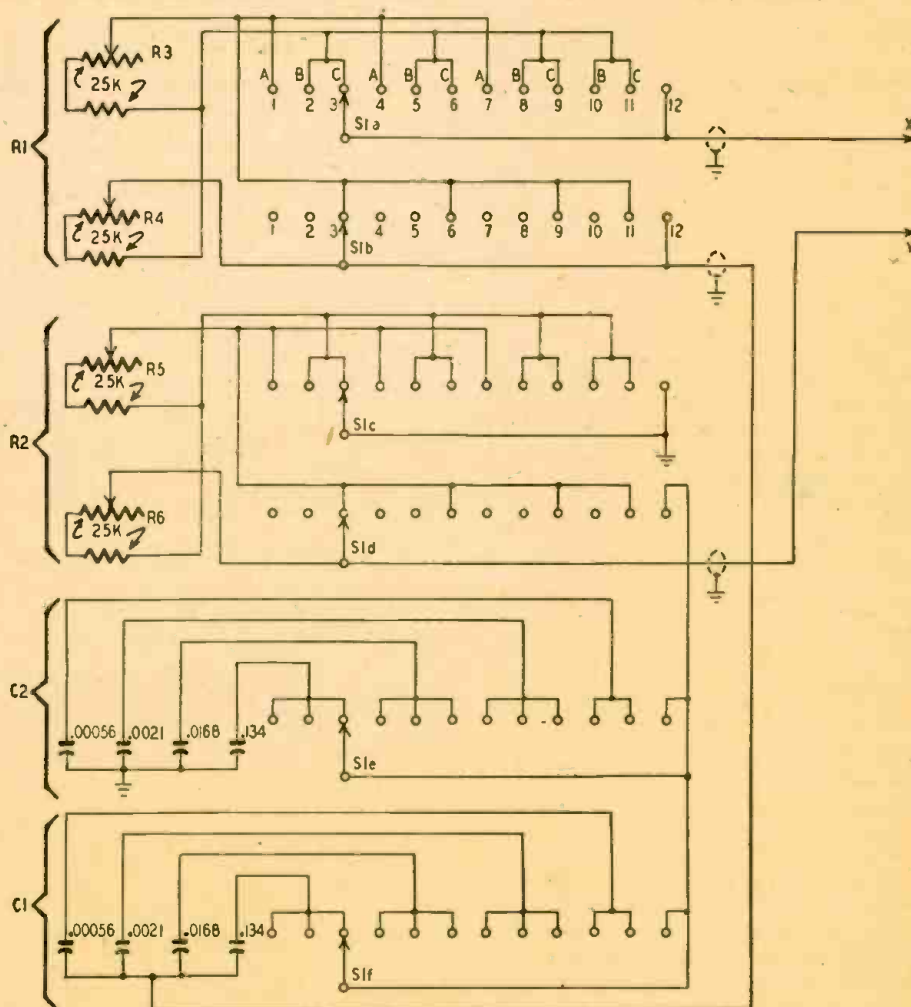
This scheme has advantages for the constructor. If the tuning, coupling, and feedback condensers meet specifications previously discussed, it can be assumed safely that the tuning will follow the calculated frequency and the dial calibration will be a true representation of $F = 1/R$. The dial can be predesigned and does not have to be arrived at by calibration.

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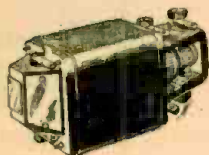
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SET AND SERVICE REVIEW

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ceiver is the *Emor One-World* radio, an all-wave, 5-tube superheterodyne built in the form of a globe. The set is tuned by revolving the globe, and stations are indicated on translucent rectangles which are lighted as the station is tuned in. The volume control and wave-change switch are fitted as sleeves over the tubular stand, "eliminating unsightly knobs or dials" according to the manufacturer. The set was originally a British model, and only recently



Emerson radio with speaker and hearing aid operating simultaneously.

has been produced in the United States.

A TUNABLE AERIAL

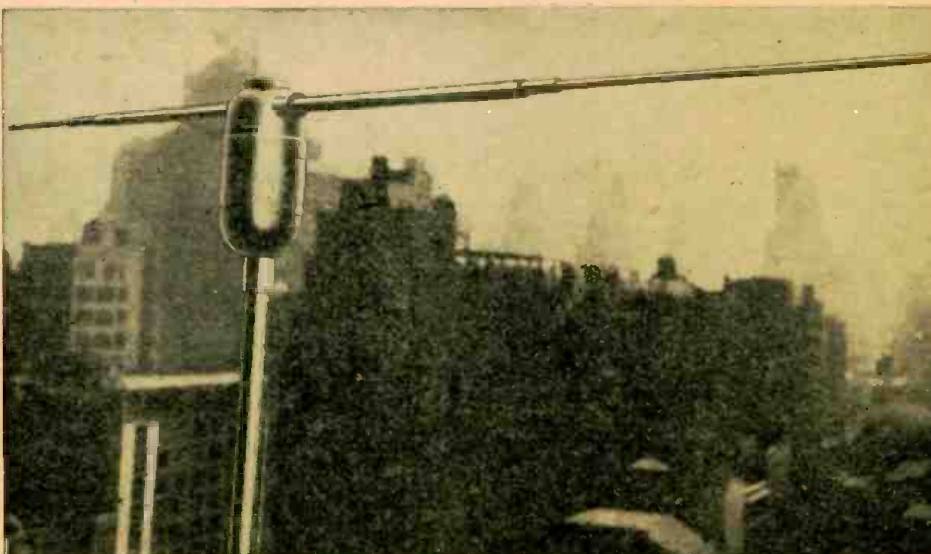
THE problem of television "ghosts" and those created by wider tuning bands in the television and FM spectra is at least partially solved by a new antenna, which can be rotated for best reception from any given direction, and can be lengthened or shortened to accommodate higher or lower frequencies.

Developed by Farnsworth, the antenna is in appearance a dipole with a large central head which mounts on the mast. Within this head are two motors, one for orientation and one for tuning. Four push buttons on a control board allow the operator of the television or radio set to rotate the antenna clockwise or counterclockwise through 180 degrees and to increase or decrease the resonance frequency.

strength of direct signals in comparison to those from strong reflected waves which create delayed images (referred to as "ghosts") on the television screen.

The de luxe Farnsworth antenna installation has a three-section arm extension with a frequency range of 2 1/2 to 1, from 46 1/2 megacycles to 117 megacycles. It has three sections of telescopic tubes which form the extensible members of the tunable dipole. The length of each half of the dipole is controllable from 26 to 66 inches as measured from the midpoint.

A smaller antenna having two sections of telescoping tubes, with a frequency range of 1.8 to 1, from 46 1/2 megacycles at the bottom end, when extended, to 85 megacycles at the top end



The de luxe antenna in position. The rotation and extension motor is in the center casing. An antenna of this type would be a highly useful tool for the television installation man.

Orientation, which is the main feature of this antenna, decreases shadows to a minimum by aligning the receiving antenna as nearly as possible with the transmitting antenna, increasing

when retracted, is also being field-tested and made ready for production. The length of this antenna is 36 inches when closed and 66 inches when open, measured on either side from center.

RADIO TELLS WEATHER

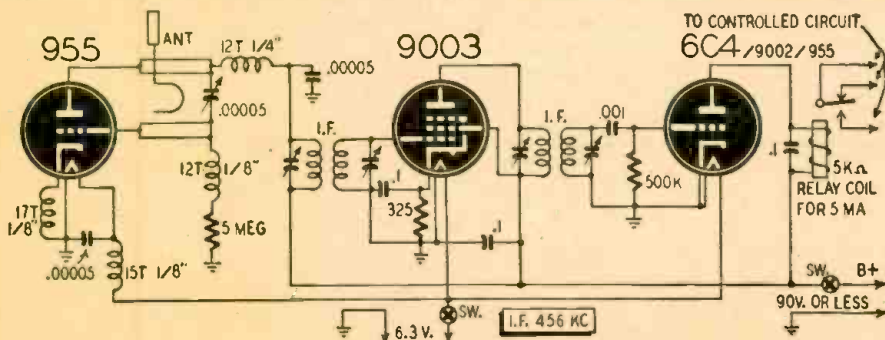
Radio weather forecasts are envisioned in a patent granted last month to Gilbert S. Wickizer of Riverhead, N. Y., and assigned by him to the Radio Corporation of America. Wickizer uses radio waves of high frequency—300 megacycles and upwards—sending them from stations at known distances apart, with the receiving station on a tall tower or even on a mountain.

High-frequency radio waves, of the so-called pseudo-optical group, are affected in their range primarily by the refractive qualities of the lower atmosphere, just as visible light waves are. Therefore, by studying their signal strength on reception, Wickizer states, it will be possible to obtain data on the relative humidity, temperature, and pressure of intervening air masses.

QUESTION BOX

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The receiver tunes to the same frequency as the transmitter. The 9003 i.f. amplifier supplies the signal to the 6C4 grid detector. A relay in the plate circuit operates the control mechanism. This relay should have a resistance of at least 5,000 ohms and operate at 5 ma or less. The 6.3 volt filament supply may be 4 dry cells (or a Hot-Shot type battery) or a small storage battery. For details of construction and tuning high-frequency equipment, see RADIO-CRAFT Jan., Feb. and May 1946.

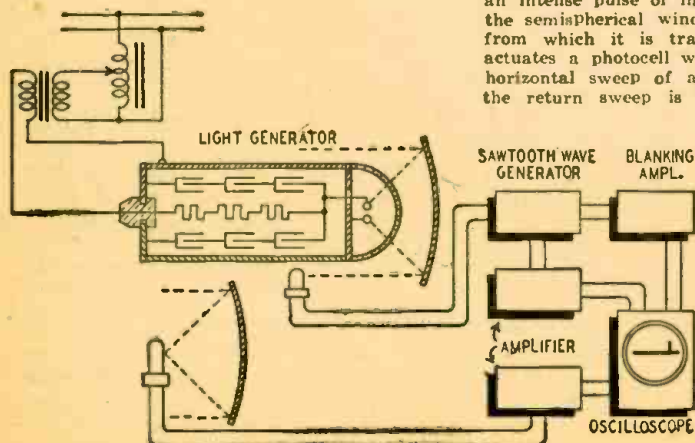


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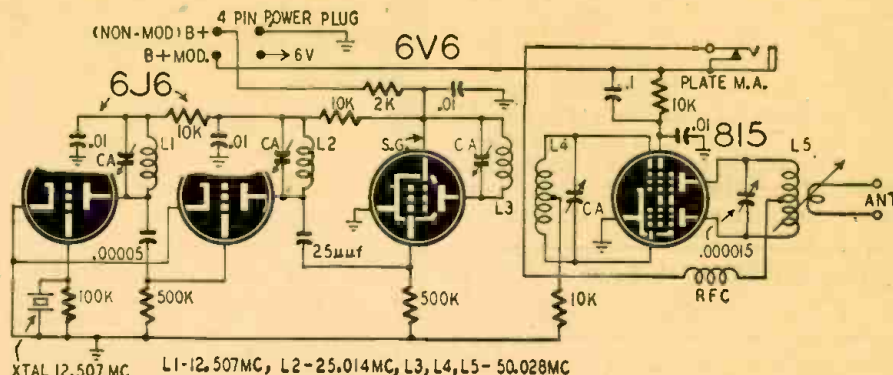
Wider spacing of FM channels, rather than better receivers, is advocated by many as an immediate practical solution of the FM interference problem.

HAM ANTENNA TOWER

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beam with a power gain of 10. Note that this is actual gain and means that, using 100 watts and pointing the beam on Boston, for example, the same signal is produced in Boston as is obtained by using 1,000 watts and a folded dipole. From this tower last summer the first three stations worked on 6 meters in the first

On the next corner is the 32-element, 425-mc beam. This has been shown to over a dozen amateur radio clubs from Boston to Washington in lecture demonstrations on the absence of ground effects in high-gain beams. It has a gain of 64 over a half-wave folded dipole. Using this type of antenna, portable in



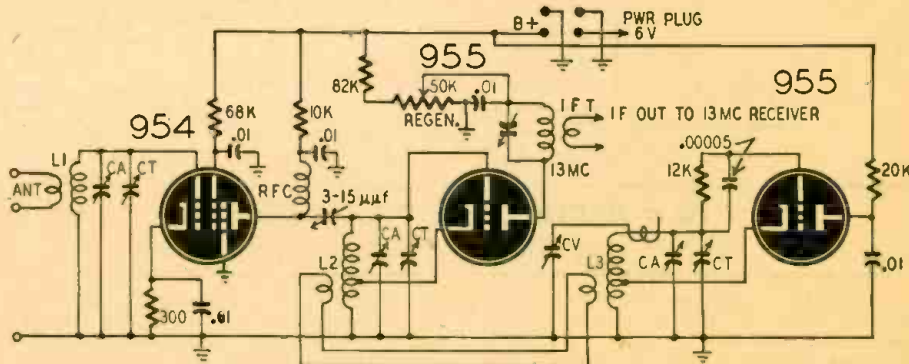
Last year's transmitter. Ca, 7-plate, screwdriver-adjusted air trimmers; L1, 28 turns, 3/4 in. O.D.; L2, 24 turns, 1/2 in. O.D.; L3, L4, 7 turns, 7/8 in. O.D.; L5, 7 turns, 1 1/4 in. O.D.

one-half-hour of operation were Bridgeport, Hartford, and Boston. This was done with an 815 final, powered only by a storage battery and generator to about 30 watts. We expect plenty of QRM-free contacts on the 6-meter band this summer.

On the second corner is a 32-element, 2-meter beam. This is our pride and joy! It lights a flashlight bulb on a dipole 155 feet away from an 815 on 144 mc! The power gain, carefully measured by the distance method (which does not require the calibration of anything) using equal field strength at varying dis-

a car on a distant mountain, with a 54-foot Dural mast in sections, reliable QRM-free communication well over 100 miles is expected this summer. Wednesday evening 8 pm will be the time for 425-mc work on the tower, and schedules will also be looked for from possible points of 2-way contact in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

On the fourth and last corner is installed a 30-inch aluminum parabola (true paraboloid of revolution, or "dish"). This had not had its dipole and first reflector installed at the time the picture was taken. A good lighthouse



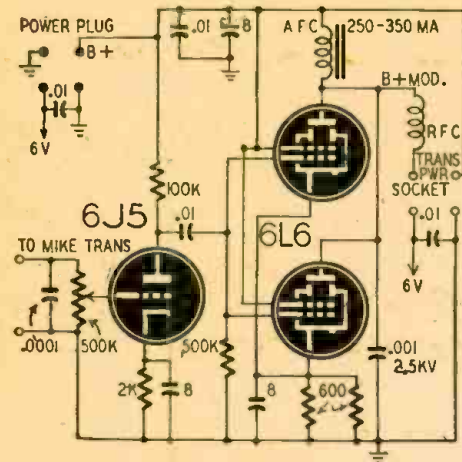
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tances, is 91. This again is actual, but more of that after this summer's trials. The front-to-back ratio in distance is 106 to 2, giving the same signal 106 miles ahead as 2 miles behind the antenna. This is a power ratio of approximately 2,609 front to back. This gain and discrimination is of course used on the receiver also. The cone of radiation is about 24 degrees total angle from the no-signal point on one side, through the maximum, and over to the no-signal point on the other side. It is about the same also for top to bottom, or vertical, angle.

tube co-ax oscillator is ready, putting out about 1 watt on 1,100 to 1,300, calibrated; but it is problematical whether time available will permit operation on the 1,250-mc band this summer. However, a little later in the fall (given about 2 weeks' notice) schedules could be tried with Manhattan, Long Island, or New Jersey. Don't forget that we can see halfway to the RCA building from the tower.

All of the beams are mounted on Dural rotating masts, are rotated by hand, and can be moved up or down 10 feet or more in Dural tubes clamped to

the tower to permit raising the beam in use above the others to obtain a clear 360-degree azimuth. No electrical rotators are used at present, as it is easy to leave the loudspeaker on and step outside on the balcony and rotate the beams by hand. For leads, 300-ohm ribbon is used, as there is little loss at the short distances involved.



Modulator for transmitter on opposite page.

Inside, at the time the pictures were taken, the various transmitters and receivers had not yet been set up. Last summer, using storage-battery power, about 35 watts was obtained on 6, 2, 235, and 425 mc.

Fairly high power is planned for 6 and 2 meters this year, and possibly with the new Eimac 4X150A tube 50 watts of antenna power may be used on 425 mc. The present 425-mc transmitters use an 8012, giving about 15 watts of carrier, lighting a bulb 57 feet from the 32-element beam.

The present 2-meter line-up starts with 6-mc crystals, doublers driving a

2E26 doubler to 144. An 815 amplifier drives the final high-power stage. The 6-meter transmitter is nearly the same: a 6J6 crystal oscillator and doubler, 6V6 doubler to 50 mc, into an 815, driving two 4-125A tubes in the final. An easy method of modulating the 4-125A screens is used here which works very well.

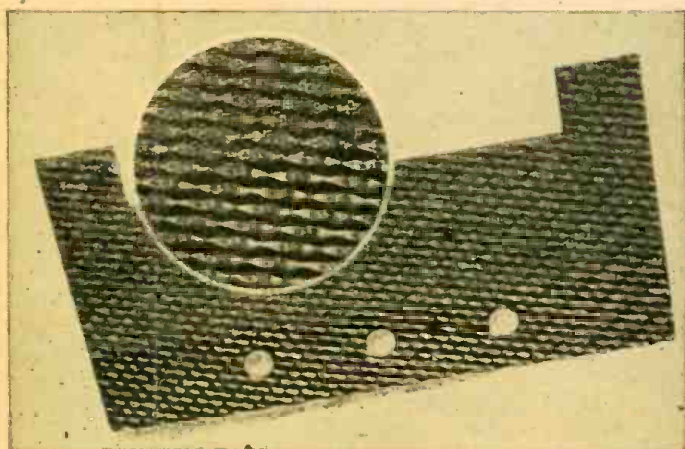
The screens are connected to one of the 6A3 plates in the speech amplifier. (Note that one plate will give upward and the other downward modulation, depending on the phase relation with the modulator stage.)

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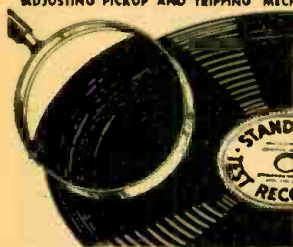
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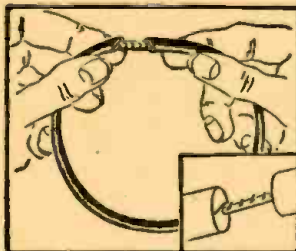
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Dear Editor:

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Also, since working on that first tube, people can see me glow in the dark. Please send information I can use to de-radioactivate myself, or at least to turn myself off at night! I can't sleep in the light.

Please read all communications from me under leaded glass, or else through a periscope. Decontaminate your building after having sent my letters to the Roentgenologist at the local hospital.

Am forwarding a Geiger counter under separate cover.

Yours energetically,

BRUCE THOMAS,
Ocean Springs, Miss.

(We have put several persons to work on this important problem. At present they are searching the literature for references on a material used in experiments on *contrapolar frequencies*. It has the peculiar characteristic that it casts no shadow, except in complete darkness, and it is believed that a suit of pajamas of this material may clear up Mr. Bruce's difficulties. Any assistance our readers give us on this problem will be appreciated.—Editor)

AFTER ABSOLUTE ZERO, WHAT?

Dear Editor:

I have just read your editorial, "Superadio," in the April RADIO-CRAFT and enjoyed it very much. Please accept my thanks for passing on such sparks of stimulating data to those of us who have become somewhat distantly removed from the heart of such developments.

Since the local reference texts are quite limited here (Maile, Oahu), I have taken the liberty of writing you concerning this editorial.

The phenomena of decreased electrical resistance with a decrease in temperature—and its possible limits—have always fascinated me. For example, there is the case of the German physicist who set up an oscillatory current in a tuned circuit that was cooled nearly to absolute zero, flew the entire setup to England from Germany, delivered a lecture and demonstration showing easily detectable current to be still flowing at the end of the lecture, no energy having been furnished the circuit other than the original charge on the condenser. It has been a phenomena which, as a former instructor, I was called upon to explain many times.

It was my final conclusion that the energy (heat) contained in a piece of metal, for example, was stored in the movements of electrons (to put it very briefly and roughly) and that this energy could be given up by these electrons under proper conditions. The releasing of this energy results in a decrease in electrop activity, making the work necessary to move them from their established locations easier. As this activity progressively decreases with decreases in temperature, the electrons can be moved with the expenditure of less and less energy. At absolute zero, there being absolutely no energy left in the metal, there would be an equivalent amount of energy required to move an electron from its immediate location (i.e., unre-

gainable energy) or zero energy and hence the conductor would exhibit the phenomenon of zero resistance.

But, if absolute zero were actually reached? I will take the liberty to say that we are all interested. I believe that the material so stripped of all of its energy would simply disintegrate, there being no force to hold it together—or am I correct, according to accepted data, in the assumption that absolute zero has never been reached? Or am I possibly using a definition of absolute zero different from that generally accepted?

I do not have any of my texts here that will assist me in considerations of these details, hence I would appreciate further comment from your technical staff or, if possible, from you.

I should like to compliment you on your World-Wide Station List.

HERBERT L. WEST,
Sr. Trans. Eng., KRHO,
Maile, Oahu, Hawaii

(Professor Kamerlingh Onnes, the famed Dutch research scientist who was the first to demonstrate superconductivity many years ago, was of the opinion that if it were possible to go down

"CRYSTAL GAZING"



Cartoon by Franklin Folger

to absolute zero, then a current once started (such as by induction) in any closed circuit would continue perpetually. This would not be any more perpetual motion than the planets moving around the sun perpetually, but probably would come under the same classification.

Whether it is possible ever to go down to the absolute zero is something that cannot be predicted now, but many physicists think it is doubtful, at least

according to our knowledge of physics.

Whether material cooled to absolute zero will disintegrate at such a temperature is also something that no one knows until it has actually been tried. What phenomena will emerge and become known if absolute zero is reached is something that seems difficult to predict fully. There are too many factors unknown at present and we still know too little about the atom as well as the electron to make any actual prediction today.—Editor)

MORE AMPLIFIER HOOKUPS, PLEASE

Dear Editor:

I notice that you have in your latest issue a letter complaining about too many amplifier diagrams.

These are the very items I am interested in—and have been for a long time. I have built up an amplifier similar to the one you featured a few months ago in connection with a small recording studio. It varies from the original mainly by incorporating means for operating 2 standard 35-mm projectors, as it is designed for use as a theater am-

plifier. I also have a medium-size reflex baffle built from your specifications but using a dividing network for the high- and low-frequency speakers, which I find makes a vast difference in results. The response is flat from 50 to 10,000 cycles, and I mean flat.

I am a graduate of *de Forest Training*—and a regular theater projectionist. I find the training I have had and your circuit information a big help in designing this type of equipment.

JAMES A. LEVETT,
Delhi, Ontario

AIRBORNE METAL SEEKER

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presence of normal background noise. Prior to the development of the magnetometer, measurements of this sensitivity required magnetometers mounted on a stable base and incorporating quartz-fiber suspensions.

With airborne equipment it is obviously difficult to maintain the magnetometer in fixed orientation, and any change in orientation would give very large signals which would mask those caused by the presence of a submarine. The Bell Telephone Laboratories therefore, at the request of the National Defense Research Council, worked out a practical means for keeping the magnetometer in a fixed orientation.

The magnetometer is least sensitive to angular motions when it is in line with the earth's magnetic field, and it was therefore decided to hold the detecting magnetometer in this position. To maintain such an alignment, two other magnetometers operating through servo mechanisms are used to position an assembly that contains all three magnetometers. This assembly is supported in gimbals in the manner of a marine compass, but it is provided with mechanical drives that, under control of the servos, can rotate it on each of the two gimbal axes. The three magnetometers are all at right angles to each other similar to the x- y- and z-axes of a rectangular coordinate system. The magnetometer to be used as the detector, which may be considered as that along the x-axis, is held in the direction of the earth's magnetic field while the other two—used for operating the servo motors—are at right angles to it along the y- and z-axes. This right angle position is the most sensitive to angular changes, and thus a very small change in the alignment of the detector magnetometer with respect to the field will

cause a signal to appear in one or both of the control magnetometers that can be used to return the assembly to the correct position. The motors, because of the magnetic materials required in their construction, are of minimum size and are placed about 2 feet from the magnetometers.

The complete magnetometer assembly, including the gimbal mount and the driving motors, is mounted on a framework which must be placed in a position where it will not be unduly affected by the magnetic parts of a plane. On some large planes, such as the PBV patrol bomber, a suitable location was provided in the form of a plywood tail extension. When working with smaller planes it has been necessary to place the unit in a streamlined housing called a bird, which may be carried behind and below the plane by means of a towing cable.

Besides this unit, which is known as the orienting mechanism, an oscillator is required to provide the a.c. excitation for the magnetometers, and an amplifier and detector to transform the signals produced by the magnetometers into signals suitable for operating the servos and the indicating and recording instruments. The oscillator and the amplifier detector are mounted on separate chassis in a single case. Required in addition are a dynamotor unit as a power supply, a control unit used in operating the apparatus, a recording meter, and one or two remote indicators.

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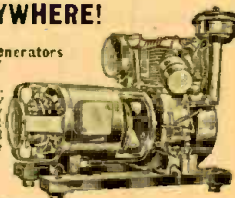
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TELEVISION RECEIVING EQUIPMENT (Second edition), by W. T. Cocking, M.I.E.E. Published for "Wireless World" by Hiffe & Sons, Ltd., London, England. Stiff cloth covers, 4¼ by 7 inches, 354 pages with 3 large fold-in diagrams. Price 12/6d.

This book is the postwar edition of one of the leading television texts in Great Britain. The author, editor of *Wireless World* and *Wireless Engineer* magazines, has presented this material in the concise, well-illustrated style that will be familiar to many readers of his magazines. Prepared for the British television technician, the book will be equally useful to American engineers who are able to make allowances for the differences in American and British television techniques.

The first three of twenty-two chapters are devoted to a general discussion of television principles. Fourteen of the following chapters deal with circuits and their applications in television receivers. The concluding chapters cover the complete receiver and television servicing. An 11-page appendix gives a brief mathematical treatment of integrators, differentiators, and d.c. restoration.—R.F.S.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING PATENT INDEX. Edited by Frank A. Petraglia. Published by Electronics Research Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. Stiff covers, 7 x 10 inches, 476 pages. Price \$14.50.

This volume is the first of a series to be published annually. It lists approximately 2,000 electronic patents issued during 1946. Each is described just as it is in the *Patent Gazette*, including the inventor's name, patent drawing, and one claim. Each patent appears under one of 93 headings (bridges, oscilloscopes, recorders, etc.). Within each

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ELECTRONS (+ and -), PROTONS, PHOTONS, NEUTRONS, MESOTRONS, and COSMIC RAYS, by Robert A. Millikan. Published by the University of Chicago Press. Stiff cloth covers, 5 x 7½ inches, 642 pages. Price \$6.00.

Written by the Nobel Prize winner, Robert A. Millikan, this is an excellent work for the general student. It provides a nonmathematical treatment of the structure of the atom, plus the latest studies of the release and utilization of nuclear energy, geomagnetic investigations, and cosmic rays. Other live subjects covered are the nature of cosmic rays and the atom-annihilation hypothesis for the origin of cosmic rays.

The first part of the book describes early concepts of the nature of electricity, conduction in gases, the atomic nature of electricity, determining the exact value of the charge on the atom, etc. Later Dr. Millikan discusses the nature of radiant energy, waves and particles, the spinning electron, discovery of the cosmic ray, the positron, the neutron, nuclear energy, and geomagnetic studies in cosmic rays.

The mesotron receives a lengthy treatment, as do primary incoming rays, with a description of their detection and measurement. The closing chapters deal with the atom-annihilation hypothesis, including results of measurements of cosmic rays in various parts of the world. The appendices at the end of the book will prove valuable to earnest students of the subject. They include the determination of "e," the Brownian movement equation, the mass of an electrical charge on a sphere, molecular cross section and mean free path, table of the elements and their atomic numbers, etc. A very complete author and subject index is included.—H.W.S.

ELECTRONS IN ACTION, by James Stokley, General Electric Research Laboratory. Published by Whittlesey House, McGraw-Hill Book Company. Stiff cloth covers, 5½ x 8½ inches, 309 pages. Price \$3.00.

This book is a non-technical approach to the study of the electron and its effects on our everyday lives. Fifty-four drawings, sketches and diagrams illustrate the subject graphically, and are supplemented by 44 photographs.

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The easily understood presentations of Klystron and magnetron oscillators are particularly novel and interesting. Another interesting chapter is the one which discussed the effects of atomic and solar disturbances on transmission and reception of radio signals.

DUNCAN'S RADIO-ELECTRONICS DICTIONARY. Compiled by R. L. Duncan. Published by Radio-Electronics Publishing Co. Heavy paper covers, 5½ x 8½ inches, 106 pages. Price \$1.50.

A postwar product, this dictionary defines such new terms as *resonatron* and *shoran*. Some of the definitions, however, show the effects of hasty preparation. An appendix includes a number of tables, graphs, and formulas of value to the radioman.

AUDIO OSCILLATOR

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values shown, the tuning ranges are:

| Range | Frequency (cycles) |
|-------|--------------------|
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| 2 | 25.0 to 50 |
| 3 | 50.0 to 100 |
| 4 | 100.0 to 200 |
| 5 | 200.0 to 400 |
| 6 | 400.0 to 800 |
| 7 | 800.0 to 1600 |
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