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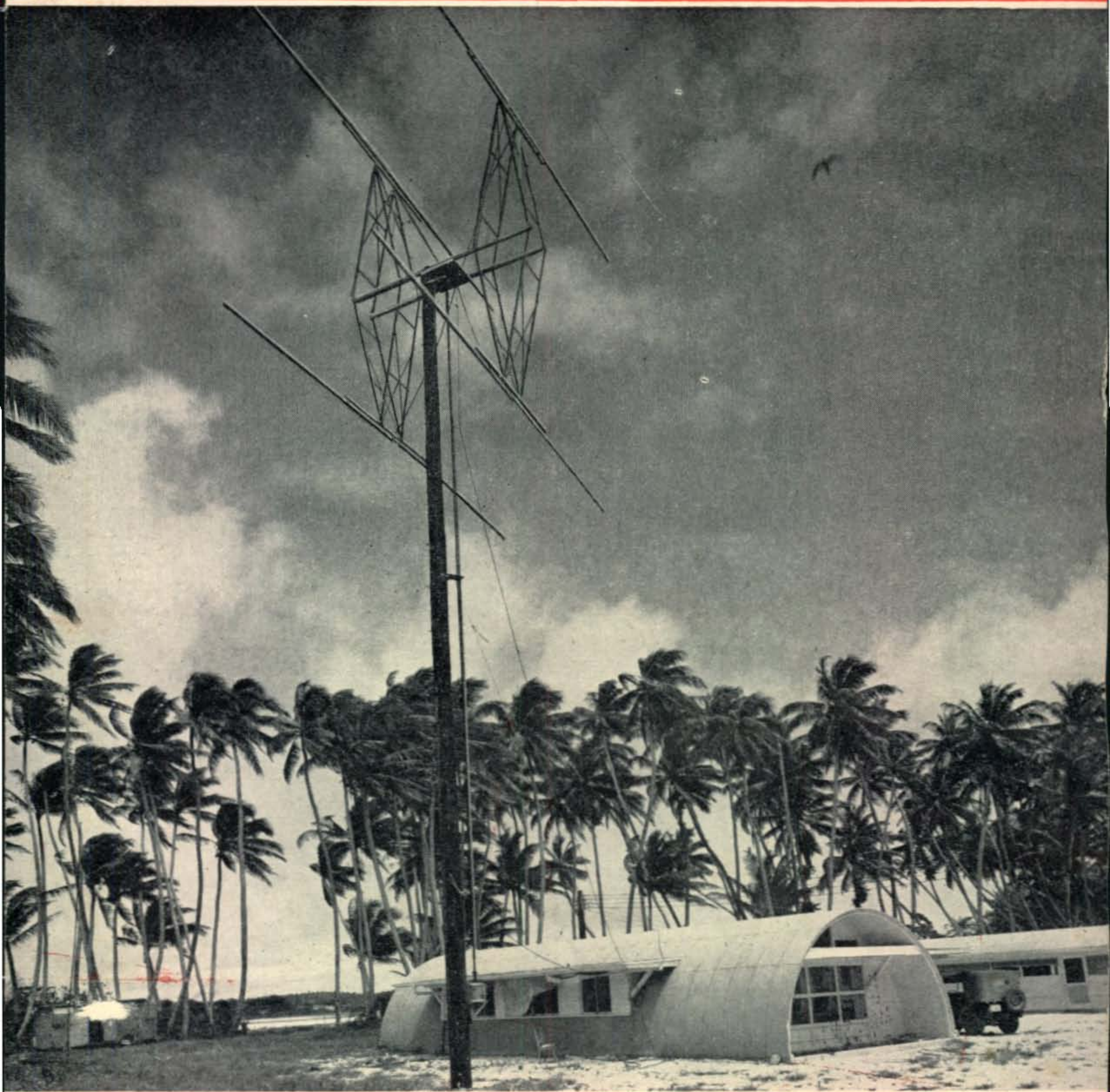
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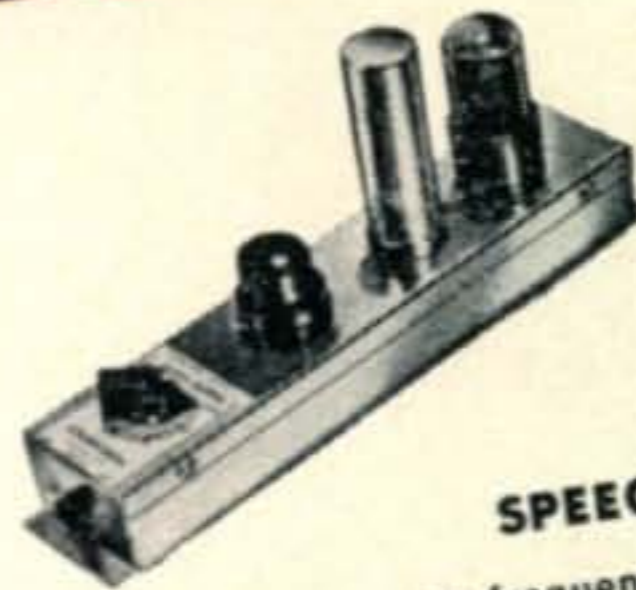
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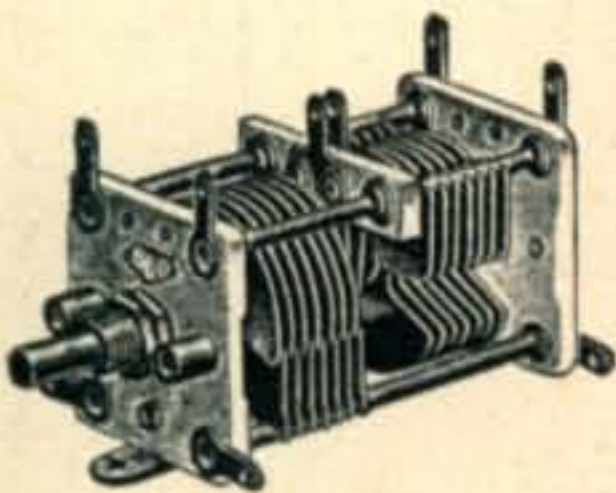
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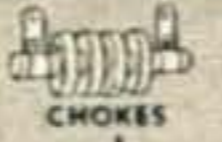
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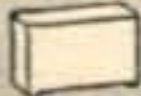
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COVER—Warm weather and cool nights make this impressive photo of KP6AA's stacked 8JK and its surroundings bring back wartime memories of the Islands. By the time this issue appears, Steve, KP6AA, will be QRT and other KP6 calls will pull the main switch, as Palmyra's installations are de-activated. (Photo by Bruce H. Hart, KH6OA.)

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Editor, *CQ*:

Perhaps you would be interested in the following comments and improvements on the article "A Quick Change of Pace for the Prop-Pitch Motor" by Dick Saunders, W6MUO, which appeared in August, 1949, "*CQ*". I have just finished this conversation.

Dick Saunders says to use a $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 screw to secure the modified internal gear (called a "bell gear" in the article) to the aluminum differential unit. From past experience I have found that this screw has a tendency to loosen and strip its threads under pressure. I strongly recommend the use of a $\frac{1}{4}$ -28 cap screw. Not all hardware stores carry this item, but any good auto supply house carries this cap screw, as it is SAE standard. When using this $\frac{1}{4}$ -28 cap screw, the differential unit must now be drilled using a #3 tap drill.

Difficulties were encountered when I tried to enlarge the hole in the hardened internal gear to pass the $\frac{1}{4}$ " screw. Carbide tipped drills are necessary for this operation (high speed drills won't cut). To overcome this, the two units (differential and internal gears) were placed together with the small ball bearing in between to insure alignment. Then the six holes should be drilled using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " high speed drill, having the drill press in its lowest speed and using plenty of pressure to insure that the drill is cutting at all times. Drill through the modified internal gear with the $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill and lightly spot the aluminum differential unit. Now disassemble the two units and drill the differential unit with a #3 drill. Tap these holes with a $\frac{1}{4}$ "-28 tap.

This method was easily accomplished with standard high speed drills (about \$0.50 each).

I hope this information will help others in their conversions.

Bob Fincke, W2CK

Caveat Emptor

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, *CQ*:

As authorized adjusters for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company we are investigating disappearance or theft of a General Electric Portable Relay Television Transmitter owned by the Balaban & Katz Corporation. This is a 2000 Mc Television Relay Transmitter and was used for Relay Televised broadcasts of the Notre Dame Football games from South Bend to the Chicago Transmission Station.

Due to the installation of the coaxial cable this equipment was not used for some time and was stored from November of 1948 to May of 1949 in a Field Office near New Carlisle, Indiana, where the relay station was located.

We have already advised the General Electric Corporation of this loss and they have assisted in notifying their various associations and it has been suggested that you might publicize this fact with the possibility of locating and recovering this highly specialized equipment.

We have been informed that the average radio amateur would have absolutely no use for this equipment and our thought is that if some publici-

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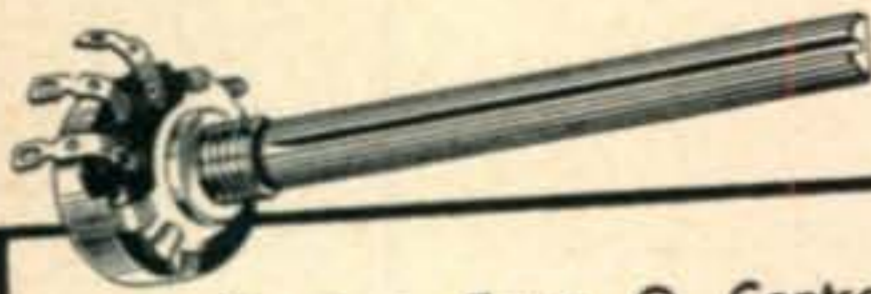


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To date no good method of repair has been found, except to buff and polish the surface below the level to which it has been affected.

Hope this saves a few instruments for someone else.

John W. Sherman, Jr. W9KRD/6

Ham of the Year

715 N. Waugh, Kokomo, Ind.

Editor, *CQ*:

Here is a picture of George Graue, W9BKJ, of Fort Wayne. He is holding a plaque given him at the annual Indiana Radio Club Council picnic and hamfest.



The plaque was awarded him after a careful study by a committee over a period of several weeks. He was voted to be Indiana's Outstanding Amateur Radio Operator of the Year.

Bob Ropes, W9PAP

Baltimore, Md.

Editor, *CQ*:

What ever became of *CQ*'s plan to do something more for the traffic man than the "chit-chat" type reporting of routine activities found in other ham literature?

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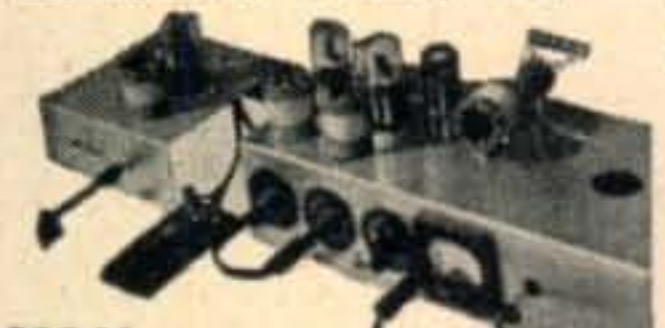
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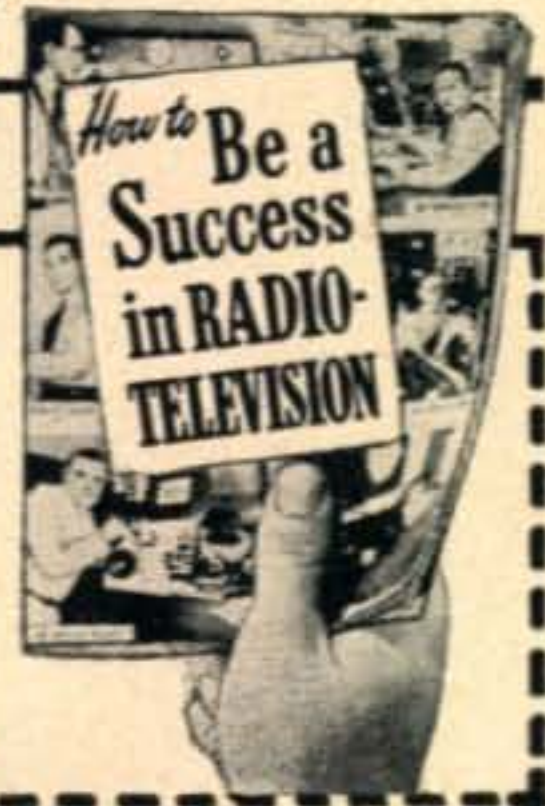
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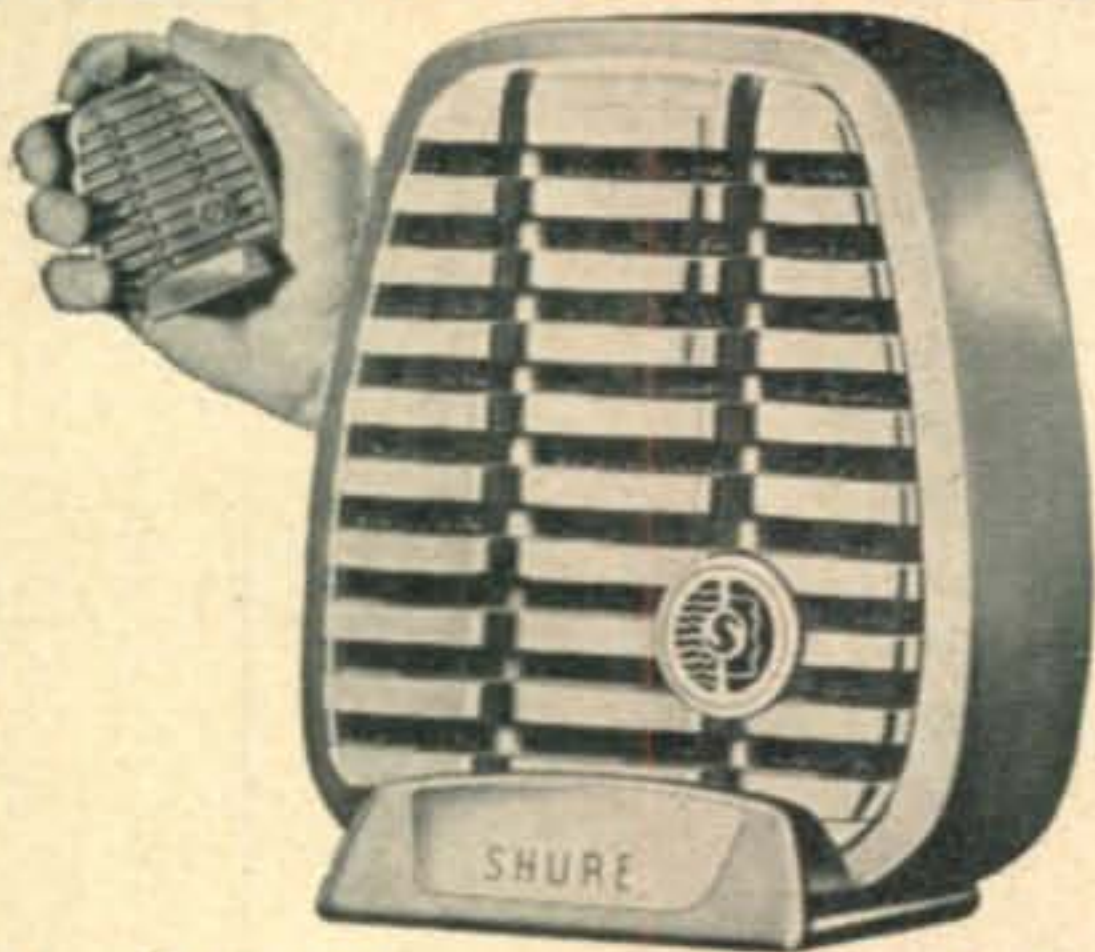
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Deer Hon. Ed:

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For example, Scratchi are deciding to get rig all fixed up for big DX contest. I are going in shack, and turning on filaments. All toobs lite up, voltages right on the nose. I turn on plate voltage and press key, listening in monitor. Note sounds like sweetest little old p.d.c. you are ever heering. I key it—no clicks. Put weight on key and check meters. All on scale. Draw arc from final tank—wow!!—it are a couple of feets long.

Turn on receiver, band sounds hot. Sit down and rap out short snappy three minute seek-you. Without even tuning receiver there are fellow calling me. Seems he are DX, has a call AC4Y something or other. Not bothering to go back to him on acct. Scratchi not feeling like ragchewing.

Deciding to check rig on phone, so putting modulator toobs in socket and taking clip lead off modulation transformer secondary. Twisting VFO knob in general direction of phone band and talking into mike. Pattern on scope shows modulation to be 100 percent, so talk some more then sign call once. Just as are turning receiver off are heering some fellow on phone from Russia calling me, but Scratchi are still not feeling like ragchewing so not bothering with him.

Well, Scratchi are flagger-blasted at this turning of events. Oh well, I are figuring that something are sure to going wrong any moment.

Just then Brother Itchi are coming in with the days mail. I are getting envelope from qsl bureau and two long thin envelopes. Envelope with qsl cards are practically splitting Hon. Seams it are so full. I are opening it and idly noting that are now having forty zones confirmed. Opening one long envelope and out falling check for fifty bucks, refund on last years income tax. Next envelope are containing check for five hundred bucks, on account Scratchi are winning thirteenth prize in Crackley-Crunchy-Poppy serial contest.

Hon. Ed., this are horrible! What nice things are happening to poor old Scratchi next? It aren't normal—it are a catastrophe. At this point I are determined to making something bad happen to Scratchi, so I are going into living room and kicking big Mexican vase so it shattering into

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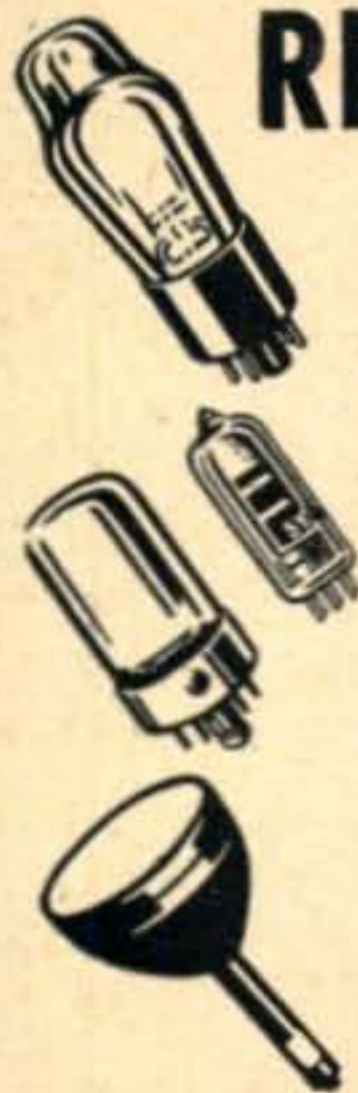


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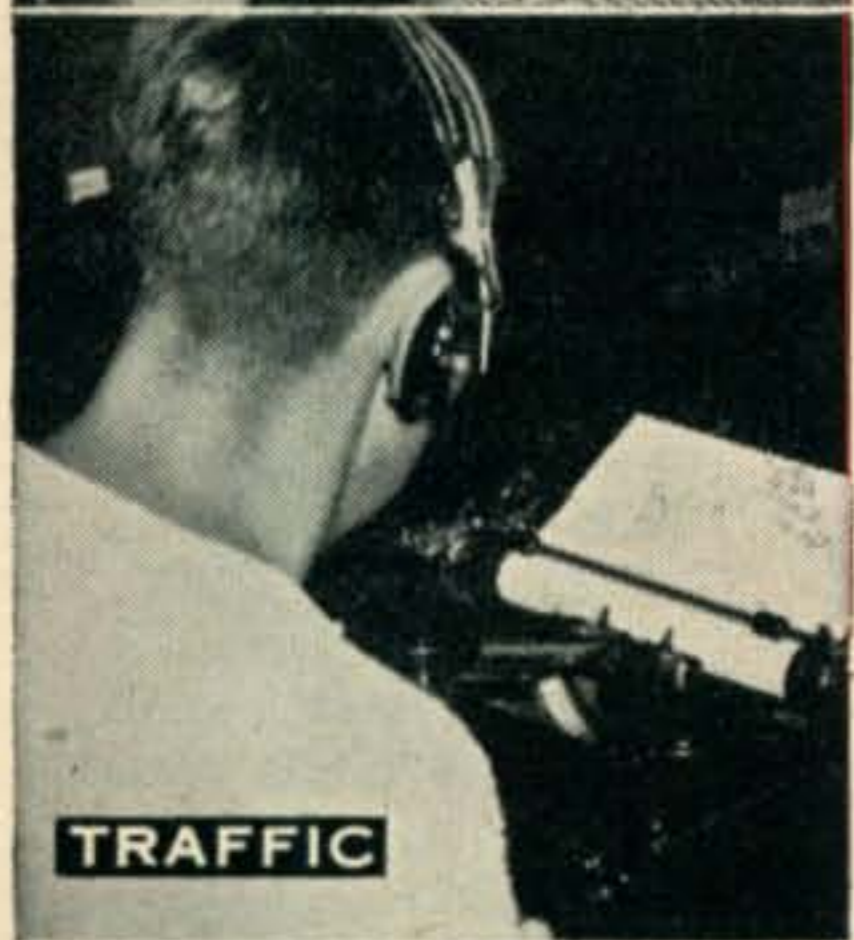
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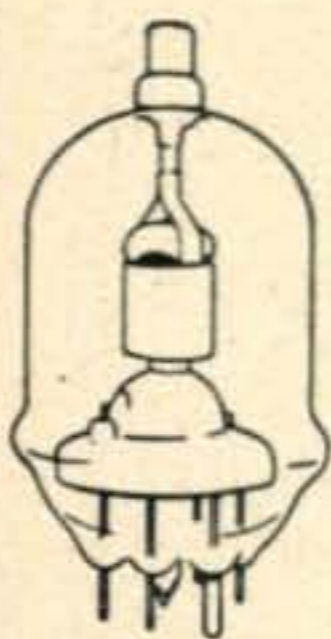
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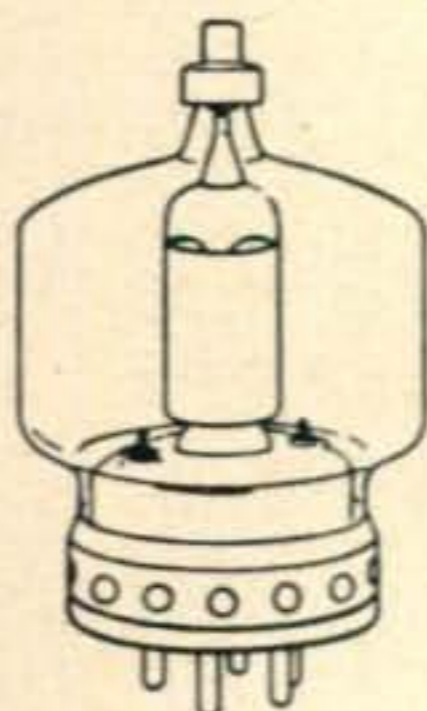
ELECTRICAL	
Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage - - - - -	6.0 volts
Current - - - - -	3.5 amperes
Grid-Screen Amplification Factor (Average) -	5
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid-Plate - - - - -	0.08 μ f.
Input - - - - -	8.0 μ f.
Output - - - - -	2.1 μ f.



TYPE 4-125A

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

ELECTRICAL	
Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage - - - - -	5.0 volts
Current - - - - -	6.5 amperes
Grid-Screen Amplification Factor (Average) -	62.
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid-Plate (without shielding, base grounded) - - - - -	0.05 μ fd.
Input - - - - -	10.8 μ fd.
Output - - - - -	3.1 μ fd.
Transconductance ($i_b = 50$ ma., $E_b = 2500$ v., $E_{c2} = 400$ v.) - - - - -	2450 μ hos



TYPE 4-250A

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

ELECTRICAL	
Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage - - - - -	5.0 volts
Current - - - - -	14.5 amperes
Grid-Screen Amplification Factor (Average) -	5.1
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (Average)	
Grid-Plate (without shielding, base grounded) - - - - -	0.12 μ fd.
Input - - - - -	12.7 μ fd.
Output - - - - -	4.5 μ fd.
Transconductance ($i_b = 100$ ma., $E_b = 2500$ v., $E_{c2} = 500$ v.) - - - - -	4000 μ hos



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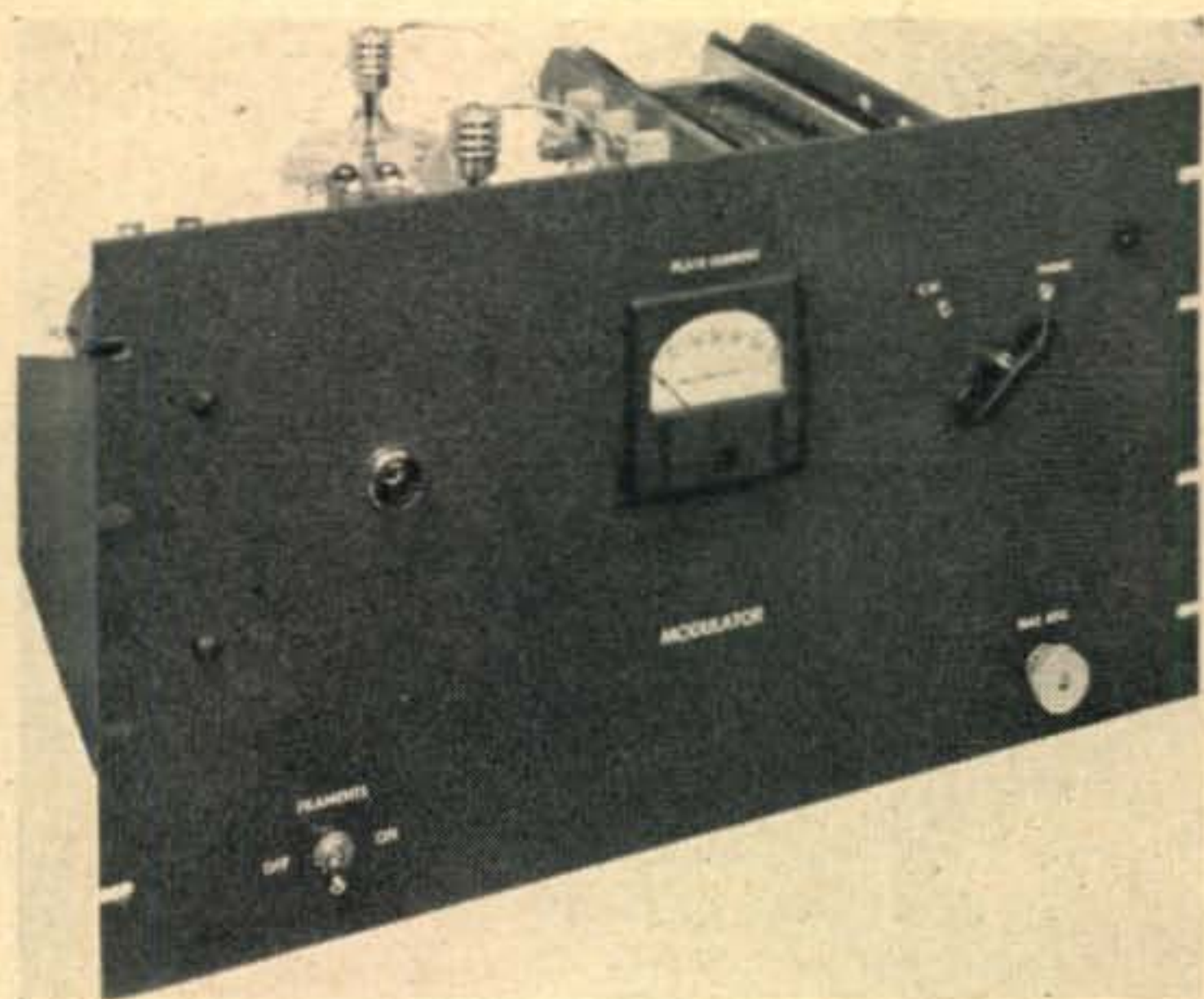
Our Editorial Staff undergoes several changes this month in addition to the change of editorship. Louisa B. DeSoto, W2OOH, having abandoned New York for the less urban clime of Arizona, has stepped out of the Assistant Editor post to become our Associate Editor for YL matters. Vincent G. Dawson, WØZJB, our former V.H.F.-U.H.F. Editor has left us, and has been replaced by our old friend Edwin M. Brown, W2PAU. Better known to his “short wave” colleagues as “Brownie,” W2PAU brings a wealth of technical and editorial ability to his new post. Oliver P. Ferrell, known to all as the author of our Monthly DX Predictions, and presently on leave of absence from the *CQ* staff while handling the Radio Amateur Scientific Observations program, moves to Associate Editor. Our innovation, “Mobile Corner,” appears this month as a full-fledged department under the editorship of Ralph V. “Andy” Anderson, W3NL. Andy, one of the leaders in the field of mobile ham work, is looking forward to receiving contributions of news and mobile matters in general from all those interested in his field of specialization. Last, but not least, in the department of changes, we have an entirely new face in the Editorial Department, Miss Luci Turner, our new Editorial Production Manager. It is she of the shears and paste pot who is largely responsible for our typography and orthography.

No discussion of staff changes would be complete without the assurance that our DX Editor, Herb Becker, W6QD, and his DX Committee, are continuing to handle all DX matters for us. The DX column, WAZ, and all problems confronting the DX gang are Herb's field of specialization, and we're proud to have him and his gang on board with us.

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Next month we shall present on this page an account of the proceedings at the all-important Informal Conference scheduled to be conducted by the FCC on October tenth. *CQ* will be on hand to learn the facts.

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MODULATING A KILOWATT

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Zero driving power and inherently distortion-free operation are only two of the advantages of Class AB₁ operation of a modulator. Here's a way to attain it with a minimum of expense.

SINCE CLASS B MODULATORS were pioneered by amateurs nearly twenty years ago, Class B has been practically the only system even considered for high-level amplitude modulation in medium- and high-powered amateur transmitters. Prior to the advent of the surplus market, this practice was probably justified by the fact that tubes capable of producing a given amount of audio power in Class A or Class AB₁ were considerably more expensive than tubes capable of similar output in Class B, and the additional difficulties of the latter method of operation were more than offset by economic considerations.

However, the present-day amateur who contemplates running high power on phone should consider the advantages of Class AB₁ modulator operation. The well-known 304TLs, so plentiful on the surplus market, make Class AB₁ operation possible at a tube cost much lower than that for tubes that would normally be used in a Class B modulator for similar power.

But tube cost is only the beginning of the story, for Class AB₁ operation has many other attractive features, most of them contributing further to the economies that can be effected by using 304TLs.

Class AB₁ operation, by definition, implies that no driving power is required, because grid current does not flow during any part of the excitation cycle. This means that a voltage amplifier can be used to excite the grids of a Class AB₁ modulator. Problems of driver regulation, so important with Class B, are eliminated, and, with them, the need for expensive driver transformers and low-impedance driver tubes. If the exciting voltage required for a Class AB₁ modulator is higher than that available by resistance coupling from a voltage amplifier with conventional 300-volt plate supply, a small interstage audio transformer can be used

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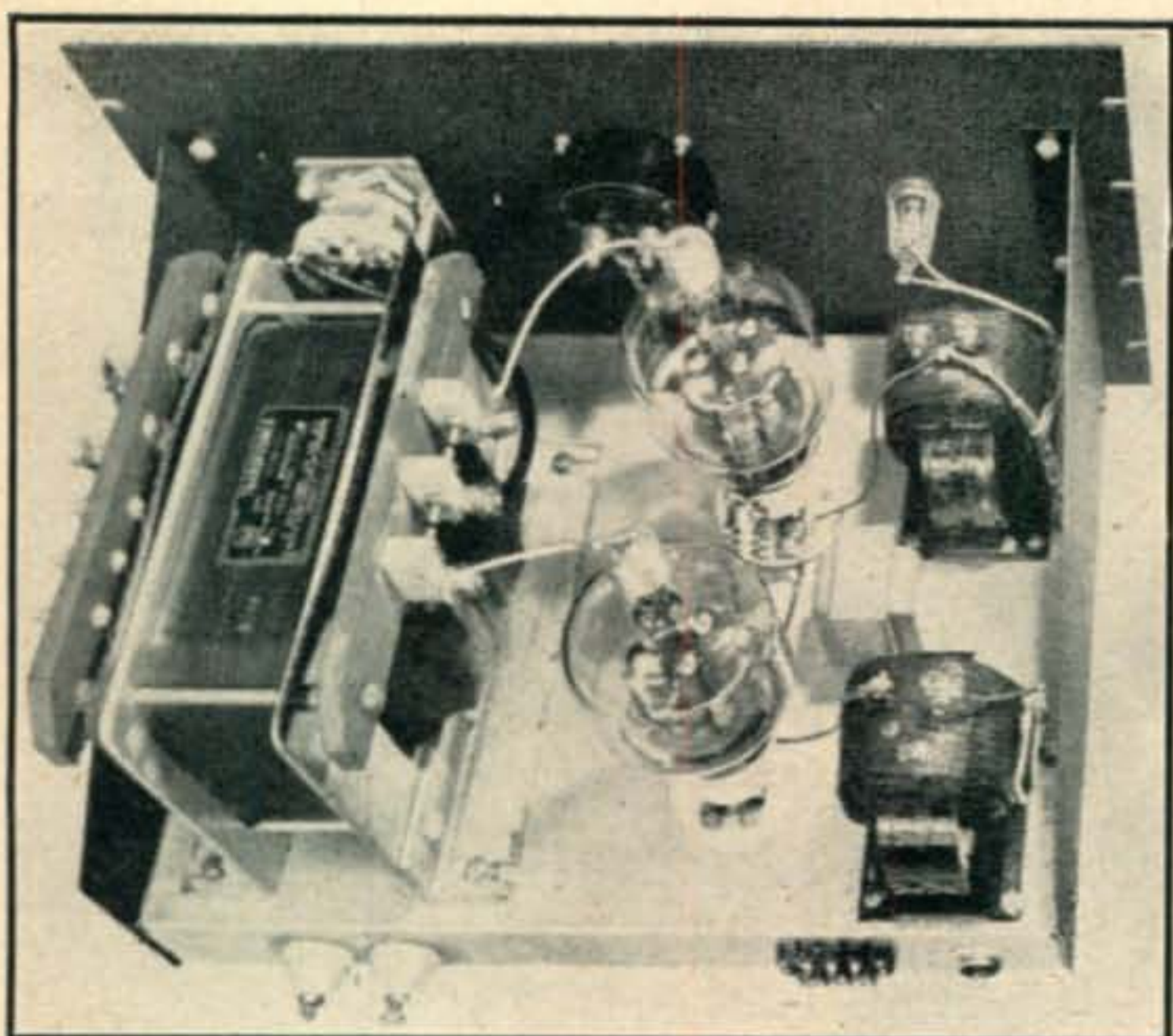
to step the voltage up to the required value. This is done in the modulator to be described here.

The fact that no grid current is drawn by the modulator tubes also means that bias supply regulation is inconsequential, provided only that the d.c. resistance of the modulator grid return path is within recommended limits. In the modulator shown, bias for the 304TLs is obtained at practically negligible additional cost from the plate winding of the power transformer used to supply the speech amplifier.

Another advantage of zero-grid-current operation is that the plate milliammeter can be placed in the modulator filament return path and there will indicate true plate current, unobscured by grid current changes.

A really major advantage of Class AB₁, however, is one that cannot be evaluated in terms of dollars or ease of construction. This is the relative freedom from distortion that Class AB₁ operation affords as compared with the usual Class B modulator without inverse feedback. The reason for this characteristic is again the fact that no grid current is drawn. This means that there is no sharp discontinuity in the grid characteristic. Also, the operating point is in the linear region of the grid-voltage/plate-current characteristic, with the plate current well above cut-off, and practically Class A operation is obtained except on speech peaks. Although the ultimate in freedom from distortion is not necessary for entirely satisfactory intelligibility for communication purposes, reduction in distortion means a corresponding reduction in higher-order sidebands in the transmitted signal, an important consideration in the light of the present-day congestion of bands.

There is one feature of Class AB₁ operation that is in some respects a disadvantage. This is the relatively high static plate current that Class AB₁



Top view of chassis. A 17" x 13" x 2" heavy-duty chassis is used. The exciting transformer is the small unit at the center to the left of the tubes. The two large transformers at the extreme left are the filament transformers.

operation inherently requires. For continuous commercial operation at high power, this consideration would be an important one from the standpoint of the power bill, but it is not a major factor in the intermittent type of service involved in amateur operation, and, furthermore, this characteristic has an offsetting advantage—it materially eases plate supply regulation requirements as compared with Class B.

Characteristics of 304TLs in Class AB₁

The curves of Fig. 1 show recommended operating limits for type 304TL tubes in Class AB₁ at plate voltages from 1500 to 3000 volts. The small circles on these curves are the typical operating conditions given by manufacturers' data sheets. Experiments with different operating conditions have shown that considerable departure from the recommended load impedance curve is permissible without the introduction of appreciable distortion. For example, with 2500 volts on the modulator and the Class C plates, and with a unity-ratio modulation transformer, the Class C input can be varied from about 500 watts to a full kilowatt without noticeable distortion at 100 percent modulation. This is a variation in modulator load from 6250 to 12,500 ohms, representing considerable departure from the recommended value of 8300 ohms with 2500-volt plate supply. Distortion was checked in these tests by applying sine-wave audio input to the speech amplifier and observing the modulation envelope on an oscilloscope. Some increase in grid bias, with resultant reduction in standing plate current, is also permissible under certain conditions. Distortion begins to show up at high modulation percentages if this is carried too far, however. This is particularly true with full-kilowatt input to the Class C stage, and it is recommended that the bias be adjusted so that the standing plate current has the value shown in the curves

for the particular plate voltage used if an input in excess of 750 watts is to be modulated. If the Class C input is less than 750 watts, the standing plate current can be reduced by about one percent for each 10 watts below 750, or a total reduction of 25 percent for 500-watt Class C input.

A Practical Modulator Using 304TLs in Class AB₁

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of a practical 304TL Class AB₁ modulator. The layout of the unit is obvious from the photographs. The modulation transformer is the familiar RCA 1-kw surplus job, but, of course, any modulation transformer capable of handling the required output and of providing an approximate impedance match can be used. Because of the weight of the unit, a heavy-duty chassis is recommended. The filament transformers are rated at 5 volts at 30 amperes, and are also surplus. They are used in series to provide 10 volts for series operation of the 304TL filaments.

The phone-c.w. switch is a high-voltage ceramic switch from a TU-10B tuning unit. The switch clearances should be increased somewhat by mounting both the fixed and movable contacts on 1/2-inch porcelain standoffs.

The input transformer, which is also the output transformer of the preceding 6SN7 speech amplifier, is mounted in the modulator unit rather than on the speech amplifier chassis. This is done

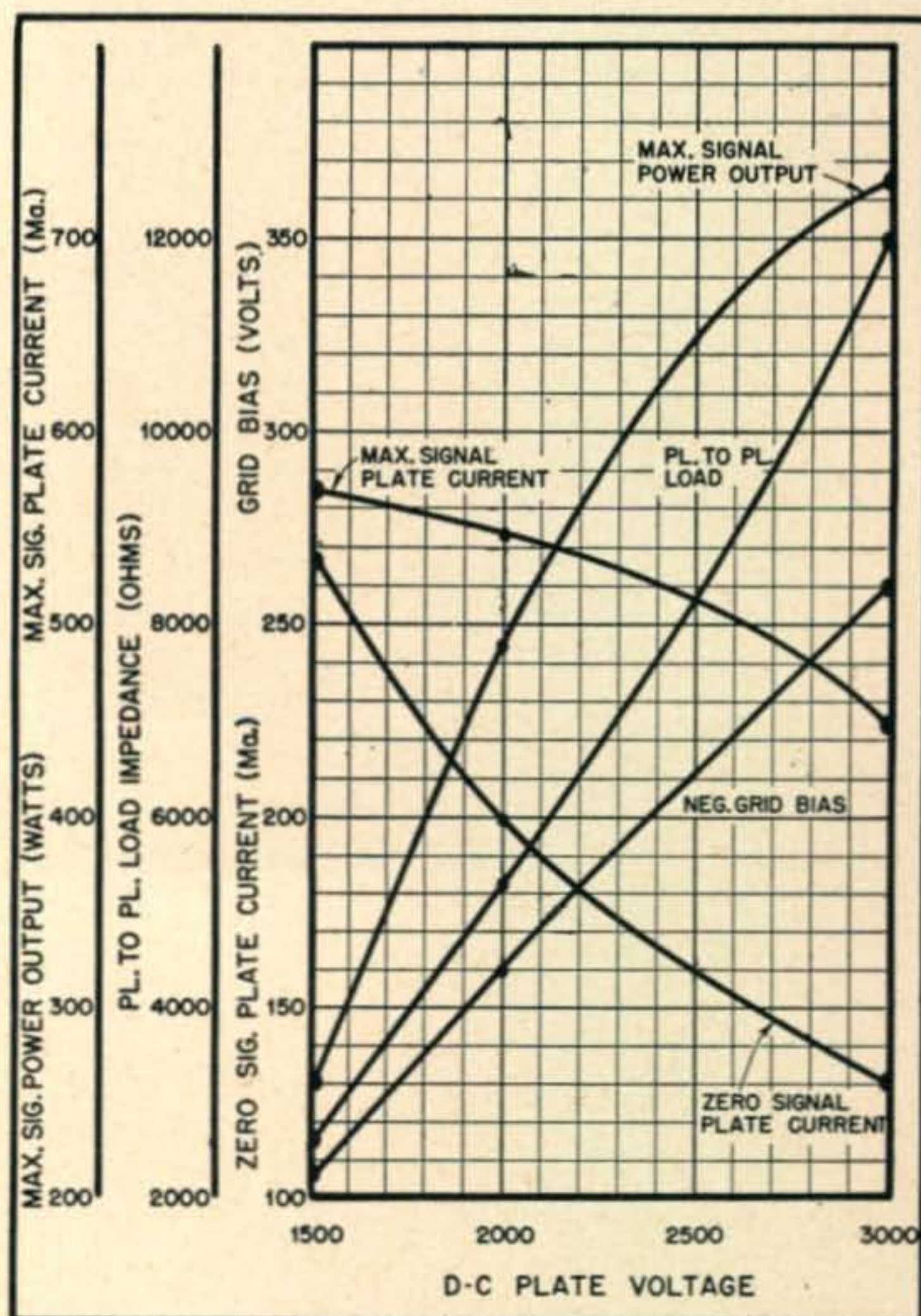


Fig. 1. Typical operating characteristics of 304TLs in Class AB₁. Values are for two tubes. Peak exciting voltage, grid to grid, is twice the operating bias shown.

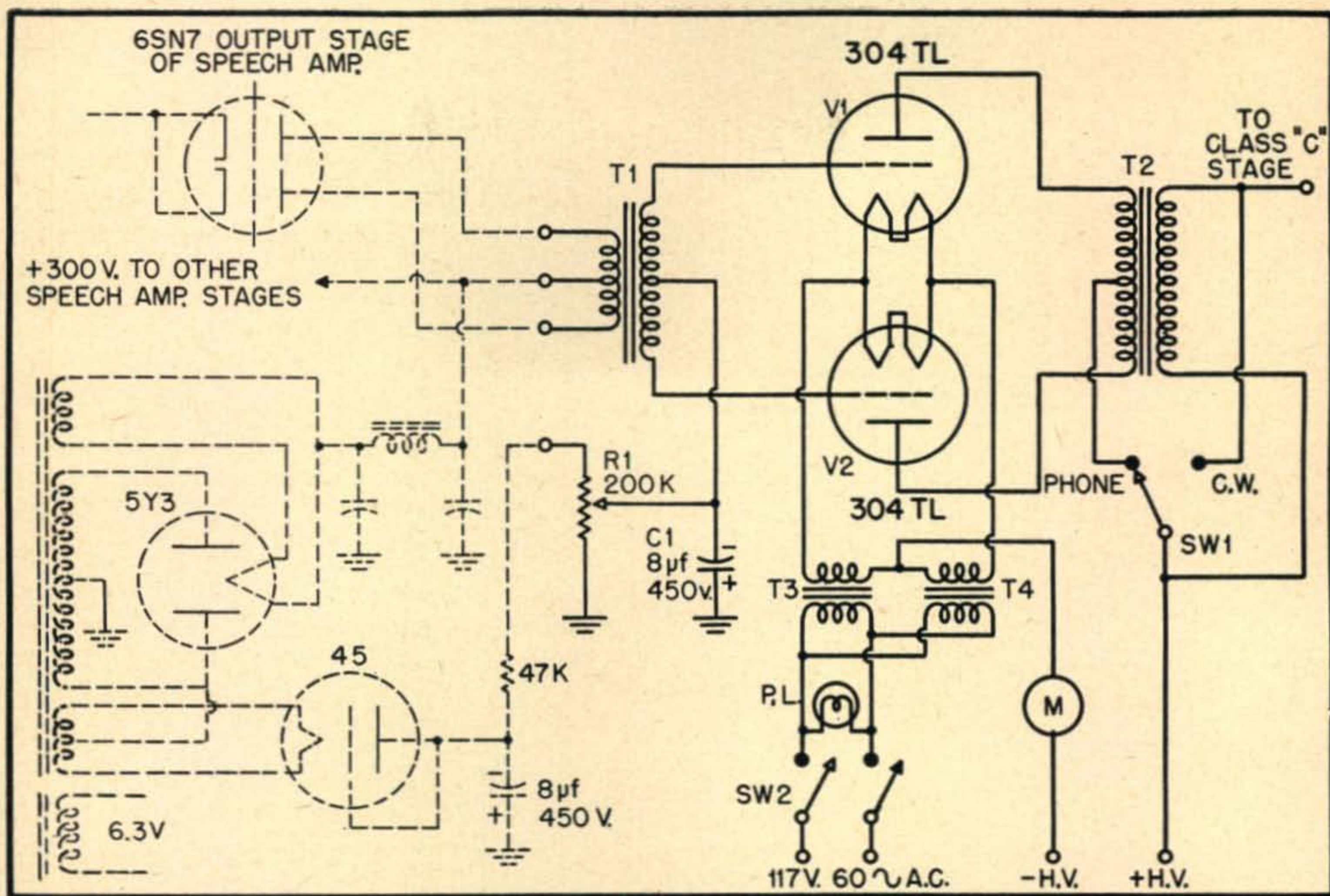


Figure 2

- C1—8-mfd, 450 volts electrolytic.
 R1—200,000-ohm carbon potentiometer.
 T1—Interstage Audio Transformer, p.p. plates to p.p. grids 1:3 ratio (Thordarson 20A23).
 T2—Modulation transformer (RCA 1-kw surplus transformer or approximate equivalent. See text.).

- T3, T4—Filament transformers, 5 volts, 25 amperes minimum current rating (Surplus, 5 volt 30 amp.).
 SW1—High-voltage selector switch (from TUI0-B tuning unit. See text.).
 SW2—D.p.s.t. Toggle switch.
 M—0-600 ma d.c. meter.
 P.L.—115-volt pilot light.

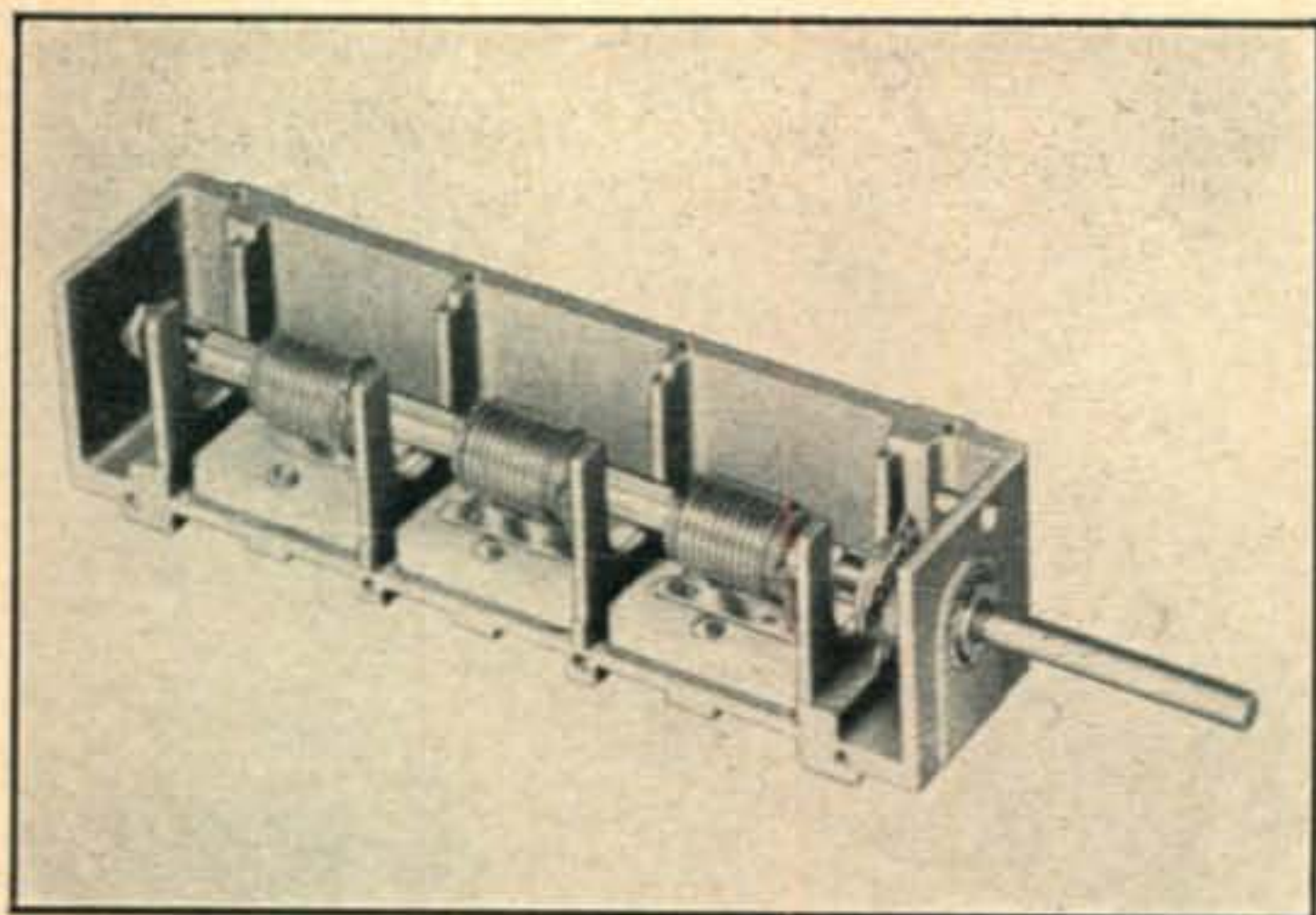
to avoid having to run the high-impedance grid leads of the modulator all the way back to the speech amplifier. A shielded cable is used between the speech amplifier and the modulator. This cable should not be over 20 feet long, otherwise its capacitance will cause some loss of the high speech frequencies. A 4-conductor cable is used with the unit shown, one conductor carrying the 6SN7 plate voltage and one carrying the modulator bias voltage, in addition to the two 6SN7 plate leads. The cable shield is used as a common ground return. A 4-prong microphone connector is used to connect the speech amplifier and the modulator.

Bias voltage for the modulator is obtained as shown in the dotted portion of *Fig. 2*. The speech amplifier power transformer has a separate 2.5-volt filament winding which supplies filament current to a diode-connected type 45, which rectifies the voltage between one side of the high-voltage winding and ground. A simple R-C filter supplies bias voltage to the modulator, which contains additional filter capacitance across the bias-adjusting potentiometer. The maximum recommended grid-return resistance for 304TLs in Class AB₁ is 250,000 ohms, and a potentiometer no larger than

the size shown should be used in order not to exceed this value. The bias adjustment is available from the front of the panel, and is provided with a shaft lock so that the setting cannot accidentally be disturbed.

Operation of the Modulator

The process of putting the modulator into operation is quite simple. Before applying plate voltage, check the bias voltage directly between each 304TL grid and ground with the bias potentiometer set for maximum. Having ascertained that adequate bias voltage is available for the plate voltage to be used, set the phone-c.w. switch to the c.w. position, fire up the transmitter, and adjust the Class C amplifier loading to the desired value. Place the phone-c.w. switch in the phone position and carefully set the bias adjustment so that the modulator draws the proper static plate current for the voltage obtained under operating conditions. Both modulator tubes will show approximately the same color if they are well matched. Since there is considerable variation among some 304TLs, it is well to have a spare on hand that can be substituted if necessary for a better match between tubes.



The Mallory Inductuner, a variable inductance tuning device, has been in use for some time by FM and TV receiver manufacturers as the basic tuning element in equipment covering the channels from 44 through 216 Mc. W7HEA set out to see how this device, which covers an exceptional frequency range without the use of bandswitching, plug-in coils, or variable condensers, is going to fit into amateur v.h.f. gear.

Wide-Range V.H.F. Converter

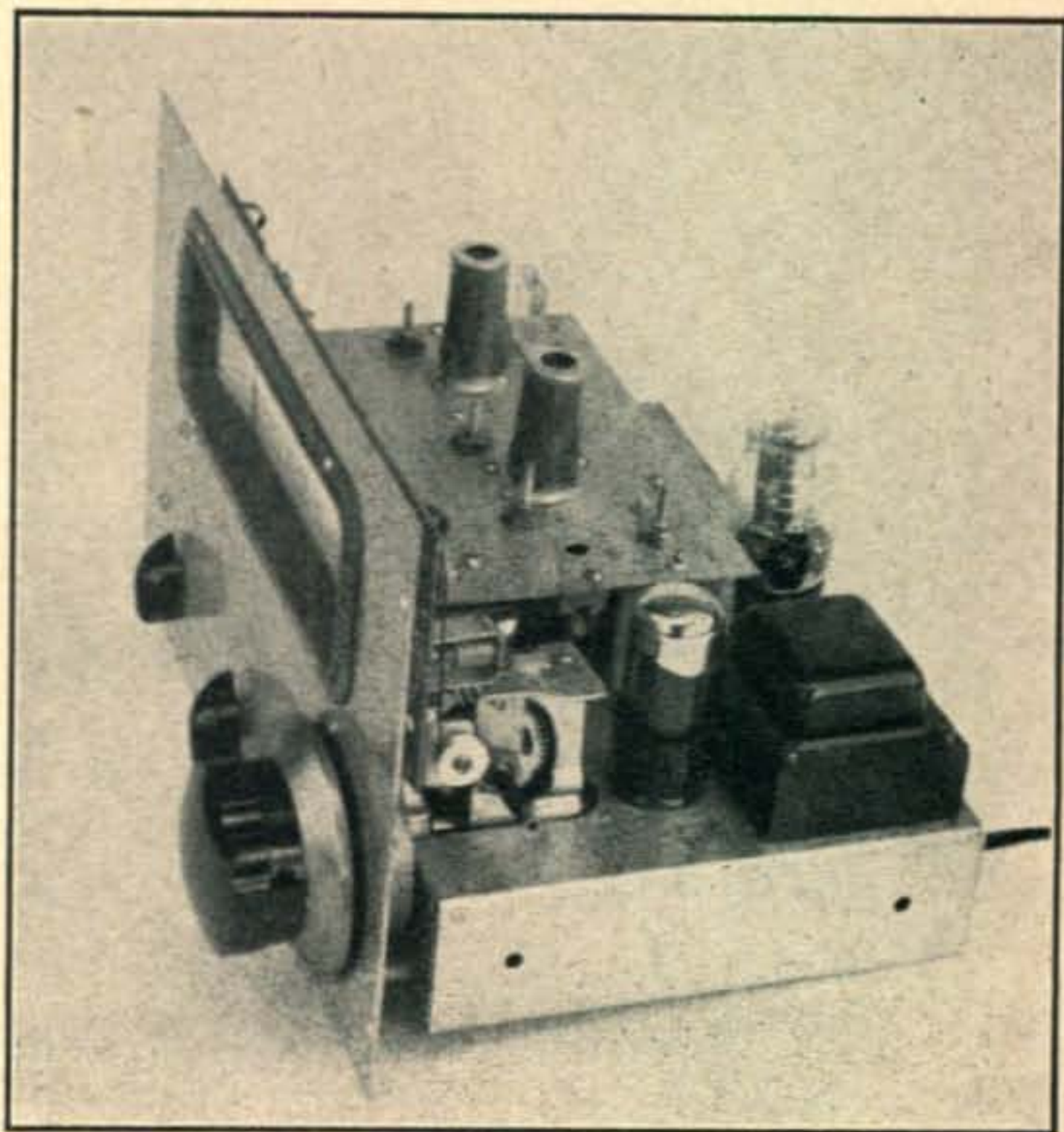
C. O. BISHOP, W7HEA*

A VHF CONVERTER having a range of 49 to 234 Mc., using the Mallory Inductuner, was recently completed, and the following is a brief description of the circuit and how it works. A 6J6 triode is used as a grounded-grid r.f. stage followed by a 6J6 oscillator and mixer. Considerable trouble was encountered in making the several tuned circuits track throughout the tuning range of the unit, but this was overcome by the addition of slug-tuned inductors, one across each section of the Inductuner. The result of placing inductors in parallel is the same as paralleling resistors—the inductance is decreased—and through the ability to vary the inductance of the slug-tuned coils, tracking is ensured at the low frequency ends of the circuits. The usual condenser across the coils takes care of tracking at the high frequency ends.

Referring to the circuit diagram, the signal is fed to the cathode of the 6J6 r.f. stage through a small condenser, C_{1b} , which, with the capacity of the feed line to ground, serves as a means of improving the impedance match between the feed line and the tube. This, of course, is only effective when the antenna is resonant at or near the frequency to which the converter is tuned. The tuned circuit in the cathode of the r.f. tube is very heavily loaded by the tube and the antenna and is very broadly resonant; in reality, it acts more as a tuned choke in the cathode lead. R_1 is the cathode resistor and it is bypassed by C_1 . R_2 is the plate load resistor. The output of the r.f. stage is capacity coupled through C_2 to a second tuned circuit which is actually a band-pass tuner used between the r.f. and mixer stages. C_5 bypasses this combination to ground and its capacity is rather critical. The small condenser C_4 is used to trim the high frequency end of this circuit.

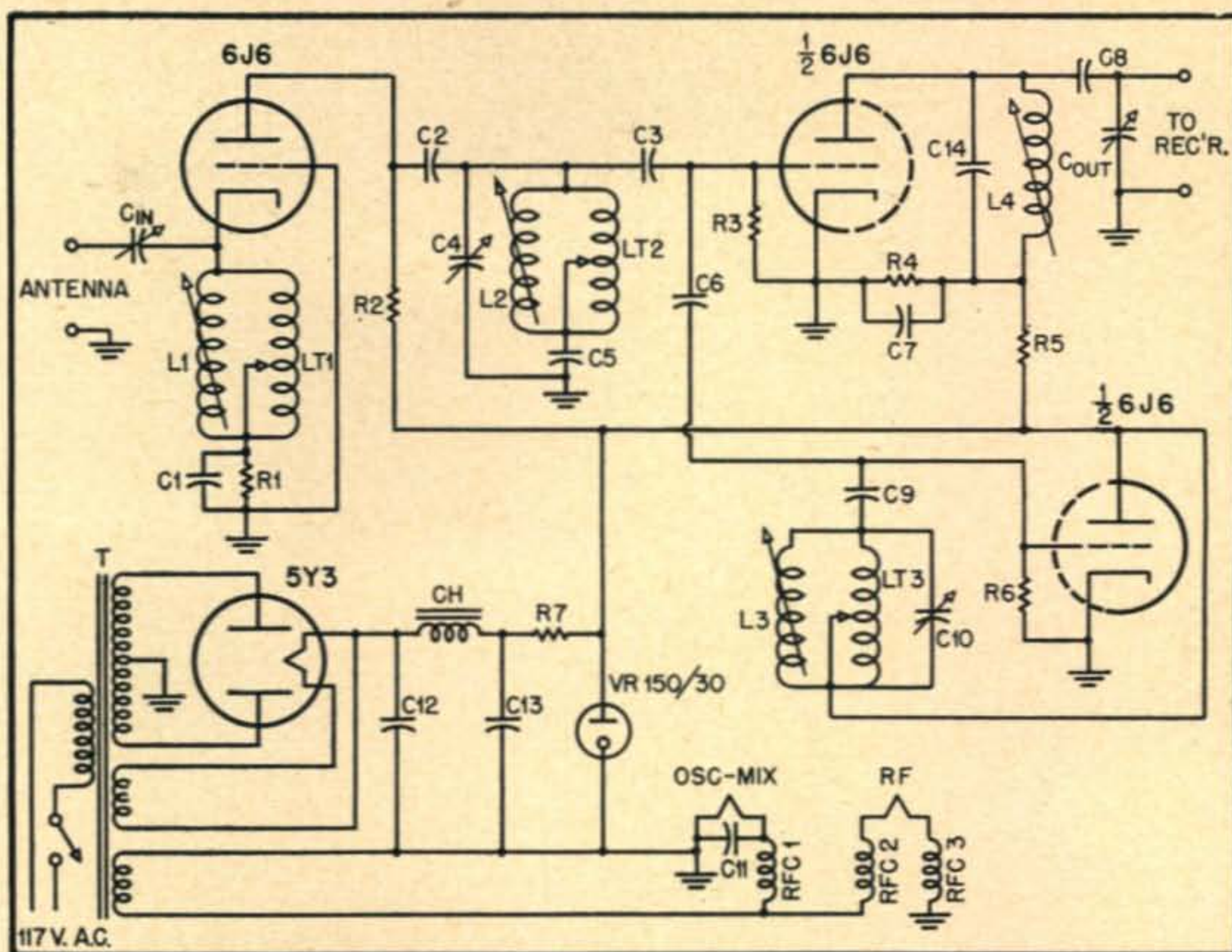
The mixer grid is capacity coupled to the second tuned circuit by C_3 , and injection voltage

from the oscillator is supplied by condenser C_6 which is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches of twisted hookup wire. A fixed capacity of $2\mu\mu\text{f}$ would be satisfactory in this case if available. The mixer obtains its bias by means of the grid resistor R_3 and the injection voltage. The i.f. voltage at 10.7 Mc. is developed across L_4-C_{14} and is fed to the output cable thru C_8 . C_{out} , which is across the output, forms an impedance matching network to match the converter output impedance to that of the receiver being used. Plate voltage for the mixer is taken from the voltage divider formed by R_4 and R_5 and, since each mixer has a particular voltage at which the sensitivity is the greatest, this voltage was first determined by using a potentiometer to obtain maximum sensitivity and then substituting fixed resistors. Incidentally, the best sensitivity for this



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Simplicity of circuitry is the keynote of the General Purpose V.H.F. converter as can be seen from the schematic. The values of R4 and R5 may need a bit of juggling, as is explained in the text.



- C_{in}—4-20 μmf ceramic trimmer. (CRL)
 C_{out}—25-150 μmf compression trimmer.
 C₁—500 μmf midget mica.
 C₂, C₃—25 μmf midget mica.
 C₄—4-20 μmf ceramic trimmer.
 C₅—10 μmf midget mica.
 C₆—2 μmf (may be 1" of twisted hookup wire).
 C₇—5000 μmf CRL "Hy-Kap."
 C₈, C₉—5 μmf midget mica.
 C₁₀—2-6 μmf ceramic trimmer.
 C₁₁—500 μmf midget mica.
 C₁₂, C₁₃—8 μf , 450-volt filter condenser.
 C₁₄—25 μmf midget mica.
 R₁—150 ohms, 1/2-watt, non-inductive.
 R₂—15K, 1/2-watt, non-inductive.

- R₃—2 meg., 1/2 watt.
 R₄—15K, 1/2-watt, non-inductive.
 R₅, R₆—47K, 1/2-watt.
 R₇—10K, 10 watts.
 L₁, 2, 3—Mallory Inductuner.
 L₁—7 turns, #30 DSC, close wound.
 L₂—30 turns, #30 DSC, close wound.
 L₃—10 turns, #30 DSC, close wound.
 L₄—18 turns, #30 DSC, close wound.
 (Above wound on National XR-50 form.)
 r.f.c. 1, 2, 3—18 turns, #26 enamelled, close wound on 50K, 1-watt resistor.
 CH—15 Hy., 50 ma. filter choke.
 T—Power transformer, 250 volts d.c. at 40 ma.

particular unit was obtained with a mixer plate voltage of 38. C₇ is the plate bypass condenser. The oscillator is the conventional two-terminal circuit with C₁₀ setting the higher frequency and L₃ the lower frequency limits. C₉ is the grid condenser and R₆ the grid resistor. RFC₁ is a small choke placed in the filament lead of the oscillator tube and is bypassed to ground by C₁₁.

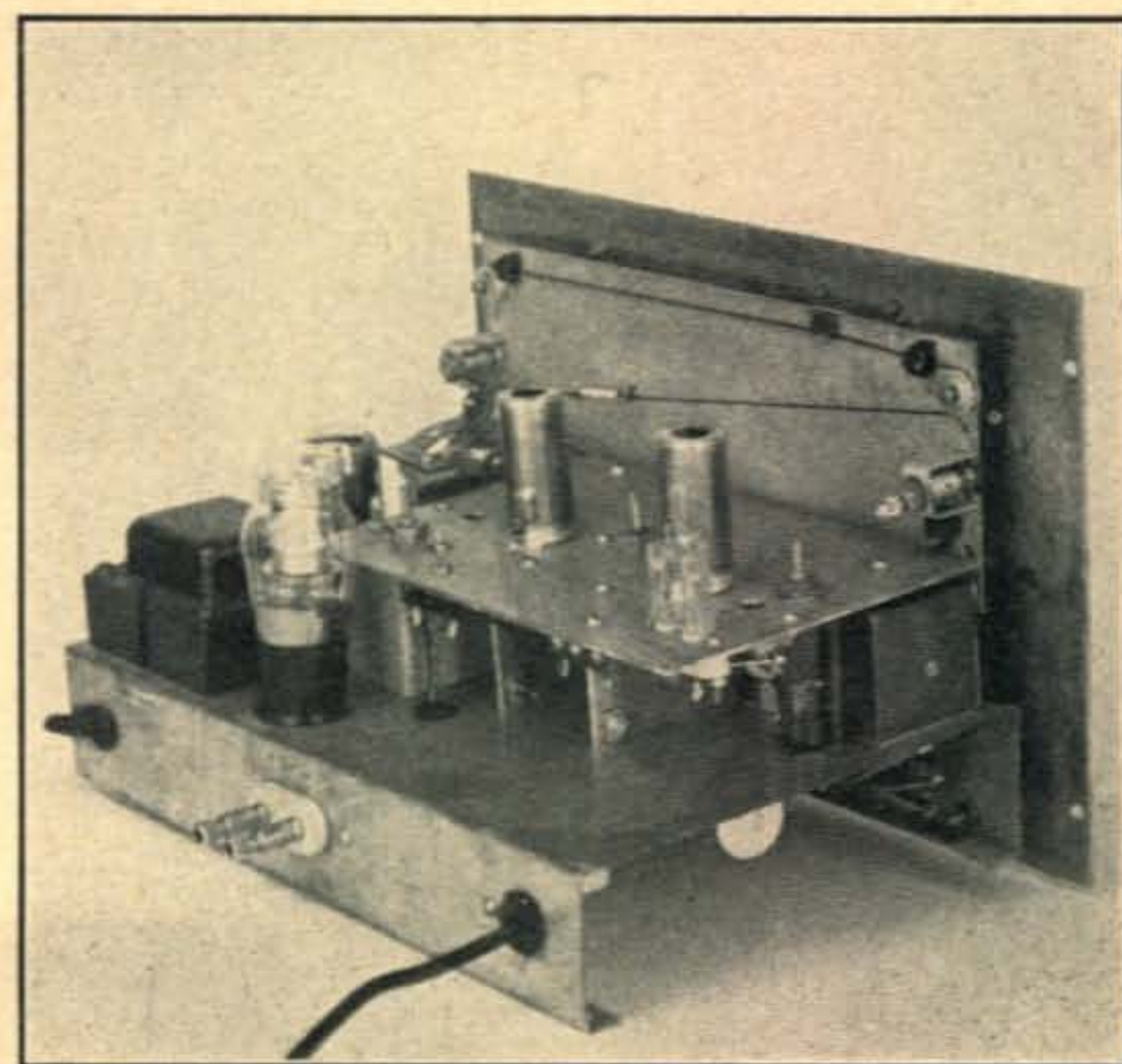
Since the cathode of a grounded-grid amplifier is at r.f. potential, and capacity exists between the cathode and filament of the tube, it is necessary to use similar small r.f. chokes in each of the filament leads, for otherwise considerable signal will be lost to ground. Needless to say, no bypass condensers are needed here. The power supply is conventional, and any supply capable of a few ma of current at 150 volts may be used.

Alignment

The oscillator frequency limits are adjusted first, and any conventional method for determining these frequencies may be used. A calibrated grid dipper was used here, but a receiver such as the National 1-10 or Lecher lines may also be used. Turn the Inductuner so that the inductance is completely out and the oscillator is at its highest frequency.

Adjust C₁₀ until the oscillator is working 10.7 Mc. above the desired highest frequency, in this case 234 Mc., the oscillator being set to 245.7 Mc.

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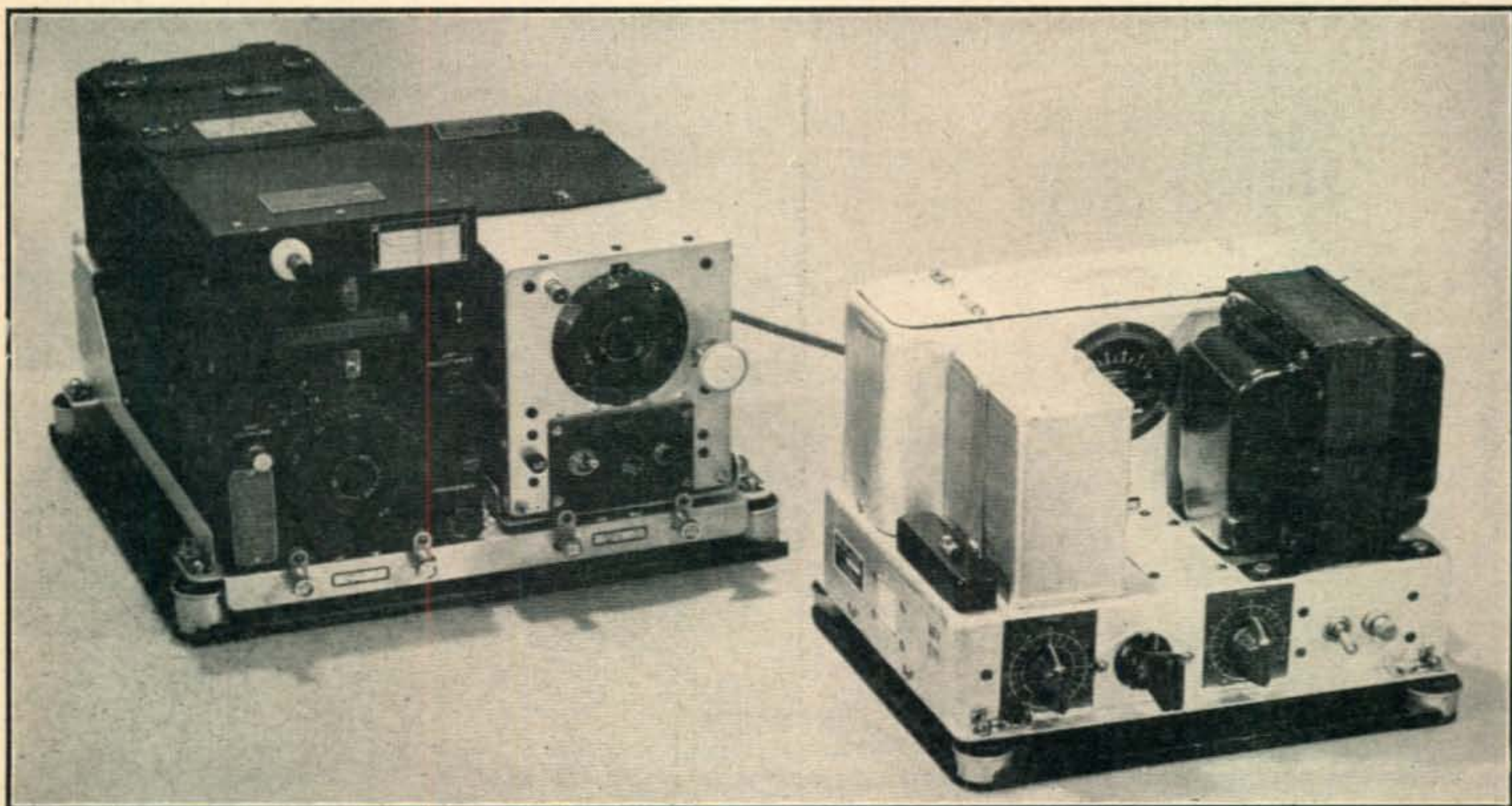
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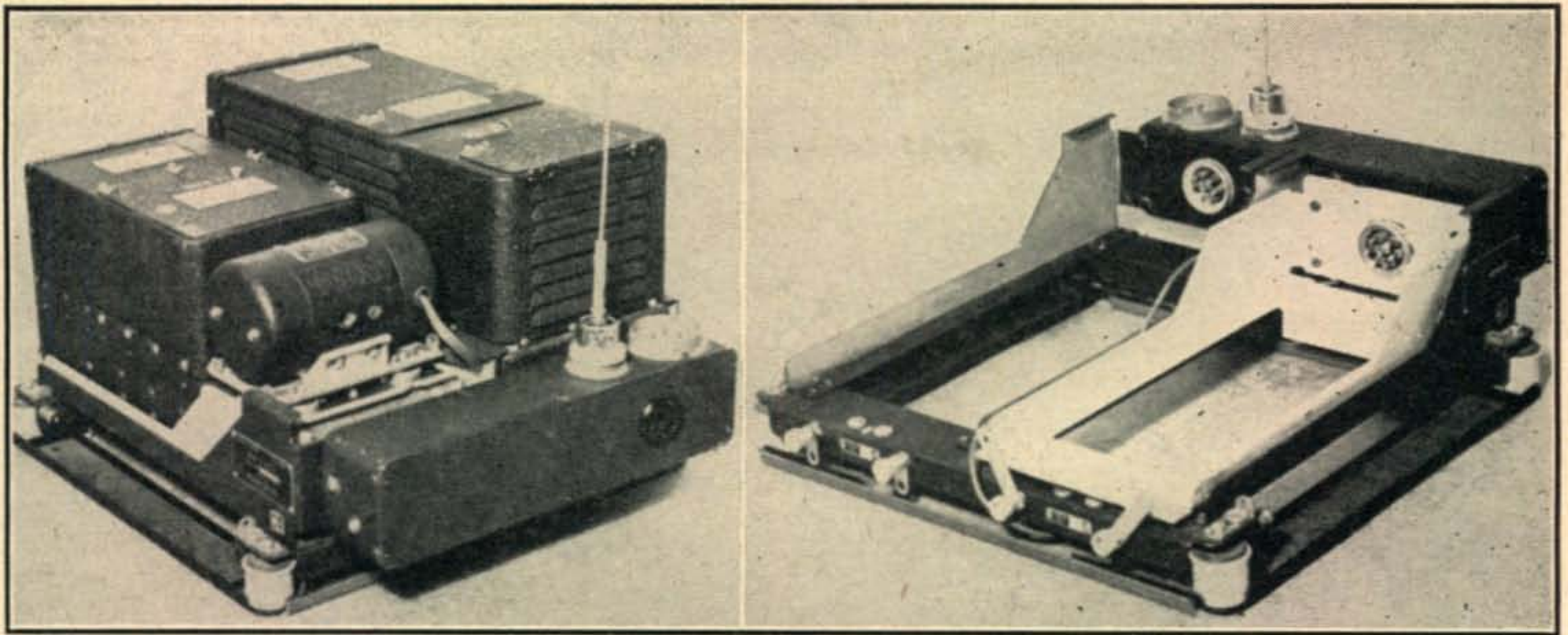
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- Antenna Relay unit BC-442 (Meter only used)
- Receiver Dynamotor DM-32

Two major units comprise the station proper: (1) the transmitter and receiver, mounted together in rack FT-226 and, (2) the power supply, keyer and controls, built as one unit on the BC-456 modulator chassis. Shock mounts listed above are used for the respective units. Inter-unit wiring is by means of cable and plugs.

To provide receiver accommodation in the dual transmitter rack, a section from the receiver rack is cut and fitted into the right-hand compartment.



Overall view of the complete station. Note the built-in electronic key and many SCR-274N components.



Left: Rear view showing receiver power unit built into DM-32 dynamotor case. The receiving antenna is plugged into a banana jack mounted in one of the two original connectors on rear deck of the rack. Receiver gain-dropping relay for transmitting is mounted inside the rear compartment. Right: Dual transmitter rack with receiver rack installed in right hand compartment. The author converted both 80- and 40-meter Command units. Desired frequency range is covered by plugging in proper transmitter and receiver.

This is chiefly a hack-saw job and step-by-step details will not be given. The photograph shows the final result. The male power plug in the right rear section of the transmitter rack is removed, thus providing an opening for connections to the receiver.

The BC-456 modulator is stripped of all major components, a procedure not nearly as wasteful as it might appear. The present low cost of these units can be written off on the basis of the tubes and chassis alone. The power supply/keyer as seen in the photograph is *not* a converted BC-456. The chassis is all the present and former units have in common.

Transmitter Electrical Conversion

Basically, the Command transmitter consists of a Hartley oscillator inductively coupled to a neutralized parallel beam tube power amplifier. Because of the lack of an isolation stage, keying and antenna loading must be arranged to minimize reaction on the oscillator if a satisfactory signal is to be had.

Oscillator keying is the logical choice in view of the original circuitry since there can be no isolation of a keyed stage from the oscillator without drastic circuit changes. Furthermore the most click-free form of triode oscillator keying is blocked-grid.

To provide power supply load voltage stabilization, the final stage is self-biased to draw 100 ma key-up plate current, nominal loaded current being this same value. However, a swing of 30% can be tolerated without serious signal deterioration with average power supplies.

The combination of these two relatively simple modifications results in an exceptionally clean c.w. signal. Power input (loaded) runs between 50 and 75 watts. It must be conceded that this conversion will not run the power claimed for certain other arrangements. It was felt, however, that the added

signal quality made up the difference—especially since a 60-watt high voltage supply is about all a small rig such as this would normally require.

Pertinent circuit data is contained in *Fig. 1*. The former relay control line connection is removed from terminal #5 on the transmitter power socket and this pin is used for the keying lead. Other pin connections are unchanged.

The oscillator grid leak is cut free on the coil side of the grid condenser, then connected through an r.f. choke to pin #5, as shown in *Fig. 1*. Blocking bias of around 100 volts negative is applied from an external source through a 250,000-ohm resistor. Grounding pin #5 keys the transmitter. No other pin connections are changed.

The cathode bias resistor for the 1625s and its associated bypass condenser are located adjacent to the screen grid bypass to the side of the oscillator tuning condenser. If a cathode bypass similar in type to the one used originally for the screen is available, the two may be mounted together by removing the existing mounting screws and replacing with ones of sufficient length to secure both capacitors.

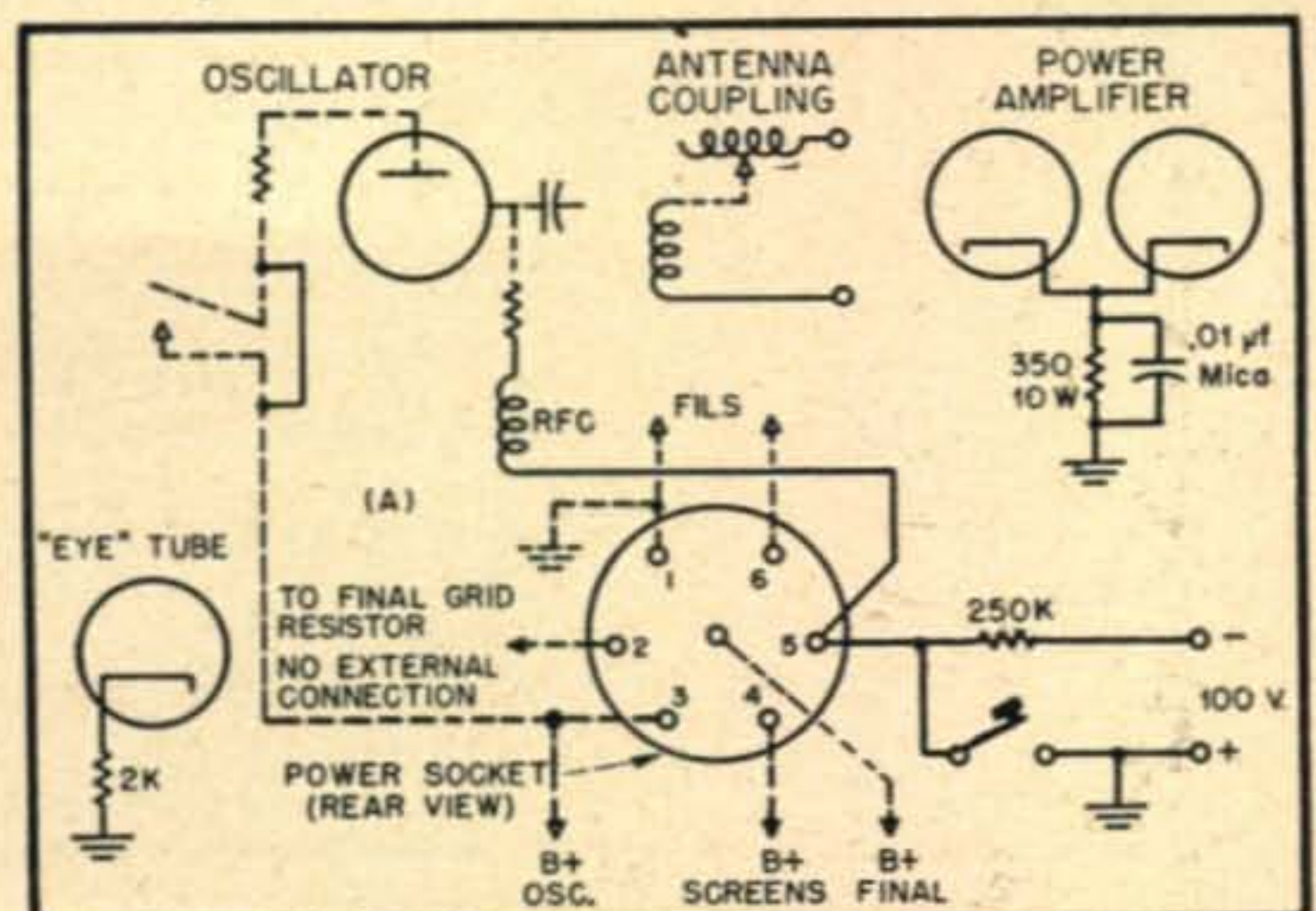


Fig. 1. The transmitter circuit changes, as shown here, can be made in a few moments.

Neither the under-chassis control relay nor the one in the antenna circuit is used. In the latter, the spring contact is soldered directly to the antenna post. In the former, the cathode connection is cut free, the wiring being changed to permanently ground the cathodes through the added 350-ohm self-biasing resistor. The former 51,000-ohm standby bias resistor is removed. The oscillator plate contacts on the control relay are short-circuited by wiring together the contact connections.

Normal operation of the electric-eye tube is achieved by removing the two resistors connected to the eye-tube cathode and replacing them with a single 2000-ohm 1-watt resistor to ground.

Except for wiring filaments in parallel, the only other transmitter change is removal of the chassis ground from the antenna coupling coil. The low side of this coil is connected to an insulated binding post installed in place of the antenna coupling lock. Since the transmitter chassis is common with the ground side of the a.c. line (the result of a receiver half-wave rectifier power supply), the antenna isolation becomes desirable.

Ordinarily, the short antenna used for portable work loads satisfactorily against the a.c. line as a "ground."

The manner of obtaining screen and oscillator plate voltages is important to the proper functioning of this conversion arrangement. A bleeder of from twenty to thirty thousand ohms should be used across the power supply. Oscillator plate voltage is obtained from a tap and should be adjusted to give 150 to 175 volts under load. Screen voltage should be obtained through a series resistor of approximately 15,000 ohms connected to B+. These points are mentioned for the benefit of the reader interested only in the transmitter conversion. The

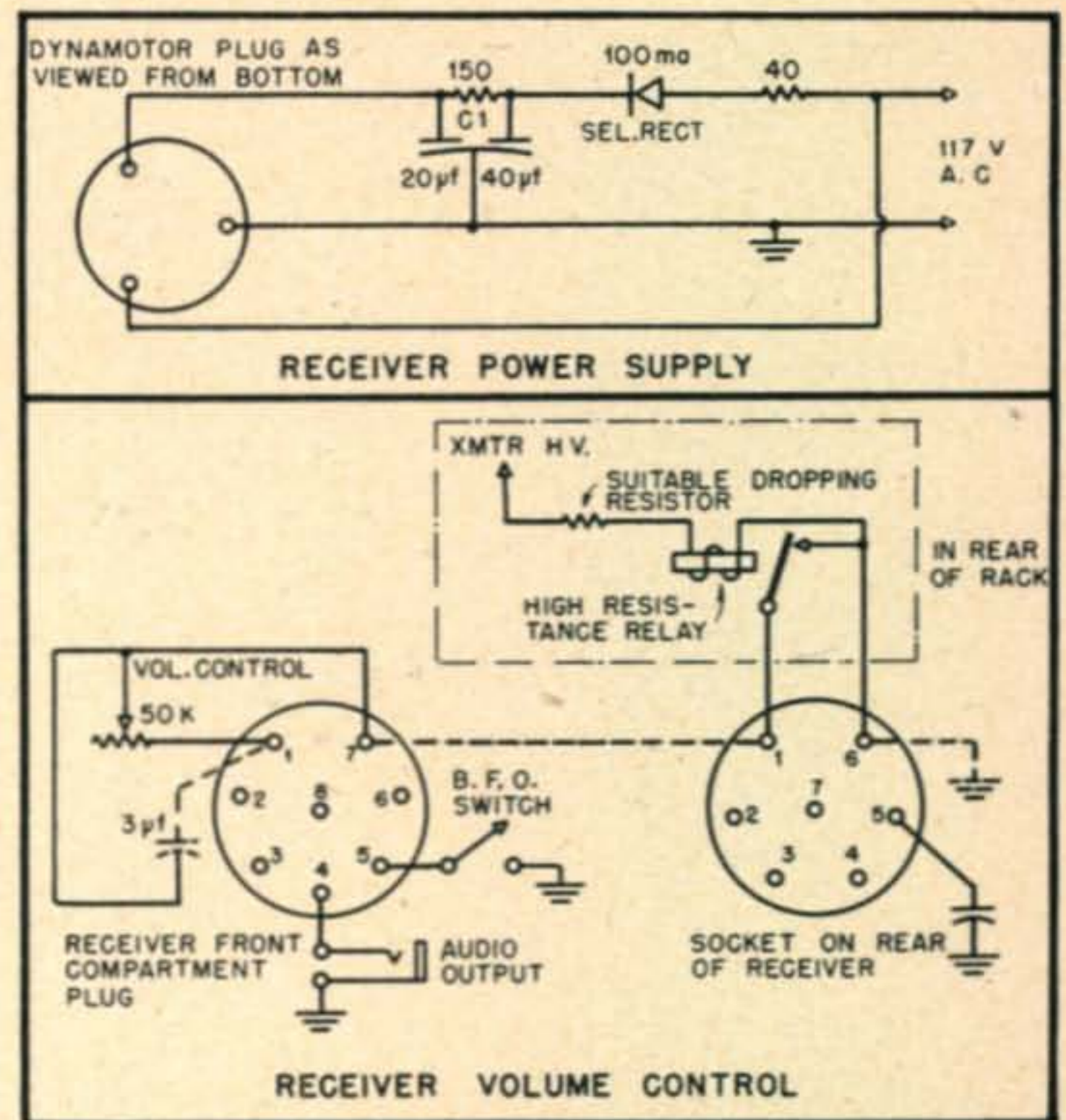


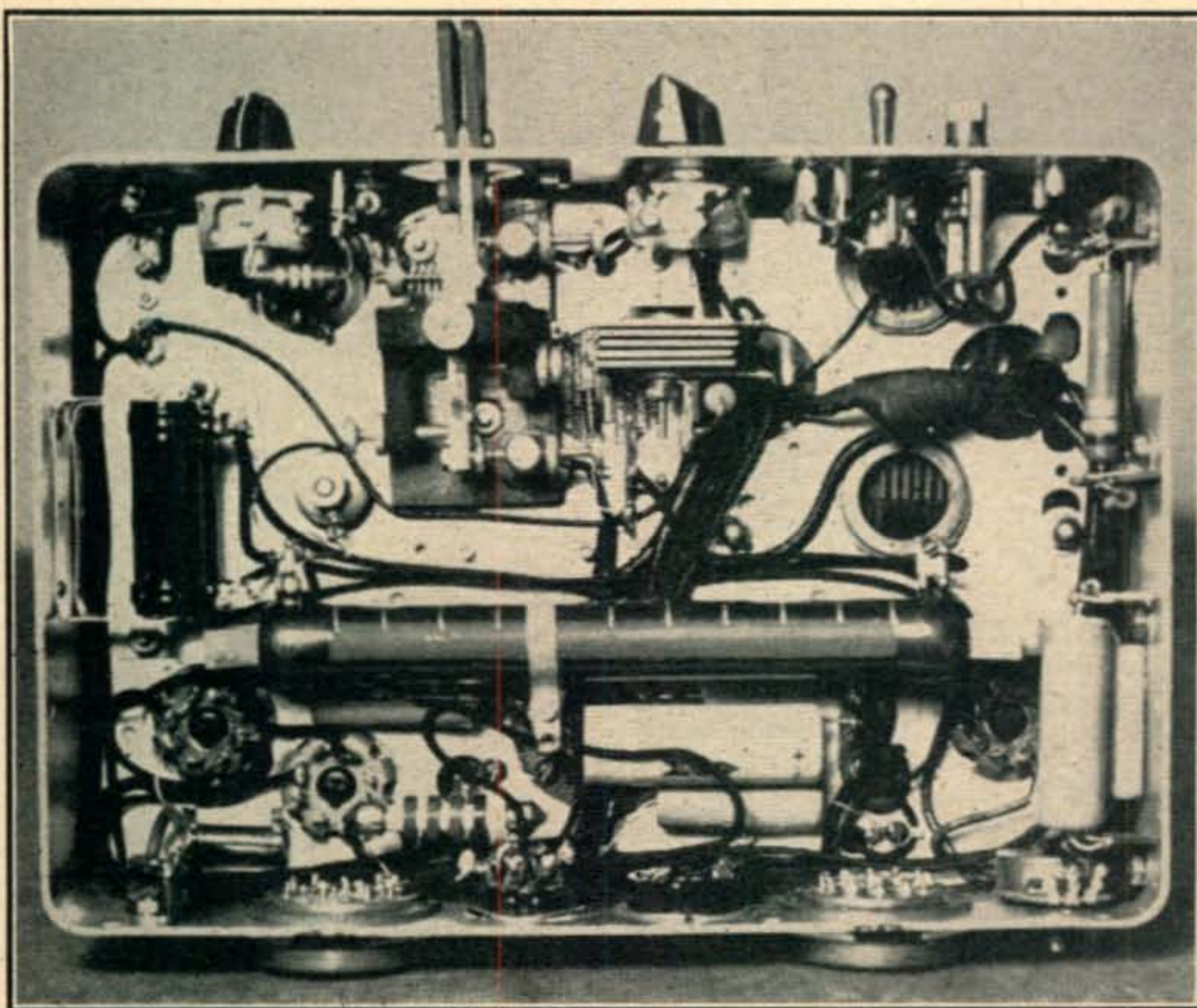
Fig. 2. The receiver power supply (top) fits into the dynamotor housing nicely, and the volume control circuit changes are simple.

required circuit is incorporated in the power unit to be described in a later portion of this article.

Receiver Electrical Conversion

In principle, the receiver conversion follows the lines of previous suggestions carried in the pages of *CQ*. Filaments are wired in series and a 50L6 is substituted for the 12A6 output tube.

Instead of returning the volume control ground lead directly to ground, it is connected to *pin 7* in the front receiver compartment. This pin con-



Under-chassis view of power-supply/kyer unit. Note compactness without undue crowding of parts.

nects to *pin 1* on the rear power socket. The return then reaches ground through contacts of a relay in the rear deck of the rack. This relay operates whenever the transmitter high voltage is applied, opening the volume control ground return. This drops receiver gain to a comfortable level for monitoring the transmitted signal.

Effectiveness of this arrangement requires changing the ground connection of the 3- μ f volume control line bypass condenser from chassis to volume control ground return line. This condenser is fastened to the inside front of the receiver adjacent to the control compartment. Since the case serves as its ground connection, it is necessary to mount the condenser on an insulated bracket. This can be made from a composition tie-point connector. The case is then re-connected to the volume control ground return as shown in *Fig. 2*.

The c.w. selectivity of both the BC-455 and BC-454 will be improved by connecting a .02- μ f bypass condenser across the audio output. This is most easily done under the chassis and to the rear of the set. *Pin 5* is common with the audio output pin on the front receiver plug. No effort was made to increase bandwidth.

Ease of tuning, however, will be enhanced if a wedge-fit knob is substituted for the wobbly, spline-type currently sold for command receivers. A simple five-cent plastic drawer pull can be altered to provide a very satisfactory control. The tapped hole in the base of the pull is first enlarged with a 7/32" drill. Then excess outside stock is trimmed off until the base fits freely into the dial collar. A little pressure will force the new knob onto the tuning shaft spline.

Power supply for the receiver is a half-wave selenium rectifier and filter housed in what was formerly receiver dynamotor DM-32. Once the field coils and armature are removed from the original power unit, there is ample space for mounting the 100 ma rectifier, a dual 40-20 μ f 150-volt tubular filter and two resistors making up the assembly.

The a.c. connection is made by means of a line cord directly to this supply rather than through the receiver power socket. Since the supply is a.c.-d.c. a recommended hookup method is shown in the circuit diagram. In this way, the receiver may be used independently of the portable set-up by merely grounding the volume control line at the rear socket (*pin 1* to *pin 6*). The male plug removed from the right-hand section of the transmitter rack when installing the receiver compartment makes a handy shorting plug by merely soldering these two pins together.

Power Supply and Keyer

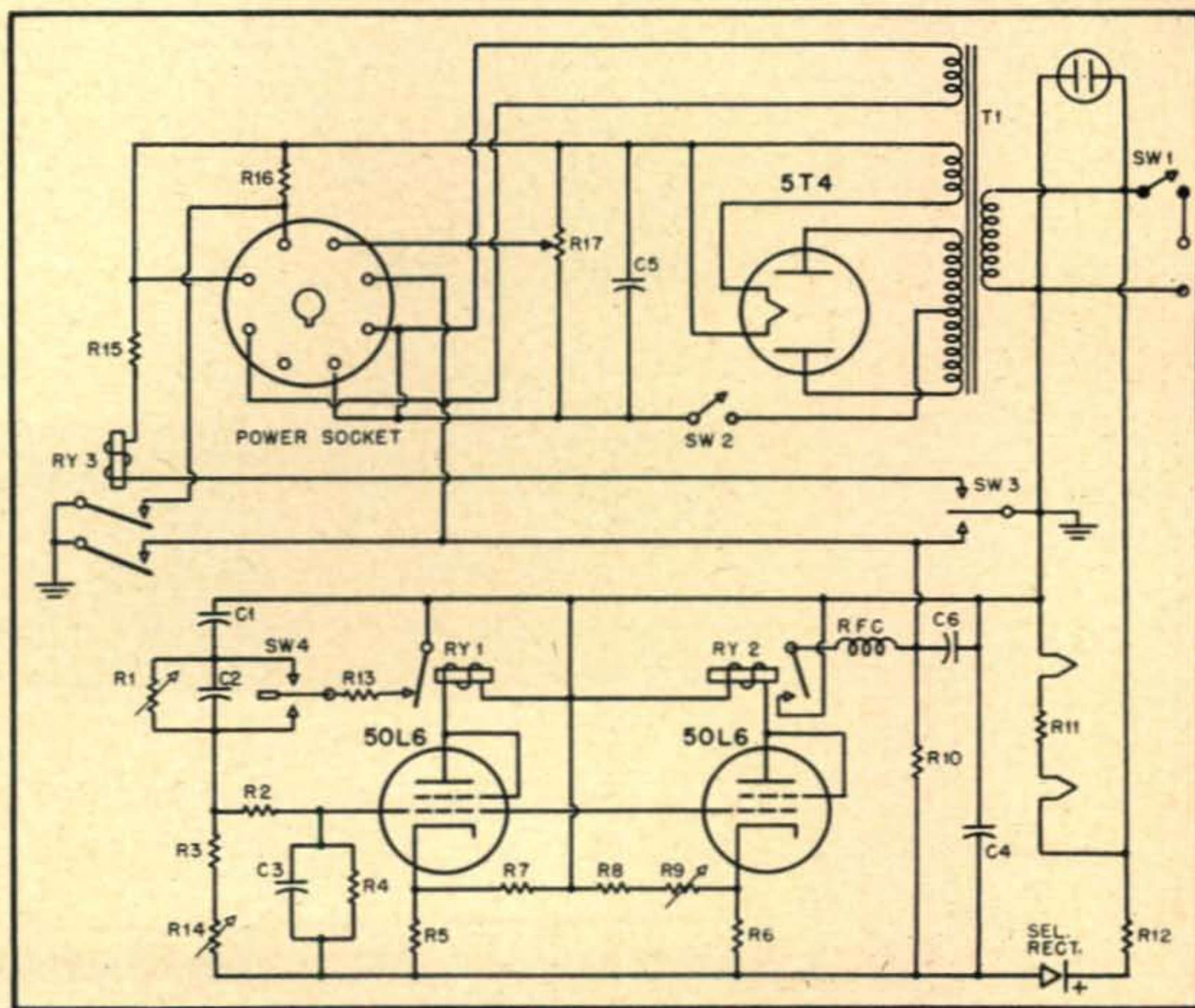
The over-all schematic for this unit is shown in *Fig. 3*. The mechanical and electrical layout can be seen from the photographs. Perhaps additional comment is needed on the power supply concerning the small filter employed. Stability of the converted BC-459 or BC-457 is so good that further filtering is not required for c.w. operation. Should a BC-458 (tuned to 7 mc) or an 80-meter BC-696 be used, a small input filter choke will be necessary. The lower "C" oscillators of these two transmitters result in excessive ripple with the capacity filter alone.

A 5T4 rectifier tube is used since it fits neatly inside the BC-456 shield.

The built-in electronic keyer uses the author's
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Fig. 3. Power supply-keyer.

- C1—.1 μ f, 600 w.v.
- C2—.03 μ f, 600 w.v.
- C3—.05 μ f, 600 w.v.
- C4—40 μ f, 150 v. filter.
- C5—10 μ f, 150 v. filter.
- C6—.002 μ f.
- R1—.5 meg. variable.
- R2, R3—.25 meg., 1/2 w.
- R4—4 meg., 1/2 w.
- R5, R6—2200 ohms, 1 w.
- R7—10,000 ohms, 2 w.
- R8—7000 ohms, 1 w.
- R9—5000 ohms, variable.
- R10—.25 meg., 1 w.
- R11—150 ohms, 5 w.
- R12—40 ohms, 1 w.
- R13—500 ohms, 1/2 w.
- R14—2 meg., variable.
- R15—Refer to text.
- R16—15,000 ohms, 25 w.
- R17—25,000 ohms, 100 w.
- T1—Power Transformer.
- Ry1, Ry2—Pulse relay, 3500 ohms.
- Ry3—Refer to text.
- Sw1—A.C. switch.
- Sw2—H.V. switch.
- Sw3—Refer to text.
- Sw4—Key lever.
- RFC—2 1/2 mh. choke.



More on V.H.F. Converters . . .

Since the publication of "The Ultimate in Converters" in September CQ, author John E. Stacy, W1KIM, has been swamped with inquiries from the v.h.f. gang. Here, as compiled from his notes, are found the answers to many of the questions which have been troubling the "short wave" boys.

IT HAS BEEN of great pleasure to this writer to learn of the excellent success that hundreds of v.h.f. enthusiasts have experienced with the Low Noise Converters previously disclosed in CQ. There have also been many requests for detailed answers to several questions associated with these units, some specific, others general. The following information is an attempt to clarify the most frequently asked questions for those interested. The theory is fact and is presented as such; the tests and associated results are personal findings and should be treated as such.

By far the most popular question concerns the choice of components—that is, type, brand, value, etc. It is true that the suggested parts are not generally available at most radio houses, and this was entirely overlooked by the writer. Obviously the best of components are not necessary for the units and brand discrimination should not exist. Regarding condensers, the original thought was toward miniature types. The smaller types made for better and neater layout and also gave less capacity to ground in the case of the interstage coupling condensers. The values for coupling and bypassing are not critical, those cited are the minimum values. Excepting the buttons, 2000 $\mu\text{u}\text{f}$ dog bones will work nicely as coupling and bypass condensers for all frequencies down to 30 mc. If larger values of button condensers are available, by all means use them. When in doubt for a coupling or bypass capacitor, check to be sure the reactance is less than a few ohms at the frequency in question. As to physical size and make, let your own personal tastes and your pocketbook be your guide. In general, all resistors used can be classified as not critical—yes, all of them. The cathode bias resistors can have a tolerance of 10 percent; all others are approximate values. Type and make follow the suggestion on condensers.

Mica-filled bakelite sockets are equally as good as the more expensive ceramic type—in fact, better in the case of the local oscillator.

Regarding oscillator drift, be sure the ceramic trimmer is zero-temperature-coefficient (NPO), use firm and rugged coil and condenser mounting, have ample ventilation. 6AB4 is more stable than a 6J6. Under-compensation is indicated by frequent retuning upward in frequency, and vice-versa.

The converter can be made fixed tuned by broad banding the i.f. output circuit. This is done by replacing the suggested 47 $\mu\text{u}\text{f}$ across the i.f. coil with 10 $\mu\text{u}\text{f}$. This will assure 4-mc band-width overall. At 30 mc, where only 2 mc is needed, the capacitor may be increased to 20 $\mu\text{u}\text{f}$. The number of turns in the i.f. coil will have to be increased, of course. The oscillator is then tuned to the center of the band and left there. Tuning is accomplished in the low frequency receiver. For example, with an i.f. of 14 mc the oscillator is set at 132 mc and the i.f. receiver is tuned from 12 to 16 mc. A xtal oscillator can be used to assure calibration, but it is recommended that frequency multipliers be used rather than attempting to pick off a high-order harmonic from a one stage xtal oscillator.

Regarding tube types, there is much to be said. First, the lighthouse series is definitely inferior to the 6J4 at frequencies below 300 mc. The 6AB4, ditto. This type is not recommended above 60 mc. At 144 mc its performance is still good, but not comparable to 6J4 or 6AK5 because (1) input conductance is higher, (2) grid current and emission problems, (3) lower Gm. If it must be used, by all means make sure 180 or more plate volts are applied. (This type is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ 12AT7.)

The 2C51 is better than the 6AB4 and will serve nicely up to 144 mc. The G. E. version 5670 is somewhat better and is recommended in preference to the 2C51. The 12AT7 is fine up to 50 mc at 250 v. The 6N4 does not live up to its data sheet. Its perveance cannot be realized without endangering tube life. The $\frac{1}{2}$ 6J6 is

still very good up to 144 mc with 100 volts and no grid emission problems. By all means, forget the types 6AN5 and 6AH6 above 30 mc. The 5687 is still being investigated by the writer. The 404A is perhaps better than the 6AK5, but its cost nearly runs into three figures.

When using the Wallman amplifier, always overcouple the input circuit when in doubt. The noise figure is injured less on the overcoupled side than conversely. It must be mentioned that rather large values of coupling coefficient can be obtained with an auto transformer, so a first guess at the input tap may definitely be overcoupled.

It seems that almost everyone is interested in the relative excellence of the many v.h.f. amplifiers in use today. How do they compare? Assuming that the best available tube types are used, here are the comparisons of four popular amplifiers. Let's look at the cathode-coupled amplifier, the push-pull neutralized amplifier, the grounded-grid amplifier, and the Wallman circuit.

(1) **The cathode-coupled amplifier**, frequently employing the 6J6, is a cathode follower driving a grounded-grid stage. It is quite stable and can be used at 144 mc very nicely. However, since the gain of the first stage is quite small, the noise of the stage following is appreciable. It follows that the overall NF is twice that of a single stage. (2) **The push-pull circuit** (also frequently used with a 6J6) may be grounded-grid, cathode, or plate, and so may or may not require neutralization. It makes no difference which type is used. The best feature is balanced input, other than that it falls into the first group as regards NF. Since the output is associated with two tubes, each with a noise source in the grid circuit (and no increase in gain), the overall NF is twice that of a single stage. It apparently seems confusing to some that a push-pull stage doesn't give twice the gain; in order to get twice output the input must be doubled. (3) **The grounded-grid amplifier** is not a wonder as such, but with certain tube types it can be deluxe. With 6J6 tubes, for instance, two such stages are only slightly better than (1) and (2), but with 6J4 tubes the amplifier is tops. Of course, this is due to the very high Gm. As previously mentioned, a NF of 5 db above KTB can be realized at 150 mc. How about 6J4s for (1) and (2)? Simplicity of circuitry, input matching, no need for neutralization, etc., immediately suggest grounded-grid operation. (4) **The Wallman circuit** is merely the best possible combination of two tubes out of nine possible choices. The circuit is fixed in theory, and its effectiveness is governed only by the choice of tubes. Its features are obvious in every detail. It has gain, NF, stability, and simplicity to the most favorable degree. If you want the best in v.h.f. amplifiers, the Wallman circuit must be used.

In general, taking into account all of the variables associated with v.h.f. amplifier design, the four types mentioned here would rank in the following manner. First the Wallman circuit, second the grounded-grid amplifier, and the remainder as you will. It should be mentioned that any of these will easily out-perform conventional pentode circuits.

The last question of interest is the role of the antenna and its effect on the NF. Many are led to believe that a multi-element array will greatly improve the NF of any receiver. This is a grave error. The inherent source noise is determined by the formula $4KTRB$, and nothing else. Now then, it makes no difference whether a dipole of 72 ohms is used or a multi-element array also of 72 ohms is used. The input grid is entirely indifferent as to which antenna it looks at. It is true that the signal to noise ratio is improved over a dipole, but the noise figure is not affected. Once again, one must not discriminate between the actual signal and the QRN. The belief that a sharp beam will eliminate QRN due to horizontal directivity is legitimate, but it has no effect on noise figure.

TVI - Free Rig for 10!

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Progressing from a TVI-proof design, as detailed in October CQ, to TVI-proof performance.

THUS FAR OUR discussion has been on the construction of a transmitter capable of producing a full spectrum of strong harmonics, but also capable of keeping the r.f. currents at television frequencies within the confines of the shielding. The transmitter should now be tested to find out if it meets the shielding requirements.

Place a 100-watt lamp in the cabinet near the antenna pick-up coil, and connect the lamp across the output capacitor, C_1 . Load the final to about 200 watts input. The lamp will run considerably brighter than normal, but will last longer than the time needed for these tests. Adjust the rig for maximum apparent efficiency. Grid drive

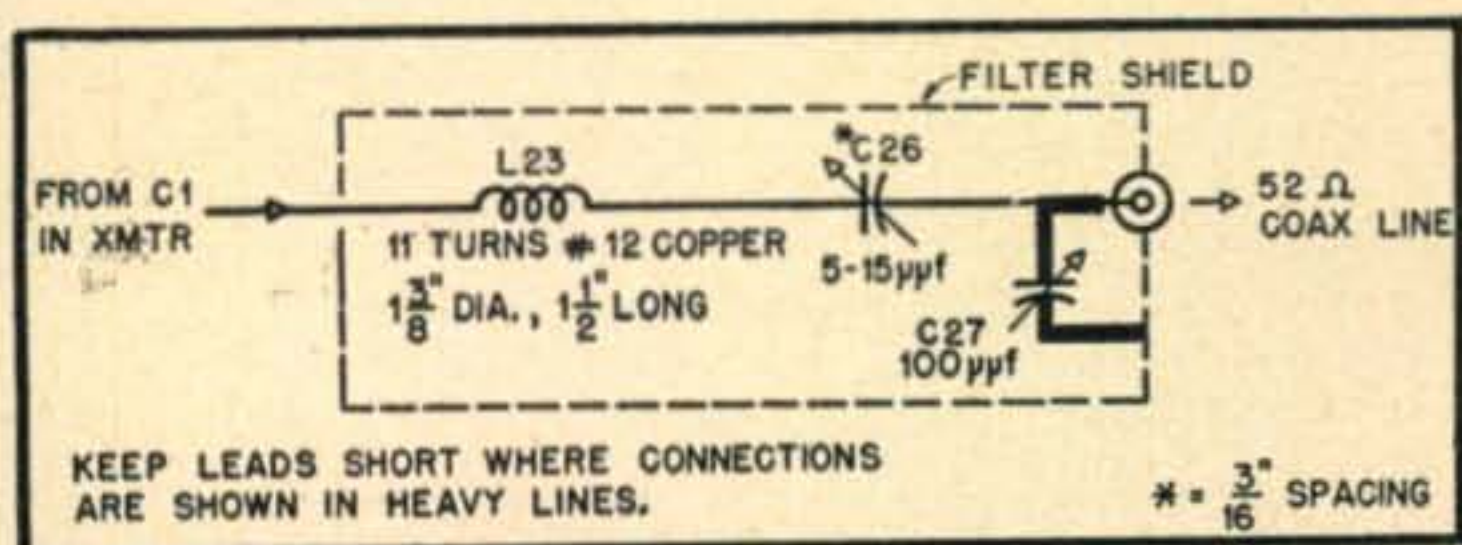


Fig. 10. Single-section band-pass filter for 28 mc.

should be sufficient to develop 80 volts d.c. across R_4 . When the adjustments are completed, clamp the lid tight and bolt the hinge cover plate to the cabinet.

There should be no signals above 45 mc emanating from the box. Sampling the spectrum can be done with a superregenerative receiver or a converter-superhet of the Scherer variety.² If a signal is detected, listen to the rush from the superregen or watch the meter on the superhet, and probe around the cabinet and filter bank with a three-foot length of wire. A variation of signal strength will be noticed when one end of the probe is touched to the cabinet in the vicinity of a bad solder joint or a defective line filter. Correct all faults of this variety, and when the cabinet has been made to function as a complete shield, the transmitter is ready for operation. We now want to bring a specific signal through the wall of the shield so that it can be coupled to an antenna and radiated. The filter accomplishing this feat must also leave the unwanted signals inside the box.

There are two general classifications of trans-

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² Scherer, "The Harmonic Chaser," CQ, April 1949.

mission-line filters for harmonic attenuation: the band-pass, and the low-pass types. High attenuation ratios may be obtained with only a few sections of the band-pass variety, and the narrower the pass band, the fewer will be the number of sections necessary. The low-pass filter, although requiring more sections, is the most convenient in that it can be used for any of the amateur bands below 30 mc. Because filters of this type never have to be tuned, once built, quick frequency shifting within any particular amateur band is possible. Although a low-pass filter is more difficult to construct, it is worth the effort if multi-band operation or frequent movement within one band is anticipated.

Single-Section Band-Pass Filter

The degree of harmonic attenuation necessary in any particular location is a function of the TV signal strength and the proximity of the TV receiver to your equipment. In order to get this shielded 10-meter transmitter on the air as soon as it is finished, and to find out how it behaves for TVI in your location, try the simple band-pass filter illustrated in Fig. 9. The circuit for this unit is given in Fig. 10. Actually, the antenna pick-up circuit inside the cabinet acts as a filter section in this device, and the second section is mounted in its shielding box outside of the Par-Metal cabinet. Make sure that the entire area of the metal surfaces where the two units are

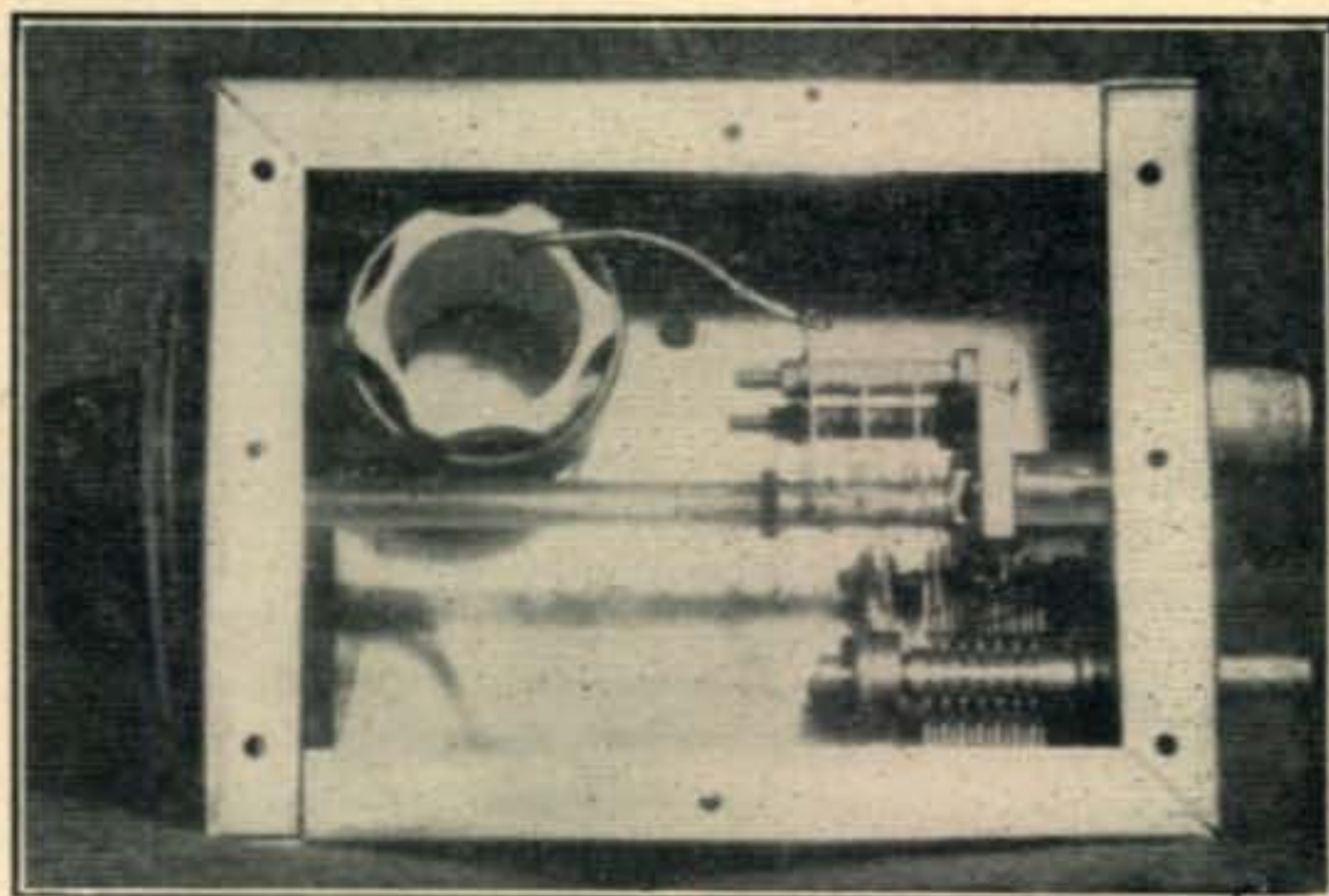


Fig. 9. Single-section band-pass filter with cover plate removed. The co-ax fitting for the antenna feeder is on the right. C_{26} is mounted on polystyrene insulators, and a polystyrene shaft extension goes to the dial through a bushing in the side of the box.

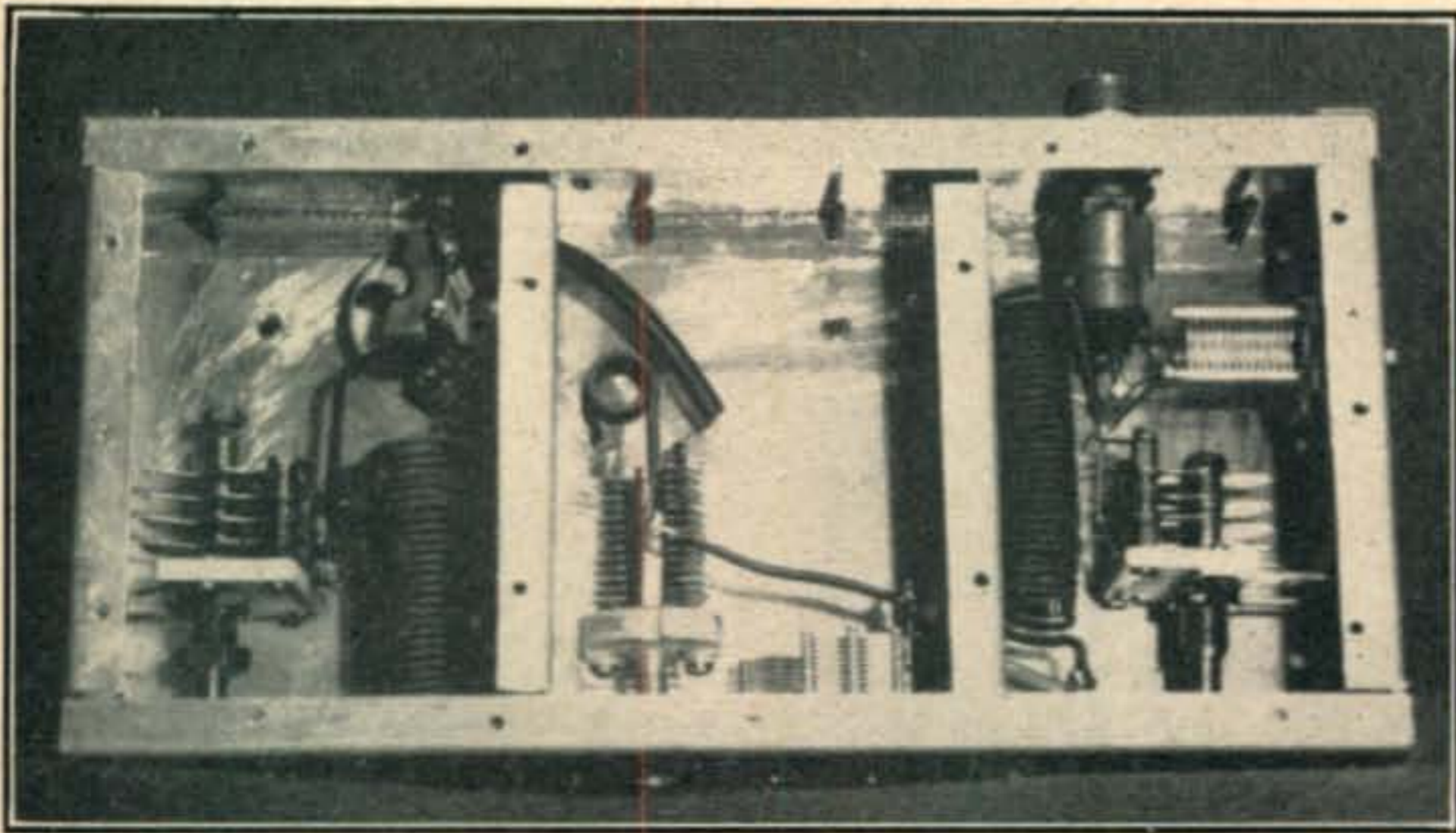


Fig. 11. Two-section band-pass filter. The center compartment contains a test filter section which normally is omitted. Either this two-section filter or the single-section assembly of Fig. 9 can be bolted to the side of the transmitter in place of the low-pass filter shown mounted on the transmitter in Fig. 1.

bolted together are paint-free, rust-free, and clean. An insulated wire from C_1 in the transmitter passes through a hole common to both boxes into the external section, and the output of the filter is taken from a coax fitting. Coaxial cable RG-8/U is used to feed the antenna. All the filters discussed in this article are designed to match a 52-ohm line. Balanced lines make the filters more complicated, so it is advisable to get acquainted with this system of harmonic control by starting with the simple and branching out into the more complex as confidence is gained.

Tuning the simple band-pass filter is relatively easy. Start with a lamp load at the coax outlet. Adjust C_2 and C_{26} , and the plate tank capacitor for maximum power output at minimum usable plate current. For a given frequency there is an optimum setting of C_2 and C_{26} for maximum efficiency. Obviously, the degree of coupling between L_1 and the tank coil is involved in the loading of the 813.

After becoming acquainted with the filter by operating it into a lamp load, remove the lamp and connect the coax feeder. A good match between the antenna system and transmission line is recommended because the filter is designed for a 52-ohm non-reactive load at the fundamental frequency. If the mismatch is too great, heavy circulating current will cause the coils to overheat or the capacitors to arc. In my particular installation, the 52-ohm line is connected to a half-wave dipole, which presents a moderate mismatch, but all of the 52-ohm filters that have been tried on the system have behaved satisfactorily. Even if your transmission line isn't as flat as an Illinois wheat farm, some standing waves on the system will not be too objectionable.

Connect the antenna and touch up the filter adjustments for maximum radiation at maximum efficiency. A 1N34 crystal diode in a 10-meter resonant circuit with a 0-1 millimeter makes a fine field-strength indicator. When the rig is delivering a good strong 10-meter signal into space, check the harmonic radiation and the effect of the harmonics in the nearest TV set. Make sure that your fundamental is trapped out of the TV receiver³ before you condemn the

transmitting equipment. At W2RYI, the simple band-pass filter at the transmitter eliminates all TVI from harmonics in a neighbor's set located 35 feet away, where signals from TV stations in New York City are attenuated by 15 miles of space and one huge ridge of the intervening Orange Mountains.

Two-Section Band-Pass Filter

If the simple filter is not adequate in your location, another section can be added. *Figure 11*

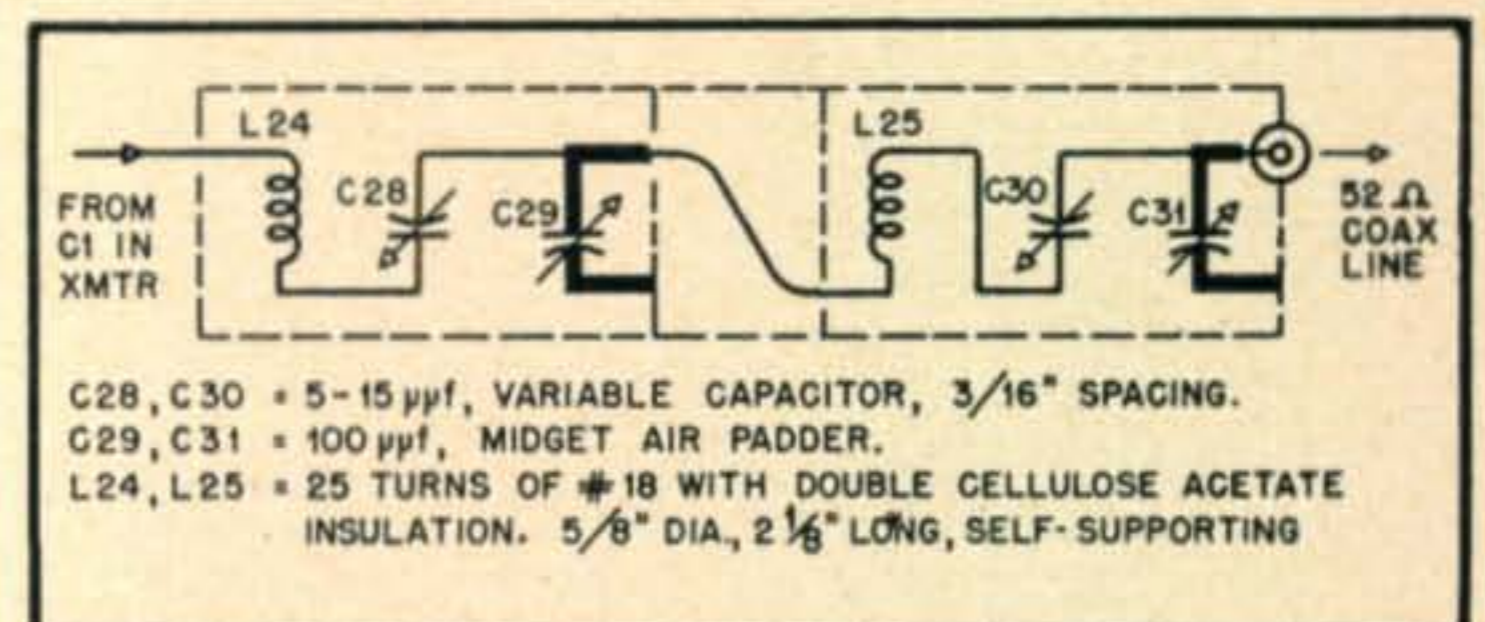


Fig. 12. Two-section band-pass filter.

is a photograph of the device. The center compartment was originally intended for a third section. It was also used for a trap section in tests conducted to study an external source of harmonic production, but regular sections in the two end compartments were found adequate for TVI elimination in a set located 3 feet from the transmitter.

The tuning of this filter (circuit in *Fig. 12*) is more complicated than that of the simple filter. The same procedure is used for alignment, but it was found that C_{28} tunes broadly, and causes the 813 plate current to drop slightly when tuned in correctly. This drop in power input is accompanied by a small rise in power output, but it only occurs when C_1 and C_{30} are set correctly. Play with a lamp load on this filter, also, while getting acquainted.

In order to get extreme harmonic attenuation with a minimum number of sections, the above filters are designed to have a very narrow pass-band. To QSY more than 30 kc means that the filter has to be retuned. To broaden the pass-band

³ If you have not already built traps for your neighbor's TV receiver, try W. M. Scherer's "Trap Box", *CQ*, March, 1949.

means adding more sections, so we might just as well build a good low-pass filter and finish the job completely.

Low-Pass Filter

Figure 13 shows the experimental unit I built to test the effectiveness of low-pass filters. When it is used on the shielded transmitter running 300 watts to the 813, the TV set sitting 3 feet away gets no interference to channels 4, 5, 7, 11, and 13. There is no evidence of a harmonic in the presently unoccupied channel 9. Channel 2 is clean when I operate between 27.16 mc and 27.43 mc and also between 29.0 and 29.7 mc.

The interference to Channel 2 when I operate between 28.0 mc and 29.0 mc is not objectionable, but the results are not perfect. In the attempt to achieve perfection at all frequencies, I have worked for months on this particular problem. The following outline illustrates the types of tests being run to determine the source of the difficulty:

- A. Shielded transmitter feeding lamp load at 28.5 mc.
 1. Lamp inside transmitter. No harmonic radiation.
 2. Lamp outside transmitter at filter terminal. No harmonic radiation.
 3. Lamp at end of 8-foot length of coax. Strong radiation at 28.5 mc, plus weak 2nd and 3rd harmonic.
- B. Operating into regular antenna with low-pass filter and coax.
 1. Regular operation. Weak 2nd and 3rd harmonic.
 2. Tunable 57-mc plate trap at 813.⁴ No change whatsoever on 2nd and 3rd harmonic output.
 3. 25- $\mu\mu\text{f}$ vacuum capacitor at plate of 813.⁴ No change.
 4. Vacuum capacitor plus plate trap. No change.
 5. Tunable 57-mc trap at various points along coax feeder. No change.
 6. Stubs at various points along coax. No change.
- C. Band-pass filter of Fig. 12 into coax and antenna.
 1. Results same as with low-pass filter.
 2. Tunable 57-mc trap in center compartment. No change.
- D. Regular antenna and filter without 28.5 mc signal.
 1. Detuned C_1 to reduce 28.5 mc radiation. No harmonics.
 2. Same, but lamp load inside transmitter to keep power input normal. No harmonics.
- E. 813-final operating as doubler to 57 mc.
 1. No antenna. No 57 mc radiation.
 2. Normal 10-meter coupling and antenna system. No 57-mc radiation.
 3. Same, but 20" length of insulated wire stuck 2" into hole in cabinet. Channel 2 picture disappears.

In addition to these tests, I have bypassed and filtered every rectifier and VR tube in the house. No change in the 2nd and 3rd harmonic radiation was effected. It is definite that no 57-mc component is available unless the 28.5-mc signal is broadcast, so it is possible that an external non-linear system that has nothing to do with my radio equipment is causing the trouble.

I hope to get a positive answer to the problem, but in the meantime, the rig works perfectly on the frequencies designated above and almost as well between 28 and 29 mc, so I'm on the air! You can be, too, and you may not even have a non-linear system in close proximity, or you may be able to establish a good standing-wave ratio on the transmission line and get your fundamental radiator far enough away to circumvent the difficulty. Let's proceed with the low-pass filter.

Construction of Low-Pass Filter

The circuit diagram for this filter with m -derived sections is shown in Fig. 14. Silver-mica button capacitors were used initially in my low-pass filter, but you will notice that the parts list shows ceramic capacitors for the 150- $\mu\mu\text{f}$ components. The reason for this change is that the silver buttons drop in capacitance during long periods of operation because the heavy r.f. current slowly opens up some of the thin, silver contacts. The buttons that have failed in my filter have been

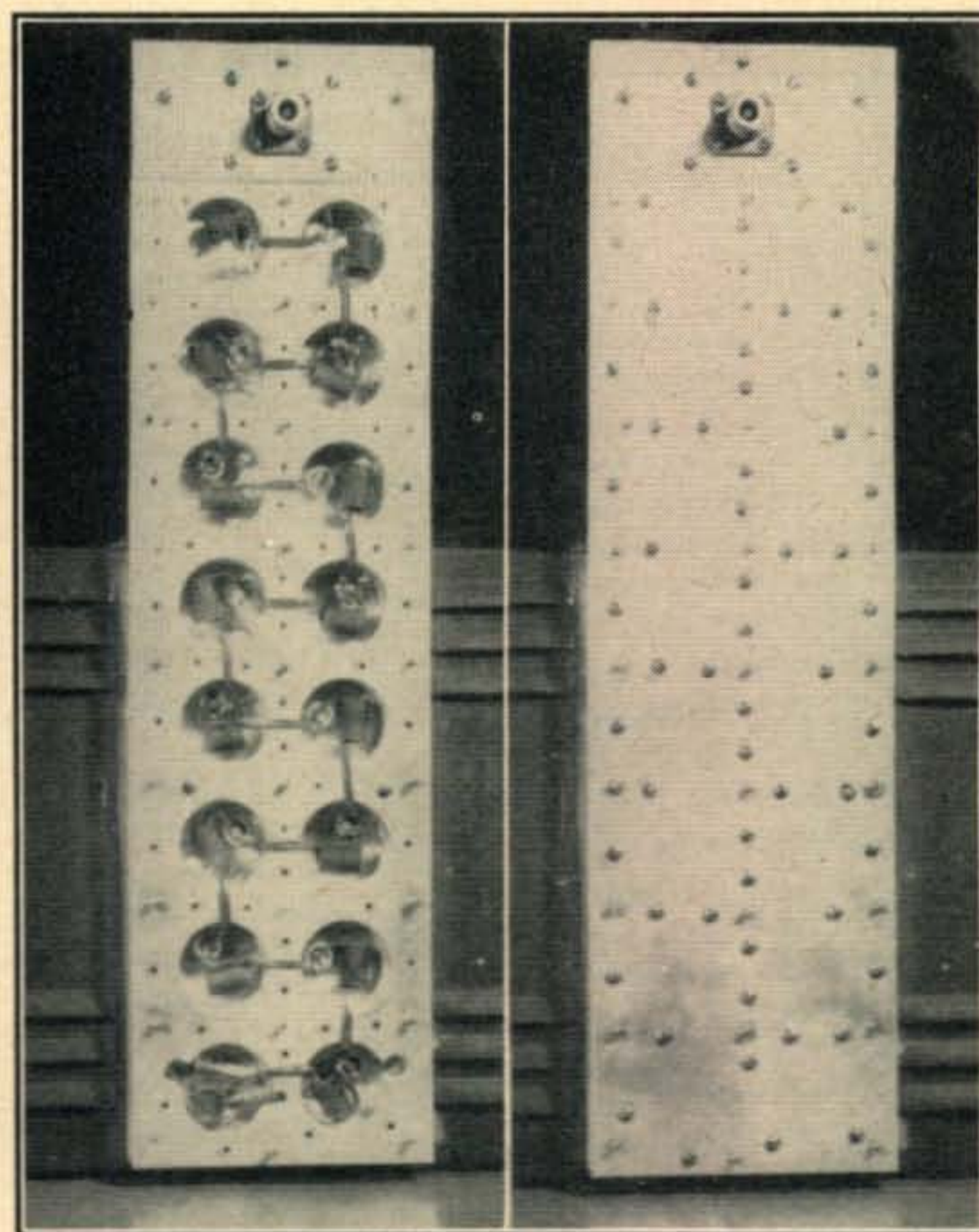


Fig. 13A (left). Sixteen-section low-pass filter. Each compartment houses one section. The filter is connected to the transmitter by a lead which passes through a hole in the bottom of the lower left compartment. Fig. 13B (right). This is how the filter looks when the cover plate is bolted to the case. The coax fitting at the top is for a 52-ohm transmission line.

replaced by ceramics, which behave satisfactorily.

In wiring the filter, keep the connections that are shown in the diagram with heavy lines as short as possible. The case is made of aluminum plates $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick, and the $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch diameter holes are oriented so that when the plates are stacked, compartments are formed for the filter sections. The whole assembly is tightly bolted so that no slits are present between compartments. The top plate in the stack is cut with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " slot between appropriate compartments to pass the wire between adjacent sections. This wire is wrapped with Scotch Tape for additional insulation. The top plate is tapped for the permanent 8-32 bolts that hold the assembly together, and it is also tapped for the $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 6-32 bolts that are used to fasten on the $\frac{1}{16}$ " aluminum lid plate. The bottom plate of the filter case is made of $\frac{1}{8}$ " aluminum to provide structural strength and to permit deep countersinking for the assembly-bolt holes. The bottom of the filter case is held tightly against the transmitter cabinet by four bolts which pass through holes in the cabinet. A fifth hole is drilled in the cabinet to pass the lead from C_1 to the input section of the filter. This wire is also wrapped with Scotch Tape for insulation.

The last compartment in the filter case has a separate lid, and on this lid is mounted the coax connector for the transmission line. The lead connecting the last filter section to the coax fitting is snaked through an inter-compartmental slot, $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide, cut in one of the internal laminations.

Testing the Low-Pass Filter

When the low-pass filter is first tested, a lamp load is used at the output terminal. Adjust the coupling coil and C_1 for optimum power transfer. Remove the lamp, connect the coax and antenna, make final readjustments of C_1 and the plate-tank capacitor and you're on the air.

If you happen to have a 72-ohm transmission line, and want to modify the 52-ohm filter described above to fill your requirements, consult *Terman's Radio Engineer's Handbook*, First Edition, 1943, page 228, for the necessary data.

Will Angermeier, W2MJ, and Dick Zucker, the OM at W2QKT, are in the process of constructing shielded transmitters, and they are building low-pass filters with relatively large rectangular compartments. Each section will have #12-wire inductances, and the capacitors will be air-padders. This method of construction is mentioned as a possible variation to be considered.

Although designed for 10-meter phone, the shielded transmitter is also operated on 20-meter phone and c.w. The change is made simply by plugging 14-mc coils in the antenna pick-up circuit and 813 tank. The 1625 quadrupler is padded with an 80- μmf capacitor to make it double. The low-pass filter feeds a 20-meter dipole through RG-58/U, and the power input generally is 300 watts. I get good reports from the gang on twenty, and there is no interference to any channel in the TV receiver in the shack. When the rig was first put on 14 mc, the picture on channel 2 was obliterated. It took several hours to locate the cause of this unexpected predicament. The 14-mc signal from the transmitter was being rectified in the grid-cathode circuit of the first r.f. tube in my communications receiver, and strong 4th and 6th harmonics were being radiated from the receiving antenna. When I transmit now, the 20-meter receiving antenna is grounded to the receiver chassis at the input terminal, and we have no TVI.

As for the behavior of the shielded transmitter on 10 meters, the actual interference to the TV receiver sitting next to it on the bench has been described in the paragraphs on filters. The receiver involved is an RCA 630TS driving a 16AP4 kinescope. The 10-meter fundamental is attenuated in the RG-59/U TV feeder by a tuned trap in series with the center conductor and one in series with the coax shield. A second set of tuned traps removes the 20-meter fundamental.

The distance between the TV receiver and the shielded transmitter represents the worst condition possible in adjacent suites of an apartment house where transmitter and receiver are placed back to back against a common wall. In addition, the apartment-house situation is duplicated in the extreme by taking the transmitter and TV receiver feeders in almost parallel paths to the roof 30 feet above. At no point in space are the feeders or antennas separated by more than 12 feet.

To make matters worse, I have additional feeders from a pair of 2-meter colinear-arrays, a 20-meter dipole, and a 75-meter antenna coming through the same section of box sill.

Then, nestled among all these wires, is a folded dipole and 300-ohm ribbon feeding a 12-year old television receiver that has an old-fashioned 8-13 mc i.f., and no r.f. stage. That veteran receiver can produce TVI, but it doesn't receive any from my shielded and filtered 10-meter transmitter!

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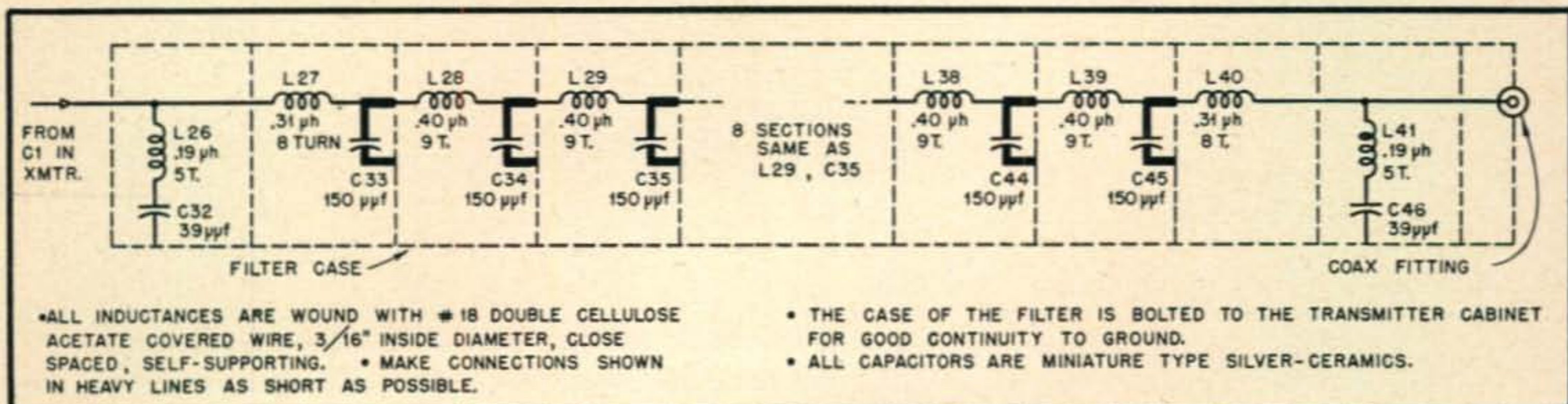
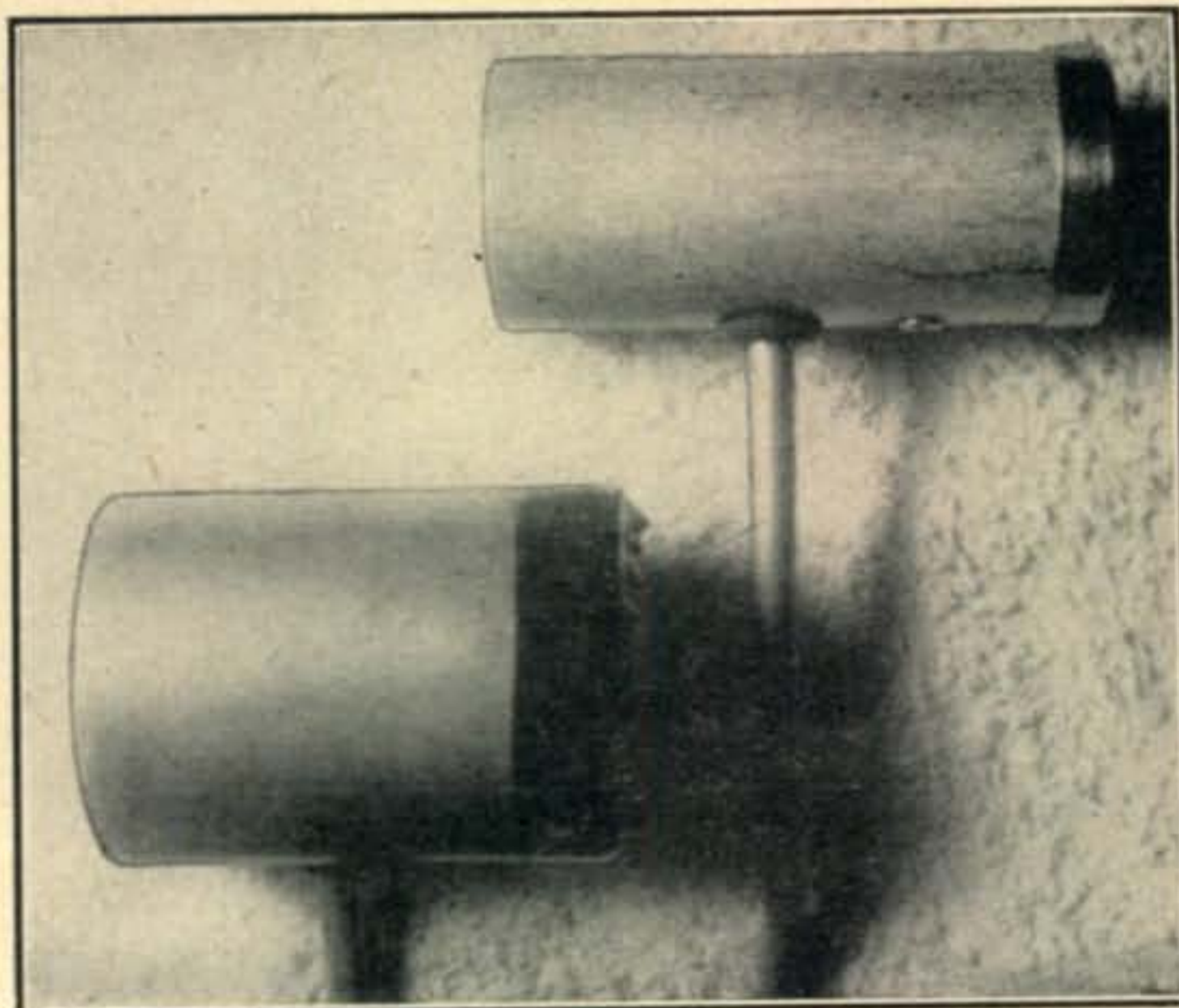


Fig. 14. Sixteen-section low-pass filter for 52-ohm line.

Fig. 7. R5 mike completed. The smaller case is made from door chime resonator. The larger case is sample for components such as transformers or condensers.

THE R5 MIKE

WALTER S. ROGERS, WIDFS*



An all but indestructible utility microphone that gives excellent performance, made from modified headphone units.

WHILE MAKING tests on headphone receivers, the writer came across the very desirable characteristics of a well-known telephone receiver unit called the ANB-H-1, a part of the HS-33 headset. A representative curve of these units is shown in Fig. 1. The headset lends itself ideally to conversion as an excellent, almost indestructible, communications microphone at extremely low cost. We have affectionately dubbed our utility mike the "R5."

Variation of impedance and effect of the transformer show a response as a microphone as shown in Fig. 2. It will be noted that 200 to 4000 cycles with the 30K shunt presents a response curve which is about ideal for voice communications and particularly for rugged duty in a ham rig. If one wants a rising characteristic, the 30K resistor may be omitted. This also increases the sensitivity about 6 db.

After obtaining the receiver characteristics,

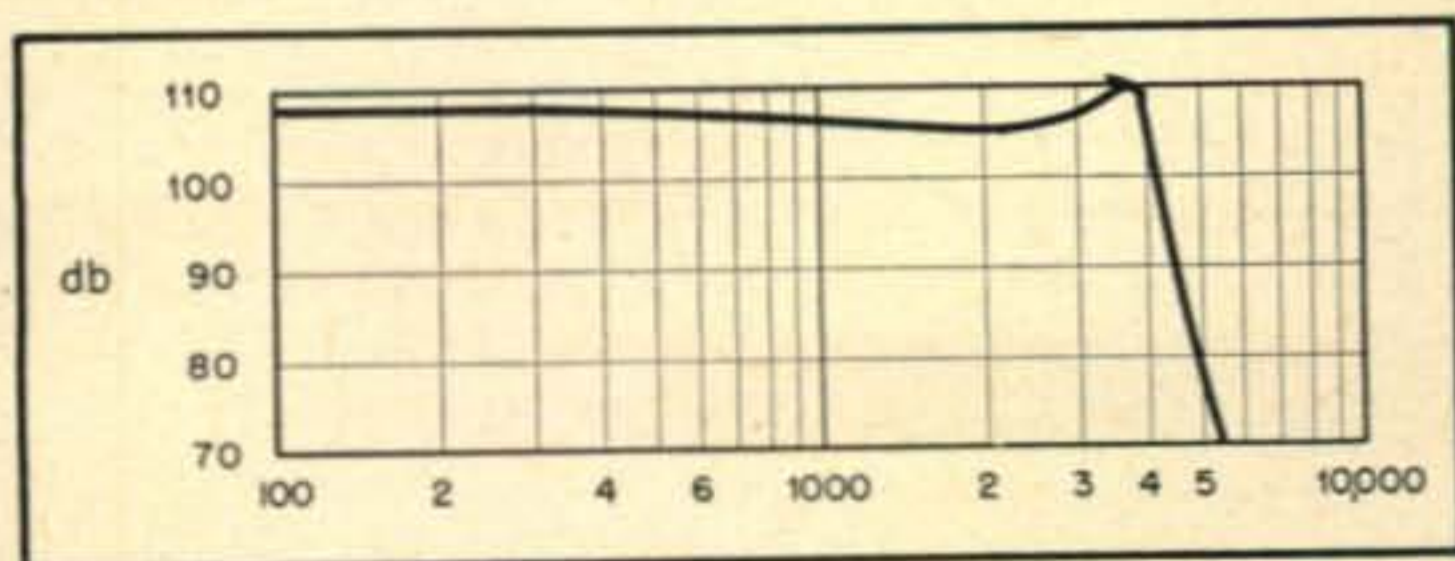


Fig. 1. ANB-H-1 (part of HS-33 headset) characteristics as earphones.

much spare time was spent in trying transformers and locating a suitable housing to make a microphone. In addition, screening to cover the "business end" of the mike had to be secured, and, of course, a good length of mike cable.

Two surplus "ouncer" type transformers were tested. A standard carbon microphone mike-to-grid

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transformer does a good job of it but was too large for the housing.

The ANB-H-1 units are designed to be 300 ohms at 1000 cycles. Locally,¹ a surplus transformer marked PC 77368, costing about 30 cents, and tagged "7 to 7000 ohms", shown in Fig. 3, was found to be by far the best tried here. Undoubtedly there are other types available elsewhere. It appears that an impedance ratio of 1000 to 1 is a good target to start with.

The mike units are shown in Fig. 4. There are several makes in addition to the one originally designed by Western Electric—Shure and Best, for example. All are carefully adjusted to rigid specifications. The mike cases used to make the microphones have been the small condenser-type can made for door chime resonators which are cadmium plated and have covers.² The larger can was a sample for use with radio components from a local can manufacturer. One may use i.f. cans, condenser cans, and, in fact, one chap is planning to use a "cat food" can. Ferrous cans are preferred.

Assembly is quite simple. Remove the microphone unit from the receiver case by the use of a small "knob" screw driver, if the whole receiver is too large to fit inside the can. Remove

1 Radio Shack, 167 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
2 Wm. J. Murdock Co., Carter St., Chelsea, Mass.

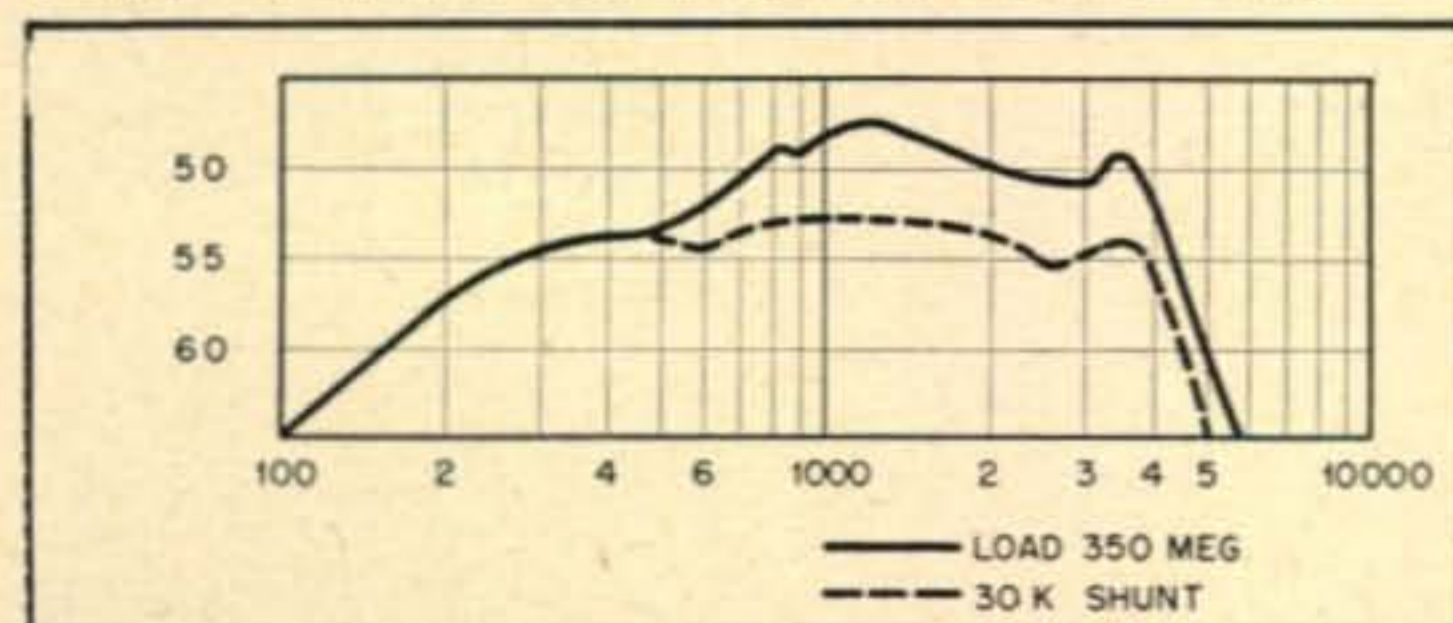


Fig. 2. ANB-H-1 unit as microphone with model PC-77368 transformer. Zero level equals 1 volt/dyne/cm².

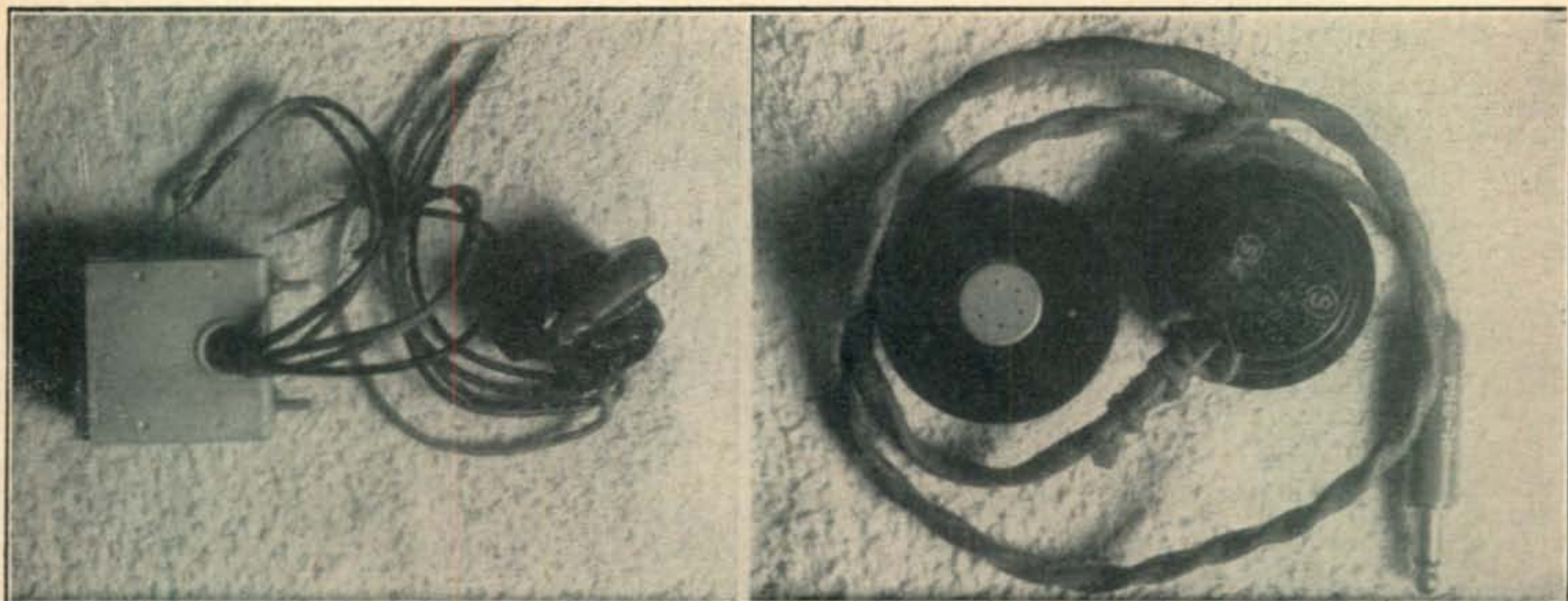


Fig. 3 (left). Model PC77368-C Surplus transformer marked "7 to 7,000 ohms" and unmounted transformer. Fig. 4 (right). ANB-H-1 units (part of HS 33 headset) from which "R5" mike is made.

the transformer from its square case. Prepare the mike container by drilling a cable (and grommet) hole. This may be done at the side, as shown in the drawing of the completed "R5" microphone in Fig. 4. This is a good time to figure on mounting, if desired. Most of the mikes, however, are hand held and used for close talking. A second hole was added for bolting on a ground lug. The mike cable is usually run into the mike case through a grommet, and connections made as shown in Fig. 6, which appears to give best results. It will be noted that there are five leads from the PC 77368 transformer. The plain yellow was not used in any of these units. After connecting, taping, and testing, the transformer was wedged or bolted in first and then the ground lug connection was bolted in place.

Electrician's rubber tape was used to build up the diameter of the microphone unit to fit the case snugly. Usually some backing is needed to prevent this unit's sliding too far into the

case. The grill was held by the filed-out cover. With the latter in place the "R5" mike is complete as shown in Fig. 7.

It is known that the ANB-H-1A unit also makes an excellent microphone. But the high frequency response has been extended slightly. And a unit marked Type CW 49505 for aviation helmets is very similar to the ANB-H-1 in characteristics. And last but long neglected—the HA-4 receiver unit, which is the companion of the famous F1 handset carbon microphone, and does an excellent job. This unit, however, is not so well shielded magnetically as the ANB series and is much more sensitive to picking up a.c. hum.

Accidental dropping will just humor the mike. It might dislodge the transformer but the Alnico magnets and rugged unit have suggested that the "R5" mike will come in handy as a tack hammer. R.F. and a few volts of d.c. would have to be of giant proportions to damage it. Little trouble should be expected from severe abuse. The output level shows that, except for the ultra high level crystal microphones, the "R5" mike is average—and more sensitive than a sound cell crystal, for example.

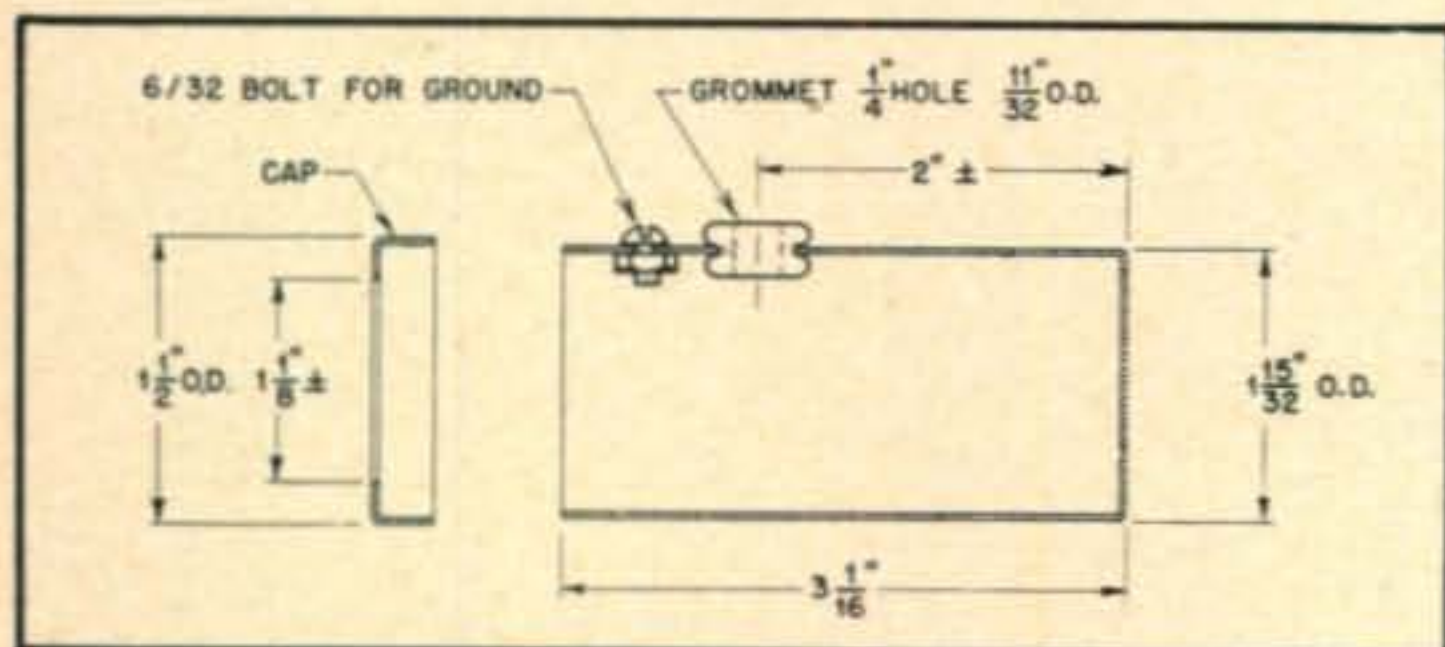


Fig. 5. Dimensions on R5 mike can and assembly.

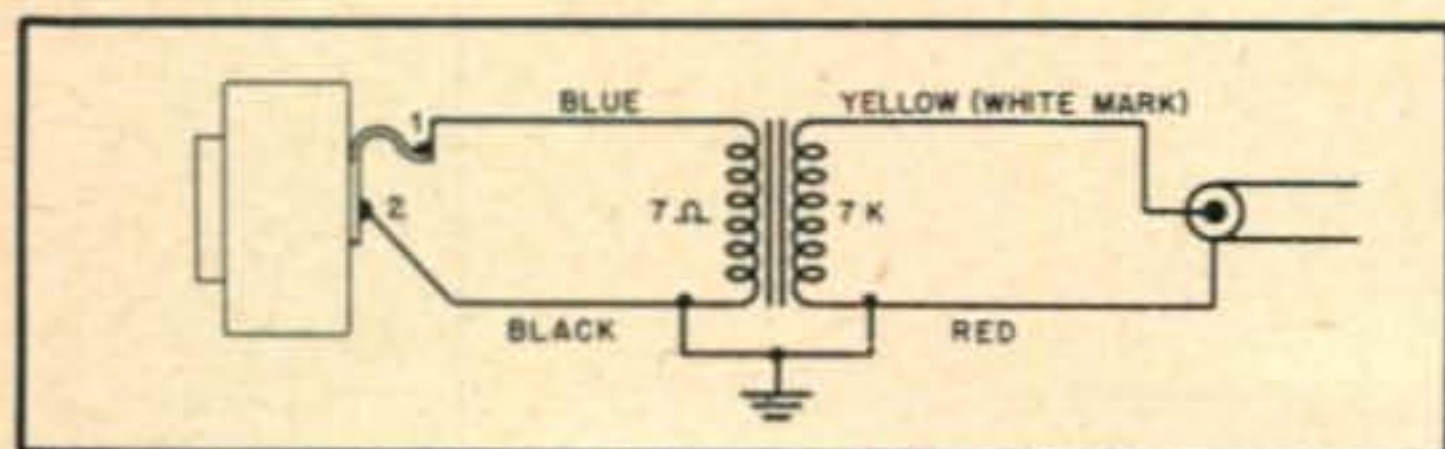


Fig. 6. Typical microphone and transformer connections.

Postscripts

All-European DX Contest

The third All-European DX Contest, sponsored this year by the Czechoslovakian Amateur Radio Society, CAV, will be held during these periods: C.W. section: Nov. 26, 1949, 0001 GMT till Nov. 27, 2400 GMT. Phone section: Dec. 3, 1949, 0001 GMT till Dec. 4, 2400 GMT. European hams will be calling other continents by CQ AW (CQ All World). Stations outside of Europe will use CQ EU (CQ Europe). Contest rules have been sent to amateur radio societies throughout the world. If you wish a copy write CAV, P. O. Box 69, Praha 1, Czechoslovakia.



A Man - Size All - Band Exciter

DON GOOD, W6EZP*

A VFO exciter capable of well over 100 watts output on all bands from 3.5 to 30 Mc., featuring really deluxe construction and a wealth of mechanical ingenuity.

COMMAND SETS used as VFOs at W6EZP had functioned faithfully for several years. Their tendency toward drifting and the uncertainty of the calibration, however, made band edge operation out of the question. We were convinced that a super deluxe exciter to do everything but wake us up and boil coffee was in order.

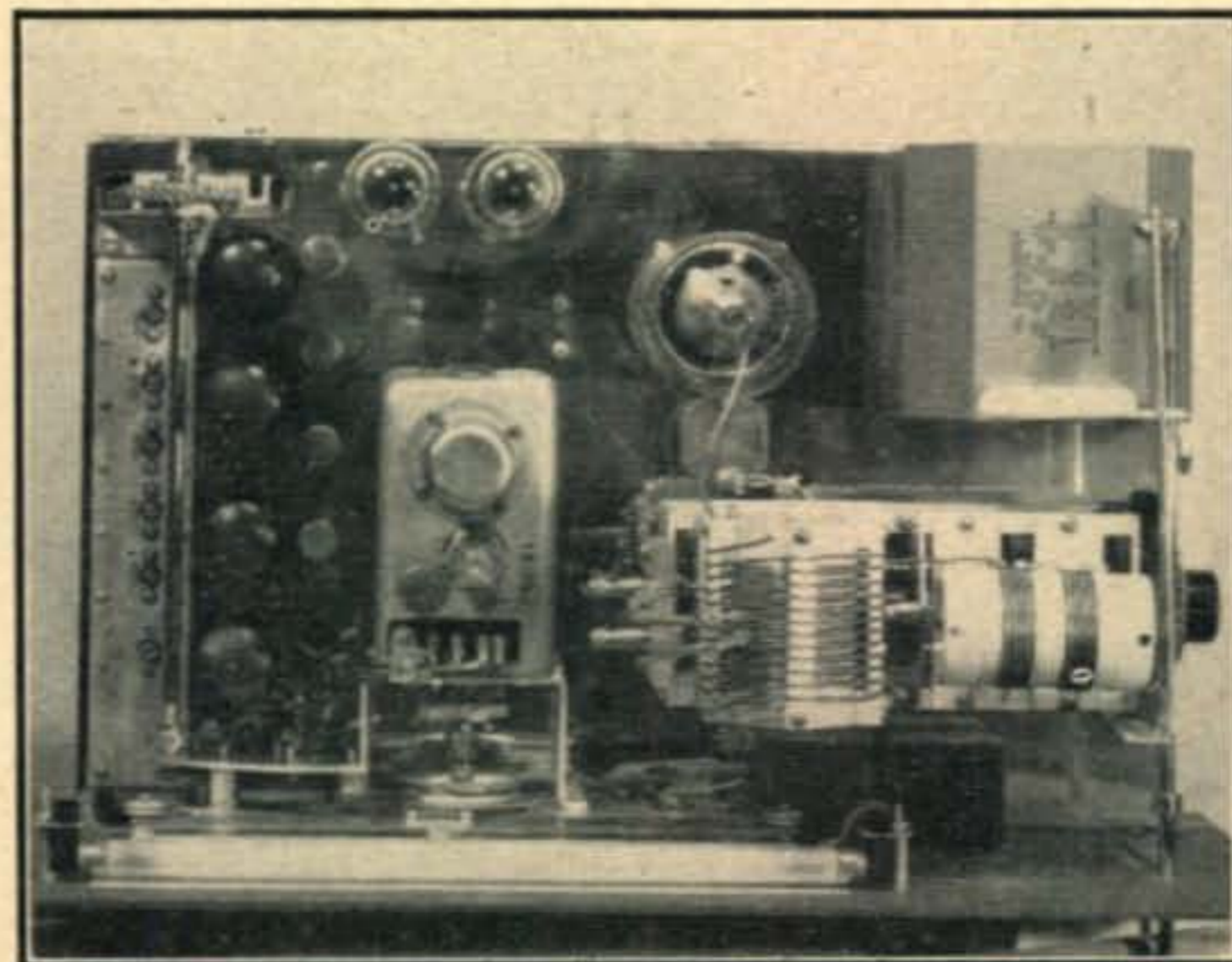
The requirements of the new exciter were easily set forth. Band changing must be done with one switch. Zero beating our signal with a received carrier must be of the "non-swish" variety. The stability and calibration accuracy of the oscillator had to be of such quality that we could chase an AC4 to the edge of the band without getting a pink ticket.

Our final amplifier uses a pair of surplus 304TLs, which established the output requirement of the exciter to be about 100 watts. The unit herewith described is the result. From the chrome plated chassis to the unusual "see-saw" mounting of the final tank circuit, everything has been tailored for ease of operation and dependability.

As shown in the circuit diagram, the rig consists of a Collins 70E-8A permeability tuned oscillator, a 6AG7 buffer, and four 6L6 band switched doublers driving a 4E27 amplifier. The six-gang tuning condenser, slug-tuned coil forms, band change relays, and the mechanical push button assembly were taken from war surplus equipment. Although the surplus parts are convenient and inexpensive, they may be replaced by standard catalog-type components.

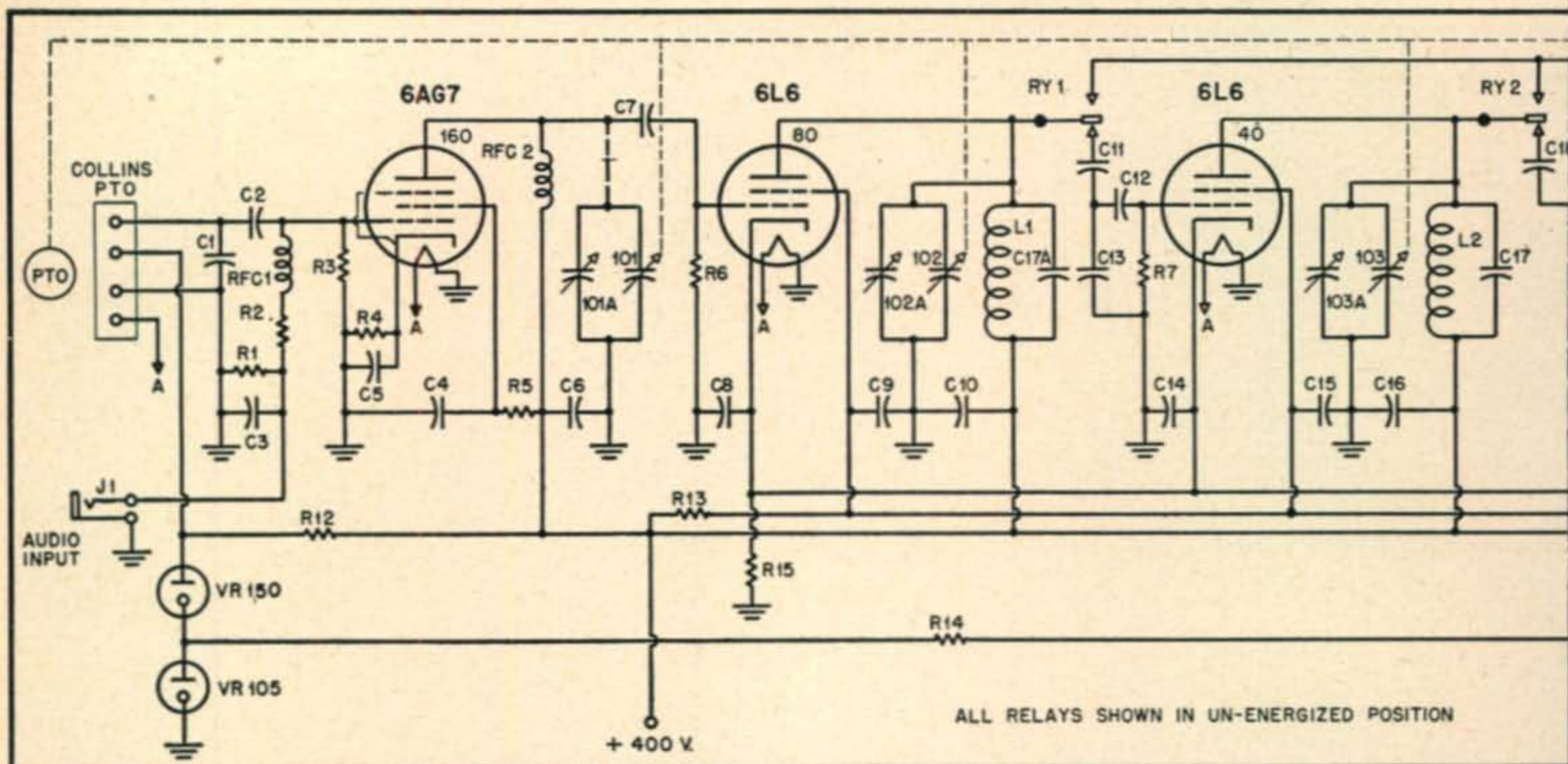
Now for the construction. Looking at the top

view, the Collins PTO and its attendant dial mechanism is mounted to the left of the center of the chassis. Immediately to the left of the oscillator and nestled against a gear case (about which more will be said later), is the 6AG7 buffer stage. The 6L6 frequency multipliers are located in a line near the left-hand edge of the chassis. An aluminum plate along the left edge of the chassis supports the condensers that trim the multiplier stages. At the rear of the trimmer condensers is a sprocket gear that drives the multiplier variable tuning condenser located below the chassis. The shaft and sprocket are driven from the PTO control through a gear train. All of this gearing, shafting, and chaining may appear at first glance to be something of a nightmare. The only requirement, however, is that



Top view, illustrating the clean layout.

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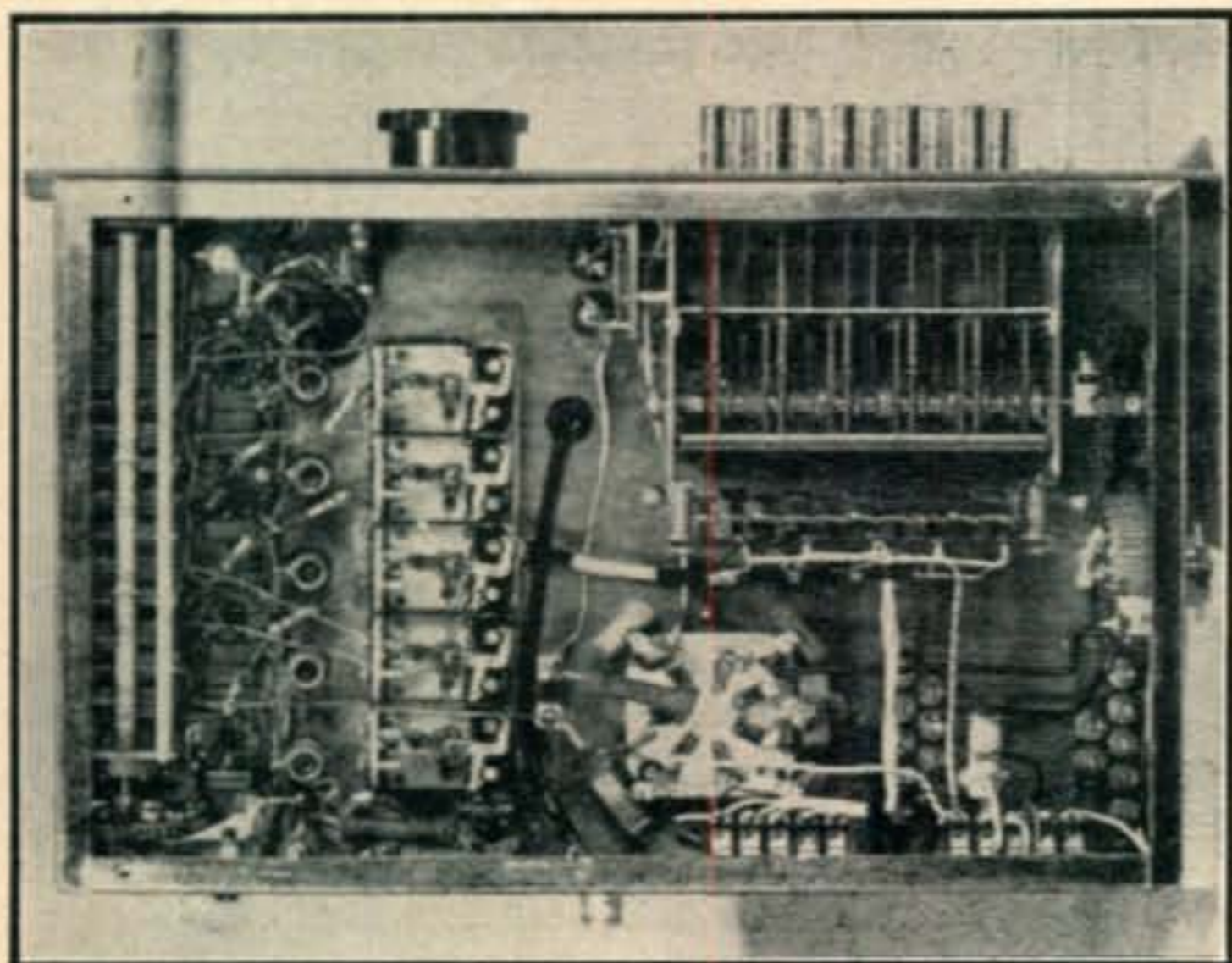


C1—47 μmf , 600 v., ceramic.
 C2, 7, 11, 12, 18,
 19, 24, 25, 30, 31—240 μmf , 600 v. ceramic.
 C3—1000 μmf , 600 v., ceramic.
 C4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16,
 21, 22, 23, 27-29, 32, 33—.01 μmf ; mica.
 C34, 35, 35A, 36, 37—.002 μmf mica, 1500 v.
 C38—.002 μmf mica, 2500 v.
 C17, 17A—600-volt ceramic. Adjust for best tracking.
 R1—5K, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.

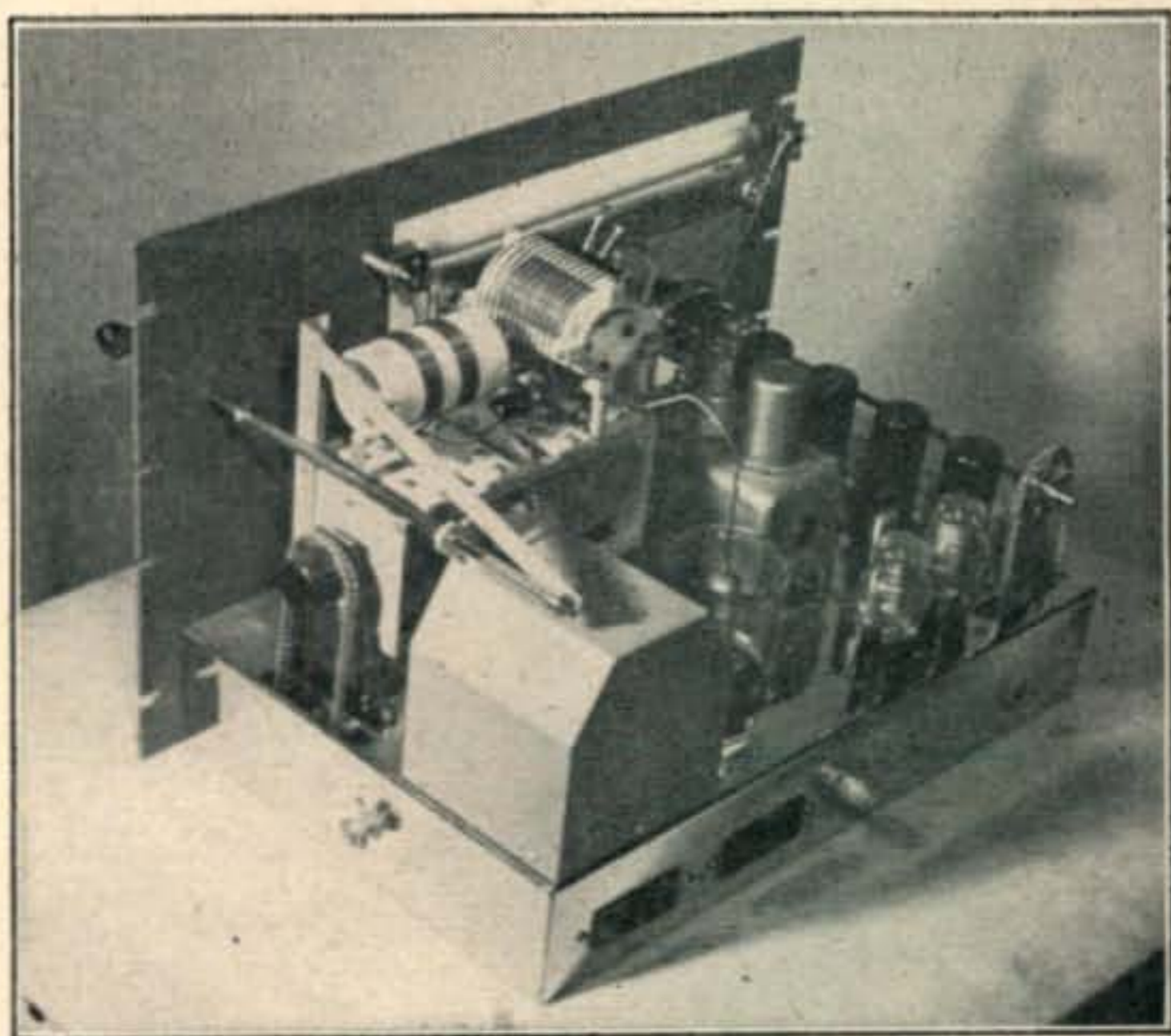
R2—4.7K, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.
 R3, 6, 7, 8, 9—68K, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.
 R4—1K, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.
 R5—47K, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.
 R10—3K wirewound, 10 watts.
 R11—.75-ohm wirewound pot., 75 watts (see text).
 R12—5K, 5 w.
 R13—2500 ohms, 10 w.
 R14—12K, 5 w.
 R15—300 ohms, 15 w.
 R16—500 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ w.

the multiplier tuning gang rotate 170° for full scale travel of the oscillator dial. Fortunately, a good stock of surplus gears was on hand. With this healthy supply of gears the right combination was simple to find. Any system of gearing may be used that will give the 170° rotation. The gear box was fabricated from sheet aluminum and brass spacers. The size and design will, of course, be determined by what is available in the junk box or local surplus houses.

Two VR tubes, which regulate most of the d.c.



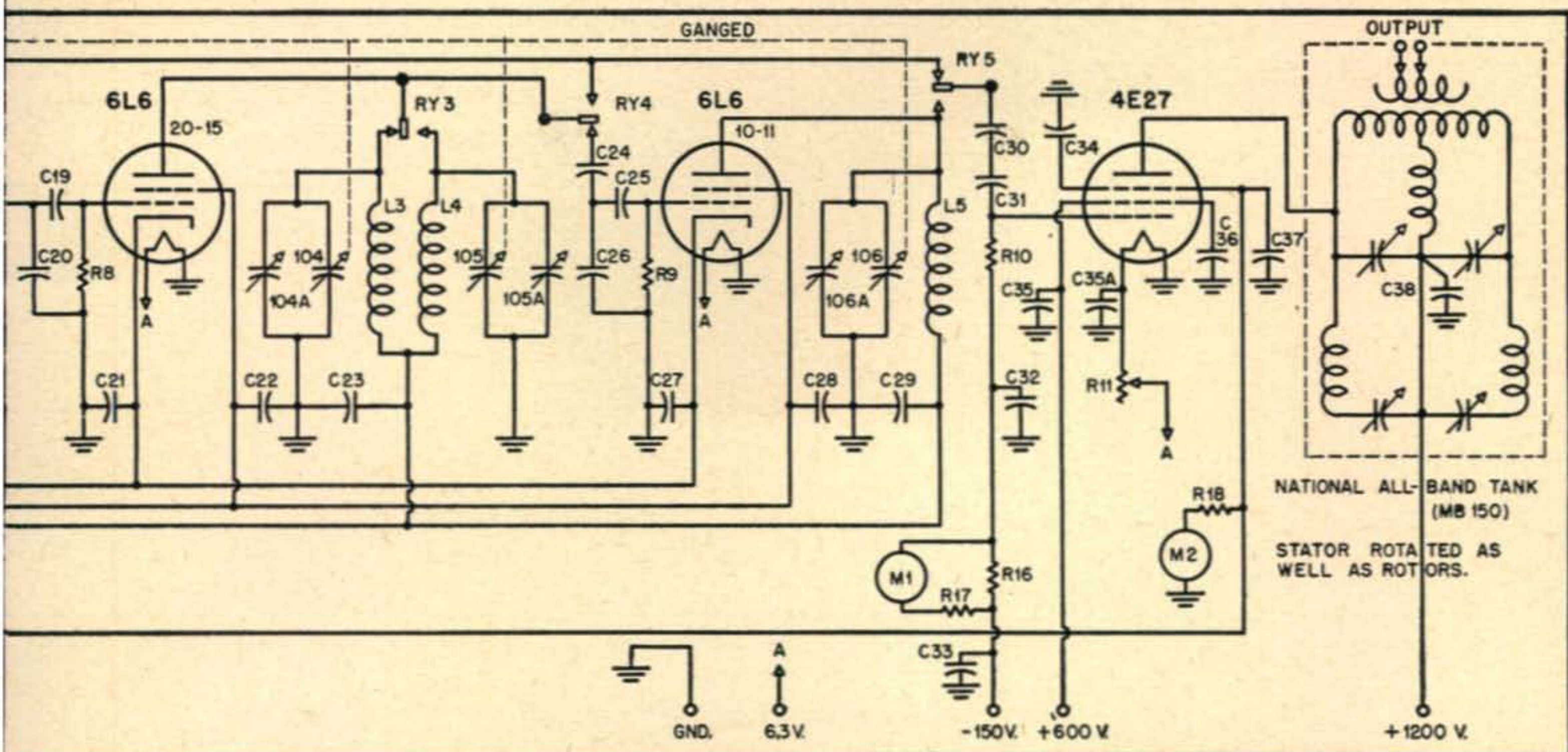
Looking at the bottom view isn't too appalling, is it?



The rear quarter view presents a really "commercial" aspect.

voltages, are located just to the rear of the PTO.

One of National's new all-band tanks, the MB-150, is mounted at the right of the oscillator. A filament transformer for all the tubes in the exciter and the 4E27 amplifier may be seen in the upper right-hand corner. The rod at the right end of the exciter is a toggle arrangement for rocking the stator of the MB-150 tank assembly. This pro-



- R17—270 ohms, 1/4 w.
- R18—33K, 1/4 w.
- RY1, 5—see text.
- L1—3.5-Mc. doubler coil. 37 turns #26 enamelled, .85" long.
- L2—7-Mc. doubler coil. 28 turns #26 enamelled, 1" long.
- L3—14-Mc. doubler coil. 20 turns, #26 enamelled, 1" long.
- L4—21-Mc. tripler coil. 15 turns, #26 enamelled, 1" long.

- L5—28-Mc. doubler coil. 10 turns, #26 enamelled, 1" long.
(All coils wound on 1/2-inch diameter form.)
- RFC 1—2.5 mHY., r.f. choke.
- RFC 2—same as RFC 1. (If tuned circuit is desired here, should be wound to resonate in 3.5-Mc. band with capacitor section 101.)
- J1—audio input jack.
- NABT—National MB-150 All-Band tank.
- PTO—Collins 70E-8 permeability-tuned oscillator.

vides a vernier tuning control of the 4E27 amplifier plate circuit. The rotor of the MB-150 is provided with a sprocket and chain that is clearly visible in the rear quarter view.

Don't worry about those chains! The bottom view shows where they go. In the left bottom corner are the sprocket and chain that drive the multiplier tuning condenser. The multiplier tubes, with their associated coils, are lined up to the right of the tuning condenser. Next in line is a series of relays which serve to put excitation on the right grids at the right time. The schematic diagram shows the circuits that are switched by these relays. Operating voltage is applied through contacts on the mechanical push button assembly.

At the upper right-hand corner we see the mechanical band change switch with a sprocket and chain driving the MB-150 tank assembly. It was taken from a BC-604D and is similar to those assemblies found in many broadcast sets. These mechanical selectors serve normally to position a shaft to any of a number of pre-selected settings.

The operation of the push buttons is quite simple. If the 80-meter button is pushed, two things are accomplished: (1) The rotor of the MB-150 is positioned in accordance with the mechanical setting of the mechanism. (2) The contacts behind the push button cause the proper relays to be actuated

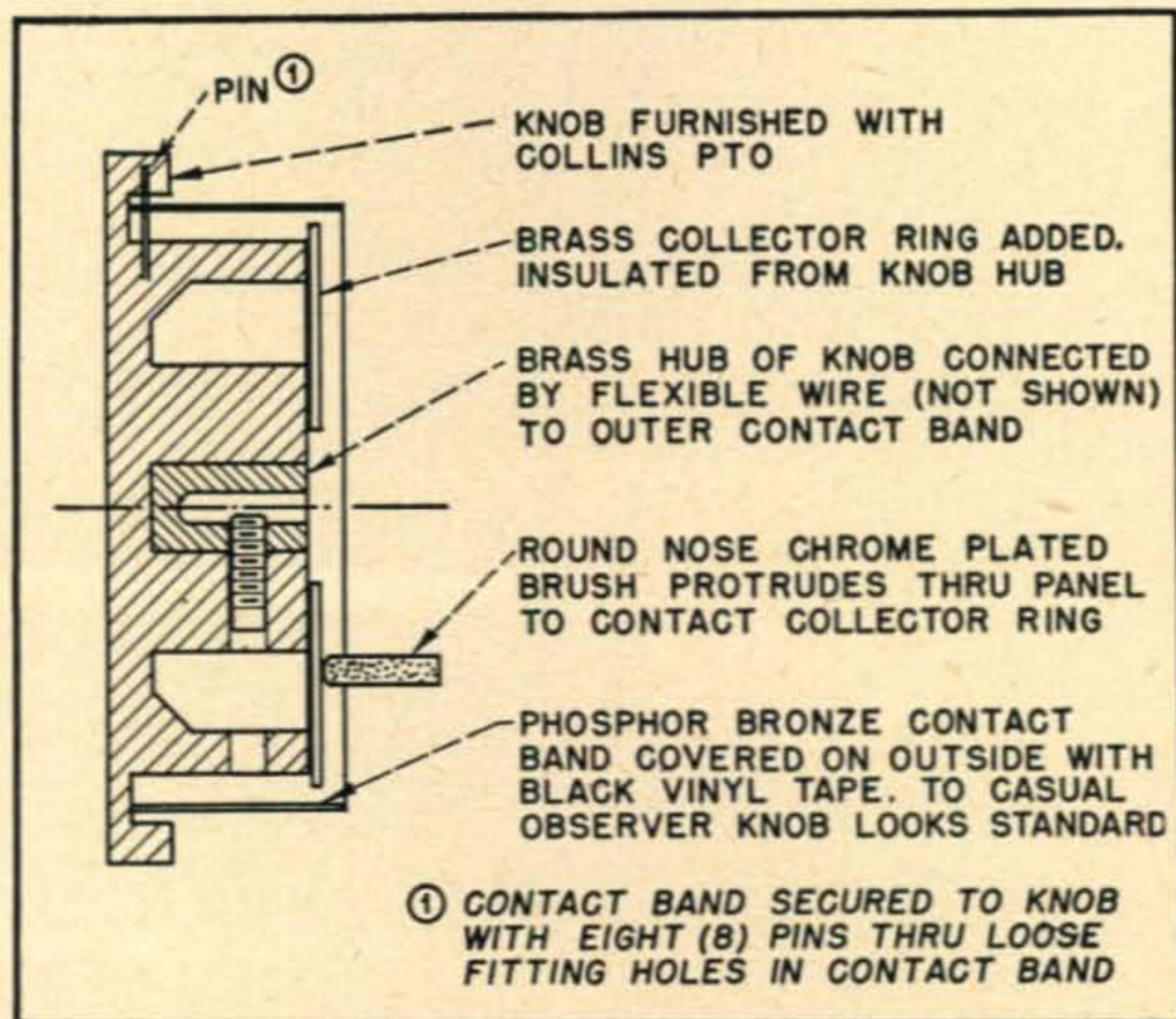
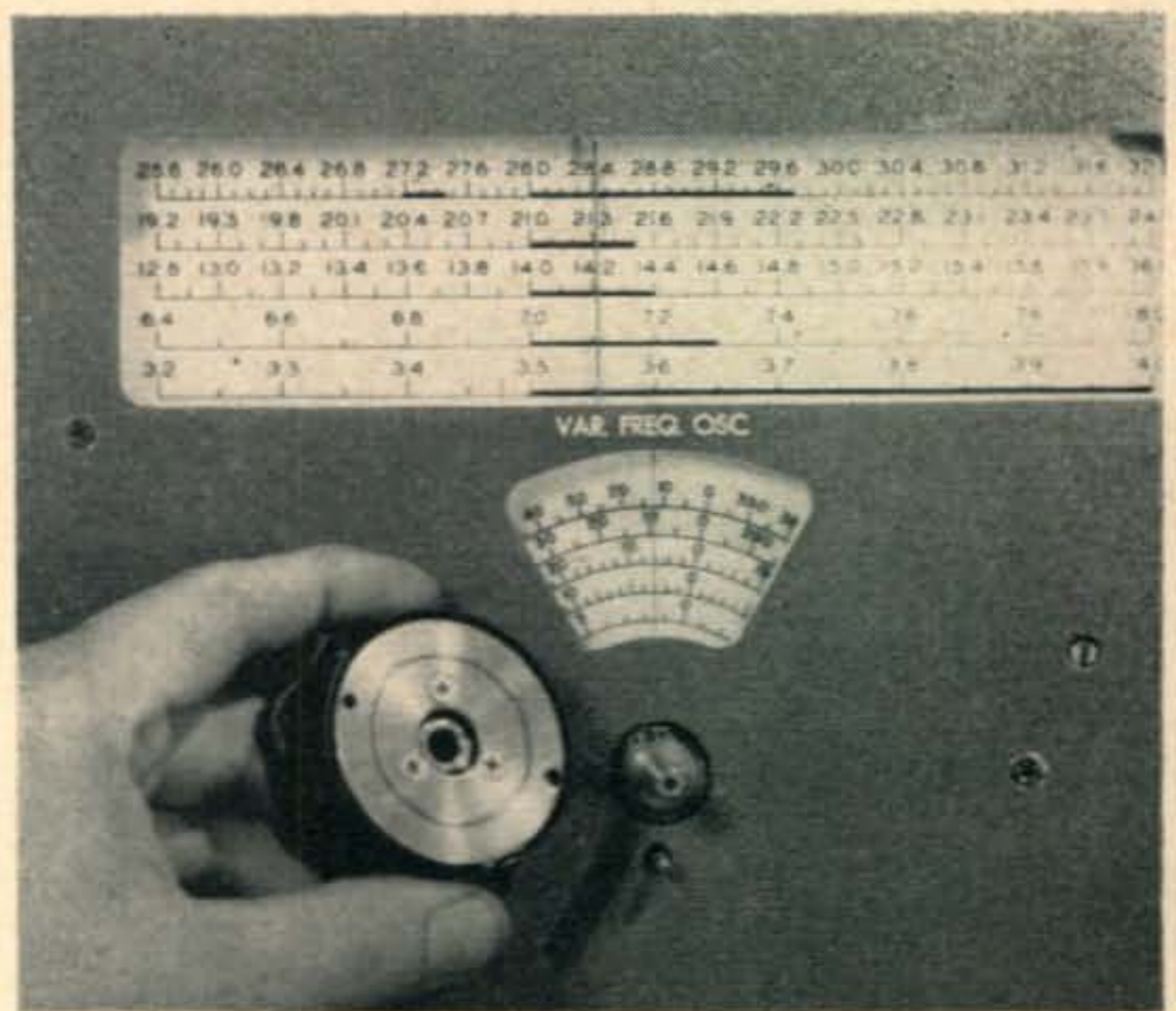


Figure 1: The mechanical reworking of the knob originally supplied with the Collins 70E-8 PTO.

to apply excitation to the 4E27 grid on 80 meters. As each button is pushed, the rotor of the MB-150

is properly positioned for the predesignated frequency and, simultaneously, the proper relays are actuated. The unit illustrated has ten push buttons. Two push buttons are used for each band, one each for the lower and upper frequency portions.

The positioning of the MB-150 rotor shaft by the push button is only approximate. This is where the "rocking horse" mounting of the MB-150 and the control shaft which actuates it come in. For example, the push button sets the rotor to the lower half of the 20-meter band. Then fine tuning to the exact frequency is achieved by manipulation of the rod extending through the front panel.



A closeup of the reworked PTO knob, showing the contact finger protruding through the panel.

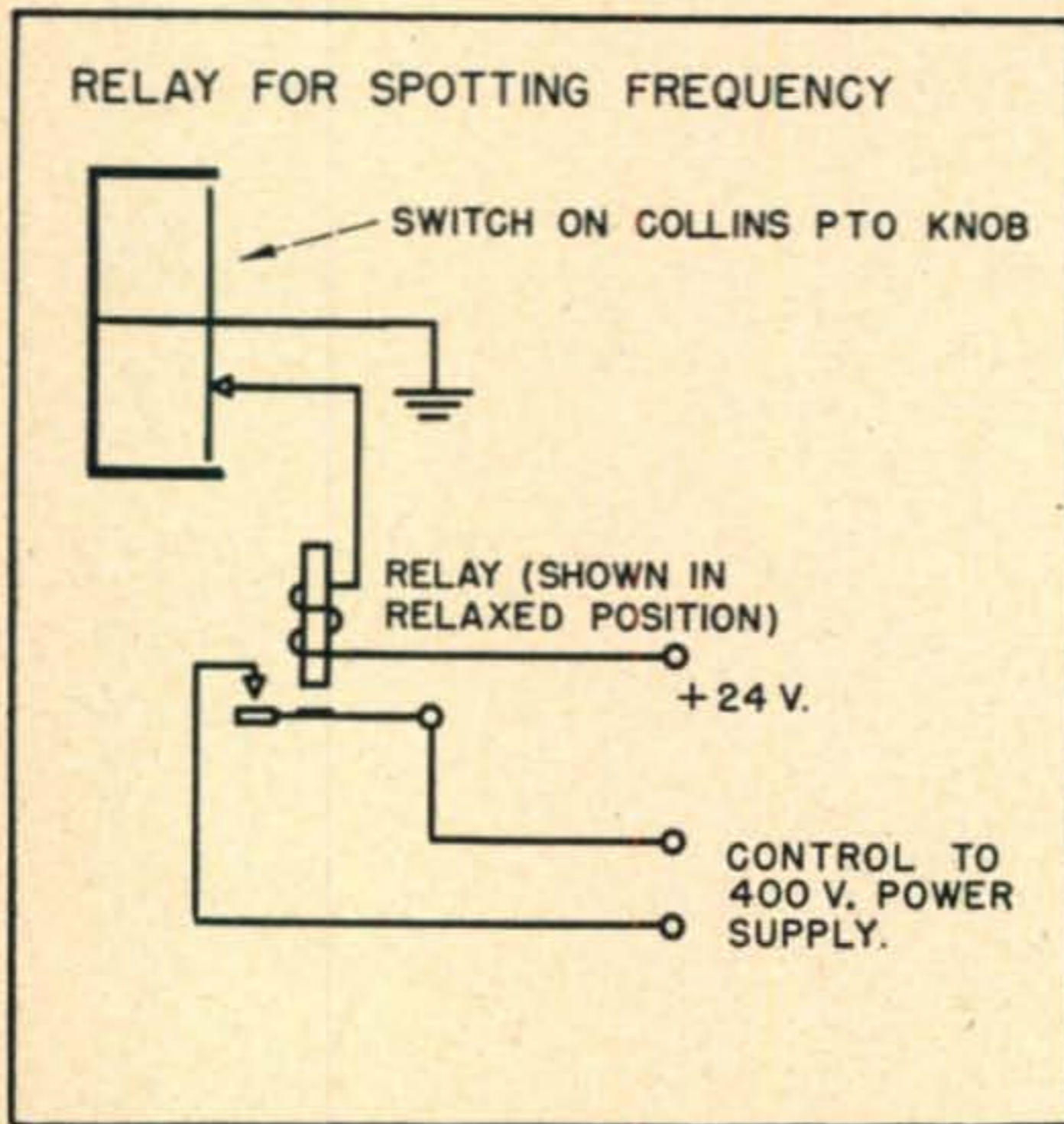


Figure 2: The electrical details of the "non-swisher."

Mounted on the right-hand end of the chassis is a filament rheostat. This was necessary in the original model because the transformer (surplus again) did not provide a 5-volt source for the 4E27 filament. This rheostat can be omitted if an

appropriate filament transformer is available.

The exciter itself is a beautifully clean looking piece of equipment, as can be seen from the front view. The miniature meters were found to be necessary when using an 11-inch deep chassis. If a 13-inch chassis is used, standard 2-inch or 3-inch meters may be mounted with room to spare. It was quite a job to cut the openings for the Collins tuning dial. Plenty of hacksaw, file and drawfile work was required, but the resulting cleanness of lines more than made up for the time which we devoted to it.

In order to make frequency spotting as simple as possible, the knob of the PTO was modified to act as a switch. This is shown in the closeup view and is in accordance with *Fig. 1*. The knob was reworked by turning the body down about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in a lathe. A band of phosphor-bronze, slightly larger in diameter than the "new" knob, was secured in place with eight pins. This band normally floats in a coaxial position when at rest. A

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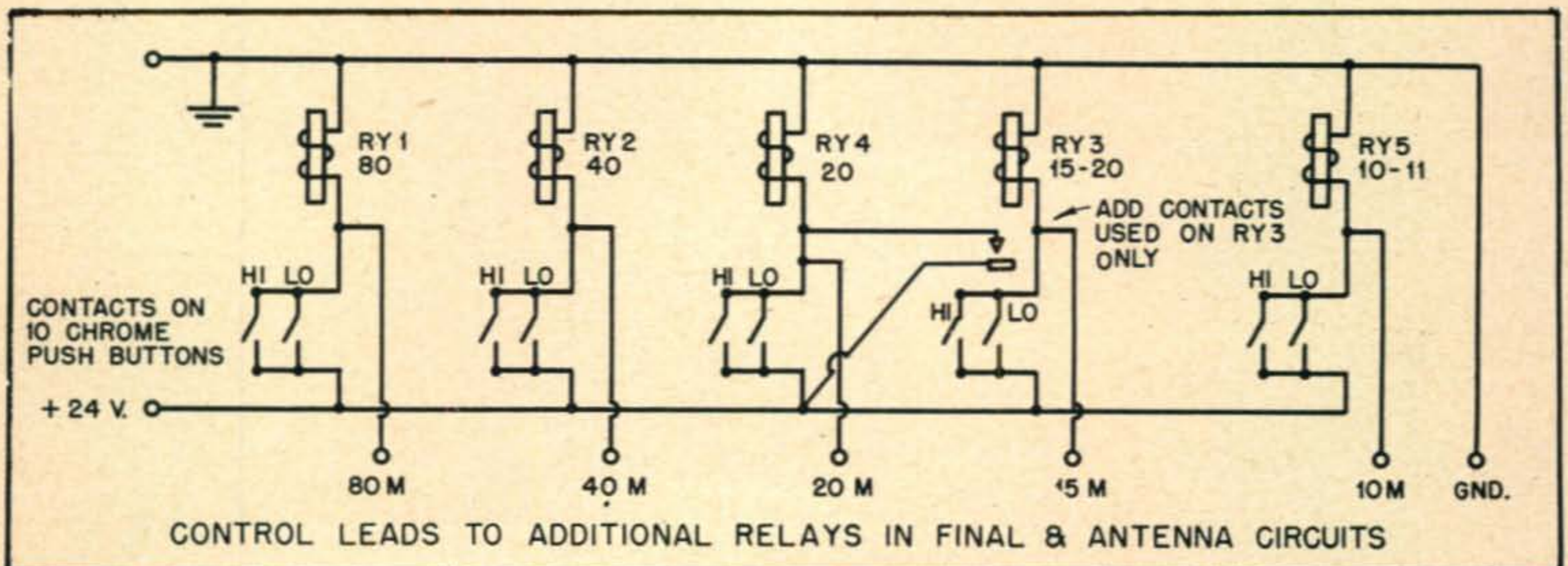


Figure 3: Circuit of the mechanical brain which changes bands at a mere thought.



Conducted by LOUISA B. DeSOTO, W2OOH/7*

IN THE LAST ISSUE we said that by the time you read that column we'd be out in Arizona awaiting a W7 call. Well, we did reach Arizona—after some 3,000 miles of traveling—and we're still awaiting that W7 call. But now we'd like to back track a little and let you share a few of our rag-chews en route.

Left to our own devices we'd like nothing better than to spend all of our time traveling and visiting ham shacks. But since we had a schedule to meet, we couldn't stop as much as we'd have liked. First leg of the trip took us down over the Skyline and Blue Ridge Drives in the mountains of Virginia—that was one time when we *really* wished we'd been able to operate mobile. After a couple of days taking in New Orleans (including a "hot" Dixieland jazz band playing the real Basin Street "blues") we headed west, with San Antonio the first stop.

Holding the enviable position of being the only licensed YL in San Antonio is W5KQG, Frances Hollifield. Frances came to Texas twelve years ago and has been in San Antonio for the past four. She got her ticket ten years ago but following the war shutdown didn't get on again until last November. Then, to make it really worth-

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Arizonans all, these YLs attended the Tucson Hamfest held September 4th. L. to r.: W7NQG, W7KAE, W7KOY, W7RIJ, W7LIZ, W7ORD.

while, her OM gave her a Collins 32V1 (now modified to 32V2 since S.A. is soon to have its first TV station!) and an NC 183 receiver. Unfortunately, her OM didn't have a chance to share it with Frances, for in January he joined the Silent Keys. Ray had built up a large two-way radio business providing sales, installation, parts and service in sixteen counties of Texas. We take our hat off to Frances, for she is carrying on this business herself, with the help of W5OHV and other local hams. They are giving her a hand, too, getting a new 3-element 10-meter beam so she can get back on the air. Her shop is in her home, with the radio gear in the background, so when business and family duties (she has a 14-year old jr. op) permit, W5KQG will be looking for some QSOs.

On across Texas—took us another two days to make it, but we now appreciate why Texans are so proud of their state—to El Paso. Could find no YLs, so contented ourselves with a trip across the border to sample tacos and tequila and hear some genuine Mexican "marachis."

It was only a short hop from there to Douglas, Arizona, where we had instructions to "look for a 10-meter beam as you come into town." What an FB landmark! It belonged to W7PBD, who turned us over to W7KAE, Lily May Hester, who had written, "Come and stay as long as you'd like." Located on the edge of Douglas, only six blocks from Old Mexico, W7KAE gets out beautifully running a kilowatt into a 60-foot 4-element beam, and receiving on an NC 101X receiver preceded by her OM's version of W1HDQ's converter. W7KAE's OM, W7KAD, operates a radio service business, so Lily May has no problem for a station engineer. Though the OM has been licensed since 1933, it wasn't until 1941 that Lily May became sufficiently interested to work for her ticket. They had moved to Hurley, New Mexico, where Lily May had few friends and "nothing to do" (except care for her jr. YL), so decided to investigate "this thing" that had made her more or less of a ham widow. She and a friend, Amelia Doty, began studying, practicing code together every afternoon. Both came up with their tickets—Lily May as W5JZQ and Amelia as W5JXL. A side light: Wayne gave Amelia her Class C exam, but wouldn't give it to his own XYL—Lily May had to go to Douglas, where W7DFE put her through the paces! Moving back to Douglas in 1942, as W7KAE she has been very active on ten, especially at the end of the war when she and W7KAD handled much urgent traffic for the boys out in the Pacific. Now her special pleasure is a daily

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DX



AND OVERSEAS NEWS

Conducted by **HERB BECKER, W6QD***

This month's Column is by Andy Elsner, W6ENV, pinch-hitting for W6QD

LET'S SPREAD out the welcome mat for these newly certified members of the WAZ Institute.

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No introductions seem necessary with this group. We hear them all and know the rest of you do too. After all, you can't work 40 Zones with just a receiver. Our sincere congratulations to each of you, and best wishes for continued DX.

Next in order are a few thousand words from the boss man of this column, Herb Becker, who is *not* at the moment struggling to work a few thousand new countries.

Dear Andy:

Since you're stuck with the column again this month, I will act more like a contributor. What I have to say is about the stand ARRL has taken with the LU1ZA-South Orkney and Newfoundland/Labrador situations. It seems too bad that two groups of American people can't arbitrate a situation and come up with an answer suitable to both. However, since *QST* in September published their stand on LU1ZA, I feel that maybe we should print something about it.

In the first place, they use Rule No. 7 of the DXCC rules as the basis for their decision. Just in case some of the fellows haven't read Rule No. 7, here's what it is:

No. 7. "In cases of countries where amateurs are licensed in the normal manner, credit may be claimed only for stations using regular *government-assigned* call letters. No credit may be claimed for contacts with stations in any countries in which amateurs have been temporarily closed down by special government edict, where amateur licenses were formerly issued in the normal manner."

There is nothing too obscure about this rule. Unfortunately, however, it appears to me that the League hasn't consistently adhered to this Rule No. 7 in allowing credit for DXCC. Since they won't allow credit for cards from LU1ZA, how about ET1IR? He was under cover, sent cards, received cards, and many boys received DXCC credit for Ethiopia when actually he wasn't licensed. Yet, Ethiopia licensed other stations . . . for example, ET3AB. While I am in the mood, I

might as well mention HP4Q. This station was not licensed, and yet there was a legally licensed station in Panama, HP1A. Nevertheless, cards were accepted for DXCC credit from HP4Q. Then ZP3AW, as we all know, was not legally licensed, and Paraguay does issue licenses. Here again, the boys have been getting DXCC credit for ZP3AW.

It would seem to me that as long as they have Rule No. 7, they should abide by it impartially. What surprises me is that in the past they haven't adhered to it, and then, all of a sudden up pops LU1ZA, which they refuse to recognize. It might be that I am overlooking something, and if so, I would like to have it explained, since there are a great number of other Hams who can't figure it out either. We do not have any Rule No. 7, but since we are convinced that these stations are located as claimed, we are allowing LU1ZA to count as the South Orkneys, as we have also allowed ET1IR, HP4Q and ZP3AW. At least, with the latter three, we're in agreement with ARRL.

September *QST* also announced the deletion of Newfoundland and Labrador as a country, effective as of April 1, 1949. This is when it became part of Canada proper, losing its legal identity as a country; however, ARRL is still allowing contacts prior to April 1, 1949, to count as a country. For DX competition purposes, we of *CQ* took the stand that we should delete this country from all postwar lists instead of only disallowing it after April 1, 1949. The reason for this was to leave all DX country totals on the same comparative basis. Some might say it is unfair after a fellow has gone to work and salted away Newfoundland to have it taken away from him. As we see it, if many other countries fell by the wayside, and we continued to count the countries for those who had worked them, and of course they couldn't be worked by the newcomers, then we would never have country totals on a comparable basis. For example, Andy, you might tell me that you have worked 220 countries, and I would ask, "Is that with or without Newfoundland?" Then as a few more countries fell by the wayside as time marched on, we would have a heck of a job trying to compete on an equal basis. Practically everyone I have spoken with feels the same way.

If you have asked, "If we delete Newfoundland from all country lists, why shouldn't we then give credit to the boys who at one time worked a ZC6 in the territory which later became the State

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W3GHD 221	W5LFX 169	W2CWE 190	W7ETK 115	ZS2AT 114	36 Zones	
W6ADP 218	ON4JW 169	W3DRD 183	G3TK 114	G2AKQ 112	W1NWO 163	
W6GRL 217	W6RLN 168	W4GG 183	W7HXG 112	W5CD 108	W3LTU 156	
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W8BHW 211	VK3CN 167	W1ZL 176	W7ENW 101	GM2AAT 75	W2D 135	
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PY1AJ 196	OK1FF 148	W0AIW 157	GW4CX 120	W1MRP 104	34 Zones	
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LU6DJX 195	W6AYZ 146	W2WZ 156	W7EYS 107	W9WEN 83	W2RGV 118	
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W6AVM 192	W6LER 145	W2RDK 152	37 Zones		W9MIR 113	
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Monthly DX Predictions - Nov.

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THE MONTHLY DX PREDICTIONS are based upon the following parameters:

- A. 1000 watts effective radiated power.
- B. Antenna gain factor is equal to 1.
- C. Noise discrimination factor is equal to 1.
- D. Service gain factor c.w. to phone is equal to 14 db.
- E. Propagation over the shortest, or the direct route.

The values used in computing the maximum usable radio frequencies were obtained from "Basic Radio Propagation Predictions for November, 1949" (CRPL Series D-60).¹ Calculation of the optimum working frequencies (FOT) for radio amateur communication was according to the methods shown in "Ionospheric Radio Propagation" (NBS Circular 462).¹ Additional material that appeared in the November 1948 issue of CQ was also used.²

East Coast to India, Burma and Tibet

40 meters: Although conditions still largely depend upon auroral zone absorption and ionospheric storminess, on quiet days³ the band will probably open around 1745 SET. Signals are not expected to be strong and may be under both QRN and QRM. However, don't be surprised to hear signals across this path between 1800 and 1915 EST. The band will drop out around 1915 EST as the signals deteriorate very rapidly. **20 meters:** There will probably be two very distinct and very good openings this month. The first will start suddenly between 0630 and 0645 EST. Signals should be quite strong with phones readable on quiet days.³ Signals will start to drop off after 0830 EST with the last c.w. going out around 1000 EST. The second opening should be equally as good as the first. It will start suddenly with very strong signals around 1945 EST. Phones should be readable through 2200 EST. Last c.w. will probably go out just before midnight on the average day. **10 meters:** Although the CRPL charts do not definitely show it, there is a good chance of some signals being heard around 0745 to 0845 EST. Watch the band particularly during the first part of the month.

East Coast to the East Indies

40 meters: This path subject to aurora zone conditions as in the one above. On some days towards the end of the month the band might be watched for possible DX from 0445 EST through 0715 EST. There is a good sign of a peak between 0545 and 0630 EST. Conditions favor this end of the path during this month. **20 meters:** The band is expected to open with strong signals around 0745 EST. Phones good and fairly steady until 1000 EST on quiet days.³ Last may hold until noon on exceptional days. Peak conditions from opening until 0930 EST. Possibly towards the end of the month this band may also open for c.w. between 1645 and 1800 EST. Openings are expected to be sudden and phones might be readable during the first half-hour, or so. Last c.w. out after 1830 EST. **10 meters:** Watch the direct path between 1745 and 1900 EST. Sharp peak expected around 1815 EST with very strong signals.

East Coast to Japan

40 meters: Similar auroral zone conditions as above. Band may open with weak signals as early as 0300 EST. However, best period will extend from 0400 EST until about 0615 EST. Some improvement possible between 0530 and 0600 EST. Band deteriorates rapidly after 0715 EST with all signals out around 0800 EST. **20 meters:** On quiet days³ it is to be expected that c.w. will be audible, although not much above the noise from around 1600 EST until 0100 EST the following morning. Conditions may

peak between 1745 and 1900 EST and again between 2330 EST and 0100 EST. Closing should be sudden due to rapid decrease in the MUF. Closing preceded by very strong signals. **10 meters:** This month should be peak in working this frequency and path. The band on quiet days with average conditions will open over the direct route around 1630 EST. Signals should be exceptionally strong. Band closes very rapidly after 1815 EST. Peak 1715 to 1800 EST.

East Coast to South Africa

40 meters: Although conditions favor this end of the path we should start hearing their signals shortly after 1600 EST. A broad peak extends from 1800 EST until 2200 EST with readability depending almost entirely upon the background atmospheric noise. Band closes around the midnight. **20 meters:** First c.w. bands through in this direction shortly after 1300 EST. Phones become audible after 1500 EST. Peak conditions from 1830 until closing. The band is expected to be erratic in the closing, but on average days this should be around 2300 EST. **10 meters:** Particularly good month for this path. The band opens around 0600 EST with fair to strong signals. Strengths drop off slightly between 0800 and 1100 EST, however, shortly after 1200 EST a very noticeable increase in strength will be observed. Peak conditions from 1400 until closing at 1645 EST with signals getting better all the time.

West Coast to the Middle East

40 meters: First signals are to be expected between 1630 and 1700 PST. The strengths should build up and peak between 1815 and 2015 PST. Band closes slowly after 2030 PST. Conditions will probably be erratic at best and are subject particularly to ionospheric storminess.³ On the average quiet day the band will open suddenly just after 0600 PST. Conditions will be more or less uniform through this opening which should last until noon. Phones may be unreadable on the far end after 1000 PST. **10 meters:** On somewhat less than one half of the days during the entire month there should be a short opening between 0745 and 0845 PST. When open the signals should be very strong.

West Coast to Europe

40 meters: Starting just before 1600 PST the band may show signs of slowly opening. Signals will probably not be fair in strength until after 1815 PST. The peak is broad this month holding steady from 1830 until 2230 PST. Band slowly folds after 2300 PST with the last signals out just after midnight. Good idea to watch the WWV broadcasts.³ **20 meters:** The absorption across the polar regions due to solar ultra-violet light has dropped down and the band will probably stay open from 0545 PST through 1200 PST. Peak conditions 0600 to 0800 PST. Signal strengths subject to considerable variation, but no later opening is predicted under any circumstances. **10 meters:** First signals will pop through with very good strengths just before 0800 PST. Band should be steady on the average quiet day until 1030 PST. The closing time is erratic and will vary from day to day. Predicted closing time about 1045 PST.

West Coast to India, Burma and Tibet

40 meters: Far end of the path may experience some difficulty in working through the high atmospheric noise level and will thus limit the usefulness of this path. We may hear their signals after 0200 PST. Peak conditions should be from about 0415 PST until 0630 PST. Signals will deteriorate after 0700 and will finally go out after 0815 PST. Doubtful if they can hear anything

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¹ Obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.
² O. P. Ferrell, "A New Method of Predicting Band Conditions," CQ, November, 1948, page 26.

³ Some assistance in ascertaining whether or not "quiet" conditions exist over this particular path may be obtained by carefully noting the WWV ionospheric storm warnings at 19 and 49 minutes after each hour. In these broadcasts the "N" stands for normal, or quiet conditions. The "W" stands for disturbed, or a forecast of disturbed conditions.



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WITH THIS ISSUE OF *CQ* a new name appears on your conductor's badge. We join the ranks of UHF reporters with considerable misgivings as to our ability to maintain the standards of excellence set by our predecessors in this job, the Conklins, and Vince Dawson. It is our fond hope that we will be able to report on the activities of all amateurs active on the "VHF-and up" bands without being accused of prejudice or bias. If we run across any tips on equipment design or operating practices which may be of interest to our readers, we will try to find room for them in the column. Fellows, this is *your* column. We want it to include news from all sections of the country—yes, even from all over the world, if this sort of thing doesn't come under Herb Becker's jurisdiction! With the DX range of most of our high-frequency bands being somewhat limited at this time we can't eavesdrop on the whole gang, so to accomplish our aim we must depend on your cooperation. Until we improve our techniques to the extent that I can QSO all you guys regularly, you'd better play safe and send in your contributions via the mails. The mail bag has been rather flat this month. It seems as though the news about the change in management has been slow in circulating. However, there has been enough going on within range of our receiver to provide material for a column, so here goes:

Top billing for performance and activity during the past few months must be awarded to the two-meter fraternity. While the six-meter band settled into its annual summer slump, at least in our northern latitudes, the two-meter band took over and provided plenty of thrills for its habitués.

Early in the season openings occurred which brought reports of one-way transmissions in excess of 1000 miles. It seemed to be merely a matter of time before suitable conditions developed over a record-length distance with well-equipped and active stations set up on both ends of the path.

On the night of July 22 good conditions spread over the midwest section of the country like a blanket. The fringes of this blanket were tickling the east coast, for, in spite of the fact that no outstanding DX contacts were made, signals from 400 and 500 miles away were received by east coast stations. Literally dozens of QSOs were accomplished over distances which would have equalled or broken last year's record. The most fortunate station during this session seemed to be WØBIP whose signals were heard from as far

away as Toronto, Ontario, by VE3AIB. His best two-way QSO was with W3CUM, at Butler, Pa. Chet, W2YT, portable at State College, Pa., is sure that he heard WØBIP just before running out of gas for his portable power plant. Chet is now considering wing-tip tanks for his trailer! The record as of July 23 stood at 794 miles—from Elliot, Iowa (near the western border) to Butler, Pa. (near Pittsburgh.)

Old-timers on the band shook their tired heads and commented that it must have been a once-in-a-lifetime opening and that the record would stand for years. The record, apparently, was fated to stand for less than two months. On the night of September 16 another opening developed, this one perhaps centered a bit farther east. Full reports have not yet been received as to the extent of this affair, but we know that sometime after midnight on Friday night, signals from W9 land were dropping into New Jersey. W2DAJ informed us that he was hearing stations in Illinois S6 on peaks. Doc added that his receiver isn't doing too well lately either, which indicates that it really must have been a hot opening. But the untimely hour found most of the W2 big guns tucked away between the sheets (or under the tables, a more likely assumption!). The boys to the south were on the job, however, and the climax to this evening's activity was a solid two-way QSO between W4JFV, Roanoke, Virginia, and WØEMS, Adair, Iowa. This distance has been checked as 833 miles based on the city-center spacing.

What Kind of Propagation?

We have heard considerable speculation as to the mode of propagation which has made these long-haul contacts possible. For a while it might have appeared that the ionosphere was playing an important part in returning signals to the ground far beyond the line-of-sight distance. When only a few spotty reports of long distance work were available, there may have been some justification for this idea. As a matter of fact, Perry Ferrell assures me that on at least one of these early-season two-meter breaks a very definite tie-in with intense Sporadic E activity on six meters was established. However, the more recent two-meter band openings do *not* seem to be the result of ionosphere disturbances. During the openings described above, the record-breaking stations were both heard at intermediate points along the path between them. Generally excellent propagation conditions prevailed over wide areas. Phone signals were not garbled. The polarization of the signals

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WITH THIS ISSUE Mobile Corner becomes a permanent department to appear every other month with a regular editor. With limited time for preparation, this issue is not as complete as we would like to have it. By the next issue, however, with time available for organization, the column should emerge with a regular format. Lots of contributions will be required though, so let's have them, fellows. It is suggested that each mobile club direct its secretary to forward the name, address, operating frequencies, etc., of the club, plus any items of interest to Mobile Corner. Send in your reports of states or maritime mobiles worked. Who holds the 80-meter mobile DX record? How many countries has any mobile worked? Have you any unusual QSOs to report?

When you plan a trip don't fail to make a schedule with a fellow ham simply because you will be out of working range with him. Set a definite time and frequency (preferably the same frequency for both) for the schedule. Then, when you're on the trip, work a third station; he can quite likely hear your sked station, and since you know the time and frequency, contact can be established. Also, before you start on a trip, make a schedule with a KZ5 or a KP4 for a definite time each day. These fellows can work almost any part of the U.S. and are very willing to assist a mobile station. It's wonderful to be able to send ahead messages to friends and relatives and receive a reply the next day through the medium of mobile radio and fixed stations.

Your editor has just returned from a three-week vacation into Canada and the Midwest, and the trip was made much more enjoyable by mobile radio. One "sour note" of the trip, however, was the inconsistency in operating procedure. There is only one correct procedure—that specified by the FCC. It should be noted that *FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 12—Rules Governing Amateur Radio Service* (obtainable from the Government Printing Office for 15c in coin) the term "portable-mobile" does *not* appear. One wouldn't think of using the term "fixed-mobile," yet "portable-mobile" is equally inapplicable. You may be either mobile or portable, but not both. We still hear "W3ABC mobile 5" (purporting to mean a W3 operating in the 5th call area). *Part 12.82, FCC Regulations*, states (in part):

When telephony is used, the call sign of the station shall be preceded by the words "this is" or the word "from" instead of the letters "de," followed by an announcement of the geographical location in which the portable or mobile station is being operated.

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Example 4. — Portable or mobile amateur radio-telephone station operating in the third call area calls a fixed amateur station: W1ABC W1ABC W1ABC "this is" or the word "from" W2DEF W2DEF W2DEF operating portable (or mobile) 3 miles north of Bethesda, Md., over.

Note that the call area does not appear in the procedure, and note that the words "this is" or the word "from" *must* precede the transmitting station's call sign and that this call sign comes last.

Keep a record of maritime mobiles worked. Next issue will contain details of a certificate to be awarded for working them. W1AVY submits a list bringing his number of maritime mobile contacts up to 40. The maritime mobile boys recently presented DL4PN (Col. Tharp, USA, now in Washington) a gorgeous Ronson set in appreciation of his activities as a clearing house for them during the past two years. He sends his thanks through CQ, but will write each personally.

All operators please note: When you QSL a mobile station, please indicate he is mobile, perhaps by a slant and an M after his call. If possible, also give his location. Without this, the card looks like a QSL for the home station and isn't much good for claiming states and zones worked.

To the fellows who have trouble with sectionalized antennas slipping down: One manufacturer says that trouble is experienced only when the element is used as a radiator. R.f. anneals the springs which furnish friction to hold the sections extended. One remedy is lightly to center-punch the tip of each section to increase the tension.

Specs. on Your New Mobile Editor

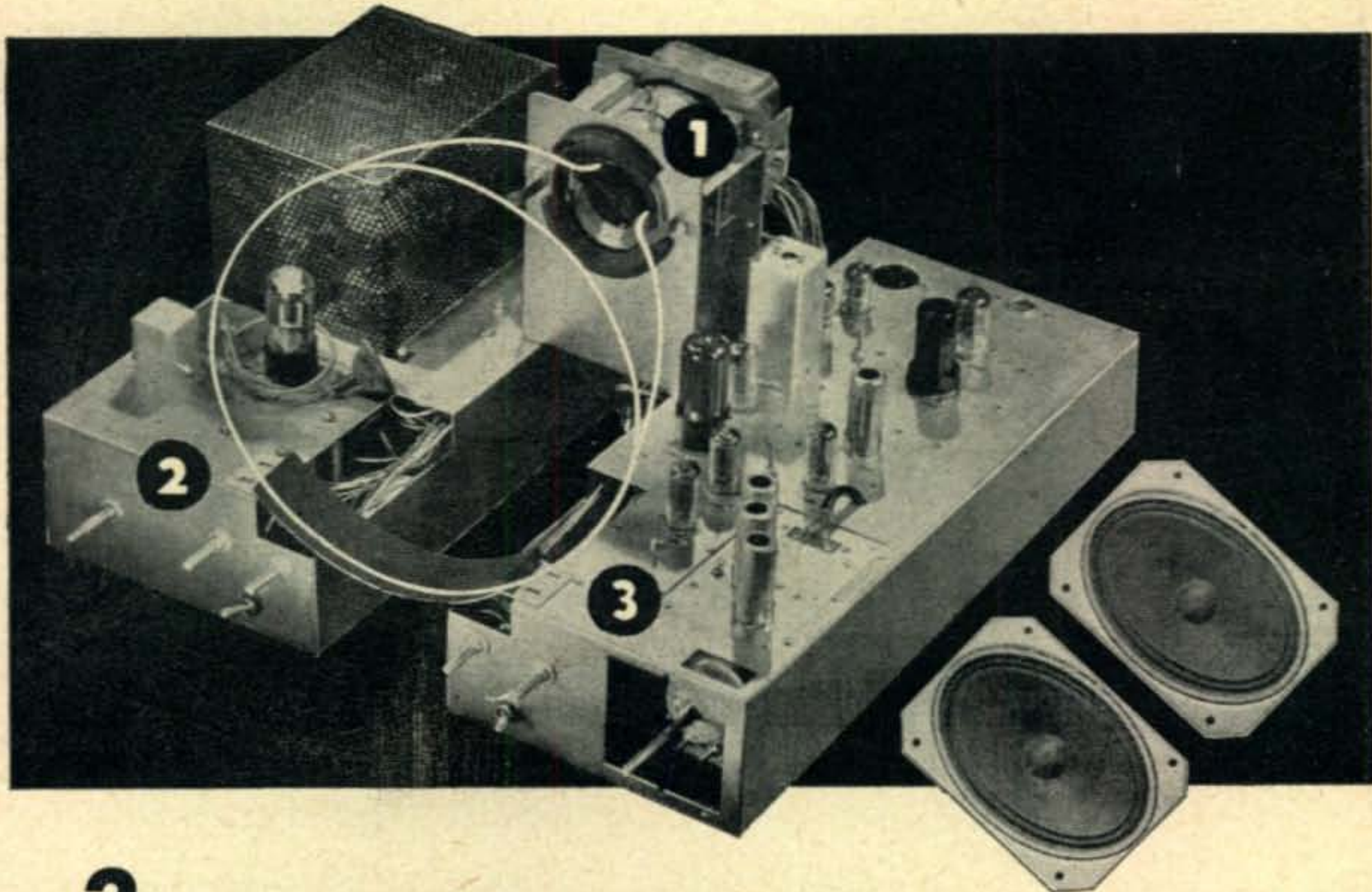
Native of NE Kansas—Born 1909. Licensed September 1929—W9BWV. First operated mobile 1931-32 under call W9ZZW. Other calls held: W9DVG, W9NL, W9EHH, W3JRT, and W3NL. Member U.S. Naval Reserve since 1929. During war was assigned to Navy Department, CNO, Cryptographic Section. Released to inactive duty May 1946 as Commander USNR. Presently, Assistant Chief, Division of Cryptography, Department of State. Past President of Washington Mobile Radio Club. Member MARS and Organized Naval Reserve (Communications Division).

Pacific Division Convention

The 22nd annual ARRL Pacific Division Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada, on Oct. 29-30, 1949, the host club being the Nevada Amateur Radio Assn. Pre-registration requests (until Oct. 5th) should go to P. O. Box 1003, Reno. Program will include open forum, Wouff-Hong, banquet, DX and VHF breakfast groups, hidden transmitter hunt, and prizes.

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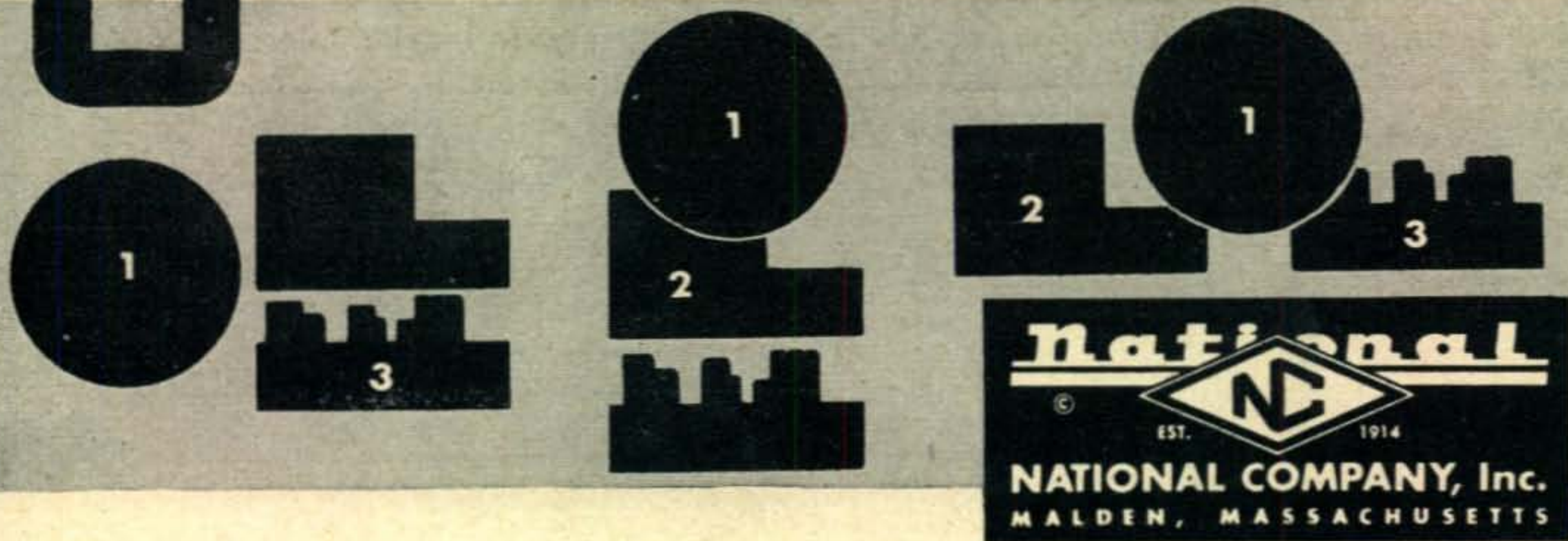
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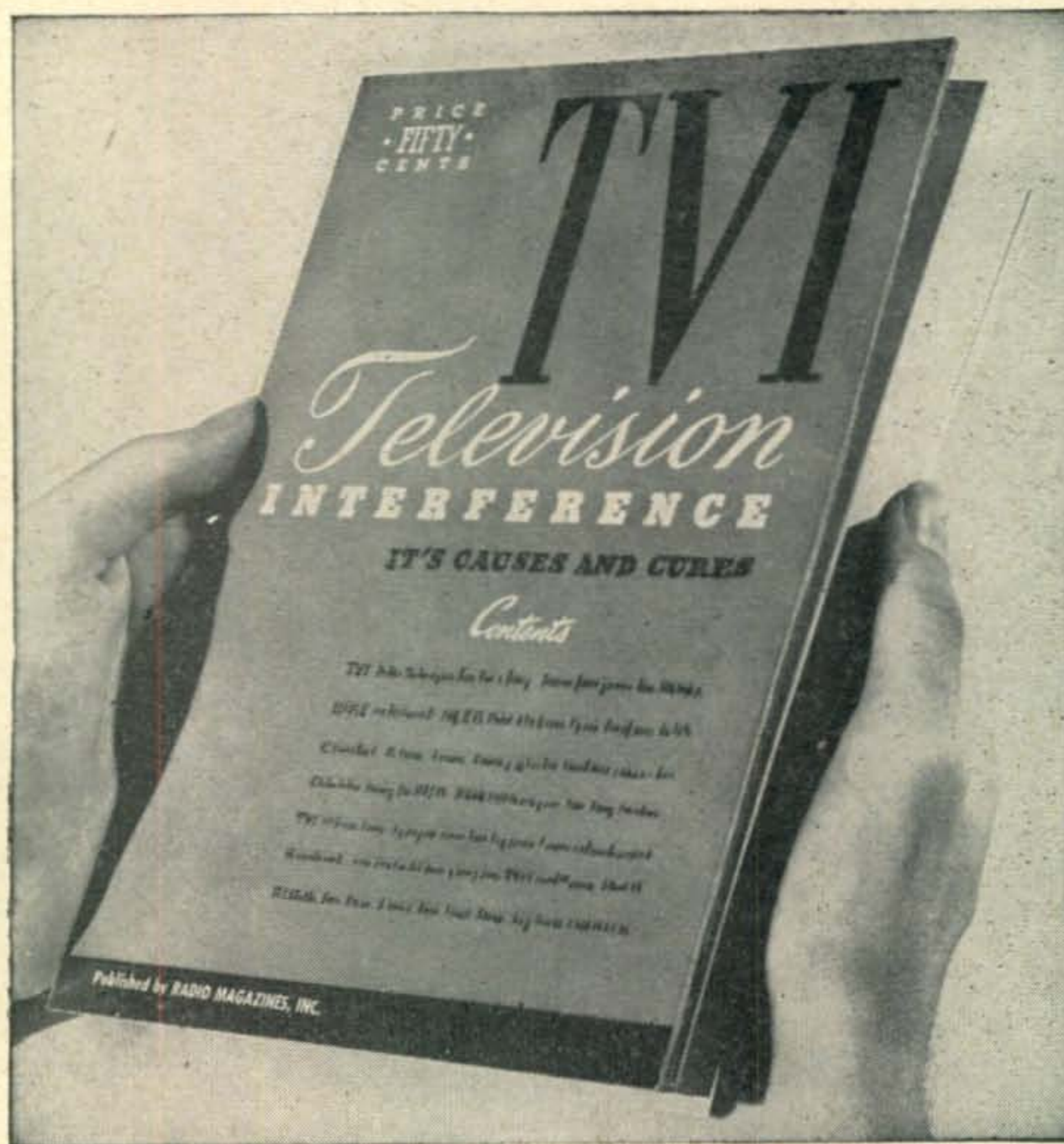
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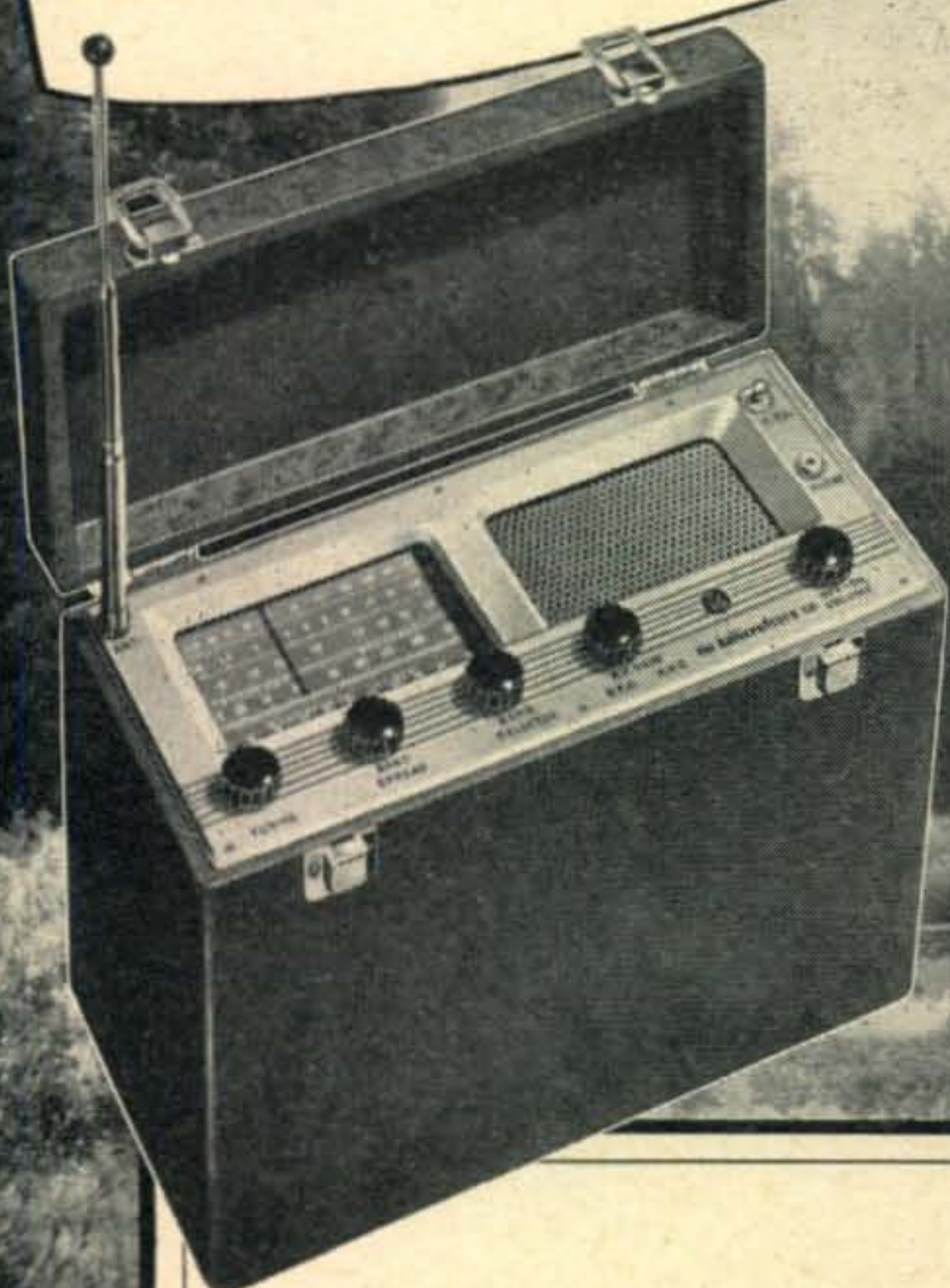
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of Israel?" Personally, I see no comparison between the two situations, because, in the first place, you can't be given credit for a country until it actually becomes a country. But, more important is the fact that you can *now* work Israel, because it does exist as a country. In other words, in this case, no one is penalized, because the country is there to be worked, whereas Newfoundland is not.

As you know, we were in the midst of hashing these things over with ARRL when September *QST* published *their* stand on both situations. Apparently, the boys in West Hartford have decided it is good to collaborate as long as things go the way they want them. I hope it isn't true, but it looks like from now on in they will judge their DX problems independently, and we will continue to do what we feel is right for the DX man, when each situation arises.

I would like to have all the DX boys know that in coming to decisions on various and sundry country situations, the DX committee does not go behind any closed doors and make decisions without feeling the general pulse of the DX man. For example, in the above two described situations, as you know, most of the DX boys whom we have contacted feel as we do, and this more than ever makes me feel that I am right in printing this explanation.

Andy, it's all yours now. . . . I have had my six-bits worth, and thanks a lot for taking over. 73.
Herb

Maldivé Islands

For those of you who have been champing at the bit for Maldivé Islands, the outlook is rather grim. Our best information is that VS7AD was there on a certain Monday recently, but due to power supply trouble did not get on the air. Both he and VS7CC are supposed to be back in England now . . . for good. Guess we will have to start all over again, at least most of us. Of course, ole Ed Willis, W6TS, can sleep . . . he worked VS7AD/VS9 in Maldivé last March. After a long vigil of looking for something new, Ed fell into this one. Seems to pay off sometimes . . . this getting up early! Another nice one was FP8AA on St. Pierre. This jaunt was engineered by the Frankford Radio gang, the operator being W3BXE on vacation. For some strange reason, the signal was only on 7 mc, not 14 mc. Needless to say, no one out here has to bother with waiting for a QSL from FP8AA. Others are also planning trips to FP8, and perhaps they will find a shorter piece of antenna wire convenient to use.

Repeated reports keep coming in to the effect that EA8AO is actually in Rio de Oro, and not in Madrid as he says. This we understand to be in error. At first, the original Rio de Oro station signed EDZ, and later EA8EDZ. Then for a short time, EA8AO, although this call was actually licensed to a friend of EDZ, for Canary Island use, and was just "borrowed." We believe that the present EA8AO signal comes from the real owner of the call, who is at present in Madrid. Also, Rio de Oro may appear some day in the not too distant future, in the form of EA8JM, or something similar, JM being the initials of old EDZ. None of this can we guarantee, but it sounds good, doesn't it?

Some of you have been disappointed to see the minimum Zone position of the Honor Roll fluctuating back and forth with apparently no rhyme or reason, but seemingly with the unerring effect of leaving you out. We are sorry that it has worked out this way, but, frankly, we've been trying to get the layout modified so that we can list as many of you as possible. We think that this has finally been accomplished, and unless too many newcomers change things, it looks like the minimum Zones as shown in this month's Honor Roll should stick for

a while. If anyone that should appear has been left out, let us know, and we'll try to straighten it out. It is not necessary to send in a new list, or even your recently reported additions, because we've been keeping them up to date, even though they may not have appeared in print recently.

W4BA lets us know that F9QU/FM8 prefers to QSL at a later date after he has received an official FM8 call. He usually runs around 100 watts to a 211 final and a doublet antenna, and listens through an SX-25. While on the subject of Martinique, new hope for cards from FM8AD is offered by Dave Traer, W4AZK, who has a deal cooking. Dave has offered to take care of FM8AD's QSL problems with rubber stamped post cards up to about ten buck's worth, after which you fellows will have to send him your own penny post card to be stamped. These cards will be backed by FM8AD's log, which, incidentally, has not as yet arrived. We wish Dave lots of success in his endeavors, and hope that this deal does not go the way of other similar ones in the past A nice shiny new one showed up on phone, about 14,130 kc, with the call of CR5UP, located on Sao Tome Island, in Principe & Sao Tome, a part of Portuguese West Africa. He has a good signal, speaks English quite well, and doesn't expect to be there long!

W8WEN passes along word from MD4JG, now VQ4CJG in Kenya, that patience will bring the MD4 QSL, as he is slowly making a dent in a backlog of about 500 cards. Jack also mentions that cards for ZC6PM should be sent to W8WEN. Doc Sievers, ex-KR6BG and ex-J9ADX, will take care of any missing cards from his home QTH W3AYS has moved to Dayton, Ohio, and is again on the air, but with a new call—W8EBC, or from Wright Field—K8AIR.

W8NBK wants to know if we have any dope on UY5AK, who claims to be a new Russian Republic in Zone 20 or 21. Sounds a little undecided himself, doesn't he? We agree with Arkie in his opinion of this guy. He can't be worth a hoot. Furthermore, Arkie, if you work him again, tell him that the 5th district of USSR is not in either Zone 20 or 21, but Zone 16. Or, better yet, tell him to try UY6AK, and he will sound more reasonable! Suppose most of you have heard EK4AO, now EK1AO, who is none other than old EA4AO, ex-EAR96, Jesus M. de Cordova, one of the best known hams in Spain before the war. We had heard that he was executed during the Spanish civil war. It's good to hear that he's alive and active again.

W2EMW says that George Elliott, G5LI, told him that Bert of ZD9AA has been ordered back to the mainland by his doctor. Red is the name of the new operator at ZD9AA Rumor has it that W1FH finally bumped into AC4YN. Congrats, Charlie, and we hope that the card comes through in a hurry. If there is anyone who can get a card in a hurry, I'll put my dough on W1FH. Everyone seems to be buzzing about Mick of ON4QF going to PX and CZ lands. It can't be too soon! LX1QF, of course, was ON4QF on a short trip.

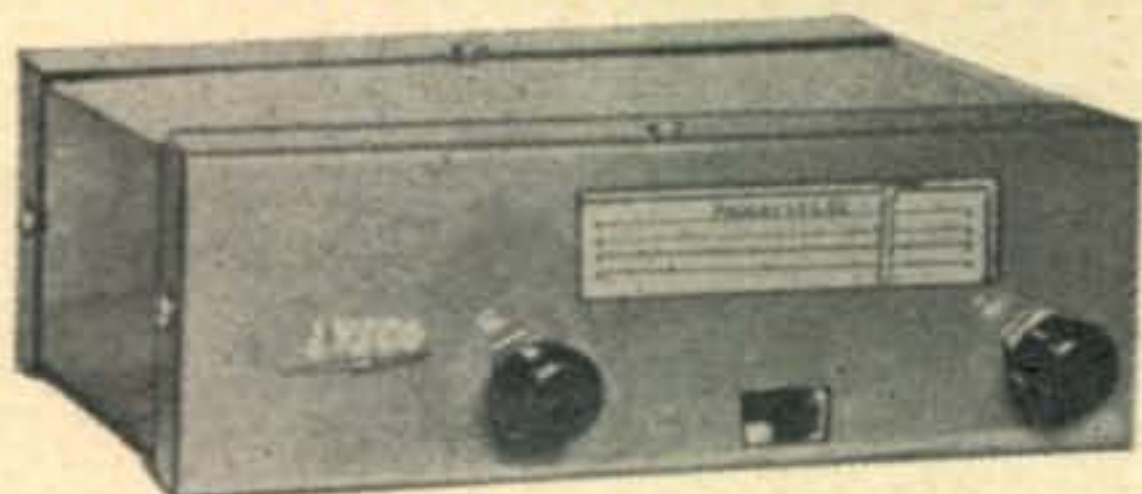
VU7AH

Several of you apparently thought, or at least hoped, that VU7AH was in Nepal, but unfortunately, 'taint so. VU7AF has been the only active station in Nepal, and he is back in India now. The Prefix VU7 has been used for several different countries, so don't depend on it. Just what its present status is, we aren't certain, but it may be just for the Northern portions of India and vicinity.

A letter from our old friend Dan Lockyer, LI2CL, MD1D and ZC1CL, now back in England, brings up an interesting, although touchy, subject, namely Palestine, or Arab Palestine, as it appears to be. It seems best to quote his letter, so here goes. "I don't mean to rob anyone of a country, or overwork the DX Committee, but it would appear to me that 'Arab Palestine' is non-existent! I'm not dead certain, but I believe that the whole of Arab occupied Palestine has been incorporated with Transjordan into the new Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. I suggest you look into it, and if I'm right, 'Arab Palestine' and 'Transjordan' will disappear from the Countries List and be replaced by 'Jordan.' Don't ask me what the prefix should be! ZC1 for Transjordan was wrong anyway, as Transjordan was not in the British Commonwealth, but we had to use something, and ZCI was continued from the days when Transjordan was a Mandated Territory under Britain. Transjordan wasn't represented at Atlantic City and had no allocation of call sign blocks in the first list published." This is sad news, Dan, but we'll look into it anyway. Incidentally, Dan worked all 40 zones and 141 countries in just short of one year, excluding the known phonies,

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as well as VU4AC (Laccadives). He jumps the gun on us with this one, as we were planning to make a Christmas present for some by scratching VU4AC at the end of the year. A card from AC4RF should bring Dan into the bold-face type of the Honor Roll. We want to take this opportunity to commend him for one swell job done while in Libya and Transjordan. He really put these places on the map, and in a very cooperative and intelligent fashion too. Many thanks, Dan, and let us hear from you again.

Another sad bit of news came from VSIDA, just before he left for England. John informs us that French India, FN8, was incorporated into India proper on August 15, 1949. It can't be . . . I hope! They're going faster than we can work 'em. Nothing official yet, however, so let's go on to happier things, such as FY8UD. Seems to be O.K., and, of course, W2AGO is handling the QSL situation. 14 mc is the band, but where, and when next, I wouldn't know. FN8AD is quite active on 14 mc, both c.w. and phone, as is FN8MS on phone only. Better catch 'em quick, so you can get DXCC credit before they become "duds!"

F18AK

Hal, W9VW, thinks F18AK is a "really choice joker" and refuses to claim credit for working him. He doesn't come from the right direction out here, just a little too far North in the mornings, and over Europe in the afternoon. So . . . we don't want him . . . ZS7C is a recent addition to the morning struggle out here, but it's a slow lengthy process to work him. A message from VS6AX, via W6DSY, says, "I want 'old Herb,' W6QD, and the gang like W6GRL and W6EGH, etc., to know that old Titch, VS6AX, is back and happy to rag chew with any, repeat . . . any, ham station like the old days." There sure are a lot of "old" guys in this old business . . . FU8AA has finally sent out a bunch of cards, and, of all things, I saw a card from FA8IH. Yes, FA8IH does have cards, although this is probably the only one that any living ham ever saw. It was for none other than our own committee member, Mr. Edward A. Hayes, W6SA. W6EBG says if he ever gets one, he will return it with a brief description of his thoughts for the past few years. Ditto . . . VR4AC says he will be active on 14,270 kc phone. This from W6KQY, who seems to be doing all right on phony.

We are indebted to someone, we know not to whom, because the rest of the letter was separated (we apologize), for the following: "VQ4SC says that if the boys who haven't received QSL cards will let him know, he will send a second card." Also, he says he is sorry that he could not work more Ws from ZD6SC, but he had only 40 minutes in which to operate, and with a borrowed commercial rig. Happily, Bunny, ZD6DH/-VQ2DH took care of the rest of us in good style. The cards are being printed and should be along before long . . . VQ4SC still needs Iowa, Vermont, West Va., Wyoming, Arkansas, Montana, and Utah for WAS and can be found on 28,110 kc phone. ZS8A plans to be more active, and likes 28,210 kc phone. He still needs a couple of states for WAS. PJ5DV and PJ5HM are on 28 mc phone and PJ5RX is on 14 mc phone. CR5UP has also been on phone at 28,270 kc. Latest word from FB8AB doesn't brighten that situation much. Looks like a long pull before he will be workable. KM6AO is active on both 20 c.w. and 10 phone, and expects to be there for the next year and a half. They are Navy boys running a BC-610 on 20 and a 50-watt peanut whistle, as they call it, on 10 phone. 20 is usually worked between 0330 and 0800 GMT, and 10 when the band is open, and they promise to QSL 100%.

Doc, W4VE, has finally worked Zone 26 with his vertical. Five stubs on his antenna coil make his TV-minded neighbors happy. Bob Wilson, W3GHD, adds a bunch of nice ones which leaves him tied with his buddy, W3BES at 221. Two weeks vacation swimming and fishing should put GHD in the pink for the winter struggles. For the benefit of Bob who wanted a hot tip, there appears to be a dearth of VS4s at the moment; one VS5BJ who is dubious if even on now; one ZC2AC, who is as phony as CZ2AC; and one every fine CR10AA who is rather difficult to raise, but is on occasionally around 0900 GMT, 14,010 to 14,020.

W6PXH wants to file a \$9.80 claim for power against CR5UP. Wasn't it worth it, Cy? Should be. The first TV receiver in W6EFM's neighborhood was just installed 160 feet away. Oh, you lucky . . . W6TI keeps adding them steadily. I have to mention Horace each time, so he won't drop the axe on my QSL cards. I thought I had him lined up to give extra QSL service by threatening to chop his country total in half, but

he finally reversed the situation and threatens me on my cards if we don't give him double credit for each country worked. That's why his total is shooting up so fast.

W7GUI wants to put in a bid for one of our California hill tops. He thinks we ought to make room for a spent W7. Thinks it is tough sledding up there (no snow). Then he adds three more, and says he has missed fourteen in the last two weeks. Heck, Bud, you just don't know when you're well off. Down here, we can't even hear 14 in two weeks to miss. From GD3UB, via W9TQL, we learn that GD3RX is a phony. 3UB received a great number of QSL cards addressed to GD3RX, but upon investigation, found him to be NG. W9RBI is quite happy with a two-way phone contact with UA9CL, Zone 17. Ross managed to switch him over from c.w., as did W6AM and W6DI. Also from RBI is word that VP8AI will be on phone at 28,125 kc. He's in the Falkland Islands, you know, and the only active one there at present, we believe. We welcome a newcomer to the Honor Roll, DL1DA, who signs his name "Conny," but says, "Nix on the 88s." Conny has about decided his receiver must have a filter for VK6, as he has never heard one, and needs that zone. XE1AC adds seven good ones on phone, including LZ1ID! Here's a good catch on either phone or c.w., and will be remembered as LZ1XX a while back. Seems to be a little allergic to Ws at the present moment, however.

We apologize for putting HC2JR in the combined c.w.-phone section, and omitting him in the "phone only" section of the Honor Roll. If you will look in this issue, John, you will find everything in order, unless that printer again crosses us up. John is the President of the Guayaquil Radio Club, and is very active, mainly on phone. Incidentally, we ordinarily do not list country totals in both sections where the totals are within a few countries of one another, unless requested to do so. By this I mean, where a station is, say, primarily phone, but has worked two or three countries on c.w. However, you can have it any way you want. We don't really care.

VE4RO is getting good results with three new "V" beams, only 341 feet per leg! George is one of the lucky ones to add CR10AA. Old Ev, KP4KD, sent in a post card, all in a dither. He thought he had been short-changed on one zone, and it could have been, but wasn't. Ev had it all figured out with the aid of his map, whereby UA9CB (Sverdlovsk) was now in Zone 18, which would give him 39 zones. However, the next mail brought another card from Ev, taking it all back. He found that he had been looking at the wrong parallel on his map, so still needs Zone 18. Can anyone help him?

VE1NE would like to know of other hams collecting postage stamps, who would be interested in swapping some. From VE3BNQ comes the very sad news of the death of our friend VE3ZM who was accidentally electrocuted while monitoring his rig. Al adds seven new ones on phone, bringing him up to 36 and 108 with 75 watts input.

ZS7B back in Swaziland

W9RNX has received a card from VR4AC, but says that apparently due to some difficulty about Americans using VR4 calls, the station is now signing W5FYV/VR4. Russ also says that ZS7B will be back in Swaziland again, and that ZS5AW has applied for a ZS7 call, and will operate there on weekends, while visiting his family who live there. W9WCE has been promised the old W9VW vertical on the strength that it may have a little DX left in it. This we doubt, 'cause Hal has most likely drained it dry of everything except W6s, why else would he put up a new "rotary bird roost" as he calls it? To make the story standard, 9VW worked AC4YN on the new roost the morning after it was put up. This is a fine beginning, and it should probably be left alone, but Hal has to tune it. Now, let's see what happens! Hal says he hears AC4NC and AC4YN more than he does Herb. How about it, Herb, shall we let him in on the secret? No, let's wait a while. Anyone who works 40 Zones and 195 countries on a vertical from the 9th district is not in a hurry.

From W7MBX, we hear that W7HTB is known as Jack "Dream Ears" Staley, the "Dream Ears" coming from the fact that many years ago, Jack was the international champion SWL, and received a large loving cup in recognition thereof. MBX says that HTB can really hear things when no other mortal can. We believe this, because we've heard Jack calling all kinds of Russians on phone, but we never hear the Russians. Of course, Jack doesn't come back to them, but that's beside the point. Seriously, though, HTB is really in there after the Russian zones on phone, and if hard work and per-

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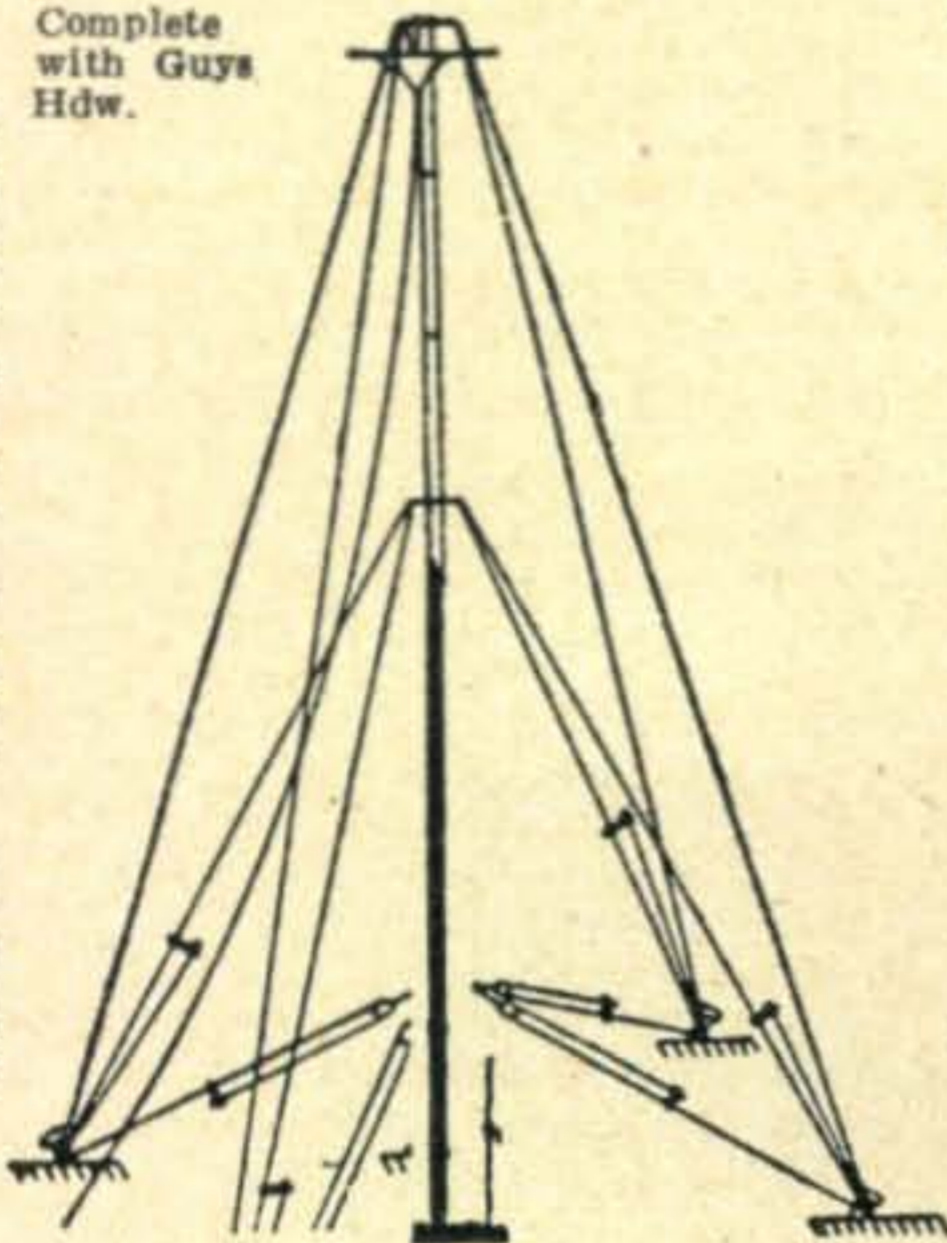
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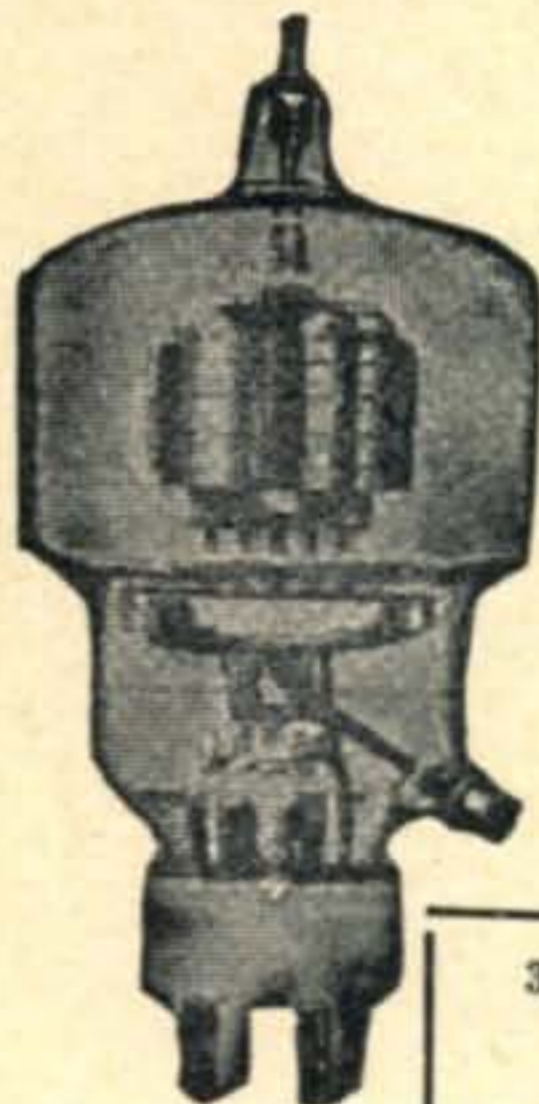
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sistence means anything, he will bear watching. 7MBX also mentions that ZS2F lately has been calling W6DI "Emperor" because he has the loudest phone signal coming from the USA. More recently, he has been calling Guy "King Emperor," and has advanced MBX to the rank of "Grand Duke." Now it develops that ZS2FA has a bet with ZS2F that 7MBX can drown out 6DI. So it goes with the phone men, on and on into the night. I'll bet they both have forgotten the code. No, I'm wrong, I heard Guy coaxing UH8AA from c.w. to phone the other a.m.

WØOUH tells about a good one he heard recently. Bill was cruising up the band when he heard a mob after ZD2FB. Says there must have been ten guys in the pile-up, and more gathering after each round of calling. Finally, a W2 announced to all and sundry that he had been calling ZD2 on sked, but guessed he must be QRL elsewhere, and then told the boys to scout up their own DX! Goes to show how far the fine art of blind calling has progressed in DX "technique" today.

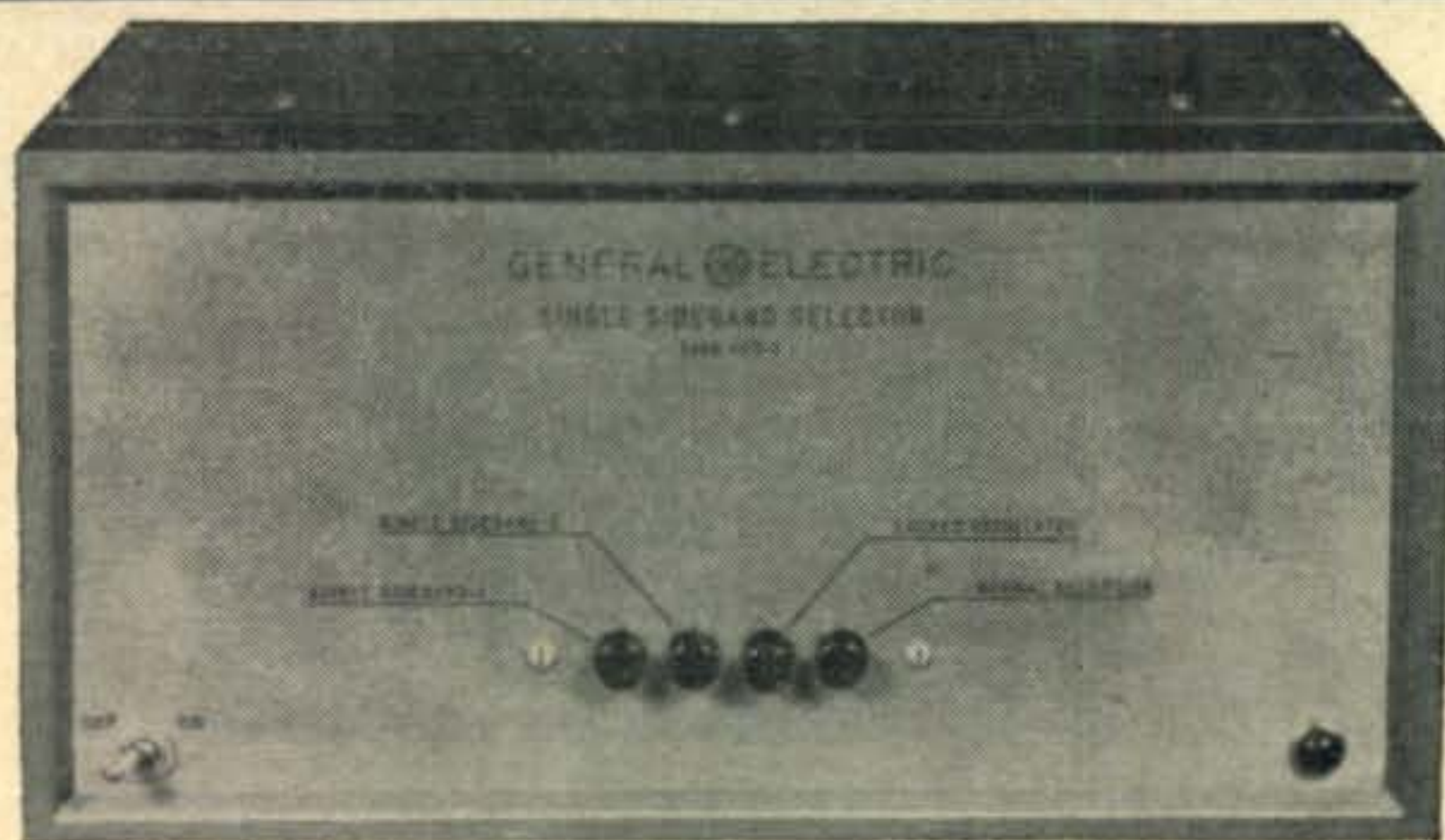
From the FEARL NEWS: JA2KG has left Japan, but not without one last parting shot at the band which brought ST2DD, Lloyd's 162nd and last country. His job as QSL manager for FEARL has been taken over by Lt. George V. Hamson, exW6ZHV, and Station Manager of JA2US. Dave Fugman, W8SIR and exJ9SIR, W8SIR/KG6 and KG6FH is now in JA2 land, on duty with the AACS, and should be on the air by now. W3EPV has received a QSL from ZAA (Radio Albania) in answer to his card to ZA1B. We weren't counting him anyway, Bob, but thanks for confirming his phony-ness! ZA5AC fits into the same picture. W3KDP has assembled parts for a new 3-element wide spacer for 14 mc. Ren wants to know how to get a card from Zone 19. Patience is the only answer we know. The Zero Trio (the Quartet lost a member), YXO-NUC-NTA have all been made happier by one or more AC4s. Wonder if WØPNQ has taken over ole Doc's standing in this association? Vince, ØNTA, in in the process of putting up a 3 and 4 element wide spaced job for 20 and 10 on a new tower. There goes another 10 kc out of the band here. WØNUC is really is really full of info this trip. Says that VK9NR (Norfolk) is leaving for VK3 around the first of November, and therefore would like all QSL cards sent via W1A. Noel thinks that he has worked all the DX gang over here except W3BES and W2GWE. According to W3BES's country list, you've worked him too, so better check that log again, Noel. Don't know where W2GWE is these days, but it looks like he may be left Norfolkless. VQ2DT, exZD6DT, will take care of any missing Nyasaland cards from his present QTH which is listed in the usual spot. Lastly from Leo is word from F9QU/FM8 that the French government is sending a ham, or hams, to FG8 in the very near future to give all possible an FG8 contact. The reason is to advertise Guadaloupe. Sounds like the French are really on the ball.

Dave Brown, ZL1HY, is so excited that he starts out his letter: "Dear Reg, Hooray, hooray, etc." Yes, of course it's AC4YN that caused all the excitement. He just received a card from VR2AZ/VR1, so if you are among the underprivileged, you might give Dave a buzz and find out what the secret is. LUSBF was surprised to hear AR8AB speaking perfect Spanish on 10 meters, but soon discovered that it was XE1NJ at the mike. TI2SA is exTI2GG. PJ5KO told LUSBF to send his QSL via W6MEK. Are you handling all of them, Frank?

From MP4BAD we learn that MP4BAC has returned to England, and MP4BAJ to South Africa, leaving BAD as the only station in this area. Two others are awaiting licenses and will be on 10 and 20 from Sharjah, Oman. BAD is now running 50 watts c.w. and 25 watts on phone. A ½ wave Windom and a Super-Pro complete the layout. Ken has only been in ham radio for two years, and in spite of all the troubles of being "rare DX" wouldn't think of leaving it, although he will have to along about the first week of December in order to reach England by Xmas. Next year should see him in either DL2 or MB9. All cards should now be sent via RSGB and not direct. Ken apologizes for not being able to QSL more promptly, but is doing the best he can, considering that all supplies must come from England, and promises to eventually take care of all.

One of our very modest readers sends along some fine stuff, but insists upon remaining anonymous, to you that is, on account of he doesn't want to blow his own horn. This may be OK, but we think he has the wrong slant on this business. Aren't we all just one big, happy family? Pull that last knife outta me back . . . It's longer than the others. If you fellows

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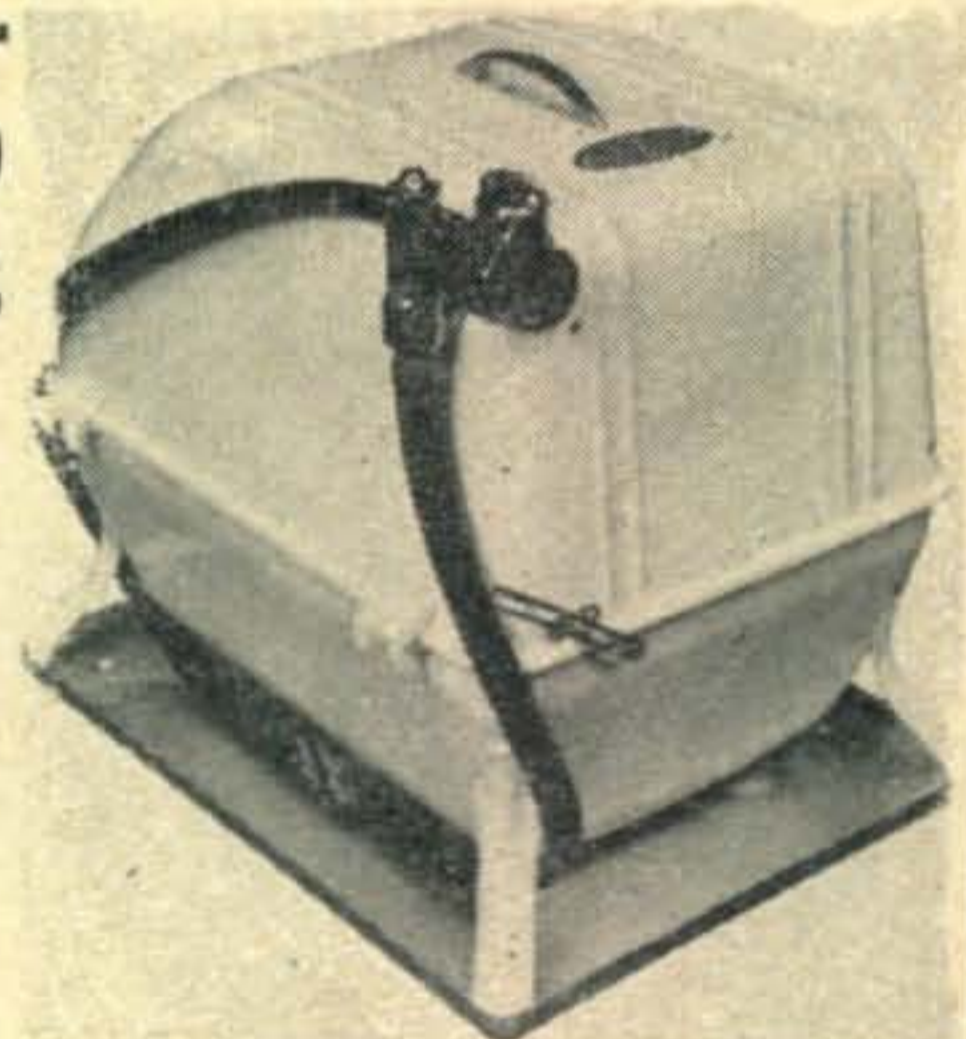
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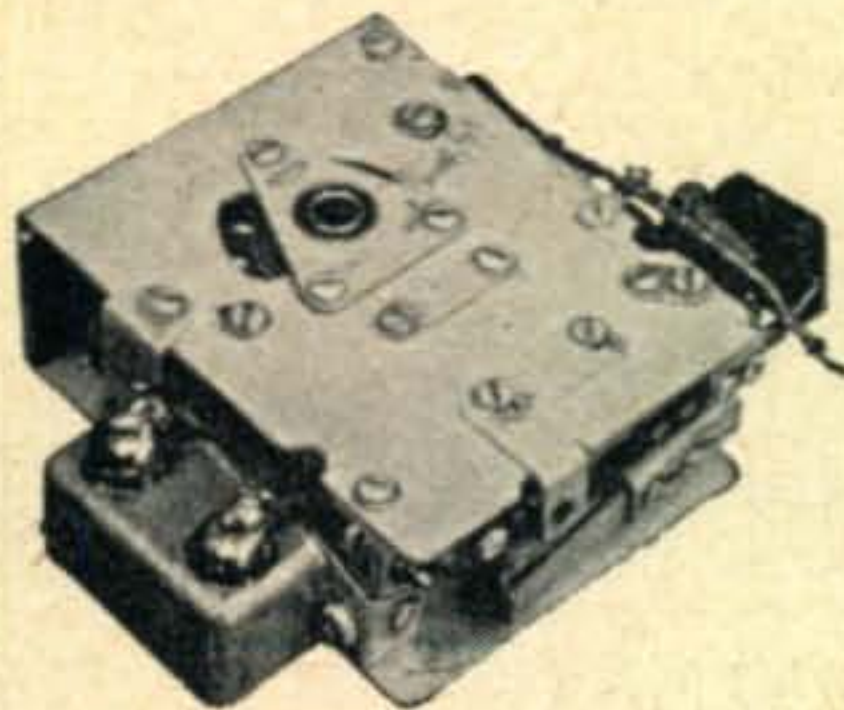
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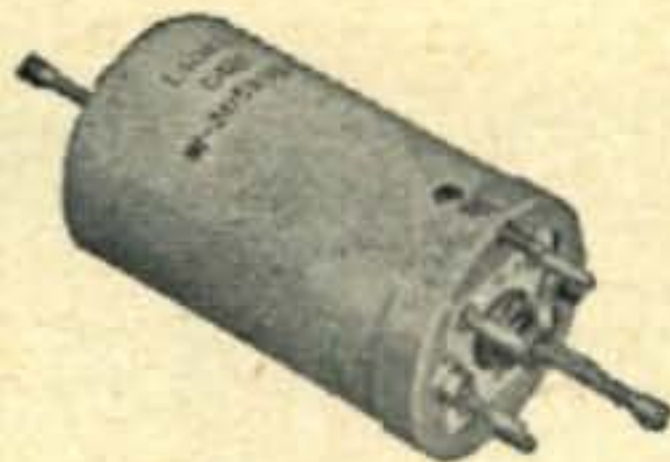
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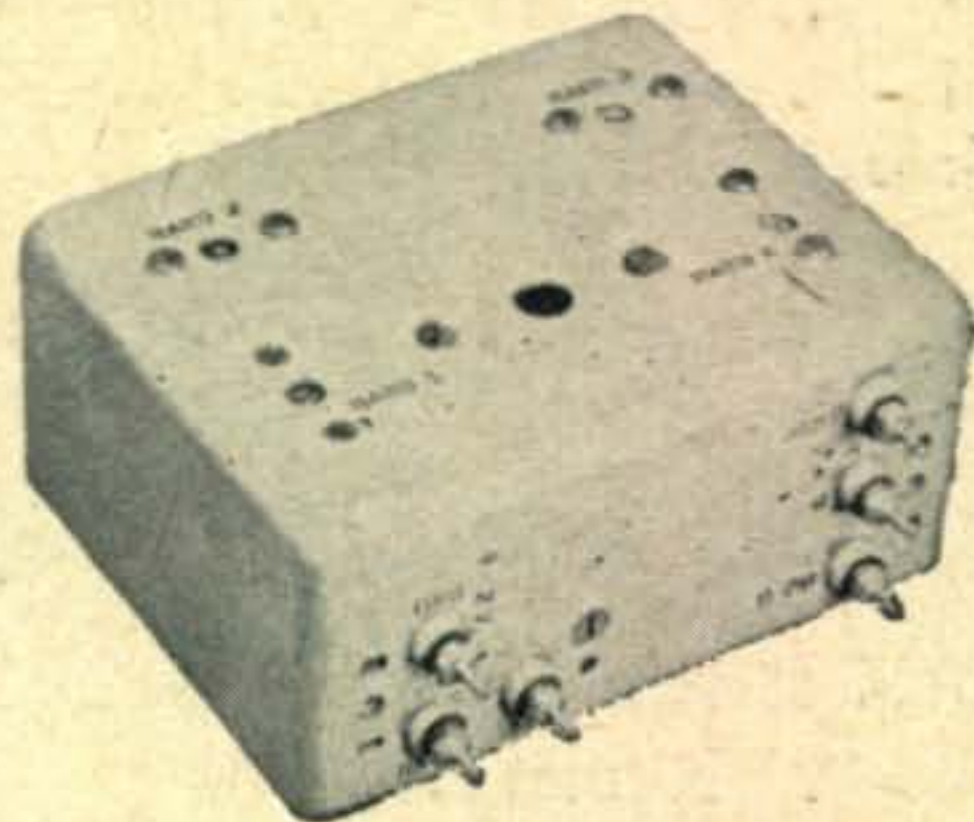


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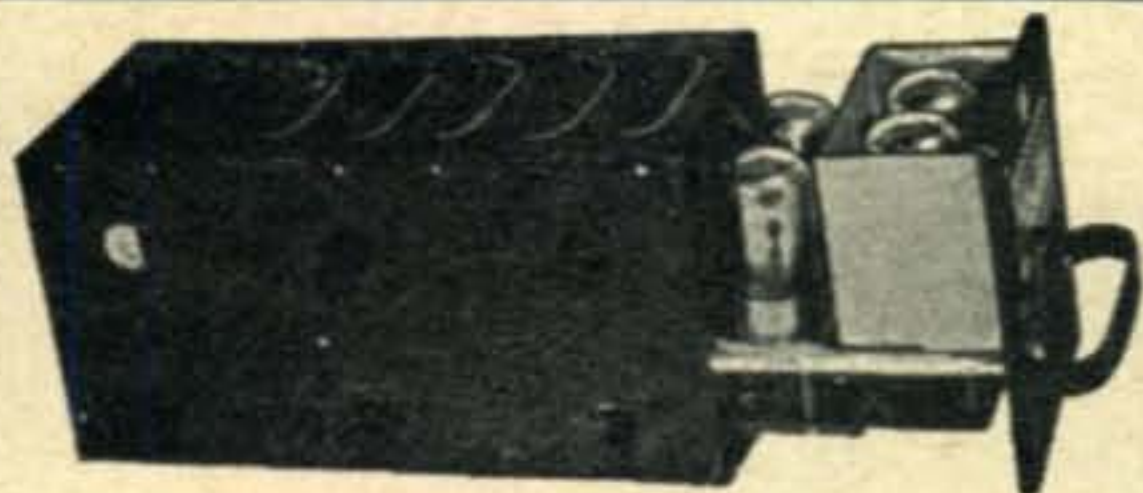
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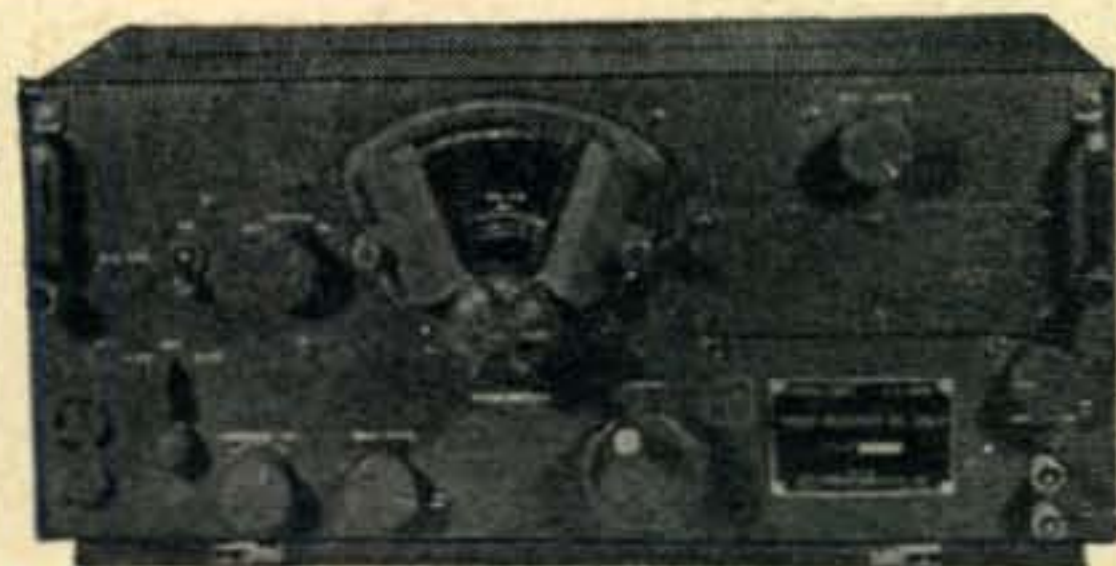
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didn't send in this stuff, there wouldn't be a column. (Is that bad?—Herb.) We mention your calls in connection with it for two reasons. First, it gets us personally off the hot seat if the info is later found to be incorrect . . . and second, if you go to all the work of giving us this info, we think that the least we can do is to acknowledge it. Further, our silent reader says that it would give him no thrill to read that HE has worked so and so, so and so, etc., so he just keeps silent. Frankly, OM, we don't think that this would thrill anyone, and we don't particularly encourage it. In fact, we try to keep it out of this column. There are other places where this type of stuff can be read by those who do like it. What we want is just the kind of information that you have sent in, and if this is looked upon as "blowing your horn," then "Blow, Gabriel, Blow." Here is his contribution: W6CRE/KC6 and W6ATB/KC6 are now KG6GC and KG6GD, respectively. They are back on Guam and with no indication of returning to Palau or any other DX location. A note from HB9IM states that HB9EC has never operated from Lichtenstein, so HE1EC is definitely a pirate. However, HB9IM says that for some unknown reason, during the last three months of his life, HB9CE sometimes signed HE1EC. The son of HB9CE is sending out cards for his last contacts. HB9EL has operated at his rig a few times. PJ1KO has changed his call to PJ5FN to avoid confusion with PJ5KO, and is now sending out QSLs.

A letter from Jules, TA3AA, says that no one has ever operated an official ham station in Turkey. TA3FAS has very vague permission for an Air Force circuit, so they just included ham frequencies. All others have been and are unlicensed, just like TA3AA. TA3GVU is behind a movement to permit licensing hams in TA which is going before the General Assembly, but it will probably be several years before any definite results can be expected. Jules had planned a big week end in Lebanon during August, but gave it up for a 12-day trip through I, ON4, SM, OZ, PAØ, F and even an evening at Monte Carlo, which cost him only 3 bucks on the roulette wheel! He still plans on going to Khios or Mytline Islands, Greek Islands off Turkey, from which SV7AA may be heard at 14,000 kc. The July trip to Khios was postponed, and fortunately, because the

Island had an earthquake causing it to sink 35 centimeters. Next spring should take Jules to Lebanon, and he hopes to be able to operate there officially. Thanks, Jules, but we wish we could finance you into Kuwait. According to FESAB, FD8RG may return to French Togoland in the near future for a two-year stay. VP5XX, on Caicos Island, is vouched for by W4LVV, and hopes to be officially licensed before too long. ZS6PE on Marion Island, we think phone only, is on occasionally, but is unusually busy with skeds.

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remained the same over the entire transmission path with little evidence of dispersion. Six meters, according to our data, was practically dead. In short, the openings showed very few of the characteristics usually connected with ionosphere skip, and practically all of the characteristics of extended-range tropospheric work. My own opinion—blame it on the atmosphere.

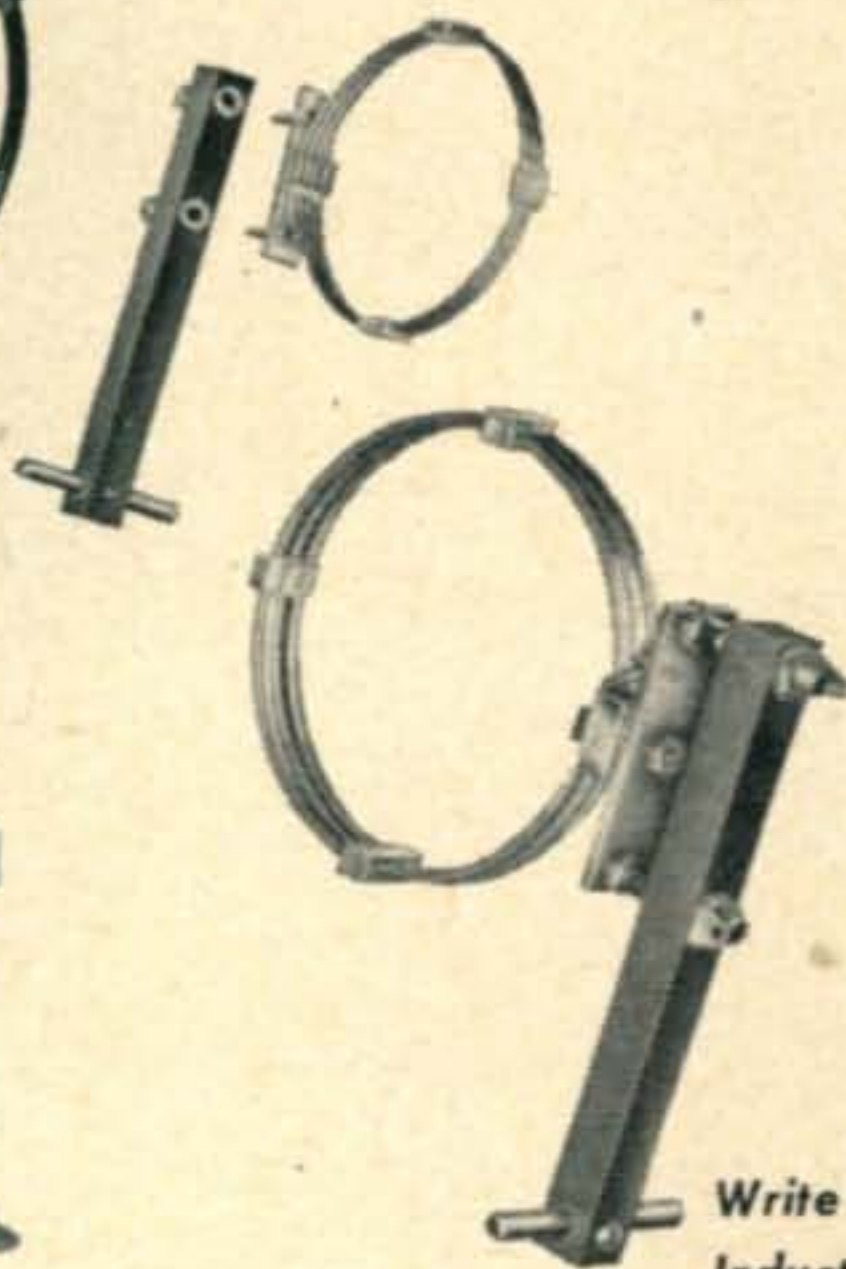
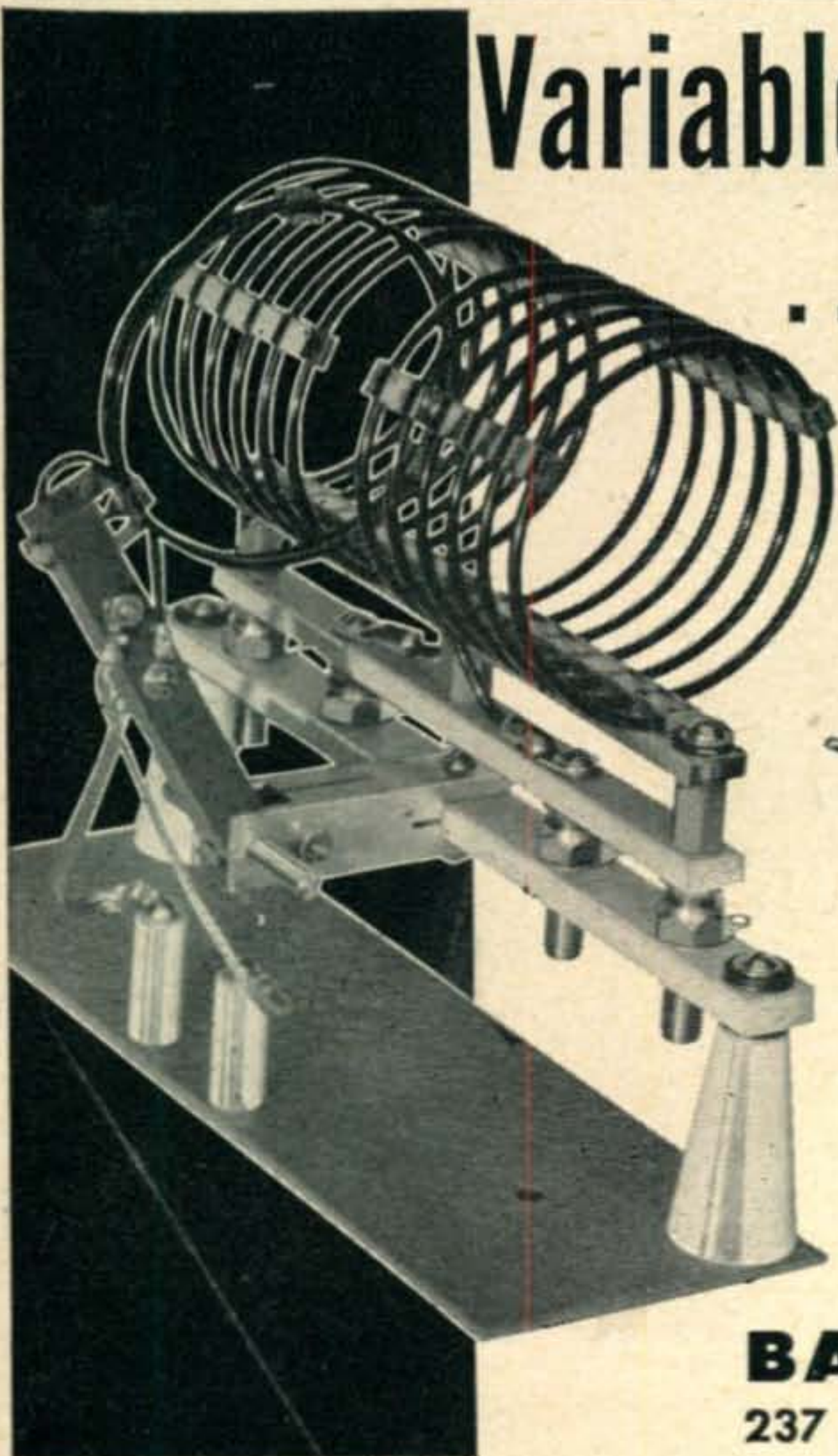
The Polarization Problem

As was pointed out in the paragraph above, the polarization of the signals seemed to remain essentially constant in spite of the extended range transmission via the atmosphere. This dashes the hopes of certain "pacifists" who had long cherished the idea that when really long distances were covered, the signal polarization would be twisted and scattered to the extent that the polarization of the receiving antenna would be unimportant. This thinking was probably based on experience with lower frequency transmissions in which the ionosphere played an important part. But even in some cases of aurora reflection on two meters the polarization has appeared to be definitely either horizontal or vertical. W3RUE of Pittsburgh reported that during the aurora disturbances of last winter he received two-meter signals emanating from the East on vertical and from the West on horizontal—fairly convincing proof that it is wisest to use the same polarization as the station you are trying to work, even on aurora. It is obvious that standardization would be desirable.

But let's look at this problem on a nation-wide basis. The heavily populated north Atlantic coast regions are still predominately vertical, on a numerical basis. A few stations, not more than 10 percent of those now active on the band, are set up for both polarizations. A very small minority are exclusively horizontal. The Midwest, in Vince Dawson's words, is "horizontal, of course." We have not heard lately how the vertically polarized gang in the Chicago area have made out, surrounded as they are by so much enemy heavy artillery. Quantitatively, activity in this section is still lower than on the east coast. On the west coast, especially in the regions around the major cities, vertical polarization seems to be the more popular. Judging from the scores turned in from this section during recent contests, activity is high, in fact, nearly as high as on the east coast. The south west gang have apparently not accepted either polarization as best, to date. Most of their attempts were made on vertical, at first, but now a very vocal representation headed by W5CVW is trying to swing the rest to horizontal. The Florida delegation at the last reckoning seemed to be trending toward vertical. The middle Atlantic states were always a haven for horizontal-antenna men, but many of the stations in that region made provision for vertical operation to permit more frequent contacts with the Yankees to the northeast of them.

For some reason Ye Ed has been typed as a strong proponent of vertical polarization. This situation no doubt developed due to a letter which was published in a contemporary publication over our signature in which we stated that there was no good scientific evidence, experimental or theoretical, which proved that one or the other polariza-

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W1s ATP, BWJ, CGY, CGX, CLH, CLS, DGV; DJ; EIO, GJO, GJZ, GHZ, HIL, HMS, JQA, KEX, KHL, LSN, MEP, MOP, OIR, PWW, QXE, RDA; RGY.

W2s ADA, BAY, BYM, COT, GYV, IDZ, KZG, LAL, MEU, ORA, PRW, PTC, PWP, PAU, RLV, RUA, RYT, SYR, TUK, TZU, WSM, RPZ; ZUW

W3s BGT, CIR, CUB, EVW, FWO, HC, IZL, JVI, KEM, KFM, KKN, KMN, KMV, IUN, KXI, MFY, MKL, MQU, MXW, NKM, OJU, PCB, RUE, TIF.

W4s AVT, BEN, BSS, CDC, CNK, CPZ, CVQ, DRZ, ED, EID, ENL, EQM, FBH, FBJ; FBL, FI, FLW; FNR; FQI, FWH, GMP, GYO, HBE, HHK, HVT, HVV, IUJ, KHL, KIP, KKU, KYW, LEC, LNB; LNG, LVA; MKT, MS, NEE, OMP, OVT, OXC, QN, RBK, WMI.

W5s AFX, AJG, ATJ, BAJ, BFA, BHO, CUH, CXS, DFU, ECU, EMY, FAL, FFM, FRM, FSC, GNQ, GTP, HKI, HLD, HTZ, IRP, IVU, JAK, JBW, JGJ, JKB, JLY, JME, JNG, JTI, KSW, KXO, LF, LIU, LOW, LWG, MAW, MJD, ML, MYP, MXI, NHD, NLP, NS, NU, ONS, OTU, PFC, PFD, PKX, UW; VV, VY, WX, ZZF.

W6s AMD, ANN, BLZ, BQR, CAN, CDQ, DQY, EIB, ERE, FFF, FPV, GGM, IWS, JRM, NAT, NAW, PSQ, PUZ, QUK; SFL, SK, SUK, TMI, UOV, WNN, ZUX, K6BF.

W7s ACD, BYK, CJN, COL, DYO, EHP, ERA, FDJ, FGG; FIV; FLQ, GBI, GCS, HEA, KKB, ILL, JPA, JRG; JXC; KKK, KOP, LLO, MWQ, OWX, QAP, QLZ, QNC, SP, TJY.

W8s CMS, CVQ, DGG, EP, FAZ, JKN, LBH; NBM, NQD; NSS, RDZ, RFW, TDJ, TOB, UZ, WSE, YLS, VDF.

W9s ALU, AQQ, BIQ, GDD, GWL, HGE, IZQ, KAJ, LMX, MBL, NJT, PK, PNW, QKM, QUV, RQM, TMI, UIA, VZP, ZBK, ZHL.

W0s BJV, BPL, CJS, DER, DNW, ELL; GSW, IFB, INI; IPI, IZF, JHS, JOL, JON, JRP, KRZ, KSB, KYP, LOW, MVG, NFM, PKD, QDH, QIN, SHW, SII, TI, TKX, UEL, URQ, VIK, VMY, YXS; ZJB, ZJY.

CO6WW, HC2OT, KH6PP, KL7NT, KL7UH, LU5CK, OA4AE.

VE1EI, PQ, QY, QZ, VL

VE2AGT, SR

VE3AAJ, AET, AGB, AJS, ANY, ARV, ATB; AXM; AXT, AZV, BYZ, DDT, YY.

VE4FU

VE5NC

VE7AAH, AEZ, BQ, CN, DU, NM, OE

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Typographical errors occurred on page 64, October '49 CQ in the first installment of this article. Part of the original text was omitted, eliminating two significant points.

- (1) The 813, when mounted in a horizontal position should always be oriented so that the plate structure of the tube is in a vertical plane.
- (2) In Figure 7 it can be seen that the quadrupler plate-tank is mounted on the side of the BC458. Space can be saved if the antenna loading coil is removed from the v.f.o. unit, and the quadrupler tank installed in its place.

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case to use in future discussions. The evidence is largely circumstantial, but it appears that more DX contacts covering greater average mileage were made by stations using horizontal than by those using vertical. Whether the same work might have been done if vertical polarization were the vogue in the areas affected by the year's big band openings is a question which will probably never be answered. Again speaking from my own experience, I'm certain that identical results could have been obtained using vertical. We have run tests using both polarizations, under as carefully controlled conditions as we could set up. Our results have been strictly inconclusive. W1HDQ of Canton, Connecticut, has also run many tests, and, to date, he has announced no conclusions. You may well ask "What about these cases where two fellows tried in vain to hook up using vertical, and couldn't—then, when they switched to horizontal the signals were S8?" Durned if I know the answer to that, but I can state without fear of contradiction that the *biggest* difference we have ever noted in all the tests which we have run with the stations within our range who are equipped for "flip-flop" tests was a single S point, and the average difference was nil.

Gazing into our crystal ball, we will venture a slight prediction that in the future just about all the long-range DX chasing will be done on horizontal polarization, but the vertical antennas will still be the mainstay of the day-in-day-out activity on the band, especially around the major cities. Enough editorializing, let's get on with the news.

The September 16 Band Opening

WØEMS, co-holder of the new record, states that the night of the 16th of September and the morning of the 17th were really "hot." During the course of the evening he worked 10 states in 5 call areas, which is not bad, considering that his total to date is 13 states and 5 call areas. All this in only 2 months on the air. Frank thinks that he has had his share of luck, and maybe a bit more, too! His transmitter is a simple SCR 522 running about 15 watts input. (Who said it takes high power?) The antenna is a four-element rotary only about 33 feet high. The receiver consists of a 6J6 pre-amplifier feeding into a 522 operated as a converter feeding an HRO. Frank hopes to get a 16-element



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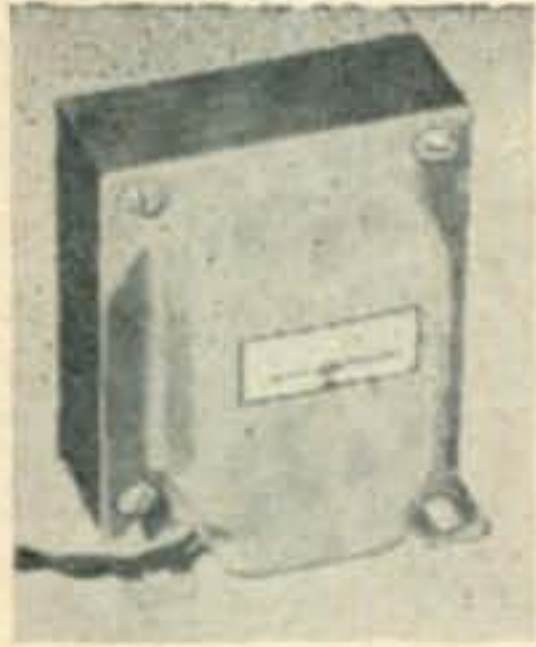
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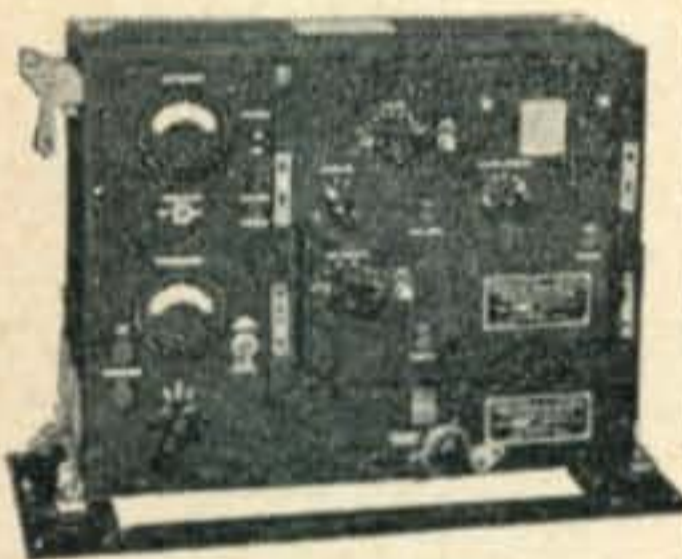
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beam up soon. On his biggest night, he worked Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Missouri, Kentucky. W8EP at Terra Alta West Virginia, was S8. Solid phone QSCs were held with most of the stations contacted. W8BFQ had the S-meter up against the pin for over two hours. Wotta night! All in all, WØEMS worked 34 stations on two, which for him represented a nightmare of activity.

On the other end of the record hop was John, W4JFV, who is an operator at WSLF-FM. He has his equipment set up at the FM transmitter house, 12 miles southwest of Roanoke, Virginia. This site is about 3900 feet above sea level. Since winds are high and icing conditions develop frequently, the two-meter antenna is a mere six elements. The rig is an SCR 522 with an 829 outboard amplifier, running about 80 watts input. The receiver used a 6J6 pre-amp into a BB-144 broad-band two-meter converter into an HQ-129 X. John was on duty on the night of the 16th and WØEMS, W8MBI, and W9GZQ were among the first stations heard, at 8:30 p.m. Since W4JFV was set up for operation on 147 mc, the "Virginia" frequency, he had a lot of trouble getting the Westerners to tune up to his frequency. Apparently the activity above 145 mc is very low, out in those parts. In fact, WØEMS had to re-align his receiver to permit tuning to 147 after he heard that W4JFV was up there! But in spite of the liability of his high-end crystal, John managed to scrape up 20 contacts with Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois stations. It was midnight before WØEMS was finally raised for the record-making QSO, and a solid phone contact was carried on for almost 20 minutes. The log shows that during the evening John worked 7 states and heard 10. He has arranged that in the future the operator on duty at the FM station will call him on the land line whenever there seem to be signs of a band opening. There is a TV receiver on hand to check conditions on the channels close to our frequencies! Under the circumstances it would be wise to look for W4JFV during the next opening—no longer on 147 but on 145.35 mc. See, it pays to tune up into the band after all!

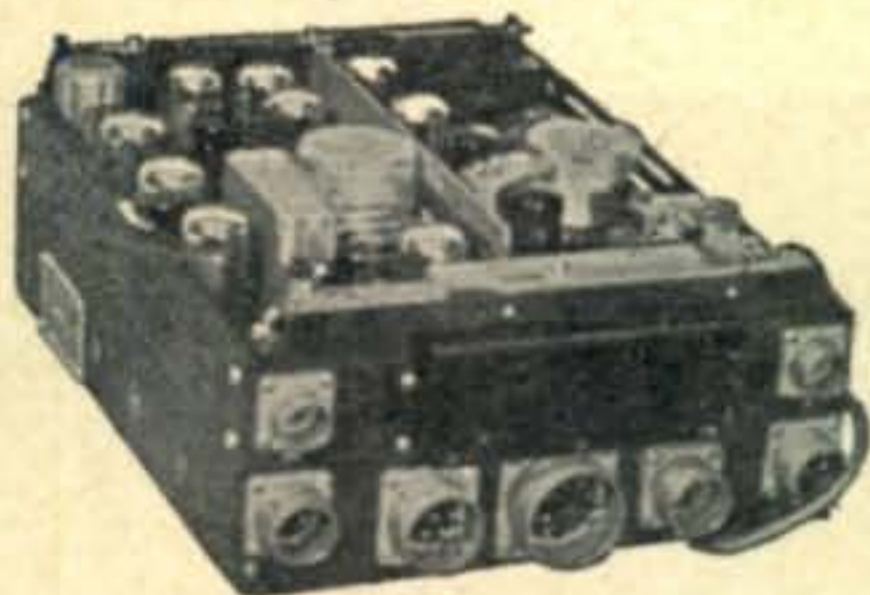
Two Meter Notes

To W4AO, Falls Church, Va., goes the medal for being the most persistent ham on the East Coast. On August 24 we had a bang-up opening up and down the seaboard and VE1QY was really getting out. W4AO must have called VE1QY about fifty times during the evening, all to no avail. It is either W4AO's modest power or VE1QY's receiver that brought about this failure. Ross intends to do his part, because it has been heard on good authority that a final amplifier capable of much more than a kilowatt output and a very heavy shipment of high-power components arrived at Falls Church the very next week! Ross operates consistently on 146 mc, and has one of the finest receivers in these parts.

W2NGA, Doc, of the Bronx, N.Y., has been trying horizontal polarization. Doc has a suggestion which makes sense. When testing the effect of a new antenna system, Doc runs low power—barely adequate to get through. When the signal is so weak that it gets down into the noise level any changes are much more apparent. The tests then depend to a much smaller extent on the accuracy of the other fellow's S meter. Since one of my own biggest gripes on this two-meter band is the way the gang seem to hand out db reports as if the doggone meters were actually accurate (which very few are) we can sympathize with Doc's approach. He also gains a very important bonus through his low-powered activity. He can operate his rig right through the evening hours when TVI formerly kept him off the air. At the moment Doc is trying horizontal polarization, and he says that on an average the signals he can hear on horizontal are better than the signals he got on vertical from the same stations last year.

A sobering note in the midst of all these almost unbelievable DX stories is furnished by the announcement of the results of the Two Meter Mileage Contest which was run by the Amateur VHF Institute of New York last April, when the band definitely did not open wide. Scores were submitted from 17 ARRL sections, and the winners from each of these sections will receive a very fancy certificate. Best total mileage run up during the two day contest period was turned in by W2BV who operated mobile at High Point State Park, New York. His 32-element mobile beam and 522 transmitter accounted for a cumulative total of 4,249 miles. W1RMZ, listed as operating in Eastern Massachusetts, was runner-up with 3,805 miles. The best single-contact DX was made by W6ZOE and W6IFE. This contest stimulated considerable interest in some quarters, and the boys of the VHF Institute wish to thank participants.

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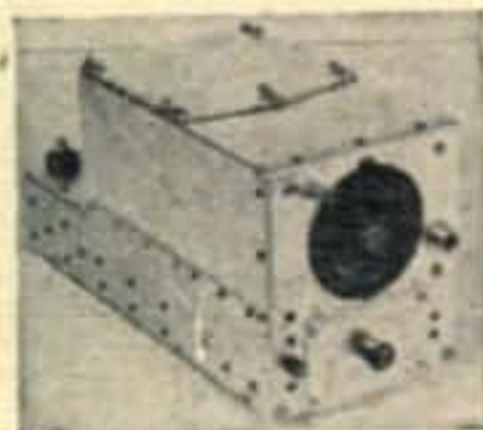
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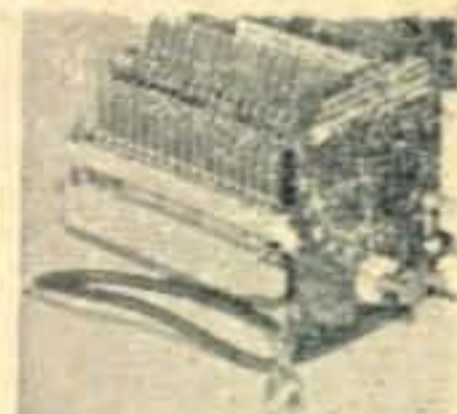
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Six Meter News

As was mentioned earlier in this column, the six-meter band has been pretty dead during the past couple of months. We have heard increasingly frequent comments to the effect that something is really screwy when the hams let a band like this go practically to waste. After spending several fruitless evenings scanning the band and hearing nothing, although two meters was open from Nova Scotia to Virginia and west to Ohio, we are beginning to wonder whether the six meter gang have forgotten how to work ground-wave stuff altogether. Or maybe they just don't like to talk to their neighbors—anti-social DX men, perhaps! It is easy to see why there is such a small influx of new activity to this band. One chap near my QTH went to a great deal of trouble getting set up for six meters. We checked his rig out on the air—everything was swell. What happen? He called CQ about a hundred times—long CQs, too, over a period of weeks, before he raised his first station, about two miles away. That is precisely why activity lags on six. When a newcomer to the band cannot find anyone to work, he isn't going to stay around long, even if he is convinced that he is doing ham radio a great service by populating the band. Perry Ferrell tells me that there are over 400 stations active on six in this country. Heck, we have almost that many on two in the Philadelphia area alone, and even at that the band sounds dead much of the time. As I see it, we need new blood on six meters, and lots of it. I'll certainly welcome any ideas which you fellows may have for stimulating activity. Increasing six meter occupancy will make the work of the Scientific Observations Project more valuable, as it will provide more frequent possibilities of stations being on the air at the right time and in the right places.

The idea of putting continuously operating unmanned transmitters on the air to serve as "beacons" to aid in plotting six-meter openings appeals to many of the boys. Project Supervisor Ferrell assures me that obtaining permission to operate these transmitters will be easy, if the technical problems can be worked out. Let's call him

on this, fellows, if you think the idea is a good one. It seems to me that a rig could be tucked away in the attic or the hay loft, locked up and safe from tampering, keyed by a simple clock-motor-powered keyer, and all we would have to contribute would be the power. Of course, the idea of QR'ing one's self during a band opening isn't so attractive at that!

A novel idea is used by W4CVQ, Fayetteville, N. C., whenever the 6-meter band appears likely to open for short skip. Jake has been putting his carrier on the air (50.210.5 mc) with the beam antenna automatically rotating. The power is fired up to 800 watts input and a CQ is given after the carrier has been on for about 5 minutes. While the variation in the signal strength as the beam rotates might cause some confusion and make the DX think that the signal is in a long fade, the idea nevertheless seems to have some merit.

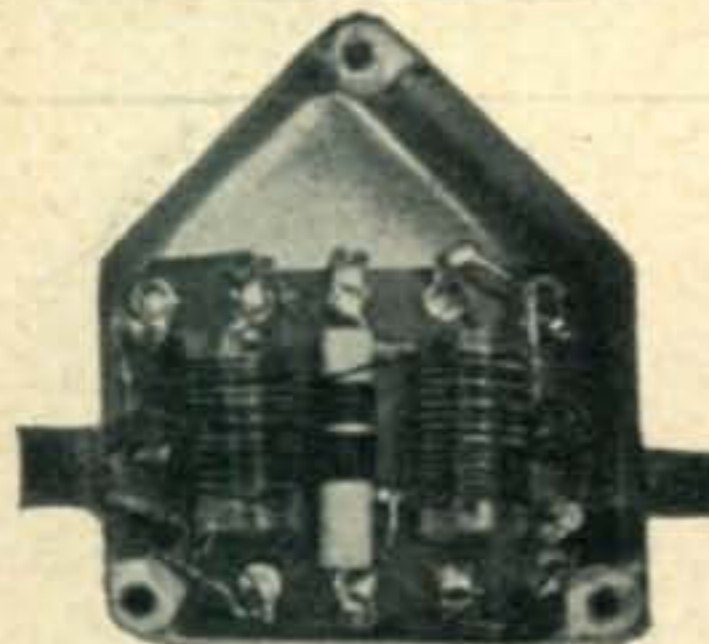
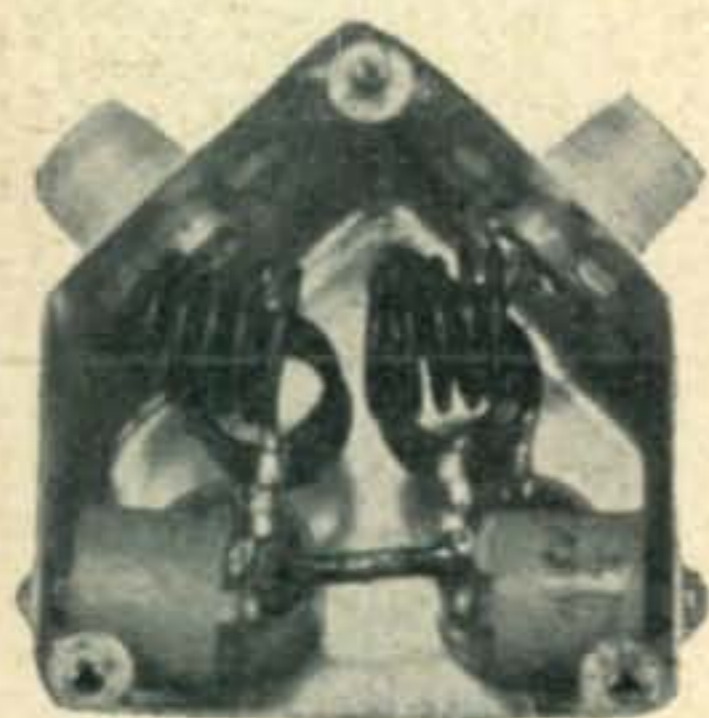
By the middle of September, HC2OT had worked 16 States and 10 countries. Steve has been using 300 watts input, a 4-over-4 stacked antenna 80 feet high and a VHF-152A/HRO-7 combination. Although v.f.o., his usual frequency is 50.016mc. The 6-meter DX continues to follow a cycle, and Steve advises everyone to watch for him, particularly between November 20 and 27th. HC2OT has made a 6-meter convert in the form of a ZP, who is supposed to be on the air in the near future. In order to promote interest in 6-meter DX Steve has designed a certificate for operators who work across the equator. This is presented to anyone who has a vertical two-way contact. The certificate is from the Order of the Tropical Tramps and is suitable for framing. Well, here's where everyone starts looking south.

XE1FU, Mexico City, using his automatic band-sweeping receiver on six meters heard his first South American DX of the season on September 8. Openings followed on September 9, 10 and 11 with HC2OT, LU6DO, LU9MA and LU1BV providing the best signals. XE2FC, Tampico, heard the South Americans on September 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 with the regulars providing signals well over S9. Roberto mentions how odd it is that these signals are not heard further north. Time and again he has heard the LUs call CQ in their poor English hoping for a contact with the boys in the States. XE1GE operating as XE1PM/XE3 in Acapulco heard what appears to be the first north-south opening on August 29 when OA4AN was received at 2255 EST. The following night HC2OT and LU9MA contacted various YV stations.

220 Megacycles and up

VE1QY, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, is an active pioneer on the 1½-meter band. We have heard him lining up contacts on the 2-meter band and tuning both bands at the same time. It was by these tactics that Jerry hung up the present DX record of 275 miles. On August 24 Jerry had one of his best two-meter sessions; he was heard as far south as Falls Church, Virginia. Here in

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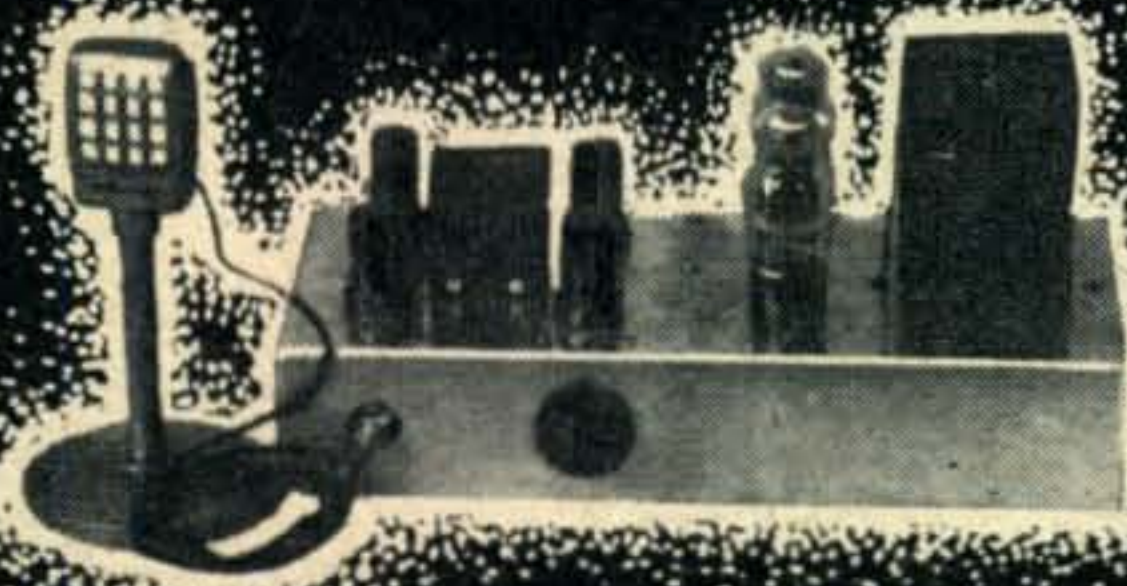
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R₁ in the timing circuit sets dot-to-dash ratio. Adjustment should be made starting from minimum resistance to a value which gives correct ratio. Should difficulty with dot distortion be encountered, the rule to follow is: if first dots of a series are foreshortened, add capacity to C₁ and readjust R₁; if the opposite condition prevails, increase capacity of C₂ and readjust R₁. Note that this rule applies only when distortion is present at a setting of R₁ where the correct dot-dash ratio otherwise prevails.

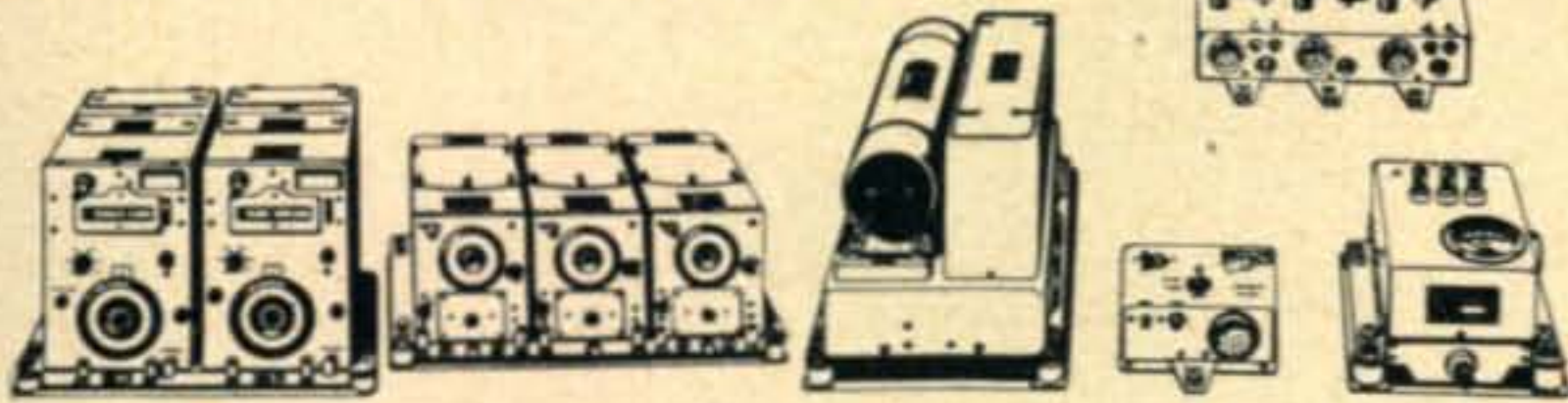
Operating Controls

Transmitter high voltage off or on is controlled by a switch (SW₂) in the transformer center tap. This switch is next to the keyer shaping control. When thrown to the "on" position, a low-current relay (Ry₃) mounted in the rear deck of the transmitter/receiver rack is energized, removing the volume control ground return as described earlier. A second switch (SW₃)—a three-position one removed from the FT-220 receiver rack—is mounted adjacent to the high voltage control. In its "up" position, a second low-current relay (Ry₄) in the power unit is energized. Contacts are connected to short the oscillator key line and

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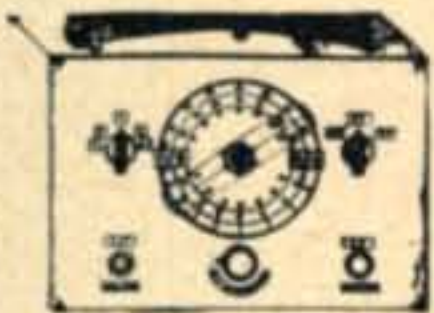
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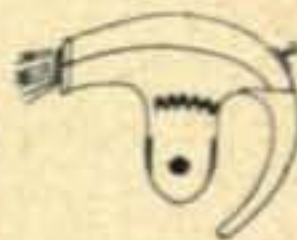
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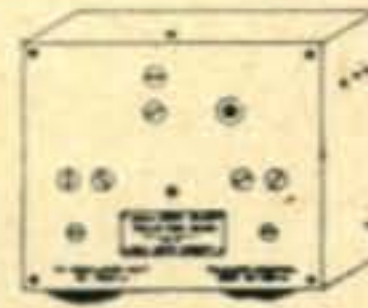
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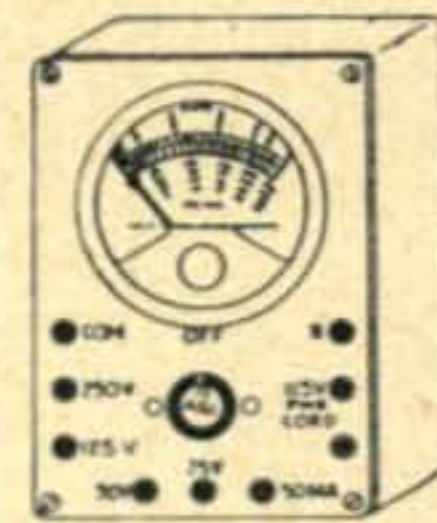
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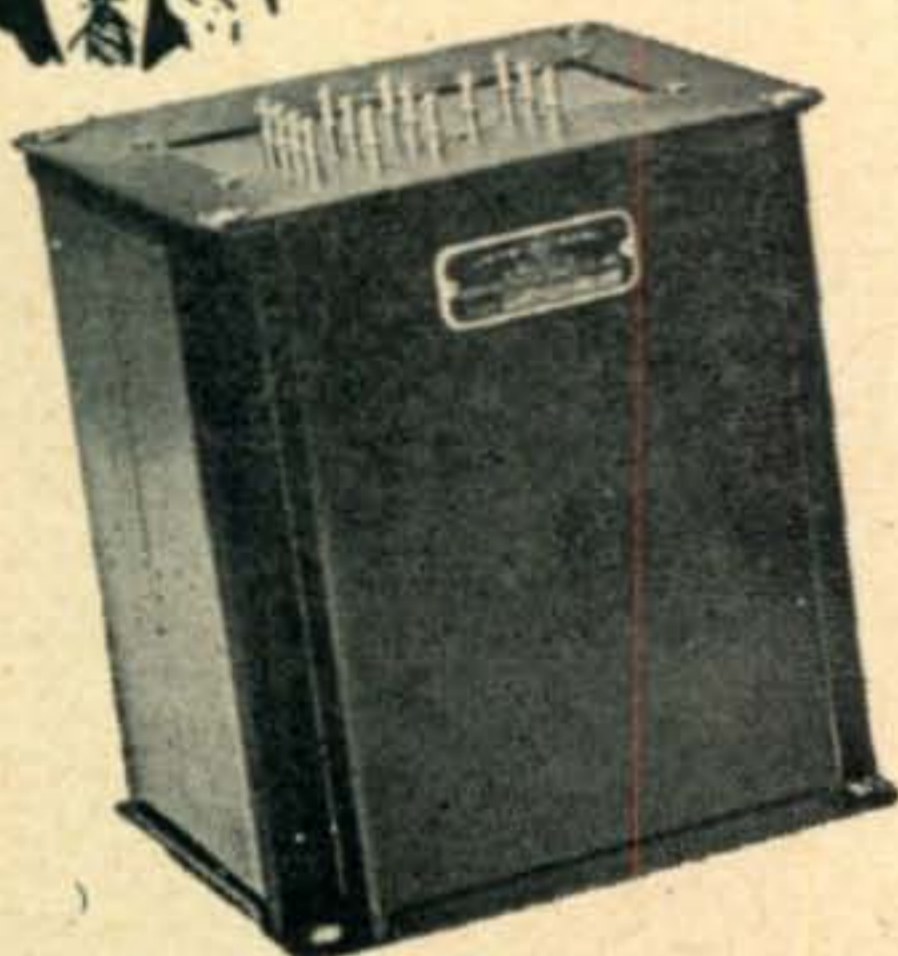
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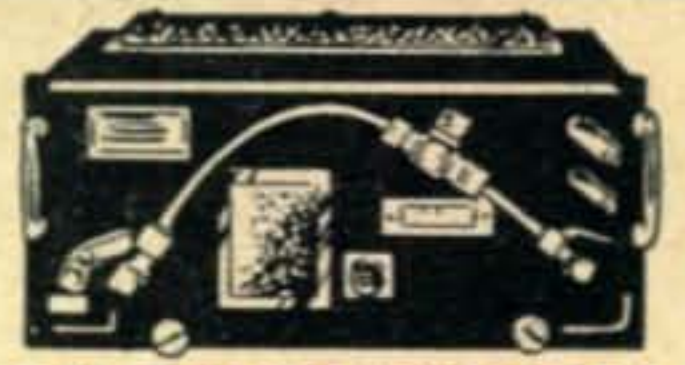
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A second octal socket is mounted on the back plate of the transmitter/receiver rack and wired to the appropriate transmitter plug terminals as shown in the diagram. All wiring to the original sockets on the rack is removed. The plug for the smaller of these is fitted with a banana jack and rewired to provide the antenna connection for the receiver. The lead from the socket to the front of the receiver runs in the channel between the two compartments. A six-wire power cable was made up for interconnecting the two units.

For all normal portable operation, a 4-foot whip of #14 steel wire, fitted with a banana plug to mount in the jack, provided above serves as the receiving antenna. This has proved entirely adequate. And it has the advantage of evening up the ratio of transmitted power to received signal. In other words, if you hear 'em, you can work 'em.

For transmitting, a short antenna worked against ground was the system for which the Command transmitters were designed. In the writer's case, a 12-foot whip with a universal-type mounting bracket is used. The whip plus a nominal span of lead-in usually gives a length which can be satisfactorily loaded. Except where a direct external ground to the antenna coupling coil is needed for loading, a wire connects the low side of this coil to chassis, which should be well grounded, and the antenna is tuned up.

Where the total length of antenna, lead-in and ground connection exceeds thirty feet, a 50- μ f series variable condenser is required in the antenna circuit.

The writer has operated the rig described from a score of QTHs in a half dozen western states. The dozens of enjoyable QSOs attest to its good performance. It beats anything of a comparable nature used in 19 years of hamming.

V.H.F.-U.H.F.

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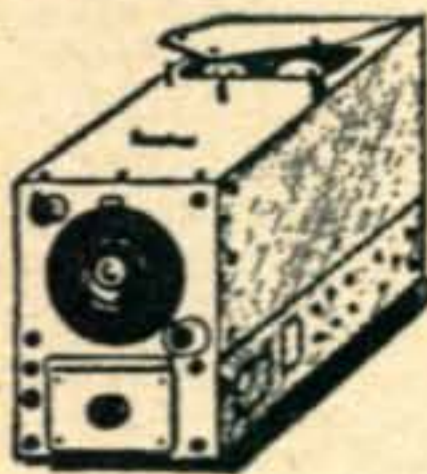
Southern New Jersey his signals were a solid S8. Jerry pleaded with us to get hold of someone in the Philadelphia area who could get on 220 mc and make a try at the record mark. But our files showed no stations active in this area on 220, and another grand opportunity was missed Most of the gang around here have decided that the jump from 144 mc to 220 mc just isn't big enough to arouse much enthusiasm, and they are setting their sights on the 420 mc assignment Fortunately not all of the UHF gang share this opinion. When the results of W1HDQ's experiments with a high-powered rig and efficient antenna are publicized, some of the two-meter boys may be tempted to spread the turns of their coils a bit to try their luck on this band. It is pretty well agreed that the field strength falls off slightly slower with increasing distance as the frequency is raised, and it appears that atmospheric refractions will occur more readily at the higher frequency. So, if we keep our antennas the same size, and if the noise figure of our receivers does not rise too high, we should be able to do at least as good work on 220 as we are now doing on 144 mc. The same reasoning applies to the 420-mc band, but here we are up against the problem of circuit and tube performance dropping pretty low. It won't be long before the boys lick this problem by designing better circuits for the tubes we now have, and better tubes are coming out every day, so we may in the next year or so see the 420 mc record stepping out

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to equal or exceed the two-meter record. But, at the present time, it may well be that the 220 mc assignment represents the ideal compromise between better propagation and available circuit performance. This is starting to read like one of WICTW's pleas for greater 220-mc activity!

Activity on the 420 mc band has been carried out around most of our major cities by the gang who purchased BC 645s and similar types of surplus equipment. We know that a great deal of rag-chewing activity has been going on practically un-noticed by the regular VHF gang. In Trenton, N. J., quite a group of citizens have taken advantage of the Citizen's Radio assignment and are beating the hams to the punch. Most of their work is being done with the 645 type of equipment. We are curious as to how much of this type of activity has been going on—it is perfectly legitimate, non-ham work, but maybe we can learn a lot from the experience of these "quasi-ham" radio operators. The Riverton, New Jersey, 420-mc net includes W2WUP, W2OQS, W2JRO and several others. These boys have been quietly improving their equipment and working each other on the air for over a year now. They have stretched out their range to over 15 miles, on a consistent basis. This may not seem like much, but it is a start, and any consistent activity on the band is a basis for further occupation. These boys have listened in vain for the stations active in the North Jersey and New York areas throughout this summer. W2NPJ is one of the ring leaders of the North Jersey 420-mc gang, and these boys have really made a fine start on the band. By lending complete stations to some of the more fortunately situated hams in their neighborhood they have obtained an idea of what can be done on this band with a good location. Having once tried the band, a fellow hates to give it up. This is the type of activity-stimulation which could well be employed by UHF hams and organizations whenever interest lags. W1PBB of Stratford, Connecticut, is another 420-mc pioneer who would like to hear a lot more activity on the band. Hang on, Barney, the fellows are getting interested, and I'm sure that by next summer you will be able to get real 1/c cooperation from some well-equipped stations to the south. The 420-mc band, at this time, is the nearest thing we have heard yet to the old five-meter band in its hey-day of the early thirties. We have a lot of pleasant memories of that band. Maybe we'll bury our scientific pride and rig up a modulated rock-crusher and a rush box for 420 just to get in there and see what the gang is doing. The superhet we used for our first attempts was too darn sharp anyway! By getting in there and pitching, we'll help attract more guys to the band, then sooner or later someone will discover how crystal control and narrow-band receivers can work out, and we'll be able to do what we now only wish we could do—find out just what can be done with one of our most promising assignments.

SCRATCHI

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zillion pieces. Brother Itchi are heering big noise and rushing in. He picking something off floor, looking at it, and rushing over to thanking me for finding insurance policy he are hiding in vase several years ago and forgetting where it are. This are too much, Hon. Ed., this are the ending.

I are going to shack, and slamming door hard behind me. Hokendoke Hackensaki!! Door slamming so hard it jarring little wooden wedge I using under short side of relay rack. Wedge coming out, and relay rack tilting sideways then falling with tremendous crash on floor. Oh Boy, toobs are breaking like mad, scattering glass all over shack. Big modulation transformer are coming loose and crunching into operating table, landing smack dabby on top of receiver and going right on through till only terminals showing above receiver case.

Wire on modulation transformer are catching on microphone and Hot Diggidity!! mike are knocked on floor and insides are strewing all over. When relay rack falling it pulling ac wires out of wall box, and causing big short circuit, which are putting whole room in darkness until

fire which short circuit are starting are getting big enough to see by. Brother Itchi are rushing in with fire extinguisher and fixing things up.

Hon. Shack are quite a mess at this point, but Scratchi are feeling fine, back to normal. Be seeing you in DX contest, Hon. Ed., if managing to getting transmitter on air.

Respectfully yours,
Hashafisti Scratchi

MAN-SIZE EXCITER

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short wire connects the contact band to the hub of the knob. A circular flat brass plate was fastened to the rear of the knob and insulated from the knob hub. Pressure on the band causes it to change its shape and to make contact with the brass plate. A chromium-plated finger protruding through, and insulated from, the panel acts as a wiping contact point. An electrical circuit between the finger and ground is completed when the knob is squeezed. One turn of black vinyl tape around the bronze band provides a convenient finger grip for the knob. Squeezing the band actuates a relay, as shown in Fig. 2. The relay applies plate voltage to the oscillator and multipliers, giving a hefty signal in your own receiver without radiating anything for the "boys" to gripe about.

The Circuit Itself

We are now ready to run through the circuit diagram. Let's start with the Collins PTO on the left and try to find our way to the National MB-150 at the extreme right. The PTO feeds the grid of the 6AG7 buffer, which has an untuned plate circuit, the output voltage being developed across the choke, RFC_2 . Provision is incorporated for the addition of a tuned output circuit in the plate of the 6AG7 if desired. This is accomplished by completing the circuit illustrated in dotted lines between C_7 , 101A, and Section 101 of the gang condenser. The four 6L6 multiplier stages are conventional in every respect with the possible exception of the relays, RY_1 through RY_5 , which perform the actual exciter band switching. Recalling the fact that the relays are energized by the contacts associated with the push button switch, reference should be made to Fig. 3 for a better understanding of the relay operation. Condensers 101 through 106 comprise the multiplier gang tuning condenser. Condensers 101A through 106A are the trimming units.

The 4E27 in the final is provided with meters, M_1 , to read grid current, and M_2 which gives a constant check on suppressor voltage. Previous experience indicated that the suppressor voltage indication is a more accurate index of the final tank tuning than the conventional plate milliammeter. Hang a milliammeter in the plate circuit and observe the correlation between plate current and suppressor voltage. You'll see what we discovered.

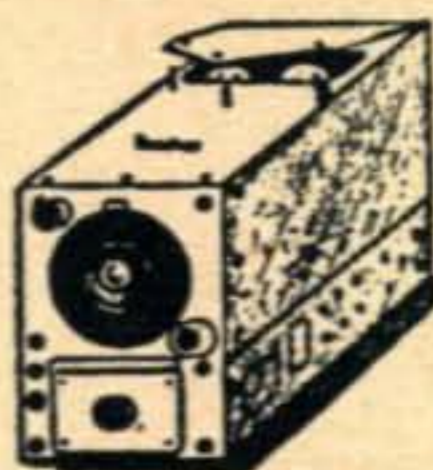
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The r.f. output of the 4E27 is fed through a conventional coaxial connector. All other connections are made on the rear of the chassis with Jones plugs.

Modulation

The system of modulation is unusual in itself. The audio input (only a few volts are needed) is fed into the jack J_1 . This voltage is applied directly to the grid of the 6AG7 buffer stage through the resistor R_2 and the choke RFC_1 . The audio voltage so applied to the grid causes it to present an audio-varying load to the output of the Collins PTO, giving excellent frequency modulation. This may come as a shock to those of you who believe that frequency modulation cannot be attained unless one operates directly on an oscillator circuit. The capacitor C_3 is the little devil that's responsible. In the absence of C_3 , phase modulation would be the result of this scheme. However, C_3 causes the amplitude of the audio signal to decrease as the frequency of the audio signal increases. Thus, a wave having a modulation wherein the phase excursion is inversely proportional to the modulating frequency results. This is, by definition, frequency modulation.

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V.H.F. CONVERTER

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Now go to the low frequency end of the unit and adjust the slug in L_3 to set this frequency, in this case 60.7 Mc. That completes the oscillator adjustment, although the high end should be checked again for any slight change in frequency.

After the oscillator frequency limits have been set, connect the converter to the receiver, put an antenna on the converter, and tune the mixer circuit by outside noise. Turn the tuner one full revolution back from the high end, which will be in the vicinity of 200 Mc., and adjust C_4 for maximum background noise. Tune to one turn from the low frequency end and adjust the slug in L_2 for maximum output. Repeat these adjustments at least twice as there is some interaction.

Since the r.f. circuit is so heavily loaded, the low frequency end was adjusted by use of the grid dipper with the antenna disconnected. C_{1n} is then adjusted after the antenna is replaced. The Q of

this circuit is very low and exact tracking was not considered necessary, so no high frequency trimmer condenser is used.

The i.f. transformer is adjusted merely by setting the main receiver at 10.7 Mc. and tuning the slug for maximum signal. A word about the parallel inductances is probably in order. Inspection of the inductuner will show that when it is set at its highest frequency the coil is completely removed and the output terminals are effectively shorted. Consequently, any inductance connected across these terminals is also shorted and will have no effect at the highest frequency. This frequency is completely controlled by the capacity of the small condenser, the distributed capacity of the leads, and the inductance of the leads. Tests were made on the oscillator circuit alone, and the upper frequency without the parallel tuning condenser was found to be over 300 Mc. The parallel tuning condensers were placed right at the tube socket in the case of the oscillator and at the junction of C_2 and C_3 in the band-pass circuit. At the low frequency end, of course, the parallel inductances affect the circuit and must be set to permit tracking at these frequencies.

DX PREDICTIONS

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after 0700 PST. **20 meters:** Band will open rather suddenly between 0730 and 0800 PST. Signals will be very strong with phones of excellent quality. Conditions will hold with only a slight decrease through 1000 PST. Then conditions start to drop off rapidly with phones out after 1130 PST and c.w. after 1215 PST. **10 meters:** Possibility of a short, but erratic opening between 0845 and 1000 PST. Signals should be quite strong whenever this opening appears. A considerably more reliable opening will start after 1445 PST with signals of fair to good strengths. Opening should last on the average day through 1830 PST, but on very good days the band may not close until after 1930 PST.

West Coast to South Africa

40 meters: The atmospheric noise level at the far end will increase throughout this month. However, conditions may permit some signals to break through especially between 1730 and 1945 PST. The band may also be open from 1545 to 2015 PST, but signals should be weak if not heard during the peak hours. **20 meters:** First c.w. should break through rather suddenly shortly after 1330 PST. The strengths will build up about 12 db within an hour and phones should be readable in both directions after 1500 PST. The peak period is from 1645 PST through 1945 PST. Phones particularly good from 1730 to 1900 PST. Band closes abruptly after 2200 PST. **10 meters:** Very weak signals audible after 0600 PST. Signals will then slowly build up throughout the entire morning. Phones may be readable with ease after 1000 PST, but the peak is expected to be from 1300 to 1545 PST. Band closes suddenly, although preceded by very strong signals around 1600 PST.

Midwest to India, Burma and Tibet

40 meters: Conditions will be extremely erratic because of the variability of the auroral zone absorption. On quiet days there may be an opening between the hours of 0530 and 0635 CST. On extremely good days signals may be heard as early as 0445 CST and as late as 0730 CST. Path may also be difficult to work due to the high atmospheric noise at the far end. **20 meters:** Weak c.w. signals may be audible over the direct route shortly after midnight, but these should fade out before 0200 CST. Band will then remain closed until a sudden opening between 0730 and 0800 CST. Signals should be strong during the first hour of this opening. Phones may drop out before 1000 CST, but c.w. may remain workable until noon on better than average days. Some possibility of a direct route opening between 1630 and 1800 CST.



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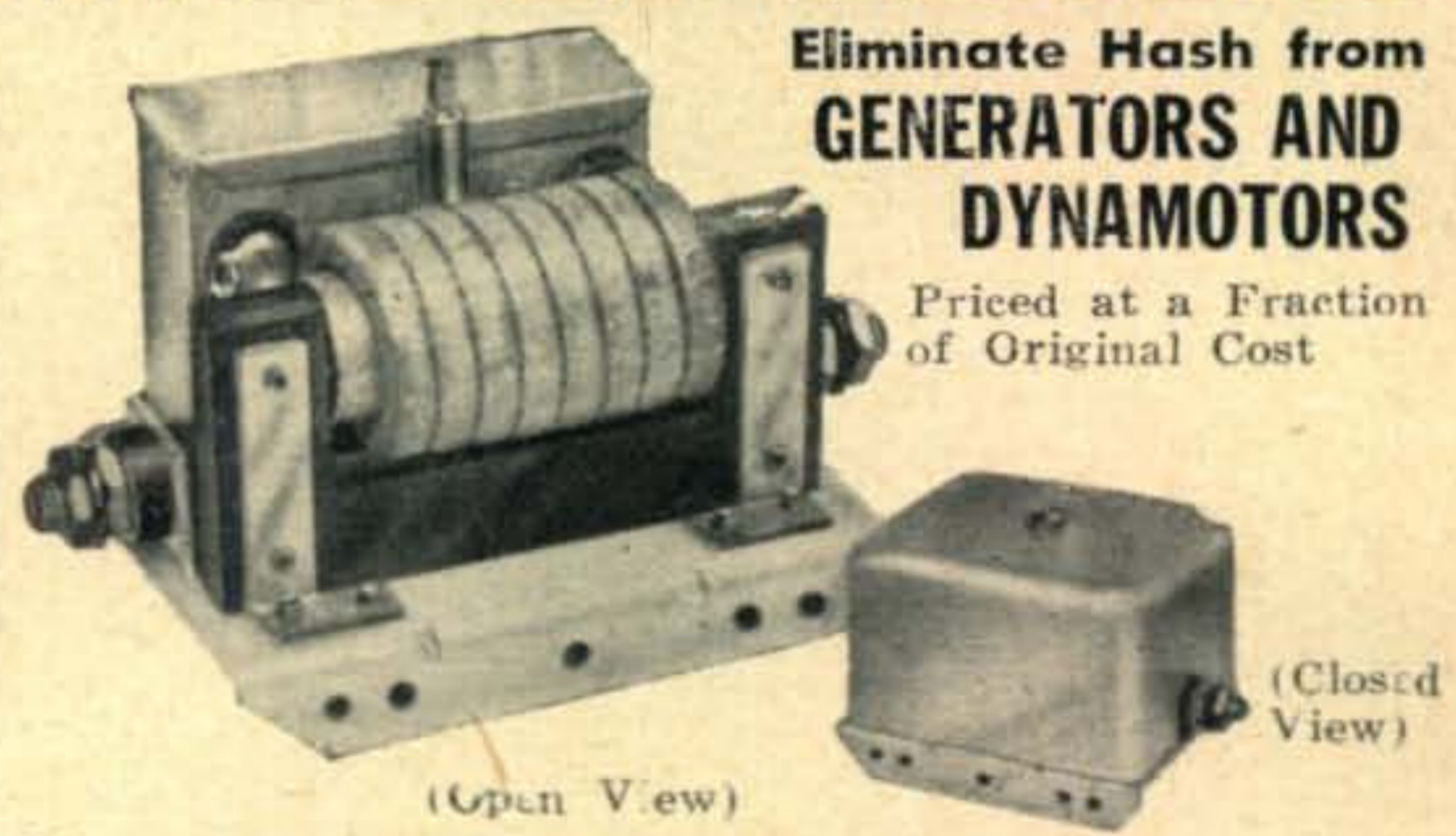
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Midwest to the Balkans

40 meters: This path is another erratic one to predict with any great degree of accuracy. However, on average days that are fairly quiet the band may open for weak signals from 1745 through to 2300 CST. Peak conditions centered around 2100 CST. Atmospheric noise may be troublesome on the far end of the path. **20 meters:** The band will open for c.w. rather suddenly around 0600 CST. Phones may be readable on quiet days. Conditions drop off slightly between 0730 and 1030 CST, but will probably build up again under the noise to a fair peak between 1200 and 1315 CST. **10 meters:** On the average quiet day this will be the best month for working this path. The band opens between 0730 and 0800 CST with very strong signals. Conditions hold steady through 1000 CST. Closing is expected to be variable, but generally it will be around 1130 CST.

YL's FREQUENCY

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sked with W8WUT, Avis, in Michigan.

Heading north, Tucson was the next stop. Although W7LIZ, Edith Caldwell, usually spends her weekends out at Antelope Ranch in Wilcox where she and her OM, W7TCQ, live with their son and daughter, she did happen to be in town on the Sunday we called, so we dropped by for a personal QSO. Edith does much of her operating from her Tucson QTH (where the jr. ops attend school), most of her contacts being twice-daily skeds with her OM back at the ranch—he on 75 phone, she on 80 c.w. Says W7LIZ, "I just couldn't live without ham radio with our two-home arrangement!" Edith started studying for her ticket before the war, but with the close-down there was little incentive. In 1946 she came up with W7LIZ—quite appropriate, by the way, for her middle name is Elizabeth. She operates low power, v.f.o., into a long-wire antenna, receiving on an NC 173.

At Phoenix we spent a night with W7KOY, Gert Pond, and her OM, W7MAE, Ken, who is assistant director for the Southwest Division. Another 1946 licensee, before then Gert was much too busy raising four jr. ops to do more than share the mike during QSOs. She finally decided that she wanted a rig of her own to operate on ten while the OM rag-chewed on 75. Now they each have separate stations in separate rooms. W7KOY runs 40 watts, v.f.o. into a 3-element beam, receiving on an S40. The beam, by the way, is one Gert made all by herself out of aluminum tubing held in place on 3/4" x 2" strips of wood by pieces of lucite she drilled and bent into angle sections. She ran her own field strength tests on it, too.

The evening we were in Phoenix W7KOY and W7MAE took us to their radio club meeting where we had a chance to visit not only with the OMs but also with W7RIJ, Eva Allen, and W7TBR, Jessie Olson. W7TBR was active on 10 meters before the war, but hasn't been on since. W7RIJ is also a "before the shut-down" operator, only her favorite bands were 40 and 80 c.w., while her OM, W7OIF, operated on 75 phone—see, it does happen!

Finally at our destination, we must tell you a little about our new QTH. In northern Arizona,

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Tucson Hamfest

Though we were just too late for the Tucson Hamfest, held September 4th, according to the YLs it was an FB affair, with seven of them attending. All got in the picture but one (it never fails!)—Nancy, W7TZW, of Clifton.

San Diego Club Station

Way back in April the San Diego Young Ladies' Radio League received the call W6FXD for their club station, with Eleanor, W6AWW, acting as trustee. Their first major project with FXD was Field Day operation, and as Eleanor expressed it: "This year we weren't bait for the OMs but worked for our own club—hi!" They did all right, too, making in excess of 2300 points with their two transmitters and five YL operators. One rig was



Time out for coffee during Field Day at all-YL operated W6FXD. L. to r.: W6ZXD, W6AWW, W6YXI, and W6BLF.

set up for 20 and 75 in the trailer belonging to W6YXI and her OM, and the other, set up in the back of the truck belonging to W6AAW's OM, was used on 10 meters and 40 and 80 c.w. Congrats to the San Diego YLs. This is the first YL club station we've heard about, and certainly the first all-YL operated Field Day station. The club station was also put to good use Aug. 25-28 when it was set up at Balboa Park in San Diego for the Hobby and Craft Show, operating all bands and handling traffic for visitors to the show.

Personal

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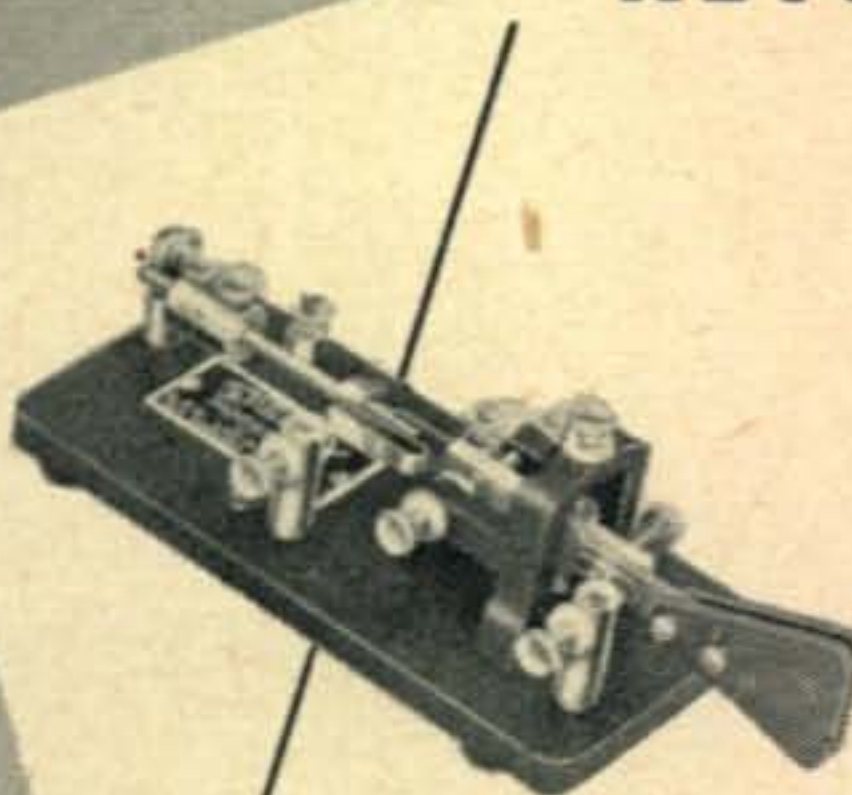
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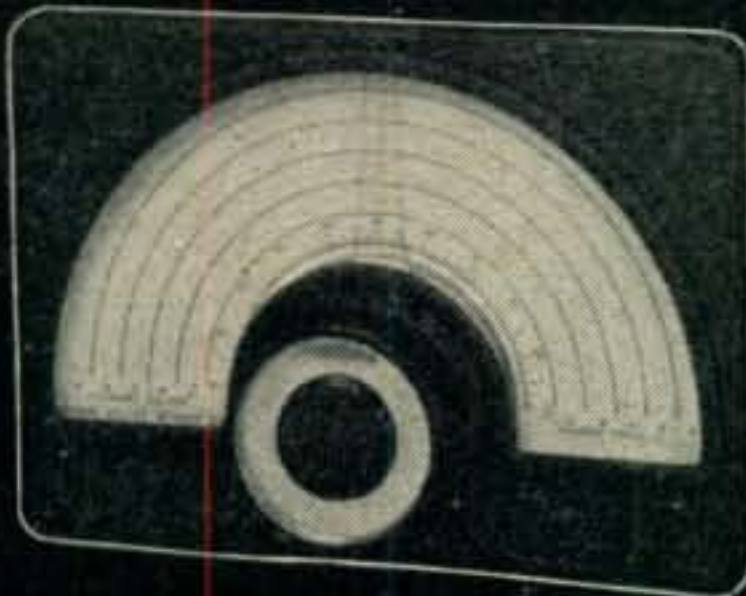
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