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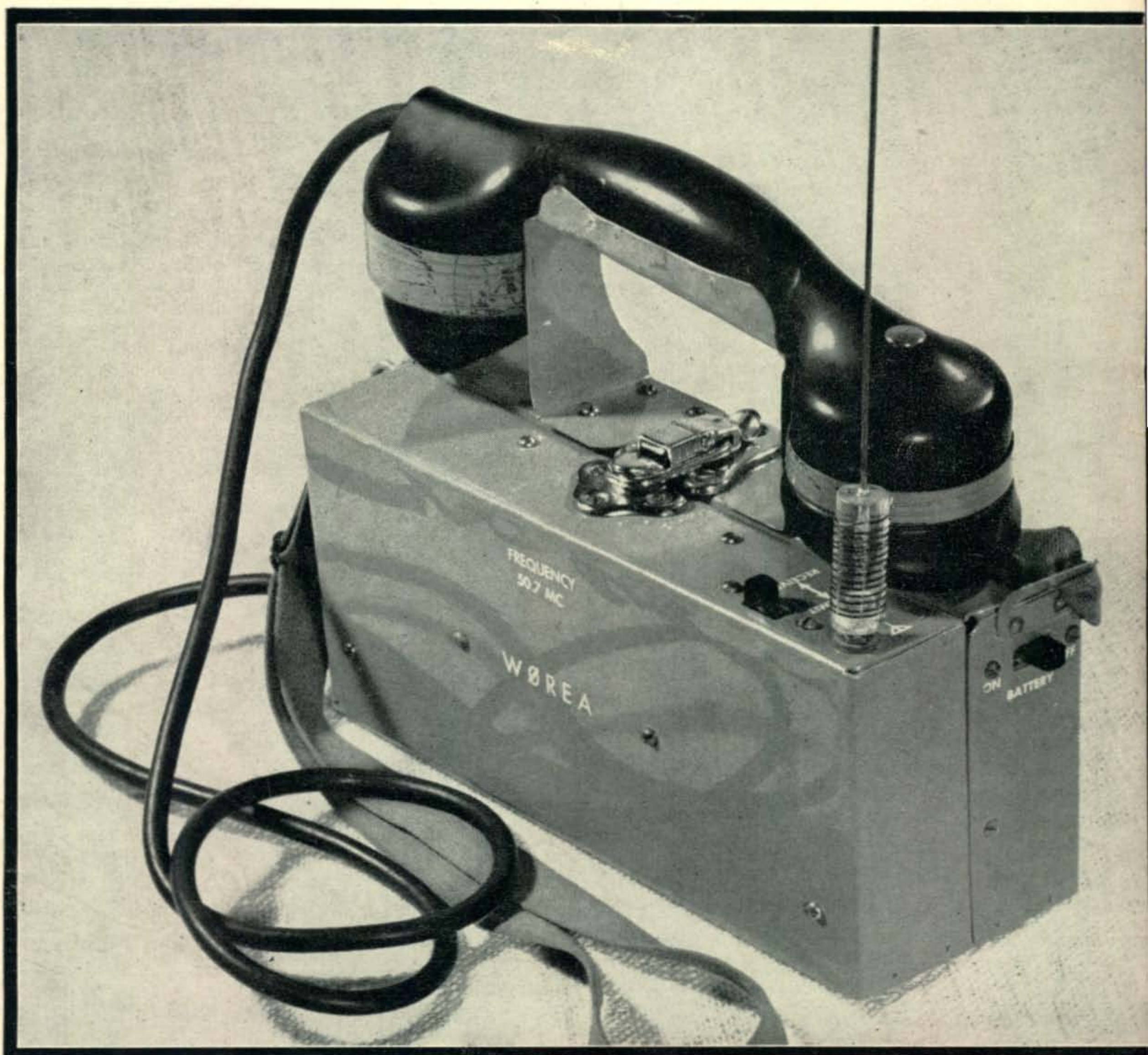

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the "Q-Multiplier"
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Adapter Type	Bandwidth At -6 DB	Bandwidth At -60 DB
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353A-12	1.2 kc	3.0 kc
353A-31	3.1 kc	7.0 kc
353A-60	6.0 kc	12.6 kc

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The 353A-series Adapter is shown in a Hammerlund SP-400. The 353A-series Adapter also fits the National HRO-60.

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The 353B-series Adapter between the IF cans in the SP-600-JX receiver.

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OUR COVER PHOTO

On page 22, Cliff Johnson, WØURQ describes the latest piece of CD radio equipment he has designed. It is a foolproof 50-Mc. "handie-talkie." Batteries and both the receiver and transmitter are built into this small unit.

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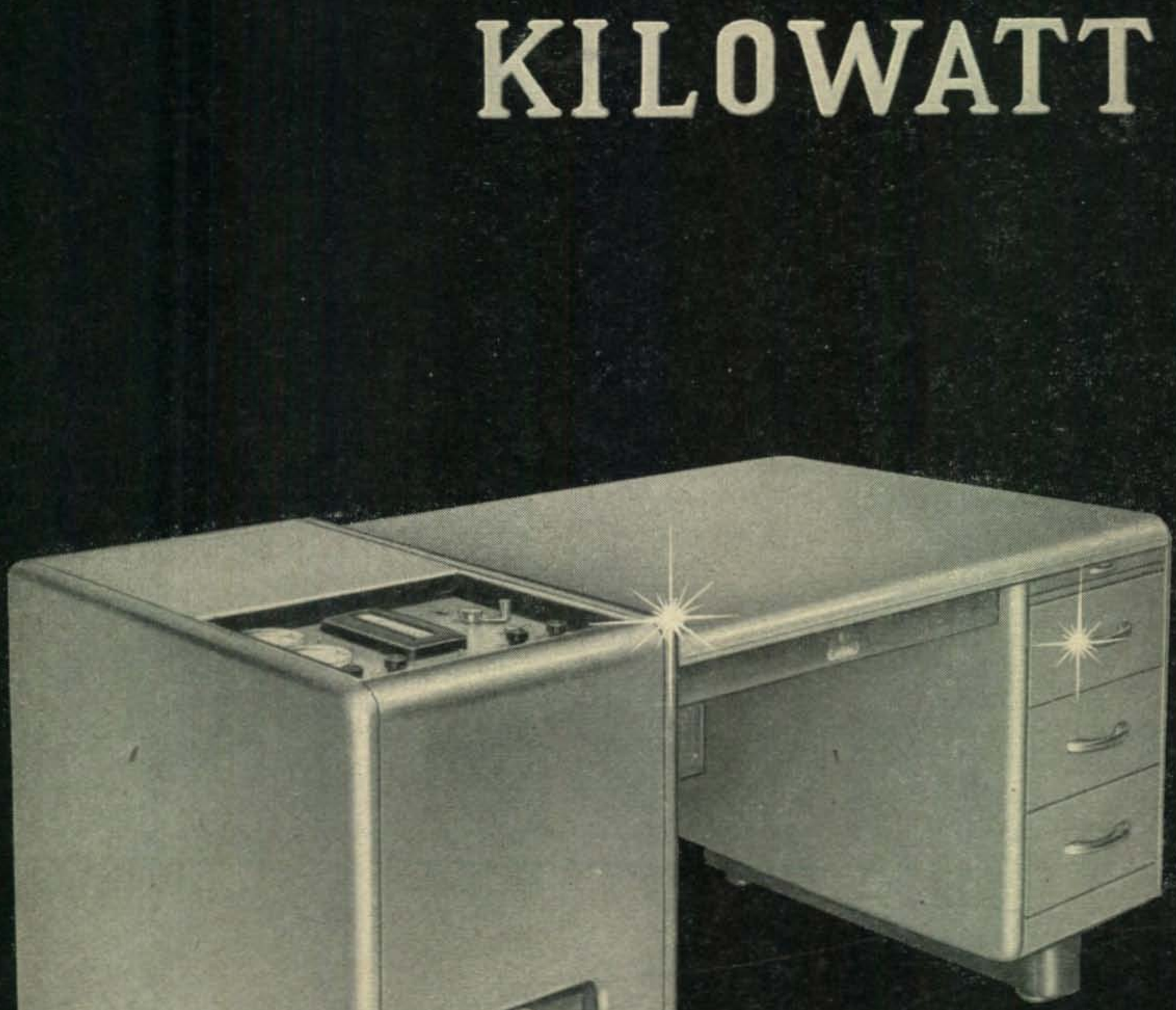

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POWER AMPLIFIER

1000 Watts Continuous Wave*

1000 Watts Amplitude Modulated Phone*

1000 Watts Single Sideband*

*Maximum power input allowed by FCC for amateur service

Interior view showing conservatively rated power equipment, heavy duty (PP810) modulator and push-pull ventilating fans. Shielded RF power amplifiers are parallel connected 4-250A's. High voltage supply (872A's) delivers 2500 volts at over 700 ma. Screen supply is VR tube regulated.

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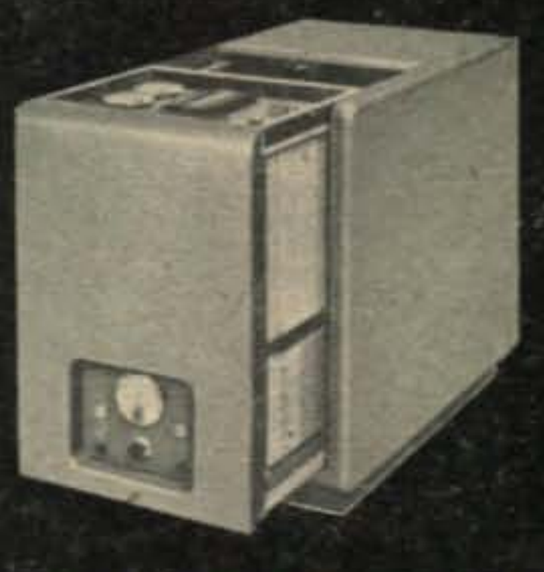
For more than just a look at the functional exterior beauty of the Viking Kilowatt, a deluxe brochure with the complete inside story may be yours on request. Write for your copy today.



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Deer Hon. Ed:

Merry cristals and happy new geer—Hackensaki, Hon. Ed., but I are now tired of heering those words. Are also tired of listening to the Xmas carols. Not that Scratchi are trying to make like meen old man Screwge, but looking at yourself. How are you feeling on last cupple days of December? All your Xmas spearit is gone, you didn't get the Xmas presents you wanted, you still having to rite thank-you notes for same, and you are broke on acct. Spending all your bux buying presents for other peeples. And, to topping it all off, some smartbuddies wanting you to making set of New Yeer's resolushuns for next yeer. Hah! And there you are.

By gollies, I not nocking Xmas, and I looking forward to Xmas next yeer, but one resolushun I making forthwith are that I being more exactly in telling peeple what I wanting for Xmas. You gotta making calls if you wanting to get results sort of stuff. Not that Scratchi are not trying hard enuf this time.

I carefully making list, figuring out what each ant, uncle, relative and friend are able to giving. Next I riting them each nice letter, asking how are they, and haven't we been having nice wether, then I hinting reel slicky-like that I wanting sumthing for ham shack for Xmas present.

Are also having sum well-heeled relatives, and here Scratchi taking differunt approach. Here I enclosing sum clipping on sum piece of ham geer, and remarking how nice it looking in Hon. Ham Shack. Always cutting out enuf of ad so price not showing, but leeving in place to ordering from.

Despite all these elaborate precawshuns and Scratchi's well-planned attack, I are getting nothing but youshewal tipe Xmas presents. Well, reely can't saying that. Are ackchewally getting sum rather unyoushewall presents. Like taking for examples pencil box with eleventeen pencils in, each with name on in gold (spelled Fashahisti Scratchi). Or for instances another present I getting—one sample lesson on how to being 1/c radio serviceman. Scratchi being very confused with these presents, and not getting answer until checking clippings I sending out.

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NEW

New Year's News from

Model SX-96 SELECTABLE
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- CW operation with AVC on.
- Delayed AVC.
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- 10 tubes, 1 rectifier and voltage regulator.

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GRID DIP METER KIT

MODEL GD-1B

$19.50 Ship. Wt. 4 lbs.

The invaluable instrument for all Hams. Numerous applications such as pretuning, neutralization, locating parasitics, correcting TVI, adjusting antennas, design procedures, etc. Receiver applications include measuring C, L and Q of components—determining RF circuit resonant frequencies.

Covers 80, 40, 20, 11, 10, 6, 2, and 1¼ meter Ham bands Complete frequency coverage from 2—250 Mc, using ready-wound plug-in coils provided with the kit. Accessory coil kit, Part 341-A at $3.00 extends low frequency range to 350 Kc. Dial correlation curves furnished.

Compact construction, one hand operation, AC transformer operated, variable sensitivity control, thumb wheel drive, and direct reading calibrations. Precalibrated dial with additional blank dials for individual calibration. You'll like the ready convenience and smart appearance of this kit with its baked enamel panel and crackle finish cabinet.

Heathkit
ANTENNA COUPLER
KIT

MODEL AC-1

$14.50 Ship. Wt. 4 lbs.

The new Heathkit Antenna Coupler Model AC-1 was specifically designed to operate with the Heathkit Amateur Transmitter and will operate with any transmitter not exceeding 75 watts RF input power Rugged design has resulted in a sturdy, well shielded unit featuring a copper plated chassis and shield compartment. Coaxial 52 ohm receptacle on the rear of the chassis connects to a three section Pi- type low pass filter with a cut-off frequency of 36 Mc Tuning network consists of a variable capacitance and tapped inductance in an impedance matching unit Capacity coupled neon lamp serves as a tuning indicator and will also provide a rough indication of power output.

Heathkit IMPEDANCE
METER KIT

MODEL AM-1

$14.50 Ship. Wt. 2 lbs.

The Heathkit Antenna Impedance Meter is basically a resistance type standing wave ratio bridge, with one arm a variable resistance. In this manner it is possible to measure radiation resistance and resonant frequency and antenna transmission line impedance; approximate SWR and optimum receiver input. Use it also as a monitor or as a field strength meter where high sensitivity is not required Frequency range of the AM-1 is 0–150 Mc and range of impedance measurements 0–600 ohms The circuit uses a 100 microampere Simpson meter as a sensitive null indicator. Shielded aluminum light weight cabinet. Strong self supporting antenna terminals

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Scratchi

(from page 6)

As you knowing, Hon. Ed., are to sides to each clipping. You gessing it. Pencil box being advertised on backside from slicky VFO, and sample lesson on how to being 1/c serviceman on backside from snazzy mobile antenna I needing. How can peeples being so careless!!

Sum peeple that I not sending any clippings to are sending me radio things, all rite. Like taking nice brand new tipe 24A toob. Or pair earfones that so old they looking like they war surplus from Spanish-American war of 1812.

Now, Hon. Ed., plees don't misunderstanding. Everybuddy who sending me presents are reely trying to pleesing me, and I reely apprishiateing it. And, lots of peeples doing ok by Scratchi. Getting six hankercheeves from old ant, who also enclosing five bux hard cash. Granduncle old feller sending big jug cacktus jooce (that I needing like pink slip from FCC) and finding check for ten bux attached to jug. In fackly, getting monies from lots and lots of peeples.

Maybe Scratchi are just in doldrums from trying to rite thank-you letters. How wud you thanking Hon. Paternal Grandfather for dusty old tipe 19 toob? Or maternal ant on mother's side for five pounds of sodder (bar tipe, five bars, one pound each)? Riting letters like these are abouts as easy as picking up VK's on cristal set.

No, Hon. Ed., more I thinking about things, the more I thinking I better be giving up amchoor radio. I getting stale. I could be stamp-collector. There must be lots of nice stamps around showing pickshures of radio towers, or radio stations. . . . Sacramento!! there I go with amchoor radio. No, I could taking up mounten climeing. Ah, the thrill of being thousands of feet high, the world spred before you, what a spot for Hon. Two-Meter Antenna. . . . oops, there I going again.

How abouts deep-see fishing. Out on blue pacific, trolling line out, see-breeze in face, fishing for dolfin with 1000 yards of copper wire as line. Boy, wouldn't that making neet long-wire antenna!! OOPS! Hon. Ed., I guessing it no use. Scratchi are bitten permanently with amchoor bug. So, presents or no, I'll still be amchoor. Now, let's counting this monies I getting for Xmas. . . . five, six, seven, twelve, seventeen. . . . thirty-three, thirty-ate!! Thirty-ate bux! Hey, not so bad. I knowing slicky VFO I can getting for that from amchoor friend. Things turned out hokey-dokey.

Excoosing me, Hon. Ed., are rushing out to seeing this fellers with VFO before he selling it. Oh, before I forgetting, having Happy New Yeer yourself.

Respectively yours,
Hashafisti Scratchi

New Heathkit VFO KIT

MODEL VF-1

$19.50

Ship. Wt. 7 lbs.

- Smooth acting illuminated and precalibrated dial.
- 6AU6 electron coupled Clapp oscillator and OA2 voltage regulator.
- 7 Band coverage, 160 through 10 meters—10 Volt RF output.
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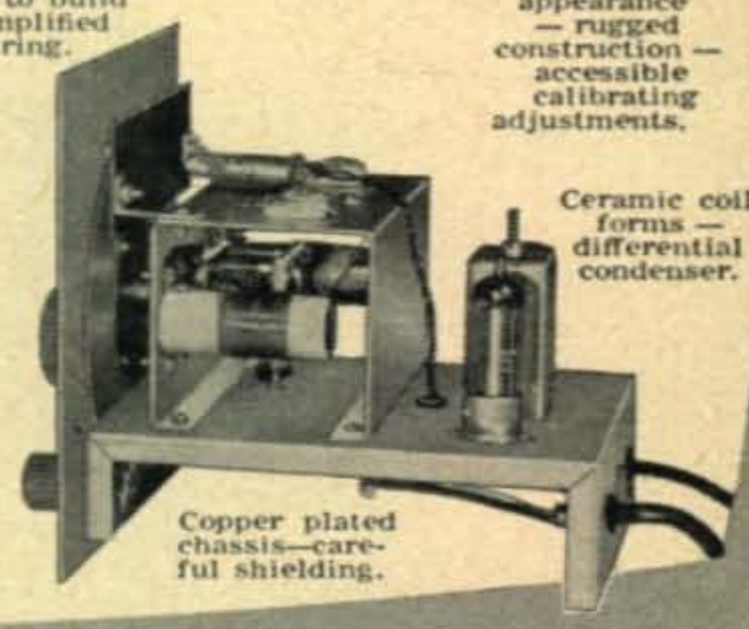
This kit is furnished with a carefully precalibrated dial which provides well over two feet of calibrated dial scale. Smooth acting vernier reduction drive insures easy tuning and zero beating. Power requirements 6.3 volts AC at .45 amperes and 250 volts DC at 15 mills. Just plug it into the power receptacle provided on the rear of the AT-1 Transmitter Kit. The VFO coaxial output cable terminates in plastic plug to fit standard ½" crystal holder. Construction is simple and wiring is easy.

Open layout.— easy to build — simplified wiring.

Smooth acting illuminated dial drive.

Clean appearance — rugged construction — accessible calibrating adjustments.



Ceramic coil forms — differential condenser.

Copper plated chassis—careful shielding.

Heathkit AMATEUR TRANSMITTER KIT

MODEL AT-1

$29.50

Ship. Wt. 16 lbs.

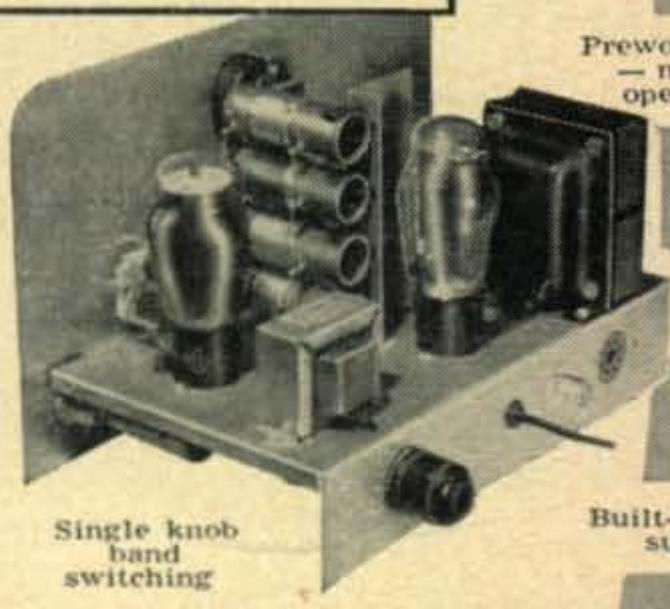
SPECIFICATIONS:

Range 80, 40, 20, 15, 11, 10 meters.
6AG7 .....Oscillator-multiplier.
6L6 .....Amplifier-doubler
5U4G ..... Rectifier.
105-125 Volt A.C. 50-60 cycles 100 watts. Size: 8⅛ inch high x 13⅛ inch wide x 7 inch deep.

Crystal or VFO excitation.

Prewound coils — metered operation.

Rugged, clean construction



52 ohm coaxial output.

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Single knob band switching

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Six tube transformer operation.

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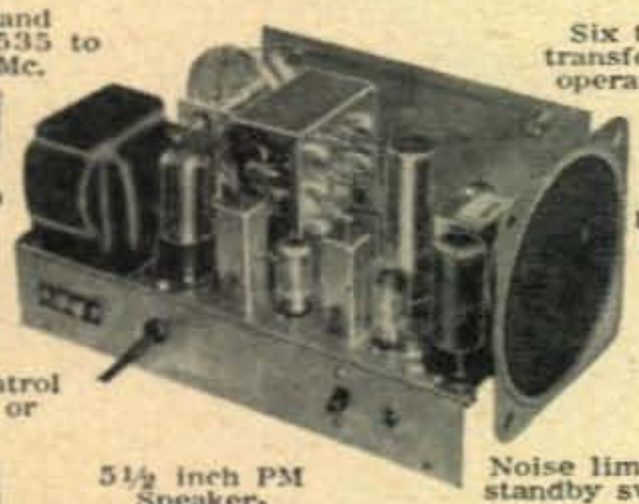

5½ inch PM Speaker-Headphone Jack.

Noise limiter—standby switch.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Range.....535 Kc to 35 Mc
12BE6 .....Mixer-oscillator
12BA6 .....I. F. Amplifier
12AV6 Detector—AVC—audio
12BA6 ....B. F. O. oscillator
12A6.....Beam power output
5Y3GT .....Rectifier
105-125 volts A. C. 50-60 cycles, 45 watts.

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MODEL AR-2

$25.50

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CABINET:

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Radial-Beam Power Tubes

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4-400A	144mc
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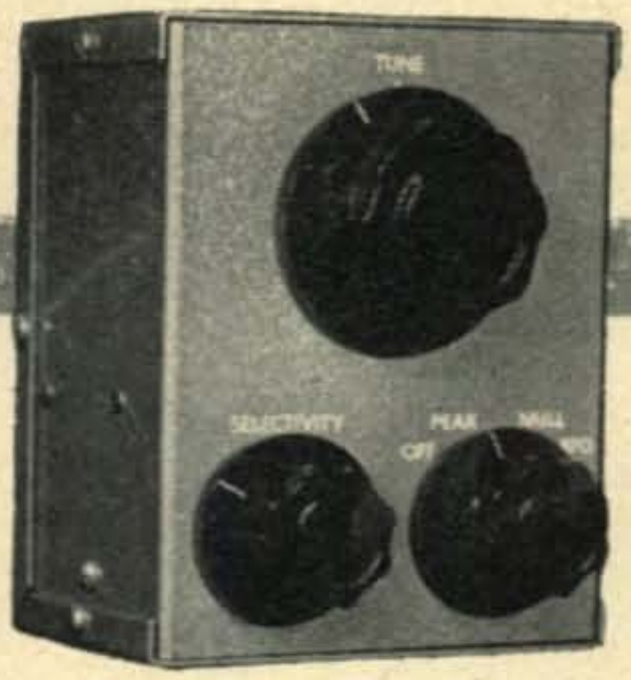


Wilfred M. Scherer, W2AEF

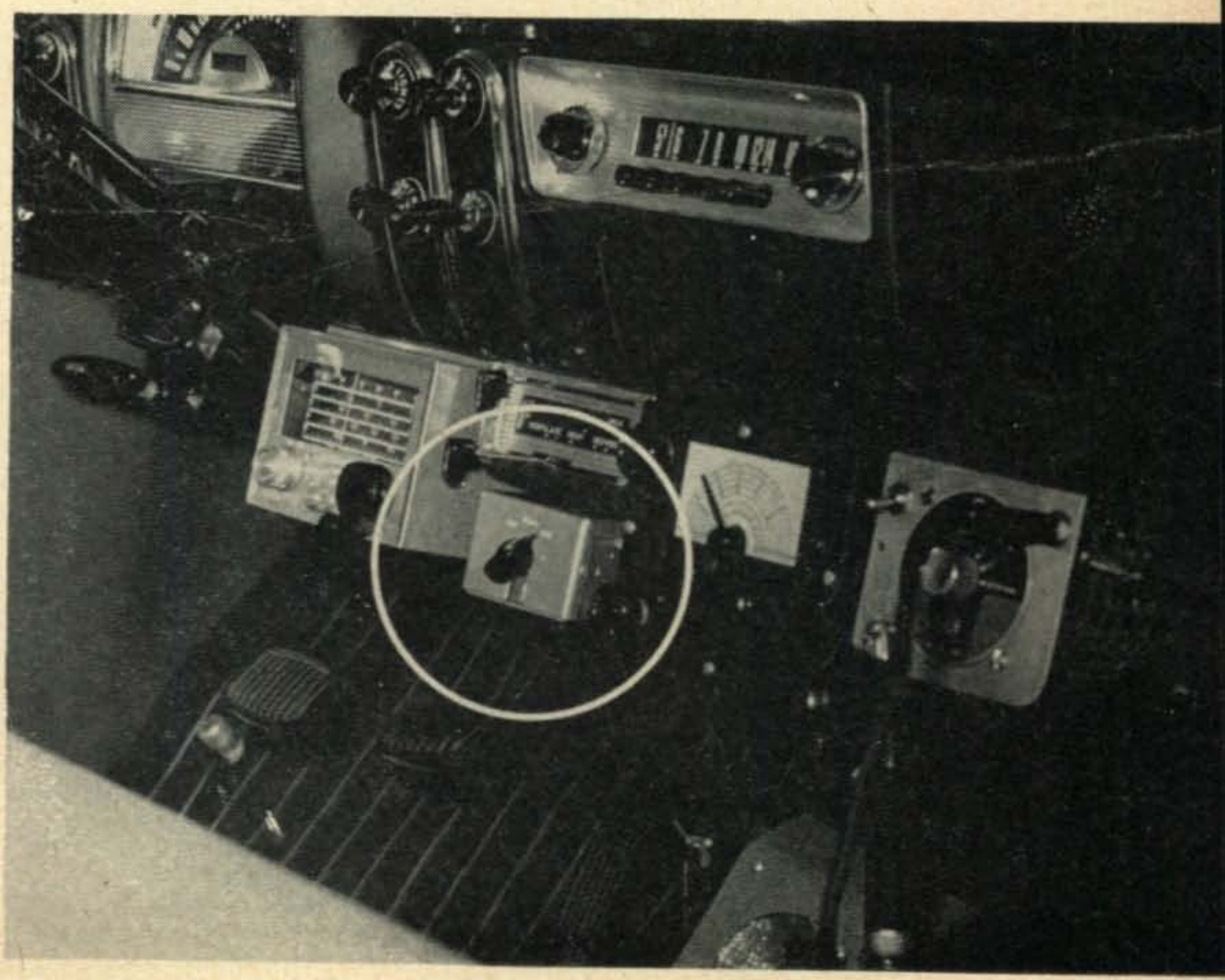
Contributing Editor

The fundamentals of the "Q Multiplier" have been described by Villard[1], who developed it for the applications described herein, and its use was also shown in CQ[2]. As often happens with many excellent devices, its full potentialities and its extreme usefulness has not been brought to the attention of the amateur, nor has data been made available on a complete operating unit made of easily procured components. It was with these views in mind, that the models described below were developed.

1. Villard and Rorden, "Flexible Selectivity for Communications Receivers," **ELECTRONICS**, April, 1952, p. 138.
2. Champlin, "Flexible I-F Channel Selectivity," **CQ**, October, 1953, p. 31.

The *Q Multiplier* functions as a tunable electronic filter by which high degrees of selectivity, for either peaking or rejecting a signal, may be obtained in a receiver i-f amplifier. It may also be used as a b.f.o., or used to provide an "exalted" carrier.

The unit is built in outboard fashion for use with any communications receiver or with any mobile receiving setup. Its installation may be made without any alterations to, or realignment of, the existing receiver. The only r-f connection is made at one terminal of the first i-f transformer. Heater and plate power is also obtained from the receiver, the requirements being 6.3 volts at 0.3 amperes and 150 to 300 volts at 5 milliamperes. A selector switch provides a choice of "Off," "Peak," "Null" (reject) or "B.F.O." The circuit diagram is shown in *Fig. 1*.



The "Q-Multiplier" is particularly advantageous in a mobile installation. When used with the average auto receiver it makes a tremendous improvement in controllable selectivity. It may also be used for mobile CW reception and, as explained in the text, for SSB work.

Theory

When it is used to peak a signal, the *Q Multiplier* may be considered, basically, as an exceptionally high *Q* parallel resonant circuit connected across the i-f transformer. At the resonant frequency the impedance is high, and a signal at the frequency of resonance will pass unhindered. At other frequencies the impedance is lower, and therefore signals at these frequencies are attenuated by an amount which depends on the *Q* of the circuit and on the frequency deviation from resonance.

Q multiplication is obtained by positive feedback through *V1*, and this will increase the circuit *Q* by a factor of from 20 to 40. Since the circuit *Q*, with the components used in the units described here, is in the order of 200, it may be seen that a total *Q* may be obtained which is comparable to that of a crystal filter—the equivalent *Q* of which is approximately 4000.

The resonant frequency of the positive feedback circuit may be varied by *C3*, and the unit peaked within the normal passband of the receiver. This feature offers an advantage over the usual type of crystal filter in that it results in much easier tuning. All that is necessary is that the receiver be tuned reasonably near the incoming signal frequency and exact peaking by tuning the *Q Multiplier*. When several received signals are close together in frequency, any single one may be "peaked" with the *Q Multiplier* tuning control without requiring any retuning of the receiver itself.

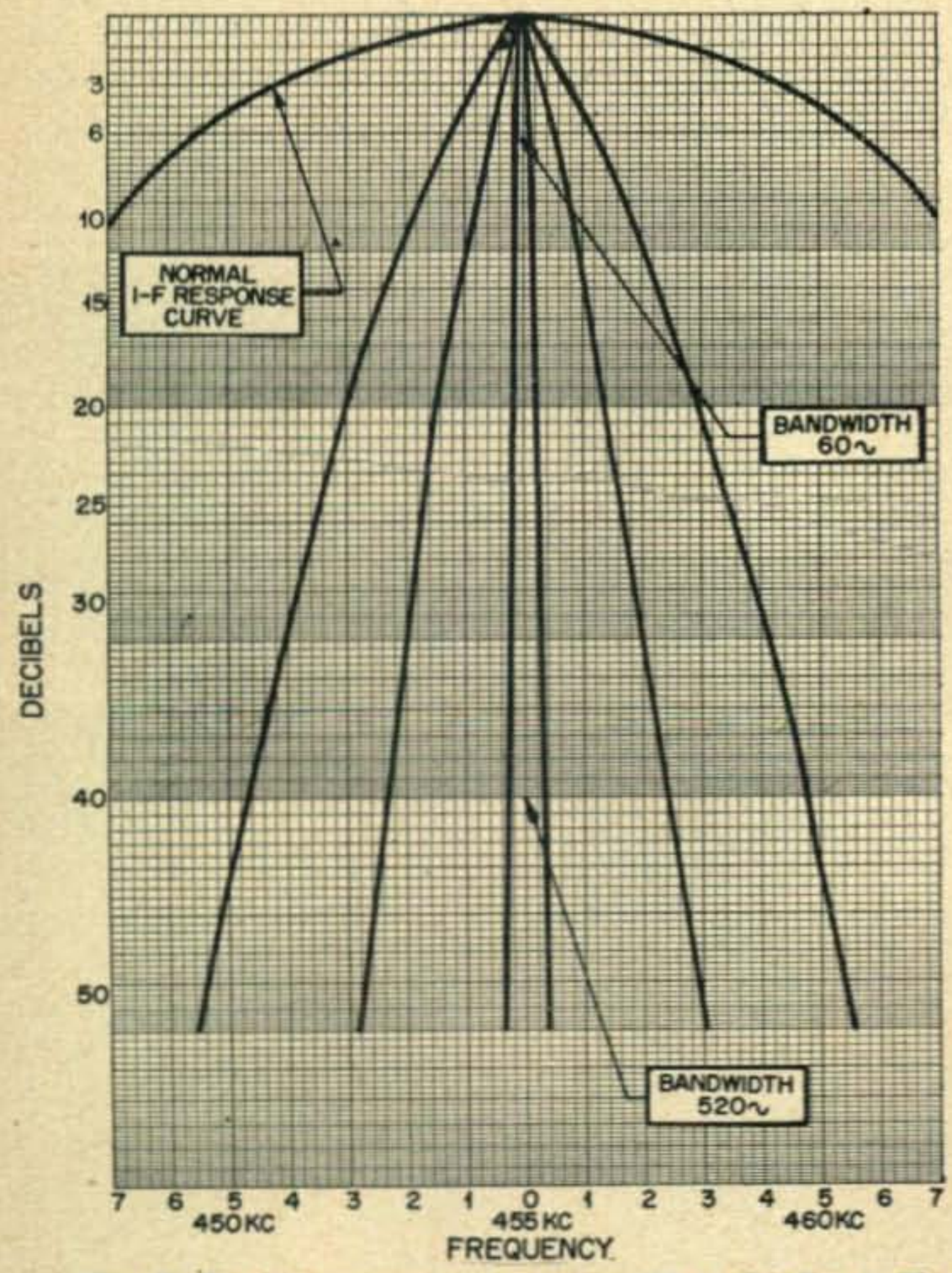


Fig. 2. Peaking positions of the "Q-Multiplier." The curves represent different settings of R7. This graph does not show gain, but only db. down of the passband. The peak is moved back and forth throughout the range of 450 to 460 kc. by tuning C3.

When the receiver b.f.o. is used for CW or SSB reception, the beat note will remain constant while the tuning is done by *C3*, since this does not alter the beat between the receiver's h-f oscillator and the incoming signal. Thus the possibility of losing a signal, or misidentifying it, is at a minimum. This is of special advantage for SSB work, because it will permit peaking of either an upper or lower sideband without a change being required in the b.f.o. setting. Due to the high selectivity of the system, the undesired sideband may be attenuated.

R7 controls the amount of feedback, and thus the *Q* multiplication factor may be changed to obtain various degrees of selectivity below the maximum. As the selectivity of an i-f filter is increased the high frequency audio response of phone signals will drop. Too high a degree of selectivity may result in poor intelligibility. The controllable variation of selectivity, or bandwidth, is therefore a convenient means for obtaining optimum selectivity consistent with readability for either phone or CW signals.

When *R7* is set for maximum selectivity, the signal level will be peaked up several db. over that realized when the *Q Multiplier* is not in the circuit. This is unlike the crystal filter, where the level often drops when the crystal is inserted. On the other hand, as the *Q Multiplier* selectivity is decreased, the signal level will drop off just below the normal receiver level.

When CW reception is involved, the increase of level at maximum peaking of the signal may be discerned by ear, but with phone reception the increase of level may be detected only by the *S*-meter, because the high frequency audio response drops off as the selectivity is increased, and the net effect to the ear is a drop in volume. This is characteristic of any highly selective circuit.

Figure 2 shows curves of the selectivity obtainable at various settings of the "selectivity" control. These curves are the result of measurements made on a receiver having only one i-f stage using miniature slug tuned i-f transformers. This receiver was employed to better indicate the vast improvement in selectivity which is obtainable using the *Q Multiplier* with a fairly non-selective receiver. This should be of special interest to those engaged in mobile operation.

Signal Rejection

When the *Q Multiplier* unit is used to reject a signal, it may be considered a series resonant circuit connected across the i-f transformer. At the resonant frequency the impedance is low (it approaches a short circuit), while at frequencies off resonance, the impedance increases and permits less attenuation to occur at those frequencies, by an amount which is dependent on the circuit *Q* and the frequency deviation from resonance.

For this purpose the *Q Multiplier* unit functions by negative feedback through *V2*, which is controlled by *V1*, and as with the peaking circuit, it is tunable over the normal passband of the receiver.

A null, or a notch, of at least 50 db. may now be obtained at any desired point in the receiver pass-

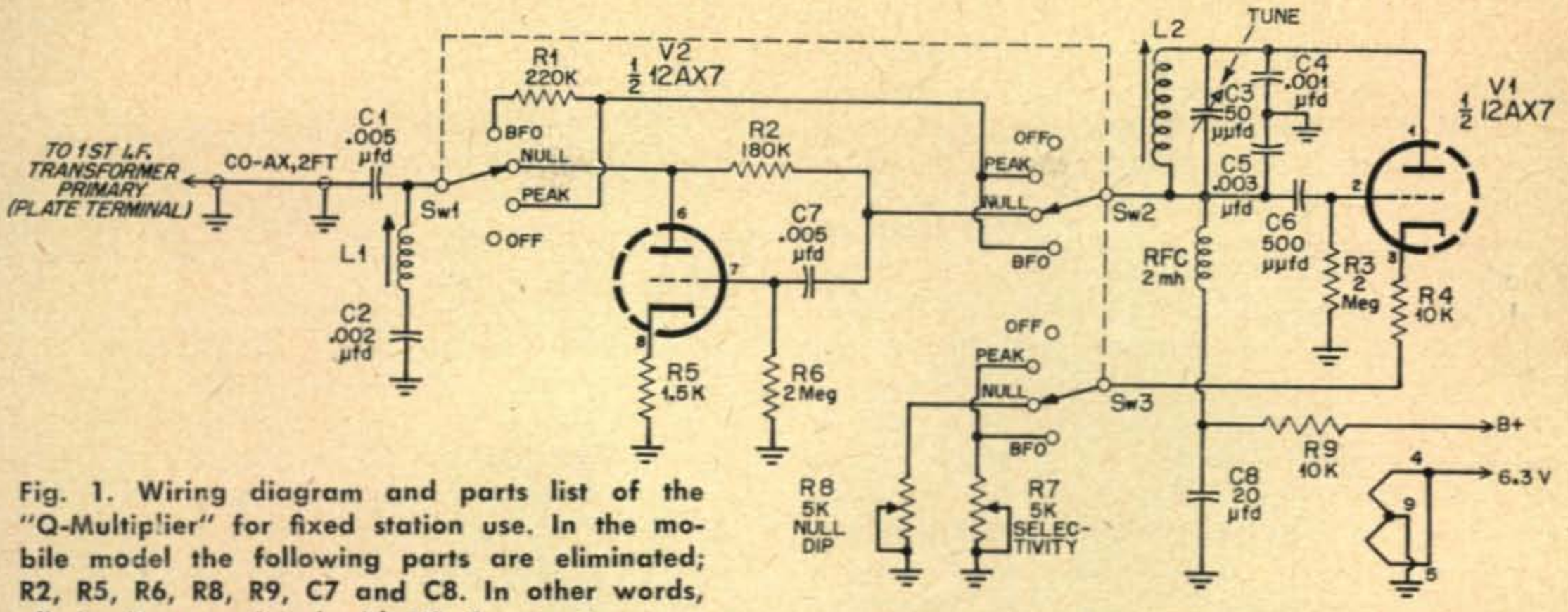


Fig. 1. Wiring diagram and parts list of the "Q-Multiplier" for fixed station use. In the mobile model the following parts are eliminated; R2, R5, R6, R8, R9, C7 and C8. In other words, all circuitry associated with V2. Constructors may find that slight variations in the capacity of C5 will be quite important. Models have been constructed that use 0.0027 µfd. for smooth operation.

C1, C7—0.005 µfd., disc ceramic.

C2—0.002 µfd., disc ceramic.

C3—50 µµfd., (National P5E50 or Millen 20050).

C4—0.001 µfd., mica.

C5—0.003 µfd., mica.

C6—500 µµfd., disc or mica.

C8—20 µfd., 450v., electrolytic (see text).

L1 — Grayburne Varichoke V-6, or part of miniature 455-kc. i-f transformer (see text).

L2 — Grayburne Vari-Loopstick.

R1—220,000 ohms, ½w.

R2—180,000 ohms, ½w.

R3, R6 — 2.0 megohm, ½w.

R4—10,000 ohms, ½w.

R5—1500 ohms, ½w.

R7, R8—5000 ohms, carbon potentiometer.

R9—10,000 ohms, 1w.

RFC—2.5 mh., r-f choke, stand-off type (Millen 34102 or National R100S).

Sw1/Sw2/Sw3—Single 3-pole, 4-throw rotary, non-shorting (Mallory 3234J).

band, while the otherwise normal characteristics of the amplifier will be unaffected. Used in this manner, the *Q Multiplier* functions like the crystal filter phasing control for the rejection of unwanted adjacent signals, but has the advantage of being more flexible. C-w QRM may thereby be reduced, and unwanted sidebands, beat notes and heterodynes may be attentuated for AM or SSB reception.

Curves of the rejection characteristics are shown in *Fig. 3*. Here again, the measurements were made using the receiver with normally poor selectivity where the null characteristics show up at their worst. With a sharper i-f system the rejection slot will be sharper and more effective.

Bfo and Exalted Carrier Reception

In the "BFO" position, the *Q Multiplier* is permitted to oscillate, and thus a beat note at the intermediate frequency may be obtained. This feature is an attraction to the mobile operator who often will find a need for a b.f.o. to use in conjunction with the converter-auto radio combination.

The "BFO" position will also make exalted-carrier reception possible and clean SSB reception will result regardless of the setting of the receiver r-f gain control.

Construction

The location of the various components may be seen in the photographs. The larger unit, for fixed station use, is built in a box 3"x4"x5"* (*Bud Minibox CU-2105*), while the smaller unit, for mobile use, is built in a 2¼"x2¼"x5" box (*Bud Minibox CU-2104*).

Wiring in general should be made with reasonably short leads, and many of the components may be connected directly from point to point. The only critical connection is the cathode end of *R4* which must be made directly at the socket terminal. A long lead between the socket and the resistor can result in erratic operation.

To preserve its high *Q*, *L2* must be mounted so that other metal components, or the sides of the box, are at least 1" away from the coil and its ferrite core. Ferrous metals will have an especially adverse effect on the coil *Q*. These effects are easily double checked with a *Heathkit Q Meter Model QM-1.**

With optimum external conditions, it was found that the *Q* of *L2* averaged 250. Our first measurements had indicated a *Q* of only about 210 which was lower than expected. Upon investigation, it was found that the *Q* was influenced by the proximity to the ferrite core of the plated steel clips which were used to connect the coil to the *Q* meter. Copper wire leads were then soldered to the coil terminals, with higher *Q* readings being the result. On one of the coils, the sleeve which supported the terminals was loose. This was pushed forward so that the steel plated terminals passed over a portion of the core. The *Q* immediately dropped to 160! Further measurements made with the coil mounted in the *Q Multiplier* box indicated the best location for the preservation of high *Q*.

In the mobile model, the box is not quite deep enough for good clearance around *L2*, so it is necessary to shorten *L2* by ¼". Cut the required amount off the form after the mounting bracket and slug bearing sleeve have been removed. The latter may be replaced after the form has been cut. The *Q* of *L2* in the mobile model will be slightly lower than that in the large model, but will still be sufficient for excellent selectivity characteristics.

* The author would like to thank the Heath Company for supplying the Q-meter used in developing these units.

Good grade mica capacitors are used for *C4* and *C5*, both to preserve good circuit *Q*, and to obtain stability. Silver mica capacitors, although not found necessary in the models, would be best.

L1 is used to tune out the reactance of the co-ax cable which is presented to the i-f transformer winding to which the *Q Multiplier* is connected. In the larger model, *L1* is a *Grayburne Vari-Choke #V6*, 0.65 to 6.0 mh. This may be seen hanging below the center deck. The *Q* of this coil is quite low, and although satisfactory performance will result, somewhat better results may be obtained using a coil of higher *Q*. One such coil is used in the mobile model for *L1*, and it is in the i-f can shown above deck. This is a 455-kc. miniature slug-tuned i-f transformer with its two windings connected in series. The internal fixed padders must be disconnected. If it is more convenient, only one terminal on each padder may be disconnected. When the windings are connected, the outside of one winding must be connected to the inside of the other one.

L1 and *C2* may be omitted, and compensation for the cable reactance may be made by retuning the receiver i-f transformer. This, of course, will defeat the original intent of leaving the receiver intact, but at the same time will lower the cost, and it may be more convenient in the event that the procurement of *L1* should be difficult. For new receiver construction, or for inboard installation, the omission of *L1* and *C2* may be preferable.

For smoother operation, *C3* is connected between the plate and grid sides of *L2*. Its rotor should be connected to the grid end to minimize hand capacitance effects. A large knob should be used for the same reason.

Only three switch positions are used in the mobile model. These are *Off*, *Peak* and *BFO*. The *Null* position has been eliminated, because this position would seldom be used for mobile work. The variable tuning capacitor *C3* has also been omitted to save space, and it, too, would seldom be required for mobile operation. The *Q Multiplier* circuit is tuned with the *L2* slug only, which is permanently set at the center of the i-f passband.

The other components, not needed for the null position, are also omitted in the mobile model: *R2*, *R5*, *R6*, *R8*, *C7* and the second half of the *12AX7* (*V2*). The *R/C* filter, *R9-C8*, is not included in the models shown here. This will be discussed later in the text.

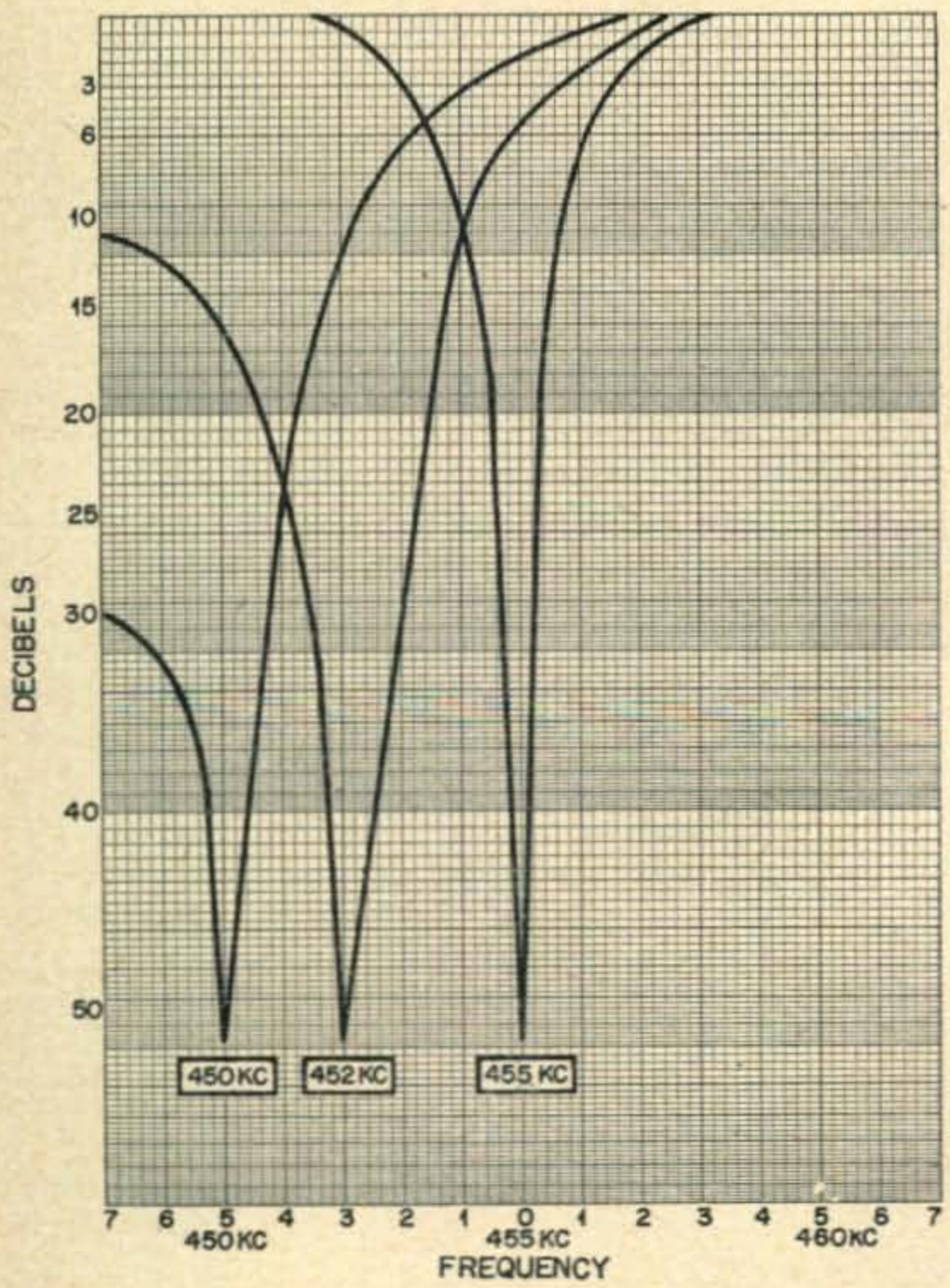


Fig. 3. These are the "Q-Multiplier" null positions with the same i-f response as in Fig. 2. The notch is moved throughout the passband by varying C3.

Installation and Operation

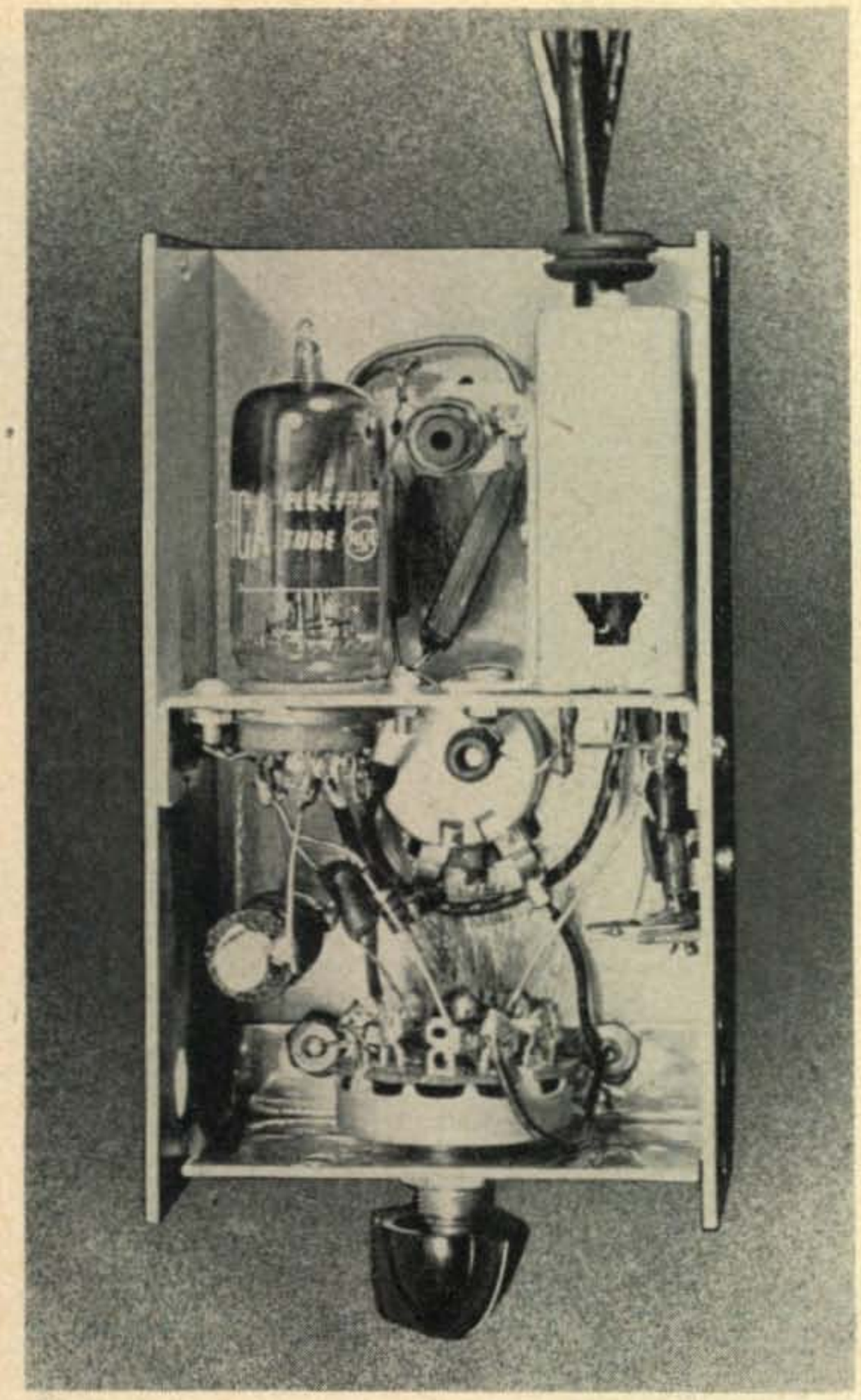
Heater and plate power connections should be made to the receiver. Any plate potential between 150 and 300 volts may be used, but potentials lower than 200 volts may require a reduction in the size of *R4*. Regulated plate potential, although desirable for the utmost in stability, is not essential in most cases.

The r-f co-ax lead may be connected across any winding of any of the i-f transformers. It is usually best to make the installation at the first i-f transformer—preferably the primary—because insertion of the selective circuit at the front end of the i-f chain will reduce the possibility of overloading the following stages by strong adjacent signals, and their effect on the a-v-c system will also be diminished. In making the cable connections, connect the center conductor to the hot side of the transformer winding, in this case the plate terminal, and connect the shield of the cable to ground.

After the unit has been connected to the receiver, set the *Q Multiplier* switch at *Off*, and turn on the power. Tune in a signal having a steady carrier, and peak up the signal according to the S-Meter reading. If the receiver does not have an S-Meter, the signal will have to be modulated, and the peaking may be done by ear.

Next tune *L1* to further peak up the signal. When *L1* has been tuned correctly, the signal level should show no appreciable change when the co-ax cable is disconnected from, or connected to, the i-f transformer. If *L1* does not peak the signal, and if the signal level drops when the cable is connected, more or less capacitance will be required to make *L1* tune. This may be done either by lengthening or shortening the cable according to which direction the *L1* slug must be moved to show any change in signal level. If the level tends to rise as the slug is turned out, less capacitance and a shorter cable will be required, and vice-versa.

After the circuits have been peaked as described above, rotate the *Q Multiplier* switch to *Peak*, and set the selectivity control *R7* at minimum (maximum resistance). In all probability the signal level will drop. Now, with *C3* set at half capacitance (the center point), adjust the slug in *L2* until the



Under chassis view of the mobile model of the "Q-Multiplier." In these units the tuning condenser, C3, has been removed, as well as, the components associated with the nulling portion of the circuit.

signal is again peaked. Then slowly advance the *Selectivity* control towards minimum resistance, and at the same time continue to check the peaking of *L2*. The peaking will become sharper, and the signal level will rise slightly as the control is advanced. A point will be reached at which the circuit will break into oscillation. This will be evidenced by an audible beat note, or howl, as *L2* is tuned back and forth, and it will also be noted by a sudden increase in the S-meter reading with no change occurring in the meter reading as *L2* is tuned. The *Selectivity* control should then be turned back to just below the point of oscillation. This will be the sharpest, or maximum, point of selectivity.

When the unit is tuned and set for maximum selectivity, rotate *C3* back and forth and note whether or not the unit tends to oscillate at either side of the center frequency to which it was originally peaked. Operation of the unit should be smooth without oscillation at either side of the center frequency. If a slight tendency towards oscillation is found at one side of center resonance, it may be corrected, for all practical purposes, by backing off slightly on the *Selectivity* control.

The ratio of capacitance between *C4* and *C5* controls the smoothness of tuning as *C3* is varied. Although variable padders may be used across these capacitors to realize the optimum ratio, the fixed values used in the models were found to be close enough for good operation.

Now tune in a phone signal while the *Q Multiplier* is set for *Peak*, near maximum selectivity and with *C3* set at the center point. Then rotate *C3*, and it will be found that other phone signals, within 10 kc., may be tuned in without retuning the receiver itself. Then set *C3* back at the center point, and tune in the signals with the receiver in the normal manner. Either method of tuning may be used, although the latter is more convenient with phone reception.

Mobile Considerations

For the mobile model, the operations requiring tuning of *C3*, should be made by tuning *L2* slug instead, which should remain fixed after the proper setting has been determined.

With the *Selectivity* control set for the utmost selectivity, a tendency to howl may be noted as the receiver is tuned into the sidebands of a particular signal. This is a characteristic which can be found in almost any type of filter having extremely sharp selectivity. Undoubtedly, the selectivity at this point will be too great for good intelligibility, so a reduction in selectivity will be desirable with the attendant elimination of the howling effect.

The selector switch may be rotated back and forth between *Off* and *Peak*, so that selectivity comparisons can be made with and without the *Q Multiplier* in the circuit.

C-w signals, with the receiver's b.f.o. turned on, should also be tuned and checked in the same manner as described above. A b-f-o beat of from 500 to 1000 cycles should be used. The crystal-like sharpness of c-w signals will make tuning the receiver alone rather critical, and it will be found best to tune the receiver as near as possible to a c-w signal, and then to use the *Q Multiplier* tuning control *C3* for precise tuning or peaking.

Just as a howling effect may be noticed at the sidebands of a phone signal, so a similar effect may be found when an extremely selective filter is used for the reception of c-w signals. This will be in the form of a bell-like ringing sound at the peak of the signal. Here also, the selectivity may be reduced slightly for optimum readability.

SSB Reception

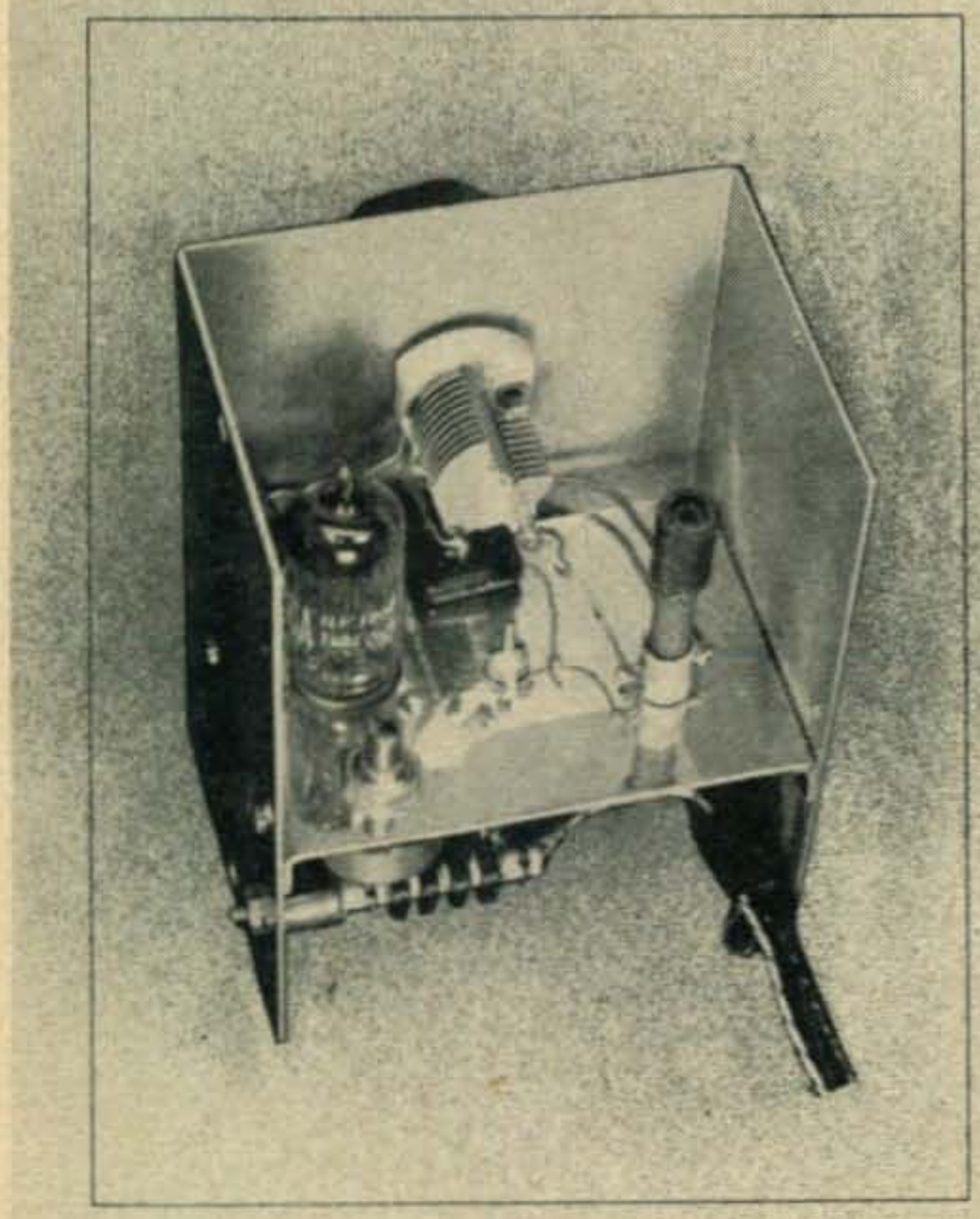
For SSB reception, set the *Q Multiplier* at *Off*. Also turn on the b.f.o., and tune it to the i.f. This point is often marked on the receiver. If it is not, it may be found approximately by tuning the b.f.o. for the lowest pitched background noise when no signal is present.

After the b.f.o. has been set, a SSB signal should be tuned in for the best intelligibility and naturalness of voice. To avoid overloading of the receiver, and to prevent messing up the a-v-c system, the a-f volume control should be turned way up, and the r-f gain control should be turned down to a comfortable listening level.

The mobile model of the "Q-Multiplier" has only a switch on the front panel. The knob on the bottom is for varying the position of the selectivity peak in the passband via L2.

Then set the *Q Multiplier* at *Peak* and rotate *C3* to a point where the best signal level and best audio frequency response is realized. If the receiver has not been tuned exactly to frequency during the initial tuning, it may be necessary to trim its tuning slightly at this time to produce the most natural sounding voice.

If the receiver's h-f oscillator is on the high frequency side of the received signal (this is the case in most communications receivers), the *Q Multiplier* will peak the upper sideband when *C3* is rotated towards maximum capacitance, and the lower sideband when it is rotated towards minimum capacitance. The direction in which *C3* must be rotated to obtain the best signal level will indicate which sideband is being transmitted. If the transmitted sideband is known beforehand (on 14 Mc. the upper sideband is usually used; on 4 Mc., the lower), *C3* may be tuned slightly off center in the corresponding direction before the tuning described in the second previous paragraph, is made.



Above chassis view of the fixed station model which incorporates all of the "Q-Multiplier" features. The tuning condenser is C3 and the screw driver slotted potentiometer is R8.

As *C3* is rotated for the reception of the correct sideband, the quality, or audio frequency response, of the SSB voice signal will change, because the limits of the narrow passband of the *Q Multiplier* will shift to a different frequency spectrum according to the position of the peak in the normal passband of the receiver. As an example, if the peak is set for 1 kc. off center, and if the filter selectivity has a bandwidth of 1 kc. at the 6 db. points, then the received a-f response will be 500 to 1500 cycles. The peak at 1000 cycles will be the reference, and the points at 500 and 1500 cycles will be down 6 db.

The *Q Multiplier* will therefore enable the operator not only to select the correct sideband with ease, but also will enable him to obtain the most desirable audio frequency response, according to the position of the peak and the degree of selectivity. At the same time adjacent QRM may either be eliminated or substantially reduced due to the selectivity of the system.

As pointed out earlier, the tuning of the b.f.o. or the reeciver itself does not have to be changed as the *Q Multiplier* is adjusted, which together with the procedures described above, makes the tuning of SSB signals simpler than that required with other methods.

Null Position

Set the *Q Multiplier* switch to *Off*, and with the receiver's b.f.o. also turned off, tune in a steady unmodulated carrier. Then disable the a.v.c., turn on the b.f.o., and tune the latter for a beat note of from 500 to 1000 cycles. Set the *Q Multiplier Null Depth* control *R8* (screw driver adjustment) at about its midpoint, and rotate the selector switch to *Null*. Adjust *C3* until the a-f level of the beat note drops to a minimum. Adjust *R8* for a better minimum. Then alternately adjust *C3* and *R8* until the best null is attained. The adjustment of both *C3* and *R8* will be very sharp, and careful manipulation of these controls will produce a nearly complete null.

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the Complete 25'er

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The 25-watt, four-band, phone/CW transmitter described in this article has a number of features of interest to the Novice and old timer alike. It covers the amateur spectrum between 7 and 30 megacycles and features optional crystal or built-in, variable-frequency control. It will feed power into practically any type of antenna.

This unit offers the Novice the opportunity to build a modern transmitter, which he may use immediately as a crystal-controlled, code transmitter in the 7.2-Mc. and 21.2-Mc. Novice bands. Later, when he obtains his *General Class* license, he can expand his scope of operations to include both phone and code on the 7-, 14-, 21-, and 28-Mc. bands, utilizing the advantages of the v.f.o., or of crystal control, as conditions indicate.

It should appeal to the old timer for the same reasons that impelled the writer to design and build it. At W2YPQ, the *Complete 25'er* serves as an ever-ready portable and emergency transmitter. It is often used at hamfests, field days, and radio club meetings, where it has been quite valuable "talking in" visiting mobiles.

At home, the transmitter is usually set up on the 28-Mc. band and connected to a ground-plane antenna in the attic. It is fine for talking to the local gang when it is inadvisable to turn on the "big" rig. It does an exceptionally good job working mobiles because of the vertically-polarized antenna. The transmitter causes not a flicker of TVI on my 1950-model television receiver, the antenna of which is mounted on the roof, directly above the transmitting antenna.

The transmitter has not been used as consistently on the other bands as it has on 28 Mc., because I have other transmitters for them; nevertheless, it gives an excellent account of itself on these bands, and I have had many contacts on them, especially on 7 Mc., where it feeds a ½-wave antenna about thirty feet high.

Oh yes, the transmitter has served as an emergency exciter for a pair of 813's.

The Circuit

The circuit (*Fig. 1*) of the *Complete 25'er* was chosen to provide a maximum of operating flexibility, without evolving a mechanical and electrical horror to construct. It starts out with a 6C4 in a conventional, "plate tickler," variable-frequency oscillator, covering 3500 to 3700 kc. No claims are made that this is the best-possible circuit, but it has given satisfactory service in the W2YPQ mobile since 1949. The v.f.o. drives a second 6C4 as a fixed-tuned, 7 Mc., frequency multiplier, which becomes the oscillator during crystal-controlled operations.

The third tube is a 6AK6 pentode, operating as an amplifier, frequency doubler, tripler, or quadrupler, depending on the mode of operation. Its pre-tuned, plate-tank coil is plug-in for band changing. This stage is keyed in its cathode circuit for c-w operation.

The 6AK6 drives a 2E26 in the output stage, which utilizes a *pi*-network output circuit, that is capable of delivering power to a wide range of antenna load impedances. Being specifically designed for radio-frequency service, the 2E26 is more satisfactory than the audio-frequency pentodes frequently used in the output stage of low-power transmitters.* A 47-ohm resistor (*R7*) in series with its grid lead, right at the tube socket, eliminated all trace of instability in the stage.

Modulation is accomplished with a pair of 6AQ5's in parallel. Their output into the 2E26 plate circuit is through the primary of a 20-watt, replacement-type, push-pull, speaker-matching transformer, which acts as a center-tapped modulation choke. A 6BA6 and a 6AT6 in cascade drive the 6AQ5's. They have sufficient amplification to permit using a crystal microphone or other low-cost microphone with the transmitter.

A conventional power supply, built around a replacement-type "TV" power transformer, a 5UG4 rectifier and a condenser-input filter, powers the transmitter. Its output voltage is approximately 350 volts at a normal current drain of 150 milliamperes.

Although not quite as convenient as band switching, using plug-in coils in the last two stages greatly reduces constructional complexities in the transmitter. Besides, it takes only a few seconds to change coils and to tune up on a different band. Spare coils are clipped into large fuse clips fastened to the inside of the cover.

The 3.5-Mc band is not covered, because I am not particularly interested in that band, and I did not think the added coverage would be worth the trouble of including it in the transmitter.*

C1—17.5 $\mu\mu$fd., ceramic insulated midget variable *(Hammarlund HF-15)*.
C2, C3, C4—100 μfd., NPO ceramics.
C5, C22, C29—0.01 μfd., ceramics, 600v.
C6, C8, C12 — 47 $\mu\mu$fd., mica.
C7, C9, C10, C11, C13, C14, C19—1800 $\mu\mu$fd., ceramics (0.002 μfd. will be o.k.).
C15—0.0047 μfd., mica.
C16 — 100 $\mu\mu$fd., midget variable.
C17—140 to 250 $\mu\mu$fd., variable *(see text)*.
C18 — 0.1 μfd., paper, 600v.
C20—0.005 μfd., paper, 600v.
C21—10.0 μfd., 25v., electrolytic.
C23—50.0 μfd., 50v., electrolytic.
C24, C25, C26 — Three-section, 10.0 μfd., 450v., electrolytic *(CD type QC-11145)*.
C27—33 $\mu\mu$fd., ceramic.
C28—3-30 $\mu\mu$fd., ceramic trimmers *(Erie TS2A-4)* FOUR are required.
C30—0.001 μfd., mica or ceramic.
Ch — 7 henries, 150-ma., filter choke *(Stancor C-1710)*.
F—2-amp fuse and holder *(Buss HKP)*.
M — Milliammeter, 100-150 ma.
R1—47,000 ohms, ½w.
R2—68,000 ohms, ½w.
R3, R5 — 56,000 ohms, ½w.
R4—560 ohms, 1w.
R6—27,000 ohms, ½w.
R7—47 ohms, ½w.
R8—270 ohms, 2w.
R9, R10 — 68,000 ohms, 2w.
R11, R13 — 1.0 megohm, ½w.
R12—1200 ohms, ½w.
R14, R23—470,000 ohms, ½w.
R15—500,000-ohm potentiometer.
R16—1000 ohms, ½w.
R17—100,000 ohms, ½w.
R18—250 ohms, 10w.
R19—20,000 ohms, 10w.
R20—3000 ohms, 10w.
R21—47,000 ohms, 2w.
R22—10,000 ohms, 10w.
R24—10,000 ohms, 1w.
RFC—2.5 mh., r-f choke.
Ry1—DPDT relay, 6-volt a-c coil *(Guardian KR11A)*.
Sw1 — Two-pole, 2-position, rotary switch *(Mallory 3222-J)*.
Sw2, Sw4, Sw5 — DPDT toggle switches.
Sw3 — DPST toggle switch.
T1 — 400-0-400 volts @ 200 ma., 5v. @ 3 amps., 6.3v. @ 5 amp. *(Stancor PM-8412)*.
T2 — Push-pull, 20-watt, output, 10,000 ohms plate-to-plate *(Stancor A-3830)*.
Chassis—7x13x2".
Cabinet — 7x14x8" *(Bud C-995)*.

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* For the same reasons, it would seem logical to substitute a 5763 for the 6AK6. Besides being specifically designed for r-f work, the 5763 is much more rugged than the 6AK6. The difference in the cost of the two tubes is 30 to 35 cents—**Editor.**

* Adding 3.5-Mc. coverage to the transmitter while retaining the 21- and 28-Mc. bands would require redesigning the r-f section almost completely. However, it should not be extremely difficult to shift the coverage to 3.5 to 14.4 Mc. This would entail shifting the v.f.o. to 1.8 Mc., the second stage to 3.5 Mc, and winding 3.5-Mc. coils for the 6AK6 and 2E26 stages. This could be accomplished by approximately doubling the number of turns specified in *Table I* for *L1*, *L2*, and *L3* and the 7-Mc., *L4* and *L5* coils. Also, the capacity of *C1* would have to be doubled, to permit covering the entire 3.5-4 Mc. band. A grid-dip oscillator would be invaluable in adjusting the new coils. This information is included here to spare W2YPQ unnecessary correspondence—**Editor.**

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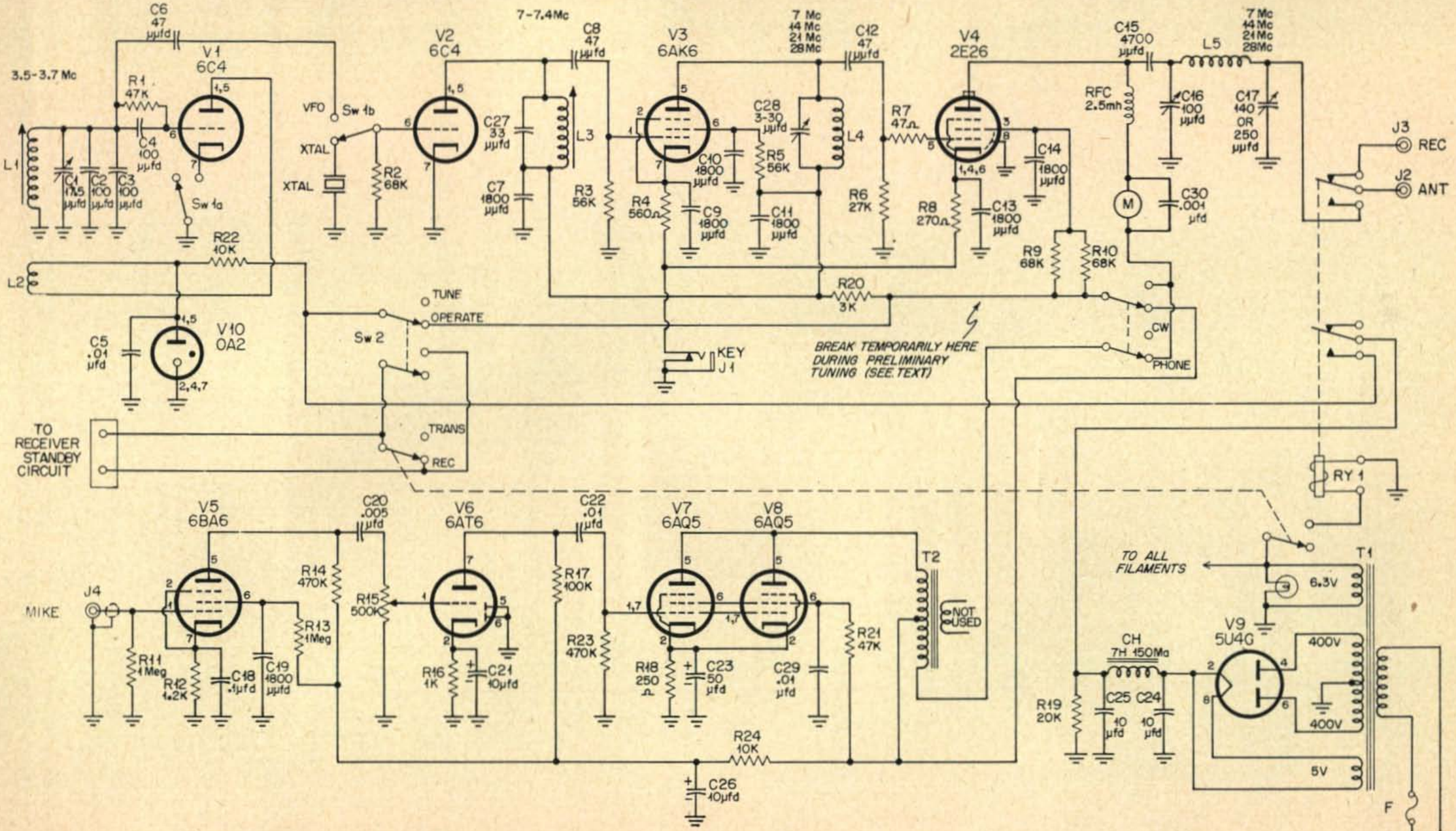
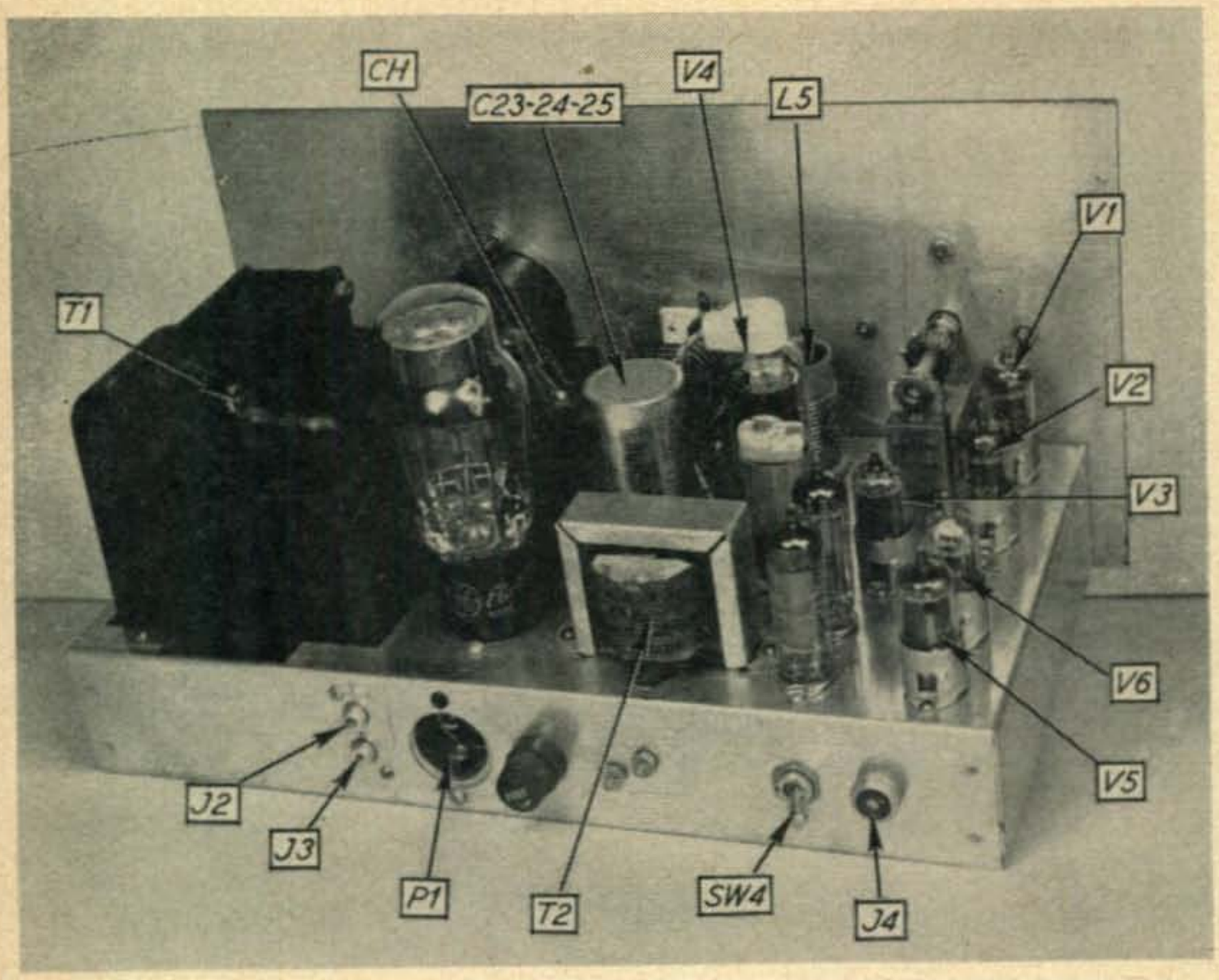


Fig. 1. Wiring schematic of the "Complete 25-er." The parts list appears on the facing page. The "CW-Phone" switch in this drawing is referred to in the text as Sw4. The "Trans-Rec" switch is known as Sw5. L4 and L5 are plug-in coils as explained in the text.



Top rear view of the "25-er." Since this photo was taken, a two-contact terminal strip has been added to the rear chassis lip. This is shown in the schematic on the preceding page as, "To Receiver Standby Circuit."

Construction

The *Complete 25'er* is built on a 7x13x2-inch chassis and housed in a 7x14x8-inch cabinet (*Bud C-995*), with an 7x14-inch aluminum panel. The photographs show clearly its appearance and the placement of most of the parts, while *Figs. 2* and 3 serve as drilling templates for the coil and tube socket holes and for the panel controls.

The positions of the power supply components and the output modulation choke are not critical and will depend largely upon the particular components used. For example, the power transformer suggested in the parts list (*Stancor PM-8412*) is different from the one actually used in the original model. The suggested transformer has the same ratings, but the new dimensions permit mounting it in the space available more easily. The remaining power-supply components may be mounted as space permits.

While drilling the chassis, drill a handful of ¼-inch to ⅜-inch holes in each end to improve the air circulation under it.

As can be seen in the under-the-chassis photo, condenser *C1* is mounted below the chassis and is coupled to its dial by means of a home-built right-angle drive, similar to the *National ACD*. Actually, this construction is hardly necessary. I suggest mounting the condenser in the conventional manner on a small bracket above the chassis. Couple it to its dial through a semi-flexible shaft coupling and use #14 wire between it and the other components of the stage.

Another possible modification is in the antenna loading capacitor *C-17*. Referring to the front photo and drilling template, there is a relatively wide space (2¾") between it and the transmit/receive switch *Sw5*. *At one time an additional*, 100-$\mu\mu$fd, variable capacitor was mounted in this space and connected across *C17*, to allow greater control of antenna loading on 7 Mc., when a very low-impedance antenna was being used. A single, 250-$\mu\mu$fd. condenser at *C17* will normally give all the control required, and a slightly more-symmetrical panel will result if it is spaced equally between *Sw2* and *Sw5*.

The v.f.o. condenser *C1* is controlled by a *National AM*, 5:1 ratio vernier dial, and the *pi*-network input condenser *C16* is controlled by the *National P* dial, which matches the *AM* dial in appearance, but is directly driven.

Across the back of the chassis are mounted, left to right; two *RCA*-type phono connectors, one

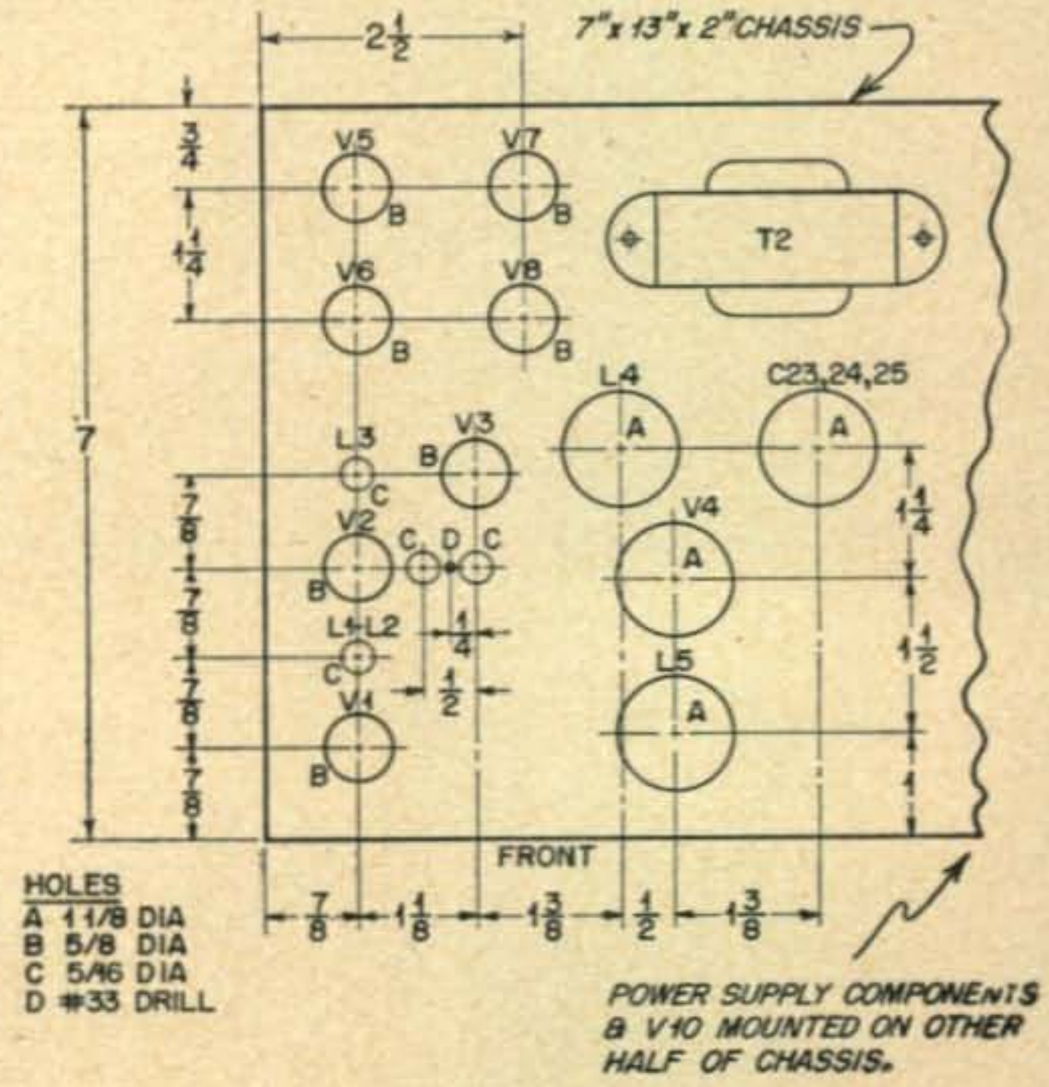


Fig. 2. Partial drilling template showing the positions of the tubes, crystal, etc. Compare this with the photograph at the top of this page.

Table I—Coil Data

L1—32 turns, No-28, enam. wire, close wound on ¼" slug-tuned form.

L2—38 turns, No-28, enam. wire, close wound, ⅛" below L1.
Both windings wound in same direction. Connect top of L1 to 6C4 grid and bottom of L2 to plate.

L3—65 turns, No-30, enam. wire, close wound on ¼" slug-tuned form.

L4—All coils close wound of No-22 enam. wire on 1-inch forms.
7 Mc.: 22 turns.
14 Mc.: 10 turns.
21 Mc.: 7 turns.
28 Mc.: 5 turns.
Note: A 3-30 $\mu\mu$fd., ceramic trimmer condenser is mounted permanently across each L4 coil. See text for details.

L5—7 Mc.: 18 turns, No-16, 1¼" in diameter, 1¼" long.
14 Mc.: 8 turns, No-16, 1¼" in diameter, 1" long.
21 Mc.: 8 turns, No-14, 1" diameter, 1" long.
28 Mc.: 5 turns, No-14, 1" diameter, 1" long.

above the other, for the antenna input connection and the connection to the receiver antenna terminal; recessed male a-c power receptacle; fuse holder; phone/CW switch *Sw4*; and microphone connector. After the picture was taken, a two-terminal strip was added to the left of the antenna terminals to accommodate the auxiliary set of contacts on *Sw5*. These terminals connect to the receiver "standby" terminals, to make switching from "transmit" to "receive" a single-switch operation.

The remaining components are mounted on the chassis near their associated tube sockets. Consult the bottom picture for approximate positions. For a permanent job, use lock washers under each mounting nut. Mount *R15* and its extension shaft early; so that you do not block the path of the shaft with other components.

Most of the fixed resistors and condensers are supported by cutting their leads short and connecting them directly between the socket terminals and ground or associated components. Several insulated tie points are mounted on the chassis where required for additional supports.

Wiring is essentially point-to-point, using solid, tinned wire for the plate and control-grid leads in the r-f section and flexible, insulated wire for the remaining connections. Shielded wire is used between the microphone connector and the control grid of the 6BA6 and for the connections to the gain control *R15*. Normal precautions were employed to keep all r-f leads short.

I made provision for shielding the first three r-f tubes and the speech-amplifier tubes, but there is no difference in the operation of the transmitter with the shields on or off; therefore, they are normally left off. Nevertheless, it is possible that the partial shielding offered by their bottom halves provided all the shielding that may be required.

Full coil data is given in *Table I*, *L1/L2*, and *L3* are wound on slug-tuned, ¼-inch diameter forms. I used the forms from *RCA 71426*, TV i-f transformers, from which I stripped off the original windings. The four *L4* coils and the two higher-frequency coils for *L5* are one inch in diameter (*Millen 45004*), and the two low-frequency coils for this position are 1¼ inches in diameter.

Each *L4* coil has a 3-30 $\mu\mu$fd., adjustable ceramic condenser (*C27*) connected permanently across it. Solder stiff, tinned leads to each condenser and thread them through the coil socket pins from the top. Pull tight and solder. If it is difficult to thread these wires into the same socket prongs in which the coil windings terminate, use the other pair of prongs. Then solder jumper wires across the socket terminals to connect the condenser across the winding.

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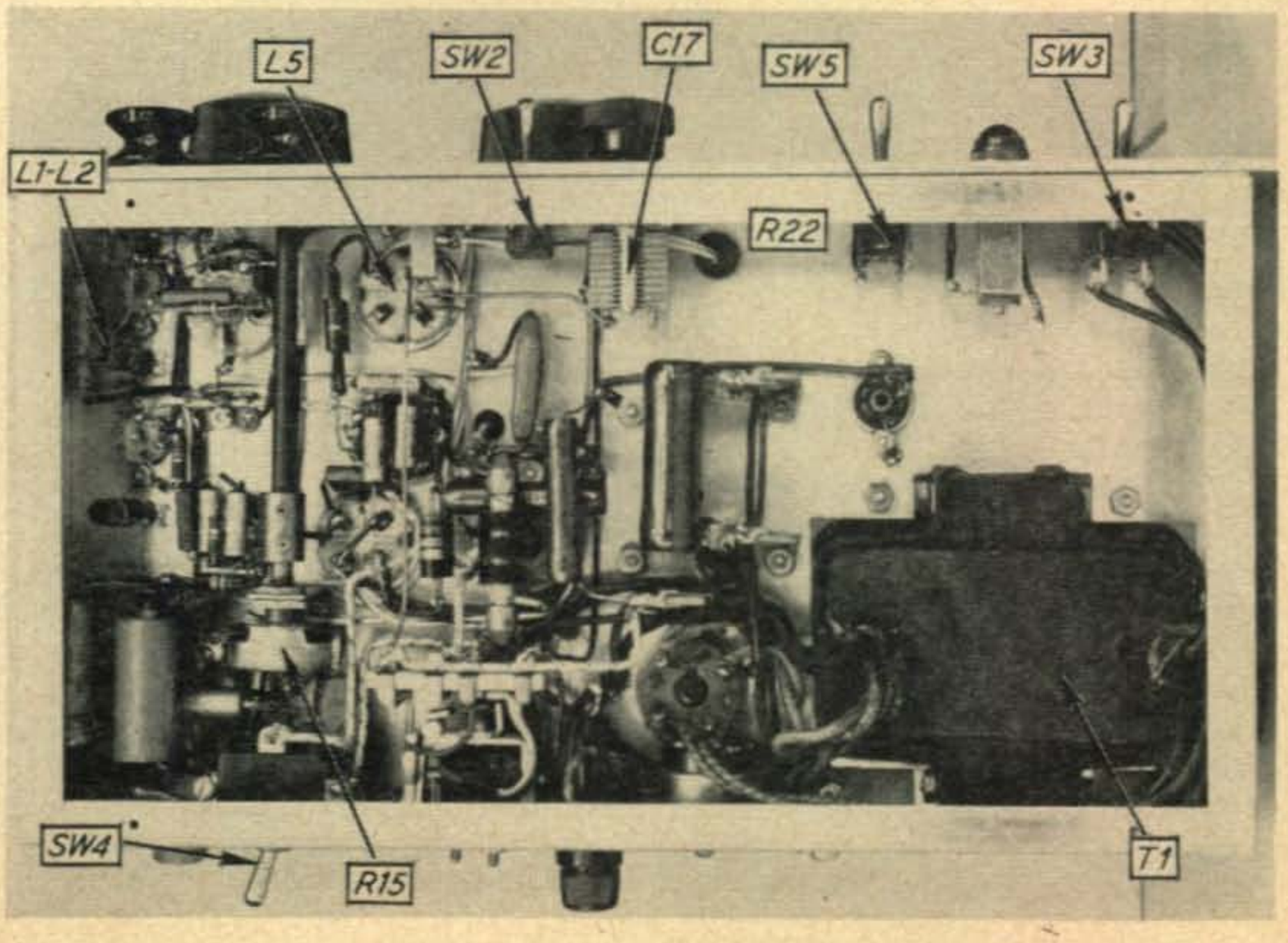
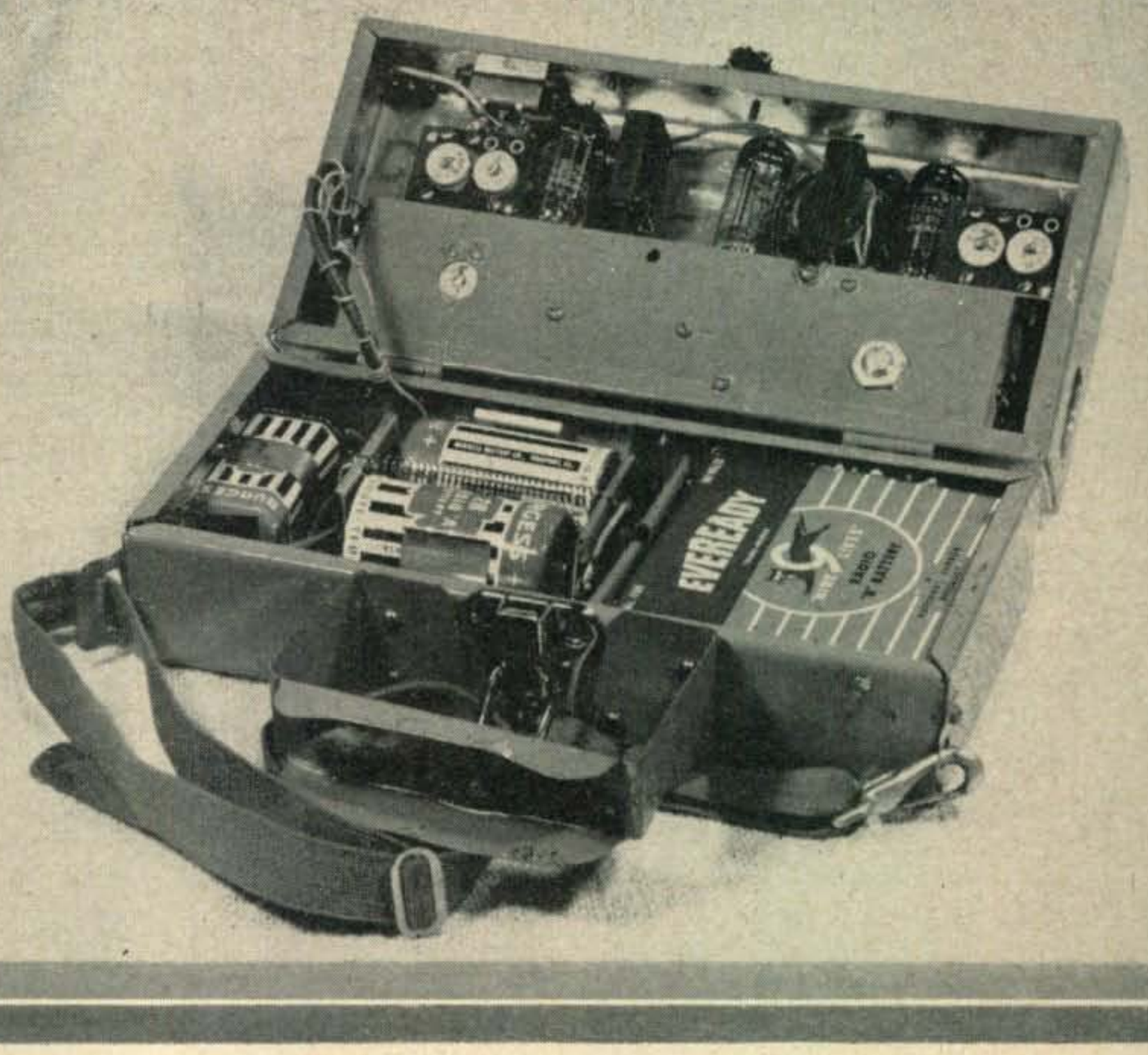


Bottom placement view. The author mounted C1 on a right angle and, although not labelled in this diagram, it can be seen just to the left of the R15 extension shaft between L1/L2 and L5. See text on the location of C17.

the Strapset



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Many types of handy-talkie transmitter-receiver combinations have been described and pictured in the radio periodicals and this one is different only in certain details and refinements that make it especially suitable for its intended application. While this type of gear is largely a novelty to the individual Ham, it has very definite and important uses in club activities and Civil Defense work.

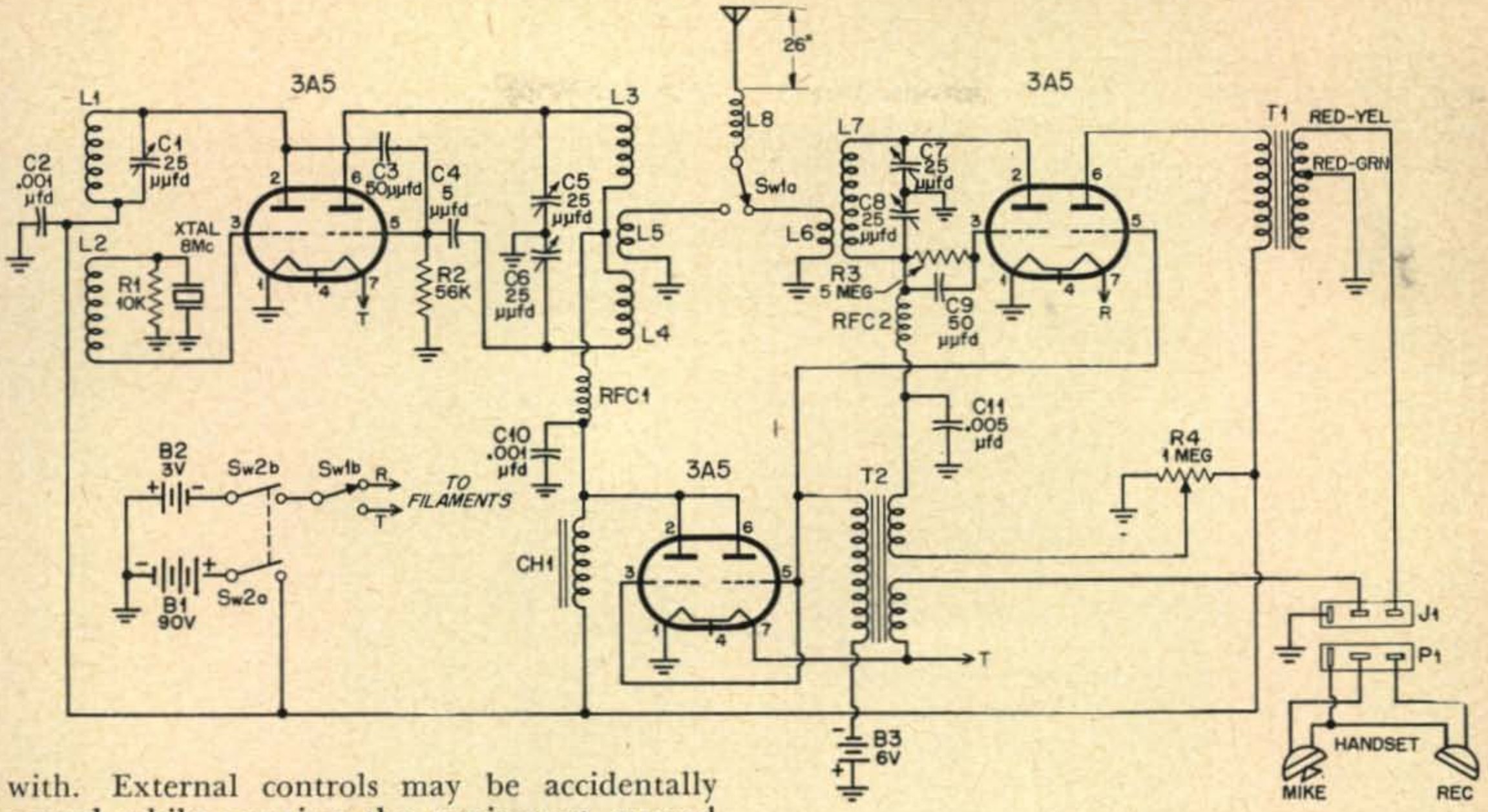
Six-meter operation was selected so the unit could be used in conjunction with *Packsets*[1] for local work. It is designed for low battery drain, simplicity, and ruggedness as well as convenience in operating. Since it is made to be carried, a shoulder strap is provided for the occasions that require a long period of operation. The kind of walkie-talkie you hold up to your ear has considerable sales appeal, but if you have to use one for any length of time, it soon becomes tiresome to your arm, whereas a telephone handset that can be returned to its cradle is a distinct advantage. The inexpensive telephone sets currently available should work very well although the one pictured is surplus.†

Note the absence of external tuning controls. In actual operation this type of gear is used on only one frequency in conjunction with a fixed station or net so it is not necessary to have it readily tunable. In fact, in club activities where a great many fellows operate the equipment it is highly desirable not to have tuning controls where they can be tampered

[1]Johnson, "10/6 Packset," *CQ*, May and July, 1954, pp. 52 and 26, respectively.

* A biography of the author appeared in conjunction with his article in the October 1954 issue.

† The handset shown in the cover photograph is a Western Electric "MS-100-E." It contains a regular F-1 carbon microphone button and a 200-ohm earphone unit. Various other handsets are available at war-surplus huoses throughout the country.—Editor.



with. External controls may be accidentally moved while carrying the equipment around and a protruding crystal might even get lost. Only two switches are accessible for operation, a battery "off-on" and the "push-to-talk" switch. The latter is on top next to the antenna where it is not only convenient for operation, but permits the shortest possible leads for coupling the link to the antenna to keep losses at a minimum.

Unusual Construction

The unique feature of this strap-set is the "book" type of construction with the radio gear on one side and all batteries in the other half of the book. In this fashion they may be changed readily. All tuning controls are screwdriver adjustments and are accessible when the case is open. Both the transmitter and receiver may be tuned to any frequency within the band. Tubes and crystal are easy to change and only one tube type is used. The construction is simplified by building the entire radio portion on an inverted "L" shaped chassis which fastens into one side of the case and can be taken out by removing a few stud bolts.

The circuit is one which attempts to get the most out of the least parts. The oscillator triples from 8-megacycle crystals in one half of the 3A5 tube and doubles to the output frequency in the second half. This triode section is connected as a neutralized doubler to get a little extra output. The valve of *C4* is not critical and a 5 μμfd. ceramic is about optimum. The 3A5 modulator triodes are connected in parallel for a little more audio. A small filter choke seems to give better modulation than any transformer tried in the Heising circuit. The split stator tank condenser *(C5-C6)* is made of two ceramic trimmers connected together. The same arrangement is used in the receiver to eliminate body effects or noise when tuning up.

C1, C5, C6, C7, C8—5-25 μμfd., ceramic variable, Erie 557.
C2, C10—0.001 μfd., disc ceramic.
C3, C9—50 μμfd., tubular ceramic.
C4—5 μμfd., tubular ceramic.
C11—0.005 μfd., disc ceramic.
Ch1—Small size filter choke with a resistance between 200 and 300 ohms.
R1—10,000 ohms, ½w.
R2—56,000 ohms, ½w.
R3—5.0 megohms, ½w.
R4—1.0 megohm potentiometer.
RFC1, RFC2—R-f chokes, National R-33.
Sw1a/Sw1b, Sw2a/Sw2b—DPDT slide switch.
T1—Output transformer, Triad M1X modulation.
T2—Transceiver transformer, Triad A21X.
Batteries—Two size "D" flashlight, one 6-volt Burgess Z4 for bias and a 90-volt Burgess N60 for the plates.

Parts list and wiring diagram

The complete receiver is just one tube, a super-regenerative detector with one stage of audio. The usual objection to the rush box receiver holds true with this one, but the radiation is only a few hundred feet and it was not deemed worthwhile to spend battery current on an r-f stage. No other simple receiver has the particular virtues of the super-regenerative for this type of gear. It is broad enough to be fixed tuned and left without any further adjustment for the kind of operation the *Strap Set* is designed for. The receiver volume is about the same as one has over the ordinary telephone.

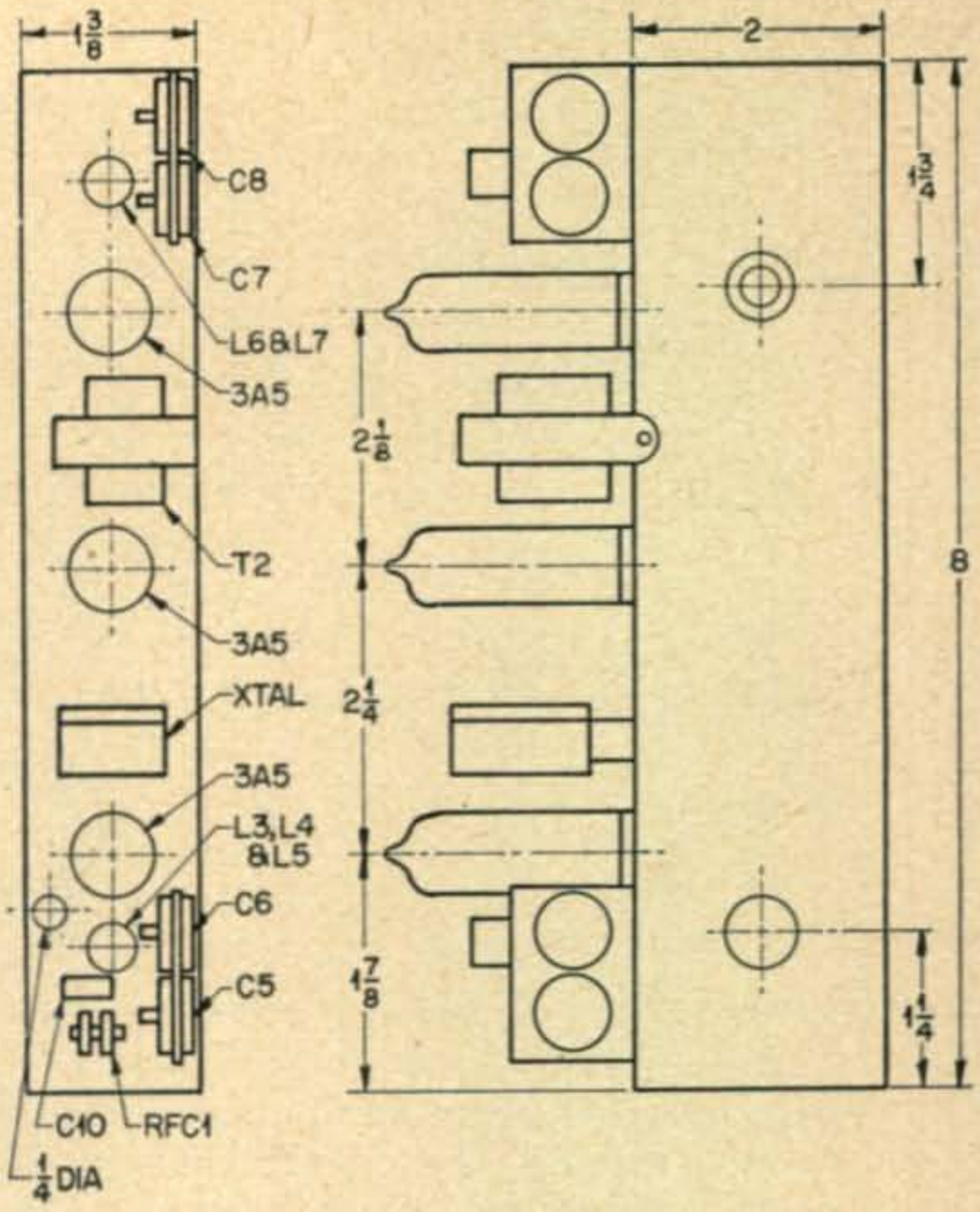
Modulation

A regular transceiver audio and mike transformer is used. Note that the secondary is common to both the transmitter and receiver audio with a common bias battery. This arrangement is possible because switching from "Receive" to "Transmit" is done in the filament circuit. The 3A5 filaments are operated

in series (series parallel in the transmitter section) from standard size "D" flashlight batteries not only to lower the battery current, but to put 3 volts on the mike which is energized only when the transmitter filaments are turned on. *T1* is actually a modulation transformer *(Triad M1X)* with the secondary taps connected to match the 200-ohm telephone type handset.

The three r-f coils are wound on ⅜-inch diameter polystyrene rod tapped at one end for mounting bolts. The oscillator coil is wound slightly different than customary when using this circuit with cathode type tubes. It works very smoothly although the output will vary considerably depending upon the activity of the crystal used.

Two standard aluminum chassis 5"x9½"x1½" are hinged together to make the case for the strap set. One side contains all the batteries and the battery switch. It also has the handset cradle and carrying strap attached to it. The bias battery is fastened in with a clamp and the B battery fits in at the opposite end. The flashlight batteries are held in place by a battery container commonly used in model airplanes. This container is modified to allow series connection of the "A" batteries by drilling holes in the end and installing insulated bolts which are jumpered together to put the cells in series. A small trunk snap bolted to the top of the case holds it together.



Approximate chassis layout sketch

Wiring and Operation

Hardware store flashing tin is used to make the chassis which is 8" long by 1⅜" on top where the tubes mount, with a two-inch side bent down to form the "L." The ends are turned in and soldered to the top for strength. A ¼-inch lip is turned up from the top and sides and small nuts soldered to it to take stud bolts when fastening it into the case. A three-prong *Jones* connector is mounted on the receiver end of the chassis and a corresponding cutout made in the case to insert the plug from the handset. Flexible leads are run between the batteries and the radio chassis going through a grommetted hole in the transmitter end and attached to a terminal strip.

The transmitter and receiver sections are at opposite ends of the chassis with the modulator tube in the middle. The interstage transformer *(T2)* is on top of the chassis and the output transformer *(T1)* is just below it on the inside. The regeneration control is below the detector tube and mounted in a ⅜-inch hole in the side of the chassis. It is cut off as short as possible and slotted with a hack saw for screwdriver adjustment. Both the transmitter and receiver split-stator tuning condensers are made by mounting two ceramic variable trimmer condensers side-by-side on a thin sheet of bakelite which in turn is fastened to the chassis with a small metal bracket. This makes a compact, space saving and vibration free tuning system. The modulation choke *(Ch1)* is inside the chassis below the crystal socket and the final tank coil is on top the chassis adjacent to the send-receive switch for short leads to the antenna.

The antenna is brought through the case by means of an *8-32* brass bolt insulated with fiber washers and secured on the outside with a nut

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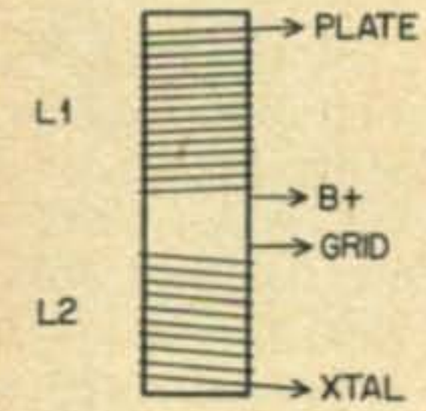
Coil Data



DETAIL OF L1–L2

L1—15 turns, #26 enam. spaced to occupy ⅝" on a ⅜" dia. polystyrene rod cut to 1⅜" long.

L2—10 turns, #30 cotton covered wire, close wound in opposite direction of L1 (on same form) at the B plus end.

L3—6 turns, #26 enam. spaced to occupy ½" on a ⅜" dia. polystyrene rod cut 1⅜" long.

L4—Same as L3, wound ⅛" from that winding on same form.

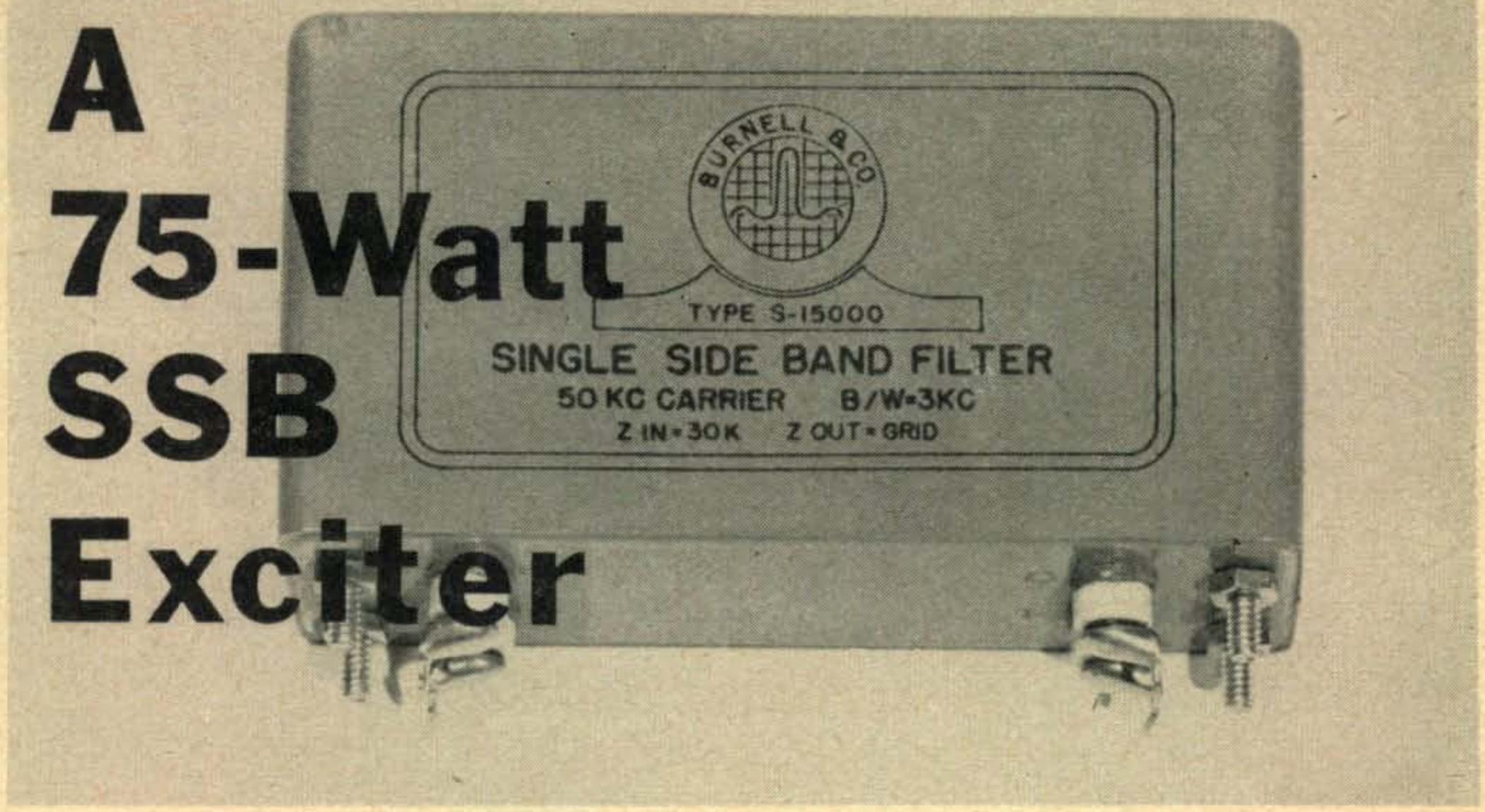
L5—2 turns of hookup wire wound between L3 and L4.

L6—3 turns, #26 enam. located about ⅛" below grid end of L7.

L7—14 turns, #26 enam. spaced wire diameter on a ⅜" dia. polystyrene rod cut 1⅜" long.

L8—Loading coil, 14 turns, #26 enam., spaced 1½" on a ½" polystyrene rod 1¾" long.

A 75-Watt SSB Exciter



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The recently announced *Burnell S-15000* toroid filter adds one more piece of equipment to that available to the radio amateur for single-sideband reception and generation. This miniaturized 50-kilocycle filter is ideal for use in SSB receiving adapters similar to the filter adapter described in *Chapter I* of "Single Sideband Techniques." Since the filter output is unbalanced (no center-tapped winding) the use of the varistor modulator is not possible. The easiest and most convenient expedient is to use a standard receiving-type of mixer tube as the 50-kc. detector. A separate 50-kc. oscillator tube could be utilized or the oscillator section of the pentagrid tube could be used for this carrier insertion function. Using the filter in a receiving adapter is a relatively simple process and the *Burnell Company* literature* should prove helpful along this line.

Use of the filter in a transmitter-exciter also suggests itself to the experimenter. Using filters whose pass-band frequency is below 200 kilocycles means a double heterodyning process in order to translate in frequency the 50-kc. sideband signal to some useful amateur frequency. This is necessary to eliminate the unwanted products of mixing from the desired SSB signal.

The Exciter Block Diagram

It was decided to design and lay out this exciter in a manner similar to that of the exciter described in *Chapter VIII* of my recent book. The operation and control features are in all respects similar with a minor exception concerning the sideband switching feature. All other features are the same: voice control operation, receiver anti-trip, carrier insertion, sideband switching, VFO control, fundamental 4.0 megacycle output and provisions for working 40 and 20 meters.

It was decided to incorporate two parallel output tubes instead of the single 6146 tube employed in the *Chap. VIII* exciter. This was done to give the operator who has no desire for a full-gallon station, a moderate amount of power in a small package so that he would not be in the "bare-footed" exciter class. The exciter is capable of 75 watts output peak-power and the nominal "meter-power" is about 100 watts input.

Refer to *Fig. 1*. The microphone feeds the SPEECH AMP. which is a two-stage dual-triode (type 6SN7) arrangement. This in turn feeds the speech signal to the CATHODE FOLLOWER isolation

The popularity of the SSB exciter described in "Single Sideband Techniques" led the author to design a similar transmitter with a little more power output and using a toroid filter for sideband selection. Many of the features in this transmitter are identical to those detailed in Chapter VIII of "Single Sideband Techniques." In order to reduce unnecessary duplication, the reader will note considerable cross-referencing. In particular, the power supply is not shown as it is an exact duplicate of the one outlined on pages 82 and 84 of the SSB book. This is a two-part story with the second part appearing in the February issue.
—Editor.

* See the booklet, "Low Cost Single Sideband for Amateur and Commercial Equipment." Burnell & Co. Inc., Yonkers 2, N. Y.

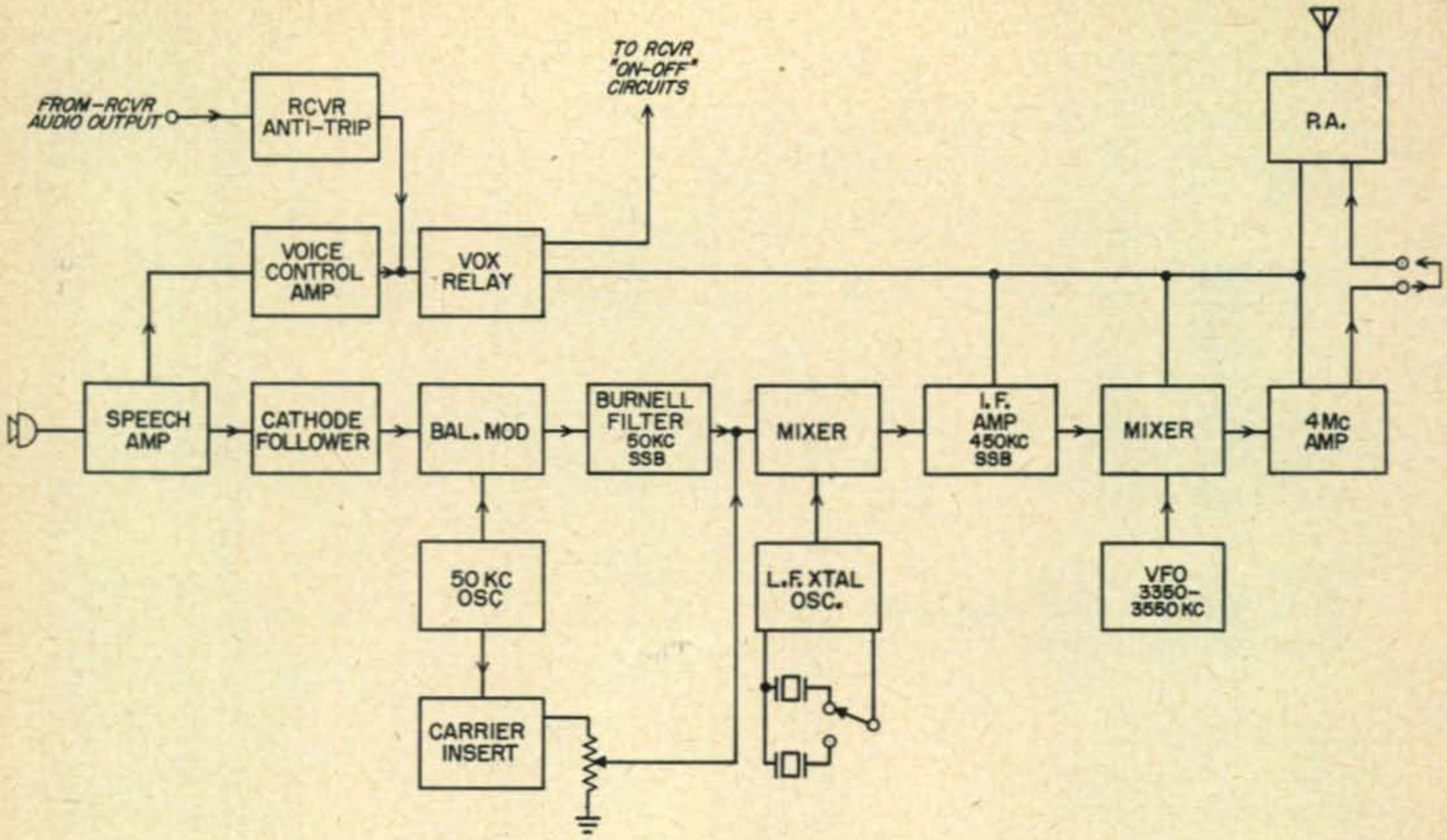


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the unit described in this two-part article.

and impedance matching stage. The BALANCED MODULATOR stage operates at a 50-kilocycle frequency and combines the speech signal from the CATHODE FOLLOWER stage with the 50-kilocycle r-f signal from the 50-KC. OSCILLATOR stage. Thus at the input to the *Burnell S-15000* filter there exists a double-sideband suppressed-carrier signal in the 50-kilocycle part of the spectrum.

The *Burnell* Filter now performs the task of removing the upper sideband and passing the lower sideband. So the signal remaining at the filter output is a lower sideband signal occupying the 3-kc. band just below 50 kilocycles, that is, the suppressed carrier frequency is at 50 kc. and the sideband energy is distributed down to about 47 kc. The single sideband signal has now been generated and the carrier thoroughly suppressed and the remaining task is to hererodyne it up to a useful frequency and amplify it sufficiently to justify radiation.

Sideband Switching

The first MIXER stage accomplishes one step of the necessary double-heterodyne process already mentioned. This stage mixes the 50-kc. SSB signal with one of two possible crystal oscillator frequencies so that the desired mixture frequency is near 450 kilocycles. It is at this point that the sideband switching feature is also added. The stage labelled L.F. XTAL OSCILLATOR is a Pierce oscillator with one of two possible crystals chosen by the sideband switch. The two crystals that were chosen for this particular exciter were at 400 and 500 kilocycles. These exact frequencies are unnecessary for proper operation, as any pair of low-frequency crystals that are 100 kilocycles apart in frequency may be used. The frequency that lies mid-way between the two crystal frequencies must, however, fall within the tuning range of the i-f transformers used in the unit. Thus the output of the first MIXER is tuned to 450 kilocycles. If the sideband switch is thrown so that the 400 kilocycle crystal is used in the L.F. XTAL Osc. circuit, the resultant SSB signal at 450 kilocycles will be a lower-sideband signal. If the 500-kc. crystal is used, the resultant signal will be an upper-sideband signal whose suppressed-carrier frequency is at 450 kilocycles.

The advantage of using this system of sideband switching over that used in the SSB exciter described in *Chapter VIII* is that the carrier frequency remains fixed while the sideband actually "flips" over to the other side of the carrier frequency. This makes retuning of the transmitter unnecessary when it is desired to remain on the same carrier frequency and change sidebands. Sideband switching with the mechanical filter necessitated returning the v.f.o. three kilocycles so that the sideband would have the same carrier frequency as the original sideband.

The I.F. AMPLIFIER is for isolation purposes more than for amplification. The selectivity of two i-f transformers is necessary to separate the 450-kc. SSB signal from the heterodyning oscillator signal at 400 or 500 kilocycles. These two extra signals must be thoroughly suppressed at this point since the high-frequency tuned circuits that follow will offer little selectivity for signals that lies only 50 kilocycles from the output signal.

The second MIXER stage is the conversion stage that mixes the 450-kilocycle SSB signal with the signal from the VFO that operates between 3350 to 3550 kc. The sum-mixture is chosen which now places the SSB signal in the 75-meter band. Thus

the MIXER output circuit is tuned to the 4.0-megacycle band. Since an additive mixing arrangement was used in the second MIXER the sideband is still a lower sideband if the original 450-kc. signal was a lower sideband. The reverse is true, that is, if the 450-kc. signal is an upper-sideband signal, the 75-meter signal will also be an upper sideband signal.

The signal is now amplified in the 4-MC. AMPLIFIER. This amplifier operates in class A or AB_1 and brings the signal level up sufficiently to drive the next stage. The 4-MC. AMPLIFIER output can be connected to an external band-changing heterodyne unit (see *Chapter X of "SSB Techniques"*) or patched straight through to the POWER AMPLIFIER. This output stage operates in class AB_1 and gives an output of 75 to 100 watts peak output. A conservative figure of 75 watts is given for an acceptable amount of distortion products (30 to 35 db.).

The carrier insertion feature was temporarily neglected in this discussion so that the signal channel could be dealt with with continuity. The block labelled CARRIER INSERTION takes a portion of the 50-KC. OSCILLATOR signal and feeds it around the sideband filter to the grid of the first MIXER stage grid. This permits inserting carrier for tune-up or operating purposes.

The block labelled VOICE CONTROL AMP. has two stages which amplify the speech signal, rectify it and operate the control relay (VOX RELAY). This enables the transmitter circuits to be energized when the microphone is spoken into. The receiver circuits are also simultaneously disabled when the transmitter is turned on. The relay controls the plate and screen voltages on the last three stages of the unit for efficient control of the system.

The RCVR. ANTI-TRIP stage enables the operator to use voice control operation and still enjoy the feature of receiving with the station loudspeaker. This prevents the loudspeaker signal from tripping the voice control circuits.

The Speech Amplifier

Refer to *Fig. 2*. Tube *V1*, serves as the two-stage speech amplifier. The input circuit to *V1a* accommodates the usual variety of high impedance microphones. The small condenser, *C9*, from the grid of *V1* to ground is to prevent any r-f from getting into the audio channel. The remainder of the circuit is quite conventional and needs no explanation.

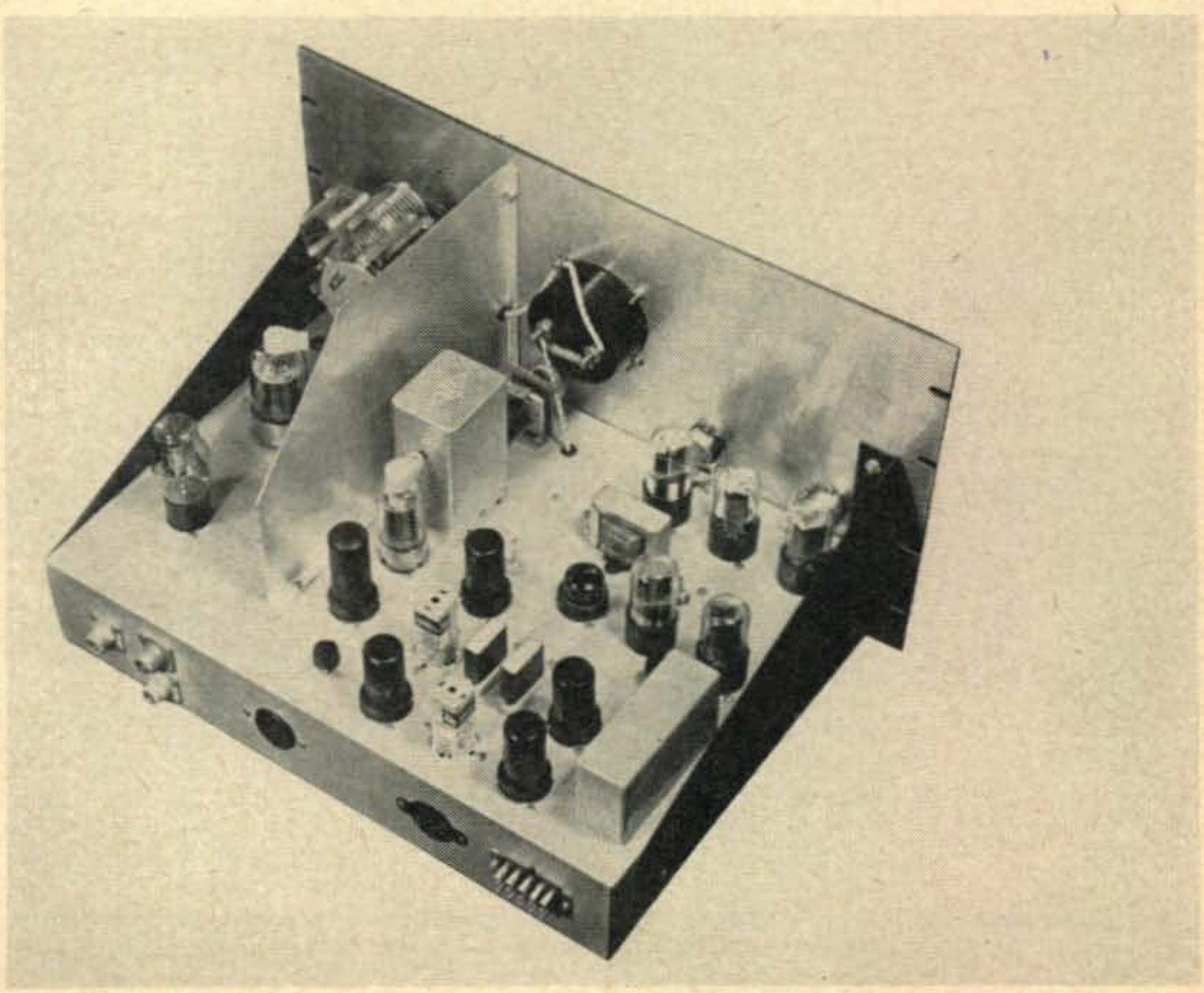
The Cathode Follower

This stage, *V2a*, isolates the audio section from the 50-kc. balanced modulator and provides the proper input impedance conditions for the balanced modulator. The audio voltage measured across *R21* should not exceed 0.25 volts peak value. The coupling condenser, *C16*, is made larger than the same circuit when used to feed a 455-kc. balanced modulator.

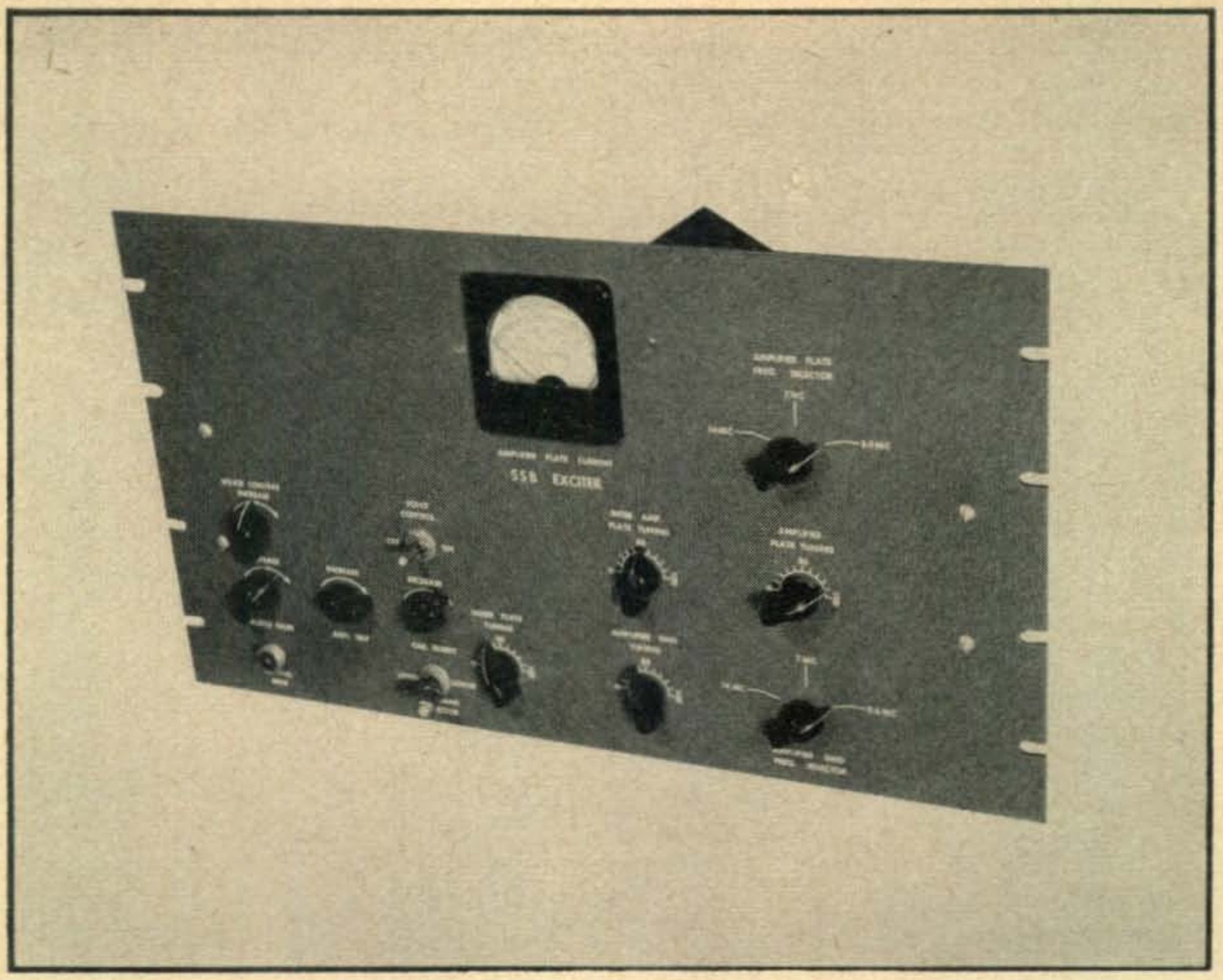
The Balanced Modulator

This circuit is the same configuration as that used with the 455-kc. mechanical filter with the exception that the size of two of the condensers were changed to make the proper impedance conditions hold true at the 50-kc. frequency. *C16* was made larger (now 1.0 μfd.) and *C17* was increased to 0.01 μfd. so that the audio input terminals would appear as a relatively low impedance at the 50-kc. oscillator frequency. The filter termination resistor, *R34*, had to be changed to 30,000 ohms in order to properly terminate the input impedance of the *Burnell S-15000* filter.

The phase inverter stage that feeds the 50-kc. oscillator signal to the two diodes operates as it did



Above rear chassis view of the "SSB 75-Watt Exciter." The Burnell filter is in the lower right hand corner of the chassis. The crystals used for sideband switching may be seen near the small Miller i-f transformers. Two 6146 tubes are partially hidden behind the shield.



A Front panel view of the 75-watt SSB exciter.

Fig. 2. Wiring schematic and parts list. This list also contains those parts shown in the supplemental schematic on page 31 which shows the power amplifier stages.

C1, C2, C3, C5, C6, C8, C11, C14, C15, C24—0.1 μfd., 400v., metalized paper.

C4, C7, C12, C13 — 0.1 μfd., 200 v., metalized paper.

C9, C32—50 μμfd., 500v., mica.

C10—1.0 μfd., 400v., metalized paper.

C16—1.0 μfd., 200v., metalized paper.

C17, C18, C19, C20, C23, C25, C26, C27, C28, C30, C33, C34, C35, C36, C37, C38, C39, C40, C49, C50, C51, C53, C54, C56, C57, C58, C60, C64 — 0.01 μfd., 600v., tubular ceramic, **Centralab BC Hi-Kaps.**

C21, C22 — 600 μμfd., 500v., silvered mica.

C29, C43, C48, C52—100 μμfd., 500v., silvered mica.

C31 — 200 μfd., 500v., mica.

C41, C65, C59—140 μμfd., air variable, **Hammarlund HF-140.**

C42—0.001 μfd., 500v., mica.

C44—100 μμfd., air variable, APC-type.

C45—35 μμfd., air variable, **Hammarlund.**

C46, C47 — 300 μμfd., 500v., silvered mica.

C55—0.01 μfd., 500v., mica.

C61—0.001 μfd., 2000v., mica.

C62—325 μμfd., air variable.

C63—0.001 μfd., 1000v., mica.

L1—30 mh., slug tuned coil, **Stancor WD-5.**

L2—27 turns, #22 wire on **National XR-16 form.**

L3—35 turns, #28 wire on **National XR-50.**

L4—24 turns, #22 wire on **National XR-50.**

L5—**Barker & Williamson** "Band-Hopper," Type 2A.

L6—**Barker & Williamson, Type BTEL,** band-switching turrett.

M—0-300 ma. d.c., **Simpson.**

R1, R5, R17—500,000-ohm potentiometer, **IRE type Q.**

R2, R6, R9, R16, R18—1500 ohms, 1w.

R3, R10, R20, R31, R42, R46, R56—10,000 ohms, 2w.

R4—2.2 megohm, ½w.

R7, R15, R19, R45—47,000 ohms, 2w.

R8, R14, R25, R26—10,000 ohms, 1w.

R11—1.5 megohm, ½w.

R12—3000 ohms, 1w.

R13, R23, R27, R28, R30, R32, R40, R47, R54—100,000 ohms, ½w.

R21—2200 ohms, 1w.

R22—5000 ohms, ½w.

R24 — 2000-ohm potentiometer, **IRC type Q.**

R29, R41, R55 — 1000 ohms, 1w.

R33—10,000-ohm potentiometer, **IRC type Q.**

R34—30,000 ohms, ½w.

R35, R43, R49, R53—1000 ohms, ½w.

R36—1.0 megohm, ½w.

R37, R50—200 ohms, ½w.

R38, R51—22,000 ohms, ½w.

R39, R52—22,000 ohms, 2w.

R44—1000-ohm potentiometer, **IRC type Q.**

R48—10,000 ohms, ½w.

R57, R58, R59, R62, R63, R66, R67—100 ohms, 1w.

R60—6000 ohms, 10w., wire wound.

R61—100 ohms, 4w. (two, 200-ohm, 2-watt resistors in parallel).

R64, R65—47 ohms, 1w.

RFC1, RFC5 — 2.5 mh., r-f choke.

RFC2, RFC3—1.0 mh., r-f choke.

RFC4, RFC6, RFC7 — 6 turns, #22 enam. wound on resistors R59, R64 and R65.

Ry1 — Three pole, DT, 10,000-ohm coil relay, **Automatic Electric Mfg. Co., type RL-45.**

Sw1—SPDT ceramic wafer switch.

Sw2 — DPDT toggle switch.

T1 — Line-to-grid transformer, **Merit** A2924, 500 ohms to 100,000 ohms, CT.

T2, T3 — Plate-to-push-pull grids, **Stancor** A-63C.

T4, T5—455-kc. i-f transformer, **Miller** type 012-C1.

V1, V2, V3, V4, V5—**RCA** type 6SN7.

V6—**RCA** type 6H6.

V7—**RCA** type 6J5.

V8, V10—type 6SB7Y.

V9—**RCA** type 6SH7.

V11—**RCA** type 6AG7.

V12—**RCA** type 2E26.

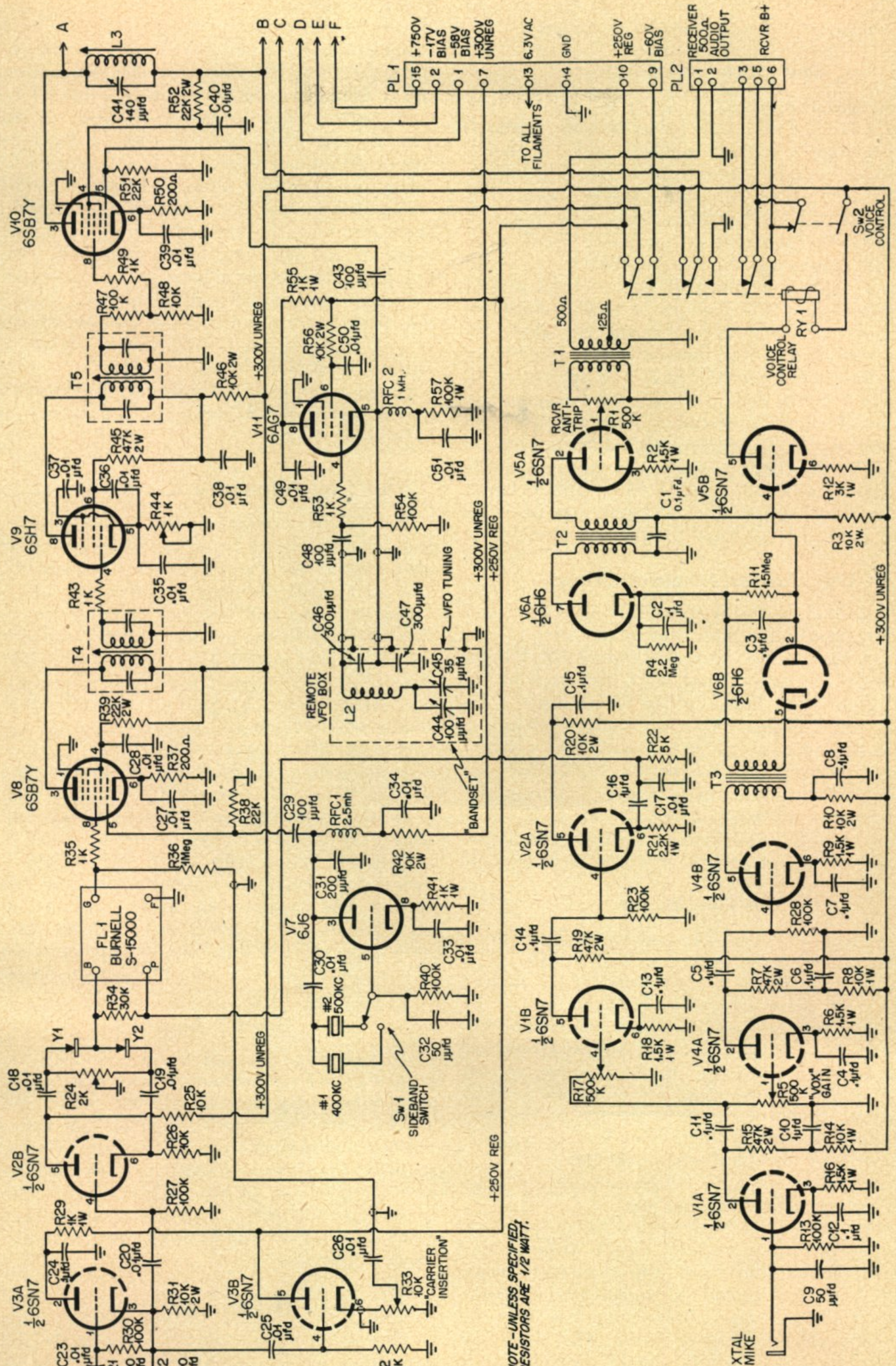
V13—**RCA** type VR-105.

V14, V15 — **RCA** type 6146.

Xtal-1 — 400-kc. crystal (see text).

Xtal-2 — 500-kc. crystal (see text).

Y1, Y2—1N34 crystals.


A
B
C
D
E
F
L3
C41 140 µµfd
R52 22K 2W
C40 .01µfd
PL1
+750V
-17V BIAS
-58V BIAS
+300V UNREG
6.3V AC
GND
+250V REG
-60V BIAS
TO ALL FILAMENTS
PL2
RECEIVER 500Ω AUDIO OUTPUT
RCVR B+
V10 6S87Y
R51 22K
R50 200Ω
C39 .01 µfd
R49 1K
R47 100 K
R48 10K
C43 100 µµfd
R55 1K 1W
R56 10K 2W
C50 .01µfd
RFC 2 1 MH.
R57 100K 1W
C51 .01 µfd
T5
R46 10K 2W
+300V UNREG
V11 6AG7
C49 .01 µfd
R53 1K
R54 100K
C48 100 µµfd
C46 300µµfd
C47 300µµfd
VFO TUNING
+300V UNREG
+250V REG
REMOTE VFO BOX
L2
C44 100 µµfd
C45 35 µµfd
Sw2 VOICE CONTROL
T1
500Ω
125Ω
RY 1
VOICE CONTROL RELAY
V9 6SH7
R45 47K 2W
C37 .01 µfd
C36 .01 µfd
R44 1K
C38 .01 µfd
C35 .01 µfd
R43 1K
T4
R39 22K 2W
C28 .01 µfd
R37 200Ω
V8 6SB7Y
R35 1K
R36 1Meg
C27 .01 µfd
R38 22K
C29 100 µµfd
RFC1 2.5mh
C34 .01 µfd
"BANDSET"
FL1 BURNELL S-15000
R34 30K
Y1
Y2
C18 .01 µfd
C19 .01µfd
R24 2K
R25 10K
R26 10K
+300V UNREG
V7 6J6
C31 200 µµfd
R42 10K 2W
R41 1K 1W
C33 .01 µfd
C30 .01 µfd
R40 100K
#2 500KC
#1 400KC
C32 50 µµfd
Sw1 SIDEBAND SWITCH
+250V REG
V2B ½6SN7
R29 1K 1W
C24 .1µfd
C20 .01µfd
R27 100K
V3A ½6SN7
R31 10K 2W
C23 .01 µfd
R30 100K
C21 600 µµfd
C22 600 µµfd
L1 30mh
V3B ½6SN7
C25 .01 µfd
C26 .01 µfd
R33 10K "CARRIER INSERTION"
R32 100K
NOTE-UNLESS SPECIFIED, RESISTORS ARE 1/2 WATT.
V5A ½6SN7
RCVR ANTI-TRIP
R1 500 K
R2 1.5K 1W
C1 0.1µfd.
V5B ½6SN7
R12 3K 1W
R3 10K 2W.
T2
V6A ½6H6
R11 1.5Meg
C2 .1 µfd
R4 2.2 Meg
C3 .1µfd
V6B ½6H6
C15 .1µfd
R20 10K 2W
R22 5K
C16 .1µfd
C17 .01 µfd
R21 2.2K 1W
V2A ½6SN7
R23 100K
C14 .1µfd
R19 47K 2W
V1B ½6SN7
C13 .1µfd
R18 1.5K 1W
R17 500 K
T3
C8 .1µfd
R10 10K 2W
R9 1.5K 1W
V4B ½6SN7
C7 .1µfd
R28 100K
C5 .1µfd
R7 47K 2W
C6 .1µfd
R8 10K 1W
V4A ½6SN7
R6 1.5K 1W
C4 .1µfd
R5 500 K "VOX" GAIN
C11 .1µfd
R15 47K 2W
C10 1µfd
R14 10K 1W
V1A ½6SN7
R16 1.5K 1W
R13 100K
C12 .1 µfd
C9 50 µµfd
XTAL MIKE

in the companion exciter. The only change here was enlarging the coupling condensers to 0.01 μfd. to accommodate the lowered operating frequency.

The 50-kc. Oscillator

This oscillator circuit is of the self-excited type and was found quite stable for its purpose. A search was made for a suitable oscillator coil that would be readily available to the constructor. A television replacement "width" coil was decided upon. The slug-tuned coil had sufficient inductance range to tune with the available silvered-mica condensers. The coil chosen was the *Stancor WD-5* unit which has a secondary winding. It was thought at first that this extra winding might be used to feed the balanced modulator without using the phase inverter tube, but it was found that the impedance of the balancing control, *R24*, was so low as to stop the Colpitts oscillator circuit from operating. No special circuit precautions were taken. If the oscillator has a simultaneous parasitic oscillation along with the fundamental 50-kc. signal, a 2000-ohm resistor should be put in series with the grid lead of *V3a* right at the grid pin, *pin #1*. This should curb any tendency for parasitic instability.

The Carrier Insertion Stage

This cathode follower stage is conventional and the only precaution that was taken was to use shielded wire to run from the cathode of *V3b* to the carrier insertion control, *R33*, and back to the signal grid of *V8*. This kept the 50-kc. signal from getting into speech or voice control channels. Should there happen to be too much 50-kc. signal getting into the VOX channel, the VOX relay will stay in the "transmitter-on" position despite the position of the *VOX-ON-OFF* switch, *Sw2*. This condition can be remedied by connecting a 1000-μμfd. mica condenser from *pin 4* of *V4b* to ground.

The First Mixer

This stage, *V8*, is the conventional receiver-type of mixer circuit using a 6SB7Y tube. The output circuit, *T4*, is a *Miller type 12-C1* midget "K-tran" i-f transformer. By all means use an i-f transformer of this quality. The selectivity of the transformers, *T4* and *T5*, must be great enough to successfully eliminate the mixer injection signals at 400 and 500 kilocycles. These signals will be c-w signals that will appear at the transmitter output unless eliminated at this low-frequency level. The oscillator injection voltage should not be too high—a level of about 10 volts rms from *pin #5* of V8 to ground should be sufficient.

If the builder is still plagued with the presence of the 50-kc. "off-frequency" signals after careful construction and adjustment, a third i-f transformer of the same type should be added to the circuit following *T5* and very loosely coupled to *T5* with a 5 or 10 μμfd. coupling condenser. The secondary of this added transformer should then be connected to the grid of *V10* through the voltage dividing network composed of *R47*, *R48*, and *R49*. The increased selectivity of this added i-f transformer will undoubtedly remedy the situation. There is sufficient chassis space on the present chassis lay-out to permit the mounting of an additional *Miller 12-C1* midget transformer beside *T5*.

Another way to eliminate this "off-frequency" signal trouble would be to use a balanced modulator instead of a single-ended mixer as shown. The *Burnell* filter, however, has a single-ended output circuit and a balance cannot be easily forced using this particular filter. A balanced modulator circuit using a pair of multi-grid tubes could have been used with the SSB signal fed in single-ended while the oscillator was fed in push-pull. The output circuit would then have to be a single-ended arrangement. A calculated gamble was taken with the circuit shown and it is felt that an attenuation of over 40 db. of the "off-frequency" signals at the signal grid of *V10* should be sufficient for the purpose. An additional i-f transformer as already mentioned should knock these spurious signals down by another 20 db.

The Low-Frequency Crystal Oscillator

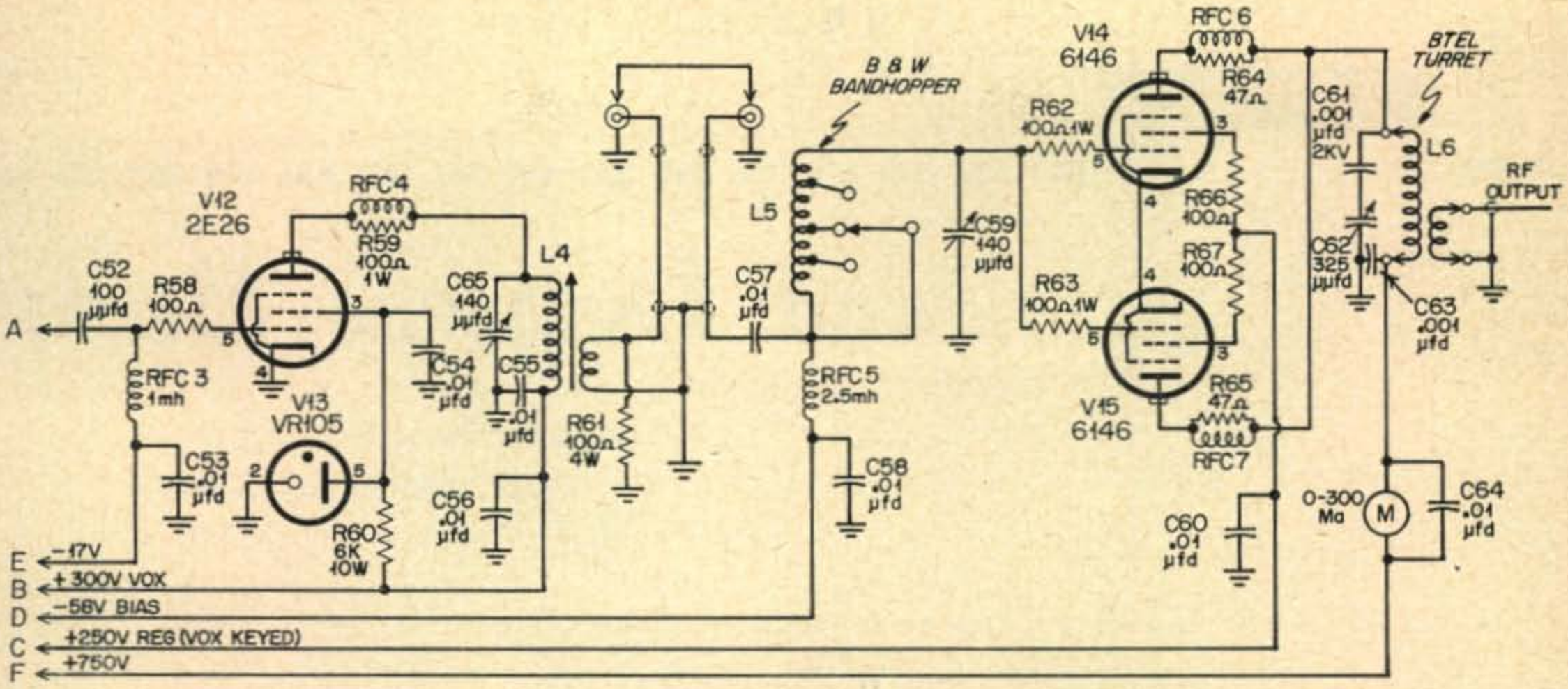
The sideband switch, *Sw-1*, selects the proper heterodyning crystal for upper and lower sideband operation. If the two crystals are not exactly 100 kilocycles apart the upper and lower sidebands (when the switch is thrown) will not be exactly "back-to-back"—that is the carrier frequency for the lower sideband will be slightly different than the carrier frequency of the upper sideband. This may be corrected by putting a small adjustable condenser from the grid-end of one of the crystals to ground. The proper capacity must be found by experimentation or careful measurement with a BC-221 frequency-meter. If the crystals are slightly over 100 kc. apart, the condenser should be connected to the 500 kilocycle crystal, and if the frequencies are a little under 100 kc. apart, the condenser should be connected to the 400-kc. crystal. The capacity should be increased slowly until the frequency comes to be exactly 100 kilocycles apart. All of this must be done after the 50-kc. oscillator has been carefully set on frequency.

The I-F Amplifier

This stage is standard in most respects as conventional receiver techniques have been used. This stage may give a little trouble with self-oscillation. If this is the case, use heavy bypassing with large paper or electrolytic condensers from screen and cathode to ground. NOTE: Do *not* use resistor swamping of any of the i-f transformer windings to stabilize this stage. This will destroy the selectivity of the i-f transformers that is needed so badly.

The Second Mixer

This stage, *V10*, is the final step of the double-heterodyne system. A 6SB7Y tube is again used in a conventional circuit. The signal input to the signal grid, *pin #8* of *V10*, must not exceed 0.25 volts peak value so the resistive voltage-divider



This portion of the wiring schematic includes the two power amplifying stages of the SSB 75-watt exciter. The parts are included in the main listing on page 28. The jumper between the 2E26 and 6146 stages is used to couple to an external heterodyne unit which enables operation on other amateur bands.

composed of *R47* and *R48* must be used to give an 11-to-1 reduction in output voltage of the preceding i-f amplifier. The total shunt resistance of the voltage divider is not low enough to harm the selective properties of *T5*.

The v-f-o signal voltage from *pin #5* of *V10* to ground should be adjusted to 10 volts by varying the size of the coupling condenser, *C43*, or changing the resistance of the screen resistor, *R56*, of the v.f.o.

The V.F.O.

The familiar Clapp oscillator circuit with its remote tank circuit is used. For this particular exciter, a remote cable length of four feet was used. The added co-ax capacity apparently swamps the output to a certain extent and also changes the required tuning capacity. Pictures showing the constructional details of this remote box are shown.

The 2E26 Stage

This stage operates straight through on 4.0 megacycles as class A or slightly into the class AB_1 region. The output circuit is "swamped" with the 100-ohm resistor, *R61*, so that any tendency toward oscillation will be eliminated. Be sure that this stage, as well as *all* stages, are completely stable and free of self-oscillation.

The output circuit of the 2E26 stages goes to the coaxial fitting on the rear of the chassis so that it may be connected to the external heterodyne unit for working bands other than 75 meters. For 75-meter operation the output is patched through to the grid input circuit of the power amplifier by using a short length of RG-58/U as a patchcord. Even though the output of the 2E26 is heavily loaded by *R61*, there is plenty of driving voltage at the grids of the following stage. The screen voltage is regulated by *V13* so that good linearity may be maintained under all signal input conditions.

The 6146 Stage

This power amplifier stage uses two type 6146 tubes in parallel and is capable of 75 to 100 watts output. The grid tank circuit is identical to that used in the transmitter described in "SSB Techniques," i.e. the *B & W* "Bandhopper" is used as a bandswitching device and is coupled through the cold end of the coil to the link line from the 2E26 stage or from the heterodyne unit.

Two tubes are operated in parallel and the plate impedance will be lowered to half that of a single-tube final. Since the "40-meter" coil of the *BTEL* plate circuit turret was used on 75 meters, for a single tube, this same coil must be modified by removing sufficient turns to make the plate tank circuit tune with about 220 $\mu\mu$fd. for the 3.9 Mc. band. Since the tank tuning condenser has a straight-line wavelength plate configuration, and has a 325 $\mu\mu$fd. maximum capacity, the proper point for 75-meter tuning is about three-quarters fully-meshed. The higher frequency band coils must also be pruned so that 100 $\mu\mu$fd. is used for tuning on 40 meters with the nominal "20-meter" *BTEL* coil. Likewise the "15-meter" coil must be pruned so that about 50-$\mu\mu$fd. tuning capacity is used when operating on 20 meters. Absolutely no trouble was encountered in this stage with either fundamental-frequency oscillation or parasitic oscillation. The bias was set so that the idling plate current was 60 ma. and the stage performed just "like all the books say."

The Voice Control System

This part of the exciter has largely been described in detail in *Chapter VIII*. The two-stage amplifier *V4a* and *V4b* raise the speech signal to a high level and apply it to one-half of a *6H6* tube through transformer *T3*. The diode rectifies the signal and the rectified voltage appears across

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DX

and Overseas News

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We welcome the following station to the HONOR ROLL:

VE6MN 38-131

HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND DX, TO ONE AND ALL!!

VQ6LQ Off; Will Return in April

BRITISH SOMALILAND, VQ6LQ: As this is being read, Charley will be on a four-month leave in England. Upon his return, about April 3rd, he will be on the air again with redoubled energy. VQ6LQ's first contacts in each W district (October) were as follows: WILZE, W2PRN (First W), W3JMN, W4CEN, W5MMK, W6RW, W7AH, W8OGV, W9FJY and WØNLY. First in Canada was VE1MF while G3KP was No. 1 in G-land. VQ6LQ ran 200 watts and was found near 14060 kc. Former calls held by Charley are: YI2RT, '30-'32; VU2NH/VU2DX, '32-'35; G3LQ, '38-'39; ZD1LQ, '48 and EL3LQ in '49.

VS5KU and ZC3AC Active

BRUNEI, VS5KU: Activity from this station has been noted around 1230 GMT near 14050 kc. He is ex-G2KU and QSL's should go via RSGB. . . . CHRISTMAS ISLAND, ZC3AC: A report from ZL2FA confirms activity from this rare spot by working ZC3AC on 14160-kc. phone. 2FA says that 3AC is apparently a newcomer to Hamdom and requests that pile-ups be avoided so that he will not be 'frightened' off the air. Hm-m-m-m! QSL's should go via the VS1 Bureau.

Final Itinerary of G2RO

PACIFIC ISLANDS, COCOS, G2RO: Bob's island tour is now under way and he was heard as VR2RO, in Fiji, from November 4 to 17. His appearance in Honiara, Solomon Islands, as VR4RO, was scheduled for November 22 to December 7. From December 15 to January 30 Bob is slated to be in the Gilbert and Ellice group as VR1RO. At this point he says that he will probably visit other islands and should be looked for between December 30 and January 12 at such spots (G2RO would like to hit the British Phoenix Islands and also Pitcairn Island, but chances look rather dim). After a stop in Sydney, January 30 to February 5, Bob will begin his homeward trip via Cocos, Mauritius and Kenya where he will be on the air for short periods as follows (the dates are approximate): Cocos, ZC2RO, February 6 to February 8; Mauritius, VQ8RO/VQ8AY, February 8 to February 12; Kenya, VQ4RO, February 12 to February 18. Home in London, February 20.

Look For Rodriguez and Afghanistan

RODRIGUEZ ISLAND, INDIAN OCEAN: This is a reminder that VQ8AL and VQ8AR had planned a ten to fifteen day trip to this spot sometime in January. We have received no further word, but advise you to keep your ears cocked. This island is some 330 miles east of Mauritius and might qualify as a "new" one. . . . AFGHANISTAN, YA: Bob, W1JRA, advises that he plans a three-month stay in Kabul, visiting his parents in the U.S. Embassy there, in about four months time. He is applying for a Ham ticket and, if things go as planned, Bob will have a 250-watt rig on the air and dispense those much needed YA contacts during his visit.

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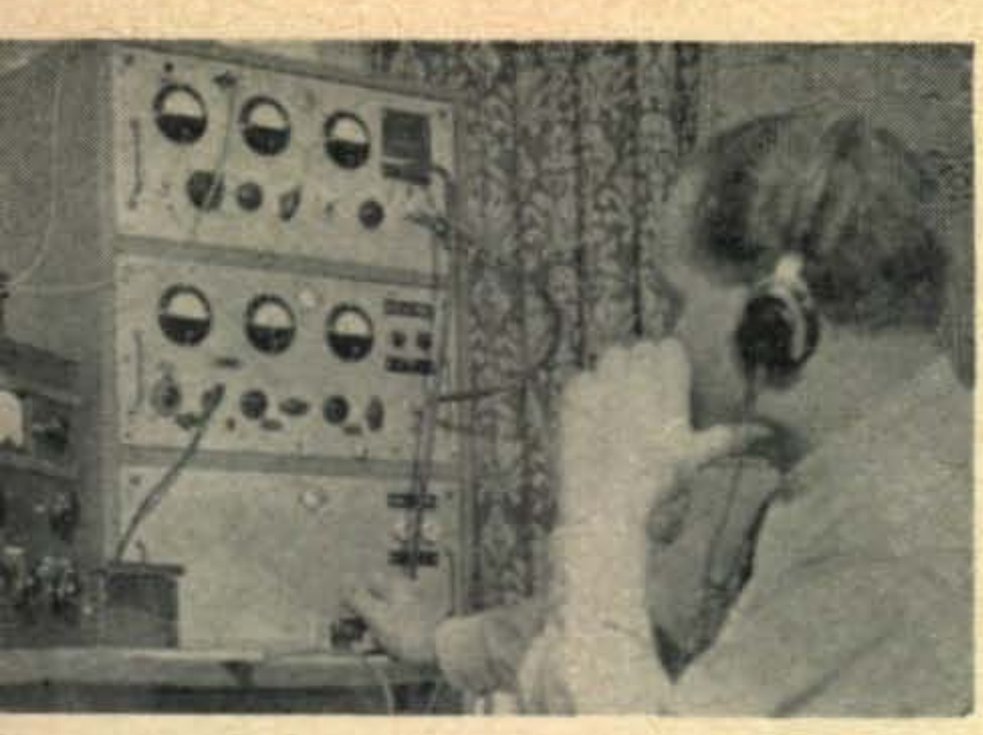


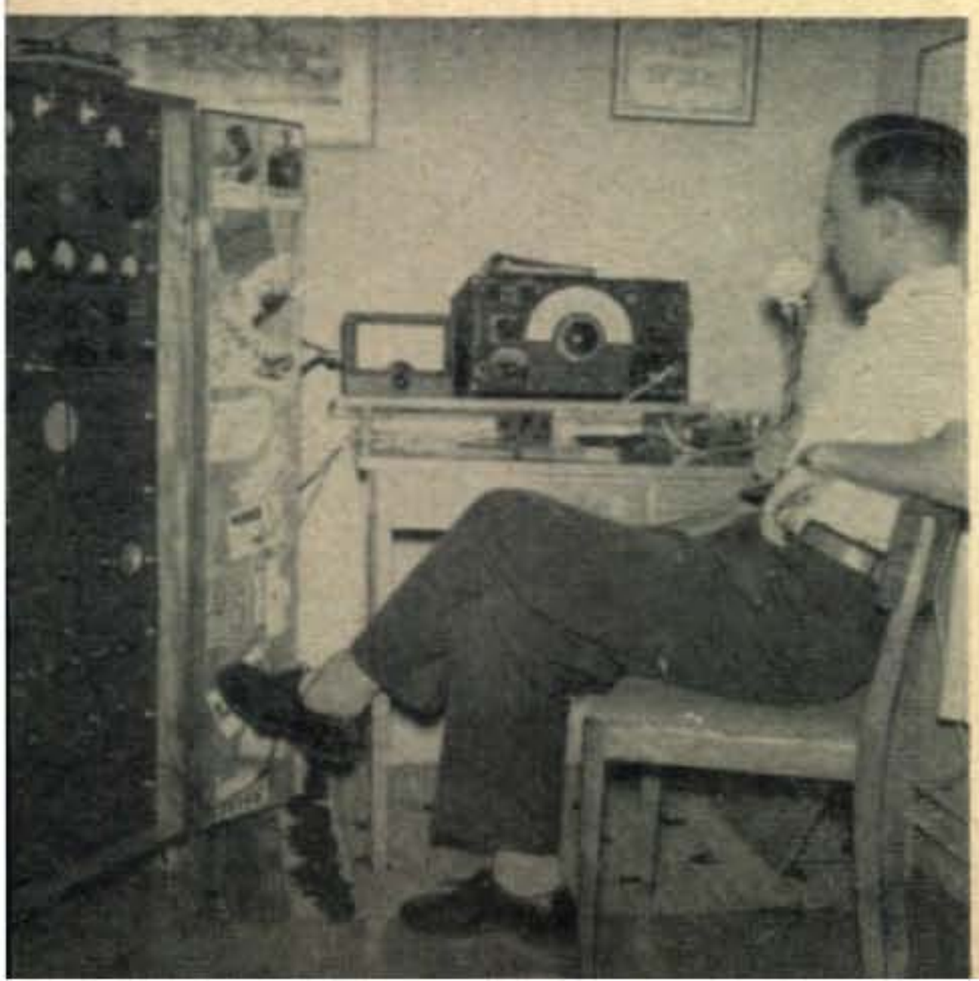
Vienna, Austria is well represented by Erwin Heitler, OE1ER, ex-OE1CD. Erwin is WAZ and has a country total of 223.

The two ops at HB1MX/HE between Sept. 1 and 6 were (l. to r.) Frank, OE1FF and Kurt, HB9MX. The potent signals came from a pair of 4-125A's modulated by 211's. This was pushed by a Collins v.f.o. The receiver was a CR-101.

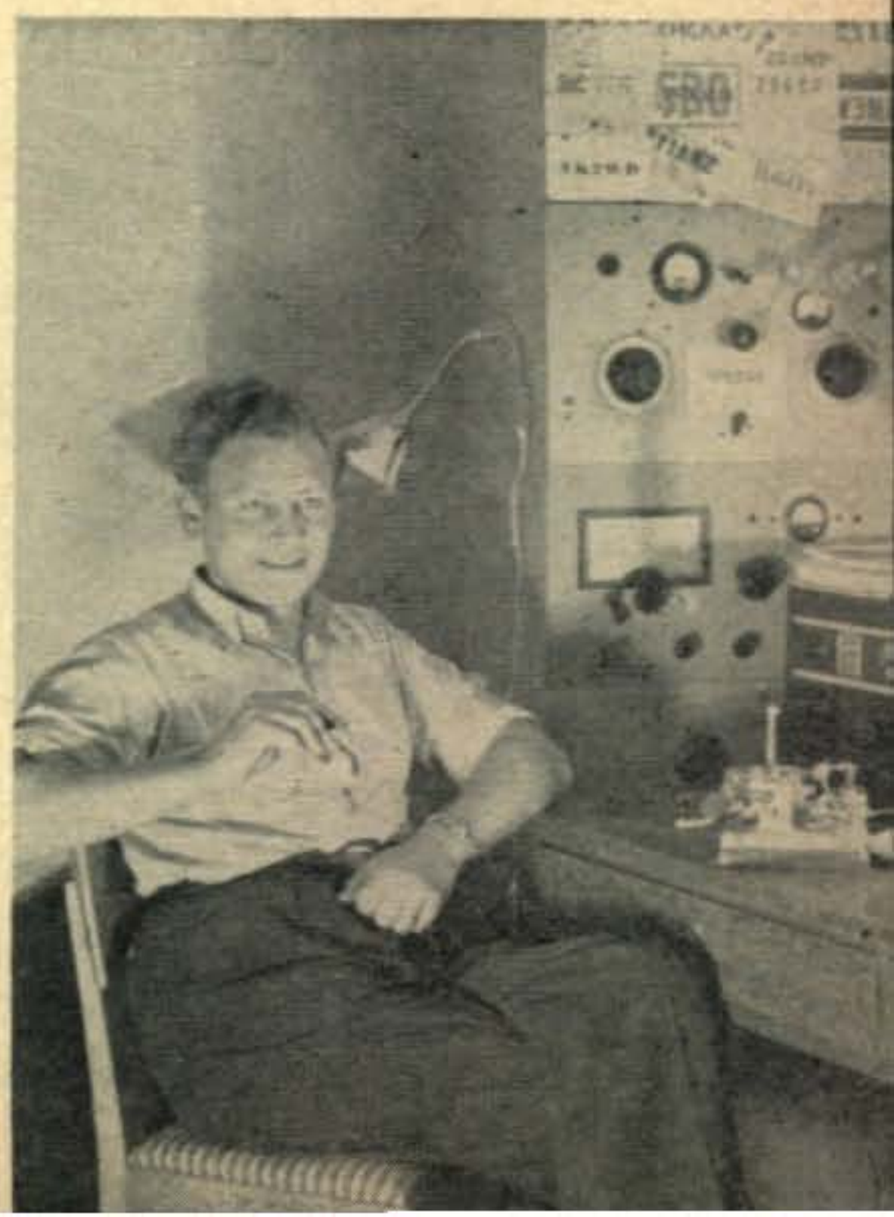
Attending the annual meeting of the W9-DXCC'ers, Chicago, September 18th were: (Front row) W9ABB, W9QIY, W9NN, W9FID, W9FJY, W9JUV; (Second row) W9IU, W9VND, W9JJF, W9RHA, W9RBI, W9KXK, W9HUZ; (Standing) W9PNV, W9EWC, W9MZP, W9RKP, W9CFT, W9AMU, W9FDX, W9TKV, W9WFS, W9ESQ, W9PGW, W9JIP, W9RQM, W9GDI, W9KA, W9LI, W9UXO, W9IOD, W9GRV, W9LNM, W9AEH, W9FJB, W9YFV, W9GIL, W9DHT, W9WKU, W9ABA, W9FKC, W9TRD. Unable to attend were W9UM, W9VIN and W9PSR. The meeting was highlighted with talks by W9TRD on callbook publishing problems, two-meter beam demonstrations by W9PNV, functioning of the W9-QSL Bureau by W9CFT, DX talks by maestro W9RBI and emergency action by W9EWC who furnished ample quantities of delectable Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese.

(Photo courtesy CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

Operating position at SM6AJN, Boraas, Sweden with Rolf at the mike. One thousand volts on a single 813 results in a 200-watt signal. The receiver here is a British war surplus R1155A.



The signals of Arne, SM1BSA, Isle of Gotland, are very well-known. He does a commendable job filling in the SM1 prefix for the WASM certificate. One hundred twenty watts to a pair of 807's are in the metal cabinet. The familiar AR-88 is perched on the desk. Arne was stricken by polio in 1953 and currently navigates with a wheelchair. He is progressing and expects to be back as a Customs Officer (Stockholm Airport) next year. Arne is QRV daily around 14010 CW and 14150 phone. 175 confirmed.



DX Notes

W7HXG reports **ZD9AB** on 14079 around 2100 GMT. . . . **CEØAC**, Dr. Verdugo, has now returned to Chile. CEØAC made few contacts due to difficulties with his electric plant. . . . The Chilean transport "Esmeralda" should now be back from Easter Island with the log of **CEØAD** and CE3AG will be able to answer the 300, or so, QSL's that have been received by the RCC for CEØAD. Ignacio, CEØAD, will continue to hand out contacts as time and gas supply permit. . . . Dave Laing, **VK2DE**, ex-ZC3AB, may be reached at 16 Rose Street, Chippendale, N.S.W., Australia. Dave states that he should turn up in YJ1-land in the not too distant future. . . . **ZS2AT** passes news that **FB8BK** works only on 7047 and he is pretty QRP. He can be found there on Sundays at 0700 GMT. . . . **VR1A** is active again on Tarawa as evidenced by QSO's with W2PRN and W2TVR, 1700 GMT, 14020. . . . F7BM (K2JCS) received QSL from **UB5CF**. . . . One **KD6AT** has been in evidence. He says QTH will be on his QSL (??). . . . **FY7YB** may be heard around 14030, 1100 GMT. Also, **FY7YE**, who sticks to 14061. . . . Via the *North California DX'er* we hear that **W6RRG** should now be in VP7 land for a year's stay. He also plans a trip to HI-land and advises that some of the boys in his group will make a quick trip to Ascension Island, ZD8, later on. . . . **W6MHB** plans on being at Cocos Island, **TI9**, around the 1st of February.

The following lucky ones contacted **VR2BZ/ZM7** during his August trip to Tokelau (*So. Cal. DX Bulletin*): W6NZW, W6AM, W6MUR, ZL1BY, ZL4JP, W6SYG, KL7PI, ZL1AH, W6CUQ, W6DIP, W6YY, W6LDD, W4KVX, W6EDJ, W9HUZ, KH6WU, W4TM, W4CEN, W6MBA, W6EBK, WØNWX, W6PYH, W6DZZ, W4TO, W6BUD, ZL1AJU, W6LW, W6AOA, W6MX, W6CYV, W6NTR, W6OYD, W6MHB, ZL1HY, W8ZY, KH6AVU, W6TZD, W9NDA, W6GIZ, W6WB, W6BAX, KV4AA, ZL2GX, ZL3JA, W6AWT, W6RW, W6ENV, W7KVU, WØAZT, W5MIS, W6VE, VE6VK and WØDXE.

DX-ploits

Chas., **W1FH**, adding HKØEV and FO8AJ, reaches 257. . . . Andy, **W6ENV**, ups to 254 thanks to HKØAI and KC4AB and takes over the second place spot. . . . Don, **W6AM**, is also up there with HKØAI and KC4AB for a 251 total. . . . Steve, **W2BXA**, hits 248 with FO8AJ, HKØCV and KC4AB while Jim, **W8JIN**, lags just behind, with 247, adding KC4AB. . . . Jesse, **W3KT**, adds FO8AJ, MP4QAH and KC4AB for 246. Close behind is **G6RH** who reaches 245 thanks to LB8YB. . . . **W3JMN** goes to 239 with HKØEX and SVØWK/9 while Luis, **CE3AG**, submits FO8AJ and HKØGP to rest on 236. . . . Dewey, **W6VE**, rises to 231 with VQ6LQ, OY2Z and VP2GW. While Don, **WØPNQ**, comes up to date with 9S4AX, VR1G, FG7XA, FB8BB, EA9DD and FO8AJ to reach 224. . . . **OE1ER** (ex-OE1CD) arrives at 223 with such as SVØWK/9, MP4QAJ, ZP9AY, HR1AA and EA9DF. . . . **W6BUD** is now listed at 215 with LZ1KDP, FO8AJ, VK1HM, EA9AP, VS4RO, CN2AD and VR2BZ/ZM7 while **W7ENW** goes to 185 with VR3A, LB8YB and VK9YY. . . . **W6PCS** submits new list which raises him ten to 184. . . . **KV4AA** ups to 243 with KC4AB while Glenn, **W8KIA**, reaches 240 with same.

With the best receiver and a good antenna
I tune around in a great dilemma
If I can't hear them, I can usually guess them
But where do I find this WSEM?

W6MUR

Al, **W2WZ**, hits 238 with **ZC5RO**, SVØWK/9 and HKØAI as Ev, **KP4KD**, goes to 209 thanks to KC4AB and HI6TC. . . . Sergio, **CO2SW**, breaks the 200 barrier with a vengeance and makes it 208 with such as LU1ZT, ZD6BX, KC4AB, CEØAD, ZS9I, LU7ZM, ZS7C, VQ6LQ and CR5JB. . . . Lee, **VK3XO**, reaches 172 with ZC5RO, VS5RO, FB8XX, VK9RH, ZM6AL and VP8AA while Vern, **W7CNM**, gains a zone with VK1DY (Heard), and goes on to add FO8AJ, FB8XX, VS5RO, CEØAD, ZD9AB and ZM6AL for 171. . . . Pat, **W2GVZ**, advances to 182 with KC4AB while **F9AH** hits 165 thanks to PJ2AI. . . . Fritz, OE1FF, adds KC6CG, DU 7SV, VQ6LQ, EI2X, FK8AL and CR9AF for 154. . . . Juan, **KP4CC**, rests on 197 with LU7ZM and VQ6LQ while **WØAIH** adds ZS7D for No. 176. . . . **W4EPA** makes it 162 with F9QV/FC and LU8ZS as Don, **W9WCE**, keyed with FY7YE, ZK1AB, VQ6LQ and CEØAD for 154. . . . **W6HJ** came up with FA8DA, VP6PV, ZS9G, CEØAD, C3BF, JZØKF, AG2AA (Trieste), etc. to reach 116 and Bill, **KV4BB**, went to 185 with UB5KAB, VQ6LQ and KC4AB.

On the "phone only" side of the ledger HKØCV and FO8AJ put **W2BXA** on 204. **W6AM** miked with KC4AB for No. 175. **W3JNN** went to 201 with SVØWK/9. **HC2JR** reached 178 thanks to ZC5VR, HKØDE and KC4AB. **W3KT** came up to date with VQ3KIF, EA9DD, FO8AJ, F8FW/FC and KC4AB to reach 169 on A3 while CS3AC gave **W9WCE** his No. 126. . . . Frank, **VK2QL**, took 12 months to work over 100 at new QTH. . . . **W2GFW** nailed VQ6LQ for No. 180 while Fred, **W5AVF**, snagged HKØAI, VQ6LQ and FY7YZ to hit 152. . . . Jim, **G6ZO**, nabbed CO2MO on 21 Mc. for No. 100 on that band. This gives Jim DXCC on FIVE SEPARATE BANDS. . . . **W8KI** finally completed WAC with JA8AQ. . . . **W1QGU** tuned his 3.5-Mc. wire on 21 and his first contact was a new country, ZS3K. . . . **LU5AQ** went to 175 with ZD6BX, ZS9I, TF3MB, KB6AQ and KP6AG. . . . VQ6LQ was No. 250 for **W3CRA**. . . . New ones at **W3UXX** were OE13USA, SP9KAD and HA7OL while Paul, **K2GFQ** (ex-W6JKH), went to 144 with VU2EJ, YI2AM and VQ6LQ. . . . At W6TKX, 7 Mc. accounted for KR6AA, HK4DP, VS6CW and CR6AC. During the contest Dick ran his 7-Mc. total to 92 with FK8AO, VS1FE and YV5DE. . . . George, **W7AHX**, went to 119 A3 and 179 CW with such as ZB1BF, OD5AV, YI2AM, LB8YB and EA9AP on 14 CW while A3 operation accounted for TA3AA, ET2XX, CT1SX, LA5YE, OD5AB, etc., on the same band. 21-Mc. phone resulted in EL2X, ZS6DW, OQ5RU, GW3CDT, ZB2A, KC6AA, to mention a few. . . . **W5VIR** went to 75 on 21 Mc. with CR6BH. . . . **KP4KD** made it 101 on 7 Mc. with KM6AX, VP2GW and EL2X. . . . **CE3AG** rolled up 402,210 points in the recent contest. . . . Some West Coast highs (Via W6AM) were: **W6BUD**, 260,000; **W6ITA**, 218,680; **W6YMD** (ex-W6JID) helped by W6AOA-W6OZ-W6KFV-K6BRW, 189,244; **W6AM** with W6QMJ-W6KSF-W6BXL-W6GFE, 183,214 (All CW).

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LU7DJS——Sadit Hector Penacini, J. M. Estrada 278, Lobos, FCNGR, Bs. As. Argentina.
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VP2GW——Box 108, Grenada, B.W.I.
VP8BG——Via W5GEL.
VS5KU (ex-G2KU)-Via RSGB.
W1WY (ex-W2WC)-Frank Anzalone, 14 Sherwood Road, Stamford, Conn.
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160 Meters

TI2BX went to 1830 kc. on Oct. 24th and immediately nabbed W4VNE, W3EIS, W2GGL, W9PNE, W2EQS and W3RGQ. All averaging 589. . . . In October **W1BB** pulled in G6GM, G3PU and numerous W's. **W2EQS** has nabbed G6GM. . . . **G6GM** needs VP4LZ to complete his top-band WAC. JANUARY TRANSATLANTIC TESTS, 0500-0800 GMT, ON THE SECOND, SIXTEENTH AND THIRTIETH.

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W6MEK	248
W2BXA	248
W6SN	247
W6SYG	247
W8JIN	247
W3BES	246
W8PQQ	246
W3KT	246
G6RH	245
W2AGW	244
W9NDA	244
W3GHD	243
W6MX	243
W8NBK	242
W8BHW	242
W3EVW	241
W6ADP	241
W3JTC	240
VE4RO	240
W3GAU	239
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W3JNN	239
W6GRL	237
W6MEK	236
CE3AG	236
W3CPV	235
W7AMX	235
LU6DJX	234
W6AMA	233
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W6GDJ	233
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G4CP	232
W7DL	232
W6VE	231
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W8BRA	228
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W6EBG	227
W6PFD	226
VK2ACX	226
W6TS	225
W6SAI	224
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WØDU	218
W6PKO	218
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W4CYU	203
W6HJT	203
LU8EN	203
W6RM	202
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W6AOA	202
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G3DO	200
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WØNTA	188
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ZS6DW	162
I1IR	162
W6PDB	161
OK1SV	160
VE3EK	160
W6UPY	160
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WØOUH	157
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W6BUY	157
W6QD	157
ZS6FN	157
OH5NK	157
W7BE	156
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DL1DC	155
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VK5KO	155
G3AAM	154
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W6NRQ	123
W6MLY	123
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ZS2EC	116
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W6DUB	89
W7IYA	59

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W5ASG	240
W8KIA	240
W2WZ	238
W1CLX	234
F8BS	232
W2NSZ	232
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W3EPV	229
W8DMD	225
W1ENE	225
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W3OCU	224
W2QHH	224
W9LNM	224
W1BIH	221
W1GKK	219
W1JYH	219
W1HX	218
W9FKC	216
W9HUZ	216
W3DRD	211
W5MPG	211
W5FFW	211
W4GG	211
W2BJ	211
W3DKT	210
VK4FJ	210
W5LVD	209
W8SYC	209
KP4KD	209
W2HHF	208
CO2SW	208

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W9IU	201
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W3JKO	200
W2EMW	198
W4RBQ	198
W9MXX	197
W7PGS	197
W6GPB	197
SM5WI	196
W2CWE	192
VE3AAZ	192
W2IMU	192
W2AGO	191
W1AWX	191
OK1VW	190
GM3CSM	190
OE3CC	189
WØEYR	186
VE3IJ	186
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W9TQL	184
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W2MEL	183
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W4VE	171
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W9LM	170
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W6WO	166
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SM7QY	158
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WØAIW	157
I1AY	157
W8WWV	157
WØRBA	157
DL1AT	156
W9YNB	155
DL1FK	155
I1AIV	154
DL1KB	154
W6CUL	154
G3AKU	150
VE7VC	150
W1ZD	150
W2GUR	146
W6CAE	146
TF3SF	145
OK1AB	144
W6MUF	144
TF3EA	142
VS7NX	140
W6KYT	135
W7HXG	134
W7ETK	132
W9ALI	132
W6TE	131
W6WJX	131
W5CPI	130
KL7UM	129
DL1DA	127
W6EYC	126
VR5PL	124
DL3DU	118
W6NRZ	117
W6JWL	114
W6FBC	114
W6VAT	110
DL3AB	107
W7GXA	105
W6LEV	103
W6FXL	93
W7LEE	91

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PY4IE	215
W2HMJ	206
W1HA	205
GM3EST	202

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W8KPL	188
WØTKX	187
W5KUJ	187
W2GVZ	182
W2PUD	181
W2SHZ	180
W8FJN	173
W8EYE	172
W3FYS	172
W1BFT	166
GM2UU	165
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VE2BV	163
W6TXL	161
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W3LVJ	157
W2UEI	156
LU7CD	155
OE1FF	154
DL1YA	153
W4LQN	152
W5MET	150
ZL4DO	147
W6ETJ	144
W8ZMC	143
WØAZT	143
ZL3AB	143
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MP4BAD	135
W4FPK	131
VE6MN	131
W2PQJ	130
W3ZN	129
EA1AB	129
W9MZP	126
FE8AB	126
W9TB	122
GW4CX	120
WØFET	118
KL7PJ	117
W7EYS	107
VK6DX	103
C1CH	84

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KP4CC	197
W1KFV	177
OZ7BG	174
W2OST	169
W3WU	162
W4EPA	162
VE3LJ	161
W2ZA	160
IS1AHK	160
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W9WCE	154
W9LI	151
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W1APA	138
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W7HKT	130
W4DIA	129
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OH3OE	118
W6YX	117
VE1EA	116
G3BPP	112
W6AX	110
WØFFW	108
W7PK	104
W8HSW	104
W2BLS	99
W6WWW	99
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W4HA	182
WØAIH	176
W2ZVS	169
GM2DBX	165
W3AXT	156
W3AYS	151
W3MZE	150
I1IT	140
WØCU	139
F9RS	139
OA4AK	128
VE1PQ	128
I1IZ	128
F8TM	124
W2BF	115
4X4BX	112
W5CD	108
W2JA	102

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KV4BB	185
KG4AF	182
W5FXN	169
W1DEP	159
W1RAN	150
W2AZS	142
W6ZZ	135
W4DHZ	132
W9CKP	132

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W5AWT	125
OE5YL	122
ZL3CP	121
W9RQM	119
CO6AJ	119
WØGBJ	116
W6HJ	116
W9GDA	115
W9FNR	114
W8AVB	113
I1ER	112
KZ5IP	108
KL7CZ	80

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XE1AC	217
W3LTU	206
W6DI	203
G8IG	188
W6VFR	181
PK4DA	175
W7HTS	161
W8HUD	161
F9BO	158
VE7ZM	145
DL1FK	125

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W2BXA	204
W9NDA	203
W9RBI	202
SM5KP	199
W6AM	175
W6KQY	171
W4CYU	160
ZL1HY	157
W1HKK	153

37 ZONES

W3JNN	201
ZS6Q	192
W3BES	190
W1JCX	189
CE3AB	186
W8BF	183
W3GHD	181
W8REU	176
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W1NWO	206
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W2DYR	140
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W8AUP	131
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VE7HC	123
W8CYL	112
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W6SA	92
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W4HA	173
W5ASG	173
W5JUF	171
W3EVW	166
WØNCG	161
W9RNX	155
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ALL TIMES IN E S T

EASTERN USA TO:	15 Meters	20 Meters	40 Meters	80 Meters
Northern & Central Europe	0800-1130 (2-3)	0600-0730 (1-2) 0730-1230 (3-4) 1230-1500 (2)	1500-1600 (2-3) 1600-1900 (3-4) 1900-0500 (2)	1700-2000 (2-3) 2000-0300 (3-4)
Southern Europe & North Africa	0700-1230 (3)	0600-0730 (1-2) 0730-1330 (3-4) 1330-1500 (2)	1530-1630 (2) 1630-1930 (3-4) 1930-0500 (2-3)	1700-2000 (3) 2000-0300 (3-4)
Near & Middle East	0700-1030 (1-2)	0630-1230 (2-3)	1630-1900 (3) 1900-0000 (2)	1800-2300 (2)
Central & South Africa	0900-1200 (1)* 0800-1130 (1-2) 1130-1400 (3)	0630-1300 (1) 1300-1700 (2-3)	1730-0100 (2)	1830-2330 (1-2)
South America	1100-1500 (0-1)* 0800-1430 (2-3) 1430-1600 (3-4)	0630-1500 (3) 1500-1700 (4-5) 1700-0200 (1-2)	1730-0400 (3-4) 0400-0700 (2-3)	1900-0400 (2-3)
South East Asia	Nil	0700-0900 (0-1) 1700-1900 (0-1)	0300-0800 (0-1)	Nil
Australasia	0600-0800 (0-1) 1600-1800 (1)	0700-0930 (2) 0930-1930 (1)	0100-0300 (2) 0300-0630 (1) 0630-0800 (2-3)	0200-0700 (2)
Guam & Pacific	1600-1800 (1)	0630-1000 (1) 1500-1900 (1)	0000-0730 (2-3)	0100-0600 (1-2)
Japan & Far East	Nil	0630-0830 (1) 1600-1800 (1)	0300-0800 (1)	0400-0700 (0-1)

ALL TIMES IN C S T

CENTRAL USA TO:	15 Meters	20 Meters	40 Meters	80 Meters
Western & Central Europe	0800-1030 (1-2)	0600-0730 (1-2) 0730-1130 (3) 1130-1400 (1)	1500-1600 (1-2) 1600-1800 (3) 1800-0400 (1-2)	1700-0200 (2-3)
Southern Europe & North Africa	0800-1200 (2)	0600-0730 (1-2) 0730-1230 (3-4) 1230-1430 (1-2)	1500-1800 (3) 1800-0430 (2)	1730-0200 (2-3)
Central & South Africa	0900-1200 (1)* 0800-1200 (2) 1200-1330 (3)	0600-1300 (1) 1300-1600 (2-3)	1700-0030 (2)	1830-2300 (1-2)
Central America & Northern South America	0900-1400 (1)* 0830-1400 (4) 1400-1600 (1-2)	0630-0900 (3-4) 0900-1430 (2) 1430-1700 (4) 1700-0300 (2)	1600-0500 (4) 0500-0800 (2-3)	1730-0500 (3)
South America	1100-1400 (1)* 0800-1600 (3-4)	0600-0800 (3) 0800-1500 (2) 1500-1730 (4) 1730-0030 (2)	1800-0430 (3)	1830-0400 (2)
Japan & Far East	1600-1800 (0-1)	0700-0900 (1) 1500-1930 (2)	2200-0800 (1-2)	0230-0700 (1-2)
South East Asia	1700-1900 (0-1)	0700-0900 (0-1) 1600-1830 (1)	0200-0730 (1)	Nil

ALL TIMES IN C S T

CENTRAL USA TO:	15 Meters	20 Meters	40 Meters	80 Meters
Hawaii	1200-1700 (2-3)	1000-1200 (3-4) 1200-2000 (2-3)	2100-0830 (3-4)	2200-0700 (3)
Australasia	0630-0800 (0-1) 1600-1800 (1-2)	0700-1000 (2) 1000-1800 (1) 1800-1930 (1-2)	0100-0730 (2-3)	0300-0630 (2)

ALL TIMES IN P S T

WESTERN USA TO:	15 Meters	20 Meters	40 Meters	80 Meters
Europe & North Africa	0730-0930 (0-1)	0700-1000 (2)	1600-0400 (1)	1700-2330 (1)
Central & South Africa	0900-1230 (1) 1230-1400 (2)	0600-1300 (1) 1300-1730 (2)	1630-2200 (2-3)	1830-2100 (1)
South America	1000-1300 (1)* 0800-1330 (2-3) 1330-1500 (3-4)	0600-0800 (3) 0800-1400 (1-2) 1800-0230 (1-2)	1700-0000 (3-4) 0000-0400 (2-3)	1800-0300 (2)
Guam & Mariana Islands	1300-1600 (1)* 1230-1800 (3-4)	1100-1230 (2-3) 1230-1730 (1-2) 1730-2000 (2-3)	2330-0800 (3)	0030-0700 (2)
Australasia	1500-1700 (0-1)* 1300-1730 (2-3)	0700-0900 (1) 0900-1100 (2) 1100-1730 (1) 1730-2000 (2)	2300-0700 (2-3)	0030-0630 (1-2)
Japan, Okinawa & Far East	1430-1730 (2-3)	1330-1730 (3) 1730-1900 (3-4) 1900-2030 (2)	2100-0830 (3-4)	2200-0700 (3)
Philippine Islands & East Indies	1500-1800 (2-3)	1400-2000 (1-2)	0200-0700 (1-2)	0300-0630 (1)
Malaya & South East Asia	1600-1800 (0-1)	1530-1930 (1-2)	0300-0700 (1-2)	0400-0600 (1)
Hong Kong, Macao & Formosa	1500-1730 (2)	1430-1730 (2) 1730-1900 (3)	2330-0730 (3)	0030-0630 (2)

Symbols for Expected Percentage of Days of Month Path Open:

(0) None (1) 10% (2) 25% (3) 50% (4) 70% (5) 85% or more.

* Indicates time of possible ten-meter openings.

The CQ Propagation Charts are based upon a CW radiated power of 150 watts and are centered on Washington, D. C., St. Louis, Missouri and Sacramento, California. These forecasts are, for the most part, calculated from basic ionospheric data published by the CRPL of the National Bureau of Standards, and are valid until February 15th 1955.

Ionospheric Propagation Conditions

Forecasts by
George Jacobs, W2PAJ/3
607 Beacon Road, Silver Spring, Md.

General Propagation Conditions — January

6 Meters: Not much in the way of ionospheric propagation expected on this band.

10 Meters: DX generally poor, with erratic daylight openings possible on some north-south paths during periods of exceptionally good propagation conditions.

15 Meters: Fair, or better, world-wide DX conditions and considerable short skip expected during the daylight hours.

20 Meters: Conditions should be very similar to December with fair to good DX from shortly after sunrise to shortly after sunset. Exceptionally strong signals can be expected during periods of good propagation conditions as ionospheric absorption is at a minimum on many paths.

40 Meters: Fair to good late afternoon and evening world-wide DX continues with the band generally quiet and signals quite strong.

80 Meters: Generally fair DX conditions continue to many areas of the world from a few hours after sunset to a few hours before sunrise. This band will generally remain open to many areas after 40-meters has faded out.

160 Meters: Conditions quite similar to those observed during December are expected during January. Seasonal low absorption and atmospheric noise levels (in the Northern Hemisphere) should result in fairly strong night-time signals on some DX paths.

1954 In Review

Although final observations have not yet been completed, it now appears certain that 1954 was the end of the 18th sunspot cycle and the year in which the 19th sunspot cycle began. It looks as though the actual minimum of the 18th cycle occurred during the late spring of 1954. This is quite a significant scientific event in that since the discovery of the ionosphere (and the birth of short wave radio) in 1924, there have been only two other similar periods of minimum solar activity—in 1933 and 1944. During the minimum of 1933 some investigations were made of short wave radio conditions but this stage of the art was only beginning and many questions remained to be answered. During the next minimum of 1944, war-time conditions made it impossible to conduct world-wide ionospheric studies. So in reality the minimum of 1954 is the first when conditions were suitable for the investigation of effects of minimum solar activity upon short wave radio transmission. There is little doubt that scientific data collected during 1954 may eventually lead to a better understanding of the ionosphere and the mechanism of short wave radio propagation.

This year will be most significant to radio amateurs. Associated with the rise in solar activity there will be a general improvement in short wave propagation conditions on 15 and 10 meters. The ascending portion of the sunspot cycle is considerably steeper than the decreasing part and while the initial rise is slow——once the numbers start going up they usually go up quite fast. At the

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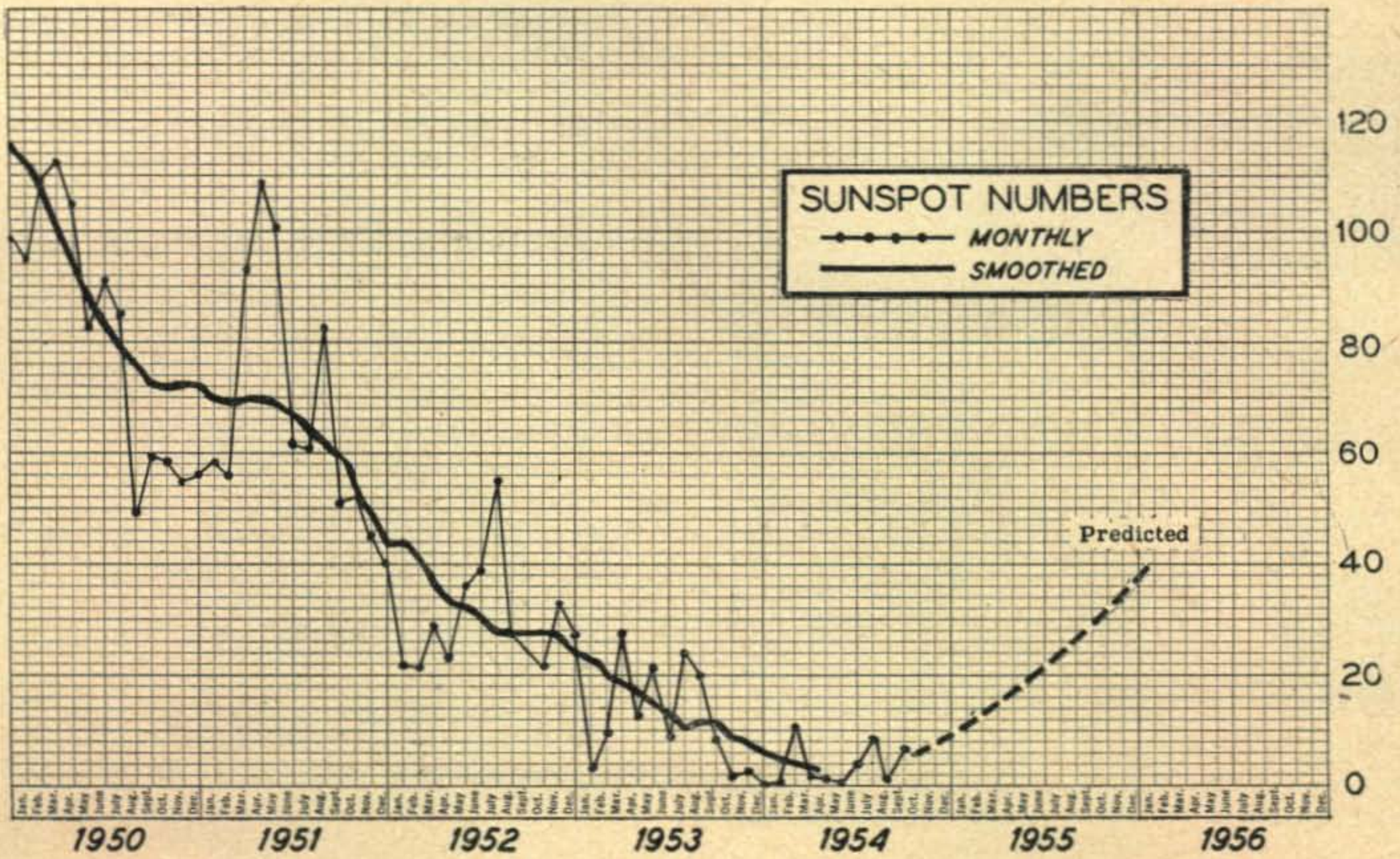

the Novice Shack

Conducted by
Herbert "Herb" S. Brier, W9EGQ
385 Johnson St., Gary 3, Indiana

Probably the biggest ambition of most newly licensed amateurs is to work all 48 states.

Working all states (WAS) within a year or less is a real achievement for any amateur. It is especially noteworthy when it is done by a Novice. To mention just two reasons, interference (QRM) in the Novice bands is far worse than in the other CW bands and the ones he must work have low-powered transmitters (averaging 30 to 35 watts), plus receivers that are seldom the best obtainable.

To overcome these handicaps requires operating skill and intelligence, combined with loads of patience.

When you first get on the air, almost every contact you make represents a new state, but soon the new ones start coming hard. At this time, you must decide whether you will have more fun making lots of contacts with stations as they come along, allowing your states-worked total to take care of itself, or whether you want to concentrate on adding new states to your list.

If you choose the latter course, be prepared to do a lot of listening, *Call Book* thumbing and comparatively little transmitting to achieve your goal. Furthermore, the closer you come to it, the more listening and the less transmitting you will do.

Picking Up New States

Upon hearing a station calling CQ, your first question to yourself will be, "Is it a new state?" If not, you will pass it by. Otherwise, a new one may show up and disappear while you are working a state already in your log. On this basis, you can ignore all "6's", as soon as you work California. The same will go for the "2's" when you have logged New York and New Jersey, and for the "9's" after you have logged Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Stations from other call areas you will need to look up in the latest *Call Book*. States you have already worked you will ignore. The others you will call. Of course, many of the stations you hear will not be in the *Call Book*, because of the time lag between the issuing of a new license and the appearance of the call in the *Call Book*. On these you can gamble, if you wish. You may pick up a new state; otherwise, you can have a fine ragchew.

Should the station respond to another call, copy its location as the operator gives it to the other fellow. If it is a new state, you can leave your receiver set on the frequency and call again at the conclusion of the contact.

Do not become discouraged if you call the same station a half dozen times in a row without success. Remember, you do not get 100% returns, even when you are not "calling your shots." This is where a notebook in which to jot down the call letters, location, and frequency of each station you hear in states you have not worked, along with the time heard, comes in handy. Many amateurs observe a fairly regular operating schedule; therefore, if you hear him on the air at a certain time, that is generally a good time to listen for him the next day.

John Buck, WN8RSC, demonstrates amateur radio to David Dixon and David Jackman at the Madison County Fair, London, Ohio. WN8SWT and WN8RQE also operated the fairgrounds station.

Getting Over The Hump

Depending upon your operating time, power, antenna, and a dozen other variables, following a plan such as outlined above will bring your states-worked total up to 20, 30, 40 or possibly 45, and there it will seem to stick. This is the time when intelligence and operating skill really begin to show up.

A successful, big-game hunter does not expect the game to come to him. Rather, he studies its habits and goes where it is most likely to run. Somewhat the same idea must be followed in hunting for the more elusive states.

An extreme example of looking in the wrong place at the wrong time for new states would be a Maine amateur who needed a couple of west-coast

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Help Wanted

Daryl Dickson (14), 101 Plum Street, **Greenville, Pa.**, Phone: 799R.

Richard Cochran (19), P.O. Box 342, **Monument, Colo.**

John L. Hopkins, Jr. (17), 10 Vernon Ave., **Rockville Centre, Long Island, N. Y.** Phone: RO 4-7618. (Needs help with code and wants to know if there is a Novice Club near him.)

Steve Schaffer (14), 44302 Third St., East, **Lancaster, Calif.**

Edward J. Barczuk, 2648 No. Meade Ave., **Chicago 39, Illinois.** (Is physically handicapped and hopes to obtain his license by Christmas. He would like to contact physically-handicapped amateurs, especially those who are bed ridden, in the Chicago area.)

Richard Titus (14), Box 93, **Morrisville, Penna.**

Joseph Young, Apt. #5, CinClant, Naval Base, **Norfolk 11, Va.**

Norman Gould (14), 3032 Windsor Ave., **Los Angeles, Calif.**

Ronnie Conley (14), 432 45th St., **Ashland, Ky.**

Charlie Stouth, WN3ZRP (35), Box 378, **Secane, Pa.** Wants help in theory; so that he can pass General Class exam. Lives in Philadelphia area.)

Raymond Metiva, 112 So. Franklin St., (Zilwaukie) **Saginaw, Mich.**

Bob Jurish (17), 4230 W. Cullerton St., **Chicago 23, Illinois,** Phone: CR 7-6479.

Eric Johnson (15), 1403 West College St., **Lafayette, La.** Phone: 5-8024.

Jim Dalke (15), 702 Rainbow Ave., **Dallas, Ore.** Phone: 3405.

Each month *CQ* lists the names of those requesting help in obtaining a Novice or higher grade amateur license. To have your name listed, please address your request to: Herb Brier, W9EGQ, 385 Johnson St., Gary 3, Indiana. Requests received by January 15, 1955 will appear in the March column.

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states listening for them on 3.7 Mc. between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any experienced amateur knows that a couple hundred miles is the maximum distance that can be covered on that frequency during daylight hours. On the other hand, this would be an excellent time to listen on 21 Mc. whenever that band is "open."

Less obvious is the fact that his chances would not be much better around midnight, even though he might hear a few west-coast stations trickling through. His chances of making the desired contacts then would be poor, because, although midnight is late enough on the east coast it is only 9:00 p.m. on the west coast. Therefore, Ham activity out there will still be near its peak value, and the resulting heavy interference will bury weak signals from across the continent without a trace. This is one of the reasons east-coast Novices must stay up until after 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. to have any real chance of working the west coast on 3.7 Mc.

On 7 Mc., conditions are often reversed. Eastern signals may be readable on the west coast early in the evening, but western signals may not be readable on the east coast. The explanation is that, in the winter months especially, 7-Mc. "skip" becomes quite long early in the evening; therefore interference from other amateurs within 1000 miles is not too bad. However, from mid-afternoon on, the short-wave broadcast stations that operate in the 7-Mc. Novice band are sometimes extremely strong on the east coast. They, therefore, fill up practically the entire band, even on a selective receiver, until they sign off late in the evening.

These examples are not cited to indicate that you should pass up calling any station you wish to work, no matter what time you hear it. They simply stress the importance of analyzing all factors when you are trying to squeeze the last mile out of your signal.

A handful of crystals is helpful in working new states. The closer you can put your signal to the frequency to which the other fellow's receiver is tuned, the better are your chances of attracting his attention. Also, a choice of frequencies often permits you to sneak into a hole in the interference. For this purpose, shifting frequency just a kilocycle or two is frequently more helpful than scooting half way across the band.

Certainly, very few Novices would care to concentrate on working new states exclusively. But the methods outlined for picking them up are typical of the kind of operating that will be required to work DX regularly when you get your General Class license. I say "when you get your General Class license," because the opportunities for working much real DX in the low-frequency Novice bands are few and far between. And while the 21-Mc. band does offer some opportunities along this line, they are not too abundant.

News For And About Novices

Gerald Lindsay, W4EJP, 165 Spainhour Ave., Lenoir, N. C., writes; "Hi Herb. Just can't resist writing to you this time. My XYL, W4EJQ, had just finished a QSO, and it was my turn at the rig. At 2:33 a.m., I heard CQ sent until 2:42 a.m., without the sender signing his call. Then I heard 'de WN8---,' repeated for three minutes, followed by the call letters again, which were still being sent as the station faded away at 2:49 a.m.

"Deane, the XYL, and I received our Novice tickets in March and our Generals in May, but we still do some operating in the 3.7-Mc. Novice band."

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WN1YNE, Graniteville, R.I. The operator, Gordon Fox, has worked 23 states and two Canadian provinces.

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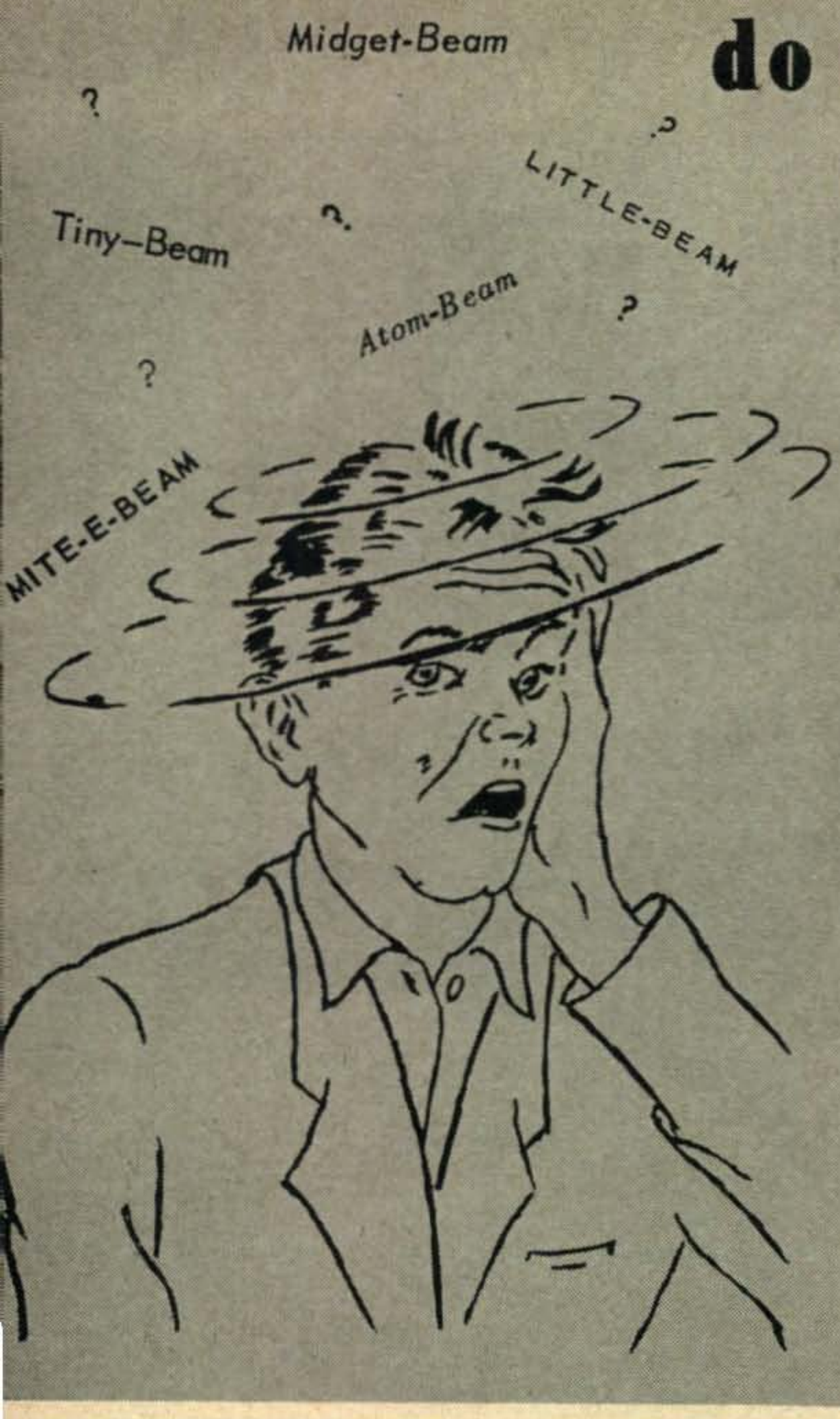

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"...the performance and results obtained have been outstanding. W.A.C. and W.A.S. accomplished in a matter of days after the Vest Pocket Beam was installed, with many fine DX contacts."

Zed-L's say S–9 on 40 meter sig now, reports *Nick*, WØMUY, Salina, Kansas.

"Just a few lines to tell you how pleased I am with the (Mosley) 40 Meter Vest Pocket Beam. It is the best antenna, possible, for a city lot. It solved all my problems. I have been getting S–9 reports from New Zealand consistently. I have had several reports of 35 Db front-to-back. (I) do hope others will be able to enjoy the same advantages I have found."

Called stations answer *Mac*, W9CVQ, Wilmette, Ill.

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Jim Wilk, **KN2IVZ**, 120 Brook Ave., Passaic, N. J., has a gripe: "Why don't the boys with the kilowatt rigs stay out of the Novice band? It is small enough without them.

"I have had my license since July, and I have had plenty of fun with my home-made 30-watter and 100-foot antenna. My receiver is an old *Philco* without bandspread, and I have to get on the air before 7:00 a.m., before I go to school. But I am saving my greenbacks for an *S-76* receiver. I would like to hear from other Novices, especially YL's around my age (17)."

Hugh Clark, **KN6HFA**, 545 West Vassar, Fresno, Calif., reports; "I run 20 to 25 watts to a *Heathkit* transmitter and receive on a beat-up *SX-25*. In five weeks I have had 100 contacts in 18 states, Hawaii, and Canada. Last night, a ZL (New Zealand) answered one of my CQ's, but I lost him. I work 7 Mc. only, and I get about 90-per cent return on QSL cards. I'd like to schedule anyone who wants to work California, especially a KN2 or WN3."

Bob Ziehm, **WN3ZNL**, 213 Market St., Poconoke City, Maryland; "Even before I got my license I used to enjoy reading the *Novice Shack* and hope I'd soon be logging stations right and left as many of the boys said they did in their letters. Well, I got my ticket and got on the air, but nothing happened. I did not log a single station for the first three weeks!

"It was pretty discouraging, to say the least. Finally, after finding a shorted tube in my transmitter and putting up a new antenna, I started getting results. I now have 13 contacts in four states, which is far from a record, I know, but it is better than none at all and a lot more encouraging, too.

"I hope this letter will encourage someone who is having difficulty getting started. I know the letters in the *Novice Shack* encouraged me. . . . My transmitter runs 25 watts into a 125-foot antenna, and my receiver is an *S-38B*."

Myrl Lamb, **WNØTVK** (15), 417 Jackson Street, Sterling, Colo., reports; "My transmitter is a Converted *BC-459A*, using a 12A6 crystal oscillator, as per *CQ*, February, 1954. It runs up to 75 watts when my antenna is tuned up. My receiver is a converted *Ward's* "Airline" console, and I also have a *Hallicrafter's 5R10A*, with a home-made b.f.o.

"In three months on the air, I have 20 states and Hawaii confirmed. I would like to make a Utah contact and to have some pen pals. (P.S. My brother is WØKAQ)."

Mike Gauthier, **KN6ICS** (15), 5230 Ledgewood Road, South Gate, Calif., writes for himself and his brother, Barrie, KN6ICQ (11).: "We have a *Heathkit AT-1*, a 'fish-pole' antenna, and an *NC-88* receiver, and I am on the air almost every day after 1600 PST. I listen on 15 meters every day, but I never hear anyone there. I'd like to work some DX, even a KN6 on that band.

"Barrie and I have an idea about starting a Novice QSL Bureau for all new Hams who do not have their calls listed in the Call Book yet. We would like to be the WN6/KN6 Bureau."

(The boys have a noble thought, but I am afraid that the difficulties involved would make it impractical—**Herb.**)

Stan Reed, **WN9IHK**, Box 493, Ashton, Illinois, gets right to the point; "I've been a Novice for three months, and I have worked 28 states and Canada on 3.7 and 7 Mc. But I've been wondering were those W1's were. I haven't found one yet.

"Rig is a *Globe Scout* feeding a Windom antenna, and an *S-38B* receiver."

Bob Mason, **WN3ZCN**, 1531 Denniston Ave., Pittsburgh 17, Pa. reports; "In your review of the *Heathkit AT-1* in the April, 1954, *Novice Shack*, you mention that 3.5-Mc. crystals are required for 7-Mc. work. I wonder if you overlooked the possibility of using 7-Mc. crystals on that band. I just plug in the 7-Mc. crystal, barely mesh the "Driver" tuning condenser and dip the final in the usual manner."

More News

Ronnie Cook, **WNØVFC**, 706 Lincoln Ave., Clay Center, Kansas, says; "I am writing, because I never see a letter from Kansas in the *Novice Shack*. I use converted 'Command' transmitters running 50 watts input on 3.7 and 7 Mc. The antenna is off-center fed, and the receiver is an *S-40B*.

"I have worked 20 states. Best DX is California, Delaware, and New Jersey. For some reason, though, I cannot work a W7 and would like to make a schedule with one. . . . I give all the credit for getting my license to the hams around here, especially WØCFV and WØJDU."

Dale Cook writes, "I am sending this to tell you about the Altadena Radio Club. It is a fairly new club, and we will welcome suggestions and letters from Hams wanting skeds, etc., with our members. We would also like someone in the area for a sponsor.

"Some of the aims of our club are: To help prospective amateurs; Mutual help in members' problems; Advancement of amateur radio in general; and putting Altadena on the radio map. Three of our members already have their licenses (one a General), and mine should be in the mail now." Dale Cook for Robert Kornstien, KN6HBW; Mike Bartlett, KN6HWC; Jon Monsen, K6AAZ; Ronald Costell and Bill Welch, Altadena Radio Club, c/o 2109 N. Allen Ave., Altadena, Calif.

A/1c Jim Baker, USAF, **KN6GHL**, 763 Fifth Street, San Bernardino, Calif., reports; "While on temporary duty with the Air Force in Amarillo, Texas, I depended very much on amateur radio to keep in touch with my wife. I took my *Heathkit AT-1* and *Hallicrafter's S-53A* and operated as KN6GHL/5. Antenna facilities were practically nil and I made use of a double window screen of the barracks. I coupled it to the transmitter through a 15-foot length of 300-ohm ribbon. I was surprised to get so many 589 reports from California with the combination. I want to thank all the Hams who were so helpful to me in relaying messages to my wife.

"I am back in California and I am going to try 15 meters. I'd like to hear of the experiences of anyone who has used an *AT-1* on this band. Also I would gladly make skeds with anyone on 80, 40, or 15 meters."

Lewis Brooks, **KN2HKW** (16), 26 Walnut St., Salem, N. J., says; "I have had my Novice ticket since the latter part of March. I run 40 watts to a *WRL* exciter. My

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Jimmy Perkins, W5DRG, Brookhaven, Miss., used this equipment during his 3-month career as a Novice. He now sports an NC-98 and has worked 17 states.

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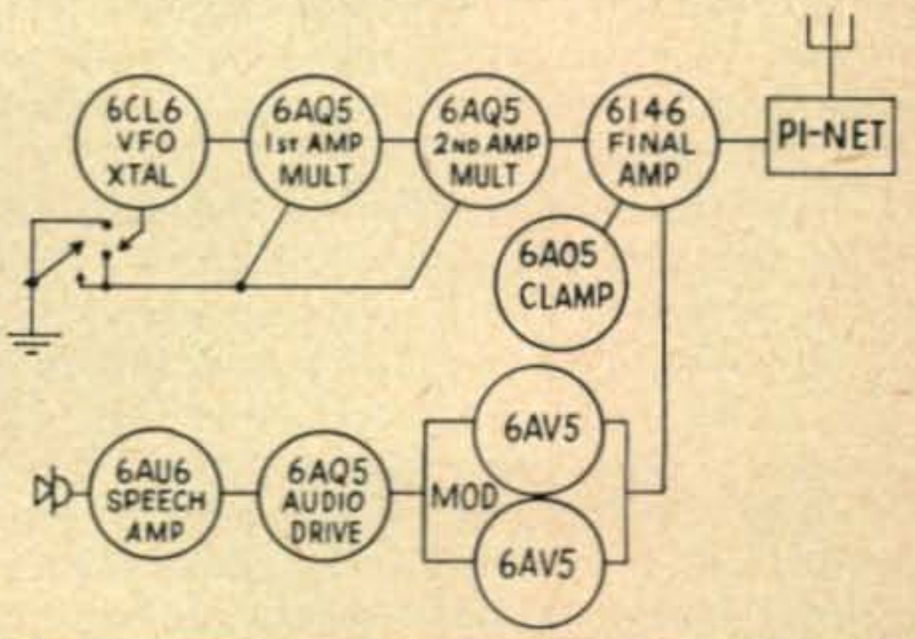

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"More licensed YLs than in any other family"—anyone want to challenge this claim? It's made by W7OSV; the Poulson family totals *five* YLs!

It all started when W7OSV became a Ham nearly five years ago. But we'll let him tell the story:

"I thought it quite unusual when XYL Reva came up with discussions of antennas and other things pertaining to radio. I soon discovered that she had long been studying the *Handbook* in order to participate in my new interest.

"Reva and our oldest daughter, Earlene, received Novice tickets three years ago. Their calls were WN7QWL and WN7QWM. Earlene allowed her license to lapse while she was at college. She is married now and hopes soon to re-establish herself as an amateur.

"Janet received her Novice ticket two and a half years ago and her General last year. At that time Reva converted to a Technician license, a bad case of jitters being responsible for missing on the code. The story does not end here. Our 12-year-old daughter (now 13), Marilyn, passed her Novice exam a year ago, to be followed by sister Carol, whose call is WN7UTA. In fairness I should emphasize that no credit comes to me for the achievement of the girls. It has been through their own efforts and the training carried on by their mother.

"During the past year Janet, W7RRM, has been president of the *Olympus Radio Club* (at Olympus High School in Salt Lake City where I am instructor in physics and sponsor of the club). She is also editor of *The Microvolt*, monthly bulletin of the Utah Amateur Radio Club.

"There are three rigs set up at the Poulson household and also a mobile. Janet operates a *Harvey-Wells TBS-50;* the receiver is an *S-77A*. The two younger girls have a home-brewed rig running 25 watts and an *NC-57* receiver. Another is soon coming up for Carol Ann to call her own. Our back yard is full of antennas. A 65-ft. tower supports 20, 10 and 2-meter beams.

"Janet can be found operating CW on 80, 40 or 20 in the afternoons or early morning. Carol Ann and Marilyn operate CW on 40 and 80 in the afternoon and at night. Reva operates on 220-Mc. and we QSO cross-band between home and school. Believe me, the most fun I have is working from the mobile talking home.

"In case it seems we have gone off the deep end in amateur radio, I should point out that the family carries on other hobbies together. They include weaving, photography, ceramics, boating, and others. We never let our hobbies interfere with what we should do, but we have loads of fun together.

"I am a proud OM."

Indeed you have reason to be, W7OSV!

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A proud OM—and why shouldn't he be? These are all his YLs and they're all Hams. L. to r. they are WN7UTA, Carol Ann, age 16; W7RRM, Janet, age 17; W7QWM, Reva (XYL); WN7UKF, Marilyn, age 13. The proud OM is W7OSV and his family also includes oldest daughter Earlene, x-WN7QWL, and three little jr. ops (two of them boys), whom he predicts will also some day be Hams.

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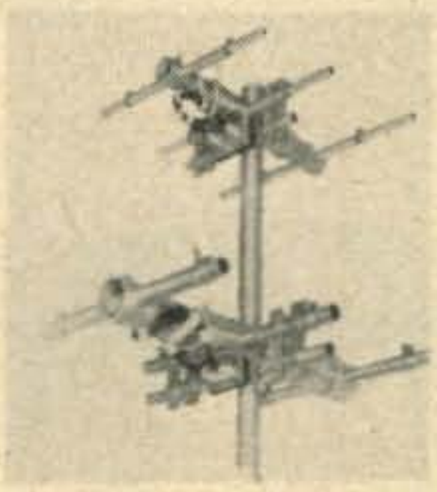
what's NEW in HAM RADIO

A comprehensive listing of late developments on the Ham Market, designed to keep the Radio Amateur well informed.

Men! Throw out that war-weary 832 and in its place put the new **RCA 6524** u-h-f twin tetrode. The 6524 is a small, rugged beam power tube intended for r.f. use in fixed and mobile equipment operating up to 470 Mc. The maximum plate dissipation is 25 watts, and this neat little bottle can run 50 watts input on 144-Mc. fone all day without strain or pain. On the 420-Mc. band the 6524 will handle 30 watts input, plate modulated. The input and output capacities are slightly less than those of the 832, and the screen of the 6524 is of sufficiently high impedance so that the tube may easily be plate modulated to 100% positive peaks, a stunt that is not so easily done with some of the newer tetrodes. The ham interested in the "d-c bands" will find that the 6524 makes a nifty tripler from 7 Mc. to 21 Mc., and that each section of the 6524 can be used as a high efficiency doubler or tripler. Lastly, the tube is a "natural" for mobile work. Yessir, a line-up such as a 6CL6 crystal oscillator feeding a single 6524 would make a mighty nice 10-meter mobile job—and the sunspot cycle is on the way up!

The hams out at Gonset Co. in sunny (?) California have come up with a cute little gadget named the "Monitone." It's a combination code practice oscillator and phone/CW monitor. A built-in loudspeaker provides a good, husky signal for CW practice, with panel controls for tone pitch and volume. A separate monitor reproduces the keyed wave of the transmitter, and permits monitoring of AM phone transmissions. A self-contained supply is used, operating from 115-volt a.c. There is no possibility of shock hazard, since neither side of the keying circuit is "hot" to ground. All in all, a mighty handy gadget for oldtimer and novice alike. The "Monitone" is only about 7x5x4" in size, so it will fit right on the top of the operating desk. A note to the CQ "New Products" section will bring you further dope on this gadget and many more **Gonset** products.

UTC was building transformers for amateur and commercial use when a lot of Hams were walking around in three-cornered pants. It's obvious that the UTC line is top-notch, since they are now one of the outstanding bunch of coil winders and core stackers in W-land. The new 1954 **United Transformer Co.** Catalog A is now available, and may be had free for the asking. The old favorites like the "Special" line and the "CG" line are still in first place, and a new printed-circuit hi-fi amplifier kit is shown that will make the high-fidelity boys sit up and take notice! Using a pair of 5881 tubes, this amplifier will deliver 20 watts with less than 1% intermodulation distortion. Then there are High-Q toroid coils for the SSB lads, and 3000-volt, 1-ampere plate transformers (CG-309) for the California Kilowatts, and all sorts of goodies! A card will bring this new catalog post-haste.



Did you work VR2BZ/ZM7 in the Tokelau Islands? No? Then you better read this, OM! The TELREX boys of Asbury Park, N.J. won't give you a ZM7 QSL card, but they will do the next best thing. For a post card to us you can get all the information on the new TELREX series of beam antennas for the 2,6,10,15, 20 and 40-meter amateur bands. The TELREX beams really bore a hole in the ether. The best proof of this is to listen to some of the boys on the air that use these antennas. Each TELREX beam features a T-match and balun assembly which results in a balanced beam pattern, a low VSWR on the coaxial transmission line and minimum harmonic radiation from the feedline. But why go on? If you are on the ball, no more need be said. Drop us a line or take a good, long look at a TELREX array at your Ham outlet store. As a famous C8 once said, "One TELREX in the air is worth kilowatt into Honorable dipole".

Here's a real good incentive to throw away that 19¢ soldering iron with the frayed cord and the red-hot tip that vaporizes solder. The **Weller Electric Corp.**, Easton, Pa. has produced a junior soldering gun (**Model 8100**) that is easy on the poketbook (list price under 8 bucks) and yet incorporates many of the features found in the larger models of guns. If you have ever stood around waiting for an old-fashioned soldering iron to warm up, you will appreciate this soldering gun that is ready to go in a few seconds after the trigger is pressed. The 100-watt rating is ample for practically any type of work—you can even get enough heat from a gun of this type at the end of an extension cord when you are perched atop your antenna tower, working on that 4-element 20-meter beam! The kids like to play Hopalong Cassidy with the gun, too! Available at all better radio parts stores. For additional information on this or other Weller products, write: CQ, "New Products Column."

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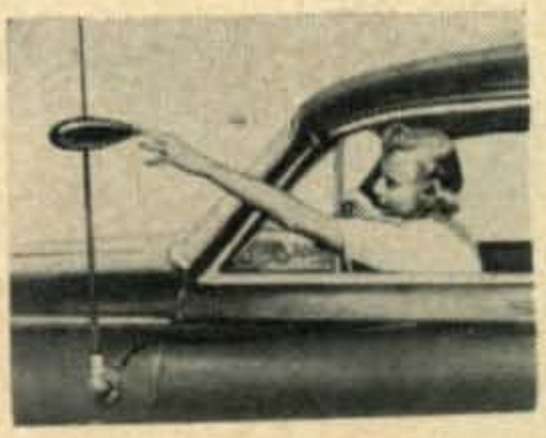
If you have ever built a rig with a pair of automobile pliers and a dull Boy Scout knife, you will really appreciate this item: A "4-in-1" tool, that combines punching, forming, shearing and riveting operations into one handy device. Round, square, hex and rectangular holes can be punched in sheet metal; rivets may be fastened; smooth, sharp bends may be made in sheet metal; and sheet metal may be cut and sheared. No kidding, no home workshop can afford not to have one of these tools! Made of hardened steel, the **Tatu 4-in-1 Punch** is a cool device that you cats dig easy! Sold direct by Albert J. Tatu, Inc. It will be shipped postage paid at $9.95. For an extra skin (dollar bill to the squares) a threading attachment is available. Satisfaction guaranteed, or money back! Fair enough? Contact CQ for more info.

See that little gadget this well-manicured hand is holding? It's not a tube, but a miniature, sealed relay! Available in various coil voltages and contact arrangements from the **Terado Co.**, 1068 Raymond Ave., St. Paul 14, Minn., this **Series 6000** relay with coin-silver contacts is just the ticket for mobile use, or for other types of construction where a small, rugged relay is needed. The relay coil only requires 60 milliwatts (!) for operation, and the contacts will handle one ampere of current on a 24-volt non-inductive load. Not bad for a relay 3/4" diameter and less than 2" high! The Terado relay plugs into a 7-pin miniature tube socket, and has 500-volt insulation.



Ahoy, mobileers! Cast your eyes on this and this and this. The ATR-6B all-band mobile antenna! This red-hot idea of **Rex Bassett, Inc.** is ready to go with that all-band mobile rig. Tired of hopping out of the car to adjust that variable loading coil on your rear bumper? The ATR-6B is designed for cowl mounting on the *front* of the car, and may be adjusted from the driver's seat. Just flip the switch on the streamlined housing of the ATR-6B and the antenna automatically switches from band to band. Now why didn't I think of that idea? Rex did, and a quick card to us will produce the dope on this mighty interesting mobile antenna.

Isn't this a beauty? It's the new **Triplett Model 631** volt-ohmmeter and vacuum tube voltmeter combo. Incorporating 34 ranges (yes, 34!), the **631** will measure just about anything. For example: resistances from 0.1 ohm to 150 megohms, 0.02 volts to 1200 volts a.c. or d.c., at 20,000 ohms-per volt. When the VTVM is used, the input resistance is 11 megohms! Since the VTVM is operated from internal batteries, the **Model 631** is not subject to line voltage fluctuations. Really a beautiful job, isn't it? Manufactured by Triplett Electrical Instrument Co., Bluffton, Ohio.

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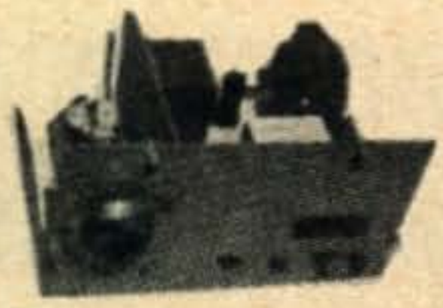

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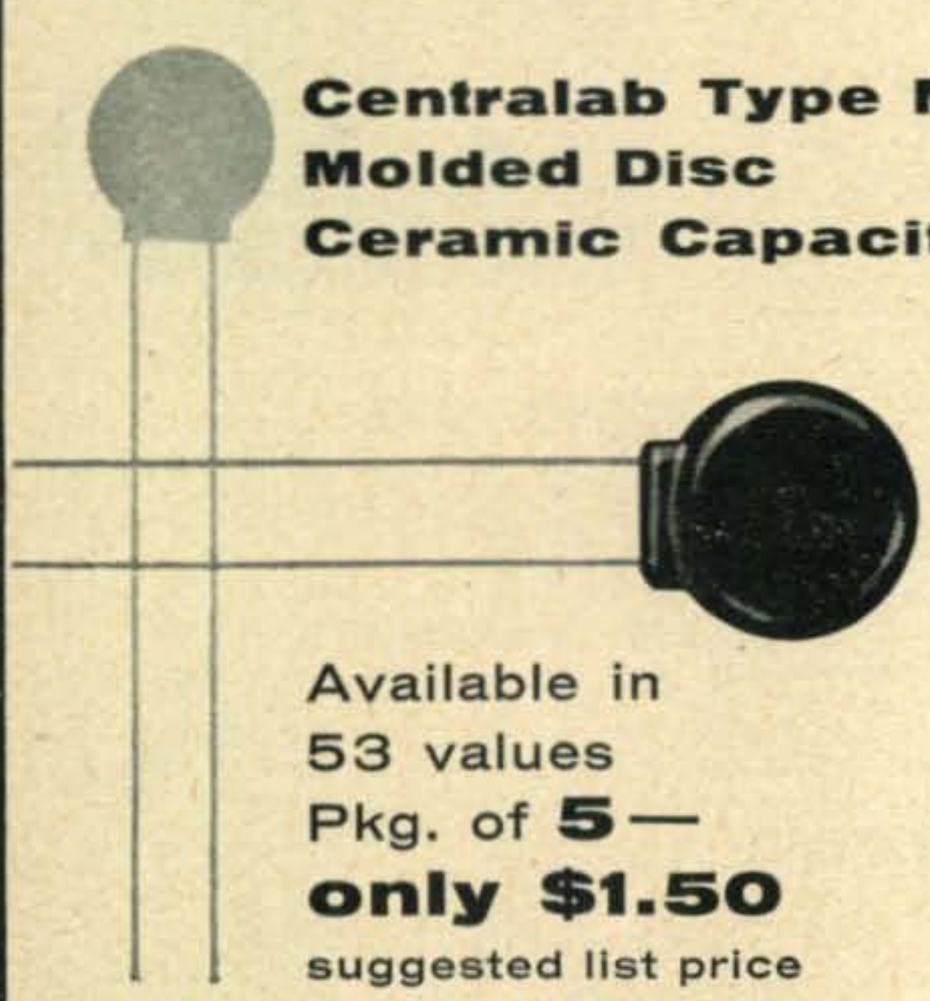

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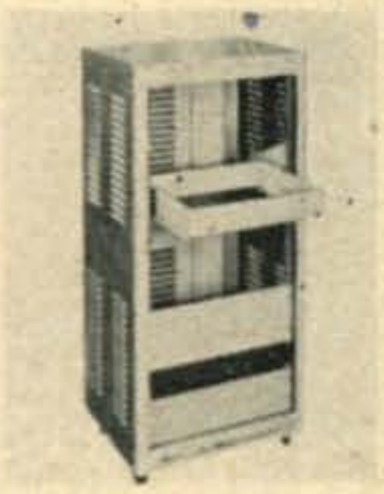

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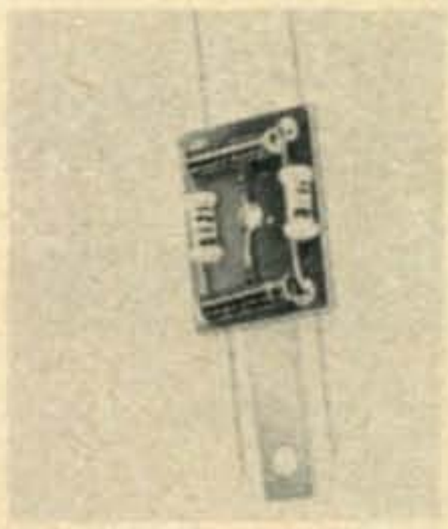

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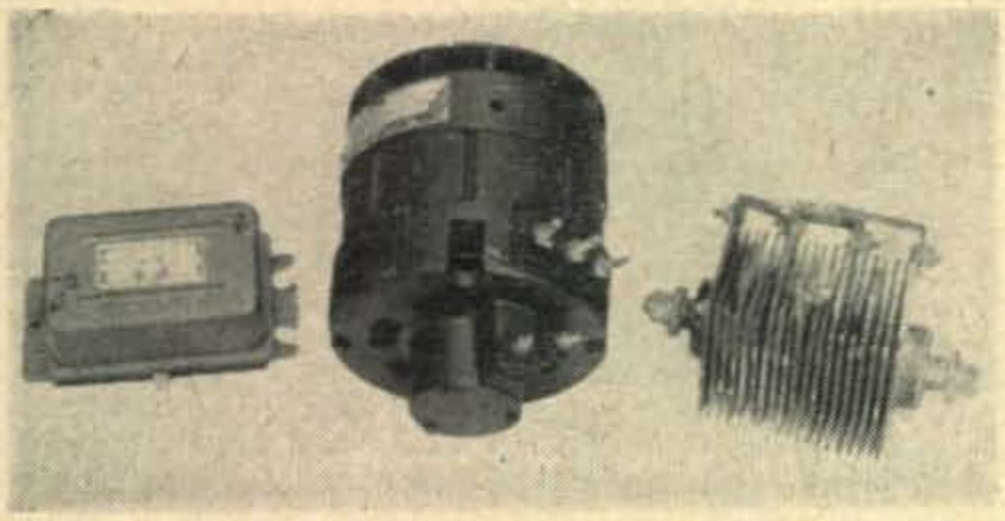

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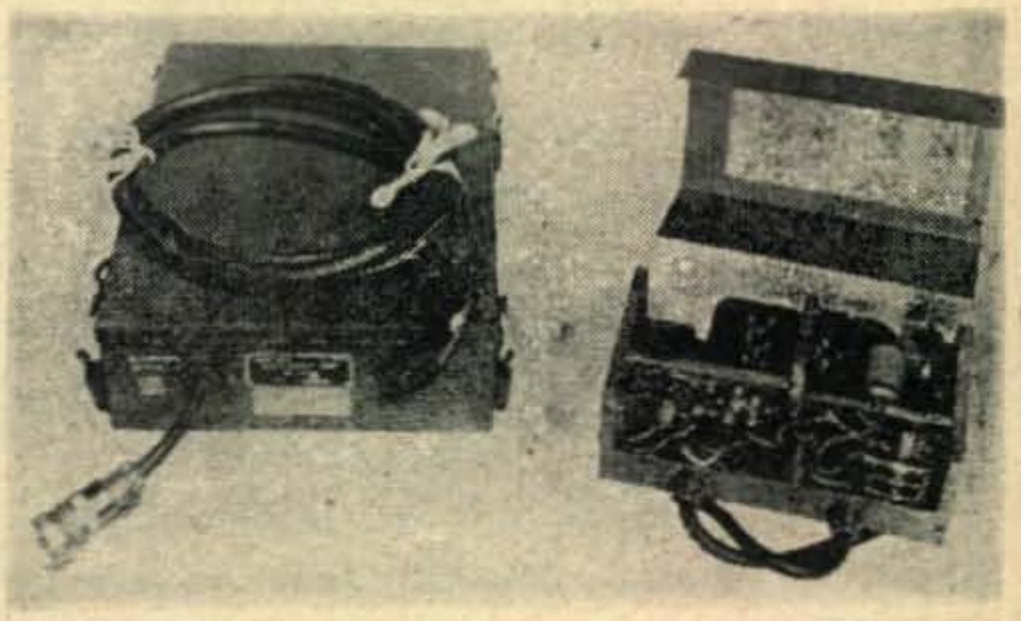

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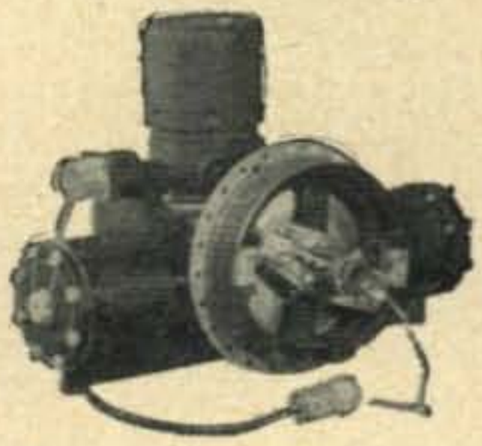

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Last Minute DX Items

From VQ4AQ, via CO2SW, we hear that **VQ9NZK** should be active from the Seychelles Islands towards the end of December (that means now)! Past performances of VQ4NZK/VQ1NZK seem to favor phone operation. . . . A letter from Ray Herbert, VS5KU (ex-G2KU/3A2AL), writing from **Seria, Brunei,** informs us that he will be active from this spot until January "at least". Ray has a miniature set-up with the transmitter and receiver each weighing two pounds and built on QSL-size chassis. He runs about 18 watts on CW only, and is also licensed as VS4KU in Sarawak, but does not think he will have the time to put this latter QTH on the air. . . . Dimiter, LZ1DP, runs **LZ1KAB's** new kilowatt rig every Saturday from 1400 to 1900 GMT on both phone and CW. LZ1KAB may also be heard, some Sundays, from 0000 to 0600 GMT. Present antenna is temporary and consists of a random length of wire. Nevertheless many W's and DX have been contacted on 14, 7 and 3.5 Mc. . . . OE1FF passes the word that **HB1MX/HE** is still QRV from Liechtenstein each week-end on 21, 14 and 7. Operation on 3.5 Mc. is promised for this Winter. . . . **T19UXX** slipped one over on us as he was apparently active from Cocos on October 27th as confirmed by several W6 QSO's. . . . All **KC4AB** cards have now gone forward with the exception of a few DX contacts which will be taken care of before Xmas. Some $200 in contributions are gratefully acknowledged by KC4AB towards defrayment of partial expense of the trip. . . . VK3CX reports contact with **ES1D** who was apparently operating on the ship "Pfal" at Wrangel Island. . . . Reports have it that **FB8BK,** Tromelin Island, went QRT on November 25th. . . . VK4YP says **ZC3AC,** Christmas Island, has been worked on 14050 CW and says QSL via VS2DQ. . . . The latest overheard from Thailand says that **HS1C** is now active with a QRP rig. He is a W6. **HS1D** visited the VS6 gang. **HS1AA** is active on phone only with a Collins 32V-2/75A-2 set-up. . . . November 18th gave KV4AA a rather rare Isle of Pines contact when **CO2CT/4** was nailed. He said "I am on the ground, in an airplane, and am taking off in five minutes for Havana". . . . **VR3A,** Fanning Island, should have been heard on the air again after December 15th after a spell of QRT. . . . **FG7XB** has been active, 14077, and runs a ten-watter. His QTH, thanks to W5GSR is: Antoine Noel, 44 Chemin des Petites, Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe, FWI. . . . **AP2K** will QRT on December 25th and move to Egypt. . . . Contacts have been reported between **UB5KAB** and Messrs. W8PQQ/W4GG and W4QCW. Also between W6NZW and **UB5KBE.**

New FCC Waiting Period

On December 1, 1955 the Federal Communications Commission modified Rule 12.49 applying to the waiting period for license re-examination. In the past it has been necessary to wait 30 days for re-examination upon failing a license test.

The new ruling permits an applicant to appear at an FCC office and to take the "General" examination regardless of whether or not he has recently failed the "Novice," "Technician" or "Conditional" exam. Thus the 30-day waiting period is now waivered.

Predictions

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present time the smoothed sunspot number predicted for January, 1955 (and upon which the *Propagation Charts* are based) is 10. From the average of past cycles it appears that the count should increase by about 2 a month and should be up to about 35 by December of 1955. This range of sunspot numbers is higher than that observed during 1954 or 1953, but is not as high as the sunspot years.

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numbers that were recorded during 1952. We can therefore certainly expect improved conditions during 1955—not greatly improved over 1954 and 1953, but very similar to conditions observed during 1952.

1955 Predictions

Ten Meters: Sunspot numbers still not high enough for consistent DX. Short skip will occur during the spring and summer months with a noticable increase (but still few and far between) in DX beginning with October 1955.

Fifteen Meters: Fair DX will continue on this band until February 1955. During the summer months there will be plenty of short skip and some DX on north-south paths. This band should improve considerably for DX beginning in late September of 1955, with world-wide DX possible almost daily until March of 1956.

Twenty Meters: About the same as in 1954. World-wide DX possible during the daylight hours of all seasons. Somewhat of an increase in early evening DX may be noticed during the summer months of 1955.

Forty and Eighty Meters: Ionospheric conditions on these bands will be about the same during 1955 as they have been for the past two years, with an improvement expected on dark hour DX on 40-meters during the fall of 1955.

The main point is that the cycle is on the upswing again and conditions will steadily improve over the next few years.

Novice Shack

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receiver is an *S-38C*, soon to be an *NC-98*. I operate on 7 Mc. and have worked 29 states, 26 confirmed, VE2 and VE3, and a couple of Puerto Rican stations.

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I get a fairly regular number of questions on how one gets his picture into the *Novice Shack*. Just send them in, and I will use as many as I can. *Happy New Year, Herb, W9EGQ.*

YL's Frequency

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YL Radio Club of San Francisco

Back in the June issue we introduced the new YLRC of **San Francisco.** Their first organizational meeting was held a year ago January with two girls holding General licenses, two with Novice, and eleven hopefuls. Now (November) the club roster boasts four Generals and seven Novices, plus another seven studying. Non-licensed gals are encouraged to join as conditional members, and as soon as they receive tickets become full members.

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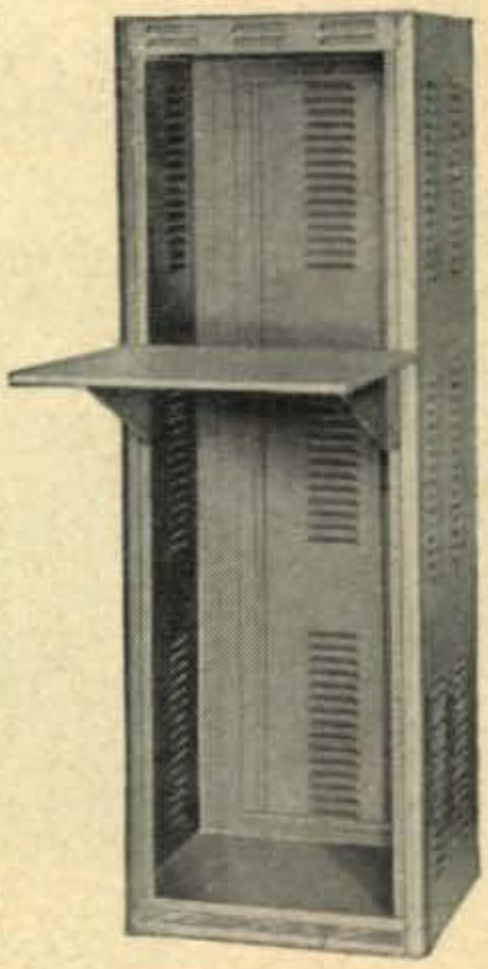

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The **YLRC/SF** holds regular training classes for members only. Every Tuesday and Friday evening **W6QMO, Jeri,** conducts code classes and on Fridays her OM, **W6PHS,** holds theory classes. They use a **TG-10** donated by **W6GGC** and code practice tapes the club purchased.

The club asked for and received generous gifts from local Hams of crystals for the Novice frequencies and they now have a "crystal pool" from which the Novice members can draw. **W6PHS** donated ten crystals for 3725 kc. so the club holds a Novice roundtable each Thursday at 1300. At their monthly meetings the club gives a prize to its Novice member who has made the greatest number of contacts during the past month.

Instigator of the club was **W6QMO,** Jeri Bey, but Jeri adds, "W6PCN, Peggy, has been with me from the start and with me all the way." Jeri has been serving as club president and Peggy as secretary-treasurer-P/C.

Besides all Jeri's club work (she has recently been elected secretary of the **San Francisco Radio Club,** has been chief of the club's cook tent for Field Day the past two years), **W6QMO** is a regular in the BPL listings. She says her highest score was 723 in August and low score 593 in May. She handles it all on 75 phone and with no help from the OM. Most of it comes via *MACAN 4*, the rest on the *Mission Trail Net* and *American Legion Net*. She is a *MARS* station and also joins the *29ers* on 29 Mc. Thursdays at 2000. She holds an OPS appointment, and has RCC. Don't ask Jeri when she does her housework—hi!

Jeri and her OM, **W6PHS,** hail from New Jersey; have been in San Francisco for seven years. Jeri received her Novice license in '52, her General a year later. Most of her

Some of the members of the YL Radio Club of San Francisco. L. to r.: W6QMO, Jeri; KN6GDC, Elvi; KN6EEE, Vi; W6PCN, Peggy; KN6CUV, Lee; KN6EEV, Eleanore; Rose, XYL of W6GGC.

time was spent on 40 CW until she got started handling traffic on 75, and she still finds time to get on 40 and 80 CW. At present they are using a *Viking II* with VFO. Receivers are *RBY1* and *RBY1* panadapter, plus an *SX-28* and *SX-25*. In the process of being rebuilt is a 500-watt all-band rig. Antennas are a 10-meter beam, 20-meter ground plane and 40- and 80-meter dipoles. They also have a 10-kw. emergency generator and a one-cylinder gas engine power supply for low-power portable use.

W6PCN, Peggy Detsch, has been the second guiding light of the **YLRC/SF.** Unlike some XYLs, she knew what she was getting into when she married a Ham, **W6GCV.** "In fact," says Peggy, "I started the rocky road to radio before we were married. It's been a tradition in our family that the bride automatically absorbs her husband's hobbies and I counted myself lucky that I didn't pick a guy who wanted to climb mountains or go count birds in the cold grey winter dawn like some of my less fortunate (from my point of view) relatives. The final amplifier of the 'big rig' chaperoned us on all our early dates because Jack couldn't bear to take it out of the back seat of the car and our first housing had to be chosen with a view to including the ancestor of the present power supply. I got my 'on the air' code practice under Jack's call and I didn't get much of that because he was always taking the rig apart to revise it until I made a bargain that if I'd get

my license he would leave the rig alone and build another to revise. I got my license in 1951, and that's our 'working agreement' now. Jack has added a modulator and now has a teletype printer to be put into the set-up somehow. We added two junior ops along the line so most of my operating is on a more or less appointment basis. When Jack gets generous, he tells the KA's and KL's, I'll be glad to run their phone patches during the daytime!"

W6PCN spends all of her time on 20 phone. Their rig runs a kilowatt to a 3-element beam on the roof. The receiver is an *SX-88* but the rest of the station is homebrewed. Peggy is registered in AF MARS (she's awaiting completion of a TCS), and edits the San Francisco Radio Club paper.

Among the other members, **KN6GDC**, Elvi, is an MYL (mother YL). She put together her own *Heathkit* transmitter and is working hard for her General. Her son is at the Atomic Powered Sub school and she is anxious to QSO him. . . . **KN6EEE**, Vi, also is an MYL. Her son, **W6FVK**, is now in the Navy. Vi's OM is **W6JLV**.

KN6CUT, Myrtle, gave in to Ham radio after 19 years' exposure—first with her brother and then her OM, **W6AHH**. They have a 16-yr. old son who goes mobiling with his Dad, and 10-yr. old Carol, who is a "mascot" of the YLRC/SF and is studying code. . . . **KN6CUV**, Lee, is the XYL of **K6BZY** and they have a 9-yr. old son.

KN6HIW, Kay, and her OM entered Ham radio together. Kay has an 8-yr. old daughter and she works as an accountant so her time is well occupied. . . . **W6GQZ**, Iva, is a working gal but joins the club members at conventions. . . . **W6PIR**, Mary, married last April, is searching for a virus to infect her OM with Ham radio bug. . . . **KN6EEV**, Eleanore, had a son born July 2. . . . Youngest club member is 10-yr. old Patty Fryman, **KN6GXQ**, daughter of **W6NCK**. Her sister, Susan, aged 8, is working for her license, too.

This month (Jan.) the YLRC/SF will celebrate its first anniversary with a dinner and dance and installation of new officers. Describing the aims of the club Jeri, **W6QMO**, says, "Our purpose is to get more women interested in Ham radio and to get them licensed, or failing that, at least to get them to look with a more tolerant eye on their OMs' hobby."

Well done, gals!

1st International YLRL Convention

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KH6AFN, Jeannette, has been selling Christmas cards to earn money for the trip to the convention. W3OQF, Barbie, says "We'll be there." Let's hear from more of you YLs!

YL-OM Contest

The annual *YL-OM Contest*, sponsored by the *Young Ladies' Radio League*, is scheduled this year for the first and third weekends in March. The phone section will be March 5-6 and the CW portion will be March 19-20.

This will be the 6th annual *YL-OM Contest*. It is open to *all* YLs and OMs and offers a fine opportunity to build up YL contacts for WAS/YL and YLCC awards. Put the dates on your calendar now. Rules for the contest will be given here next month.

Emergency Traffic

When Hurricane Hazel struck North Carolina, **W4SGD**, Katherine, found herself right in the thick of it. Winds up to 100 m.p.h. knocked down 35 big trees on their property, but otherwise they escaped damage. Katherine says the *Tar Heel Emergency Net* was in session from Thurs-

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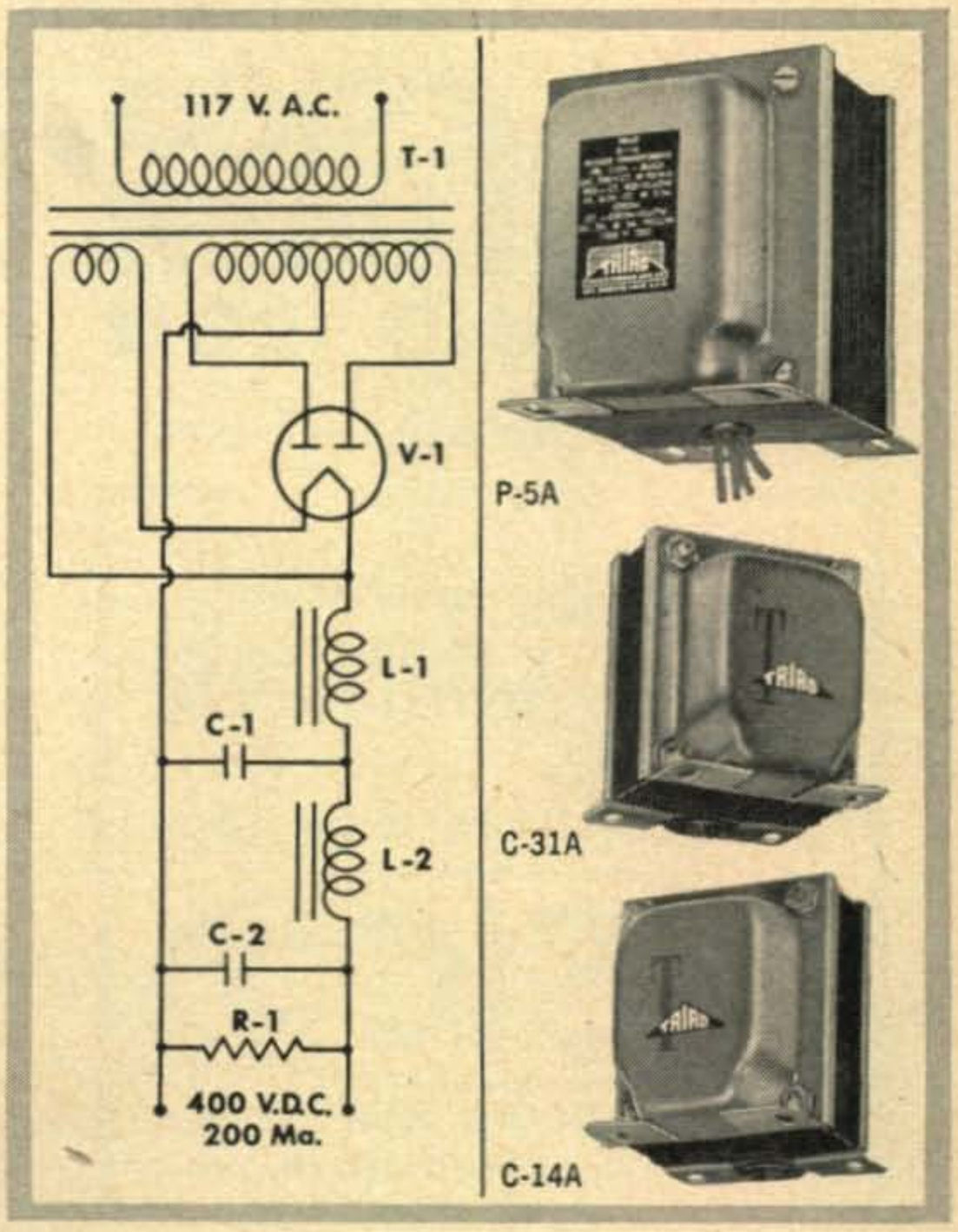

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day night before the storm until the following Wednesday. She manned her station for about 50 hours, most of the time listening and being ready to relay traffic.

In the same storm the *Pennsylvania Emergency Phone Net* was in operation on Oct. 15-16 using 3850 kc., which was declared an emergency frequency by FCC. **W3QPQ**, Jeannette, acted as NCS for a portion of the time and was on the air for the full time of the emergency. **W3SVY**, Loreli, assisted by landline contact to **W3QPQ**, and handled some traffic on CW. Loreli and her OM lost their 46-ft. tower with all antennas in the storm, but strung up a long wire to keep operating.

When flood waters hit the Pecos River Valley in southeastern New Mexico in October **W5YAS**, Blanche, **W5BZB**, Pat, and **W5TDB**, Emma, assisted in handling traffic.

Dakota Division Convention

A dozen YLs met at the *Dakota Division Convention* at Rapid City, S. Dak. in Sept. The XYL Club, which aids and shares in the recreational activities of the *Black Hills Amateur Radio Club*, conducted a tour for the ladies and a Saturday luncheon. All but one prize given at the luncheon were made by members of the XYL Club and included earring and pin sets, ceramic dishes and candle holders, and hand-painted wooden plate. Among the YLs were **WØ's ZWL**, Hazel (president of the XYL Club); **CJY**, Pearl; **DVB**, Dorotha; **UAJ**, Pat; **UDU**, Marj; **VVA**, Bea; **BHP**, Hazel, and her two daughters **WNØVHB**, Carol (age 14) and **WNØVHC**, Joyce (age 11).

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SSB Exciter

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the parallel connected *R/C* time constant circuit composed of *R11* and *C3*. This voltage should be in the region of 50 to 70 volts for normally spoken speech for average settings of the gain controls. This negative voltage is used to cut off the relay tube, *V5b* so that the relay *Ry1* applies the various screen and plate voltages when the relay goes to the de-energized position.

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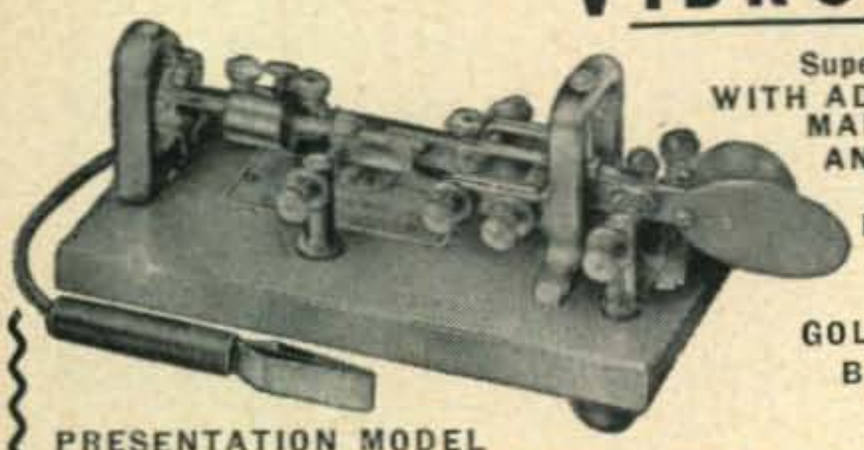

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If the voice control system holds in too long between words or phrases, the time constant combination of *R11* and *C3* should be decreased by decreasing the size of *C3* to 0.05 μfd. Experimentation will yield the correct time constant to use.

End of Part I

In the second part of this article the author goes on to discuss the construction of the exciter and its operation. Detailed photographs and drawings are included.

"Complete 25-er"

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Tuning The Transmitter

After the wiring has been completed and checked, turn *Sw3* to "Off," *Sw5* to "Receive," and *Sw2* to "Tune." Insert the 5U4G rectifier tube and the OA2 voltage regulator. Plug the power cord into a 117-volt, a-c receptacle and turn on *Sw3*. The pilot bulb and the 5U4G should both light, and the d-c output voltage from the power supply will be around 400 volts. Turn *Sw5* to "Transmit," which should actuate the control relay and cause the OA2 to glow. The voltage across the tube will be about 153 volts.

Return *Sw5* to "Receive," and plug in the two 6C4's. While they are warming up, turn *Sw1* to "VFO" and warm up your station receiver. Again turn *Sw5* to "Transmit" and tune the receiver around 3500 kilocycles until you locate the signal from the transmitter v.f.o. Adjust the slug in *L1* and, if necessary, the number of turns in the coil slightly; so that the oscillator covers 3500 to 3700 kc., as condenser *C1* is varied from maximum to minimum capacity.

Set the oscillator dial to about 3600 kc, and remove plate voltage with *Sw5*. Plug in the 6AK6 and the 7-Mc. coil into the *L4* socket and make some provision to measure the grid excitation to the 6AK6 while you peak *L3*. This may be done by temporarily connecting a low-range milliammeter between the bottom of *R3* and ground or by plugging a 50-ma. meter into the key jack. In either event, turn *Sw2* to "Operate" and *Sw5* to "Transmit" while you adjust the slug in *L3* for maximum meter deflection. Do not leave plate voltage on any longer than absolutely necessary in making this adjustment; otherwise, there is a possibility of damaging the 6AK6, because its plate tank circuit has not yet been resonated.

After *L3* is adjusted, plug in the 2E26, but first temporarily break the B+ lead to it at the point

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An Open Letter to Hams About Antennae

(Refer to page 121 — Oct. '54 issue — *QST*)

WE HAVE been told in many ways that our rig is no better than the skyhook we tie it to. We try for maximum transfer of energy for transmitting as well as for receiving the other o.m.! These are true facts and especially vital to us, but we string up the best wires we can regardless of their effect upon one another because we want to work more than one band—especially when one goes out! What then is our problem? To design and build a *SINGLE* antenna which shall be erected in the smallest possible space over the best ground we can produce: which will give us maximum transfer of energy for both transmitting and receiving; using one feed line; and enable us to work not one, but four or more bands without loading coils or capacitors at the antenna; without special relays; or *WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE ANTENNA ADJUSTMENTS!* This would be the ideal skyhook, especially in most cases, if the radiation could be the same in all directions. It sounds *IMPOSSIBLE*. But it is being done *now* through a principle known as *ELECTROMAGNETIC DECOUPLING* and these antennae are available to you in six different models at a far lower cost than you could produce your own even if you had a complete workshop and the many different materials required!

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indicated in the diagram. Connect the low-range milliammeter between *R6* and ground, and adjust *C28* mounted on *L4* for maximum meter deflection. Use a non-metallic tool for this adjustment. The *L4* coils for the other bands may be peaked in the same manner at this time. 2E26 grid current will decrease from five milliamperes, or more on 7 Mc., to only a milliampere or two on 28 Mc. This is normal.

The operation of the second 6C4 as a crystal oscillator may also be checked at this time. Plug a 7-Mc. crystal into the crystal socket and turn *Sw1* to "Crystal." Excitation to the 2E26 should be approximately the same as with v.f.o. control. It may be necessary to readjust the slug in *L3* a trifle in order for the crystal to "start" promptly each time, but it will then require no additional adjustment for either crystal or v.f.o.

A 25-watt, 117-volt light bulb is convenient in tuning up the 2E26 stage. Connect it across the antenna terminal *J2*, plug the appropriate coil into the *L5* socket, and reconnect the B+ lead to the 2E26 stage. Set *C17* to maximum capacity, turn

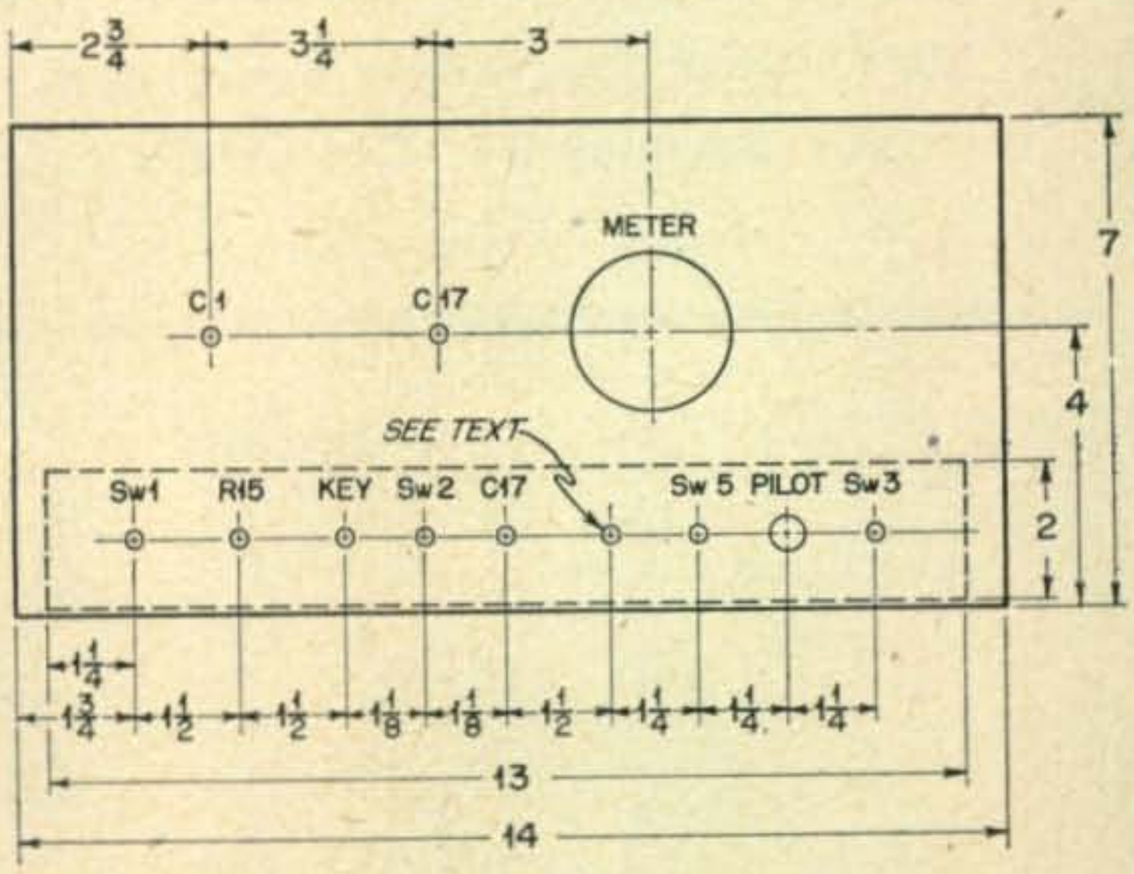

Fig. 3. Drilling template for panel and front of chassis of the "Complete 25-er." Exact positions of controls and diameters of the holes will depend on components used.

Sw5 to "Transmit," and resonate the output stage by turning *C16* for the dip in 2E26 plate current. At this point, the 117-volt bulb may glow.

Decrease the capacity of *C17*, which will increase the 2E26 plate current, in small steps, "dipping" *C16* after each adjustment of *C17*. Continue this process until the 2E26 plate current is about 70 milliamperes. Under these conditions, transmitter input will be about 25 watts and output will be between 15 and 18 watts.

Phone adjustments are simple. After plugging in the audio tubes and connecting the microphone, turn *Sw4* to "Phone" and advance the audio gain control until normal talking produces 100 per cent modulation. Quality may be checked with the aid

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If available, a calibrated grid-dip oscillator is very helpful in getting all coils on the proper frequencies.

Panel lettering was done with standard transmitter decal set.

Q-Multiplier

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The *Null* position is now ready for use, and unless the receiver's plate supply potential varies considerably, *R8* should require no further resetting except for occasional checks over long periods of time. When unstable plate power conditions exist, voltage regulation should be used for the maintainance of the best nulls without readjustment of *R8*.

With the selector switch now set at *Off*, tune in a pair of c-w signals which are close enough to each other to be heard at the same time. Then turn the switch to *Null*, and with *C3* it should be possible to tune out either of the two signals without materially affecting the remaining one.

Next tune in an a-m phone signal with the switch at *Off*. Then switch to *Null*, and set *C3* at the center frequency where the carrier will now drop out, leaving only the two sidebands. The effect to the ear will be one of a-f distortion, because the null is very sharp and the sideband spectrum is broad by comparison, the nulling notch in one of the sidebanks will not be noticeable by ear. The most useful function of the *Null* position will be that of tuning out a heterodyne beat note. This will occur at two different settings of *C3*, one will be at the point where the carrier is nulled, the other will be the point where the interfering signal is nulled. The latter is obviously the correct point.

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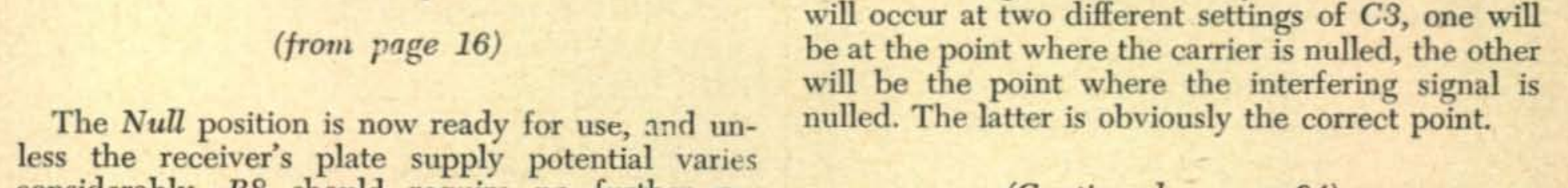

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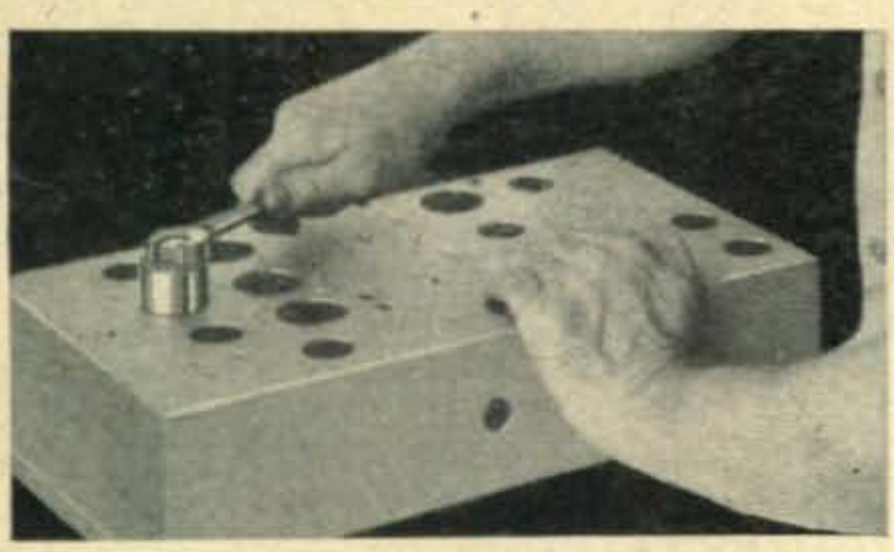

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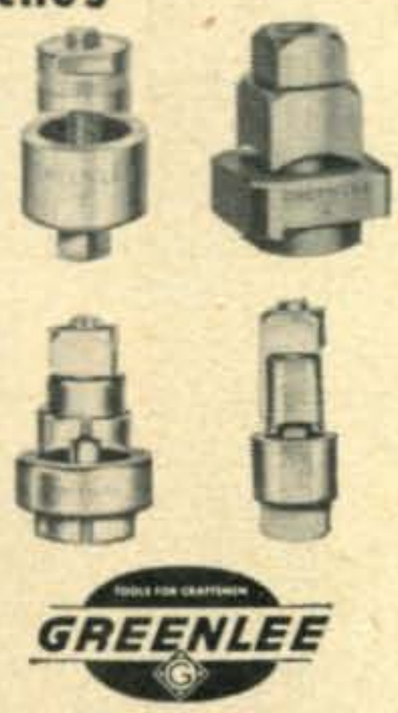

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It should be noted that when the *Null* position is used, the normal selectivity characteristics of the i-f amplifier are not altered, except for the notch created by the *Q Multiplier Null*.

When the receiver is used in a normal manner for SSB reception, the *Null* position may most effectively be used to tune out a beat note and QRM in much the same way as with c.w.

B-F-O Position

When the selector switch is set to *B.F.O.*, the unit will function as a beat-frequency oscillator for the reception of CW or SSB signals. The beat frequency may be tuned with *C3*, and the oscillator level may be adjusted by the selectivity control which will increase the level as the control is rotated towards minimum resistance. The size of the de-coupling resistor *R1* will also control the injection level. The value of *R1*, used in the model was found satisfactory for most reecivers, but some experimenting with its size may be required.

When the *Selectivity* control is set just above the point of oscillation, the b.f.o. level will be about right for c-w reception. For SSB reception, the selectivity control may be advanced further into the oscillating region where the b-f-o level will increase for exalted carrier use. If the a.v.c. is on, the increased b-f-o level will clamp it down and overloading of the receiver will not occur. The r-f gain control may be left turned up and the a-f gain control will have to be turned up higher than normal. The overall result will be cleaner SSB reception than would otherwise be realized.

If a-c hum is experienced when the b.f.o. is used, the r-c filter *R9/C8* should be used. This filter will be required also where erratic operation, uncontrollable squawking or motorboating may be encountered when using any of the other *Q Multiplier* positions.

Additional Notes

Only one of the *Q Multiplier* functions can be used at a time, so it may be found best to combine one of these functions with some of the selective functions of the receiver. Such an arrangement may use a crystal filter for peaking selectivity while using the *Q Multiplier Null* for any notching additional to that obtainable with the crystal phasing control. Another situation may call for use of the crystal filter together with an exalted carrier furnished by the *Q Multiplier* unit. Combinations with other types of filters may be used, or two *Q Multipliers* may be used at the same time for various separate functions.

The frequency range of the models shown here is 450 to 500 kc. At the time of this writing, suitable and easily procurable components for the 262-kc. range have not yet been located. It is hoped that they may shortly be found.

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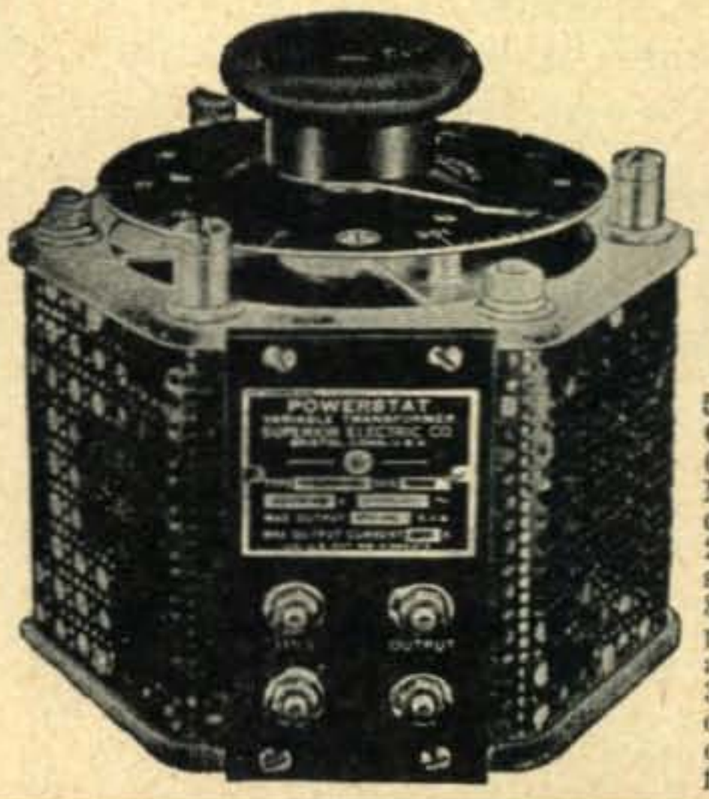

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DX News

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Here And There

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W4WYI/MM is sparks on the S.S. MARINE SHIPPER. **W3WVF/MM** is the skipper. . . . KZ5IL, ex-KW6AR, now keys from **W4IKC.** . . . Put a ring around your calendar for January 15/16. That will mark the dates of the North/South Calif. Fresno get-together. . . . Jim, **HS1D,** will QRT on January 15 and will leave for the Eglin AFB in Florida on February 3rd. . . . G6UT may now be heard as **ZS1RG.** . . . Allan, **G3IDG,** bemoans the lack of CW on 28 Mc. He hears LU's, PY's, ZS's, CX and OQ5 all on phone but nary a peep of CW. Hang on Allan, 28 will be jumping pretty soon. . . . Bill, **W2SKE,** worked the phone contest from W2HJR's QTH thus taking advantage of Buz's five element beams on 14 and 21 not to mention a full sized 7-Mc. 3-element array on a 125-foot tower and 1225-foot V beam. Bill says magnetic disturbances during the phone section cut at least 33% off his possible score. . . . After holding W2WC for 25 years, Frank has moved to Conn. and now holds **W1WY.** Strangely enough he was closely associated with W2WY in the late 1920's. . . . Joe, W6GMF, shipped 300 QSL's to **ZM6AL** in November. You should be receiving them soon. . . . KV4BB and KV4AA received hand-made QSL's from **VQ6LQ.** Looks like he will come through OK.

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There is nothing critical about the wiring of the unit. The receiver works very smoothly and the regeneration setting is non-critical. The operation of the crystal is checked by using a grid-dip meter tuned to about 25 megacycles and adjusting the condenser across *L1* until output is indicated. This condenser is mounted on the rear side of the chassis below the final condensers and is reached through a hole in the case. To check for true crystal control, the crystal should plop out of oscillation very sharply as the condenser is tuned for maximum output. A point should be selected where the crystal starts up readily whenever voltage is applied. With the antenna connected, the final is tuned for maximum output using a field strength meter. Loading coil spacing is adjusted for maximum output befor for gluing the turns in place with *Duco* cement.

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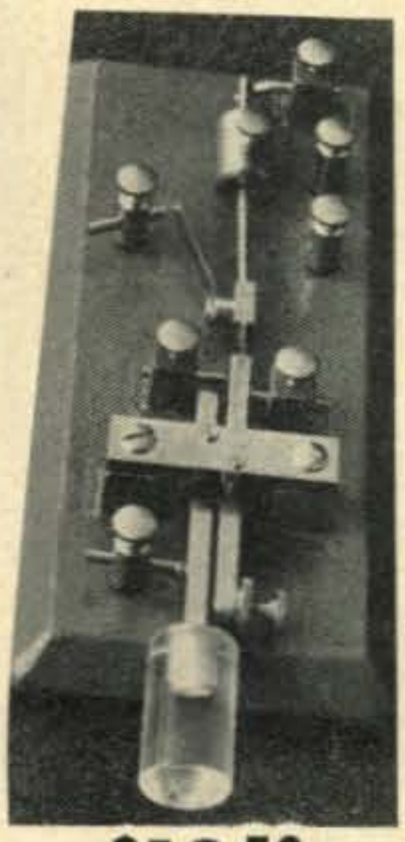

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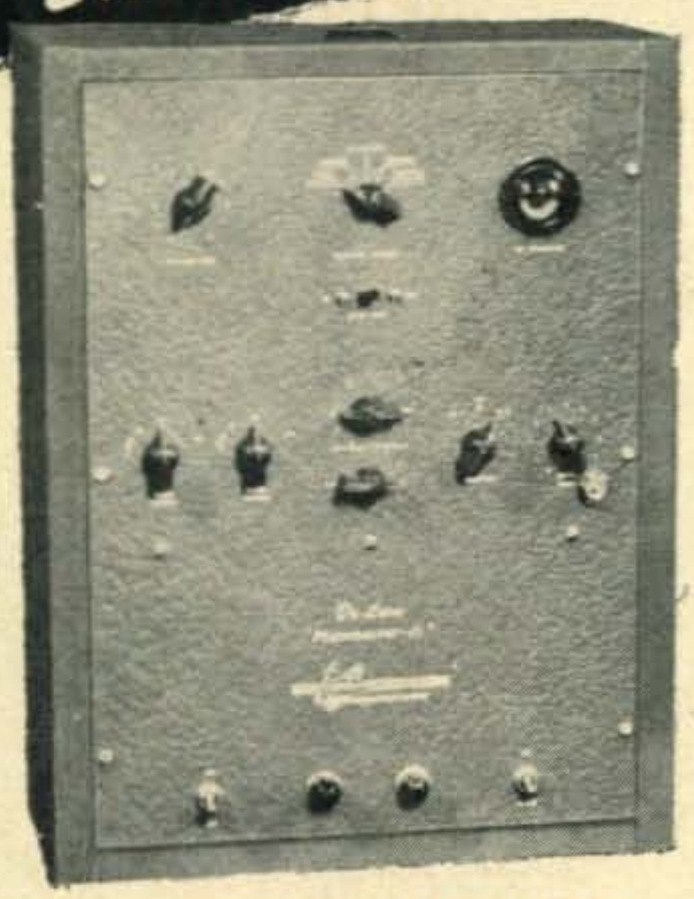

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