

RADIO LORE FOR NOVICE AND EXPERIENCED FAN

Radio Designers Bend Efforts Toward Improvement of Parts

Nothing Radical Can Now be Expected, Says Expert.
Presents Own Receiver Built for Quality Reproduction and Simplicity of Operation

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Radio design has come to a point where nothing radical can be expected. There are a few standard circuits which have held the field for a considerable time because of their inherent superiority. Designers now give their attention to making improvements and refinements in these; and in this field there is a great deal of work yet to be done. New and improved parts are continually making their appearance and in many cases these require a change in the circuit design to take full advantage of the parts. New and special purpose tubes are now available and these require certain changes in the circuit design in order that full advantage of their special characteristics may be obtained. Special purpose tubes and new parts require co-ordination or the result will not be what was expected. But notwithstanding the use of special purpose tubes and co-ordinating parts the trend in design must be toward simplicity of operation and reliability of performance. Below is a brief description of a simple five-tube receiver built by the writer, in which compactness of assembly, quality of reproduction, simplicity of operation, constancy of performance and economy of construction have been kept in mind. Small tubes are used where small tubes will satisfactorily handle the load, medium-sized tubes where medium-sized tubes will do and power tubes where such tubes must be used. The interest of compactness small parts have been used wherever such may be used, without sacrificing efficiency.

The circuit diagram followed in wiring up the set is shown in figure 1. Attention is first called to the filament circuit. It will be observed that the first two filaments are connected in series across the filament battery. This is possible because the first two tubes are 100 types, which required a terminal voltage of three each. This type of tube is a good radio frequency amplifier and it can handle a higher signal voltage than it will ever be called on to handle. It is also a good detector, and it can easily handle all the volume required for that purpose without distortion, provided there is a good audio amplifier following it. For these reasons the first two tubes in the receiver are of the 100 type, 60-milliamperes size. Two of these tubes can be connected across a six-volt storage battery, provided they are in series, and the voltage each tube obtains is just about the correct value, even in the latter stages of the charge of the battery. It is desirable to have some means of controlling the filament current in the first two tubes as a means of adjusting for changes in the battery charge and for volume control. Hence a single rheostat (Rh) is inserted in series with the two filaments. It is placed in the negative lead of the battery in order that the voltage drop in it may be used as a grid bias for the first tube. Note also that the filament of the first tube is placed on the positive side of the filament of the detector. This also is done to get a negative bias on the grid of the first tube without the necessity of using a grid battery. If the grid return lead of the first tube is connected to the negative lead to the storage battery the effective grid bias on the first tube is the voltage drop in the detector tube filament and in the rheostat, about three volts. Since the detector requires a positive bias on its grid, the return lead is connected to the line joining the filaments of the two tubes.

The audio amplifier tubes are either five or six-volt tubes. Hence the filaments of these are connected in parallel across the battery, and ampereages are used to reduce any excess voltage over the required filament terminal voltage. There is a suitable ballast resistor available for every type of tube when working off a six-volt storage battery. The receiver is designed for use with either a loop or an antenna. To change from one to the other the little switch S-1 is thrown either to point 1 or to point 2. The ground binding post is used for one of the terminals of the loop. The switch, S-1, may be made in the small binding posts or machine screws together with a short but heavy flexible lead provided with a lug at one end. One end of this lead is, of course, connected permanently to the grid or condenser.

The two windings, L-1 and L-2, are wound on two-inch hard rubber tubing with number 24 double silk covered wire. The primary contains 20 turns and the secondary, 71 turns. Instead of using a separate primary a tap may be taken on the 71-turn secondary at the 15th or 20th turn from the ground side, to connect the antenna should be connected. The three-circuit tuner, L-2, L-3 and L-4, are wound on a small Bruno form with No. 24 double silk wire for the first two and No. 32 double silk for the last. The primary contains 10 turns, the secondary 33 and the tickler 40 turns. The tuning condensers, C-2 and C-4, across the coils, L-2 and L-4, are General Radio .0005 mfd. straight line frequency.

The by-pass condenser C-3 is of .0005 mfd., and the by-pass C-5 is of .01 mfd. capacity. The grid condenser, C-1, is an XL variometer, which is supplied with clips for taking the grid resistance, R-1, which is a one megohm unit.

The volume control potentiometer P-1 is a 500,000-ohm Carter instrument. This is placed across the secondary of the first audio-frequency transformer, and the

movable arm is connected to the low potential side. The object of placing it across the first transformer rather than across the last, as is too often done, is to prevent overloading in any of the tubes. When placed across the first the signal intensity each tube is called on to handle is the least for any given output. If it is placed across the last it is possible that either or both of the tubes preceding may be overloaded and the resulting distortion cannot be removed from the signal by any amount of juggling of the potentiometer. A good rule in designing sets is to put the volume control as far forward as possible. The object of connecting the sliding arm of the potentiometer to the low potential side of the circuit is, of course, to shorten the grid lead as much as possible.

Three audio-frequency transformers are used in the set. While ordinarily this is not conducive to good quality, the transformers used in the present set have cores of a special material, have very low ratios, are completely shielded and have adequate primary windings and core area, so that the quality does not suffer.

The last tube should be a power tube, preferably a UX-171, if best quality tube speaker volume is to be obtained. This tube requires a plate voltage up to 180 volts, applied at B-3, and a grid bias of 40 volts, applied at C-2. Other power tubes may be used, but then the voltages should be lower, particularly the grid bias applied at C-2. The first two audio tubes should be of the same type, and their plate voltage, applied at B-2, should be about 50 volts. Since both of these tubes have the same characteristics and have the same plate voltage, they should also have the same grid bias, applied at C-1. The plate of the first radio frequency tube is also given a voltage of 90 volts, although its grid bias is only three volts. Sixty-seven volts on the plate would be about the right voltage to apply to this tube for the three-volt bias, but the difference is not of sufficient importance to bring out a separate binding post to take care of it. The plate of the detector tube is given 45 volts, applied to B-1. The B return is common with the positive of the A battery in order that the extra six volts may be effective on the plates of the tubes.

The layout is on a seven by eight-inch panel. The tickler control knob is at the top middle, the potentiometer at the bottom on the left, the rheostat at the bottom right and the filament switch between the potentiometer and the rheostat.

The baseboard is 7 1/2 by 17 1/2 by 3/4 inches and is bolted in paraffine to improve its insulating qualities. The following parts are required: Two .0005 mfd. General Radio variable condensers. One by-pass condenser, .0005 mfd. One by-pass condenser, .01 mfd. One XL variometer with clips for grid leak (containing .0005 mfd. and a baseboard grid leak. One 30-ohm Carter rheostat. One 500,000-ohm Carter potentiometer. Three ampereages of appropriate capacity. One Carter Imp filament switch, S-2. Two KX diodes and one small KX knob. Panel .75 inches and a baseboard .81 1/2 inches. Eleven Eby binding posts and hard rubber strips. Three melotone audio transformers. Three large all-glass sockets. Two small sockets. Two binding posts for fastening grid base. One Bruno three-circuit tuner. One R. E. transformer as described. A cabinet 7 1/2 inches of baseboard. Two UV-188 tubes. Two UX-201-A tubes. One power tube, preferably a UX-171.

ANOTHER CIRCUIT

Harvard Radio Men Devise One Expression for Experimenters.

The latest type of set to meet the requirements of the experimenter is the circuit devised by Browning and Drake of Harvard. This is not a manufactured set, but the result of their long experiments. It consists of a stage of tuned radio frequency amplification combined with regeneration.

This is the combination experimenters have long sought because they all know that regeneration has so many desirable features, it should be incorporated in a set if at all possible, so as to get the most out of the detector tube. In fact, with regeneration, you can dispense with one of the tubes, with a great saving in A and B battery consumption as well as space in the radio set, declares Mr. Drake.

It isn't the number of tubes in a set that give it great volume and distance. It is the way they are connected and with what circuit. The combination of tuned radio frequency amplification and regeneration requires but four tubes and the regenerative feature of the set will amplify these weak signals, while the two stages of audio frequency amplification will give loud speaker volume.

When loud speaker volume is mentioned, it does not mean that every station will come in on the loud speaker, because they will not. No set made to date will do that, because there is a certain loss of signal strength that does not come in better than the noise level, and when you amplify one you amplify the other.

SHORT CIRCUITS



RADIO PROGRAMMES

WEAN begins the new week with broadcasting of this morning's service of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, at 10:55 and an organ recital at 7:30 p. m. To-morrow, The Shepherd orchestra and regular entertainers will be heard from noon until midnight. Tuesday's special attractions will be a popular concert at 4 p. m. by John Fitzpatrick, a violin recital at 8 p. m. by Joseph Heller, and a special program by Jennie Clark Simpson and others, beginning at 9 p. m. The special for Wednesday will be an organ recital at 8 p. m. by Lewis Weir and a radio playlet at 8:30 p. m. Thursday will be devoted to WEAN artists, plus a special organ recital at 4 p. m. Friday and Saturday, the station will continue its own concerts and several relayed from noted New England resorts.

WEAN will broadcast the Capitol Theatre Family concert this evening at 7:20, followed by a special New York relay at 9:15. To-morrow's special will be a studio concert at 1:05 p. m. Instrumental music at 8:35 and 9:15 p. m. and the opera, "The Masked Ball," at 10 o'clock. Tuesday's special will be a safety council talk at 8:05 p. m. and a tenor recital by Charles Morrison immediately afterward. For Wednesday, in addition to regular WEAN entertainers, there will be a concert at 9:15 p. m. by Frank E. Chadwick, tenor, and two programmes by Alice and Louise McLaughlin, during the evening. Elton B. Cook, bass, will sing Thursday night at 8:35. Friday night, Dick Harrington will be heard twice and Marguerite Mylod, soprano, will also go on the air twice. WEAN will broadcast programmes to-morrow and Friday nights.

WEAN-THE SHEPHERD STORES-367 To-day, 10:55 a. m.-Service of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston. 7:30 p. m.-Organ recital. To-morrow, 11:55 a. m.-Time signals. 12:00 p. m.-Shepherd Colonial concert orchestra. 12:10 p. m.-Weather report. 12:15 p. m.-Musical programme. 12:30 p. m.-Musical programme. 12:40 p. m.-Musical programme. 1:00 p. m.-Dinner dance by the Acadia Sereaders. 1:10 p. m.-Organ recital. 1:20 p. m.-Musical programme. 1:30 p. m.-Musical programme. 1:40 p. m.-Musical programme. 1:50 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:00 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:10 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:20 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:30 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:40 p. m.-Musical programme. 2:50 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:00 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:10 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:20 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:30 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:40 p. m.-Musical programme. 3:50 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:00 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:10 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:20 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:30 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:40 p. m.-Musical programme. 4:50 p. m.-Musical programme. 5:00 p. m.-Musical programme. 5:10 p. m.-Musical 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Russia Holds Good Claim for World Radio Activity Honors

Declare Discoveries of Popoff Preceded Success of Marconi.—Soviet is Advancing Country's Condition by Public Broadcast Stations

BY BORIS S. NAIMARK

History gives more than one instance where a scientific discovery of the first magnitude takes place simultaneously, or with little difference in time, in two or more different countries. In all such instances controversy as to the priority of discovery is quite unavoidable. The very cornerstone of modern physics, the principle of conservation of energy, is, until this very day, the subject of such controversy between two civilized countries. Germany credits the discovery to the genius of a German physicist, Hermann von Helmholtz, not to be outdone, credits the same discovery to the British physicist, Joule. The discovery of the principle of periodicity of elements is credited by Germany to Lothar Meyer, while the rest of the civilized world seems to be of the opinion that the famous Russian chemist, Mendeleeff, should be credited with this important contribution.

Similarly, there still persists to-day controversy as to who was the first inventor of wireless telegraphy. While a majority of writers and the general public bestow this honor upon Senator Marconi, Russians argue that Prof. Popoff should be given the credit for this invention.

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with a membership exceeding 20,000. It is in a Moscow suburb that one finds Russia's premier broadcasting station (we are referring to the Sokolniki station). It is in Moscow that the radio exhibition of June 6, 1925, was held.

The Sokolniki station, under favorable conditions, reaches a host of listeners within a radius of 300 miles. The concert studio of this station is located in the Trade Union Hall, in the center of Moscow, and is equipped with microphones and other apparatus manufactured in the United States.

Several American firms participated in the radio exhibition held in Moscow on June 6, 1925. It is said that the American exhibitors have won one of the four highest awards, diplomas of honor that were offered at the exhibition. During the several weeks of the exhibition over 50,000 fans visited the Polytechnic Institute to see the show, a significant indication of radio's popularity.

In addition to the Sokolniki station mentioned above, the Commissariat for Posts and Telegraphs has on its inventory about 52 broadcasting stations, of these nine were built within the last year and were installed in provincial towns, such as Sverdlovsk, Khar'kov, Ekaterinoslav, Rostov-on-Don, Astrakhan, Petrozavodsk and others. The Commissariat also has under construction in the Leningrad factories of the Federal Low Current Trust.

Russian broadcasting programmes do not differ from American broadcast programmes in their radio manner, except that they are marked by a nearly total absence of jazz. The radio newspaper is perhaps one of the most unusual features of the Russian programmes. These are usually broadcast in two editions. The first edition contains the mid-day recess periods in the factories and mills, so that the workers may gather around the loud speakers and get the news of the day.

The radio newspaper is practically all the features and departments of a regular newspaper, including news, special articles, short stories and dramatic and motion picture reviews.

The radio newspaper and the radio concerts are the principal type of broadcast. The radio concerts include cycle concerts by eminent composers, with explanatory lectures, or symphonic and chamber music.

However, the most constructive part of the Russian broadcast programmes consists of the lectures on scientific and technical subjects that are regular features of the Russian broadcast activities. It is through these lectures that the peasant and farmer get first-hand information with regards to their pressing farming problems.

It must be said here that until this very day there are no licensed amateurs in Russia. The privilege of experimental and amateur broadcasting and code transmission is granted only to scientific organizations, radio clubs, universities, etc. Of all the experimental stations in this country is that of the Nizhny-Novgorod Radio Laboratory. This station as well as the experimental station of the University of Tomsk (Siberia) have recently done, and are still doing, some remarkable work in short-wave transmission.

Russian radio engineers are very active just now and their excellent work is well known to leading radio engineers of this and other continents. It may be of interest in this connection that in the June, 1925, issue of the Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers appeared a very excellent article on radio stations, and the choice of power for same, prepared by two members of the Russian Society of Radio Engineers.

There is no doubt but that in the years to come the history of Russia will be closely interwoven with its radio developments and activities.

WHEN THE SET BACKS

Intelligent Diagnosis of Trouble Should Be Within Owner's Ability.

Like an automobile, your radio set will fall to operate one of these nights, or may start and then stop. This, of course, means there is something wrong with some part of the set—but the thing is which part.

New sets should not give trouble but if they do it is probably a defective transformer or loose connection in the telephone cords or loud speaker. Where a set has been in use several months and has been operating satisfactorily, with slight decrease in volume, it will be found that either the A or B batteries are getting low. If the set is about a year old, either of the foregoing things may be wrong or it is possible that one or more of the tubes have gone bad. Where the filament still burns the tube may be reconnected unless it has sagged against the grid.

In a set that has been in use for a season and noise develops it may be due to a faulty connection at the battery or dust between the variable condenser plates. Sometimes a soldered connection becomes broken due to corrosion. Noise picked up by the aerial is not being considered and can very easily be determined by disconnecting both aerial and ground. Noises that continue are in the set.

In an old set, noise often develops due to worn mechanical parts such as variable condensers. Noise most always develops much sooner in a cheap radio set than in an expensive one. The first thing to look for when your set stops altogether is a defective tube.

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Interference can be reduced greatly by substituting a counterpoise for the usual water pipe ground connection. This is done by running a wire around the room over the molding, about 50 feet, and connecting the end to the ground terminal of the set.

Argentina and Brazil have organized radio trade associations.

There are nearly 1,000,000 radio sets on farms in the United States.

Edward Adler, a wireless operator of Brooklyn, N. Y., holds all records for speed receiving. His time is 68 words per minute.

TRANSFERS AND MORTGAGES

Friday, Aug. 20.

DEEDS

Charles A. Hansen to Oliver H. Juckett et al., Ethel M., lot and buildings on the northerly side of Roger Williams avenue; consideration \$10.

Robert L. Lamb et al., Anna A., by mortgage, to Henry P. Stone, lot and buildings corner of Lester and Saunders streets; consideration \$25.

Calvin H. Brown to Walter L. Daigneau et al., Alma B., lot and buildings on the southerly side of Gallup street; consideration \$10.

Todd-Mellor Company to George T. Foulkes, lot and buildings corner of Washington and Franklin streets; consideration \$10.

Louis Lamaze et al. to Adele Lamaze, two lots and buildings on the southerly side of Sterling street; consideration \$1.

Movses Mousigian et al., Annie, to Hyman Brill et al., Sarah, lot and buildings corner of Public and Plain streets; consideration \$10.

Samuel Bornstein to Eugene E. Peters et al., Katherine F., lot and buildings on the southerly side of Calla street; consideration \$10.

Jeduthan R. Champlin et al., Marie L., to Wallace R. Chandler, Jr., undivided fourth of lot on the westerly side of Benefit street; consideration \$10.

Stephen C. Miller to Abbie E. Miller, lot and buildings last above described; consideration \$10.

James J. McGovern et al., Annie J., to Fred B. Perkins, lot and buildings corner of Hope and Whiting streets; consideration \$100.

James J. McGovern et al., Annie J., to Fred B. Perkins, lot and buildings on the easterly side of Hope street; consideration \$100.

Fred B. Perkins to James J. McGovern et al., Annie J., as joint tenants, lot and buildings corner of Hope and Whiting streets; consideration \$100.

Fred B. Perkins to James J. McGovern et al., Annie J., as joint tenants, lot and buildings on the easterly side of Hope street; consideration \$100.

Charles H. Long et al., Margaret E., to Paul A. Jacobson, lot on the northerly side of Ray street; consideration \$100.

Max Shore et al. to Barnet Fain et al., Ida, lot and buildings on the easterly side of Pinchburg avenue; consideration \$10.

Addie E. Thornton to Gunder O. Haskins et al., Catherine A., lot and buildings corner of South Amherst street and Cozzens row; consideration \$10.

Jacob Horowitz et al., Gussie et al., to Antonio Lima et al., Mary, lot and buildings on the northerly side of Transit street; consideration \$10.

Perfecto Costantino to Pasquale Costantino et al., all interest in four lots and buildings corner of Hartford and Privet street; consideration \$10.

Daniel Hearn to Zack Pina et al., Pearl, lot and buildings on the easterly side of Clorano street; consideration \$10.

Salvatore Esposito et al., by sheriff, to John M. Clifford, three lots on the northerly side of Clym street, lot on Eaglehawk street, four lots on the westerly side of Cumberland street; consideration \$30.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES
Oliver H. Juckett et al., Ethel M., to People's Savings Bank, lot and buildings on northerly side of Roger Williams avenue; \$500.

Oliver H. Juckett et al., Ethel M., to Providence Mortgage Corporation, lot and buildings last above described; \$1500.

Walter L. Daigneau et al., Alma B., to Henry P. Stone, lot and buildings on southerly side of Gallup street; \$3400.

Sam Bornstein et al., Mary A., to Providence Mortgage Corporation, lot and buildings on northerly side of Pocasset avenue; \$2700.

George T. Foulkes to Todd-Mellor Company, undivided half of lot and buildings on corner of Washington and Franklin streets; \$7500.

David Greenberg et al., Clara, to The Hamilton Company, lot and buildings on southerly side of Dudley street; \$1000.

Frank H. Couture et al., Jennie, to Rhode Island Discount Corporation, lot and buildings on westerly side of Chambers street; \$1000.

Nicolo Amoroso et al., to Citizens' Savings Bank, lot and buildings on easterly side of West River street; \$8000.

DISCHARGES OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES

Charles A. Hansen by Gerda Anderson; \$3500.

Sam Beaumont et al., Mary A., by Domenico Capono; \$2000.

Sam Beaumont et al., Clara, by The Hamilton Company; \$1000.

Paul B. Spenkel et al., Maude D., by Lizzie A. Aronofsky; \$8000.

Carmine Buonaiuto et al., Rosina, et al., by Natalie Cannata; \$1200.

Costantino Lombardi by Henry A. Greene; \$2000.

Adelard Thauralt et al., Mary, by Old Colony Co-operative Bank; \$4500.

Raffaele Capasso et al., Maria, by Anna Lanagna; \$3000.

Salvatore Capasso et al., Maria, by Amedeo Lombardi; \$2000.

Charles H. Long et al., Margaret E., by Joseph Kraemer et al.; \$7600.

Charles H. Long et al., Margaret E., by Charles H. Philbrick, Inc.; \$7600.

Luigi Flori et al., Teresa, by Rinaldo Flori; \$700.

Wolf C. Sharp et al., Fanny, et al., by James S. Chaffee; \$3340.

Clara E. M. Teasmer; \$3000.

Walter W. Osterman et al., Ethel J., by Henry C. McGuffee; \$4600.

Robert M. Rollins by James E. F. Henry, lot and buildings corner Huntington avenue and Puritan street; \$300.

Samuel D. Simson by the Miles Tire & Rubber Company, lots 38, 39, 24 and 25 on Assessors' Plat 23; \$1200.

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The peril of smoking is the nicotine in the tobacco, as everyone knows but the fellow who lights and re-lights the same cigar repeatedly gets a greater dose of the nicotine than the man who completes his smoke at one lighting. It has been found that the smoker who re-lights his pipe or cigar consumes 10 times more nicotine than the other. The determination of what is the least

the corner of Spruce and Murphy streets; \$1646.

Zack Pina et al., Pearl, to Carter Realty Company, lot and buildings on the easterly side of Clorano street; \$3500.

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