

# IN THE WORLD OF RADIO

## Radio Range Will Develop 10-Fold

### Manufacturers Predict Revolution in Industry Within Five Years.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 21.—The range of radio sets will be increased tenfold, interference will be drowned out and static eliminated by high power broadcasting, just getting under way, Powell Crosley, Jr., Cincinnati, head of the Crosley Radio corporation, declared in an address before the Electrical Supply Jobbers' association here.

Gen. Guy E. Tripp, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, another speaker, declared that the radio industry has grown faster than the automobile industry and has not yet reached the saturation point. Eight per cent of the Westinghouse output is radio equipment, Tripp said.

The radio industry is in a chaotic state because everything that has the name radio will sell, Crosley declared. The business will settle down to healthy competition when big manufacturers are able to meet the demand and then "the public will be more discriminating."

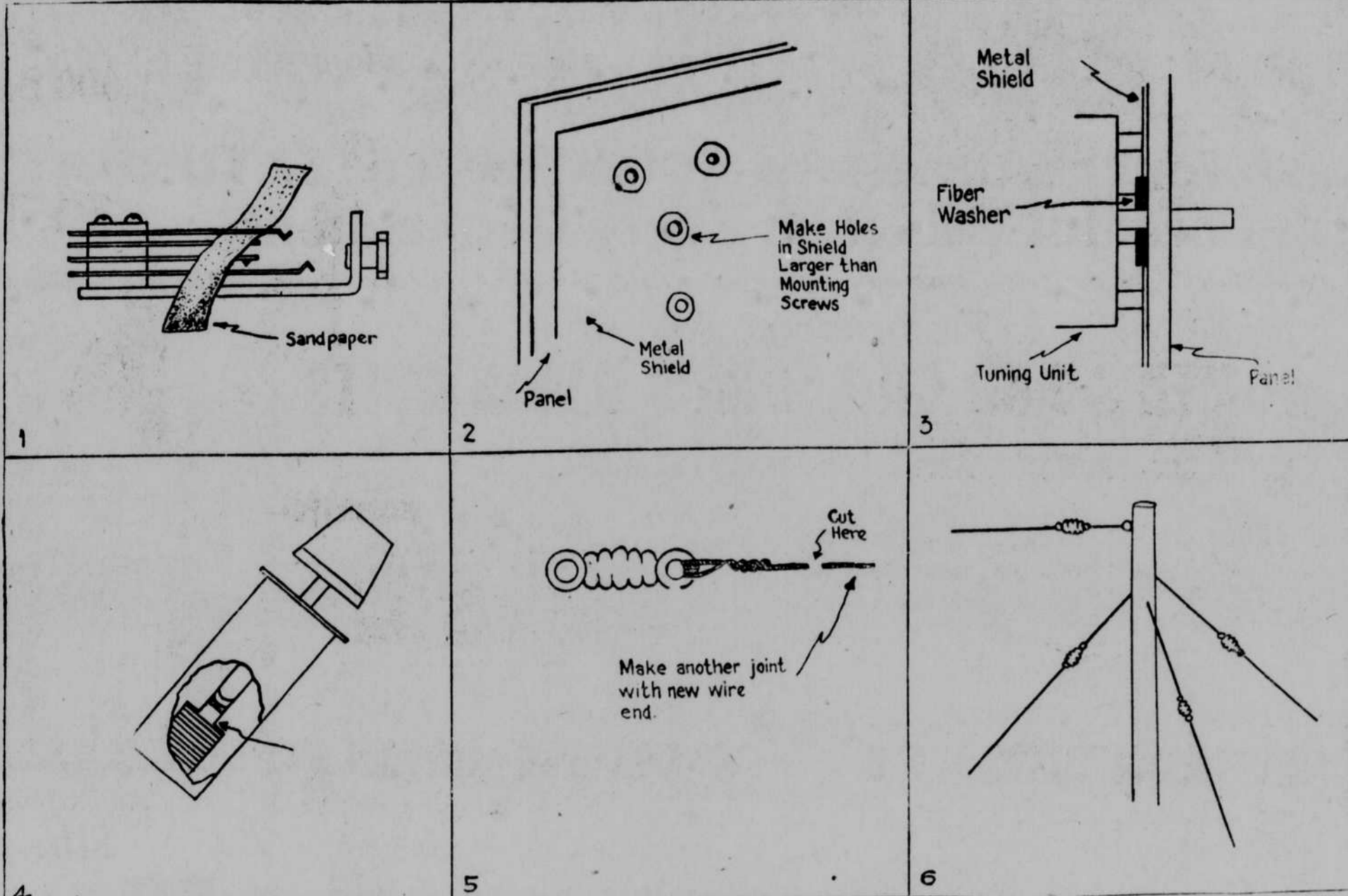
"Dealers should build a sound foundation for this tremendous industry, which looks big today, but is only a draft compared to what it will be within five years," Crosley said.

"Broadcasting is the foundation of the industry. Most people take it as a matter of course, but without it there would be no industry. You will see a gradual decrease in the number of small broadcasting stations. The tendency is for more power. The 500-watt station of today will be a joke a few years from now."

Tripp warned the dealers that they must prepare for the time when the big power and lighting companies start to sell electrical goods.

Admitting that the cost of distributing products is a cause of much of the economic unrest, he said, he did not know how to reduce the number of middle men or to reduce the cost except by increasing the turnover.

## Sets Should Be Overhauled for the Winter; Corrosion, Dust, Loose Contacts Cut Down "Pep"



Six precautions which the set owner should take in overhauling his receiver and antenna system for the coming "busy." Attention these generally overlooked items will result in increased "DX" and put apparatus in best working order.

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With the arrival of fall the radio season proper reopens for the winter. Those of us who put away the set entirely for the summer will now see it being reinstalled. It is those of us who built a portable receiver for the past months will be storing it away and turning to our old winter standby.

At all events many radio fans will be resuming their pastime of listening-in. Some will have their expectations as regards the performance of their old set entirely justified, but how many will be disappointed and puzzled at their set's failure to function with all its old vim and punch? It may seem absurd that a set will lose its efficiency in a few months of disuse, but that such is the case oftentimes has been proven in the past. This article is written in the hope that much trouble and expense on the part of the radio fan and the junking of a good set which needs only overhauling and cleaning may be done away with.

### Ordinary Dusting Not Enough.

It is not sufficient to wipe all the visible dust from the interior of the set. Every instrument composing it should be thoroughly cleaned. Several small, soft, clean cotton cloths and a piece of stiff wire will be sufficient for dusting the set. Do not ever look the induction coil for dust lodged between turns of wire will assist in making the set a broad tuner, and because of the greater distributed capacity, will also cause reduced signal strength. Dust furnishes shorts and by-passes for radio frequency currents.

All wiring should be gone over in case some unknown accident may have happened to the set while it was in disuse. It may have been subjected to some mechanical shock about which you know nothing, and if the wiring has been injured you may burn out a tube or two as a consequence of a short circuit. If the set has been stored in too warm a place, any surplus soldering paste which may have been left under a terminal or a lug will have melted and possibly caused corrosion. Again, you may have been in somewhat of a hurry to try out your new portable when you stored the old set last spring, and may have accidentally injured some of the wiring.

As mentioned before, all of the individual instruments composing the set should be inspected. Dust collected on the plates of variable condensers greatly alters their capacitance values and consequently their efficiency in the circuit for which they were intended. Distal connections to moving parts may need to be reassembled to the shafts before they are capable of being put to hard service all winter. Contact springs of tube sockets should be removed from the sockets and filed until they present a shining surface. This insures against a high resistance cover of corroded metal being present between the prong of the tube and the metal proper of the contact spring. Good contact at this point is especially important in the grid circuit.

### Renovating Jacks.

Telephone jacks should have the assembly screws tightened, because temperature changes and tension and stress of wiring may have forced them loose. Good contact between the spring arms may be had by drawing a piece of very fine sand paper through the arms, as shown in Fig. 1.

### Make another joint with new wire end.

Cracked insulators should likewise be replaced. All the intact insulators should be washed clean of dust and smoke particles. Cut the aerial wire from the insulator just before the point at which it is connected to the latter and then reconnect it at the new end formed, as shown in Fig. 5. This provides against the aerial wire breaking at this point because of the softened condition of the wire, caused by its being bent backward and forward so frequently. Inspect the soldered joints and see if the guys hold the aerial stationery. Turn-buckles (Fig. 6) placed in the guys assist in keeping the aerial under proper and constant tension.

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annoying and cause dial readings to be inaccurate.

If you have not used your aerial all summer and have allowed it to hang grounded, it would be a safe plan to follow to lower the aerial and inspect the insulators, joints and guys. If the wire is badly corroded, it would be best to replace it with new.

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From the foregoing it is easy to see the great number of places in which trouble may be found and remedied which has been "carefully" stored for the summer. An automobile which has been in storage for some time must be thoroughly overhauled and returned before it will operate with its old efficiency. If that be the case, how much more carefully must we prepare a radio set in which the initial electrical energy furnished us with which to work is so small. In storing your set next spring think of a few of the difficulties with which you met this fall and guard against their recurrence.

### "B" BATTERIES NEED WATCHING

If there are undue noises in your set for which you cannot account, it would be highly advisable to inspect carefully the terminal connections on your "B" batteries and also any connections between "B" batteries, as corrosion at this point will cause no end of trouble in your reception.

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## INTERNATIONAL RADIO TEST WEEK

Everything is set in America, Europe, and other foreign lands for the international radio tests which will commence next Monday and continue throughout the week up to and including Sunday night, according to Arthur H. Lynch, editor of "Radio Broadcast," and Hugh S. Pocock, editor of "Wireless World and Radio Review." London, who have made the broadcasting arrangements with stations in North America and Europe respectively.

On each evening of this week from 10 to 11, eastern standard time, North American broadcasters will broadcast special programs for the benefit of European listeners, during which period European stations will remain silent. The North American broadcasters include 44 stations in Canada, practically all of the stations in the United States, the four Mexican stations, those in Cuba and Porto Rico. Nine big radio broadcasting stations on the European continent will in turn open international radio week at 11 o'clock, eastern standard time, the night of November 24, and broadcast special programs for a period of one hour, in an effort to reach the American listener. On the next night, November 25, the European program will be broadcast by stations of the British Broadcasting company, who will alternate with the continental stations throughout the remainder of the test week.

## Visiting Features Education Week

### Parents Brought Into School and School Into Home at Central City.

Central City, Nov. 21.—Much activity was carried on in Central City during education week, parents being brought into the school and the school into the home.

Monday and Tuesday after 4 o'clock teachers visited the homes. In all 216 homes were visited. Cars were provided for the teachers by the Lions club and American Legion, under the direction of John Reynolds, commander of the Legion.

Wednesday afternoon the whole day's work of the high school was given, periods were only 20 minutes long, but the visitors got an idea how the school machine works. Eighty-six visited this session.

Thursday a special program was given by the high school, Philip Smith and Richard Ramage gave special talks on value of home education and the meaning of the constitution. Dr. E. E. Boyd, representing the American Legion, was the main speaker.

About 425 parents visited the school during the week. Work was exhibited in all the buildings. The education week project was managed by student committees.

## Sugar Beet Record Scored by Grower at Minatare

Bridgeport, Nov. 21.—Seventy-nine and fifty-five hundredths tons of sugar beets off 3.7 measured acres of ground, with an average sugar content of nearly 17 per cent, were grown by E. K. Eieland of Minatare this year. This is considered a record for even this part of the country. One of the beets weighed 20 1/2 pounds, after being cut of the ground a day and a half before its weight was taken, and many of the beets harvested would run over 15 pounds each in weight.

## York Board Awards Graveling Contract

York, Nov. 21.—At the recent meeting of York county commissioners, it was voted to give the contract for the graveling of the S. Y. A. road from York east to the county line to the Allied Construction company. This is gravel project number 56 and this company was lowest bidder. There will be a three-inch gravel surface. The board voted also to ask for state aid in the sum of \$200 to road paving for graveling four blocks in the village of Waco.

## Burlington Constructs Modern Depot at Sidney

Bridgeport, Nov. 21.—The \$15,000 Burlington depot at Sidney is complete with exception of installation of furniture. It is one of the most modern buildings of its kind in Nebraska and has signal poles on top with all modern conveniences in the lower story. It is built of green stucco and has been under construction five months.

## Odd Fellows Make Surprise Visit to Grand Master

Tekamah, Nov. 21.—Delegations from all the subordinate lodges in northeast Nebraska, about 150 in number, with grubstakes, walked into the Tekamah lodge hall and surprised A. M. Van Cleave, who recently was elected grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Nebraska. After the regular session of the lodge a banquet was served and good fellowship enjoyed.

## "Pep" Broadcast by Central High

### Rooters Enthused to High Enthusiasm on Eve of Tech Game.

Two thousand roaring students of Central High school did everything but tear up the seats of the Rialto theater Friday morning as they shouted their determination to "Beat Tech" at the football game Saturday.

The rooters filled the theater from stage to gallery, and their cheers rolled out the doors like the roars of a calypso.

Two graduates of Central spoke at the meeting, and yells and cheers punctuated their remarks. They were F. L. Latenser and Ray Clements, and they roused the students to cheer as they had never cheered before.

Clements introduced a new yell at the rally, and it went over with a bang. Every one of the students joined in shouting: "Yea, purple! Yea, white!