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ANNIVERSARY CONTEST FIRST-PRIZE AWARD

Imagine K6LFK's surprise, upon returning to his North Hollywood home after a short vacation at Lake Tahoe, Galifornia, to find an official envelope bearing the monogram of the Amateur Radioteletype Society. Mort Swingler had submitted his photographic entry, among dozens of others, in the nationwide contest among RTTYers celebrating the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the national Amateur Radioteletype organization and the very first FSK and AFSK amateur radio teleprinter communication. Like all contest-minded radio amateurs Mort had participated for the fun of the competition and really did not believe he stood a chance to win an award, or even "honorable mention". You may well fancy his state of mind when he read the letter containing the announcement that he had been awarded First Prize by the contest committee. Several useful pieces of teletypewriter gear were won by LFK, including a perforatedtape synchronous-motored distributor. A spanking-brand-new Model 26-A has been shipped to him from the Society's headquarters at 38-06 61st Street, Woodside, N. Y. He also received a 14-type perforated-tape transmitter.

A retired Bell-System telephone man, K6LFK has been married eleven years and tells us that the XYL is not a ham. Despite his long association with electrical and electronic equipment Mort is not an old-timer in amateur radio, although he kept abreast of "ham" activities. Mort was bitten by the teletype "bug" less than two years ago but in the intervening time he has managed to accumulate a very respectable collection of gear. Among this collection can be found a Barker & Williamson 5100-B transmitter, 800-watt output power amplifier, 6-meter Gonsett and a National 183-D receiver. For mobile work Mort has a Multi-Elmac transmitter and receiver.

His 10' X 20' knotty pine finished shack, built behind the garage, has one sliding 8' X 2' window plus two regular windows, all tastefully "dressed up" with venetian blinds and drapes. For those contests that find the OM hitting the "sack" in the wee hours of the morning Radioteletyper Swingler has furnished the shack with a comfortable double bed. Both 110V and 220V lines are brought into the radio room and there are plenty of outlets and pull-down lamps wired up

In the "sky-wire" department the RTTY contest-winner has a Telrex 10, 15, 20 meter beam also a Multi-Match Antenna, FT-200 coils All-Band by Frederick Tool and Engineering Corp. Mort claims excellent results from these. He also has a vertical ground-plane antenna. A 60-foot tower is the beginning of what radiotyper Mort hopes will become an extensive antenna "farm".

K6LFK uses a telephone company "TWX" teletypewriter with a "home-brewed" terminal unit to convert the received machine-keyed audio signals into the DC pulses required by the telegraph printer. Contest-winner Mort is a voracious reader of literature on printing telegraphy, all the way back to the first article on the subject which appeared in QST in February of 1948. He has mulled over the many possible additions to his radioteletype station, such as autostart, permitting reception of printed messages from fellow RTTYers when he is not at home; automatic reperforation in tape of message traffic and all the extra gizmos the radioteletype gang have been dreaming up. Mort Swingler is a wellrounded amateur. He finds time, besides his RTTY, to chew the "fat" on 'Phone and has given CW a whirl.

FREE TAPE DISTRIBUTORS FOR STATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Your RTTY Society will continue, until further notice, the policy of giving away absolutely free a Model 26-A perforated-tape distributor for good photographs of RTTY stations. These photos, or any resembling them, must not have appeared in publications elsewhere and are to become the exclusive property of the national RTTY Society. They must be mailed, well backed with cardboard, via insured mail, to the Society's headquarters offices at 38-06 61st Street, Woodside 77, N.Y. marked "ATTENTION of PHOTO EDITOR". Photos are preferably 8" X 10" or larger and, if at all possible, should be accompanied by the negative. Negatives alone are acceptable if you do not have large prints. <u>ARTS 46-2</u>

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37 more Model 26 Teletype machines have been offered to our ARTS readers in a "combination deal" somewhat similar to the last one, bulletinized to the RTTY gang several months ago. These 37 typewheel page printers will be supplied through your national Amateur Radioteletype organization, complete with Keyboard, Typing Unit, Cover, Table and Model 14 Perforated-Tape Transmitter, for \$93. They can be furnished only to radio amateurs or prospective radio amateurs who have on file at RTTY headquarters at 38-06 61st Street, Woodside 77, N. Y. a properly-executed copy of the "Waiver of Commercial Intent" (blank form supplied upon request). The "combination deal", engineered by your Society, for this batch and the previous similar one, obtains the printer-tape transmitter pair at a lower cost than they have ever been had before, from this or any other source. The \$93 charge includes packing in stout wooden containers. They will be shipped from 4 locations, scattered around the country, in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Are you equipped for high-speed tape transmission?

27 Stroboscope: Test units are now available, identified as Item 286, for \$21. They are similar in appearance to the General Radio "STROBOTAC" units and have a similar application. The units consist of a cubical metal box, wrinkleenameled, having a highly-polished parabolic reflector with a strobotron highintensity flashing lamp at its focal point. A cord and telephone-type plug permits the stroboscope to be patched into teleprinter circuits. Through internal circuitry this allows the flash to be synchronized with the teletype signals and seemingly stops the high-speed mechanical parts of the printers and tape equipment or allows them to move at a snail's pace. The wire companies utilize them for locating stubborn troubles which only "act up" when the equipment is operating at standard speeds and cannot be seen when turning the mainshaft by hand. These 27, the first such instruments your Society has "liberated", will be delivered within a week or ten days after the last one has been "spoken-for" by our test-equipment-minded members.

350 Carrier Telephone and Carrier Telegraph Filter Inductors at \$1,00 each, (furnished in minimum quantities of six). The Item 287 Filter Inductors are .75 Henries each and the Item 288 Filter Inductors are .95 Henries. An Item 289 Inductor contains a . 005 built-in capacitor and is self-resonant with a sharp peak at 2550 Cycles, the mid-frequency between our standard MARK and SPACE tones. Until now the constructor of RTTY converters operating in the audio frequency range has had a choice of using several stages of low-Q coils or one or two stages of 88 Millihenry Toroida. Coils of the midget type unpotted from telephone loading coils. Few of us have had access to the other varieties of high-Q filter inductors; those employing laminations of Mu-Metal and special grades of iron and "Dust Cores" of iron and Permalloy powders. Also, although the physically-larger inductors demonstrate a higher Q, they have not hitherto been available to the Radiotypist. This has tended to stifle the filter-building enthusiasm of the RTTY gang. A large number of Carrier Filter Inductors of other values is scheduled for release in the near future. Your Society will publicize their availability when the happy day rolls around,

23 Damaged Bulletin Page Printers useful for parts at \$12 each. Almost complete and contain motors, covers (glass windows broken on some), etc. The selector mechanism is similar to that used in Model 26 and several other Teletype machines. The polished black-painted base casting is broken on some. May be possible to build one perfect printer from two of these machines with enough spare parts left over to keep the regular station printer in repair.

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NEWS FROM "DOWN UNDER"

You must surely be thinking I have passed out of circulation, but not yet! I am glad to be able to tell you that I have now some FSK privileges, tho' not for 14 or 21 MC/S. These last 12 months have been vy trying, I have not had much success with our NZART - they appear vy adverse to FSK somehow. Ah me! For FSK we now have 3700-3800 KC, 7100-7200 KC, 26960-27230 KC & 29000-29700 KC. AFSK is available above 29700 KC "without restriction"! I trust you received my letters OK and that everything is going well with you people. At some later date I will write the Society at greater length on my RTTY activity - I shall not forget you.

Have worked Jack, WIBGW RTTY, MAB out - FSK in, on 14130 KC /S several times. Have enjoyed some 48 contacts with WØBP, W9DPY, W6AEE, W6CG, W6OWQ, W6WIS, W6FDJ, W6LDF, W6NYF, W9TCJ, W1BGW, W2JAV, VE7KX, WØWRO and W5HZF - all on 20 mtrs MAB1 (space only, which I found best) Rig 813 - 100 watts - 1/2 wave dipole - modified convertor, using 3 discriminator stages, or more rightly, selective amps., 6SN7s (vy similar revised W2BFD). Receiver R107, printers new 400-series, used 26. I have not succeeded in "procuring" any more of ur currency yet, but I hope one day to arrange a sub to ur fine ARTS bulletin. RTTY dope is very scarce down here (like most things!) & I value every item about it which I can rake up.Sursly RTTY is a truly wonderful branch of Amateur Radio; indeed all good hams are RTTYers!

I'm hoping to acquire a governed motor to suit the 400 so that I can run it from a petrol plant away on vacation! I doubt if I will tackle RTTY as a mobile just yet though! Mayhap I could stabilize the petrol engine but... its not a very smooth-running affair (750 w from an old NE gene). Have FSK VFO now on 1800 KC with doublers - was intended be VFO/XTAL beat type but FSK freqs different to my expectations! Operate 7100 & 27200 KC/S FSK & MAB on 20 mtrs as desired. Works OK, less QRM - but 20 is full of QRM! Vy 73 for present.

Bruce Rowlings, ZLIWB

(EDITOR'S NOTE: - Amateur Radioteletype Society is, naturally, immensely gratified that the long months of preparation to get this first printer to Oceania were so productive of results. We hope to be able to furnish many more DX RTTY contacts for our members. Correspondence with the Radio Amateur societies of practically every major country have been carried out by your RTTY headquarters for a number of years. In each case the moves are the same; a "go-getter" in the particular country is stimulated into action by the literature we furnish him and he goes to work on his national amateur group, government regulating body, etc. When privileges are obtained then the struggle usually centers around his ability, or rather inability, to obtain U.S. currency. The problem is an especially difficult one for countries in the "Sterling Area".)





MODEL FRS (FSC) FREQUENCY SHIFT CONVERTER

Panels, top to bottom, Power and Keyer Unit RW20345 (RW20340), Mixer Unit RW50212, and Filter Panel RW53215. This converter was designed as the FSC, later called the FRS.

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The following table lists pertinent data regarding the correct levels and impedance matches required in operating the unit.

INPUT IMPEDANCE: 500 ohms. INPUT LEVEL: Minimum 6 milliwatts, any level above this amount within the limiter range

INPUT GAIN CONTROL SETTING: Normally maxi-

LIMITER OUTPUT: 4.0 volts RMS. LIMITER OUTPUT: 4.0 volts RMS.

ATTENUATOR LOSS: 12 db.

MARK AND SPACE FILTER INPUT AND OUTPUT IM-PEDANCES: 500 ohms.

INPUT FILTER PASS BAND: 1600 to 3600 cycles

MARK¹ FILTER PASS BAND: 2400 to 3600 cycles per second. SPACE1 FILTER PASS BAND: 1600 to 2600 cy-

cles per second.

Point to Point Voltage Measurements - The following listing of point to point measure-ments is the average for a number of units. Reasonable latitude may be expected in most values without adverse effect on the operation of the Converter.

- 1. INPUT REQUIRED FOR LIMITING: .5 volt RMS. 2. OUTPUT OF INPUT FILTER FOR 2.0 VOLTS IN-PUT: 1.7 to 1.8.
- FIRST LIMITER PLATE VOLTAGE:
- FIRST LIMITER PLATE VOLTAGE:
 FIRST LIMITER SCREEN VOLTAGE:
 SECOND LIMITER PLATE VOLTAGE:
 THIRD LIMITER PLATE VOLTAGE:
- 45 (pin 8) 35 (pin 6) 50 (pin 5) 100 (pin 8) OUTPUT LIMITER TRANSFORMER ACROSS 500 0HM WINDING: no filter load - 4.0 RMS.
- OUTPUT LIMITER TRANSFORMER ACROSS 500 OHM WINDING: with filter load 3.8 RMS. 8. WAVE SHAPE ACROSS SECONDARY LIMITER OUT-
- PUT TRANSFORMER: should not change with and without filter load and should

SETTING OF MARK AND SPACE GAIN CONTROLS: For 1 10 volts DC across diode load resistors.

REJECTION RATIO (MARK LEAKAGE THROUGH SPACE CHANNEL): Approximately 22 db down. OUTPUT MIXER UNIT: 10 volts polar DC (4

volts minimum). INPUT POWER UNIT: 10 volts polar DC (4 volts

minimum)

OUTPUT FOWER UNIT: Zero potential, opening and closing of contacts on output relay.

OUTPUT TONE KEYER: 1000 cycle audio fre-quency tone, 500 ohm impedance, + 12 db.

OUTPUT RELAY CURRENT: 15 milliamperes. LINE VOLTAGE: 110 volts AC, 60 cps.

More detailed data on actual point to point voltages within the unit are contained in Section V - MAINTENANCE.

be clean of reflections. Wave shape should be slightly rounded "Square" wave.

- 9. INPUT TO MARK AND SPACE FILTERS: 1.5 volts RMS.
- 10. OUTPUT OF MARK AND SPACE FILTERS: .75 to .65 volts RMS (check with scope -should be sinusoidal).
- 11. OUTPUT OF VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER MEASURED AT MARK AND SPACE JACKS WITH POTS AT MAXI-MUM: 35 to 40 volts RMS (check with scope - should be sinusoidal when mark and space pots are reduced so that limiting does not occur).
- 12. PLATE VOLTAGE OF VOLT AMPLIFIER: 125 volts.
- 13. ACROSS DIODE LOAD: 12 volts DC with mark and space pots maximum.
- 14. PLATES OF FIRST DC AMPLIFIER: Swings O to -80 volts with respect to ground for mark and space signals (pins 2 and 5). 15. CATHODE 6N7 (DC AMPLIFIER): Minus 50 volts
- 16. PLATES 6N7: 225 volts (pins 3 and 6).

MODEL FRS (FSC) FREQUENCY SHIFT CONVERTER	rectifiers give d-c across the load of opposite polarity. The	TRANSI
Weight, about 150 lb. Cabinet RW10420, 28" h x 21" w x 15" deep.	polar d-c output of the mixer unit feeds the d-c amplifierin the Power and Keyer Unit. (See ARTS 47 for schematic and	A few hand f can be
Mixer Unit RW50212 contains 2 identical de modulators to separate mark and space tones and combine the receiver out-	theory of RW20345 Power Unit.) Kleinschmidt Labs., Inc has	telegra descrit an arti istori: puts o
puts at dc. Power and Keyer Unit RW20345 (RW20340) contains regulated power supply and dc amplifier for operating output relay, and a Tone Keyer.	been acquired by Smith-Corona, Inc. K2RTFam using a 522 and model 12. I work as a tech- nical writer Arthur Marko	ELECTR(page 19 standau can be 850, 21
Filter Panel RW53215 contains input, mark, and space fil-	MENTION YOUR CALL SIGN when writing.	N ORTHER TELETYI
ters for each demodulator channel.	The SOCIETY reserves the right to refuseor cancel membership.	NCARTS anized dues \$1
Manual: NAVSHIPS 900,078 Model FRS (FSC) Frequency Shift Converters demodulate FSK RTTY signals. It operates at audio frequencies, and may be used with any stable communications receiver with BFO. FSK, employ- ing current limiting and AVC and with frequency and space diver- sity provide an improvement of 40db over a make-and-break tel-	For (1) conduct unbecoming an amateur, (2) conduct detriment- al to the society or amateur RTTY, or (3) other reasons deemed sufficient by officials of the SOCIETY.	2 or 3 are pla ship is W6FZC, and W6 urer.
	Some Multiplex Auto Controls Type 1A have become available. Now what are the things good for??? K2CSI is getting out on 2M	members TELETY Teletyy multim
egraph channel. THEORY. Block diagram shows	with a 26. Joe is active in Yonkers, N Y CD.	an 105- Ill., C has bee
arrangement of receiving sys- tem. Receivers are fed by dir- ectional antennas, such as fishbones or rhombics, spaced 6 or more wavelengths apart.	THIRD ANNUAL IRE-TT NYC DINNER The TT dinner will be held on Monday evening, March 18, 1957.	sq ft p are a] 000 sq f are a]
Mixer Unit has 2 identical de- modulator channels up to the point of combining the detector output. Tones are fed into the input filter, which has band-	Please indicate if you plan to attend so the committee can complete plans, and so that you will be notified of the final details.	center adminis project type's cago ar plants
pass of 1600 to 3600 c. The two tones are thenfed to limiters.	SSB IRE DINNER 1957	1400 Wr
The constant output of limiters is fed thru isolating attenu-	The SSB dinner will be held Tuesday, 19 March 1957 at the	W2ANB, W2BFD I
atorsto mark and space filters. A stage of voltage amplifica- tion after filters drives the rectifiers. The mark and space	Hotel Shelbourne, 37th St and Lexington Ave, New York City. Contact W2AMB, Fred Huff for details and reservations.	NYC ARE ting th you've

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STORIZED FORK STANDARD	1800 RPM SYNC MOTOR SPEED DATA
435 c forks are still on for \$2 postpaid. These filed to 425 c for a aph standard, such as bed in ARTS 41. Also, icle covering a trans- zed standard giving out- of 2125 and 2975 is in ONICS, Feb. 1, 1957, on 96. This shows W2JTP's rd. With a scope, 425 c used to measure 85, 170, 125, 2550, 2975 c, etc.	For nominal 368 operations per minute, signaling frequency is 22.7 dot cycles per second. MODEL 14 and 15 printers and reperforators: Gear ratio: 30:7 Free speed, rcvg shaft: 420.0 MODEL 14 transmitter-distrib- utor: Gear ratio: 44:9 Free speed, mtg shaft: 368.2 MODEL 26: Gear ratio: 60:14
RN CALIFORNIA RADIO- PE SOCIETY, INC (NCARTS)	Free speed, rcvg shaft: 420.0
has been formally org- Initiation is \$4, and a year. Meetings every months and a bulletin anned. Present member- s over 50. President is vicepresident is W2EFT, VPC is secretary - treas- Other board of director	GOVERNED MOTOR SPEED DATA For Target 1G, 10 spots, 3680pm
	MODEL 14 and 15 printers and and reperforators: Motor speed: 2102.4 Gear ratio: 35:7 Free speed: 420.5 rpm MODEL 14 transmitter-distrib-
s: W6VVF, W6FDJ, W6NKP.	utor: Gear ratio: 40:7
IPE CORPORATION BUILDS	Free speed, Intg shaft: 368.101
pe Corp plans to build a illion doll'r center on -acre site near Niles, Chicago suburb. Ground en broken for a 500,000 plantp Also to be built 120,000 sq ft and a 170,	MODEL 26: Target 107008M (35%6 spots) (adjust for stationary 35- dot target) Motor speed: 1802.1 Gear ratio: 60:14
ft administration 120,000 sq ft research	Free speed, rovg shaft: 420.5
and a 170,000 sq ft stration building. The t will consolidate Tele- operations in the Chi- rea, now consisting of 7 and the main office at rightwood Avenue.	See ARTS 45-4 for speed setting. For Sale to Amateurs: FRA FSK FRE Converters Model 26 Teleprinters Teleprinter Equipment Reconditioned for Amateurs
Slingerlands NY has his panel in operation.	Write for list of equipment.
EA HAMS: Are you get- he NY/RTS NEWSLETTER? if been overlooked, yell!	FELIX ESTEBAN (W2ZKV) 84-24 57th Av, Elmhurst 73, NY telephoneILS-9691
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