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By R. M. SHERRILL
(Radio Engineer)

Since January 1, 1925, British listeners have no longer been restricted to the use of British-made sets and parts. In view of the removal of this restriction, and in anticipation of an influx of American apparatus, there was a very interesting article published in a recent issue of the Wireless World and Radio Review, a British weekly. As the comparisons in this article seem to be very fairly drawn, some of the points are given below, that we Americans may "see ourselves as others see us."

In selectivity, sensitivity, ease of control, variety and external workmanship, the superiority of the American-made product is unreservedly admitted. An especially gratifying



... ing tribute is paid to the higher grade American variable condenser. To quote directly: "The American variable condenser is undoubtedly a real engineer's job and is not reminiscent of a 'Made-in-Germany toy.' The various types of vernier adjustments for the variable condensers also came in for special praise. Suggest Improvements

The criticisms of American radio apparatus are even more interesting because they point out the places where the British apparatus is superior, and where there is most room for American improvement. The chief criticism of our receivers is that they are very poor in the quality of their musical reproduction. To quote: "It may be said that even a moderately good quality British set is to be preferred, from the musician's point of view, to the very best that America produces."

The British explanation, which may or may not be true, of this inferiority in our receivers, is that our manufacturers are capable of making better sets, but that they and the American people as a whole, do not appreciate the difference between the best and mediocre music. Our audio frequency transformers and loud speakers receive a large share of criticism. Concerning our loud speakers, it is said: "A particularly loud speaker, which is usually designated in America as the last

... work in tonal purity, would scarcely find a place in the average 'middle-brow' household in England."

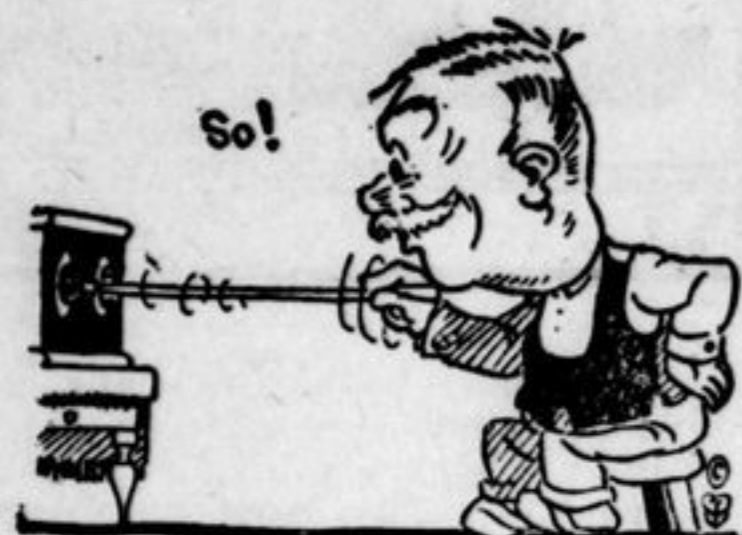
The only British criticism of American radio which brings any flush to the writer's face, however, is made in reference to our exaggeration in radio advertising. In several places, our "typically American claims" are mentioned with a rather unpleasant inference.

Taking everything into consideration, it is the writer's opinion, that with the possible exception of the superior quality of British reproduction—the British receivers as a whole, are about on a par with the receivers generally in use in this country a year and a half ago.

German Ingenuity

There is a certain 220-pound Dutchman in the neighborhood of my town, who, in broken English, often delights his hearers with a novel description of what he hears and does with his radio. He had been considerably troubled by "body-capacity" while tuning his set.

Being desperate, after a particularly poor night of reception, he appeared the next day with a device



that was going to cure his "hooping." It was a 3/4-inch wooden rod, 3 feet long with a rubber stopper on one end.

This gentleman now deposits his aforesaid 220 pounds in a chair five feet away from his receiver, and spends the night turning his dials with the rubber stopper on the bean-pole.

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RADIO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Sherrill will be glad to help you solve your radio problems. Write him, care of The Durham Chronicle.

F. A. M. asks: "Is it necessary, in charging my storage A battery to remove the filling caps?"

Ans.—It is not absolutely necessary to remove the filling caps, but it is generally done as a precaution. The caps have a hole through them to allow the gas to escape, but sometimes these holes become stopped up.

A. T. G. says: "In making up the Edison B battery cells, should the wires be soldered on to each element?"

Ans.—No. These wires should not be soldered, as the lead will be attacked by the electrolyte. The wires should be put through a hole in the element and twisted on to it tightly.

ACROSS CANADA AND BACK

The wonder-trip of the coming summer will be conducted by Dean Laird of Macdonald College, to Victoria, B. C., and back.

Inspired by the success of the trip to Victoria last year on the occasion of the Teachers' Federation meeting at that point, and filled with patriotic motives for everyone to see their own country, the Dean has arranged for a special train of standard sleeping cars to leave Toronto on July 20, visiting Port Arthur, Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver, thence by steamer to Victoria.

Returning, the trip will be via the Okanagan Valley, Nelson, the Kootenay Lakes, Windermere Bungalow Camp, from which place the party will be motored to Banff, 104 miles over the newly completed Banff-Windermere Highway, the most charming and awe-inspiring trip it is possible to conceive, with stops at Radium Hot Springs, Vermilion River and Storm Mountain Bungalow Camps—another day at Banff, then Edmonton, Saskatoon, Devil's Gap Bungalow Camp, near Kenora on the Lake of the Woods, steamer from Fort William to Port McNicol, thence rail to Toronto, where the trip will terminate on August 10.

Everything is included at the price of \$325.00 from Toronto: Transportation, sleeping cars, accommodation in hotels and bungalow camps, meals in diners, hotels and on steamers, sightseeing tours at points visited, and all gratuities.

While appealing primarily to tourists, the tour is open to everyone desiring to go. All will be welcome. Fares from other points than Toronto will be named, and descriptive illustrated booklet sent on application to Dean Laird, Macdonald College, P. O. Que. 4.27 to 5.25

TWO BOYS' EYES DESTROYED

At the noon hour on Tuesday, at the Poole school, several boys were injured through the explosion of a dynamite percussion cap. Teddy Forbeck had obtained one of these dangerous explosives and set it off with a match with the result that fragments flew in all directions, one piece striking Abraham Poetcker, the son of a Russian immigrant, who came out last October, in the pupil of the eye, and the likelihood is that the sight will be ruined. Milton Neumeister was also struck in the eye, while the back of Walter Manz's hand was lacerated with another piece, and he also received a cut in the abdomen. The Poetcker boy was brought by his father and Mr. Andrew Zehr to Milverton, but Dr. Nicklin, after an examination of the eye, ordered him to be sent to a specialist at Stratford. The Neumeister boy was taken to Dr. Glaisier, who had him sent to a specialist at Kitchener. It is feared that both boys will lose the sight of an eye. Some years ago, another Forbeck boy suffered through an explosion at school and still bears the scars on his face as a result.—Milverton Sun.

Capacity Unlimited An "eating competition" was organized in a mining town in the north of England. One competitor, a giant collier, six feet in height and broad in proportion, succeeded in disposing of a leg of mutton, a plentiful supply of vegetables and a plum pudding, washed down with copious draughts of ale. He was unanimously declared the winner, and was being triumphantly escorted home, when he turned to his admirers and said: "Eh, lads, say don't hee say nowt of this to my old woman, or she won't gie me no dinner!"

News of Nearby Towns

Walkerton

"Old Colony Days" was put on by the students of St. Mary's High School on Thursday, April 30, and received the usual excellent patronage accorded that company of players.

On Sunday, May 3, Mr. Henry Schill, Jr., and his sister were in a car that went into the ditch in passing another auto, turned over twice and was generally smashed up. Miss Schill was painfully injured, suffering a fractured collar-bone and a badly bruised shoulder. Mr. Schill got off with slight injuries.

On Monday evening, May 4, there passed away at her home, West Ward, Miss Agnes Whiteford, in her 79th year.

At the annual dinner of the Waterloo County Bar Association, Judge Grieg gave an address in which he told the younger members some of his experiences of 50 years in the legal profession.

Judge Klein was on the sick list recently with blood-poisoning of the arm which developed from a scratch between his fingers.

The famous missionary, Rev. Dr. Jonathon Goforth of Honan, China, who has been in Canada on furlough the past year, told a thrilling story of the opportunity of Christian missions in China from the pulpit of Knox Church on Sunday, May 3.

Miss Nettie Kenny, a highly esteemed Walkerton girl, passed away in Brantford hospital on Sunday, May 3. Her death was quite unexpected.

On Friday evening, May 1, the local Presbyterian Unionists held a farewell gathering for Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burgess and presented the departing couple with a beautiful address and a gift of money as a token of the congregation's appreciation.

Provincial Contable Blood, who has been on the retired list since he suffered a stroke over a year ago, removed to Kitchener recently.

On Tuesday evening, May 5, the W. G. T. U. held a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. Garner.

A meeting of the junior farmers' organizations of Bruce County was held Tuesday evening, May 5, when it was decided to organize a Junior Farmers' Baseball Association for the coming year.

The population of Walkerton is 2,458, an increase of 38 over the past year.

Alvin Wilhelm, son of Mr. Albert Wilhelm, while operating a grooving saw at the Knechtel furniture factory, had two fingers on his left hand almost severed by the saw.

Rev. P. Bryce, head of the Mothers' Allowance Commission of Ontario, met the local board at Walkerton on April 30, when all local cases were discussed.

County Magistrate Alex. McNab, who went to Guelph hospital a few weeks ago for treatment, died on Thursday, May 7, following an operation.

Chesley

The vote of the congregation of the Geneva Presbyterian Church resulted in 186 in favor of union and 333 against, a majority of 147 against. The unionists accepted an invitation of the Methodist congregation to join with them in the United Church of Canada.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1915, the mortgage of the Chesley Evangelical Church was burned. The retiring pastor, Rev. H. A. Kellerman, was also presented with a well-filled purse.

On Tuesday, May 5, Miss Mary Jane Kyle of this place celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birth. She is believed to be the town's oldest resident.

At the first Town Council meeting of May, held on Monday evening, May 4, Councillors Wright and Buckley were appointed a committee to visit Kitchener and buy 450 chairs if they can be secured at a reasonable figure. The Clerk was instructed to draft a by-law imposing a license fee of \$15 on those doing a jitney business and soliciting such business from the travelling public.

Last Friday evening a large number of basket ball enthusiasts of the town met in the Council Chamber and made the Rev. H. A. Kellerman the presentation of a club bag and a sweater coat prior to his departure to his new pastorate in Tavistock.

The amalgamated Factories-Bankers' baseball nine held the High School team to a four-all tie on Monday, May 4.

Dundalk

Mrs. Arnold, after a residence in Dundalk extending over a period of twenty years, has moved to Alliston, along with her brother, Robert Barton, and aged mother. Prior to their removal, the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church foregathered at the home of Mrs. E. G. Lucas on Wednesday, May 6, and in token of esteem, presented Mrs. Arnold with an onyx ring while Mrs. Barton was made the recipient of a leather satchel and other articles.

George W. Pallister came through a painful experience last Tuesday while assisting his son, George E., in operating a sprayer being used to caesomine Mr. Fleming's residence over the Union Bank. The mixture to a large extent was made up of lime, and when the hose was suddenly blown off, Mr. Pallister received the full charge in the face. His eyes were very badly burned, and for two days, he was almost blind. However, his eyes are showing daily improvement.

Hanover

The local Town Council at its regular meeting on Monday, May 4, decided to have Main Street paved and engaged Mr. F. W. Thorold as engineer to have charge of the work.

Mr. J. E. Ritchie, fire prevention engineer of the fire marshal's office, wrote the Council that he had examined the public dance hall in the Deutschmann block and found it very unsafe in several respects and that he was now preparing an order to be served on the owner stipulating that the third story of the building must not be used for any purpose whatever until the defects are remedied.

Council agreed to renew the public liability policy and firemen's insurance. The Provincial Board of Health's approval will be asked for the issuing of \$22,700 more waterworks debentures. The High, Public and Separate School Boards sent in their estimates for this year, totalling \$30,675. Committee was appointed to find a suitable place for the band concerts to be held.

The Canada Fire Underwriters' Association reports the Hanover waterworks system as being a good one. Engineer Thorold claims that the above report really means a very good one.

Markdale

As the result of a bad fire in the early hours of Friday morning, May 1, Markdale skating rink and Hillside Creamery, with plant and stock, including 12,000 dozen eggs, were completely destroyed. The building and contents were valued at \$7,000, about a quarter of which was covered by insurance.

Dr. D. B. Neely, ex-M. P. and a native of Markdale, died on Sunday, May 3, at St. Petersburg, Florida.

The opening baseball game of the season was played in King Edward Park on Monday evening, May 4, when Meaford and Markdale High School teams played a ten inning five-all tie game. Following the game, the visitors proved themselves jolly fellows and delighted with a number of songs. A lunch was provided by the local High School girls.

Following an illness of several years' duration, there passed away in Hamilton on April 29, Mary Ann Carter, wife of Mr. W. G. Thomas of this place in her 75th year.

Mount Forest

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hopkins of Egremont, driving with horse and buggy into town on Friday evening, were run into by a car driven by Mr. Joseph O'Donnell of Arthur. Mr. Hopkins saw the car coming and turned off, giving, he says, more than half the road. Mr. O'Donnell says that he did not see the buggy, as it was snowing at the time. The couple in the buggy were thrown

out, and Mrs. Hopkins was unconscious for over an hour. The buggy was badly smashed, and the rear wheel of the car buckled when the car swung around.

The late Mrs. Allan McDougall, who died on April 28 last, after a brief illness from a stroke, was born in Fullarton Township on July 11, 1850.

At a special meeting of the Council held on April 27, George R. Allen was appointed street man at a salary of \$62.50 a month. A by-law was passed appointing a Court of Revision for 1925. The chairman of the Board of Works was authorized to order whatever quantity of oil he thinks necessary for oiling the streets.

At the regular Council meeting on Monday evening, May 4, the matter of having all restaurants close at midnight was discussed and left in the hands of the By-Laws, License and Police Committee to consider. The question of paving Main Street was referred to the Board of Works to get estimates and are opinions of the residents of the street.

The funeral of Michael C. Gainer, whose death occurred on Friday, April 17, took place on the following Thursday from his late residence in Peel Township to St. John's Church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Traynor. Principal Spiers has received word that Col. Gillespie, as judge, has awarded to the pupils of the Mount Forest High School, second prize in a rifle competition among the cadet corps of the Province.

COUNTY SPEAKING CONTEST

The Wellington County Final Public Speaking Contest, between the various clubs was held at the Everton Community Hall on Friday evening, April 24, 1925. Upwards of 140 people listened with a great deal of appreciation to the six splendid addresses. The judges, Mr. R. S. Duncan, Director of Agricultural Representatives, Toronto, and Mr. John Buchanan, of the Extension Staff at the O. A. C. Guelph, in summing up their decisions, stated that all the speeches were of a very high order, and it would be difficult to find their equal anywhere in Ontario.

Six clubs were represented, these clubs being the winners in preliminary contests held previously throughout the County. The beautiful silver shield known as the Roney Trophy and the Public Speaking Shield were awarded to the Arkell Community Club, championed by Miss Margaret Starkey, in a splendidly arranged address on "Beautiful

Location of Farm Surroundings, including Lawn and Garden Education." Miss Florence Bouché, representing the Arthur Club in a speech on "Education," which was specially noticeable for its perfect English, choice of words and literary style, just missed first honors by a very small margin. The other speakers were placed in order named: Dan McDougall, of Hillsburg, on "Co-operative Marketing"; Bruce Fruere, Ferguson, on "Opportunities"; J. S. Palfreman, of Four Corners, on "Re-forestation of Rural Ontario."

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FAMILY CAT BRINGS HOME LARGE SNAKE TO WORRY CARGILL FAMILY'S PEACE

The family of Alfred Petit, electrician of Cargill, were treated to a real little circus performance at their home there. Friday last, when they were seated at the dinner table, the family cat walked calmly into the room carrying in her mouth a huge live snake, two and a half feet in length, and deposited it at their feet on the dining-room floor. In the excitement which followed, even the cat scampered nervously from the room, leaving the members of the family to battle with the reptile. It was finally corralled by means of a shovel and escorted to the lawn, where the usual process of execution was carried out.

Yes, Indeed!

Jones: "I've just been to a funeral."

Brown: "A funeral? Then somebody died?"

Jones: "Well, if he didn't, we played a dirty, rotten trick on him."



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