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## APCO BULLETIN

May, 1935.

In the spring .....gentlemen, you can expect this bulletin to be short and snappy. I really believe last month's bulletin contained too much material, and I doubt (judging from the lack of letters) whether or not it was completely read. If I thought for a moment our efforts were wasted.....

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A letter from Mr. W. H. Jordan of the Associated Municipal Signal Service, in which he outlines the policies of that organization and expresses the desire to cooperate with the APCO. His letterhead explains the organization in the following "A coordination of groups of Municipal Signal Associations engaged in the study of problems relating to Fire Alarm, Police and Traffic Signaling". Mr. Jordan's letter lists the following as group members:-

Eastern Association Superintendent Fire and Police Telegraph.  
New Jersey Signal Association, Inc.  
New York State Municipal Signal Association.  
Northwestern Municipal Signal Association.

Mr. Jordan indicates that his organization is keenly interested in police radio, and suggests that the APCO become a group member. The letter is lengthy, and will require much investigating. I am therefore turning it over to our resolutions committee for investigation and recommendation at our next APCO meeting.

A meeting of this association will be held at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., June 20-22, and attendance by APCO members is urged.

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A letter from Lieut. George Searle, Troy, New York, in which he advises that Mr. Gerald S. Morris, New York City, New York, has been promoted to Superintendent of Telegraph. Sincere congratulations, Mr. Morris....

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And, a letter from Mr. A.M. Howery, Knoxville, Tennessee, which reads, in part "It is not my intention to, in any way work hardships or cause unfavorable ideas to the APCO. The purpose of the article was to awaken the police departments to the fact that sound plans and cooperation would both be essential. The APCO is a relatively young organization yet with enough representation to be very effective in accomplishing a great deal toward the perfecting of a unified communication system".

"I wish to express my regrets for the misunderstanding the article may have caused, and welcome an opportunity to do anything that may be contributed toward the cause in which we are both interested".

Mr. Howery, further plans to contribute an article to be forwarded with any supplementary we may prepare, to correct any misunderstanding.

Mr. Howery is to be congratulated in the attitude he now takes and we will welcome his article, upon completion.

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I wish to call your attention to the following, under date of April 16, 1935, from Lieut. C.J. Scavarda:

"We have recently requested an opinion from our Attorney General in regard to the effect of a radiogram as a basis for a valid arrest and for your information quote his concluding paragraph.

'In conclusion then, we are of the opinion that any law enforcement officer would be justified in making an arrest in cases of felony upon the receipt of a radiogram or communication by police broadcast providing the broadcast is made in accordance with rules of the Federal Radio Commission.'

"Frequently we have occasion to broadcast for the arrest of a subject for whom there is a warrant on file and have been advised by certain departments that they could not make the arrest unless they had telegraphic confirmation of the existence of the warrant. This has seemed unreasonable and manifestly impracticable since all police and

sheriff departments in the state could hardly be advised by wire in every such case. Our Attorney General's reply seems to clear up the matter so far as Michigan is concerned.

"I have wondered if it would not be the province of the APCO to bring this matter to the attention of other states. Perhaps others also have had opinions rendered and if so it would be of interest to us all to know what these were. There may have been some test cases in court altho we have not as yet been able to find any such record. Opinions from various states would greatly affect our interstate contacts."

(SIGNED) LIEUT. C. J. SCAVARDA,  
1st. Vice-president APCO.

- THE A P C O CONVENTION -

About the next convention: - Will you fill in the questionnaire at the end of this bulletin, and send it to room 619, 1200 Clark Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri? This is very important, as it will indicate to us just how to prepare the meeting to your satisfaction. Send a letter along with it if you wish, but by all means forward the questionnaire.

Erratum:- In last month's bulletin three typographical errors appeared under the technical committee's report:-

Re: Next to last paragraph, page 4. Reads:- "L-K, L2, L3.. "Should be "L1, L2, L3....."

Re: Page 5, under "Startix unit" reads "For discussion, designate one relay solenoid as relay (2) "Should read".... solenoid as relay (a)".

Re:- Page 7, 5th paragraph should read ".... across town and reception in a car a maximum distance of 37.5 miles...."

APRIL REPORT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

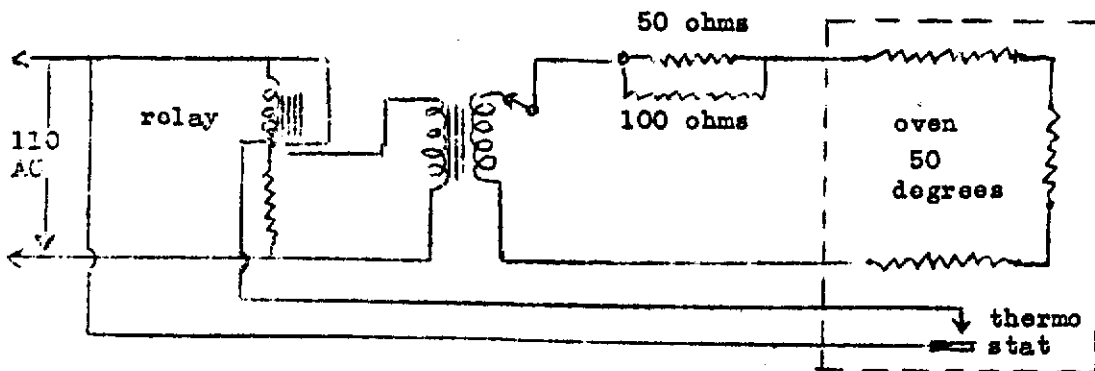
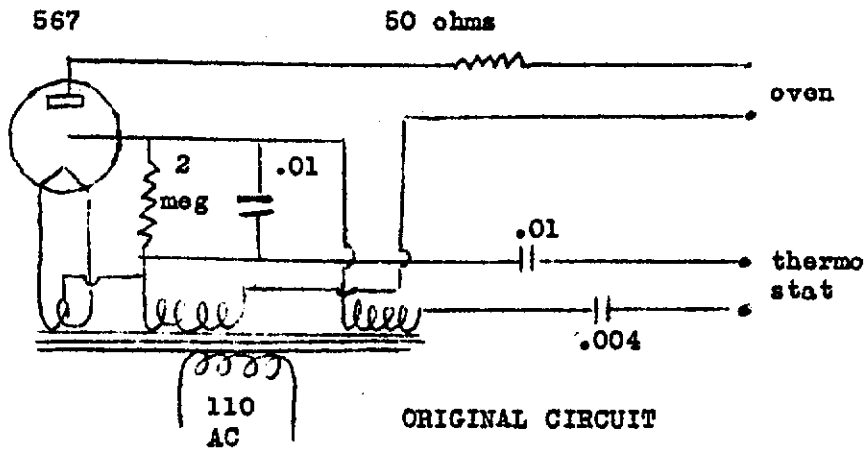
Section 1. Findings, Recommendations, Offerings.

(Considered of general interest)

(1) Mr. P.M. Smith up at St. Paul has just completed conversion of his transmitter power supply from rotary equipment to the use of rectifiers and will be very glad to forward data and information upon request.

(2) A contribution from Mr. J.N. Peckham, Chief Engineer at WPDN, Auburn, New York, showing how WPDN altered their temperature oven heater circuit to reduce maintenance cost by eliminating the type 567 tube in a DeForest TPH-7A Police transmitter. This is published because several such transmitters were sold to Police Departments.

NOTE: - Mr. Peckham calls attention to the fact that a low solenoid current relay must be used to prevent damage and short life of the thermostat contacts. He used a Dunco which operates at 12 MA.



NEW CIRCUIT

Section II. Investigations Underway.

Nothing for next month, pending requests or contributions from members.

Section III. Requests on hand from members.

Requests on hand not considered of sufficient general interest for space in Bulletin. Several are marked "Please do not publish". All are being handled as quickly as information can be collected.

Under Section III, several members have corresponded with the Committee, and we are pleased to report that they seem satisfied with their results.

Let's hear from more of you.

Section IV. Contributions mentioned. - See Section II.

Section V. Miscellaneous.

(1) The Committee notes a great amount of activity in the ultra high frequency work, more than 100 cities, as indicated in the nine page bulletin #12772 of the Federal Communications Commission of April 16, 1935.

(2) Information on the turbulent subject of the new metal radio tubes can be found in the new issues of Electronics, QST, and Radio World (Monthly publications). The latter gives fairly complete characteristics on the six types now ready for production.

(3) We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Scavarda, WRDS, chairman of the inter-city Communications Committee, stating that Mr. Jett of the Federal Communications Commission, will attend the two-day meeting of the Committee, May 8 and 9 at East Lansing, and will have information on the Finch Radio Printer, which prints telegraph messages received on a receiver.

We will attend the meeting, and with his permission will include the information in the next month's report.

Respectfully,  
RAY H. MITCHELL  
H. O. KELLY  
ROBERT L. BATTS, Chairman

MISCELLANEOUS

I am sorry to report that Mr. Padberg, our Secretary-treasurer, and my assistant, is in a critical condition from complications following an appendicitis operation. A word of cheer might help...

We are installing an elaborate control board here, for microphone pick-up, recording, etc. (crime detection) thieves beware...

Madison County, Illinois, is becoming police radio-minded and plans are under way for a transmitter to cover the county, to be financed by the various towns.

St. Louis (city only) now operates 177 radio-equipped autos and 8 radio-equipped solo motorcycles.

Also wish to report that we transmitted 102,895 official radio calls during the year ending March 31st.

That's about all at this time. Please forward questionnaire immediately, and don't forget.... We need members.

Very truly yours,  
Everett E. H. Fisher  
EVERETT E. H. FISHER,  
Radio Supervisor KGFC,  
President, Associated Police Communication Officers.

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Clip along this line

1. Do you plan on attending the convention at Indianapolis? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Would October seventh be satisfactory as a starting date? \_\_\_\_\_  
(other suggestions) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Would you prefer a two, three, or four day meeting? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Would you prefer that arrangements be made for entertaining the wives of officers? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Do you intend to be accompanied by your wife? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Do you wish the convention to be closed by a banquet? \_\_\_\_\_
  7. If so, do you prefer that the APCO defer the expenses? \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Explain fully the type of entertainment you wish (if any) at the banquet \_\_\_\_\_
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9. Enter any suggestions you may have \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All answers will be treated with confidence and the resultant program will be built around your answers. All members are urged to cooperate by answering the questionnaire.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS      MAY 11, 1935

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