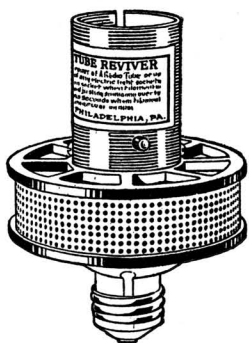


ing thought we would like to leave the idea that *amateur etiquette requires that everybody send as many cards as they receive*. Send them to whomever you want, but you owe as many cards to the fraternity as you have received. The expectation of a direct QSL to all cards sent is something that ought to be firmly discouraged. We've seen some shacks papered with cards that were almost all acknowledgments of cards, not signals. That doesn't mean a thing—anybody can get that kind of wallpaper.

—A. L. B.

Tube Reactivation

A new piece of apparatus has been designed to simplify the problem of tube reactivation. It is the so-called "socket" reactivator made by the International Resistance Company, Inc., of Philadelphia. The device works on the flash and aging principle. A small button on the side of the socket enables one to flash the tube with a comparatively high voltage for a short length of time, and then let the tube remain in the socket during the aging process. The reactivator screws into any standard base lamp socket and works on both A.C. and D.C., a resistance being cut in when the button on the side of the socket is pressed. This gives the "flashing voltage" which should be left on for about forty - five seconds. When the button is released some additional resistance is added and the tube is allowed to age for about ten minutes after which it can be removed from the socket and should be entirely cured. The reactivator is made in two models, one for 199 type tubes and the other for the 201-A type.



Strays

NAR1 is the 78 meter transmitter of Gunner G. W. Almour, located at the U. S. Naval Station, Key West Florida. The transmitter uses a single 204-A with a sink rectifier and is pumping a wicked signal all over the country. Almour was formerly at NERK1.

Attention Brass-Pounders!

The W. A. C. Club is being formed. It is to be an International affair, of interest to all Knights of the Nicked Key. See QST next month.

Second District Convention

THE sixth annual Second District Convention will be held this year during the week of March 8th to 13th, again at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. It is being run by the Executive Radio Council of the Second District, of which Capt. George T. Droste, 2IN, is president.

The affair is promised to be a real ham event, with all kinds of special stunts. The sixteen local clubs comprising the Council will have booths of their own on the balcony surrounding the grand ballroom of the hotel, wherein a show of commercial apparatus will be held. These exhibits are always interesting, because the enthusiastic members of the clubs spend whole months preparing them.

One of the smaller dining rooms of the Pennsylvania has been hired in addition to the ballroom space, and will be used as a lecture hall afternoons and evenings. Boyd Phelps, formerly of the QST staff, is in charge of this work, booking technical talks and demonstrations.

Of course there will be a grand banquet, with incidental entertainment that Ed Fink, 2GL, says will be eye-opening. Tickets for the feed, also covering admission for the entire week, are five dollars apiece, and can be obtained from the Council at its headquarters at 74 Cortlandt Street, New York City. The attendance this year will be strictly limited to about 400, and Fink promises there will be none of the crowding that marked the banquets of previous years. Johnny Reinartz is definitely booked as one of the speakers, and there will be many others also worth coming a long way to hear and see.

The Department of Commerce, through Mr. Arthur Batcheller, Second District Supervisor of Radio, will hold open house for hams seeking licenses. Examinations will be held every day. The Custom House men will also conduct the jamming and commercial and amateur speed contests, for which some valuable prizes are being offered.

There will also be two contests for receiving sets, of both the short-wave ham and BCL variety, and three for low, medium and high power ham transmitters.

Several private little stunts, admission to which will be gained through special tickets available only to hams, will be staged in one of small eating houses in the theatrical district. An "Erco" initiation and a "Night of Mystery" are being concocted.

The heads of the various committees are as follows: George T. Droste, 2IN, general manager; Frank Frimmerman, 2FZ, show manager; Paul C. Oscanyan, advertising; Robert Hertzberg, ex-2ABK, publicity; Earl Peacox, 2ADH, convention; Edward Fink, 2GL, banquet; Robert T. Morris, 2BQS, finance.