

*Mr. Paul de Neck, President of the Reseau Belge:* Mr. de Neck started his ham career in 1908, with the usual array of coherers and ignition coils. There followed a period of experimentation with arcs, huge spark coils, crystal detectors,



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etc. About 1913, together with about thirty other experimenters, he was instrumental in forming the first Belgian amateur society. During the war he got a lot of experience in the "signal corps" of the Belgian army, and also collected a considerable amount of German radio apparatus! This latter acted as a beginning for Mr. de Neck's amateur station after the war.

In 1923 a small group, of which Mr. de Neck was one, founded the Reseau Belge, which has now grown to have four hundred members. Mr. de Neck was elected the president a few years ago.

He holds degrees in electrical and metallurgical engineering, but is now associated with his father's stock brokerage business. There is a Mrs. de Neck, too, and three junior operators.

ON4UU, the station of the R.B.'s president, is well known. At present it consists of a 1929 push-pull Hartley working into a Zepp on 14,000 and 28,000 kcs., with the usual receivers. It is difficult to say how long this rig will be in operation, however, since, in the words of its owner, "the station sets change every month."

In other words, Mr. de Neck is a real amateur.