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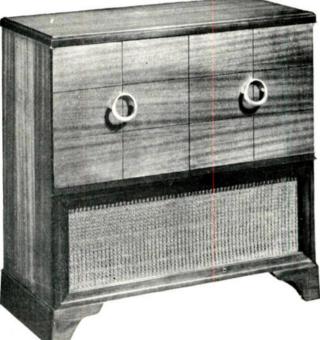
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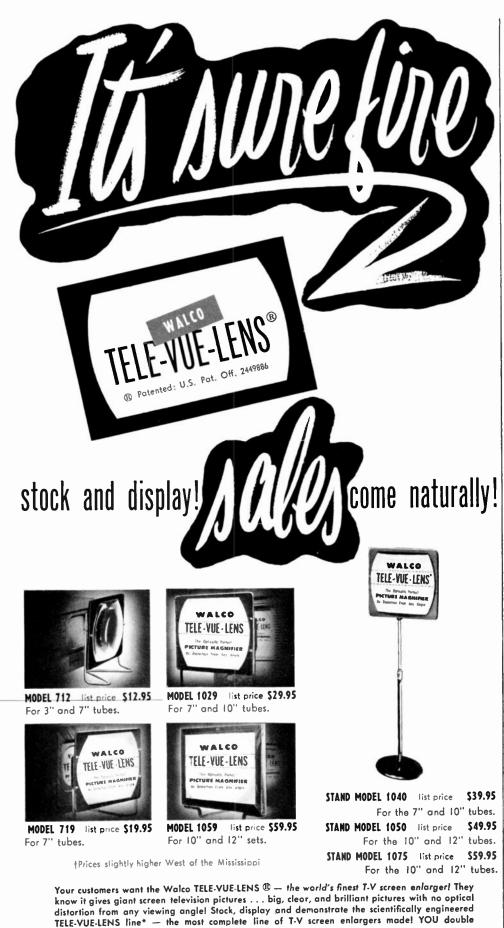
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TELEVISION ROUNDUP

TV Sets Not Dated

Danger of television receivers becoming obsolete in the immediate future was discounted by Benjamin Abrams, president of Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., in an interview with Bill Leonard on WCBS' "This Is New York" program recently.

"There will be improvements as we go along in television," Mr. Abrams admitted, "but these will come slowly." He felt that there was little chance that television sets would come into the price range of radio sets in the near future, citing that TV components were four or five times the number found in radio receiving sets. Mr. Abrams felt that mass production would eventually bring down TV set prices. Looking at the problem of bans on roof antennae, Mr. Abrams felt that indoor antenna installations would one day solve this problem.

New Sales Goals

Even though Phileo Corporation is not niggardly when it comes to setting sales potentials, their new sales for 1949 just announced by Vice-President James II. Carmine sets a new record, over \$300,000,000 for the year. Mr. Carmine predicts that the radio industry, which produced and sold about 16.000.000 radio receivers in 1948, will sell between 10 and 12 million sets in 1949. He further predicts that Phileo, which has led the industry in production and sales of radio receivers for the past 19 years. will account for about 20 per cent of the nation's total volume in radio. Most significantly, Philco anticipates a continued strong demand for home portable and auto radios as well as radio-phonographs.

Back in the Fold

After a year's pioneering experience during which Stromberg-Carlson's television models were priced and advertised to include tax and installation. the company is now convinced that the aggressive dealer can do his own work and that the others can contract with reliable local service agencies for necessary installation and service. Consequently, in conformance with general industry practice, all Stromberg-Carlson television models will henceforth be priced and advertised at the retail figure, plus excise tax and cost of installation. This switch in pricing will enable the company to advertise more attractive prices on its TV consoles and combinations.

Television Price-Cutting

Price-cutting is like the weather: everybody talks about it but nobody does anything about it. Here's what one forthright distributor said last month to his dealers: "With TV sets in great demand, and with the greatest potential market of any other product of its kind, we see with amazement the phenomena of price-cutting among dealers. It would be less surprising if TV sets were sold at what we used to call long discounts. It would not seem so weird if dealers were not squawking so much about the short discounts they get on TV sets. What has everyone non-plussed is that in the face of shortages, a high market, short dealer margins, that price-cutting among dealers has gotten so bad. Why can't the dealers get together? Why

not organize a vigilance committee? We think that something should be done about it! Anybody got any ideas?" The distributor who wrote that is Harry Alter, of the Harry Alter Company in Chicago. When it comes to lecturing on the evils of price cutting. maybe it would be smart to start a course in simple arithmetic for dealers?

Multi-Controlled TV

As many as 10 remote-controlled television viewing units—all centrally connected to one master tuner—can now be place in one or more public rooms. Called the Trans-Vue system it was designed and engineered by Raytheon-Belmont of Chicago, it consists of one master tuner and up to



Gives Bigger Picture in Same Area

Engineers of General Electric's tube division, Schnectady, N. Y., have come up with good news for low price set buyers who feel 7-inch tubes cramp a television picture. The new GE tube is an $8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch one, gives a 39-square-inch picture as compared to the approximate 26-square-inch picture of the smaller tube, and will be used in a set that markets at about the same price as sets with 7-inch picture tubes. Engineer Bob McCreadie shows the results obtained by the new tube in the above photo taken at the engineering laboratories of the firm at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y. Shown are two viewing screens while the test pattern was "on the air." In the top chassis is the new $8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch GE tube, in the lower chassis the smaller 7-inch tube. 10 remote-controlled television viewing units. There are two sizes of the remote-controlled viewing units. One size has a 77-square-inch picture and the other a 134-square-inch picture. Both employ direct-view cathode ray tubes. This is the first system, says the company, specifically designed for use in hospitals, restaurants, schools. churches and other public places. The viewing units are connected by coaxial cable to the master tuner. R. R. Greenbaum, formerly of Kansas City, is president of Trans-Vue Corp. of Chicago. Other officials are Fred A. Mann of Chicago and Ben D. Palastrant of Boston. Morris Alexander, Chicago attorney, is secretary.

Stratovision Ready

The major technical problems in the use of Stratovision as an airborne method of broadcasting television and FM programs have been solved and the system is now ready for commercial use. "Extensive flight tests over a three-year period show that Stratovision is a practical and useful method of expanding television service and provides a wide variety of functions in relaying television and other highfrequency communications," declares Walter Evans, Westinghouse vice-president. Westinghouse is now preparing a complete report on the engineering development of Stratovision, commercial applications, and other aspects. This report will be made available to interested groups in the radio, television and allied fields. Stratovision may yet speed the day when the entire United States will be covered by telecasting.

Industry Parley

Good labor-management relations' effect on industry production and profit was the theme of a two-day conference attended last month by industrial relations and personnel directors from RMA members, and sponsored by the Association's Industrial Relations Committee. Commissioner Ewan Clague, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. spoke on "Wages-Prices-Productivity and the Radio Industry," while S. N. Lev, manager, home instruments plant, RCA Victor division, discussed the topic, "Productivity-A measure of Effective Personnel Administration."

The Rev. Dennis J. Comey, S. J., director, Institute of Industrial Relations, St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa., also addressed the industrial relations managers, and the topics communications, effective collective bargaining, supervisory training, and women in the radio industry were discussed before the conference by leaders from a variety of industrial plants.



FRANK M. FOLSOM (left), who assumed the presidency of the Radio Corporation of America on Jan. 1, wishes good luck to J. G. WILSON, his successor as Executive Vice-President in Charge of the RCA Victor Division. Mr. Wilson was formerly Vice-President and General Manager of RCA Victor.

An Interview With Frank M. Folsom By NAT BOOLHACK

He's a big man. In fact, the first impression one gets of Frank Folsom, new President of the Radio Corporation of America, and by all odds the most influential individual in the booming billion dollar television business, is that he is a much bigger man, physically, than is evident when he gets up to shake hands with you. But the air of expansiveness is immediately brought back by his way of looking at you with good-humored brown eyes.

That's one of the things you like about Frank Folsom right from the start. He talks to you and not through you. He's just as interested in listening to what his visitor has to say, and answering it, as in expounding his own particular point of view. Of course, that comes from many years of long, hard merchandising experience with Montgomery Ward where Frank Folsom established some selling records that others are still trying to shoot at. And today, notwithstanding the fact that Folsom occupies the pivotal position in television, you have but to talk to him for a few

minutes to recognize that the executive veneer constitutes only a thin shell over the real salesman which Folsom always has been and will continue to be.

We sought an interview with Frank Folsom because the year 1949 will see television really hitting its merchandising stride; it will witness the separation of the 'boys from the men' in the manufacture. distribution and retailing of TV to the general public; it will see fortunes both made and lost as the best selling brains in the country make a bold effort to establish a foothold in the surging industry. And being a merchandiser at heart, Frank Folsom's views and actions this year will constitute primary news to the television industry at large.

Mr. Folsom predicts that more than 2,000,000 television receivers will be manufactured and sold this year, despite the fact that kinescopes still continue to be the major production bottleneck. However, this shortage, he maintains, will be solved before the year is out.

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RCA Victor's new record and record-player. Disc is just under seven inches in diameter, requires large center spindle, is of non-breakable vinyl plastic and plays 5½ minutes. Record changes in average of two seconds.

Round and Round and Round

Close on the heels of RCA Victor's demonstration of its 45-RPM phonograph and record came a wave of response. Some folks in the industry greeted the news with acclaim, some with dismay. "Trade war," buzzed the gossips in the corridors. "The natural result of keen competition," remarked wizened businessmen. Still others took the whole turn of events philosophicarty, content to wait and see what developed in the coming months. Caught in the middle were the record ouvers and phonograph prospects, including the 16 million owners of players and records and 24 million oner families comprising potential customers. Hackies in New York reflect the attitude of these customers. They are passing the joke around that soon a music lover will need an intricate, hydromatic, gearshift attachment in order to play his own popular and classical records.

Things have not come to that pass yet. But the developments in records have catapulted the industry into a new era, snapping it out of a lethargy into which it was settling.

Columbia Records. Inc. gave the industry its first jolt last June by introducing the revolutionary long-playing microgroove record. This shot in the arm was the first departure in some 50 years from the use of standard, 78-RPM, shellac records, whose longest playing time did not exceed four minutes and 20 seconds of reproduced music. In contrast to this, Columbia's record innovation revolved at a 33 1/3-RPM speed. This made it possible to produce entire symphonies, concertos, complete Broadway musical scores on a single disc, and 10-inch sizes of microgroove records had a playing time up to 27 minutes.

Add a Player

To play the slower revolving discs with the hairline grooves required a lighter tone-arm than those found on conventional phonographs. The special turntable attachment therefore came into fashion, with Philco, by arrangement with Columbia, bringing the first of these novel turntables on the market. Last month Columbia, on the occasion of announcing a new, 7-inch, non-breakable microgroove record, took



Frankie Carle, bandleader, and vocalist Marjorie Hughes, Carle's daughter, compare Columbia Records' 7-inch, LP record with conventional one.

the opportunity to report the progress of its microgroove system for the first six months of its existence.

"Already. several hundred thousand LP instruments are in the hands of the public." announced Edward Wallerstein, chairman of the board of Columbia Records, "and upwards of a million and a half LP records have been sold."

Frank White, president of the firm, also noted that "practically all leading manufacturers of radio phonograph equipment have either produced



Scott Radio was first to announce a record player adaptable to all three record-playing speeds. Two pick-up arms are needed, and a brass collar slipped over the normal spindle takes care of the new RCA record.

instruments to play microgroove records or have stated their intentions of so doing." He further indicated that Admiral. Crosley, Farnsworth, General Electric. Majestic, Magnavox, Philco. Stewart - Warner, Stromberg - Carlson, V-M. Webster-Chicago, Westinghouse. Wilcox-Gay and Zenith were among the major manufacturers producing and featuring microgroove equipment.

Enter RCA Victor

Then came the second sharp jolt to the industry in the space of six months. RCA Victor demonstrated its new vinylite disc. Termed a 7-inch platter, it is one-eighth of an inch less than that size in diameter, has a 1½-inch center spindle and revolves on an adapted player at a turntable speed of 45-RPMs. This turntable has an ingenious mechanism for changing records, with no more than three seconds required for the change. The records themselves can record up to five minutes of material. Records and players are to hit the market in April.

"We are unable to fathom the purpose of the records revolving at 45-RPMs which we understand are to be released some time in the spring." stated Edward Wallerstein, chairman of the board of Columbia Records. about the new development.

RCA officials, however, maintained that the new development traced back some 10 years and represents years of research in perfecting a fool-proof changer. The final product was finished by the close of the war, but it was perfected further. Recent developments in the industry convinced RCA officials that the time was right for launching the new records and player.

Gearshift After All

Without heeding too much the claims and counterclaims of Columbia (Continued on page 47)

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Within that period, television will break the bounds of its frontiers to bring 21 more cities within the range of network programming. Already 13 major cities are covered, with 57 stations operating, 70 others with construction permits, and 311 applicants awaiting lifting by the FCC of its permits "freeze."

Network links will be pushed mainly in the area south of Toledo, according to present Long Lines schedules, the West Coast will get two channels, and consolidation along existing network routes will intensify the service in the East and Midwest.

Television Broadcasters Association reports some 14 stations to start testing within the next two months.

Ask yourself what you are doing to sell receivers to the millions of customers television creates in the wake of its expanding frontiers.

Frank M. Folsom Interview

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What about the current sales situation on television. Are we in a buyers' market? Frank Folsom doesn't think so, and gave an emphatic "No" to this question, despite the price-cutting situation in metropolitan New York. Qualifying his remark, Mr. Folsom stated that New York City is not indicative of the country as a whole. It is really a world in itself; it has no diversity. Buyers come to New York from all over the country and they set the pattern for national buying. No, the buyers' market in television is still a long way off.

Which led us to a discussion about dealer discounts on television-a sore point with many retailers who claim that they cannot operate profitably at present discount margins. Mr. Folsom believes that it is wrong to think in terms of discount percentages. "A dealer pays his bills with dollars, not discounts, and he should think in terms of the number of dollars he will make on a given sale rather than in discounts," Mr. Folsom believes, which probably explains why some known price-cutters are able to come out on top at the end of the year. As far as RCA Victor television sets are concerned, there have not been any distress sales to date and none are contemplated.

What about factory TV service and installation? Frank Folsom became enthusiastic on this subject, pointing out that for the first time in the history of the industry, service has been separated from the indutry itself. RCA had to get into the service industry, and Mr. Folsom is convinced that if they hadn't, there wouldn't be a television industry today. Of course, RCA Victor service is optional, but the company will remain in the service picture with both feet until "we can be convinced that a dealer can provide adequate service on his own."



Here is how the television network will cover the country by 1950. Dealers can guide their merchandising to suit TV's progress.

Of course, many outstanding dealers have built excellent service organizations of their own, but these are the exceptions, says Folsom, emphasizing that the average dealer can't possibly understand every single element of the business. Looking at the matter objectively, he believes that RCA Victor Service Corporation has been of inestimable value in raising the level of the entire television industry.

How about the size of picture tubes? "The 10-inch tube will become the Ford; the 16-inch tube the Buick, and projection the Cadillac of the television industry," he said, pointing out that the fewer the sizes of picture tubes, the better it will be for the customer.

This led us directly to the record situation and RCA Victor's role in coming out with the 45 RPM record player and record. Here was a seeming contradiction: on the one hand, Mr. Folsom would like to see fewer sizes in pictures tubes; on the other, his company was releasing a completely new system for reproducing music! Why seek standardization for television and inject a bombshell into the recordplaying business?

When it comes to discussing the record business, Frank Folsom becomes even more dynamic than usual. With firm convictions about RCA's decision on the 45 RPM, but nevertheless retaining the calm objectivity which enabled him to become one of the nation's leading sales executives, Frank Folsom is utterly sincere in saying that no 'trade war' exists: that his company was not motivated by any desire to introduce a hair-pulling contest, that the new 45 RPM player and record provides the finest. simplest, least costly method of reproducing sound from discs that has been devised up to this time, and that the public's acceptance of the product will prove just who is right.

RCA Victor's new record player is designed for the great public; it is mechanically foolproof because the machine contains 75 per cent fewer parts. Dealers will be able to sell them in large quantities because they will not have to worry about servicing complicated mechanisms. Of course, the owners of 78 RPM machines will still be able to buy any and all records for their machines. So why all the fuss about confusing the industry? Americans are the kind of people who have always wanted something better for less money, and Frank Folsom earnestly believes that his new product meets that need. Being a salesman, he's willing to take the gamble on public acceptance.

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In the heart of the business section of New Brunswick, population 40,000, aerial photo, J. Adam Frisch turned a home into a profitable television salon. Believe it or not, that's a porch converted into a show window, top. Wide glass panels, knotty pine wall, simple displays give that just-right home atmosphere.

Turns "Home" Into \$200,000 TV Salon

"No store to lease."

The refrain is so familiar that it is a revelation when someone can pick his way through the intricate maze of housing problems and can turn the entire situation to his own advantage. A dealer in New Brunswick did it. In fact J. Adam Frisch came up with what is fast becoming a must for dealers operating in the television era -the television salon. Not only has Mr. Frisch created an attractive studio in which to do business. He has added to that, alert merchandising methods. He knows the value of advertising, including the very medium which has become the strength of his operationtelevision. And he is imbued with a

philosophy which stresses serviceconsiderate, efficient and unstinting service-above every other aspect of his business.

Not more than four years ago, J. Adam Frisch stood on the threshold of what might have been despair for someone else. He had been operating his business at 282 George Street, at the southern tip of New Brunswick's downtown husiness section, since 1934. Suddenly he discovered he had to move. What can a dealer do under such circumstances? J. Adam Frisch did the logical thing. He looked around the neighborhood for a place to locate. The business district in New Brunswick can expand in only one direction, southward along U. S. route 130.

It was natural, therefore, for Frisch to buy the dwelling at 280 George Street, a corner location several doors from his old radio and service stand.

The place was a three-story wooden structure with a sweeping porch and several entrances. Frisch blocked off the entrances to the hall and upper floors and set about converting four rooms facing the corner into something he had planned for a long timea radio studio. He knocked out a siderear porch and made it the foyer entrance. He changed what might have been the parlor, the dining room and an alcove into three separate display rooms. In time he had a further inspirational flash. The sweeping front porch served no purpose whatsoever. He had to do something to make it useful to him, a dealer.

First he knocked out the wall at the rear extremity of the porch. He left the roof standing and called in an architect to follow a design for a show window which he had worked out. In the end, what had once been a side porch was turned into a plate-glass show window. He criss-crossed the ceiling with a bright, brownish plasterboard and planted some eight floodlights in strategic locations for good display. The back wall of the window he lined with knotty pine boards, giving an appropriate neutral background. The floor, of course, was hardwood. Now the entire effect is remarkable. The curving bay window makes an expansive showcase for television and radio displays which are visible to all sorts of traffic moving down past his street corner.



How will a television set work in the home? Customers need not ask at Frisch's. Sncp a switch and they can watch the program of the moment in comfort.

It's the Atmosphere

Today, the J. Adam Frisch studio gives an air of home, simply because the layout is worked out of a home setting. Blue and red, striped curtains hang at three front windows of the studio. Venetian blinds add a decorative effect. Three thick. rose-tinted rugs spread over the hardwood floors. And soft armchairs are scattered in the three rooms which comprise the studio. The fover and office space is inlaid with black linoleum and even the service shop downstairs, wellstocked and well-equipped, has inlaid floors.



Customers who look at television sets in this setting have all the comforts of their own living room. The dramatic show window runs off to the right.

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The window displays are masterpieces of toned-down presentations. Not more than four television sets are placed in the window background near the knotty pine panels. Radios and recorders are sparsely distributed in the window's foreground. Frisch has even built compact sets of stairs on which are placed smaller portable radios. A second window near the back entrance is similarly underplayed. A simple shelf holds several radios. Inside the foyer, the shelf display continues on four levels, extends inward to the studio proper. On these shelves can be found almost any choice of make or model in radios. table and portable. The simple, uncluttered displays maintain the entire atmosphere which pervades the Frisch studiothe feeling of being in comfortable, homelike surroundings while actually shopping.

Inevitable Service

The whole studio is too effective. leaves too strong an impression for it to have come into being casually. Like an entertainer who seldom gives evidence of the years of training behind his show-stopping act, so the J. Adam Frisch studio is deceiving. Actually, the owner traces his association with the radio industry back to the spark coil days, the days of KDKA, Pittsburgh, the days when he was an amateur radio enthusiast. By 1924 he was working after school in a New Brunswick radio store and in 1929 he was running his own service business in the rear of his father's hardware store.

Not until 1934 did he progress to a radio service shop on George Street, (Continued on page 39)

How To Make Radio Sales While Waiting For Television

THE linking of the Midwest and East Coast television networks has given new and powerful impetus to the spread of television. This rapidly growing popularity and public acceptance, however, may pose a sales problem for those dealers currently outside the range of television whose customers are teetering between buying a radio or a phonograph today, or waiting for television tomorrow.

The industrial and business success of this country was not made by dealers who waited with their customers for new developments. It was made by dealers with the know-how to maintain demand for existing products and services until new ones materialized.

The radio-television transition is neither the first nor the most serious problem radio dealers have faced. Dealers in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, in the path of advancing television, not only solved their problem, they also managed to sell last year, along with a record high of television receivers, a healthy percentage of the 13,000,000 radios that went into American homes.

They solved their problems with the ancient tools of the industry—advertising, promotion, aggressive selling—the same tools available to radio dealers in territories not yet reached by television.

Normal Business

There are many things that the radio dealer awaiting television can do to assure a smooth and profitable transition. First of all, he must free himself from the sales psychology fostered by the lush postwar days when customers clamored for merchandise and dealer effort was confined to writing orders. We are back to normal. competitive business, and selling radio in competition with a television service that may be six months or a year away in a given area should be no more difficult than selling radio in competition with other brands of merchandise that represent daily, active competition for the consumer dollar.

Dealers must educate their customers to the all-important, basic fact that there is no conflict between radio and television. Both are entertainment media, but each has its particular services and characteristics. A television receiver in the home no more affects the desirability of a radio or a radiophonograph than the presence of these instruments precludes television.

Dealers must emphasize the fact that

in established markets many of the television receivers being sold are table models without radios or phonographs. The reasons are many: financial considerations, smaller instruments are more easily handled in small living rooms and apartments, many customers prefer a separation of their entertainment services. Certainly, the vast majority of these table model purchasers already have and still enjoy the services of radio and phonograph, and will be in the market for new models.

Stress Advantages

The dealer should stress the advantages of enjoying radio and phonograph services today, while awaiting the arrival of television in the area. When television does come, a table model television receiver will provide the householder with two advantagesease in integrating the instrument with the interior setting of the room, and the continued separation of entertainment services. Dad can view the boxing matches while Mother listens to her favoriate radio programs in the bedroom or kitchen, and the kids are dancing to recorded music in the playroom.

The dealer in an area awaiting television service must point up for his customers the pleasures and grace of a lovely radio-phonograph console in the home today and must point up the latest styles and engineering advancements of radios and phonographs which will continue to entertain and enhance the home for many years to come.

For the customers "pre-sold" on a combination television-radio-phonograph console, the dealer has a valid and impressive sales approach in stressing the need for and advantages of additional radios and phonographs in other rooms, which should be purchased today for home entertainment pending the availability of the television console. Dealers must also familiarize themselves with general home construction in the area, so that they can advise their customers intelligently and authoritatively on radio and phonograph merchandise for specific rooms and settings.

Above all, the dealer must impress his customers with the fact that television does not eliminate the service and enjoyment of the radio and the phonograph. It must be stressed that the younger members of the family will always want recorded music for dancing and for selected programs of popular and classical music. Various



H. G. Baker can speak with authority when it comes to merchandising radio and television. He was recently appointed general manager, RCA Victor home instrument department. His comments on the policies dealers should follow in non-television areas while awaiting TV's arrival are pointed and timely.

members of the family will always want radios to hear favorite programs, news broadcasts, sports events, and other specialized programs not covered by television.

Educate Customers

How does the dealer go about educating his customers? He does it with the same tools, the same initiative and the same alertness he has always employed to educate them to buy merchandise in a normal market. And a normal market is a buyer's market. It adds up to aggressive advertising, promotion, merchandising and selling.

When the customer seeks television information, the dealer should, of course, discuss television — lay the groundwork for the future sale of a television instrument when television arrives in his area. But the conversation should never end there.

By demonstration, display. and intelligent sales talk, the dealer should direct the customer's attention to the refreshing design and style and advanced performance of his new radio merchandise. Here again, he must sell the fact that every television customer needs a radio and a phonograph and he should build his sales campaign around the advantages of a radio in every room, to supplement the advantages of television when it comes.

The radio dealer, in or out of the television area, has a lucrative radio year ahead of him. He can assure himself of his share of the business by predicating his sales campaign on the partnership of radio and television as entertainment media, and promoting that campaign with all the know-how and vigor at his command. For those television dealers who still have customers tell them that television is a 'toy' or a gadget, the following remarks by Louis deRochement, co-founder of the March of Time and producer of such screen hits as "The House on 92nd Street," are particularly timely. Mr. deRochement made these comments in an address given before the Fourth Annual Convention Banquet of the Screen Directors Guild in New York on January 15, 1949. Ed.

F COURSE, one of the major causes of the spiritual and financial gloom that hangs over Hollywood is television. There are many people on the Coast who are still whistling in the dark-insisting over and over again-television can't touch us-television won't touch us-television is only a passing fancy. It is my opinion that television will destroy the motion picture industry as we know it today. However, no one fears this destruction except those who have risen to positions of power only by control of capital, facilities, and the commercial outlets for entertainment films-the theatre chains. In the place of the Hollywood we have known, it is my opinion that the motion picture industry will be rebuilt on a healthuer and sounder basis.

While television will require films of every nature-comedy. drama, news. travel, adventure, music-almost everything-my associates and I are convinced that the greatest opportunity, even if not the most profitable, lies in the field of the educational film. Once the virus of educational films has infected a man, it remains permanently in his blood. The educational film, properly conceived and properly made, has power within it to foster positive attitudes of respect and understanding among all the peoples of the earth. Television will provide mass education as well as mass entertainment. I have been told and have no reason to doubt that in 1950 television will require in one month more film than Hollywood is able to produce in a year. Not since the day when Adolf Zucker, Sam Goldwyn, Louis Mayer. Lewis Selznick, and Carl Laemelle first headed for California and staked out their claims, has the industry as a whole held such promise.

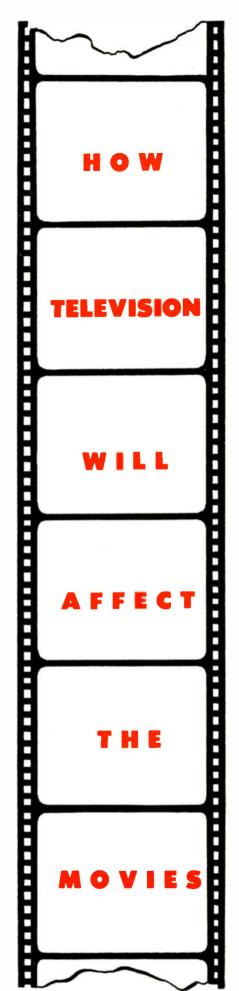
If those who possess the know-how to make the kind of films needed for television do not take advantage of today's opportunities, they have only themselves to blame.

The vast new market that is being opened up for well-made. low-budget films will bring many good pictures to the public that heretofore have had only limited distribution. In California. the advice today is. "Go East, young man! Opportunity lies in New York." Contrasting Mr. DeRochement's statement on the future of the motion picture industry was a report in the January issue of Advertising Age on the role of Hollywood in television. Titled, "Hollywood Sees Top Dog Role for Self in TV," a report from the film center gave exhaustive details on recent moves by the movie makers, together with top level thinking.

Among other things, seven general observations regarding Hollywood's future in television were made. First, it is estimated by the film capital that 75 per cent of programming in TV will be on film. Second, experience. facilities and personnel give Hollywood the edge in making this film. Third, reasonable costs are quoted at from three to six times what agencies and advertisers visualize. Fourth, movie studios will sooner or later take a direct hand in television through ownership of stations or networks, and by making film for TV use. Fifth, a combination of films and television will probably comprise an entirely new entertainment industry. Sixth, TV is considered a threat to the present motion picture industry. Seventh, theaters will show telecasts of news, sports and special events on a regular basis.

To substantiate some of these general observations, the report from Hollywood pointed to outward signs of activity in the movie industry. Three different producers with contracts for television films quote \$6,000 to \$12,000 for "quality films with salable entertainment value," somewhat higher than agency and advertiser estimates of \$2,000. But Hal Roach, with 100 per cent facilities devoted to television, quotes in the \$12,000 figure.

Relative to movie studios moving in on television, it has been common knowledge that most of them are taking positive steps. When 20th Century-Fox was negotiating with ABC it was already paced by other studios. Paramount was already a stockholder in the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories. Now all the studios, including Warner Brothers, are maneuvering to see that they land on top in the television scramble.





Providing an eye-catching window beneath a bad-weather canopy, and eliminating the obstructive effect of a jutting fire house at the same time, required meticulous storefront design. Above is the designer's original drawing for Bedford's Queens store.

Design Magic Works for Bedford

How a prominent eastern dealer overcame the drawbacks of an obstructed, low-traffic location

OUT in the Forest Hills section of Queens there is a radio, television and appliance store which is the envy of every dealer for miles around. It is the Bedford Radio & Television shop on busy Oueens Boulevard. Just a few months ago the spot was a vacant lot, desolate looking, save for the construction work in progress. Then there was little or no pedestrian traffic past the place, for there was not the slightest attraction. Cars speeding along Queens Boulevard stayed chiefly in the center lane, pulling off the road at this juncture only if they drew a flat or ran out of gas. Even when construction of the one-story taxpayer, which ran a full block, was nearing completion, pedestrian traffic had not picked up. A clicking pedestrian counter would have been a waste of the mechanical ingenuity of the modern age. The area was strictly still in the era of scratch pad and pencil-that's how slow the traffic was.

Now that is all different. Today, the scratch pad and pencil expert would

find himself earning his money and would quickly switch to a mechanical counter to ease the strain. Now, too, cars pull off the boulevard and clutter the area for blocks in either direction. The area that once offered parking space as generously as a ball park just turned over to auto storage is now overcrowded with streamlined gas buggies. Parking has become a bottleneck for the area that now boasts of status as a full-blown business center.

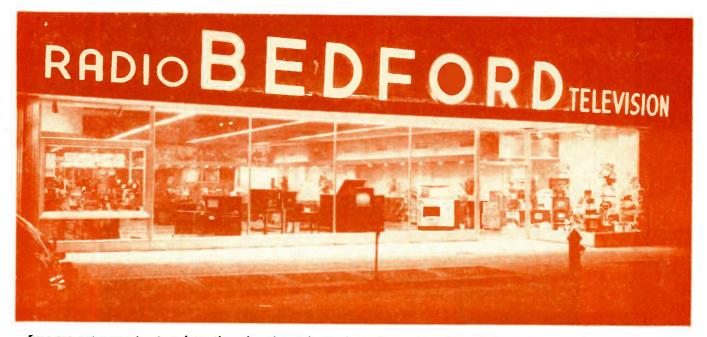
Crazy Corner

Bedford Radio & Television has had no small hand in making the taxpayer row the blooming center that it is. And design was the chief ingredient mixed well in the whole store before it was turned open to the public.

The store window is the first design feature which hits the onlooker right where it means something—in the eyes. And the first reaction of the same onlooker is to think to himself: "Uhuh. Modernistic," without, of course, knowing in his own mind what that means to him. Actually the storefront is the result of the downright, cold, hard facts of the physical environs of the Bedford store itself.

Physical properties of a store have been a problem to dealers from time immemorial, it seems. Even with city blocks being laid out in pleasing symmetry, apartment villages going up in idyllic patterns, and even industrial plants taking on an air of attractive efficiency, dealers the country over seem to find themselves in outmoded buildings, crowded with obstructions, limited in space, and burdened with other inescapable store complexities.

Here, however, was a new store, with ground broken only half a year or so ago. Yet it was faced with that plague of all dealers—the problem of physical location. Queens Boulevard not only did not straighten out from its winding course at this location, but a fire house sat askew on the very corner next to the Bedford locale. Traffic moving out from the city, toward Jamaica, had the fire house screening a large portion of the new store. As it was, the whole



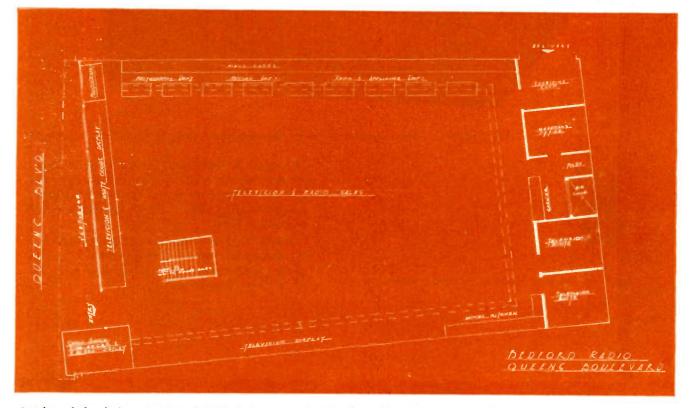
Eyes ore not prone to stray from these brood panels of glass, the compact show windows, the expansive showroom display. That's what the original drawing set out to accomplish—to create a storefront which would attract traffic from either direction, whether on foot or motoring by.

taxpayer row was set back three feet from the building line, so as to allow for an arcade overhang—a booster for bad-weather shopping. The corner was a crazy one, all right.

Magic of Design

But not so crazy that a designer could not unravel its intricacies. In the first place, for instance, store designer Don Goldsmith came up with a brilliant answer to the screening problem of the fire house and that of the straying pedestrian and auto traffic. He had the spacious show window set in such a way that it ran on a diagonal from the corner 3-foot-inside-of-building-line back to a convenient alcove depth. The main entrance was placed at the end of this alcove. Traffic coming out from behind the fire house had their eyes riveted on this expansive, slanting display window. Eyes traveled easily back to the entrance, taking in the showroom displays, which were mounted on a low platform. The big Bedford sign atop the one-story had its effect, too.

What about the traffic moving in the other direction, toward the city? The alcove made a perfect setting for a display window. Traffic, moving toward the fire house from the unscreened end, passed along the pleasant row of new taxpayers before coming to the wide sheets of glass forming the 6foot Bedford storefront, which seemed to recede away from them. The small display window coming out at right angles on the other side of the alcove (Continued on page 24)



Another of the designer's original Bedford drawings, showing how the problem of a wall or an angle was solved. Storefront, wall, special salon and main showroom display space has been carefully and expertly allocoted so that layout performs a merchandising chore.



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Yes . . . 16-inch direct view pictures . . . 126 square inches big! They're $2\frac{1}{2}$ times bigger than average! Just what your customers want for greater enjoyment of their television set! Greater listening enjoyment -

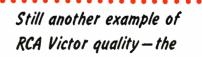
Your prospect will go for Personalized Tone Control that enables him to select tone at the

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Automatic adjustment to signal strength!



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RCA VICTOR-World Leader in Radio . . . First in Television



THE caliber of a dealer's sales force is the measure of his business--taken from both the customer's viewpoint, and that of the cash register. For those retailers who have never taken the time to think through the traits they want to see in their salesmen. Kelvinator has crammed 100 years of retail experience into a key to building a good sales force. This key has been reduced to the simplicity and impersonality of a mathematical formula, through numerous company forums and through the measurement recommendations of the Psychological Corp., N. Y., experts in determining the characteristics in a person which make for his success as a salesman. Reduced to its simplest terms, the formula calls for: 1) the use of an application blank and a method of evaluating the information furnished in it; 2) a sales personnel test to determine an applicant's mental ability and sales interest; and 3) a complete personal interview and a method of evaluating the information which it yields.

Focus the Microscope

Personal interviews can become so casual or so intensely serious that the checklist which a dealer consciously or unconsciously uses to pick his salesmen becomes lost in the shuffle. Next time a dealer turns his evaluating microscope on a prospective salesman, however, he should bear in mind the factors he is weighing. There are seven of them: work experience, education and training, early home background, present social adjustment, manner and appearance. personality qualifications, and over-all suitability.

A dealer knows what a salesman must do, what he must know, and what he must be to become successful in the retail field, so he must probe such things as work experience. What previous selling experience has the prospect had? How will past civilian or military experience contribute to selling? How many previous jobs has he had? Previous sales experience or extensive contact with people can be extremely helpful in selling. Men who have supervised other men or have

worked extensively on their own can bring to the selling job considerable initiative, a definite asset. Selling is hard work. Anyone who has had rather easy jobs, with high pay, may find selling tedious and is likely to become dissatisfied easily. His suitability for selling is doubtful. Similarly, anyone who finds fault with all other jobs may soon find fault with selling, too. It is no discredit for a man to change jobs. But it is important to know the reason for changing, though. Likewise, the applicant's interest in selling must be clear. If he is interested in people rather than things, this is favorable. If, however, a man feels selling is a snap, it is obviously unfavorable.



Education, Too Little, Too Much

High school graduation or two years of college is the happy medium for a good salesman. Too little education can be an obstacle in selling. On the other hand, a college graduate is apt to become dissatisfied unless he is given ample opportunity for higher earnings and promotion. What subjects were the applicant's best ones? English, languages, psychology, logic and general business administration subjects fit a man best for selling. Other considerations a dealer should fall back on in judging an applicant's education and training are his reasons for leaving school and his inherent intelligence. Maybe lack of funds at home forced a man to leave school early. The same man may be extremely resourceful. may be well informed, and may have a forceful personality.

Background and Status

Social and economic background can

be extremely significant factors in picking salesmen. An applicant who comes from a home of high social and economic standing may find selling beneath his dignity. On the other hand, a person from average circumstances, or even below average, may have a tremendous urge to improve his welfare. Similarly, applicants with brothers and sisters are more often more adaptable than "only" children. It is also a favorable factor if an applicant became partially or wholly independent at an early age. particularly if he did not leave school to do it.

Pick Salesmen Who

An applicant's present social status has considerable bearing on his suitability as a salesman. What is his age, marital status and how many dependents has he? Men between the ages of 26 to 35, who are married and have one to three dependents are the most desirable, it has been found. A salesman must be honest and financially responsible. That is what a dealer must find in an applicant. Since selling is highly competitive, a man who engages in selling must have a keen competitive spirit, possibly indicated by an interest in sports or such academic activities as debating or discussion groups. Sometimes overlooked is the attitude of the applicant's wife. If she thinks scilling is beneath his dignily, she can be a drag on all his efforts. Still another factor is the applicant's familiarity with the territory. A local man is more apt to know the type of people who will be his customers. And not to be discounted is an applicant's health history. Can he stand up to the vigorous selling pace with stamina to match it?



Are Profit-Makers

Manner, Appearance, Personality

What is your first impression of the applicant? Is he neat, clean and pleasing in appearance? If he doesn't impress a dealer he won't impress a customer. Physical appearance, from a height and weight standpoint, are not necessarily disadvantages, unless it verges on the "freak." Has the applicant a fine speaking voice and a good vocabulary? Remember, the salesman's tools are his voice and vocabulary. He must be able to talk clearly, forcefully and enthusiastically. Annoying mannerisms in a salesman can be detrimental to a dealer's business. They tend to distract the customer's attention away from the sales story. Halitosis and B.O., of course, are strong liabilities.

From the standpoint of personality, a number of questions will measure the applicant for a position on a dealer's sales staff. Is the applicant the sales type? Is he aggressive? Is he self-confident? There is no place for a man with an inferiority complex or inherent timidity in an aggressive selling field. Does he show tact and courtesy? Does he show initiative? Does he show sincerity? Does he appear enthusiastic? Does he show a money-making urge?

Final Choice

This checklist against which a dealer measures a sales applicant will serve little purpose if the little bits of information are not forthcoming in the personal interview. It is, therefore, of supreme importance that the applicant be made to feel at ease, to feel he can talk freely. Small talk will pave the way for the more subtle tidbits which will be forthcoming from the appli-



cant. It will permit easy transition to extensive talking by the applicant himself, revealing how well he talks for himself, how organized his thinking is, his manner and appearance.

Important as the complete personal interview is, it does not always tell a dealer what he wants to know about the man who is going to help push his sales. The application blank furnishes information which can be readily evaluated. But mental ability and sales tests have a distinct and important place in any system of selecting salesmen.

Observing a man. talking to him, forming an impression of him, these do not always measure a man for the sales job as effectively as a series of



systematic tests. It may come as a surprise to some dealers to realize that applicants can have a mental ability too high for successful selling in his particular operation. It is so, nevertheless. A person with extremely high mental ability may be unhappy over salary and slow promotion. Also, a sales interest test is the most accurate measurement of an applicant's interests. For the length of a peronal interview an applicant may be able to be convincing as to his interest in selling. If this is feigned, a sales interest test will very quickly fix upon the truth.

Just as the personal interview cannot give the final answer on the selection of salesmen, so tests cannot, either. Final judgment must rest on a fair, yet accurate appraisal of the applicant on the basis of his performance in the mental ability and sales interest tests combined with his rating on the personal interview checklist. On top of this, a final over-all rating of excellent, good, fair or poor must be given. One



applicant may rate excellent in the tests and personal interview. But would you, a dealer, want him on your sales force? If your over-all judgment in such a case is "fair" or "poor" for some reason, he will not be a good man for your sales force. If, however, an applicant performs satisfactorily in the tests and interview and your over-all rating is either "good" or "excellent," he should become a top salesman. The qualified applicant is ready to go to work.

The material and illustrations presented on these pages are from the Nash-Kelvinator instruction book, "Selecting Salesmen—Key to a Good Sales Force." The book has been judged the best contribution to the field of sales literature during the year 1948 by the National Society of Sales Training Executives,

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Emerson "Image Perfection" Television Toble Model. So compact, smart, dependable! Big 52-square inch screen - FM circuit - Miracle Picture Lock -Simpli-Matic Tuning! Sensational leader at this low price! Model 611





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caught their eye. Before they knew it they gravitated into the cavity-storefront and were caught between the livewire displays—television sets, radios and major appliances in a showroom effect; and small radios and traffic appliances in the smaller show window display. To round out the storefront, designer Goldsmith provided for a picture frame window at one corner of the front to take care of small photography items.

And on the Inside

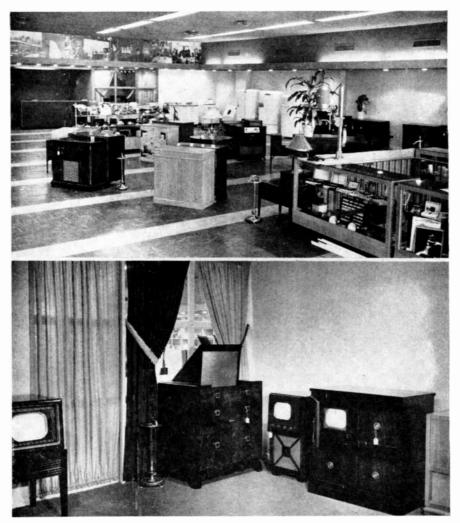
The same meticulous planning went into the arrangement of the inside of the store. Dealers who feel that new structures completely eliminate the confining influence of slanting walls will not find their argument bolstered by Bedford's interior. For the same fire house threw one whole store wall of the new building out of line. There was a narrow alleyway between the store and the fire house. Since the fire house was standing on the corner at an angle, the wall along the alley ran at an angle to the street. When the Bedford store was under construction. therefore, the alley had to be the same width all the way back. That meant that the store wall had to parallel the wall of the fire house, leaving the store's interior straight along one wall and on an angle along the other. Actually the storefront runs about 56 feet across, and the store tapers to about 40 feet in the rear.

A television display and model kitchen effectively took the distracting influences out of the slanting wall. Along the wall opposite, record and radio and appliance departments were set up. The rear of the store was devoted to a receiving room, the manager's office and cashier space, and two 8' x 10' television booths. The balance of the floor space in the 100-foot-depth store was given over to attractive radio and television displays.

Remember the Lighting

In planning the Bedford store and tailoring its construction to the peculiar needs of a radio, television and appliance dealer, designer Goldsmith took extra pains with the ceiling and the lighting system.

First of all, he took into account the fact that television, for one thing, requires bright lights for proper displaying but that bright lights are not particularly suited to comfortable viewing of a set in operation. For that reason, plans were drawn to have the ceiling dropped to within eight feet of the floor. The ceiling was terra cotta in color, giving a dark overhead background that was not too dark. It was made of a ribbed, spun glass material, which tends to absorb sound rather than making sound rebound as do flat surfaces. The effect was to improve the



From model kitchen to television salons, every Bedford display creates the atmosphere of a comfortable segment of a customer's home. Notice the pleasing effect of the cold cathode lighting over the main showroom area and in one television salon.

acoustics of the showrooms. All wall colors were chosen to bring out the wood quality of the sets on display.

For lighting, a cold cathode system was chosen, the system being recessed in the ceiling. Cold cathode got the call over fluorescent lighting because it provided a five-year light over a oneyear light afforded by fluorescent-a maintenance advantage. Cold cathode also had a softer effect, providing the necessary brilliance and atmosphere for the radio, television and appliance store operation. By the use of recessed highhat fixtures, spotted at intervals, the whole showroom was provided with a means of spotlighting any piece of merchandise. It was particularly suited to the display of television sets. As it now operates, lights can be turned on and off at will. When pointing out merchandising features, the cold cathode lighting and spotlights can assist in showing the products to the best advantage. If a television set is put in operation, the spotlights can be switched off and a program can be viewed in the comfortable lighting of the recessed cold cathode.

Not forgotten in the plans of the Bedford Forest Hills store was the place of the television salon in the radio, television and appliance dealer's operation. The two salons in the rear were arranged for those customers who prefer an actual demonstration that approximates home conditions of operation. The salons are provided with drapes, have home-like colors, comfortable seating arrangements and can accommodate several types of sets. Lighting in these salons is fluorescent. and, as in the rest of the store, air-conditioning is provided. The doors of each salon are squares of wood and glass, permitting vision into each without robbing either of any privacy.

Bedford's Forest Hills store is a model of design effectiveness. As if by magic, detrimental aspects of the physical location have been turned into assets. Auto traffic is the best testimony to that. What started as an attempt to get cars to stop, turned into a clever method of getting all sorts of traffic transient auto and residential pedestrian—to patronize a new radio, television and appliance center.

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Advanced Features, New to Refrigeration

Not only more space but new ways to use the space ...exclusive new features created by Philco engineering...producing the most fully usable refrigerator ever designed!

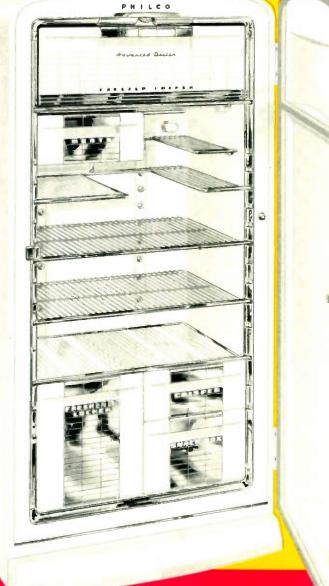


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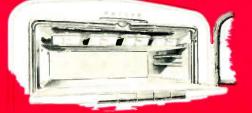
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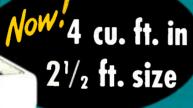
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Since January, 1948, television has at last come into its own. Last year there were more than 800,000 television receivers manufactured and sold. Conservative estimates for the current year are that at least 2,500,000 TV receivers are to be made and sold. THIS IS BIG BUSINESS!

T elevision is not only out of its swaddling clothes but is already sporting its first long trousers. It's a billion dollar business, and will become a multi-billion dollar business before very long. It's so big an industry that it requires a business magazine devoted entirely to the manufacturing, distributing and retailing aspects of television. RADIO & TELEVISION JOURNAL WILL NOW DO THAT JOB.

For the past year, over 95 per cent of our advertising and editorial content has been on television, so in going back to our former name we are putting into effect a trend that has been in the making for some time.

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Ben Irwin, right, chief engineer at Noblitt-Spacks Industries, Inc., discusses TV tube mounting on experimental chassis with G. T. Ritter, R. P. Spellman, H. B. Foulke, and G. W. Thompson, left to right, of the firm. Arvin TV receivers are due on the market soon.

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Television Dealers Say Servicing is No Problem

Television set servicing, one of the original bugaboos of television merchandising, has not proved to be the problem which dealers thought it would be, according to Frank W. Mansfield. director of sales research for Sylvania Electric Products Inc. He said that dealers, for the most part, report that while they do make a few service calls, television servicing presents no appreciable problem.

The statement, according to Mr. Mansfield, is based on the findings of a recent survey in which several hundred television dealers, representing a good cross section by size, type of establishment and geographic areas, were interviewed.

"The dealers' collective opinion regarding set performance," he continued, "is extremely high. 58 per cent said that sets were performing extremely well and 27 per cent admitted that they required only occasional service. Only 7 per cent reported continual trouble. The remaining 8 per cent said they lacked first-hand experience to qualify an intelligent opinion.

"These opinions were expressed by dealers who do their own servicing as well as those who farm out service, but are nevertheless, responsible for



set performance satisfactory to the user. 21 per cent of the dealers interviewed do all of their repair work in their own shops; 59 per cent farm all of it out; and 20 per cent divide service work between their own and other shops."

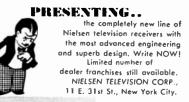
Referring to the changing demand for television receiver types, Mansfield stated. "Dealers generally are firm in their opinion that demand by screen size will change during 1949. During 1948. 84 per cent of all dealers interviewed reported that 10" screens were best sellers; approximately 6 per cent said 12"; 9 per cent said 7"; and 1 per cent said large direct view and projection types.

"Indication that this situation will probably change during 1949 is shown by dealers' answers when asked what type of television set will be the best seller in 1949. 42 per cent said 10"; 44 per cent said 12"; 2 per cent said 7"; and 12 per cent said larger screen sizes and projection.

"Continuing demand for television receivers is reflected by 91 per cent of the dealers interviewed who said that they either could not get enough sets or supply was just about even with demand. To a considerable degree dealers are still unable to get precisely the type of set wanted when it is wanted. 44 per cent of the larger outlets still say they can't get enough sets. Only 6 per cent feel that supply exceeds demand. Among the smaller outlets 19 per cent report that they can't get enough sets although 12 per cent say they feel supply exceeds demand.

"Sylvania feels that the results of this study indicate that the television set market will continue to be good but it will become highly competitive."





Turns "Home" Into \$200,000 TV Salon

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where for years he established a reputation as a set repairman. In those days, he did considerable public address system work, factory installations and work on church carillons. Only a bookkeeper helped him handle work that came in from all over New Jersey.

To the bookkeeper has been added a staff of four service men, two of whom do nothing but antenna work —television and FM—and one of whom concentrates on the 20 outside service calls a day. The fourth man takes care of the details of inside bench work, joining with Frisch in making all the pre-installation checks on sets slated for delivery. Operating within a radius of 20 miles of New Brunswick the service crews utilize two panel trucks equipped with the most modern servicing gear.

Like every other dealer in the television business, Frisch is in the middle of the service business for keeps. Not that it is new to him. He merely falls back on the years of service experience he has behind him and the knowledge that excellent service is the key to a successful operation. For that reason Frisch installations are made with extra care. Instead of installing an antenna pole of eight or nine feet. Frisch's standard requires the use of a 24-foot antenna pole, so that about 15 feet extend above any building. The practice has resulted in better reception and fewer service trips to customers' homes. Save for RF interference from a shortwave station in the northwest section of New Brunswick. Frisch has had a minimum of reception difficulties. Even when difficulties arise, particularly when a malfunctioning set is reported. the Frisch service crews haul the set back to the shop. where expert service puts the set in operation the same day.

Advertising, Too

In the New Brunswick community of some 40,000 inhabitants, Frisch taps this customer market for a volume business hovering around \$200,000 annually. Over the years, he has garnered repeat business and business that results from the goodwill of satisfied cutomers, who make recommendations to friends. But to sell the DuMont, Stromberg-Carlson, Pilot, General Electric, Fada, Capehart and U. S. Television sets which find their way into his studio, Frisch falls back on aggressive merchandising, too.

Such merchandising takes form chiefly in media advertising. Every other day, year in and year out, J. Adam Frisch runs display ads in the New Brunswick Daily Home News. Space varies from one-quarter to onehalf page, with no mention of price in any ad. Several times a year direct mailings to the New Brunswick area are made. Two nights a week a 15-minute quiz show sponsored by Frisch appears on WHDN, the local FM station. and a 5-day, 15-minute radio show over WCTC, the AM-FM station, also helps keep the dealer and his wares in the public eye. This latter radio show, featuring light classical music, is in its second year. In addition, Frisch recently scheduled a quarterhour television show. part of the Stan Shaw program, over channel 5, WABD, from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m., which is seen once weekly.

Coupled with this type of live-wire merchandising are the time-tested principles of sound, sober operations at the dealer level, Frisch maintains his prices and is not disturbed by any price-cutting in his area. He stakes his business on service and high-quality merchandise and is renowned in the New Brunswick community for doing so. He has never had an extensive time-payment business and 90 per cent of his sales are on a cash basis, the balance payable within 15 months.

With practically every dealer who handles television doing his best today to make his television salons homey, here is a dealer who has taken a home and made a radio and television studio which has all the comforts, attractions and pleasant atmosphere of a customer's living room. And lack of space. which started out to be J. Adam Frisch's Achilles heel, really turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It jelled the studio idea in Frisch's head and brought forth the ideal answer to the dealer in a television era—the home-like television salon.



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9E15-FM-AM Radio with 2-Speed Phonograph. Automatically plays standard or all L.P. records. 4 hours of uninterrupted music! \$29995



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NOW GET All 3

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4H15-Another great value from Admiral that brings complete home entertainment within the means of millions. Magic Mirror Television with big 52 sq. in. direct view picture screen. Guaranteed to outperform any set, anywhere, any time! 2-Speed Phonograph plays 7", 10", or 12" L.P. records as well as standard records automatically. FM-AM Dynamagic Radio . . . most compact ever designed . . . Push-pull audio . . . first time in a popular priced model! Smartly modern cabinet no larger than average radio-phonograph console!



NOTE—All prices quoted (except 19A12, 4H126 and 4H18) are for walnut consoles. Mahogany and blonde slightly higher. Fed. tax extra on all television sets. Prices subject to change without notice. Some prices slightly higher south and far west.



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19A12—As portable as a table model radio ... this compact Admiral Magic Mirror television receiver. Complete station coverage. \$16995



4H117-Magic Mirror Television with 52 sq. in. screen. 2-Speed Phonograph automatically plays either standard or all L.P. records. FM-AM Dynamagic Radio . . . most compact ever built. In walnut \$44995



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Emerson's Table TV

Manufactured by Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., 111 Eighth Ave., N.Y.C.



A table model television receiver with a 10-inch picture tube, this Emerson gives full coverage, channels 2 to 13. Picture-lock automatic frequency control. Six-inch, Alnico 5, permanent magnet dynamic speaker. Thirteen tubes. one ballast and four selenium rectifiers. Honduras mahogany cabinet, hand-rubbed to high-polish finish. Automatic gain control circuit amplifies weak signals, reduces distortion in strong ones.

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- Five-way combination console with a 72-square-inch, direct-view television screen, and a dual-speed record player. Features simplified tuning by means of knob for station selection and one for contrast control. Other controls for focus, brightness, horizontal and vertical hold are set at factory. Picture tube is 12-inch and radio is AM-FM.
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TV with "Golden Beam"

Manufactured by Motorola, Inc., 4545 Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, III.



Styled in California, suntan leatherette, this portable receiver resembles a piece of luggage when closed and covered. Screen is 7-inch, cabinet in mahogany brown. Set weighs 33 pounds. Front is decorated with gold escutcheon covered by clear plastic. Detachable, dipole antenna, called the "Golden Beam," telescopes and stores in lid when not in use, plugs into a jack atop set when in use, making whole mobile.

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The products listed on this and other products pages are presented to help you do a better buying and selling job every month. We suggest you study every product carefully and write to manufacturers for additional information.



New Philco TV Models Manufoctured by Philco Corp., Philodelphio, Po.



This television-radio-phonograph combination comes in a Georgian, mahogany cabinet. Provides over 90 square-inches of TV picture with new wide screen. Has 30 tubes and six rectifiers for brightness, contrast, and lock-in tuning and reception. Radio is FM-AM. Phonograph plays both standard and LP records. Also features record storage equipment. A table television receiver featuring

a 7-inch, direct-view picture tube.



this smaller Philco model can utilize an indoor antenna in most locations. Circuit has 18 tubes, two selenium rectifiers and a new, 12-channel tuner. Cabinet comes in mahogany. Say you saw it in Radio & Television Journal, February, 1949



Garod's "Tele-Zoom" TV

Monufactured by Gorod Electronics Corp., 70 Woshington St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.



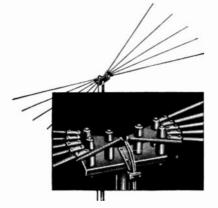
By pressing a button at the end of a 15-foot cord the normal image on a Garod TV receiver can be enlarged one and one-half times. Known as the "Tele-Zoom," the electronic circuit development does not distort images, despite magnification. Receiver is made without conventional, rectangular mask to permit the use of the entire image area without interference. Incorporation of "Tele-Zoom" in Garod receivers will not alter set prices.

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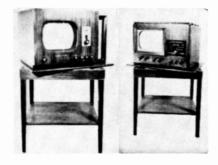
Di-Fan Antenna Manufactured by the Andrew Corp., 421 Seventh Ave., N. Y. C.



Broadband receiving antenna tuned to receive all television and FM channels. Reduces picture distortion, permitting sharp, faithful reproduction of television picture details. Kit includes 5-foot, steel, mounting mast and 60 feet of 300-ohm transmission line. Special kits for making chimney mounts and roof mounts.

Kaye Swivel-Top TV Table

Manufactured by Kaye Distributing Co., 1508 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.



- This swivel-top table, Model GK5, has a top dimension of 21¹/₂ x 28" and stands 28" high. It is available in walnut or mahogany, will accommodate anything made in table model television and comes in knockdown form. They are simple to assemble and are very sturdy. Tables are constructed of genuine mahogany, walnut, and blonde mahogany and have a hand-rubbed finish.
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Transvision Meter Manufactured by Transvision, Inc. New Rochelle, N.Y.



Designed to facilitate and improve television installations, this field strength meter consists of a highgain receiver, individually calibrated to indicate signal level. Self-contained power supply for operation from 120 volts 60 cycles. Measures field strength from 50 to 50.000 microvolts at the 300-ohm input terminals. Housed in metal carrying case.

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Reeves Connector

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Espey AM-FM Chassis

Monufoctured by Espey Manufocturing Co., Inc., 528 E. 72 St., New York City



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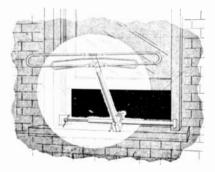
Monufoctured by Olympic Rodio & Television, Inc., 34-01 38th Ave., Long Island City, N.Y.



Similar to sets operating in some metropolitan hotels, this Olympic TV duplicator reproduces the image of the main set to which it is connected. Automatic, with no extra antenna, no controls, no tuning, and no adjustments. Can be connected in series to master set.

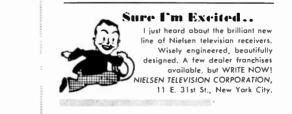
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RMS Window Antenna Manufoctured by Rodio Merchandise Sales Co., 550 Westchester Ave., New York



A folded dipole with lobes, this television antenna fits any type window. Can be mounted or taken down with ease. Requires no drilling or cutting, and adjustments up, down and sideways are possible. All television channels, with frequency range 41-216 mc.

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A Good Year

Business will continue to boom in 1949 at a level topping the record year of 1948, according to Frank D. Newbury, consulting economist for Westinghouse Electric Corp., in a forthcoming article in Industrial Marketing, national business paper of industrial sales and advertising. Mr. Newbury predicts a gross national product of \$260 billion for 1949—\$35 billion more than last year.

Describing forecasting as "the art of drawing adequate conclusions from inadequate information," the economist warns against basing major decisions on "almost whimsical appraisals of the business outlook . . . on pure guesswork, the Dow-Jones averages, or the latest (and most pessimistic) Washington letter,"

Mr. Newbury bases his own prediction on the relationship between total investment spending and total national production which, he maintains, is roughly in the ratio \$20 to \$100. He cites these figures to arrive at the ratio: 1929, investments—\$20 billion, national product—\$100 billion: 1932, investments—\$5 billion, product —\$58 billion; and 1947, investment \$50 billion, national product—\$231 billion. With inventory accumulation for 1949 at \$1 billion, investment in construction expected to be \$15 billion, in producers' durable equipment estimated at \$21 billion, the total private investment is set by Mr. Newbury at a total of \$39 billion. Add to this \$20 billion for government investment and the national investment total for 1949 will be about \$59 billion. This would correspond with \$260 billion of gross national product, a figure which leads Mr. Newbury to the observation that there will be no major contraction in the economy, barring an unforeseen event which would create a major change.

Change W

Through its executive committee the National Electrical Wholesalers Association has gone on record with the board of governors, Federal Reserve System, as favoring changes in the provisions of Regulation W so far as radio, television and electrical appliances are concerned. In a telegram to Thomas B. McCabe, chairman of the board of governors, Charles G. Pyle, managing director of NEWA, urged the reduction of down payments and the extension of payment time.

"Present Regulation W provisions deter consumers from replacing worn and obsolete units to the detriment of their greater comfort, convenience and financial benefit," Mr. Pyle's tetegram read in part. It also pointed out that recommended changes in the regulation would remedy this, would maintain the industry's high level of employment, and would aid the public in availing itself of the enjoyment of the healthful. comfortable living modern electrical conveniences provide.

The Record Situation

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and RCA about consultation on intentions, the offering of blueprints to one another, and any attempts at standardization, the record industry seemed to be taking immediate steps to eradicate what at first was described as chaos.

Scott Radio Laboratories, Inc., Chicago, III., for instance, announced a record player to handle all new speeds. Two tone-arms on the new set take care of the conventional and LP records. A brass collar slips over the normal spindle to accommodate the wider RCA center hole. A knob on the set allows an owner to make his own turntable speed adjustment.

It appeared that, even though the record industry was suffering violent growing pains late in life, the patient rowed loud but seemed little worse off from the wear of competition.



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• Philco Corp. announced a record volume of sales of around \$270.000.000 for 1948. Previous high level was in 1947. just \$44.000.000 short of the new mark. The 1948 record sales total is more than three times the firm's best prewar year. Net worth of Philco is set at near \$51.000.000, an increase from \$15,800.000 in 1940.

• Demands for television bulbs made by *Kimble Glass* of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co.. Toledo. Ohio, have made it necessary for Kimble to expand its bulb manufacturing operations and other glass operations into the Owens-Illinois plant in Columbus, Ohio. Idle since June, 1948. this plant started experimental operations early this month and will be in full operation by May 1.

• Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., So. Plainfield, N. J., has purchased from Maguire Industries, Inc., all the stock of Radiart Corp., Cleveland. Ohio. Radiart manufactures automobile radio vibrators and television and auto antennae.

• Garod Electronics Corp., N. Y.. has formed a new company, Garod Electronics. Ltd. of Canada. A plant at Long Beach, Ontario, suburb of Toronto. will be used for the manufacture and distribution in Canada of the line of radios and television now made by Garod in New York.

• Trophies, wrist watches and shares of stock were among the donations received by members of the distributing and sales organizations participating in the recent **Philco Corp.** awards. Twelve hundred members watched some 20 of their number receive top awards from the firm.

• Industrial Television, Inc. has announced its entry into the antenna phase of television. The systems by Industrial are designed to meet the need for low-cost antennae for multiple dwellings, dealer display rooms and new homes where numerous antenna outlets are required.

• Ralston Purina Co., cereal manufacturer, is distributing some 500.000 plastic replicas of a table model TV receiver in the *RCA Victor* line. The promotion was launched over 515 Mutual stations carrying the Tom Mix program, and is tied in with newspaper and point-of-sale promotions.

• **Tele-tone**, N. Y., has named the Mountain Electronic Co., 708 Bigley Ave., Charleston, W. Va., distributors for the firm's radio and television products.

• Rene M. Jacobs Co., Inc., distributors of radios, television and electrical appliances, has moved into new quarters in the Starrett-Lehigh Bldg., 601 W. 26th St., N. Y.

• Larry Davis, formerly district manager of the *RCA Victor* division of *Krich-Radisco*, *Inc.*, N. J., wholesale distributors, has been promoted to assistant sales manager of the same division.

• Additional space for the manufacture of television picture tubes, projectors and other electronic equipment will be afforded the Rauland Corp., subsidiary of **Zenith Radio Corp.**, Chicago, Ill., when the sound division. recently purchased by the Rauland-Borg Corp., moves into new quarters in the near future.

• Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff. chairman of the board, **RCA**, Canden, N. J.. has accepted an invitation of British interests to appear before the British Arbitration Tribunal to testify as an independent, impartial expert on international telecommunications. Hearings were held in London under terms of the Nationalization Bill.



V. C. HAVENS

• V. C. Havens has been named assistant general sales manager of the Crosley division, *AVCO Manufacturing Corp.*, Cincinnati, Ohio, to take charge of advertising, sales promotion and public relations. Mr. Havens was formerly with Consolidated Vultee and with Cadillac, Buick-Olds-Pontiac, and Oldsmobile divisions of General Motors for more than 18 years performing similar functions.

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New Appointments

Sylvania names Cunningham advertising director, Johnson appointed by Admiral, Ed Taylor becomes general sales manager of Stewart-Warner, RCA Victor elects Walter Buck, Parsons and Boyne promoted by Zenith.



TERRY CUNNINGHAM

• Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., N. Y., has appointed Terry P. Cunningham director of advertising and sales promotion to direct advertising and sales for the lighting fixture, lamp. radio tube and electronics divisions and the Wabash Corp. Mr. Cunningham has been associated with Sylvania Electric and subsidiaries since 1942.



W. B. SWANK V. W. BURWELL

• Wallace B. Swank, Syracuse, N. Y., and Henry W. Burwell, Atlanta, Ga., have introduced a new line of television transformers for *Chicago Transformer* division. Essex Wire Corp. Mr. Swank represents radio parts manufacturers in upper New York State, and Mr. Burwell, ex-Signal Corp Lt. Col., is a manufacturer's representative in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Virginia.



E. L. TAYLOR

• Edward L. Taylor has been named general sales manager of **Stewart**-**Warner** radio and television products. Mr. Taylor recently held the post of vice-president for sales. Camfield Mfg. Co., Grand Haven. Mich., and before that was a sales manager, Schick, Inc.. and advertising manager with a division of McGraw Electric Co.



W. C. JOHNSON

• W. C. Johnson has been named to fill the newly-created post of vicepresident in charge of sales of the *Admiral Corp.*, Chicago, Ill. In the radio field since 1928. Mr. Johnson has been with Admiral since 1944. filling the positions of midwest regional sales manager, manager of field activities, and, for the past two and one-half years, general sales manager.



C. F. PARSONS W. W. BOYNE

• C. F. Parsons has been appointed general manager of Zenith Radio Distributing Corp., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Parsons, sales manager of this subsidiary of Zenith Radio Corp. since 1945, succeeds to the post formerly held by William W. Boyne, Mr. Boyne has been named general manager of Zenith Radio Corp. of New York, another subsidiary of the Chicago firm which distributes Zenith products in New York City, nine counties in New York State, and 12 counties in New Jersey.



W. A. BUCK

• Walter A. Buck, former president of Radiomarine Corp. of America, a service of RCA, has been elected operating vice-president of the *RCA Victor* division, RCA, Camden, N. J. A retired Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, Mr. Buck ended a 30-year naval career last March.

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Why the Fussin' and Feudin'?

ONE day last month the RCA Victor Division introduced its new 45 rpm system of sound reproduction. Ordinarily, the advent of a new product in the radio, television and appliance field is taken in stride, but this particular event let loose a barrage speculation, condemnation, charges and counter-charges in the press and trade circles which served more to confuse than clarify. Now that some of the smoke has cleared, some observations on RCA's new record player and its portent for the industry are in order.

The most serious charges levelled at RCA are for bringing out a new method of record playing take in several aspects: (1) its makes obsolete over 16 million standard 78 rpm players now in existence (2) it was unnecessary (3) it will confuse both dealers and the buying public (4) it is 'trade war' (5) it will kill the record business (6) it runs counter to accepted principles of standardization and (7) it was released at the wrong time.

Now these are serious charges, if they can be substantiated, and it is therefore well to examine them in detail and let the chips fall where they may.

Does the 45 rpm system make obsolete all the players that have been made and sold over the past fifty years? To a degree, yes, but it must be remembered that RCA Victor will still continue to make all recordings on 78 rpm, so the owners of these machines will not have to give them to the Smithsonian. And furthermore, if a newer, better-conceived and better-designed product makes an older one obsolete, is that a fault? Hasn't our entire American system of mass production been built on the principle of technical advances which obsolete older models?

Was the 45 rpm system necessary? This is a difficult question, but it is evident that no spectacular advances in the record business had been made in decades, except for Columbia's 33 1/3 rpm player introduced last Summer. One could argue the merits of the two systems endlessly; they both sound excellent to us, but that is not the point. The important thing is that both Columbia's and RCA's methods represent advances, and in a free economy, both companies had a right to make what they thought best. In the last analysis, the public will decide, just as they did the recent Presidential election to the consternation of many so-called experts.

How about the charge that it confused both dealers and public? This was undoubtedly true, but nowhere to the degree that the press intimated. Most of the criticism on this score came from professional record reviewers who write for a comparatively very small public of music lovers. This is the group that wails about the Metropolitan Opera but cannot support it: they want a record company to produce the classics but they don't buy enough to support that either. There are over 140 million people in this country. The great majority have annual incomes of less than \$3.000 a year, and they want and need a record player that can give them the very best in sound reproduction at the lowest possible cost.

How about the argument regarding standardization? This has merit. The importance of standardization was brought out during the recent war, but standardization at the expense of progress is no advancement. The record industry is going through a revolution: in due time it will be standardized. As to the last point, that it was released at the wrong time -this is open to debate. The months of November and December are the best in the year for record sales, and RCA didn't want to hurt this business by releasing their new product at an inopportune time.

All in all, we feel kind of good about the whole situation. If this is a 'trade war', then it's the kind of war that has given this nation the highest standard of living in the world.

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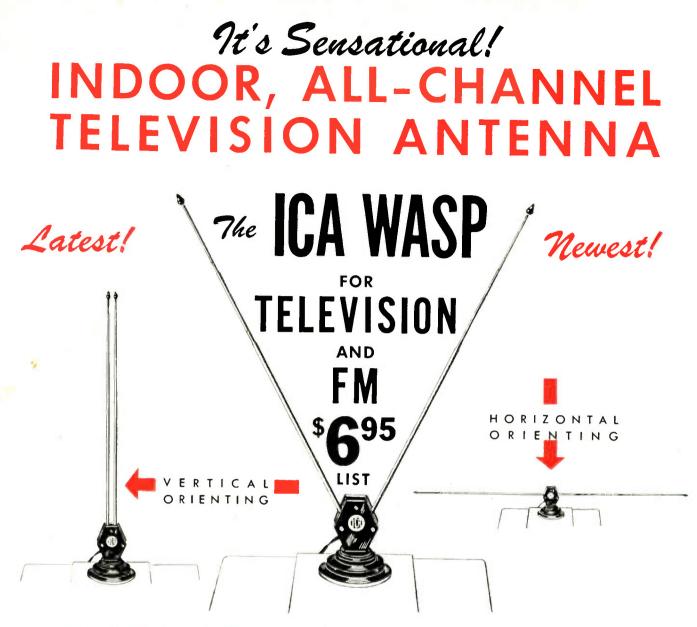
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