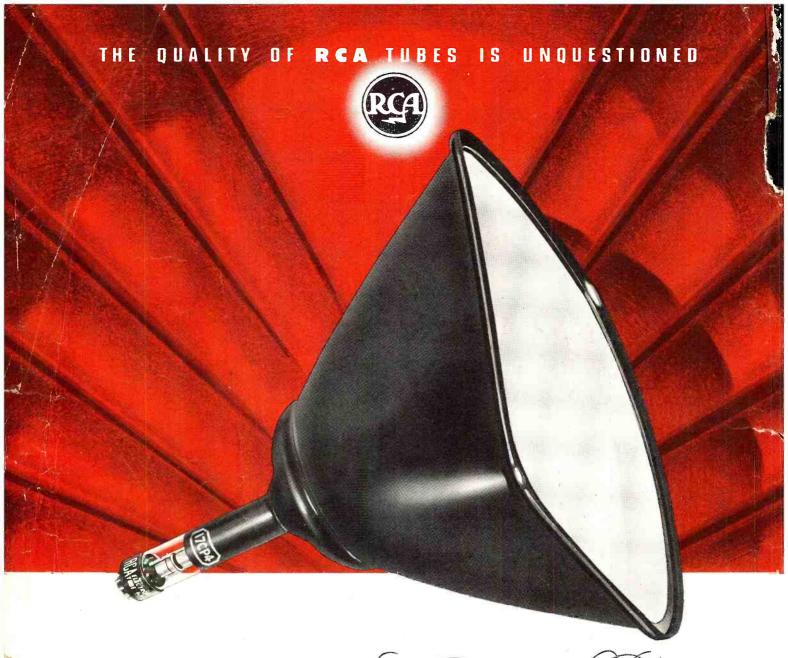


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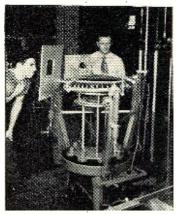
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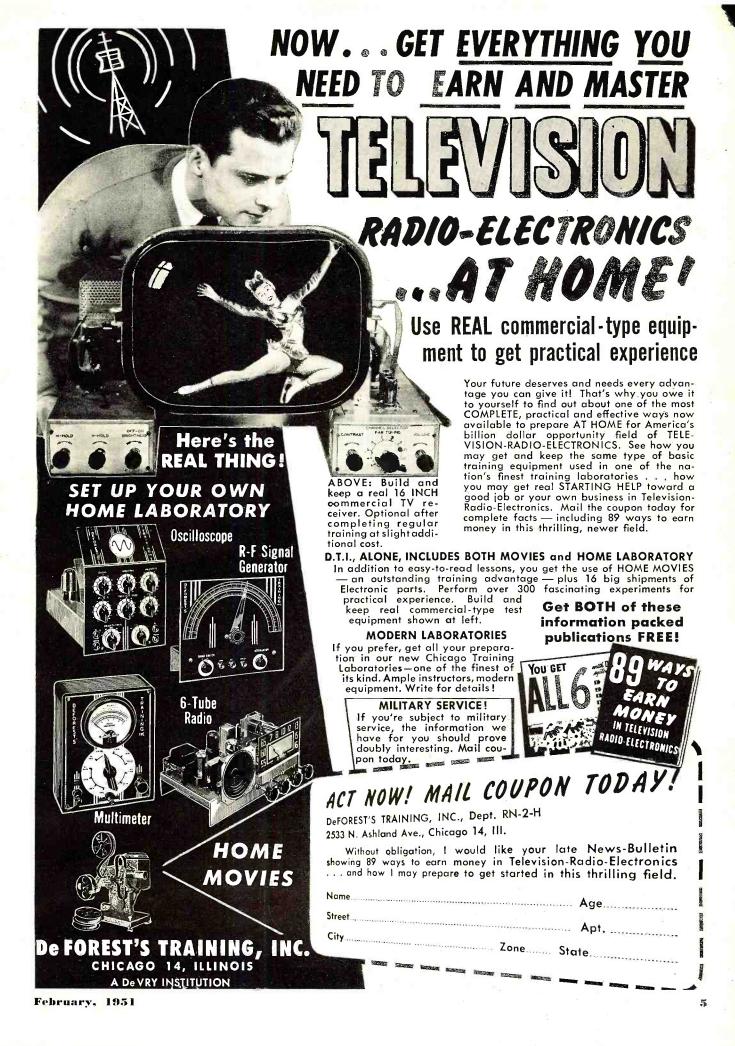
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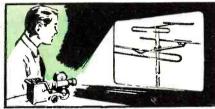
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A number of different methods have been developed for producing the basic wiring of an electronic circuit. Probably the method that is best known in this country is the printed circuit technique, which has been widely publicized and needs little discussion. Another system of mass production, developed in England, makes use of a molded plastic plate with grooves for the wiring. This plate was sprayed with metal, usually silver, and the top surface milled off, leaving the conducting paths as desired.

Another technique involves attaching a thin copper sheet to a plastic base by means of a suitable binder, then etching away the undesired portions of the copper with acid, after the circuit paths are protected by some suitable material. In still another technique, a master die is made in accordance with the desired circuitry, and this die embeds the copper sheet into the plastic where conducting paths are desired, the remainder of the copper sheet obviously being discarded.

Assembly of components onto this basic wiring poses many problems. In some cases, resistors may be printed on by a silk screen process and a suitable paint, and if the base material is ceramic, some of the condensers may be formed by means of a conducting plate on each side of the ceramic. However, it appears more likely that some process for feeding the components from a hopper direct to the plate will be developed. This involves components with right-angle leads dropping through eyelets or other suitable terminations on the base plate. Once all components are in place, the back side of the plate could be dipped in solder to make the components electrically and mechanically secure. Tape resistors having acceptable accuracy have been developed and can be placed over the conductive pattern and "fired" in place.

It should be mentioned at this point that in many cases coils, particularly for use at higher frequencies, may be applied in spiral form in the same manner that the base wiring is applied. Such coils can be held to very close tolerances in production, and can be made to have a relatively high "Q". Successful attempts have been made to "print" windings for transformers by applying metallic spirals on impregnated paper and folding.

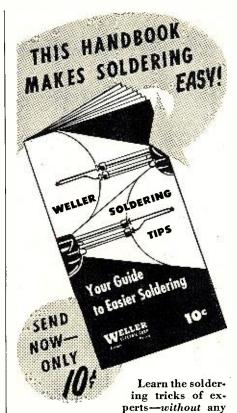
So far in our discussion, the primary emphasis has been on the production of a complete assembly. The problem can be greatly simplified by the preparation of plug-in subassemblies which may or may not be cast in one of the casting resins recently developed. For example, a TV receiver may be made up of several subassemblies such as r.f., mixer, i.f., and video stages. Mass production of these individual subassemblies would be much simpler than production of the complete receiver, and final assembly would consist merely of plugging in the proper units in the proper places. This technique is particularly adaptable to military equipment, since it greatly simplifies the servicing problem and decreases tremendously the number of spare parts that must be provided. With the use of subminiature tubes and miniaturized components, such complete subassemblies would not be much larger than conventional tubes.

It is obvious that with the tremendous needs of the military in this emergency, and with the huge civilian market for electronic equipment, techniques must be developed and put into practice which will eliminate, to a very large extent, the present hand-wiring and hand-assembly processes which seem to be so wasteful of manpower (and womanpower). When this revolution comes about, engineers and service technicians will be faced with problems considerably different from those encountered at present.

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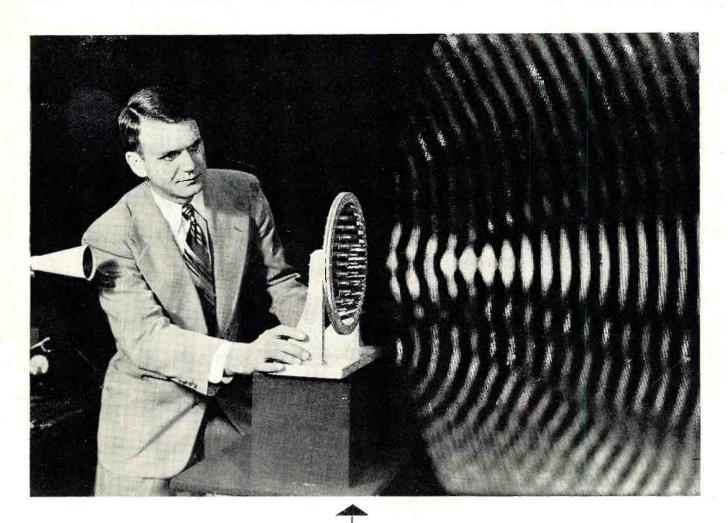


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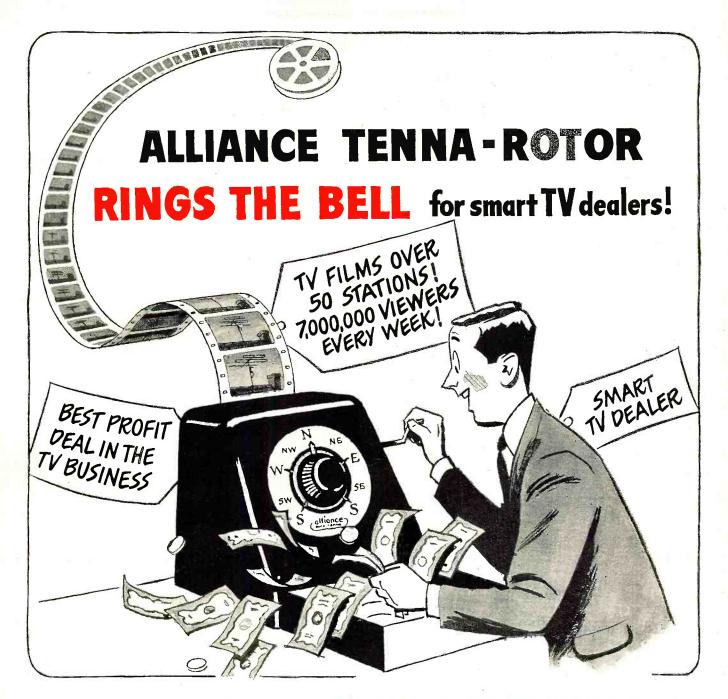
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Described on the Congressional floors and in meetings of the official family as a medium of vaulting import to the nation, radio-TV's possibilities have been closely reviewed during special meetings of the Senate and House Armed Services committee considering a civil defense act, as proposed by the President in his 162-page civil defense report. According to the report the ... "nerve system of civil defense is communications." It is imperative, the study reveals, that effective and rapid communications be maintained between federal and state and between state and local civil defense organizations and within these organizations if they are to function when needed. Accordingly, we are told, every contingency must be provided for, and sound flexible plans developed so that in any emergency, communications in some form will be available.

Detailing the types of communications required, the report says that all forms must be embraced including facsimile, AM, FM, and TV, and planning must include provisions for equipment for communications between ground stations, and between air and ground. All existing communications facilities and services will have to be used to their fullest extent, and in addition, it will be necessary to provide for emergency services as alternate means of transmission and reception, the presidential statement discloses. Mobile two-way and ham services are cited as two important emergency services which will be required. The amateurs are described as possessing facilities which can make . . . "an important contribution to civil defense communications.

Commenting on the role of broadcasting in the critical days which may lie ahead, the report states that stations of all types, including TV, can be utilized as . . . "an important medium to inform the public of its responsibility to civil defense." Through the use of broadcast facilities, it will be possible to present to a maximum audience vital informational and educational material, the defense review continues, material which will cover the . . "location of shelters, advice on how to prevent jamming of thoroughfares . . ."

So that broadcasters will be fully familiar with emergency procedures, a series of classified regulations, prepared under the joint direction of the Department of National Defense and the FCC, are now being issued. According to a notice from the Commission, the defense-emergency authorizations, which will require special experimental operations, will not be made public. However, the stations directly affected by the rulings will be informed as fully as possible consistent with security regulations.

Some states have already organized their own emergency broadcaster's program. In New York and New Jersey, for instance, a bi-state committee, including David Driscoll of WOR, serving as chairman, and Seymour N. Siegel of WNYC, named as co-chairman, recently set up plans for the mobilization of broadcasting personnel and facilities. During a meeting of the group, three basic areas were cited as essential to the stations: New Jersey, upstate New York and Greater New York City. Technical arrangements were made for the complete coordination of all major networks and channels of independents in case of atomic attacks.

Plans are also on file in Washington for the restoration of a State Guard Radio Service, similar to the one that was operative during World War II. During that period, nearly thirty state guard authorizations were outstanding, covering in each instance operation of from 40 to 200 or more low-power portable or mobile stations by state guard personnel only. Present patterns call for the sharing of the Special Emergency Radio Service frequency of 2726 kilocycles and for the handling of emergency communications relating to public safety and the protection of life and property. It appears at this time that the reactivation will become an actuality in a matter of weeks.

**TV'S PART** in education found itself quite a featured attraction during a long hearing session of the FCC. The meeting, scheduled as part of the overall allocation discussion, was highlighted by prior comments of Madame Commissioner Frieda Hennock, who

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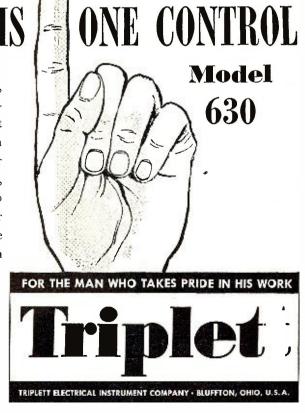


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television airwaves are in the public domain."

"Television is at the crossroads," said the Commissioner. "There are about 2000 TV frequencies remaining to be handed out, and once these are gone there will be no more to be had," the FCC air jurist declared. She said that she hoped that the Commission will take a far-sighted view of the great potential value of TV as a medium of public education and set aside certain channels exclusively for the use of non-commercial stations. It was her belief that education . . "cannot do a decent job when it is subject to the vicissitudes of commercial broadcasting. . . Education should be handled by educators skilled and trained in that field. Commercial broadcasters are not qualified in the field of education and have never even made such a pretense."

Quite an illuminating study of the potentialities of TV in education was offered by WNYC Headman Seymour N. Siegel during the official hearings. Citing the value of TV in covering such subjects as baby care, Siegel said that only television can tell the story. For instance, he said, you cannot tell anybody . . "how to hold a baby or how to diaper a baby, or how to give a baby a bath. . . . You have to show them." Oddly enough, he continued, no station in New York City, has ever demonstrated the proper method of diapering a baby.

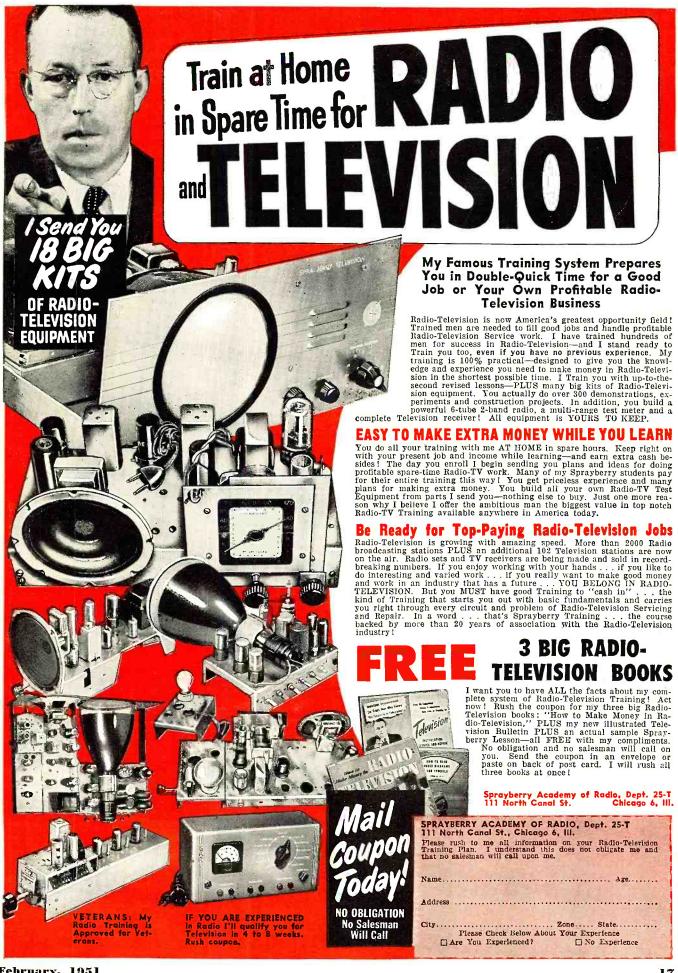
Cooking and the kitchen were also described as unfortunate victims of the commercial tactics. He pointed out that one of the . . . "major difficulties in teaching the housewife how to buy food is the one describing various cuts of meat." He claimed that most women don't know what they are buying when they visit the butcher shop. "You cannot tell people about the different grades and parts of a steer," he said. "You have got to show them?"

Turning from the domestic scene to the political arena, Siegel said that our highly developed communications system is . . . "not doing everything necessary to raise the culture and the reasonableness of the American people." In his opinion, there is too great an idea lag between the high-level policy makers and the majority of the voting public which has the ultimate power over these policy makers. He felt that the lag . . "is a frightening one . ." and the hope . . "lies in non-commercial educational TV."

The direct problems of allocation and education were reviewed by quite a few witnesses during the sessions. In a particularly complete brief, we were told by Telford Taylor, counsel for the joint committee on educational TV, (representing the American Council on Education, Association for Education by Radio, Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, National Association of Educational Broadcasters, National Association of State Universities, National Council of Chief State School Officers, and the National Education Association) that inasmuch as all of the receivers now in the hands of the public are designed for operation on the very-high channels, and since the technical prospects in the ultra-high bands are as yet uncertain, only the v.h.f. allocations were of immediate concernto them. The committee felt that because of the technical difficulties and the cost factors, educational TV must be granted space in the present channels. Unless such a program is adopted, added Taylor, and educational institutions (Continued on page 113)

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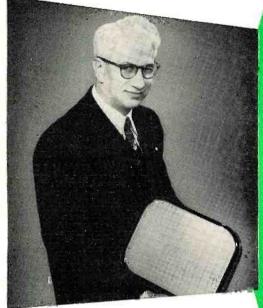
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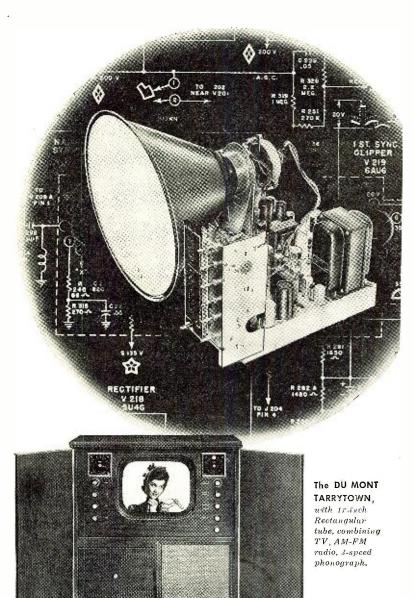


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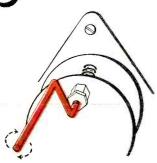
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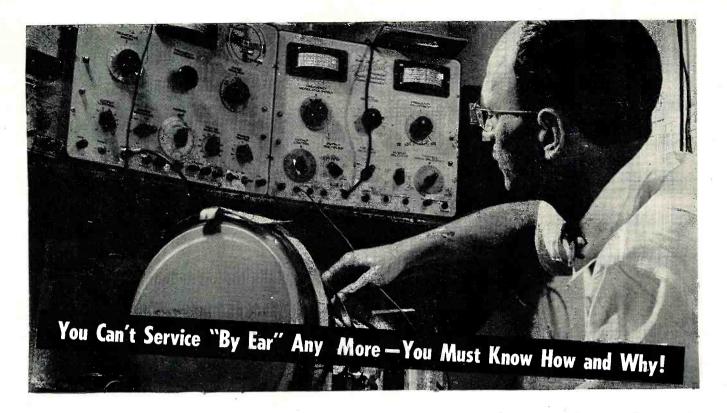
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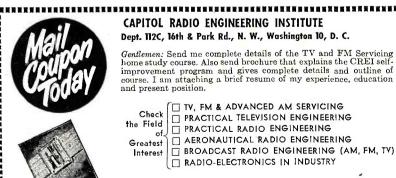
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# Within the INDUSTRY

OTTO B. BLACKWELL, retired assistant vice-president of the *American Tele*-

phone & Telegraph Co., has been awarded the 1950 Edison Medal for "his pioneer contributions to the art of telephone transmission" by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.



The Edison Medal which was established in 1904 is awarded annually to a recident of the United States or Canada for meritorious achievement in electrical science, electrical engineering, or the electric arts.

Mr. Blackwell is a former vice-president of the AIEE and retired last year after 43 years with the *Bell System*. He is associated actively with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the Acoustical Society of America and the American Physical Society. He is a fellow in the AIEE and the IRE.

LANSDALE TUBE COMPANY, a subsidiary of Philco Corporation, has purchased a new plant site at Frederick, Maryland for the manufacture of electronic tubes. The plant is expected to be in operation before the end of this year . . . EUTECTIC WELDING ALLOYS CORPORATION is building a new Engineering Services Building at the site of the company's No. 2 plant in Flushing, Long Island. Completion is expected shortly . . . MEASUREMENTS CORPORATION of Boonton, New Jersey has recently moved all of its manufacturing department, laboratories, and offices into a new plant on Intervale Road in Boonton. The new plant provides 25,000 square feet of usable floor space . . . BEST VUE PRODUCTS, manufacturer of television antennas and accessories, has moved its factory and offices to 240 North 10th Street, Brooklyn, New York . . . UNITED STATES **ELECTRONICS CORP.** is now located at 2038 Broadway, Santa Monica, California. The firm formerly had headquarters in Los Angeles . . . TRACER-LAB, INC. has contracted to purchase a building site in West Concord, Massachusetts. A building to house the engineering, manufacturing operations, and certain phases of its radiochemical program will be built at the new location . . . Construction has begun on the first 50,000 square foot addition to the PACKARD-BELL factory in Los Angeles. An additional 70,000 square feet of manufacturing area is in the blueprint stage and work will be started

shortly . . . MINNEAPOLIS-HONEY-WELL REGULATOR COMPANY is expanding its industrial production and operating facilities in Philadelphia with the purchase of the Thomas M. Royal plant for its BROWN INSTRU-MENTS DIVISION . . . GENERAL CE-MENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY of Rockford, Illinois has recently completed a new plant which will be devoted to the manufacture of television accessories . . . GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY has begun work on a new million dollar electronics plant at Auburn, New York. Completion is expected in the late summer or early fall . . . ALTEC LANSING CORPORA-TION has recently opened a new plant in Beverly Hills, California to supplement its production facilities in Los Angeles and New York. The new plant is located at 9356 Santa Monica Boulevard . . . RAYTHEON MANUFACTUR-ING COMPANY of Newton, Massachusetts recently laid the cornerstone for a new \$100,000 industrial cafeteria at its Receiving Tube Plant on Chapel Street in Newton.

HAROLD BECKER recently rejoined the staff of Radio & Television News as

Eastern Editor with headquarters at 366 Madison Avenue in New York.

In his new position, Mr. Becker will contact authors and potential authors not only for this publication but



also for the Radio-Electronic Engineering Edition of Radio & Television News. He will also cover industry events taking place on the east coast and represent the magazine at conventions and press conferences. Because of his varied experience in the radio field, Mr. Becker is particularly well qualified to gather and interpret trends in the manufacturing and servicing branches of the industry.

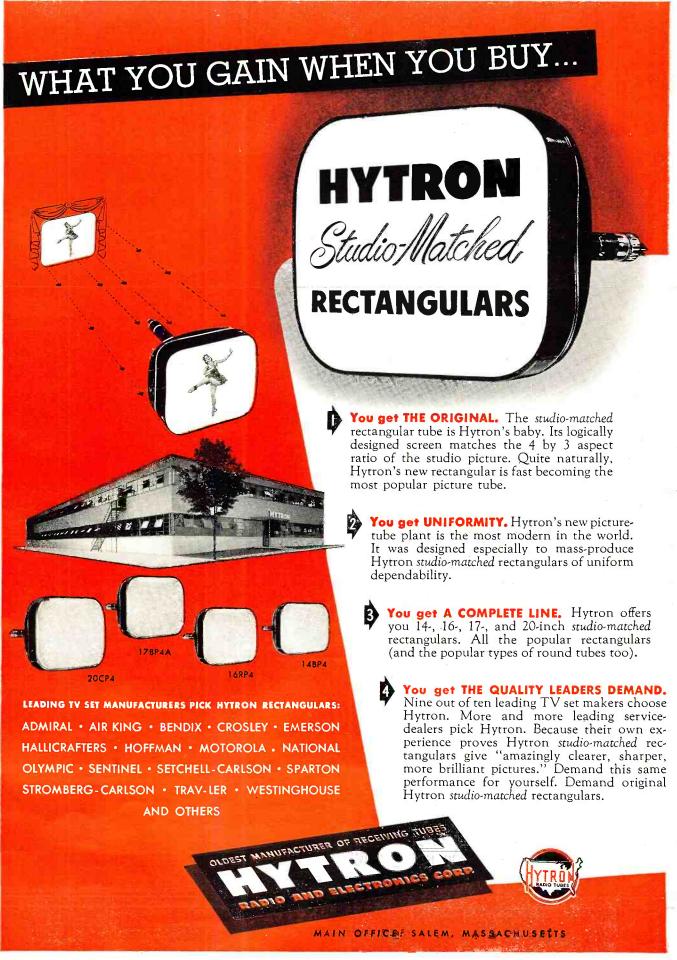
Before joining the Žiff-Davis Publishing Company organization Mr. Becker was associated with the Press Division of Radio Corporation of America.

THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR, the British Empire's annual industrial show, will be held this year from April 30 through May 11.

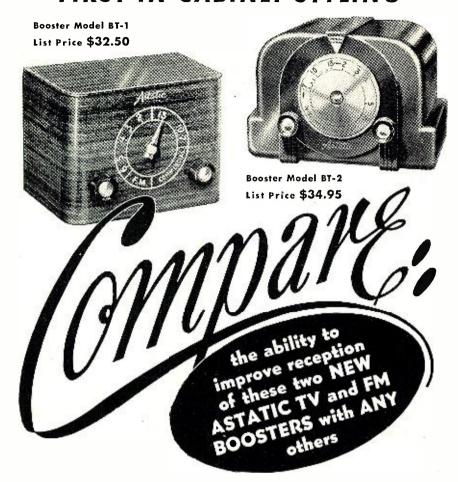
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The British Information Services at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York is handling U.S. inquiries regarding the fair.

J. D. VAN DER VEER has been named sales manager of the Electron Tube

Initial Equipment department of Tung-Sol Lamp Works Inc.

The new sales manager attended the University of Michigan and Armour Institute and served as an engi-

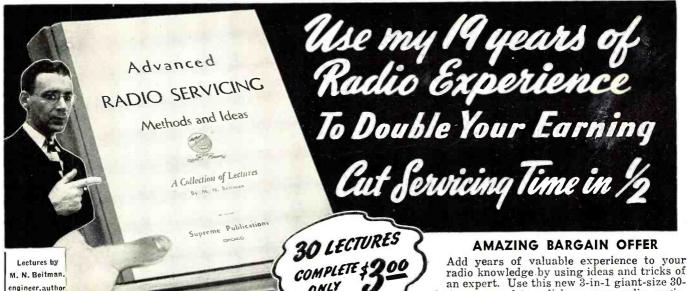


neer with the CAA in the development of Air Navigational Aids. In 1942 he joined the Signal Corps as an engineer in the development of army communications equipment. He was chief of the Radio Branch of Coles Laboratory and left the Army with the rank of Captain in 1945.

Mr. Van der Veer joined *Tung-Sol* in 1945 as Western Sales Manager for Electron Tube Initial Equipment in Chicago. He will now make his head-quarters at the company's home office in Newark, New Jersey.

FREDERICK A. HESS has been named sales manager for the Vee-D-X line of TV antennas and accessories . . . Philco International Corporation has appointed FREDERICK J. WILLARD as vice-president in charge of sales and F. LEROY SHERMAN vice-president in charge of foreign operations . . . H. ALLEN WHITE has been appointed sales service engineer for the Radio Tube Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. . . . FRED A. LYMAN, assistant national sales manager, has been named director of sales training for the receiver sales division of Allen B. Du-Mont Laboratories, Inc. He will also continue his sales duties . . . WARREN FREBEL, formerly purchasing agent for Majestic Radio & Television, Division of The Wilcox-Gay Corporation, has been appointed purchasing director of the firm . . . ROBERT H. PASCHALL is the new vice-president in charge of sales for the Universal Electronics Sales Corporation of Philadelphia . . . LESLIE M. NORMAN has been elected president of the Browne TV Laboratories of Los Angeles. He is also president of Precision Radiation Instruments, Inc. of that same city . . . CARL BROOKS, eastern manager of General Dry Batteries, Inc. has been named general sales manager of the company with headquarters in Cleveland . . . R. S. (Continued on page 105)

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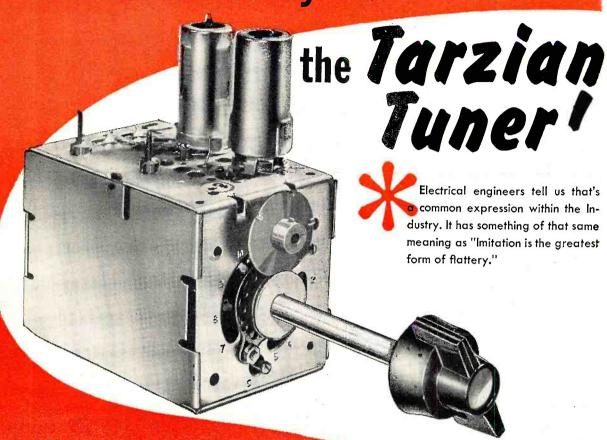
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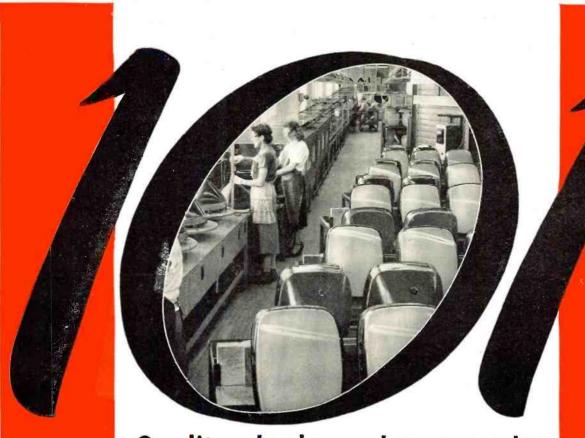
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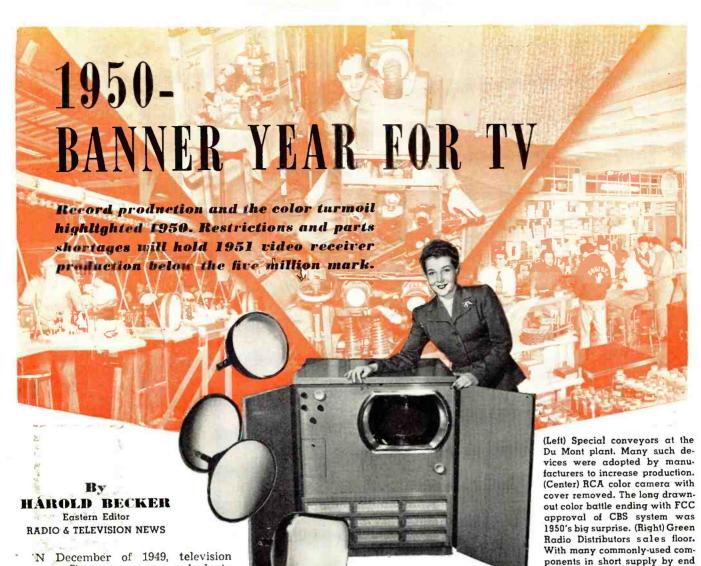
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manufacturers were asked to estimate the volume of television receivers to be produced in 1950. The prognostications ranged from 2½ million to 7 million. Based upon these rough estimates, the industry figured it would produce four million receivers. But even this average goal seemed far fetched considering the component and tube requirements necessary to carry out such a schedule. Most industry observers felt that there just weren't enough kinescope manufacturing facilities to meet anything but a four million figure.

It probably would be fair to say that practically everyone in January, 1950 felt that a four million year was in store—that is everyone but the buying public. The consumer fever for television was so great that it put new meaning in the word "expansion." For in the year 1950, television receiver production became a billion dollar business. There were approximately seven and a half million television receivers produced, far more than were produced from 1946 through 1949.

Today there are more than ten million receivers in the country, with an estimated viewing audience of 92 million people. There are 107 stations in 63 trading areas, reaching approximately 62% of the total population.

The tremendous growth of the tele-

vision industry primarily manifested itself in set production. Here is where manufacturers themselves underestimated the part they were to play in 1950.

As of the beginning of 1950, consumer demand for television exceeded existing production facilities of television manufacturers. In a market where a television set was paramount, most consumers held no trademark allegiance, but rather were willing to purchase the set they could get at the time they wanted it.

What motivated this consumer demand?—television itself and its function as an entertainment medium. To see television was to be sold on it. For the first time the consumer was offered an opportunity to view the world within his own living-room. The demand was unquestionably there. It was up to the television manufacturers to meet this demand.

#### Parts and Tubes

One of the basic deterrents to allout production of television receivers at the beginning of 1950 was the tight situation to be found in parts and tubes. This situation became increasingly worse as the year progressed, so much so that manufacturers literally hunted down overseas vendors.

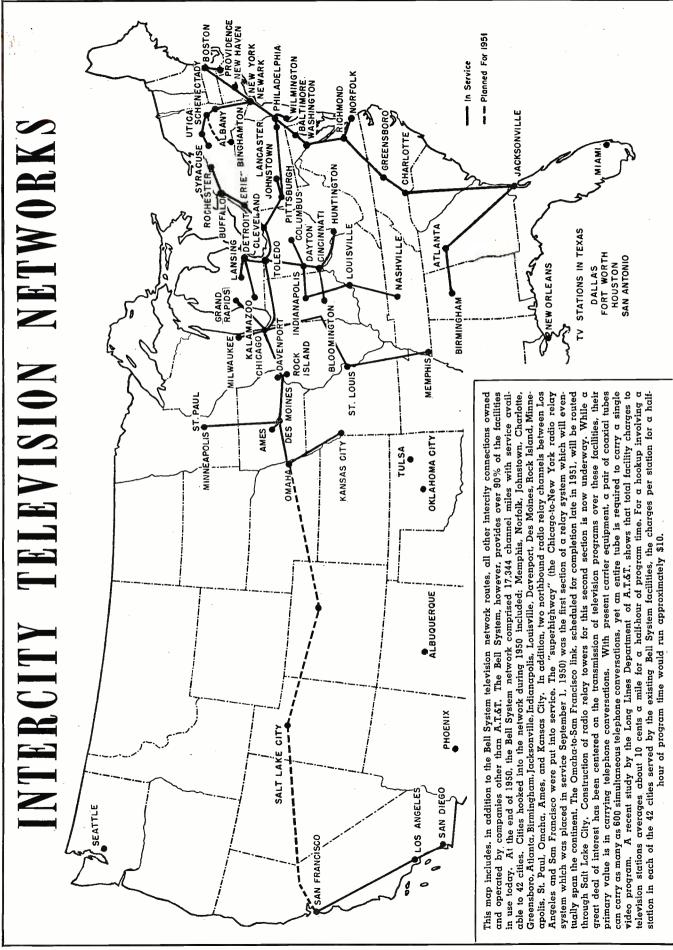
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hard pressed and 1951 will find

the situation even more acute.

Undoubtedly the greatest story in the advancement of commercial television lies in what the parts and tube manufacturers did to increase their production. In equipment that contains as many tubes, condensers, resistors, etc. as a television set, you can well imagine the production necessary to meet the 1950 consumer demand for 7½ million receivers.

The production story of the television kinescope is, in itself, a marvel of creative productive genius. Unless you have seen the manufacturing facilities necessary to produce a television kinescope, you cannot possibly imagine the difficult position the industry was in to meet the requirements for picture tubes. Yet, here again, kinescope manufacturers met the demand. They converted every possible bit of floor space to production and added new



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facilities in a kinescope expansion program. Thus, television picture tubes were produced in quantities heretofore considered impossible, and television was given sight.

#### Las Boads

Television manufacturers were indeed fortunate in that an existing mass production labor market was available in the radio industry. The orientation of a radio production worker was easily accomplished without too much time expended in training. Thus a study of the effect of television manufacturing upon the general labor market will indicate that the rise of workers involved in television production has closely paralleled the radio market.

#### Receiver Besign

More than anything else, competition and consumer demand influenced the design of television receivers. Manufacturers were forced to take the high cost out of television receiver design and to translate design into mass production.

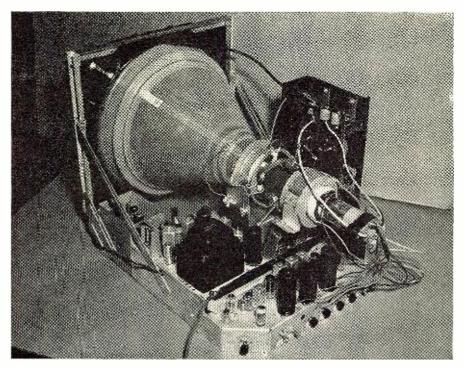
The most outstanding design change was in the increased use of the intercarrier sound system. For example, in the 1949-1950 models manufacturers were using the common split i.f. method of sound reception. However, in their 1950-1951 models the trend was reversed, with the majority of television set manufacturers resorting to the use of the intercarrier sound system. The fact is that today only two of the leading television manufacturers (Du Mont and RCA Victor) do not use intercarrier sound in any of the their models.

Design engineers were also faced with the large screen trend. Whereas in 1949 the average television receiver employed a 12 inch picture tube, the 1950 models incorporate larger tube sizes with the average 16 inches.

This trend toward increased tube size brought with it a newly designed cathode-ray tube, rectangular in shape. As the year progressed, more and more manufacturers added rectangular designs, principally to cut down cabinet size. However, round tubes were still holding their own at the end of the year.

To maintain proper cost levels, manufacturers resorted to various low-cost, high-efficiency deflection systems. These systems allowed the manufacturer to cut down on the number of receiving tubes usually required to achieve the necessary deflection and voltage.

A mass television market stimulated the production of new and varied models. Television manufacturers in 1950 at least doubled the number of models and in some cases went so far as to triple their 1949 figure. The ingenuity exhibited in the design of television receivers, coupled with the efficiency of mass production, brought down the cost of the average television receiver approximately \$30.00 within one year. In 1949 the average television receiver cost \$193.00 In



A standard television receiver converted for color under the RCA color system. The conversion unit is shown at the rear. The set utilizes RCA's tri-color picture tube.

YEAR	SETS MADE	WHOLESALE VALUE
1946 (and before)	15.000	\$ 2,900,000
1947	196.955	55,000,000
1948	953 <i>.</i> 511	225,000,000
1949	2,896,676	560,000,000
1950 (estimate)	7,500,000	1,250,000,000

Television receiver production by years and approximate wholesale value of these sets.

1950 this figure was reduced to \$169.00. When you realize that the lower cost brought with it a larger picture tube, as well as many engineering advances, the triumph of 1950 television design can be seen in its proper perspective.

The pattern of expansion in television broadcasting has, of necessity, been far more restricted than receiver production. Whereas tremendous markets already existed for receivers, the telecasting phase of the business was

Stations and sets in the 63 television cities and their "primary" service areas (up to 40 miles). NBC reports show 9.169.300 video sets were in use as of November 1, 1950.

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CITY	No. OF STATIONS	No. OF SETS	CITY	No. OF STATIONS	No. OF SETS
Albuquerque	l	5,400	Louisville	2	60,300
Ames	1	24,500	Memphis	1	60,200
Atlanta	2	66,700	Miami	1	40,000
Baltimore	3	240,000	Milwaukee	I	177,000
Binghamton	1	26,100	Minneapolis-St.	Paul 2	163,000
Birmingham	2	28,700	Nashville	1	12,600
Bloomington	1	11,000	New Haven	1	110,000
Boston	2	580,000	New Orleans	1	41,100
Buffalo	1	149,000	New York	7	1,825,000
Charlotte	1	36,200	Norfolk	1	38,700
Chicago	· <b>4</b>	710,000	Oklahoma City	1	54,600
Cincinnati	3	196,000	Omaha	2	42,000
Cleveland	. 3	349,000	Philadelphia	3	695,000
Columbus	3	104,000	Phoenix	1	21,000
Dallas	2	46,600	Pittsburgh	1	180,000
Davenport-Rock	ísland 2	28,000	Providence	1	95,600
Dayton	2	98,000	Richmond	1	47,400
Detroit	3	356,000	Rochester	1	56,200
Erie	1	35,000	Salt Lake City	2	31,500
Ft. Worth	1	36,000	San Antonio	2	32,200
Grand Rapids	1	65,400	San Diego	1	62,000
Greensboro	1	30,500	San Francisco	3	115,000
Houston	1	49,700	Schenectady	1	116,000
Huntington	1	27,500	Seattle	1	50,100
Indianapolis	1	84,000	St. Louis	1	207,000
Jacksonville	1	21,000	Syracuse	2	80,900
Johnstown	1	45,000	Toledo	1 .	57,000
Kalamazoo	1	27,500	Tulsα	I	48,200
Kansas City	1	73,600	Utica	1	27,900
Lancaster	1	68,500	Washington	4	189,000
Lansing	1	30,000	Wilmington	1	48,900
Los Angeles	7	735,000	-		
TOTAL OPERATING STATIONS (107) IN 63 MARKETS					
TOTAL TV SETS: 9,169,300					

considerably slowed down by the FCC freeze. Thus in 1950 only 9 stations were opened, bringing the total of stations operating to 107.

Undoubtedly television broadcasting made its greatest strides in 1950 in the field of network transmission. The Bell System coaxial line continued its geographic expansion by going as far south as Jacksonville and as far west as Omaha. Sixteen new communities were placed on the coaxial line to receive network shows, with six others added for private station-to-station relays. Today 48 communities can enjoy network television through coaxial and microwave relay links.

To provide increased network service, the New York to Chicago coaxial link was supplemented by a microwave

relay system. These facilities provide a total of six channels, four from New York to Chicago and two from Chicago to New York. Two of the westbound channels are carried via the cable and two via microwave relay. The eastbound channels are microwave.

The economic strides that television has made can best be emphasized by the fact that although only 107 stations are on the air, television revenues amount to almost 25% of the AM radio revenue from its more than 2200 stations. Network television sponsorship has already surpassed radio. Considering the high production cost one can well imagine the drawing power of television as a sales medium as evidenced by the enthusiastic support it has received from advertisers.

Call letters, location, and channel numbers for commercial TV stations now in operation.

CALL LETTERS	CITY & STATE	CHANNEL	CALL LETTERS	CITY & STATE	CHANNEL
DEI TERIS	ALABAMA		BETTERES	NEBRASKA	
WAFM-TV	Birmingham	13	KMTV	Omaha	3
WBRC-TV	Birmingham	4	WOW-TV	Omaha	6
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KPHO-TV	Phoenix	5	WATV	Newark	13
KECA-TV	CALIFORNIA Los Angeles	7	KOB-TV	NEW MEXICO Albuquerque	4
KF1-TV	Los Angeles	9	KOD-1 V	NEW YORK	4
KLAC-TV	Los Angeles	13	WNBF-TV	Binghamton	12
KNBH KTLA	Los Angeles	4 5	WBEN-TV	Buffalo	4
KTSL	Los Angeles Los Angeles	2	WABD WCBS-TV	New York City	5
KTTV	Los Angeles	11	WJZ-TV	New York City	2 7
KFMB-TV	San Diego	8 7	WNBT	New York City New York City	4
KGO-TV KPIX	San Francisco San Francisco	5	WOR-TV	New York City	, <del>9</del>
KRON-TV	San Francisco	4	WPIX WHAM-TV	New York City Rochester	11 6
	CONNECTICUT		WRGB	Schenectady	4
WNHC-TV	New Haven	6	WHEN	Syracuse	8
	DELAWARE	-	WSYR-TV WKTV	Syracuse Utica	5 13
WDEL-TV	Wilmington	7		NORTH CAROLINA	13
	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		WBTV	Charlotte	3
WMAL-TV	Washington	7	WFMY-TV	Greensboro	2
WNBW	Washington	4		OHIO	
WOIC WITG	Washington	9	WCPO-TV	Cincinnati	
WIIG	Washington	5	WKRC-TV WLW-T	Cincinnati Cincinnati	1 I 4
WMBR-TV	FLORIDA Jacksonville	4	WEWS	Cleveland	5
WTVJ	Miami	4	WNBK	Cleveland	4
	GEORGIA		WXEL WBNS-TV	Cleveland Columbus	9 10
WAGA-TV	Atlanta	5	WLW-C	Columbus	3
WSB-TV	Atlanta	8	WTVN	Columbus	6
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WBKB WENR-T <b>V</b>	Chicago Chicago	4 7	WSPD-TV	Toledo	13
WGN-TV	Chicago	ģ		OKLAHOMA	
WNBQ	Chicago	5	WKY-TV	Oklahoma City	4
WHBF-TV	Rock Island	4	KOTV	Tulsa	6
WTTV	INDIANA	10	wicu	PENNSYLVANIA Erie	12
WFBM-TV	Bloomington Indianapolis	6	WIAC-TV	Johnstown	13
	IOWA	-	WGAL-TV	Lancaster	4
WOI-TV	Ames	4	WCAU-TV	Philadelphia	10
WOC-TV	Davenport	5	WFIL-TV WPTZ	Philadelphia Philadelphia	6 3
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WAVE-TV WHAS-TV	Louisville	5 9		RHODE ISLAND	
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WDSU-TV	LOUISIANA New Orleans	6	WMCT	TENNESSEE	4
	MARYLAND	-	WMCT WSM-TV	Memphis Nashville	4
WAAM	Baltimore	13		TEXAS	-
WBAL-T <b>V</b>	Baltimore	l I	WFAA-TV	Dallas	8
	Baltimore	2	KRLD-TV	Dallas	4 5
			WBAP-TV	Fort Worth	
	MASSACHUSETTS	4	KPRC-TV		2
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1950 can undoubtedly be considered television's year of achievement, for this was the year that television receiver sales went over the billion dollar mark and the size of the viewing audiences foretold the success of television broadcasting as a competitive advertising medium.

#### Service and Technicians

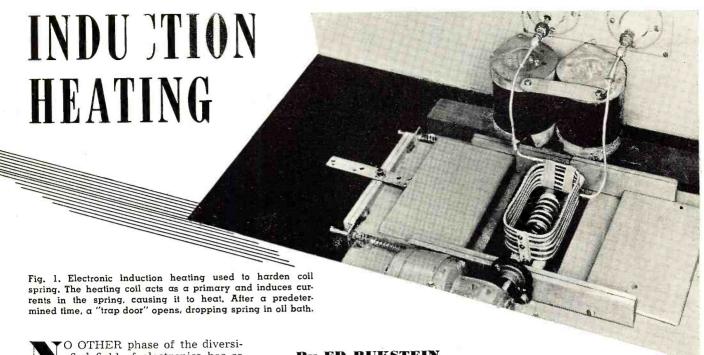
The ever-increasing television market brought with it serious service problems. Too many consumers were unaware of the complexities inherent in the reception and transmission of television. The technician was often blamed for poor picture quality in cases over which he had no control. The few instances where technicians were shown to be improperly trained the press hullabaloo was all out of proportion to the complaint. Soon the TV servicing problem was built up until its solution became a community witch-hunt. To supposedly protect themselves, many communities considered the passage of local ordinances governing television technicians. The Better Business Bureau made the public television servicing conscious by publishing a "primer" for television owners. The booklet critically evaluated reception difficulties and generally cleared the air for the individual television technician.

The business failure of large numbers of television service contractors provided the servicing field with its greatest headache. Although the fault, in most cases, was due to inefficient operation, the consumers involved rapped television service as a whole, not realizing that business failures were possible in any enterprise. However, a careful examination of the field of contractural servicing seems to indicate that too many organizations sold their service short. The crying need of such organizations was, and is, a sound understanding of cost analysis. Those companies that were operated efficiently proved that television servicing could be "big busi-

#### Television's Future

The one thing that we can be certain of in considering the television picture for 1951 is that 1950 was a peak year for television receiver production—a distinction it is liable to hold for some time to come. As we get into 1951, the television industry will be faced with component and tube shortages unparalleled in commercial production. With basic materials such as cobalt and copper being stockpiled by the government, scarcity of these materials will, in turn, lead to higher prices. Most observers believe that 1951 production will approximate at the most half of what was achieved in 1950, with low price table models and consolettes making up the bulk of most manufacturers' lines. The field of television broadcasting will undoubtedly remain as of 1950, except for tying in a number of stations to

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O OTHER phase of the diversified field of electronics has so challenged and excited the imagination as its industrial applications. Industrial electronics, once the little brother of the electronics family, has already outgrown its elders and shows no signs of stopping. Even today, more radio power is used in industry than in broadcasting.

In an almost countless variety of industrial and manufacturing processes, heat must be applied to the product. When this heat is developed and controlled electronically, production time and cost are drastically reduced and the products are of uniformly high quality. Electronic heating falls into two categories: induction and dielectric heating. The former is used when the material to be heated is a conductor of electricity,

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The r.f. oscillators used in these industrial units generate powers ranging from 2 to 200 kw. at frequencies of 50 kilocycles to 3 megacycles.

and the latter is used for heating non-conductors.

In the induction heating system, the metal to be heated is placed inside of a coil, through which an r.f. current is passed. This coil acts as the primary of a transformer and the material to be heated acts as a secondary. The currents thus induced in the metal cause it to become heated. The effect is similar to the heating of transformer cores by eddy currents. It is noteworthy that the system does not involve the transfer of heat to

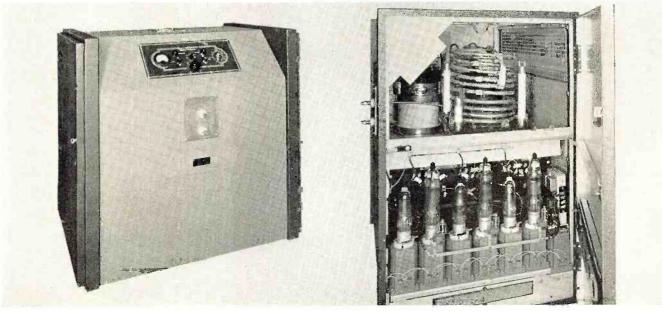
the work. Only electrical energy is transferred—the heat is developed within the work itself. As a result, the surrounding air remains relatively unaffected and working conditions are cool and clean.

#### Surface Hardening

If the frequency is increased, the currents induced in the metal tend to flow on the surface due to skin effect. As a result, the surface of the metal becomes heated while the in(Continued on page 92)

Fig. 2. The induction heating unit is similar to a transmitter except that it has no modulation circuits. This is a 10 kilowatt, 450 kilocycle unit made by Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Fig. 3. Inside view of induction heating unit. The oscillator tank coil may be seen near top of cabinet, while the 3-phase, full-wave rectifier circuit occupies the lower part of cabinet.



February, 1951

## au Inexpensive PULSE GENERATOR



SCILLOSCOPES, r.f. signal generators, vacuum tube voltmeters, and similar pieces of electronic test equipment are generally found in the laboratories of home experimenters and smaller manufacturers as well as in the more elaborate commercial research and development labs. There is one quite useful piece of equipment that is found in almost all large laboratories, but is seldom, if ever, found in the lab of the average home experimenter, namely, a pulse generator.

Usefulness and versatility are certainly not lacking in the pulse generator, for not only may it be used for direct circuit work, syncing, timing, saw-tooth formation, etc., but it is also valuable for applications such as retrace blanking, frequency measurement, and other test techniques. Therefore, it is safe to conclude that the chief reason for the pulse generator not being used more is the comparative high cost of commercial instruments. This, in turn, is probably due to the many special features incorporated in commercial pulse generators which, while useful for some types of advanced development work, are not too important to the experimenter or engineer requiring pulse signals for only certain applications. Such features include variable pulse width, extremely short rise time, and an unusually wide range of pulse rates, generally with continuous frequency coverage. If a compromise is made between special features and cost, it is possible to build a comparatively inexpensive pulse generator which will amply serve the needs of the home experimenter and will even prove useful to schools (for demonstration work) and smaller industrial laboratories.

The final pulse generator may be easily finished as a professional appearing instrument, rivaling many commercial instruments in over-all appearance (Fig. 1).

The pulse generator shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is completely self-contained and no external signal source is required. Positive or negative pulses are available from the output terminals, and either may be obtained by simply turning a switch. The pulse amplitude remains essentially constant over the entire range, irrespective of whether positive or negative pulses are obtained. Pulse rate is selected by means of a step switch, and may be easily changed to supply any PPS from 10 to 250,000. Rise time depends on pulse rate, and is comparatively short.

Referring to Fig. 2,  $V_1$  is connected as a Potter multivibrator with the pulses appearing across load resistor  $R_1$  being fed through  $C_6$  to the phase split-

Table 1. The five-position switch used in author's design covers a pulse rate from 100 pulses to 200,000 pulses per second.

SWITCH POSITION	PULSES PER SECOND (PPS)	TIME BETWEEN PULSES
1	200,000	5 $\mu$ sec.
2	100,000	<b>10</b> μsec.
3	10,000	100 $\mu$ sec.
4	1000	1000 $\mu$ sec.
5 .	100	10,000 $\mu$ sec.

ter  $V_2$ . The frequency of operation is determined by the size of  $R_3$ ,  $R_2$ , and the grid condenser connected between pins 6 and 2 of  $V_1$ . The grid condenser is changed by selector switch  $S_1$ , and this acts as the frequency control for the generator.

Positive-going pulses appear across plate load resistor  $R_7$ , while negative-going pulses appear across cathode resistor  $R_6$ , and either may be selected by  $S_2$  and fed to the output binding posts through  $C_9$ , which serves as a d.c. blocking condenser.

Resistors  $R_0$  and  $R_7$  are chosen so that both positive and negative pulses have equal amplitude, the difference in electrical size being due to degeneration in the cathode circuit. Both resistors are under 1000 ohms so that a low output impedance may be maintained.

In order to maintain stability with different line voltages and with line voltage fluctuations, a regulated power supply is provided.

The output pulses obtained are shown in Fig. 3. Those on the left show the positive-going pulses while those on the right illustrate the negative-going pulses for each range. These waveform patterns were traced from the screen of a *Tektronix* 5" cathoderay oscilloscope Model 511AD. The output pulse for each range is given, with A, B, C, D, and E corresponding to the output frequencies obtained with selector switch S, in positions 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, respectively. Although the total time of the sweep in microseconds for each range is given, this

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must be considered approximate, due to slight differences in syncing with positive and negative pulses. Actually, the output frequency of the pulse generator remains constant whether positive or negative pulses are obtained.

As can be seen, the pulse width depends on the pulse repetition rate. This is desirable for some types of work, such as saw-tooth formation and scope retrace blanking. The peak pulse amplitude is approximately 10 volts.

With the condenser values given, the pulse repetition rates for each position of selector switch  $S_1$  are shown in Table 1.

The selector switch calibration on the model is in terms of microseconds between pulses, but the builder may use any calibration scheme desired.

Condenser  $C_1$  is a trimmer and may be adjusted so that the highest range is exactly on frequency. If desired,  $C_2$  may also be made variable and the two highest frequency ranges thus can be set exactly.

The frequency determining condensers,  $C_1$  through  $C_5$ , were selected experimentally, and the values given in the parts list are the marked values. The actual values may be found to be somewhat different from those given, depending on tolerances of  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  and distributed wiring capacities. If exact frequencies are required, parallel and series combination of condensers may be used to obtain the right value, or either  $R_2$  or  $R_3$  may be changed in value.

#### **Circuit Modifications**

In the model, only five different output frequencies are provided. If a greater number of output frequencies are required, a selector switch  $(S_1)$  with more contacts may be used, and additional condensers provided in the switch circuit. Frequencies as low as 10 PPS and as high as 250,000 PPS may be easily obtained.

When lower frequencies are required, it is best to increase the size of  $R_2$  as well as the size of the coupling condenser. This resistor should not be made too large (over 2 megohms), however, as this will result in a certain amount of instability.

If, for any reason, single polarity pulses are required, then  $S_2$  may be eliminated, and a direct connection made to the output binding posts through  $C_9$ . For positive-going pulses, obtain the output from the plate of  $V_2$ . Negative-going pulses are obtained from the cathode.

The pulses obtained may be synced with an external source, if desired, by applying the signal to the grounded grid of  $V_1$  (pin 7). Removing this grid from ground potential will change the frequency of operation somewhat, and it may be necessary to readjust the values of parts in the frequency determining circuit.

#### **Hints On Construction**

The entire unit may be easily assembled on a standard 7"x7"x2" metal chassis. Layout is not critical, but the

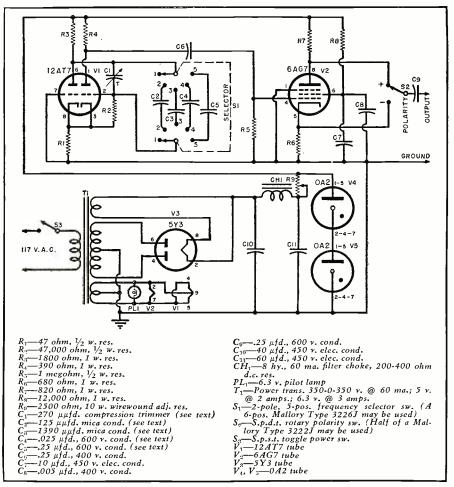


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of pulse generator. A multivibrator-type oscillator is used.

electrolytic filter condensers should not be mounted too close to the rectifier or output tubes. The interior photo (Fig. 1) gives some idea of the layout used by the author. Both voltage regulator tubes and the rectifier are located close to the transformer. The filter condensers are on the far side of the rectifier tube (in the photo), while the 12AT7 multivibrator is located as far from the power supply and output as is practicable.

When wiring the generator, keep leads as short and direct as possible in order to avoid high distributed capacities and hum pickup. Particular care should be taken in the multivibrator circuit since high distributed capacities tend to lower the maximum frequency of operation and to "round" the pulses, as well as increasing the rise (Continued on page 142)

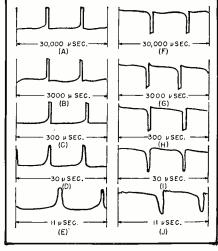
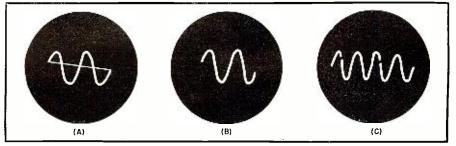
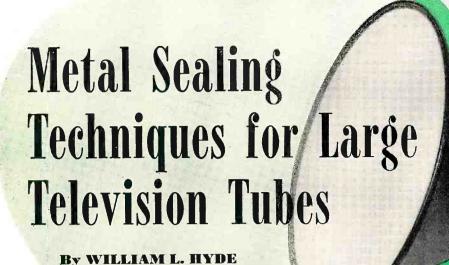


Fig. 3. Output pulses available. See text.

Fig. 4. Pulses can be used for retrace blanking in an oscilloscope. (A) Without, and (B) with retrace blanking. (C) Frequency measurements by observing dashes in pattern.





Metal-to-glass seals have been made for many years, but it is only with the development of metal television picture tubes that large seals have been made on production basis.

NE of the most spectacular operations in a television tube plant is the high temperature fusing of glass to steel when the envelope of a metal tube is assembled. The operation as performed at *Du Mont* is shown on the cover this month.

Tube Engineering Department Allen B. Du Mont Labs., Inc.

With the trend toward larger picture sizes, the metal tube is becoming increasingly important. Among its advantages are light weight, strength, and the excellent optical quality of the face. The metal tube is attractive to tube manufacturers; since unfinished tubes can be warehoused as component parts in a fraction of the space required to store raw glass bulbs. Shipping costs are lower for both the unassembled parts, which can be compactly nested, and for the completed tube, which is rugged and light in weight.

Before it is seen how the various parts of the tube envelope are assembled, let us find out how the components are made. The face of the tube starts out as a sheet of highquality, drawn glass. If the glass is to be used in a 19AP4A, it is cut into twenty-inch squares and sent to a manufacturer who shapes the glass into a portion of a sphere. This operation is called bending or convexing.

To make the face plate, a circular disc is cut from the twenty-inch square. The disc is heated to the plastic or sagging point in a large oven or lehr. The glass is then forced into a rounded

shape by means of a plunger, by air pressure, or by sagging under its own weight. Prior to the metal tube, glass benders worked mainly with clock faces, convex mirrors, and decorative glass. With the coming of convexed face plates, the bending industry has been called upon for a new high in precision since the television face must be held to an accurate curvature to prevent picture distortion.

The main structural part of the

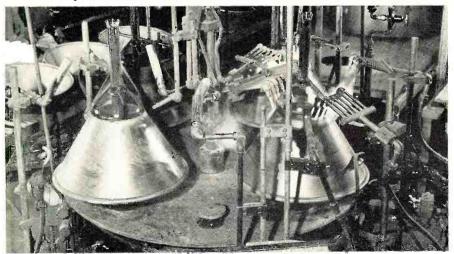
metal tube is the cone. It is made of a special type of chromium-iron alloy steel. Originally, this part is a flat sheet of steel a tenth to an eighth of an inch in thickness. The sheet steel is cut into discs slightly larger than the diameter of the finished cone at the face. The cone itself is formed by spinning-an operation which resembles the way a potter shapes clay on his wheel. The center of the disc is clamped against a rotating metal form which has the same shape as the inside of the completed cone. Rollers, under many tons of force, press against the rotating disc and shape it over the form just as if it were made of wax. Final operations are trimming and cleaning.

The last element of the tube is the glass funnel and neck. It is made by the glass manufacturer from what looks much like a small kitchen mixing bowl and a piece of straight tubing. The glass manufacturer cracks or sears off the small end of the bowl and splices on the neck tubing.

At Du Mont the first step in assembling the parts is to seal the funnel and neck to the small end of a cone. Prior to sealing the cone has been cleaned and sandblasted. The sandblasting provides a roughened surface for the glass to adhere to. It also improves picture contrast by reducing internal light reflections.

In the sealing operation the glass funnel and neck are held above the metal cone while each is gradually heated. Before the rim of the funnel

A specially built machine is used to seal the funnel and neck to 19-inch metal cone.



is allowed to come in contact with the small end of the metal cone, the temperature of the metal sealing surface is raised to about 1200° C. with directed gas and oxygen flames. At this temperature the metal glows with a bright orange color over a band of about an inch and a half. When the glass has been heated sufficiently to make the edge of the funnel plastic, it is pressed down against the hot metal. Intense gas-oxygen fires play against the metal-glass junction, melting the glass so that it wets the metal. After the melting has been completed, the assembly is cooled gradually by passing through groups of flames which lessen in intensity.

In a laboratory this sealing operation can be performed on a glass working lathe where the heating flames are controlled manually. In a factory where thousands of units must be produced each day, automatic equipment such as that shown in the picture is used. Here the assembly passes through a number of positions, each set to give the correct amount of heat.

It could now be asked why does the glass stick to the metal. When the chromium-iron steel is heated to a temperature of from 1100° to 1200° C. in the proper atmosphere produced by the enveloping flames, an oxide layer is produced which is rich in chromium. Glass, when melted, readily wets this oxide forming a solution of the oxide in the glass. The melting action is so strong that fluid glass will flow on the surface under the influence of capillary action. When the correct conditions of oxide and temperature are used, the glass-metal bond is very strong. A test of pulling the glass from the metal seldom fails at the glass iuncture.

Adherence of the metal and glass is not sufficient to insure a good strainfree seal. Glass, when cool, is very brittle. It is important in this case that the metal and glass contract uniformly when they cool. This is accomplished by choosing a glass with a coefficient of expansion close to that of the metal. When this is done the strain remaining after gradual cooling is slight and a mechanically strong assembly is assured.

After sealing the funnel and neck to the small end of the metal cone, the assembly is turned over with the large open end of the cone facing upwards. The curved face plate is inserted and the unit placed in the face plate sealing machine shown on the cover of this issue. As the tube envelope rotates slowly on its axis, gradually increasing heat is applied to the face plate and the cone.

At first low flames play on the face, heating it uniformly to a temperature which will prevent breakage in later operations. Intense flames are then brought to play on the rim of the metal where the glass face seats. As the brilliant blue circle of gas-oxygen fires hit against the metal, a dull red glow appears. The color rapidly changes to a bright orange representing a tempera-



Metal cone being checked for quality.

ture of about 1200° C. The glass face, which remains solid and hard in the central area, begins to melt where it is in contact with the heated metal. As the heat continues, the edge of the glass melts completely and flows out into the rim of the cone. While the glass is melting, low pressure air is pumped in through the neck of the tube to support the face and to prevent it from sagging down into the cone. After the seal is completely wetted out, the metal and glass are allowed to cool slightly so that the face will not distort at the seal region under its own weight. The completed envelope is then placed in an annealing oven where temperatures are equalized and strain removed. The temperature inside this oven is about 600° C. After the cone and face temperature have stabilized, the whole assembly is brought out into air at normal room temperature and allowed to cool rapidly. In most glass operations this would be very bad practice; since severe strains are set up by this treatment. However, the very strength of the metal tube depends upon developing a controlled strain in the face. Glass has the property of being very strong in compression but weak in ten-



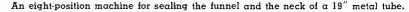
Inspecting face plate for a 19" tube.

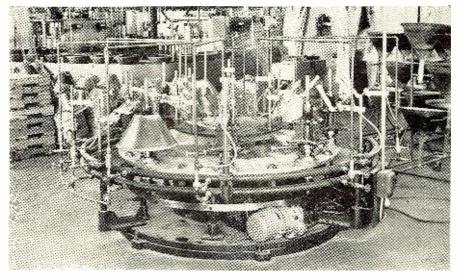
sion. The rate of expansion and, therefore, the rate of contraction of the metal cone is designed to be slightly greater than that of the glass face. When the hot tube comes out of the annealing oven, the metal cone tends to contract or squeeze the face as it cools to room temperature. This places a compressive strain in the glass.

Furthermore, it tends to bend the face out into a more convex shape; so that the force of the atmosphere on an evacuated tube will be balanced. Atmospheric pressure on the face of a round nineteen-inch tube exceeds a ton and a half or about the same as the weight of an average automobile.

Additional strength of the face is obtained by a semi-tempering of the glass surface. This occurs when the outer layers of glass cool more rapidly than the center layers. The strengthening strain produced is similar to that in tempered glass. Automobile rear windows, all-glass doors, and shatter-resisting tumblers are familiar examples of tempered glass.

The tube envelope is now complete. Before it reaches the television set it will pass through many carefully controlled operations such as washing, screen application, and exhaust. —30—







With 10 million sets in use, television servicing today is "Big Business." Considering installations, house calls, service policies, etc., can the one man shop show a worthwhile profit?

HEN you grab a crystal ball with the idea of charting the future course that a business activity will probably take, it is a good plan first to turn your attention to and examine the roads it traveled to get where it is today. What sort of a business was it yesterday and what made it that kind of a business? Is it different today? If it is different, what factors brought about the change and are those factors fundamental or transient? Are they here to stay?

For quite a number of years the backbone of the independent radio servicing industry was the one man radio service operation. Sometimes it was located in a store in a traffic location, or perhaps it was a business location on a side street with living quarters attached, or again it might be found in the basement, front room, or garage at the operator's home. It was and is a business of rugged individualists, men who find a peculiar fascination in struggling with the continuing stream of problems associated with the maintenance and repair of radio circuits. It was never a stable, profitable business except for those rare individuals whose natural talents were a combination of technical skill and business acumen and who were ambitious enough to put this combination of abilities to work to build a dual servicesales business in some branch of the radio-sound field.

For many years the controlling factor in the radio service business was the a.c.-d.c. circuit. These sets provided from seventy to eighty per-cent of the over-all volume of radio service business. The inexpensive table models were the most widely sold and used in the home and thus were responsible for a high percentage of the service volume. They were easy for the owners to carry to the radio repair shop so they gave the shop operator the bulk of his work in over-the-counter transactions.

The a.c.-d.c. table model sets were price merchandise. Chain drug, jewelry, and department stores featured some numbers that you could carry home for a ten dollar bill and get some change. These low prices also put a psychological ceiling on all radio service charges. A sporadic "fader" or "intermittent" could eat up more service hours than it would cost for a new receiver if the service operator had charged a just rate for his time. But he didn't and so he would take a loss on that kind of service jobs.

Television swept into the service picture in the metropolitan areas shortly after radio sales and service had taken a fast nosedive from their postwar peaks. Television brought with it the business of antenna installation and of maintenance insurance in the form of twelve-month service contracts. It also introduced an important new user fac-

tor—video. The human eye is a critical organ. Our vision will not make the compensation for bad pictures that our hearing will for poor sound.

The user who would put up with a radio that poured out a distorted version of all sounds that were broadcast would raise Old Ned if these same defects were present in the video section of his television receiver. He would see them in the form of a distorted picture and his eyes would cry for relief.

The critical visual factor alone has been responsible for basic changes in the entire servicing industry in television areas. It will bring about these same changes nationally whenever television programs are universally available.

The prospective bonanza of having a service business with an annual gross income of from fifty thousand dollars (for an average of 175 service and installation contracts per month) to a quarter of a million dollars (for an average of 700 installation and service contracts per month) attracted practically all of the more aggressive radio service operators-and a host of outsiders-to the TV installation and service contract business in televisionserved areas. However, this business proved to be anything but all peaches and cream and in the course of time most of the inefficient and the "fast dollar" operators folded up. This has left a substantial group of efficientlymanaged installation and service organizations in the metropolitan areas which are handling the bulk of the new business originating in those areas.

These businesses were built primarily on annual service contracts. Under

reasonably normal conditions the 12month maintenance contract is sound business both for the independent service contractor and for the set user. In a soundly-managed organization built up to handle the average volume of contracts the organization is geared to sell, the management is assured of a fixed monthly income to meet its payroll and operating expenses. Seasonal fluctuations do not affect it so the company can offer job security and stability of employment to its employees. This is seldom possible in a service business operating on the income from day-to-day requirements for C.O.D. service. It also insures the contract buyer of capable service performed by qualified technicians whenever his receiver needs it.

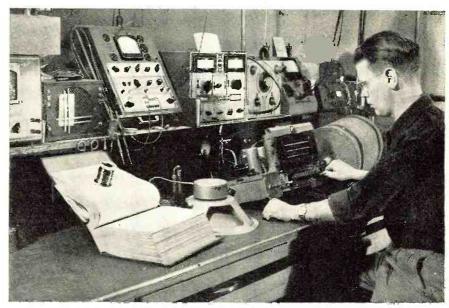
These operators are able to build up their files of service notes on the receivers they handle under contract which, in itself, will insure the user of quicker, better service than he could hope to get from a free-lance technician who plays the field. In the long run the continuance of the 12-month contract plan will give the public a much better type of television service than if it is permitted to drift into the category of prewar radio service.

FCC's TV station freeze effectively set limits on television broadcast coverage until the problems of propagation are solved or, at least, a pattern of development is agreed upon that will permit the construction of new stations. This created a competitive situation on receiver sales and service that for a time threatened to create havoc with even the best managed television service operations. However, the current emergency in which many skilled service technicians are being absorbed by the services, industry, and the Government plus the extremely critical parts and equipment shortages will "freeze" the service industry more or less in its present state until the parts and manpower problems are solved.

However, the lifting of the station freeze, the development of color and u.h.f. television, and the easing of parts shortages will put a fire under the transition of the service industry on a national scale and we will see an expansion of the contract type of service operation.

There are four factors that television brought to the servicing industry that will be the determining factors in the type of service business that will prove most efficient in handling the maintenance needs of television receivers in the home. These four factors are: 1. The antenna and the attendant problems of its installation and maintenance; 2. The critical requirements of sight; 3. Multiple coordinated circuits; and 4. Size.

Considering these elements in relation to a one man service operation this service operator may elect to handle only the servicing of the receivers and leave the antenna installation to an installation contractor. But suppose the service call he receives re-



The skilled technician who in addition to his knowledge of radio and television circuits is required to be a bookkeeper, salesman, and manager often finds the task too arduous for one individual. Since the time he can devote to servicing at his work bench is the only profitable part of the operation, most technicians are finding it increasingly difficult to make money with a one man service shop.

quires work on the antenna system, will he attempt to do this work himself or will he call in an antenna specialist? If he calls in an antenna specialist will the customer be willing to pay for the time of two skilled technicians (the service technician and the antenna specialist)? The question here, of course, is whether the solo operator would or could carry the investment in ladders, tools, antenna, and transmission line parts to handle antenna maintenance when such service is necessary to restore receiver performance.

The requirement for the reproduction of good pictures plus the technical problems involved in the rapid and proper adjustment and alignment of television receiver circuits demands the use of precision-type service test equipment. This makes necessary a

substantial investment—especially for one man's use—in test equipment which should be amortized out of service income over a reasonably short period of time.

Added to this investment is that of maintaining an adequate working stock of replacement tubes, parts, and supplies. Time wasted in frequent, quick trips to set and parts distributors' stores to pick up the parts necessary to complete "in process" service jobs is a definite loss of income to the service technician who is operating as an independent.

Finally we come to "size" as a factor in TV receiver servicing and its influence on a service business operation. Statistics gathered from a number of TV service contract organizations indi-

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Inventory control used to be a comparatively simple procedure for the one man shop operator. Today's television installation and service contractor has a big investment in installation and maintenance parts and supplies. Unless the owner maintains a well-balanced stock and accurate inventory records substantial losses will result.



## Novel Tester for Checking Radio Control Equipment

External view of field tester. The entire unit

is small enough to be

carried in the pocket.

Construction details on a combination field strength meter and d.c. voltmeter designed for field checking radio-controlled model airplanes and similar units.

THEN radio control equipment for model aircraft goes out of commission or fails to operate properly in the field, a few simple tests will localize the trouble quickly in transmitter or receiver. The essential instruments required for quick, onthe-spot trouble shooting are; (1) an indicating field strength meter or wavemeter for determining if the transmitter is working and whether its frequency is correct, and (2) a d.c. voltmeter for checking the batteries or power supply. It is unlikely that the model aircraft man will lug these instruments to the flying field as a matter of routine if his control equipment has been behaving properly of

The instrument described in this article is a combination field strength meter and d.c. voltmeter designed especially for the model airplane enthusiast. For some time, there has been a demand for a single instrument of this kind which would be simple to operate and easily transportable. Light in weight and small in size, it can be carried in a coat pocket if necessary. Over-all dimensions are 6" x 3½" x 2".

The field strength measuring portion of the device may be tuned to the transmitter frequency. The transmitter signal is picked up for test purposes by an antenna consisting of a foot or less of stiff wire plugged into a jack on the front panel of the instru-

ment. No direct connection to the transmitter is required. If the transmitter is radiating a signal, the indicating meter of the instrument will be deflected as the signal is tuned in. The amount of deflection obtained indicates the relative strength of the signal, that is, how well the transmitter is "putting out." A simple precalibration of the tuning knob or dial will enable the operator to determine if the transmitter frequency is inside the band. The method of making this calibration is explained later in the article.

The voltmeter portion of the device uses the same indicating meter as the field strength portion. The meter may be switched at will from one section of the instrument circuit to the other. The d.c. voltage ranges provided are 0-10, 0-100, 0-1000 volts. These ranges are adequate for checking all batteries used in airplane receivers, and power supplies employed in portable field transmitters.

The instrument is ready for instant use, since no batteries, tubes, or power supply of any kind are employed.

#### Circuit Description

Fig. 1 shows the complete circuit diagram. The coil  $L_2$  and the condensers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have been chosen to tune from 48.5 to 65 megacycles. This range includes the 50-54 mc. amateur band which is widely used for model aircraft control. Coil  $L_2$  consists of 2

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turns of No. 20 bare copper wire,  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch in diameter and spaced to a winding length of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. This is a self-supporting "air-wound" coil. The antenna coupling coil,  $L_1$ , is a single  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch diameter turn of insulated, solid hookup wire mounted as close as possible to one end of coil  $L_2$ . All tuning is done by means of the miniature 50  $\mu\mu$ fd. variable condenser  $C_2$ .

The detector is one of the new glass-enclosed 1N34-A crystal diodes (Sylvania). This simple detector operates quite satisfactorily in this circuit.

The indicating meter,  $M_1$ , is a miniature 0-100 d.c. microammeter. Some individual builders may prefer to use a less expensive 0-1 d.c. milliammeter. This will be satisfactory. However, the increased sensitivity of the microammeter allows the instrument to be operated at an appreciable distance from the transmitter. The microammeter also gives a substantial reading when testing low-powered transmitters.

Referring to Fig. 1; when switch  $S_1$  is thrown to its "R.F." position, the meter is connected to the detector and is deflected upward whenever a signal is tuned in. When the switch is thrown to its "V" position, the meter is removed from the detector circuit and is connected into the voltmeter circuit. Resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$ , respectively, adapt the meter to read 1000, 100, and 10 volts d.c. full-scale. The voltage is read directly on the 0-100 scale of the meter by adding or subtracting mentally the required number of ciphers when necessary.

Connections are made to the instrument through insulated pin-type panel jacks. Into one jack is plugged the short length of stiff wire which acts as a pick up antenna when making transmitter checks. The jacks labeled with voltage figures in Fig. 1 are connected to the positive terminal of the battery or power supply being tested. The jack labeled "NEG." is connected to the negative terminal. Regulation meter test leads and pencil-type test prods may be plugged into the jacks when the instrument is used as a voltmeter.

Switch  $S_1$  completely disconnects the radio circuit when voltages are being measured, and completely disconnects the voltmeter when signals are being tuned in. This switching feature protects the 1N34-A crystal from destructive voltages when the voltmeter section is in use. It also prevents interference between the two portions of the instrument circuit.

#### Mechanical Construction

The photographs show arrangement of the parts. The pickup antenna jack may be seen in the panel view just above the meter. Switch  $S_1$  is to the right of the meter. Just below the meter is the finger-grip knob for the tuning variable condenser  $C_2$ . The voltage jacks are spaced along the lower edge of the panel. The instrument is housed in a standard painted aluminum radio utility box, 6 inches long,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, and 2 inches deep.

The under chassis view shows the internal arrangement of parts. Note that coil  $L_2$  (seen to left of the meter) is soldered directly to the two connection lugs of the tuning condenser  $C_2$ . The pigtail leads of the ceramic condenser,  $C_1$ , are also soldered to these two lugs. Coil  $L_1$ , spaced just slightly below  $L_2$ , is connected to a lug "grounded" to the instrument case, and to the antenna input jack near the meter. The tiny glass-enclosed crystal diode may be seen slanting upward to the right from one end of coil  $L_2$ . Voltmeter multiplier resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  may be seen soldered directly to the voltage input jacks. The common connection between these three resistors is secured by joining all of their free pigtail leads to the single lug of an insulated terminal strip.

Resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  must have the exact resistance values specified in Fig. 1. If higher accuracy is desired than can be obtained with carbon resistors, use precision wirewound instrument-type resistors. If a 0-1 d.c. milliammeter is used instead of the microammeter, the following resistance values will be required:  $R_1$ -1 megohm,  $R_2$ -100,000 ohms, and  $R_3$ -9900 ohms.

The only precaution in wiring the instrument is to keep all leads in the radio section rigid and as short as possible. For this purpose, use *solid* radio hookup wire, instead of the flexible type. Observe carefully the polarities of both crystal and meter, otherwise the meter will kick backward when a signal is tuned in.

#### Frequency Calibration

After the instrument has been completed, a frequency calibration must be made. This can be done with any one of the several types of test oscillators or signal generators used by radio technicians. The generator must tune at least as high as 65 megacycles. The following calibration procedure is recommended.

1. Connect the "high" output terminal of the signal generator to the antenna pickup jack of the test gadget.

2. Connect the "low" output terminal of the signal generator to the metal case of the gadget by means of the "NEG." jack. 3. Set the gadget tuning knob to its lowest-frequency position. This is the setting with the tuning condenser plates completely meshed. 4. Set switch S<sub>1</sub> to its "R.F." position. 5. Switch-on the signal generator and allow about 5 minutes warmup time. 6. Set the generator output to maximum and slowly tune the generator frequency dial until an upward swing of the microammeter Retune carefully for peak (maximum) meter reading. Read the frequency from the signal generator dial and inscribe a line and this value on the panel of the gadget. 7. Set the generator, in steps, to higher frequencies spaced a few megacycles apart, and tune the gadget to each of these frequencies. At each peak deflection of the meter, inscribe a new line on the panel and mark in the corresponding frequency. 8. Repeat the procedure until the entire tuning range of condenser  $C_2$  has been covered. 9. An alternative method, which is the system employed by the author, consists of inscribing only two lines on the panel one to indicate the 50 mc. low-frequency limit of the amateur band; the other to indicate the 54 mc. high-frequency limit. This marking will be sufficient in most cases, since the exact operating frequency often is not as important as whether or not the transmitter is well inside the legal band.

While most model airplane activity seems to center in the 50-54 mc. amateur band, individual operators may prefer other bands. For higher-frequency bands, reduce the number of turns in and diameter of coil  $L_2$  until the desired frequencies are covered by the tuning condenser.

The voltmeter section of the instrument requires no calibration, provided resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are chosen to have the exact values specified in Fig. 1.

Transmitter Checking. Switch on the transmitter. Plug a length of stiff

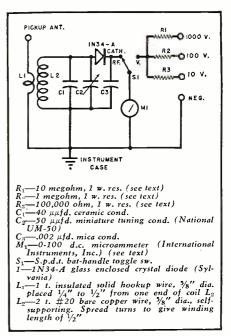
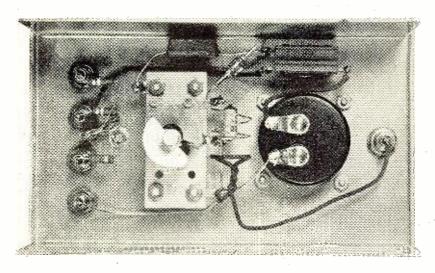


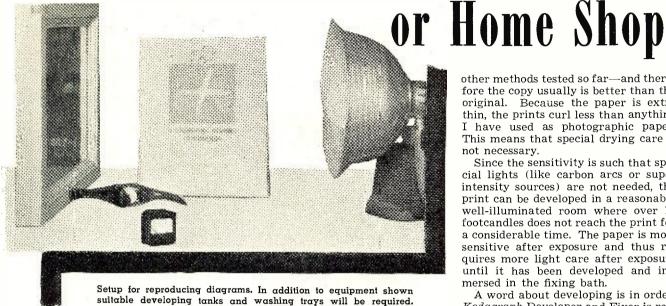
Fig. 1. Circuit diagram of field test unit.

wire (No. 14 bus wire will do) into the pickup antenna jack of the test gadget. In most cases, even when the transmitter is quite low-powered, this wire will not need to be more than about 1 foot long. Hold the instrument in the hand so that the pickup antenna wire is vertical. Move in about 1 foot from the transmitter. Throw switch  $S_1$  to its "R.F." position and adjust the tuning knob, while watching the meter for deflection. If no deflection is obtained, move the pickup antenna closer to the transmitter and retune the gadget. At the point of peak deflection of the meter, determine the frequency from the setting of the tuning knob. If no deflection is obtained with the pickup antenna close to the transmitter, the latter is out of operation. If the deflection is forceful enough to drive the meter pointer hard against the righthand stop, cut the pickup antenna to a shorter length or move the instrument (Continued on page 135)

Interior view of instrument showing wiring and correct placement of parts.



## Simplified Reproduction of Drawings for Small Lab



#### By WALTER S. ROGERS

#### An economical method for duplicating diagrams from the original drawings or the printed page.

▼IRCUIT and layout drawings in the small laboratory or home shop usually can be held to letter-size tracing paper (81/2 by 11 in.), although larger drawings can be printed if needed. For the most part, however, this "A" size drawing will be adequate for the "official" shop size. This, then, brings up the need for copies of such data as surplus diagrams, or even a page in RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS (for shop use only-not for sale due to copyright laws) so as to retain the original intact. After due trial, the writer has formulated a copy method which appears to be the easiest and most economical.

A try at blueprinting with sun lamps, photofloods, and other light sources produced an unsatisfactory copy. A stab at another method requiring ammonia vapor in a crude home-brewed outfit gave similar results. It was finally discovered that the Kodak "Autopositive" method, released only last year, gave results which, under the crudest conditions, were often snap-

pier and better than the originals.

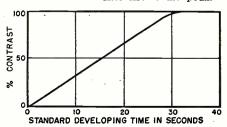
The "Autopositive" process is covered in a booklet called "How to Use Reproduction Materials." Also included is data on other papers and processes which are not of interest, and

therefore a bit confusing to the layman. A call at the Eastman Kodak store found several trained engineerphotographers who had used the "Autopositive" paper and who were most

helpful in furnishing the missing data.
This "Autopositive" paper is an extremely high-contrast, self-reversing, and reasonably fast paper which yields positive photocopies from positive originals upon exposure through a yellow filter, followed by the conventional photographic paper processing. It is extra thin but uses paper stock which does not tear easily. This permits it to be exposed from either front or back and thus, if necessary, it can be used for reflex copying.

The image is black-blacker than

Fig. 1. Contrast characteristics of "Autopositive." Note that no additional contrast can be obtained after rise to the peak.



other methods tested so far-and therefore the copy usually is better than the original. Because the paper is extra thin, the prints curl less than anything I have used as photographic paper. This means that special drying care is not necessary.

Since the sensitivity is such that special lights (like carbon arcs or super intensity sources) are not needed, the print can be developed in a reasonably well-illuminated room where over 10 footcandles does not reach the print for a considerable time. The paper is most sensitive after exposure and thus requires more light care after exposure until it has been developed and immersed in the fixing bath.

A word about developing is in order. Kodagraph Developer and Fixer is recommended for the cleanest and most consistent results with this type of paper. But, realizing that the results will not be quite so good, any paper developer may be used. Normal development reaches its peak in about 30 seconds at proper temperature, see Fig. 1; fixing, after recommended short stop, normally takes 5 to 10 minutes; and a thorough washing, about 30

With this information, I looked about for what was at hand in my home shop. I came up with two large trays, two small bottles of ready mixed chemicals for paper developing, no short stop, a makeshift but strong 81/2 by 11 inch printing frame with no felting or rubber backing, a No. 2 photoflood in a reflector, and a G-E lightmeter. The printing equipment was set up on one of the electronic work benches. The photoflood at 24 inches from the printing frame gave a reasonably flat light field of about 400 footcandles. Test strips showed that 30 seconds to one minute provided the required data on exposure for copying through a rather poor and abused pencil tracing.

The development equipment was just as crude. Two trays were placed on a board on top of the fixed laundry tubs. The developer, "FR" paper developer, was mixed according to directions and poured into one tray. It probably should have been diluted more. "FR" fixing solution was mixed and added to the other tray. An enamel pail under the cold water tap of the other laundry tub was the washing con-

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A combination of test instruments. each of which incorporates within itself some unusual design features.

HIS is a small test instrument which, because of the number and variety of tasks it will perform, does a big job.

The volt-ohm-milliammeter and the grid-dip oscillator have been basic test instruments from the early days of the radio industry and they will probably hold this position for as long a time as can be foreseen.

The combination of these instruments, as described in this article, gives to the radio amateur and technician test equipment that for rugged construction, operating conveniences, and appearance is tops.

In addition, the construction is such that the unit may be expanded to take care of extraordinary requirements where specialized test instruments may be needed. This v-o-m may be considered as a foundation unit around which such special equipment may be built. The microammeter and the 45 volt battery terminals are available to any specially built device for which they are suitable and which can be constructed in a manner that will allow the attachment of such a device.

Anticipating that additional connections to the v-o-m circuit might be required for some special instrument, two spare contacts are provided for the purpose in the receptacle used for connections. See the Jones connector, Fig.

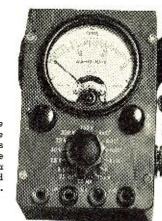
Six d.c. voltage ranges of 20,000 ohms-per-volt sensitivity to 750 volts and 5 resistance ranges from .2 ohm to 100 megohms form the volt-ohmmeter sections.

The high values of resistance so frequently used in modern equipment make the high sensitivity and the 100 megohm range desirable although such features are not, as a rule, found in pocket size instruments.

The convenience of a meter polarity reversing switch is also provided.

Another feature of the v-o-m, ex-

Fig. 1. The complete test instrument. The grid-dip meter plugs directly into the v-o-m, providing a more flexible and practical instrument.





plained later in the text, is the method used to obtain an extra range from the circuit selector switch.

With proper design a grid dip oscillator can cover the broadcast field, being useful as a wavemeter, oscillating detector, etc., so that its only limitation is the ability of the user.

To cover this broad field the instrument must be arranged with means for modulation, listening-in, adjustable meter sensitivity, diode detection and, of particular importance, the oscillator tuning section must be built as a small separate unit and provided with a connecting cord so that it may be used in cramped quarters. See Fig. 3.

The mechanical coupling of all units must be secure and a handle should be provided for antenna applications so that the device may be held by one hand, leaving the other free to grasp some firm support. After careful design and rigid testing of several models, the oscillator described meets all the necessary requirements.

The parts layout of the entire device is straightforward except for the tuning unit. This is pictured withdrawn from its case to make its assembly clear. See Fig. 4.

In these photographs a geared drive for the tuning condenser can be seen. This drive was cut from an old condenser, make unknown or it would have been specified, but many of the anti-backlash, right-angle drives used on auto radios will do.

To use the condenser dial and the

vernier graduations on the tuning knob, as shown in Figs. 5B and 5C, the gear drive must have a ratio of 20 to 1. This is how it figures.

The tuning condenser dial has five graduations for the 90 degrees through which the butterfly condenser turns. At the gear ratio specified, five turns of the tuning knob will be required to turn the tuning condenser through its range. With the tuning knob given fifty graduation marks, each mark will indicate 1/50 of 1/5 or 1/250 part of the tuning range. One complete rotation of the knob will bring a dial graduation to the reading point. Each dial graduation should therefore be read as 50. For fractions of a knob revolution, add the number indicated on the knob to the dial reading. The second and fourth dial graduations from 0 represent 100 and 200 but are numbered 1 and 2 because of space considerations. For other gear ratios or types of drive the calibration and construction will have to be changed to fit. By the use of the vernier, closer readings can be obtained than ordinary dials calibrated over 180 degrees will give, so that the objection to crowded readings for the butterfly condenser is overcome.

Figs. 5G and 5H show the special banana jacks used for the plug-in coils. Attention is called to the angularly drilled hole in Fig. 5H. The tuning condenser stator bar is soldered into this hole, which should be located and drilled at assembly. Three nuts for the coil jacks will be needed. The regular

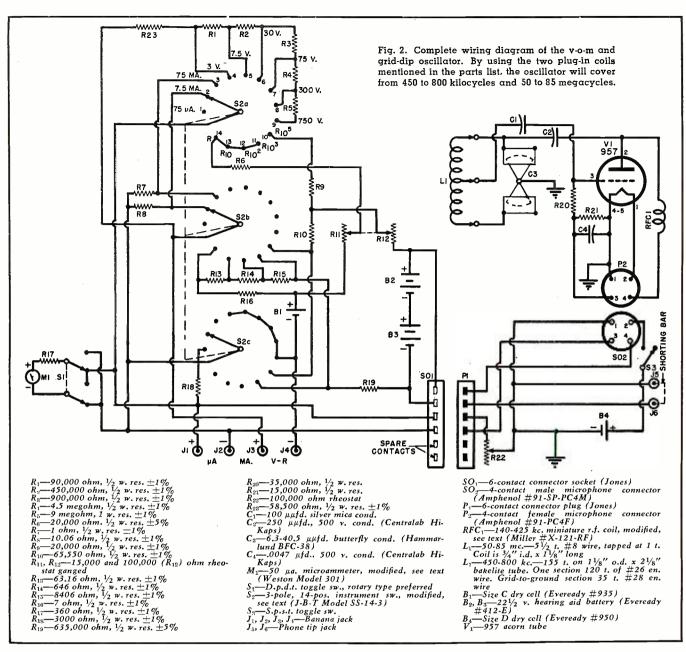
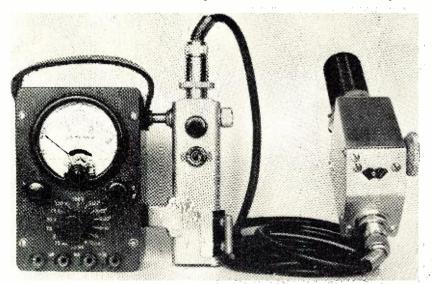


Fig. 3. The complete instrument showing the 450-800 kc. coil and the interconnecting cord in place. "Window" on the end panel is to allow observation of tuning dial.



 $\frac{1}{4}$  inch nut being too large for the purpose, these were made by drilling and tapping standard 8-32 nuts for a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -32 thread.

An important factor in the stability of an oscillator is the loading of the tank circuit, due to the internal capacities of the vacuum tube which also restrict the frequency range of the coil. By connecting the vacuum tube across only part of the coil, this effect is minimized. To accomplish this, the tank circuit coils are tapped for connection to the vacuum tube grid. Specifications for coils to cover the ranges that the author required are given in the parts list, but coils may be wound for any frequency. The required winding data can be obtained from a radio handbook, except for the location of the grid tap which must be found by experiment. This tap should be made to the turn of the coil which gives the most constant reading on the meter over the frequency range of the coil being wound. While the position of the

tap is not critical. a little care in placing it will pay dividends in the form of good frequency range and "Q." A frequency chart should then be prepared for each coil. Details of the coil base are shown in Fig. 5E.

A *Miller* X-121-RF coil is used for the radio frequency choke. The iron core and the can in which it comes must be removed. The coil is then cemented to the oscillator front panel. See  $RFC_{1}$  (Fig. 2) and the photographs of Fig. 4.

A square duralumin tube forms the connecting member between the v-o-m and the tuning unit. It also serves as the handle and contains the Eveready size D dry cell for the 957 tube filament. The oscillator "On-Off" switch and the meter sensitivity control are mounted on this handle in such a position that they, together with the tuning knob, may be operated by the thumb of the holding hand as shown in Fig. 1. At the other end of the handle, mounted on a raising block, are the phone tip jacks to which phones may be connected for listening-in or a modulating voltage for the oscillator applied. When using the device as a c. w. oscillator a shorting bar is placed across these jacks. For diode operation, removal of this bar breaks the oscillator plate circuit. On the other side of the handle opposite the phone tip jacks, the Jones plug is mounted in an aluminum block which has been cut out to fit it. This plug does double duty as a radial support for the v-o-m as well as making the required electrical connections to the 45 volt battery and the microammeter. A special 10-32 screw with a knurled knob head (shown under the thumb joint in Fig. 1), passing through the handle and mating with a threaded bushing (See Fig. 5D) in the v-o-m case serves to hold these two units together. To separate the units it is only necessary to release this one screw. They may then be pulled apart.

Additional use is made of the threaded bushing by having it serve as one support for a strap handle on the v-o-m, the other end being held to the v-o-m case by a 10-32 screw.

When separated from the oscillator, the v-o-m is ready for use as an independent instrument with the following ranges: 3, 7.5, 30, 75, 300, and 750 volts d.c.; 75  $\mu$ a., 7.5 ma., and 75 ma.; 7, 70, 7000, and 700,000 ohms center scale; 1000, 10,000, 100,000 ohms, 1 megohm, and 100 megohms full scale.

Resistors  $R_{17}$  and  $R_{18}$  serve to give a 75 mv. drop to the current ranges. This voltage drop, being readable on the scale, adds another range to the instrument. It should be read from the 75  $\mu$ a. range and used only when the characteristics of the circuit being measured will not be affected by the current drain.

A new dial scale, calibrated for the ranges listed, will be required. The calibration of the voltage-current scale, which is evenly divided, may be marked off directly. The ohmmeter scale must

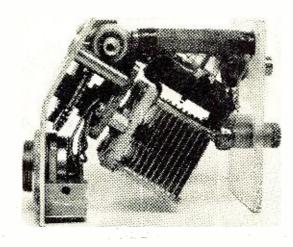
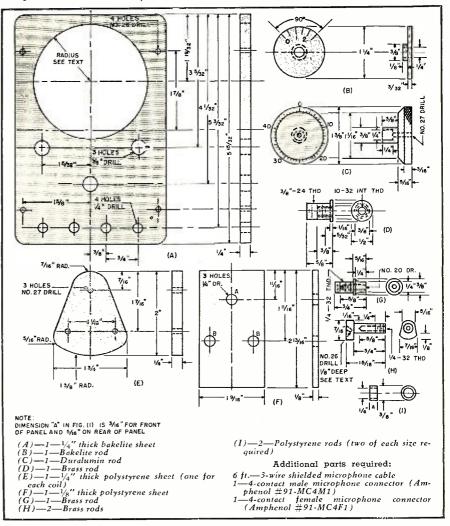


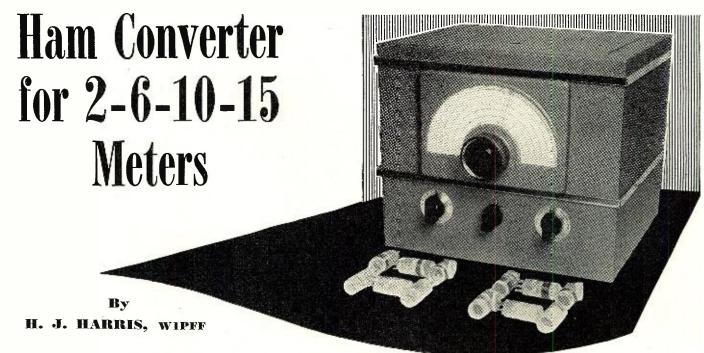


Fig. 4. (Left) Side view of the oscillator. Note the angular position of the 957 tube socket and the tuning condenser. The drive gear and dial are directly behind the left end panel on which is mounted the female microphone connector. (Right) Top view showing position of the coil jacks, the 957 tube, and worm of the gear drive.  $C_1$  is shown directly in front of worm gear,  $R_{21}$  in the top center, and RFC<sub>1</sub> at lower side.

be checked against standards to locate the calibrating points or these points may be transferred with dividers from the ohms scale of a *Weston* Model 697 instrument if one is available. Checking the calibration of the new scale will show that the *Weston* ohms scale (*Continued on page* 100)

Fig. 5. Mechanical details of parts required. (A) the v-o-m panel. (B) oscillator dial. (C) oscillator tuning knob and vernier. (D) threaded bushing. (E) plug-in coil base. (F) oscillator panel. (G) oscillator plug-in coil (used at center tap of coil  $L_1$ , Fig. 2), (H) oscillator plug-in coil (outside terminals of coil  $L_1$ , Fig. 2), (I) spacers used with part H. Dimension A is  $3/16^{\prime\prime}$  for front of panel and  $5/16^{\prime\prime}$  for the rear of the panel.





Construction details on a compact, well designed ham converter. Output is 5 mc.

Front view of unit. Controls below main tuning dial are: r.f. grid tuning, receiver input switch, power supply, and the standby switch.

■HE converter about to be described was first dreamed up by the writer nearly two years ago. Needless to say the original idea was somewhat different than the final version as presented here. In fact two previous models were discarded before the project was considered as finished. Throughout the period of development work devoted to the construction of this unit, two goals were sought above all else. First, its operation must not be restricted to one band. Second, its performance must be uncompromised. Then came in order stability, ease of operation, and appearance.

This is definitely not a "junk box" converter. Nor can it be duplicated for ten dollars. It may be well to mention at this point that construction of a unit of this type probably should not be attempted by the uninitiated. A little experience with v.h.f. construction techniques would be most helpful. Lead lengths and shielding are, of course, extremely important. The r.f. circuit wiring should be copper ribbon, preferably silver plated.

The writer claims nothing new or original in so far as the circuit of this unit is concerned. There is nothing unusual about the r.f. stage except that the 6AK5 is employed in a manner that actually gives 6AK5 performance. Adequate shielding is the principal factor contributing to this performance, the r.f. grid and plate circuits being contained in completely isolated compartments. To eliminate coupling between the r.f. grid and plate coils on top of the chassis, a removable shield can was used to cover the grid coil. The shield can used here is a National H-522 with grounding cup H-563-2. The top view photograph shows this shield can removed. Cathode lead inductance and its associated ills has been eliminated by grounding both cathode connections and using a pair of *Mallory* bias cells for grid bias. The tuned-grid, tuned-plate r.f. stage has been used for years and is still used widely in preselectors and "front ends" where top performance is demanded.

So many articles have appeared in recent months regarding the superiority of the triode as a mixer that it seems hardly necessary or worthwhile to go into any details regarding this stage. Suffice it to say that its sensitivity is adequate, the noise level is a very minimum, and the input capacity is low enough so that the size of the r.f. plate coil is not appreciably affected, even for the 2-meter range. A portion of the i.f. transformer primary tuning capacity was connected directly from the mixer plate to ground to provide a short path for any signal frequency that might appear at this point.

The oscillator was chosen for stability and simplicity. By operating the heater and cathode at the same r.f. potential, hum modulation of the oscillator output is eliminated. Also, frequency variation due to heater temperature changes and vibration is minimized. The oscillator operates on the "high side" on all ranges and sufficient mixer injection is obtained by stray coupling.

A jumper included in the appropriate coils short circuits half of the split-stator tuning condensers, thus doubling the amount of tuning capacity across the coil. Reference to the schematic diagram should be made in order to better understand this method of changing the tuning rate to obtain the desired coverage and bandspread for the various amateur bands.

No doubt many will question the selection of  $5\ \mathrm{mc}$ . for the converter output. Much thought was given to this part of the project and the following reasoning has proven to be sound in practice. First, 5 mc. is high enough to eliminate images in the amateur bands covered. Second, it is low enough so as to not present any oscillator mixer tracking problem. Third, a standard signal is always available (WWV) for setting up the receiver, thus assuring that the converter calibration can be reset. If the receiver shielding is adequate no trouble should be experienced from the WWV signal. However, if trouble should be encountered it can easily be eliminated by tuning off 5 mc. slightly. Fourth, "birdies" from the receiver oscillator are, for all intents and purposes, eliminated. The converter has been demonstrated on numerous receivers and in all cases it has been necessary to hunt for the 27th harmonic of the receiver oscillator which lands at about 147.2 mc. This is the only harmonic which lands in the amateur bands covered by this unit. If an i.f. of 10.7 mc. had been used, the 13th harmonic of the receiver oscillator would land at about 145 mc. which is in the heavily populated end of the 2meter band and could be expected to be considerably stronger than the 27th

After much experimenting with the commonly-used link output for connection to the receiver input, it was decided that this method was not practical for the average home workshop project. It is not easy to determine if the link impedance is correct to match the antenna coil or if it is coupled properly to the i.f. coil. This can be determined without too much

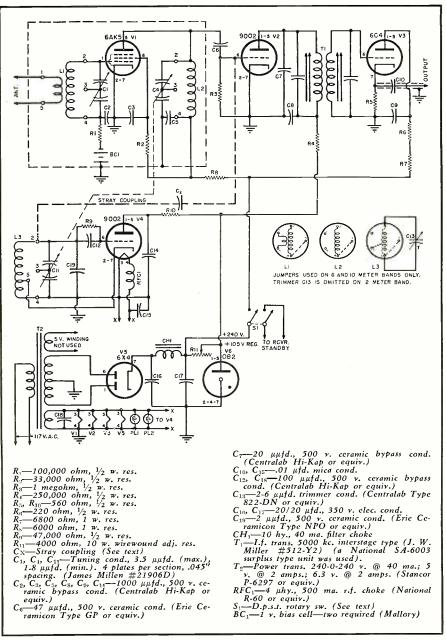
effort if you are fortunate enough to have a "Q" meter available. A simpler method appeared to be the use of a regular i.f. transformer with critical coupling and a cathode follower output The transformer used here tube. tunes with 220  $\mu\mu$ fd. The output impedance of a triode cathodc follower is only slightly less than the d.c. resistance of the cathode resistor, so for all practical purposes the output impedance of the converter as described may be considered to be 500 ohms.

The tuning condensers used by the writer are a new type made by Millen under their part number 21906D. These condensers are small physically, of the split-stator type, are doublespaced, have two stator and two rotor plates per section, and have the shaft extended sufficiently for ganging. The capacity range, stator-to-stator, is approximately 1.8 to 3.5  $\mu\mu$ fd. Similar condensers have been seen on the surplus market.

For the oscillator and r.f. plate tuned circuits, which are ganged, one rotor and one stator plate were removed from the grounded section of these condensers to reduce the range. This, of course, is optional. Since the r.f. grid circuit is not ganged but is tuned separately, in the manner of an antenna trimmer, this condenser was used as is. A pair of pulleys and string drive allows this circuit to be tuned from any panel position that might be required in order to obtain a sym-

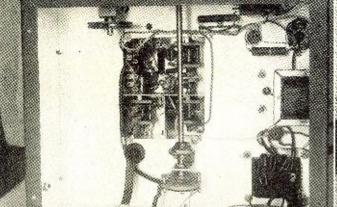
metrical layout.

Complete coil data is given in the coil table. The 2-meter coils are selfsupporting and are mounted inside the coil forms. The antenna coil for this range is covered with tubing and inserted between the first and second turns of the grid coil at the cold end. The forms for the 6-meter coils were grooved to facilitate even spacing of the winding. With the exception of the 2-meter coils, all coils are wound with a loop on the inside for minor inductance adjustment. This method of coil winding is described in most amateur handbooks. The 2-meter coils may be adjusted by squeezing or

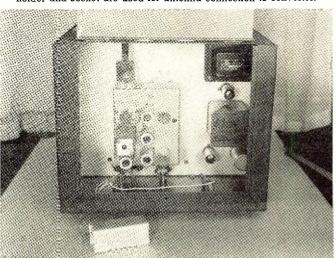


Schematic diagram of 2-6-10-15 meter converter. Complete winding specifications for the various plug-in coils required are given on the following page.

Bottom view of converter with bottom plate removed. Note the right angle brackets securing bottom edge of shield partitions.



Top view with shield can removed from r.f. grid coil. The xtal holder and socket are used for antenna connection to converter.



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spreading the turns slightly and they will stay put. No trimmers were used except on the three lowest frequency oscillator coils and these are ceramic 2-6  $\mu\mu$ fd. trimmers mounted on the side of the form and held there merely by pulling the connecting leads down taut.

Coil forms are of the *Amphenol* miniature (¾" dia.) polystyrene type, 5-prong. Special polystyrene sockets for these forms are also made by Amphenol. A word of caution is in order regarding the use of these forms. Don't try to solder the pins with a soldering iron. The method used by the writer was as follows; make up the coils and try them first without soldering. Sufficently good connection can be made for testing by slightly bending the wires where they pass through the pins. After it has been determined that the coils are satisfactory, apply a small amount of non-corrosive soldering paste to the ends of the pins. Then dip into a hot solder pot to about half the length of the pins, count to ten rapidly, remove from solder and immediately dip into a pan of alcohol and clean. Possibly someone knows of a better way to handle these forms. Finally, the coils should be given a coating of coil dope.

The antenna coils were designed for 50 ohms input inasmuch as this line is being widely used for feeding v.h.f. beams. If 300 ohm line is used it is suggested that a simple tapped coil impedance matching device be used to match the antenna to the converter input. This may be adjusted most simply by tapping the converter input onto the coil at a point which permits the r.f. grid tuning condenser to give a definite peak.

The under chassis photograph shows the shielding inside the chassis. These shields are made from 1/16 inch aluminum. The shield between the r.f. grid and plate circuits has a square cutout which straddles the 6AK5 socket. A small square piece of copper is then notched to fit snugly over the socket and in a manner which will allow it to be soldered to the grounded socket connections. This copper insert is then bolted securely to the alumi-

num shield and closes the aforementioned cutout. The schematic diagram indicates clearly the location of shielding and the components contained in each compartment.

The converter proper is a very compact assembly and may take on any final form to suit the needs and taste of the builder. Since the writer planned to use the converter as a companion unit to a NC200 receiver it was desirable that the final form should be similiar in appearance and appropriate in dimension. This allowed plenty of space for including a power supply. The power supply is conventional and needs no description. A double-pole "B plus" standby switch was included, one pole being used for the converter and connected in a manner which permits the oscillator to run continuously. The other pole of this switch is terminated on the back of the chassis and is connected to the remote standby terminals on the NC200 thus permitting the converter and the receiver to be controlled from one switch. A single-pole, two-position wafer switch, not shown in the diagram, is also used in the converter and is wired to connect either the converter output or the low frequency antenna into the receiver, the low frequency antenna now being connected permanently to terminals on the converter chassis. This has been most convenient since the receiver is always ready to go, either separately or with the converter.

The dial used is a *National* ICN, the bezel of which happened to be the same size as the dial window opening on the NC200 receiver. This dial does not have to be dismantled to remove or replace the calibration charts so it is very convenient. The knob-to-pointer tuning ratio is very satisfactory with the amount of bandspread used. Tuning is a little bit stiff but perfectly smooth and without backlash. The final dial calibration was printed on by a friend with a *LeRoy* letterer and really looks professional.

It is essential that an insulated coupling be used between the two sections of the tuning condensers  $C_4$ ,  $C_{11}$ . The same precaution applies be-

tween the condenser shaft and the dial. The rotors of these condensers are above ground and must be left floating electrically.

The condenser  $C_1$  in the grid circuit of the 6AK5 tube is driven by a string and pulley arrangement. Care should be taken to see that the string or dial cord used is non-conducting.

When construction has been completed a 0-50 ma, meter should be temporarily inserted in the lead at one side of the 0B2 tube. The resistor  $R_{11}$  should then be adjusted to give a current of approximately 15 ma, through the tube with  $S_1$  in the closed position.

It is not essential that the power supply be included with the converter and if the receiver has sufficient excess capacity, the converter may be powered from the receiver supply. About 20 ma. at 250 volts is necessary plus 6.3 volts at .9 amps.

It is recommended that the oscillator be supplied with regulated voltage for the greatest stability and freedom from drift.

Calibration of the converter was found to be no problem when using harmonics of a signal generator plus a 100 kc. crystal beat to WWV. Referring to the 0-100 scale of the ICN dial the following bandspread of amateur bands was obtained; 2-meter band—39 to 68, 6-meter band—29 to 81, 10- and 11-meter bands—29 to 94, (includes new 11-meter band) 15-meter band—48 to 71

Standard laboratory equipment and methods were used to measure the gain of the converter and the following data was obtained; 2-meter band gain-37.7 db., 6-meter band gain-43 db., 10- and 11-meter band gain-47 db., 15-meter band gain-47 db. Since the measurements were made with a 1000  $\mu v$ . i.f. setup, the lowest input to the converter was  $4.5 \mu v$ . At this level the signal-to-noise ratio (modulation on and off) could not be read accurately by going down 20 db. with the output meter so a conservative estimate of signal-to-noise ratio would appear to be 30 db. This is exceptionally good in view of the fact that a common specification for signal-to-noise ratio is 10 db. for 5  $\mu$ v. input.

If you are wondering now just what the above gain figures could mean to you in the way of performance, probably the best way to interpret them is by means of comparison. If you happen to own one of the better communications type receivers with two r.f. stages you may get 20 db. of r.f. gain on the 10-meter band, somewhat less if your receiver has only one or no r.f. stage.

If you are secretly dissatisfied with your present converter because it's built for one band only, or because the converter noise pushes your "S" meter up to 8 or 9, or if your receiver has "heavy images" on 10 meters and you can't hear the DX that your bosom pal across town works, then this converter can be the answer to all of your problems.

Coil table. For additional notes on final assembly, see the schematic diagram.

BAND	ANTENNA	L	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>	
2-m.	1 t. (See text)	3 t. #14 tinned. \$\\ \frac{1}{16}''\$ i.d., Space twice wire dia. Mount \$\frac{1}{4}''\$ above bottom of form. See text.	Same as L <sub>1</sub>	Same as $L_1$ . Tap $\frac{1}{2}$ t, from gnd. end.	
6-m.	2 t. #19 tinned. One space from cold end of L <sub>1</sub> . Space same as L <sub>1</sub> .	6 t. plus ½ t. loop, #19 tinned. Space 13 t. per inch.	Same as L <sub>1</sub> only with 5 t.	Same as L <sub>1</sub> only with 43/4 t. Tap 7/8 t. from gnd. end.	
10-11-m.	3 t. #22 en., close- wound. 1/16" from L <sub>1</sub> at cold end.	10½ t. plus ½ t. loop, #22 en. closewound.	Same as $L_1$ only $8\frac{1}{2}$ t.	Same as L, only $72/3$ t. Tap $11/3$ t. from gnd. end.	
15-m.	3 t. $\#22$ en. close-wound. $\frac{3}{2}$ from $L_1$ at cold end.	15 t. plus ½ t. loop. #22 en. closewound.	Same as L; only 13 t.	Same as $L_1$ only $102/_3$ t. Tap 2 t. from gnd. end.	



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Owners of record players frequently buy one or more replacement needles a year. It has been estimated that the average phono-needle turned in for replacement has from 50 to 75 per cent of its usable life remaining. This poses an embarrassing question for cartridge manufacturers and technicians. Why is the record fan willing to replace his phono-needle at least once a year when he usually expects the phono-cartridge to last the life of his set? The answer lies in the sales and promotional techniques of manufacturers and retailers of phonograph needles. The same successful and useful techniques can and should be applied to the sales of phonocartridges.

the psychology behind these sales and promotional techniques and the reason for their success is apparent. The fans who purchase audio systems for their home, whether they be changers or single play sets, radiophono combinations or custom-built high-fidelity systems, enjoy listening By JOHN D. HARPER Electro-Voice Incorporated

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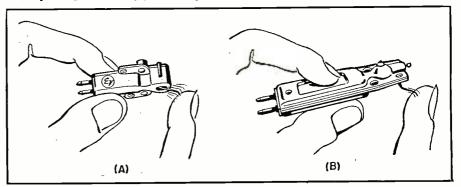
It is to this highly emotional appeal that phono-needle promotions have been directed. The average record fan has been convinced that he will get more enjoyment from his records, in both superior reproduction and longer record life, when he replaces the phono-needle frequently. And maximum enjoyment from his musical hobby is what he wants!

But even this brilliant sales campaign could not have been successful without the aggressive backing it has received from retailers. How many times have you seen in record bars attractive displays asking, "Have you replaced your phonograph needle lately?" It is this consistent campaign at all marketing levels that has made the audio hobbyist aware of the needle in his record player.

The same hobbyist probably doesn't know the function of the cartridge in which he inserts the needle. To him the cartridge is merely a chuck which supports the needle.

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Fingertip compliance test. The more recent models, giving better performance, are compliant, as shown in (A). The old prewar models were, in most cases, rather stiff (B).



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# LOUDN 185 and POWER In Audio Systems

#### JAMES A. MITCHELL

How loud do you want your audio system to sound? Here are some of the factors involved.

OW much power does it take to produce a sound of a given loudness in a certain room? This is a question which causes the amateur sound enthusiast a lot of head scratching. It's an important question too with a lot of dollars involved in the answer. Thirty watt amplifiers cost a lot more than ten watt models. Speaker prices run up into big figures as the wattage ratings rise. How can we make an estimate of the amplifier and speaker requirements, as far as loudness is concerned, in a certain installation?

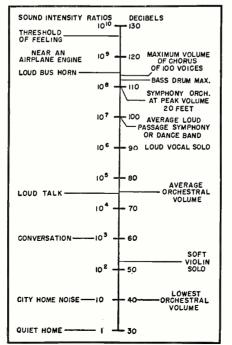
Most sound engineers have acquired enough experience to make good estimates of these requirements and equipment manufacturers try to supply packaged units to fit different types of situations. The amateur can usually take these recommendations and obtains the desired results. However most inquisitive sound men will want to be able to make their own estimates. The present science of acoustics provides a basis for calculating the acoustic and electrical power required to produce a given sound intensity in different types of rooms. A few simple equations are all that is involved and these have been combined into a simple nomograph which will be described. With this graph the power required to produce any sound level in nearly all types of rooms can be estimated in a few seconds.

It should be stated that the accuracy of the graph is limited. This is not the fault of the equations involved but because of the difficulty of defining sound levels and due to the lack of accurate data on speaker efficiency. Even so, the graph will allow some useful estimates and, with a suitable safety factor, amplifier wattage ratings may be selected. The graph is also a very revealing source of information on the change in amplifier output at different sound levels and in different types and sizes of rooms.

The first question is the measurement of loudness. How loud is the average human voice? How loud is a symphony orchestra in the climax of

a Beethoven Symphony? Or in the softest violin solo? How loud is a swing band when all the boys stand up and hit the beat? Pretty loud you might say but an acoustic engineer would express it in decibels. Actually loudness is a sensation in the mind of the hearer and is a rather complicated matter but it is generally related to sound pressure or intensity. A great many measurements have been made of the sound intensities produced by various noises and musical instruments. A little study of this data will provide a measuring stick by which we may refer to various degrees of loudness. Fig. 1 shows several of these measurements on the standard decibel These decibel ratings are obtained by measuring the intensity of the sound waves and by using the formula: Sound intensity in decibels= 10  $loq_{10}$   $(I/I_0)$  where I is the intensity being measured and  $I_0$  is the standard

Fig. 1. Loudness levels of everyday sounds shown in db. and sound intensity ratios.



sound intensity. This standard is usually selected as the weakest 1000 cycle tone that can be heard by a normal ear in a silent room. This is a sound intensity of  $10^{-16}$  watts per square centimeter. Since the logarithm of one is zero this standard level is expressed as 0 on the decibel scale. The decibel scale is a ratio scale and this is especially useful in loudness measurements because the ear responds to sound intensity in approximately a ratio func-That is, each time the sound level doubles in intensity it sounds approximately like an increase in equal steps of loudness. Thus an increase in sound intensity from 35 to 40 decibels sounds about the same as an increase from 55 to 60 decibels. In both cases the sound power increases by a ratio of about 3 but the actual power increase is 100 times greater in the second case.

Fig. 1 shows the relationship between the sound intensity in acoustic power ratio versus the decibel notation. The graph covers a range of 10 billionfold in sound pressures, from 30 decibels, the sound level of an average quiet home, to 130 decibels, the threshold of feeling or pain. Note the decibel ratings of the different sound levels that your audio system will be called upon to reproduce and the tremendous sound intensity ratios which this represents. It should be remembered that most of these sound measurements have been made with sound instruments which have a certain time lag. With complicated sounds the instantaneous sound pressure may be considerably higher. Engineers generally recommend that a system be capable of producing sound levels 6 decibels above the maximum sound meter readings. In Fig. 1, 113 decibels is the loudest musical sound measurement made, but instantaneous sound peaks may extend to 120 decibels and this safety margin should be kept in

Now how loud do you want your audio unit to sound? In its design you must plan for the maximum level that will be required. Most home radios reproduce music at about 20 to 40 decibels lower than the real thing. Of course it makes a difference if the music is to be a background for conversation or if it is an occasion for serious listening or dancing. High fidelity and music fans often listen at normal volume levels and a few even run up the volume on everything except the loudest passages. For serious listening it is reasonable to design a system to reproduce normal volume levels even though the program is not always played that way. Dance bands and symphony orchestras have a characteristic sound because people enjoy that kind of loudness and most listeners have similar preferences when low distortion audio is available and listening conditions permit. Now normal volume level is not the same thing as putting a symphony orchestra in a small living room. That would be much too loud. We simply want to recreate

the loudness heard in the symphony hall in the living room. Naturally much less acoustic power will be required. In reproducing music at lowerthan-normal levels there are not the savings in power requirements that might be expected. This is because of the increased bass boost needed for compensating the loss in aural sensitivity to bass notes at low volumes. The Fletcher-Munson curves show that if a musical passage, normally heard at an 80 decibel level, is reproduced at a 40 decibel level about 30 decibels of bass boost at 50 cycles is required for balanced listening. Since the bass tones contain much of the peak power this 40 decibel reduction in listening level will allow a reduction in power requirements of only 10 decibels. Normal loudness levels are, therefore, a reasonable requirement for high fidelity audio equipment designed for listening to music. For other purposes different loudness requirements must be met and these will have to be decided by the designer. The graph will aid in calculating power requirements for any sound level.

In the open air sound intensity diminishes with the distance from the source of the sound but in a room or small hall there is a great deal of reflection so that a source of sound builds up the loudness to a fairly uniform level. The ability of the sound source to produce a given sound intensity in a room depends on the size of the room and the amount of sound reflection or absorption in the room. The size of the room is a simple matter of calculation but this absorption business takes a little more thought. The properties of a room affecting the reflection or absorption of sound are measured by the reverberation time. This has been defined as the time required for a sharp sound to die away to one millionth of its original intensity. If we had a machine that would make a sharp noise at a 90 decibel level and would time the decay of the sound down to the 30 decibel level, we would have a measurement of the reverberation time. The reverberation time of most living rooms is within 1/3 of a second to 1 second. Small halls may go up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. Values of about ½ to 1 second are considered quite good acoustically for living rooms or small halls.

There is a simple method for calculating the reverberation time of a room by summing the effective absorption areas of the entire room. Each area of the room of different absorption surfaces is multiplied by the coefficient of absorption for that material and the total for the entire room is obtained and is called A. The reverberation time in seconds is therefore: T=.05V/A where V is the volume of the room. Table 1 shows a typical calculation of this sort. This calculation was made on the room to estimate the amplifier requirements.

It is possible to make a shrewd guess of the reverberation time of a room with a little practice at clapping and listening. The method is to make sure the room is quiet, clap the hands loudly and sharply and listen for the time of die-away. Careful listening will reveal a noticeable time of dieaway even in a heavily draped room. It is surprising how different rooms can be in this respect. A stop watch is helpful in learning to estimate fractions of a second. The clap should be loud at about 90 or 100 decibels. Since the noise level of the room will be about 30 or 40 decibels the sound will be masked by the room noise after it has dropped about 60 decibels or the standard one millionth of its original loudness. Check your first listening estimates against the set of calculations shown in Table 1.

Well, we now have the reverberation time and the volume of the room. The power required to produce a loudness or sound intensity of 120 decibels is:  $P = 0.00012 \ V/T$  where P is the power in watts and V is the volume of the room in cubic feet and T is the reverberation time in seconds. Other sound intensities require proportionately different power levels. It must be remembered that the power referred to in this equation is the acoustic power, the sound power actually put out by the speaker, not the power put into the speaker. In the room used in the calculations of Table 1 the acoustic power required to produce this sound level of 120 decibels is:  $P = 0.00012 \times 1872/0.75 = 0.30$  watts

This brings us to the point of loud-speaker efficiency. Speaker systems differ a great deal in efficiency, covering a range of about 2 to 40%. Few speaker manufacturers specify the efficiency of their speakers in a way which allows a calculation of power input to acoustic output but a little experience on this point can aid in making estimates. If you are fortunate to live in a city with a good comparative speaker listening studio it is possible to make a pretty good list of

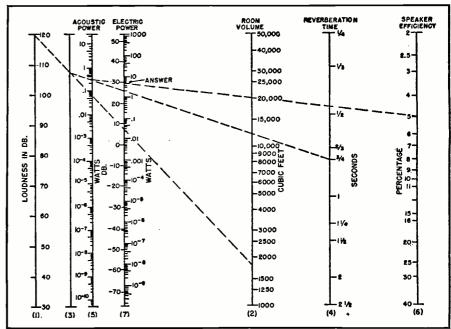
ABSORPTION COEFFICIENTS
Glass
Plaster, Brick, Linoleum
Wood Panel
Draperies, Upholstered areas 50
Wood Chairs, Small Tables (each)3
Persons (each) 4.0  T == .05V/A
T == Reverberation time in sec.
V = Volume of room in cu. ft.
A == Absorption power of room in effective sq. it.
EXAMPLE
Small living room (13' x 16' x 9')
Plaster (1061 sq. ft. × .03) 31.\$
Wood areas (56 sq. ft. $\times$ .08) 4.0
Carpet area (120 sq. ft. $\times$ .40)
(57 sq. ft. × .50)
Wood chairs and small tables (5 $ imes$ .3) 1.5
Persons (3 × 4.0)
$T = .05 (13 \times 16 \times 9)/125.8 = .75 \text{ sec.}$

Table 1. Calculating reverberation time.

efficiencies. Play some music and switch back and forth between two speakers, one with a known efficiency and, with an attenuator calibrated in decibels, cut the level of one until they are equal. The decibel attenuation allows a simple calculation of efficiencies. The speaker enclosure affects the efficiency and comparisons should be made while the speakers are housed in the type of cabinet which you expect to use.

As a general rule the more expensive the speaker the higher its efficiency, but this is not always true. Large magnets and light voice coils efficiency. Unfortunately good bass response does not go with light voice coils and diaphragms and when we demand good bass we must pay for more magnet without increased efficiency because of the heavier moving mass. Efficiency is also improved by good coupling of the speaker with the air as in horn systems and bass reflex cabinets. Standard speakers in the \$10 class are gen-(Continued on page 156)

Fig. 2. Nomograph for calculating loudness and power requirements. See text for details.





# A Direct Reading ELECTRONIC AUDIO FREQUENCY METER

Construction details on a simple instrument which gives direct indications of frequency up to 50,000 cycles. The response is independent of signal waveform and is not affected by signal voltage fluctuations between 1-300 v.

N BOTH professional and amateur laboratories, it very often is necessary to check unknown audio frequencies. A common method is to compare the unknown frequency with some known frequency, using Lissajou's patterns. This method requires an audio oscillator and an oscilloscope, and demands some skill on the part of the operator. Moreover, it is a relatively slow process and cannot give direct indications of fluctuating frequency values. Another method is to feed the unknown frequency into an 'audio frequency bridge,'' usually of the Wien type, and to set the bridge to null. At balance, the unknown frequency generally is read from the bridge potentiometer dial or from a chart or graph based upon that dial. This method also is relatively slow, requires some know-how on the part of the operator, entails use of one extra piece of equipment—a null detec-

tor, and cannot give direct indications of fluctuating frequency values.

The best arrangement of all for rapid, direct frequency checking is an audio frequency meter. Used with the same speed and simplicity as a voltmeter, this instrument merely is connected to the source of signal voltage and the unknown frequency is read directly from the meter deflection. No adjustments, other than setting a range switch, are required. This instrument accordingly can be operated successfully by non-engineering personnel.

Commercial, direct-reading audio frequency meters are expensive. Most of the circuits described in the literature either use gas triodes, whose deionization time limits frequency coverage to about 5000 cycles, or a combination of rather complicated amplifying, limiting, and shaping circuits which the non-engineer does not feel

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equal to duplicating. Furthermore, most of these circuits employ sensitive d.c. microammeters as the indicating devices.

The direct-reading audio frequency meter described in this article will appeal to technicians who desire the utility and simplicity of a meter-type instrument but who wish to avoid circuit complication and expense. Six frequency ranges are provided: 0-100, 0-500, 0-1000, 0-5000, 0-10,000, 0-50,000 cycles. The indicating instrument is a 0-1 d.c. milliammeter. By using this relatively inexpensive meter, the 100-, 1000-, and 10,000-cycle ranges may be read directly on the 0-1 scale by adding mentally the proper number of ciphers. The 500-, 5000-, and 50,000-cycle ranges are read by mentally multiplying the milliammeter readings by 5 and adding the proper number of ciphers. Response of the instrument is linear, so that only one point need be calibrated in each range. The frequency readings are not influenced by variations in signal strength between 1 and 300 volts r.m.s. Thus, the signal voltage may swing to any values between 1 and 300 without causing any change in the frequency meter reading. Response of the instrument is also reasonably free from waveform of the applied signal. Input impedance is high (the input circuit consisting of 0.1 microfarad and 1/4 megohm in series) so that the instrument presents negligible loading effect to the circuit under test. Extensive tests of the instrument under a variety of operating conditions have shown no drift effects, therefore excellent stability may be expected.

#### **Operating Principle**

The circuit (See Fig. 3) consists of an overdriven 6SJ7 voltage amplifier followed by an overdriven 6V6 triodeconnected power amplifier. By driving the tubes to saturation by means of the applied signal voltage, clipping action takes place in both stages, very largely so in the 6V6 stage, and the output of the 6V6 consists of constantvoltage square waves. The 6V6 output voltage is applied through a coupling condenser to a 6H6 double-diode switching tube which actuates the d.c. milliammeter. Since the output signal is a train of constant-amplitude pulses, the meter reading will be proportional only to the number of pulses passing through the meter each second. Thus, the meter deflection is proportional to the frequency of the applied signal voltage. A variable resistor of appropriate value in the milliammeter circuit will allow this circuit to be calibrated so that full-scale deflection of the meter occurs at a desired frequency. As a result of complete clipper action in the amplifier circuit, the signal voltage can fluctuate considerably without changing the amplitude of the 6V6 output pulses and, accordingly, the meter deflection.

#### The Circuit

The complete frequency meter circuit is shown in Fig 3. The amplifier section varies from the conventional arrangement only in the direct grounding of the 6V6 cathode and the use of current limiting resistors in the control grid circuits.  $R_2$  and  $R_8$  limit grid current drawn when the grid signal amplitude swings high on positive half-cycles.

The 0D3/VR150 tube serves to regulate the 6V6 plate voltage and also to provide bias for the 6H6 switching tube.

Range switch  $S_2$  selects an output coupling condenser ( $C_6$  to  $C_{11}$ ) and at the same time switches a calibration rheostat ( $R_{12}$  to  $R_{11}$ ) in parallel with milliammeter  $M_1$ . The rheostats are preset individually, as will be explained later under Adjustment and Calibration.

The power supply section is entirely conventional, being a small transformer-type unit with a two-section condenser-input filter.

#### Construction

The audio frequency meter, as it is shown in the accompanying photographs, is built into a standard metal "shield" box 6" wide, 9" high, and 5" deep. All components, including tube sockets, are mounted on a snug-fitting vertical chassis plate which may be seen in Fig. 1. The right-angle lips of this plate are bolted to the sides of the box. The tubes are supported horizontally and point toward the front panel of the instrument.

Rheostats  $R_{12}$  to  $R_{17}$  are mounted directly on the chassis plate and are provided with slotted shafts for screwdriver adjustment, since these controls are set during the initial calibration and need only infrequent readjustment to compensate for the aging of tubes and circuit components.

Transformer  $T_1$  and filter chokes  $CH_1$  and  $CH_2$  are mounted as far as possible from the 6SJ7 tube, to prevent hum pickup. These three components should also be well separated from the milliammeter.

A four-inch milliammeter, *Triplett* Model 420, has been used here for good readability.

In the instrument shown, one of the points on a spare third wafer of switch  $S_2$  was used for the "On-Off" power line switch  $S_1$ . However, most builders undoubtedly will prefer a separate toggle switch for this purpose and will follow the scheme shown in Fig. 3 for making and breaking the power input.

There are no special wiring tricks. All leads in the 6SJ7 stage must be kept as short as possible to prevent oscillation and hum pickup. Also to prevent hum pickup, tube heater leads and powerline leads should be twisted together and pressed flat against the chassis. Run all of the ground returns in the 6SJ7 stage to one lug on the chassis, and later connect this lug

to "B-minus" by means of a length of No. 14 solid wire. Do not depend upon the chassis for a trouble-free performance as a conductor.

#### Adjustment—Calibration

After the instrument is completed, inspect the wiring carefully for errors. If none are found, it will be safe to proceed with adjustment and calibration.

First, set the range switch,  $S_2$ , to its 100-cycle position. Do not connect anything to the "Signal Input" terminals. Switch on the power and allow about 2 minutes for the tube heaters to come up to normal operating temperature. There should be no steady deflection of the meter at this time. If the meter gives a reading, however slight, hum pickup or circuit oscillation is present and must be corrected.

The most accurate calibration will be secured by feeding in a signal (of voltage higher than 1 v.) corresponding to the highest frequency in each range and adjusting the corresponding calibration rheostat for full-scale deflection of the meter. The calibrating frequencies may be obtained from an accurate audio test oscillator. With range switch  $S_2$  set to its 100 cycle range, feed in a signal of 100 cycles and adjust rheostat  $R_{12}$  so that meter  $M_1$  reads exactly 1 ma. Switch S2 to its 500 cycle position, feed in a 500 cycle signal and adjust rheostat  $R_{13}$  for 1 ma. deflection of meter  $M_1$ . (3) Switch  $S_2$  to its 1000 cycle position, feed in a 1000 cycle signal, and adjust rheostat  $R_{14}$  for 1 ma. deflection of meter  $M_1$ . (4) Switch  $S_2$  to

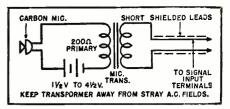
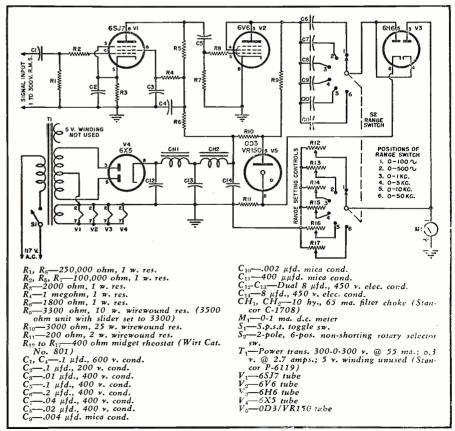


Fig. 2. Suggested test setup for testing the frequencies of various sounds.

its 5 kc. setting, feed in a 5000 cycle signal, and adjust rheostat  $R_{15}$  for 1 ma. deflection of meter  $M_1$ . (5) Switch  $S_2$  to its 10 kc. setting, feed in a 10,000 cycle signal, and adjust rheostat  $R_{16}$  for 1 ma. deflection of meter  $M_1$ . (6) Switch  $S_2$  to its 50 kc. setting, feed in a 50,000 cycle signal, and adjust rheostat  $R_{17}$  for 1 ma. deflection of meter  $M_1$ .

Somewhat less accuracy is obtained when the calibration is made at some frequency less than the full-scale value in any range. However, this method can be used when the full-scale frequencies are not available. For example, a 60 cycle signal may be tapped off the ungrounded tube heater terminal and fed into the high "Signal Input" terminal. With S2 set to its 100 cycle position,  $R_{12}$  then may be adjusted for a meter deflection of 0.6 ma. corresponding to 60 cycles. And with  $S_2$  set to its 500 cycle position, R<sub>13</sub> may be adjusted for a meter deflection of 0.12 ma., also corresponding to 60 cycles. A 120 cycle signal voltage not in excess of 300 v. may be taken from the output of an unfiltered (Continued on page 149)

Fig. 3. Complete circuit diagram and parts list for the direct reading frequency meter.





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This instrument measures a.c. volts from 1 mv. to 100 v., has an input impedance of .5 megohm, and is flat to within five per-cent from 10 to 50,000 cycles per sec.

▼ ▼HE three indispensable instruments for making real audio - measurements are: an oscillator; an oscilloscope; and a wide-range, high-sensitivity a.c. voltmeter. All can be built at home at small cost. Many articles have appeared describing the construction of good oscillators and scopes, and good kits are available. But a really versatile, high-gain voltmeter is a rare item outside of a full-fledged development laboratory.

The instrument to be described will measure a.c. voltage from 1 millivolt to 100 volts. Its input impedance is 0.5 megohm and it is flat within 5 per-cent from 10 to 50,000 cycles.

Some of the uses of such a meter are: 1. Measuring audio gain and loss; 2. Measuring frequency response of any amplifier, equalizer, or filter; 3. Checking balance of phase inverters and push-pull stages; 4. Measuring turns ratios of audio and power transformers; 5. Measuring output of microphones and phonograph pickups; 6. Use as a preamplifier for an oscilloscope; and 7. Measuring distortion of amplifiers, in conjunction with a suitable rejection filter.

Commercial voltmeters of this sort are found in nearly every electronics laboratory. Their cost runs upwards of two-hundred dollars, which is a bit out of the reach of most of us, but such instruments, i.e., the Ballantine 300A and the Hewlett-Packard 400A are so useful that larger laboratories often have a dozen or more.

These commercial meters cover a wider frequency range than the unit to be described, and their circuits are a great deal more complicated. The *Ballantine* meter is flat to 150 kc. and

the more recently designed Hewlett-Packard goes up to 1 megacycle. Successful duplication or even approximation of these circuits is very difficult. Fortunately there is a way out, by means of a circuit that was first proposed, the writer believes, by Howard L. Daniels of Engineering and Research Associates, Inc. while he was at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington in 1944. This circuit achieves very respectable results with the utmost simplicity, and with freedom from critical adjustments or any tendency toward instability.

A good many v.t.v.m.'s for measuring audio have been described in print, but nearly all have followed the design originally described by Stuart Ballantine in 1938. Sensitivity is normally 0.1 volt full-scale on the most sensitive range. Microphone and variable-reluctance pickup outputs will not show up on such a meter, and small percentages of distortion cannot be measured. Flexibility in general is severely limited. This old arrangement consists of a two-stage voltage amplifier, followed by a 6H6 half-wave rectifier with a load resistor of around 50,000 ohms, a d.c. microammeter, and feedback over-all.

To increase the sensitivity, it has heretofore been necessary to resort to a three-stage amplifier, as is done in the *Ballantine* meter. While this instrument is unequalled among electronic laboratory gear for all-around accuracy and dependability, its circuit has a lot of components, and its excellence is the result of extremely painstaking over-all design. Engineers who use these instruments send them back to the factory when repairs other than tube replacements are needed.

Two views of the unit. It uses just two tubes and a power rectifier. Unit can be

made from junk box parts.

#### The Daniels Circuit

The *Daniels* circuit, by means of an ingenious trick, makes it possible to get the very most out of two tubes in a v.t.v.m. circuit. Using this principle, together with modern high-gain miniature tubes and crystal diodes, it is possible to get 10-millivolt full-scale sensitivity with plenty of negative feedback, and the whole thing is as free of "bugs" as a code-practice oscillator.

The trick is that the tube which feeds the rectifier-meter circuit is operated as a *current* amplifier rather than a conventional voltage amplifier. The effective a.c. load impedance to the last stage is much lower than the plate resistance of the tube, and consists of the rectifier-meter circuit itself. The negative feedback is current

feedback, and acts to stabilize and make more linear the meter current with respect to the input voltage—which is just what is wanted. In addition, full-wave rectification is employed. The meter deflection is proportional to the average full-wave value of the input voltage, giving a truer indication on square waves, and other non-sinusoidal waveforms.

The use of 1N34 germanium crystals as signal rectifiers eliminates zero drift of the meter due to diode contact potentials, and so no zero or bucking adjustment is needed.

#### **Elementary Circuit**

A simplified schematic is shown in Fig. 1. The circuit doesn't look unusual, but it is. The first stage,  $V_1$ , is an ordinary voltage amplifier. current amplifier is the second stage,  $V_2$ . Its load consists of a resistor  $R_L$ in parallel (for a.c. currents) with the metering circuit, which consists of a bridge rectifier, the meter, a large coupling condenser (C), and the feedback resistor,  $R_f$ . The impedance of this combination is not over a thousand ohms or so, and it is through this that practically all the a.c. component of the plate current of  $V_2$  flows. All that resistor  $R_L$  does is to pass the d.c. plate current of the tube  $V_2$ .  $R_L$  should be high in resistance compared to the meter circuit, to avoid shunting it too much. It is also convenient to choose  $R_L$  and the bias on tube  $V_2$  so that the d.c. plate current is 1.5 or 2 times the current required for full-scale deflection of the indicating meter. In this way the meter will not be banged around too much by overload voltages.

#### Gain and Feedback

The gain of this circuit (before feedback is applied) is expressed in milliamperes-per-volt. It is equal to the voltage gain of the first stage  $V_1$ multiplied by the transconductance of the second stage tube  $V_2$ . For example, if the first stage is a pentode with a voltage gain of 200, and the second stage tube has a transconductance of 1 milliampere-per-volt (1000 micromhos), the over-all gain is  $200 \times 1 =$ 200 milliamperes-per-volt. Hence if our indicating meter has a sensitivity of 1 ma. full-scale, the input signal required for full deflection will be 1/200 volt, or 5 millivolts. If a 500 microampere meter is used, the full-scale sensitivity will be 2.5 millivolts. A feedback factor of 4 can then be applied to obtain a full-scale sensitivity of 10 millivolts.

The negative feedback factor is proportional to the resistance  $R_I$  in Fig. 1. The feedback voltage, which is proportional to the a.c. current through the meter rectifiers, appears across this resistor, and is thereby injected into the grid-cathode circuit of the first tube  $V_I$ . The design was started by choosing a tube lineup that would give several times the desired sensitivity, then adjusting the feedback resistor  $R_I$  until the gain was exactly the desired value. In the practical circuit described later, the constants

are as follows: 1. The a.c. current for full meter deflection—700 microamps; 2. Gain without feedback—about 550 ma./volt; 3. Sensitivity without feedback—1.3 millivolts; 4. Sensitivity with feedback—10 millivolts; 5. Feedback factor at mid-band—8.

#### Circuit Details

Fig. 2 is the circuit of the practical electronic voltmeter shown in the photographs. The input terminals go directly to a step attenuator, set up to give five decade ranges of .01—0.1—10—100 volts full scale. This attenuator or voltage divider is made up of precision composition resistors wired around a single-circuit, five-position rotary switch. Wirewound resistors, even the so-called non-inductive type, should not be used, because they were found to introduce peaks in the high frequency response due to their residual inductance.

The first stage is a 6AU6 pentode voltage amplifier of conventional design, uses "contact potential" bias and has a gain of around 300. The screen bypass condenser should be no smaller than 2 µfd. Decoupling of the "B" supply to this stage is necessary, as indicated on the diagram, for stability at low frequencies. The second stage is a 6AT6 diode-high-mu-triode, only the triode being used. "Contact potential" bias is used here, too. The load resistor of 100,000 ohms limits the plate current under overload conditions to a safe value for the meter. The high-mu triode is preferable to a lower-mu tube because of its higher

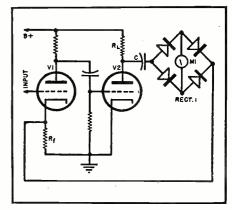


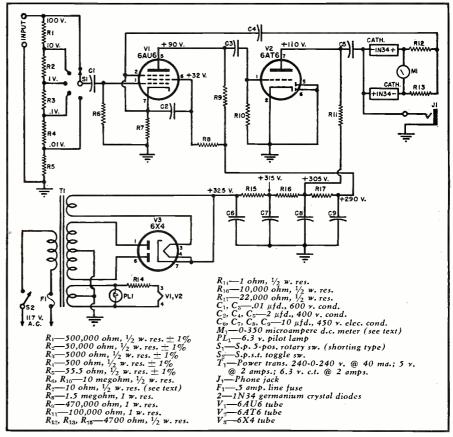
Fig. 1. Simplified Daniels voltmeter circuit.

transconductance at low plate currents.

A 2  $\mu$ fd. paper condenser  $C_4$  couples the plate of this triode to the rectifier circuit. In this case a half-bridge is used, consisting of two 1N34 crystals and a pair of 4700-ohm resistors  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$ . The d.c. current through the meter  $M_1$  with this half-bridge arrangement is exactly half the value it would be with a full bridge (as in Fig. 1), for the same a.c. current flowing into the rectifier circuit. A 500-microampere meter will give the same results with a half-bridge as a 1 ma. meter with a full bridge, and so on. It is just a matter of convenience, and a question of whether one's parts collection is blessed with more 1N34's than meters, or vice-versa.

The particular meter used by the (Continued on page 93)

Fig. 2. Complete circuit diagram of the electronic audio voltmeter unit.



# TELEVISION SYNCHRONIZING CIRCUITS

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'N PART 1, appearing last month, we discussed the blocking oscillator and its improved version, the comparison system, which is used in conjunction with a blocking oscillator.

This blocking oscillator circuit as described is particularly applicable to the 30 cycle sweep circuits where conventional tuned circuits would be bulky and expensive. However, for the horizontal sweep, which operates at a frequency of 15.75 kc., standard tank circuits can be used. These circuits are known as "flywheel" circuits.

Fig. 8 shows the simplest type of flywheel oscillator. Tank A of this circuit operates at 15.75 kc., while tank B operates on the third harmonic (47.25 kc.). The tube is biased beyond cut-off so that only a positive pulse appears at its plate, as shown in Fig. 9. This positive pulse is then used to drive a saw-tooth generator as in the case of the blocking oscillator.

The sync pulses are applied to the grid circuit through the transformer. These pulses drive the tuned circuits at the sync frequency. When the sync frequency coincides with the tank A frequency, the resultant output is inphase with the sync pulse.

However, when there is a frequency difference, the pulse appearing in the plate circuit will be out-of-phase with the sync pulses, the degree of phase difference being proportional to the frequency difference and the "Q" of the tuned circuit. The higher the "Q" the greater the phase difference between sync and saw-tooth waveform. For the very high "Q" circuits the phase shift may be as high as 50 percent and the blank space, making the blanking pulse, will appear in the center of the image.

On the other hand, the higher the "Q" the smaller the effect of random noise on the circuit. Thus to minimize phase shift, the "Q" should be made low, but to minimize random noise effects the "Q" should be high. In a very weak signal area, the gain of the receiver must usually be turned up which also increases the noise am-

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Part 2. A discussion of flywheel circuits and automatic frequency control circuits found in commercially available TV sets.

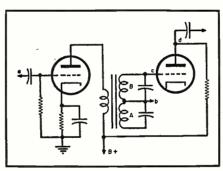


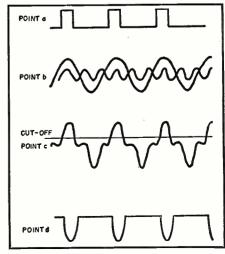
Fig. 8. Basic diagram of flywheel circuit.

plitude and hence a high "Q" is desirable. In strong signal areas, where the gain can be kept low, noise is not a serious problem and the "Q" can be made lower. It is rather difficult to increase the "Q" of a tank circuit in a set, unless an entirely new tuned circuit with a high "Q" is used to replace an existing one. Lowering the "Q" is a much simpler problem however which can be accomplished by placing a resistor across the tank. It is recommended that the technician use a 10,000 ohm potentiometer and vary the resistance across the tank until best performance is obtained.

From the foregoing it can be seen that it would be desirable to employ a tank circuit that would have a high "Q" for weak signals and a lower "Q" for strong signals. A circuit that reacts in this manner is the locked-in oscillator shown in Fig. 10. The sync pulses are injected across the resistor  $r_s$ . These pulses add to the signal developed by the resonant circuit so that a positive pulse appears at the plate of the tube as shown in Fig. 10B.

The ability of a flywheel circuit to stabilize synchronization may be expressed in terms of the time it takes to respond to a disturbance. If the circuit takes a long time to respond to a disturbance it means that random effects will not disturb the synchronization very much as they will disappear before the circuit can change appreciably. Such a circuit will, therefore, only respond to repeated impulses. This action is suitable for television synchronization. At the start the repeated impulses are the sync pulses themselves and although a circuit with a long time constant takes a long time to reach equilibrium, it will also take a long time to fall out of synchronization.

Fig. 9. Voltages at the various points designated in the flywheel schematic of Fig. 8.



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The time constant of a tank circuit can be expressed in terms of the "Q" by  $T=Q/\pi f$ . For the locked-in oscillator this time constant can be expressed as  $T=Q/\pi f$  x  $E_a/E_a$ , where  $E_a$  is the amplitude of the freely running oscillator voltage and  $E_a$  is the amplitude of the synchronizing voltage.  $E_a$  will be equal to  $i_a r_a$  where  $i_a$  is the current developed across  $r_a$  by the sync voltage. This shows that better noise protection (longer time constant) is obtained with a smaller value of  $r_a$ .

The voltage E, will be proportional to the received signal strength. For a strong signal, T will be smaller but noise effects are less important. With a weak signal,  $E_*$  is smaller and the time constant is longer thus helping to discriminate against the more predominant noise. However, the phase shift is also directly proportional to the time constant so that for weak signals the shifting of the picture, due to a phase difference, will be greater.

Phasing difficulties may be experienced as a result of one of two factors. The frequency of the sync pulses may be varied at the broadcast transmitter or the oscillator may drift due to changes in its circuit constants. An aging tube, which has a lower  $g_m$ , will cause a drift in frequency which becomes cumulative over a long period of time. Thus, if bad phasing is noted in a particular set, the technician should first try replacing the tube even though it seems to be in good operating condition.

In the comparison system previously described it is conceivable that a strong noise signal will cause trouble in synchronization. In a flywheel circuit the high "Q" makes the circuit insensitive to all noise outside its passband and if sync pulses should fail or be cancelled by noise the flywheel action of the tank circuit will continue to hold synchronization for  $Q/\pi$  lines. In a flywheel circuit the phasing problem is far more critical.

#### **Automatic Frequency Control**

A circuit which combines the advantages of both systems is the automatic frequency control system shown in Fig. 11. In this circuit the principles employed in the blocking oscillator comparison system are applied to the tuned circuit oscillator. A 6K6 tube, Fig. 11, is used as a conventional oscillator operating at 15.75 kc. The tank circuit of this oscillator is comprised of the usual inductance and capacitance. However a portion of the total capacitance is derived from a 6AC7 reactance tube. The reactance tube can be considered to be a variable condenser which acts in the following manner: When the grid of the 6AC7 is driven in the negative direction, the tube's capacitive reactance increases and the frequency of the resonant circuit increases. Similarly, a positive grid variation decreases the resonant frequency. Thus, the frequency of the 6K6 oscillator can be varied by changing the 6AC7 grid voltage.

The sine wave output of the reso-

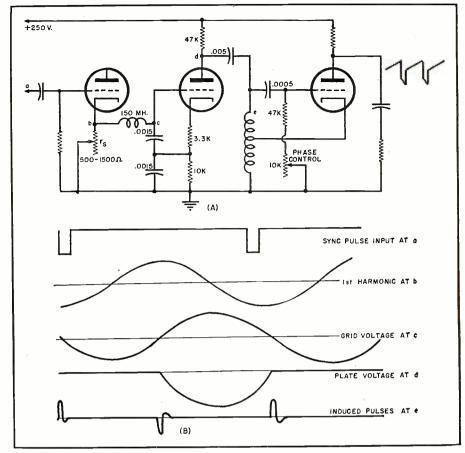
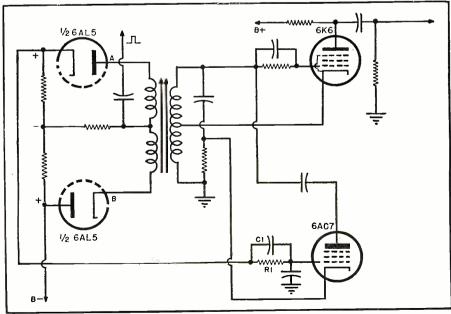


Fig. 10. (A) Schematic of a locked-in oscillator. (B) Waveforms obtained with circuit.

nant circuit is mixed with the sync pulses in the frequency comparison circuit. This circuit operates in a manner very similar to the circuit of Fig. 5 (Part 1), except that in this case a sine wave rather than a sawtooth voltage is used. This circuit, which is also called a discriminator, has a zero voltage output when sync occurs exactly at the center of the sine wave, as shown in Fig. 13A, a positive voltage output when the sync

pulse falls to the left of the center position, as shown in Fig. 13B, and a negative output for sync pulses to the right of the center position. Thus, if the sync frequency is less than that of the resonant circuit, a positive voltage will appear at the grid of the reactance tube which decreases the tank frequency. As the oscillator frequency decreases, the sync pulse moves towards the center position until an equilibrium point is reached. This

Fig. 11. A simplified schematic diagram of an automatic frequency control circuit.



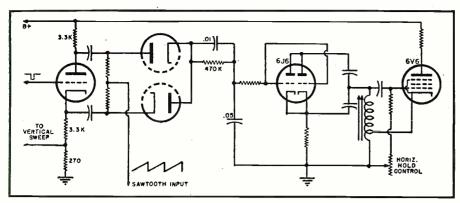


Fig. 12. Simplified schematic of the sync circuit used in several Admiral models.

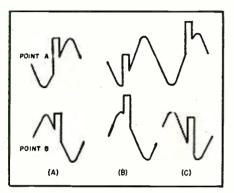


Fig. 13. Voltages across the diodes shown in Fig. 11. (A) With sync centered, (B) sync frequency low, and (C) sync frequency high.

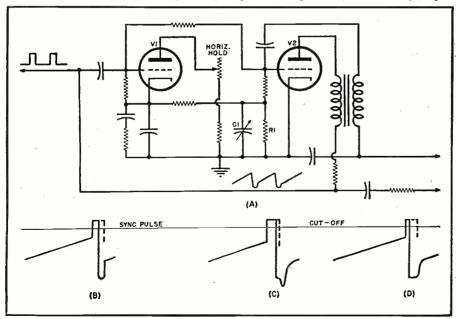
point will not necessarily be at the center position since at this point the discriminator voltage would be zero and the circuit would revert to the original conditions. As a result there may be some phase difference between the sync and sine wave, but, when the circuit is operating properly, it will not be very serious.

 $R_1C_1$  is the discriminator comprising a low pass filter which prevents momentary changes in error voltage, caused by random noise effects, to be applied to the grid of the reactance tube. In some localities the sync pulses are phase modulated due to poor transmitter operation. Such a condition will cause poor synchronization in the automatic frequency control system because of the slow response to the changes in sync phase. To minimize this effect a large condenser (about  $0.5 \mu fd.$ ) should be placed in parallel with  $C_1$ . This will permit the circuit to readjust itself rapidly to changes in sync phase but, at the same time, it will also allow noise to affect the circuit to a larger extent.

Another important point to remember in servicing this circuit is that the most critical element in maintaining correct operation is the reactance tube. If this tube has aged to the point where it cannot increase or decrease the frequency of the resonant bad reactance tube allows synchronization it might require such a large error voltage (the lower the amplification of the tube the larger the error voltage required to maintain equilibrium) that the equilibrium position

circuit enough to cover the extreme frequency differences, the circuit may go out of sync frequently. Even if a

Fig. 14. Sync circuit used in some G-E television sets. (A) Simplified schematic, (B) sync at center, (C) with sync at left (higher frequency), and (D) sync at right (lower frequency).



of the pulse with respect to the sine wave will be closer to the peaks than to the center. This will manifest itself on the screen as a shift of the image to the left or right.

This effect may not be due to the 6AC7 alone but can also be caused by an aging 6K6. If any replacement of tubes is required or it is desirable to retune the tank circuit, the 6AL5 diode should be removed first. The tank circuit is then tuned until the picture is synchronized horizontally. The phasing may not be correct, but this procedure assures correct oscillator tuning so that all the automatic frequency system must do is correct the phasing between the sync and resonant circuit.

#### **Admiral Sets**

The basic principles embodied in the four circuits described are used in virtually all sync systems of present day receivers. In some cases the circuits used are identical to those described, for example most RCA and RCA-licensed sets use the automatic frequency control circuit shown in Fig. 11. Other companies use variations of these circuits. It would be impossible to cover all of these in this article; however, the author believes that by describing several typical systems the reader will find it simpler to analyze those not covered.

Fig. 12 is a schematic diagram of a sync circuit used in some Admiral models. This circuit utilizes a Hartley oscillator running at 15.75 kc. A 6J6 reactance tube is used to correct any frequency and phase differences between the horizontal sweep and incoming sync pulses. This circuit differs from the RCA circuit in the fact that comparison is made with respect to the saw-tooth generator output rather than the sine wave, using the principles shown in Fig. 5 (Part 1). The correcting voltage is then applied to the reactance tube which varies the resonant frequency. This circuit is somewhat more sensitive than the sine wave type because the slope of the saw-tooth voltage is steeper than that of the sine wave so that small changes in the time position of the sync pulse will be translated into relatively large voltage amplitudes.

Several minor modifications can be noted in this circuit. Instead of using a center-tapped transformer, the sync pulses are fed into the grid of a 6SN7 which provides two out-of-phase outputs, one at the plate and the other at the cathode. The load on the dual diode tube (Fig. 12) is made up of a 470,000 ohm resistor in parallel with a .01  $\mu$ fd. condenser, both in series with a .05  $\mu$ fd. condenser. This type of load eliminates the need for the two condensers in series with the diodes. When the current through one diode is equal to that flowing through the other one, the net charge across the .01  $\mu$ fd. unit is zero. When the current through one diode is greater than that through the other, due to a difference in amplitude, the condenser will

charge up to the difference voltage with a polarity that is a function of the heavier conducting diode. The .05  $\mu$ fd. condenser acts to bypass random effects.

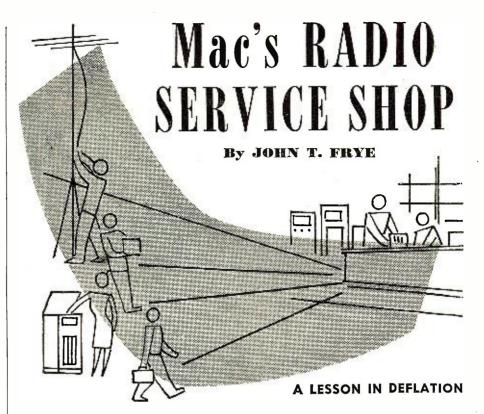
Since the output of the discriminator is zero at proper synchronization, the only bias on the 6J6 reactance tube is that obtained through the cathode resistor. If the tube ages or becomes defective, the new equilibrium condition will detune the tank circuit to a certain extent and the circuit may require a large correction voltage with an accompanying phasing error even though there would be no frequency difference under normal operating conditions. Similarly this circuit assumes that the plate and cathode resistors in the 6SN7 are of the same value, to give equal and opposite sync pulses, and both diodes have the same characteristics. These conditions should exist to within 10 per-cent, otherwise a large correcting voltage would be necessary to overcome the unbalance.

#### General Electric Circuit

Fig. 14 is the schematic diagram of a sync circuit used in some General Electric sets.  $V_2$  in this figure is a blocking oscillator in which the plate-to-grid driving voltage is fed through the secondary of a transformer and coupling condenser. The grid bias is determined by the time constant of  $R_1C_1$  and the voltage developed at the cathode of  $V_1$ . This latter voltage is a function of the amount of current flowing though  $V_1$ , and hence the frequency of the blocking oscillator is proportional to the  $V_1$  current.

The voltage applied to the grid of  $V_1$  is the sum of the saw-tooth voltage obtained from the saw-tooth generator and the sync pulse which, for no frequency difference, is the position at the top of the saw-tooth as shown in Fig. 14B. V<sub>1</sub> is biased beyond cutoff and will conduct only during that portion of the time that the sync pulse plus saw-tooth extends the voltage beyond cut-off. For zero frequency difference, the tube would conduct over one-half the sync duration. When the sync pulse moves to the left, for example, the tube would conduct over a longer period of time, as indicated in Fig. 14C, which increases the tube current and hence the frequency of oscillation, tending to move the sync pulse to the right. Similarly when the sync moves to the right, the frequency of oscillation will decrease, driving it toward the center position.

There are many similar modifications of the four basic circuits described. The author believes that with the clear understanding of these circuits, plus the examples of how they may be modified given, most technicians will be able to determine the operation of most sync systems. There are a few sets that employ systems that have not been covered but these represent only a small percentage of the total used.



O hum!"
Barney, the number-two boy at Mac's Radio Service Shop, smothered a prodigious yawn as he stared morosely out of the store window at the automobiles slithering around in the dirty February slush outside.

"Bored with it all?" Mac called sympathetically from the service department.

"A little," the youth confessed. "It's partly the mid-winter heebies; but then, too, I haven't run across a service job that presented a real challenge to my service ability for the past couple of months."

"That's the price you have to pay for becoming an expert," Mac blandly consoled him. "That's why poor old Alexander the Great sat down and wept after he had conquered—or so he thought—the whole world."

"Now don't get me wrong. I don't want you to think I know it all," Barney said modestly as he strolled back into the service room. "There are still probably a few things about radio and TV servicing that I do not know; but it is a fact that I can fix ninety-nine out of a hundred of the radios that come into this shop with my eyes closed. Hey!" he suddenly broke off, "that set you have there certainly disproves the old saying."

"What old saying?"

"That lightning never strikes in the same place twice. That charred antenna coil is a replacement. Obviously, this is the second time the set has been hit."

"Obviously," Mac mimicked him. "But then we have so many terrific thunderstorms up here during the winter that only lightning could have done this."

"Hm-m-m," Barney reflected, "it is a little odd to have lightning damage in February."

"I rather suspect that the fellow who put in this replacement antenna coil was servicing with his eyes closed, too," Mac said gently. "If he had been thinking about what he was doing, he would have checked this condenser that goes from one side of the line to the chassis."

Mac placed the test leads from the ohmmeter across the condenser, and the pointer indicated a direct short.

"Instead," Mac continued, "he just put in a new antenna coil; and it worked quite well until the customer happened to plug the set in so that the side of the line shorted to the chassis was the 'hot' side and at the same time he happened to ground the antenna terminal. That's when the 110 volts burned the antenna coil to a crisp, and it would do the same thing with new antenna coils as long as you wanted to put them in. The technician was just lucky it was only a coil that was bridged from the hot chassis to ground instead of the customer, his wife, or one of his kids. I don't want to catch you letting a set out of the shop without making a resistance check from both sides of the line to the chassis.

"In an a.c.-d.c set, you will usually find a resistance of about a quarter megohm from one side of the line to the chassis; but in a transformer set, the resistance should be away up in the megohms. Any time you run across a resistance below 100,000 ohms, even in an a.c.-d.c. set, find out why."

"Aye, aye, Sir!" Barney said as he put a little three-way pertable on the bench and started to work on it; but Mac noticed out of the corner of his

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## A Flexible

## RECORD-REPRODUCE SYSTEM

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Part 3. Covering design data on the bridging bus and including important considerations for optimum loading.

HE main point of distribution in the record-reproduce system under discussion is called the bridging bus. By maintaining a constant impedance of 600 ohms, various circuits may be added to the bridging bus and accurate measurements may be made where the impedance is established at 600 ohms.

This applies particularly to the use of standard volume indicator meters (Fig. 1) which are designed and calibrated to give accurate readings when connected across a source impedance of 600 ohms. The bridging bus as shown in Fig. 3 is unbalanced and no ground connection is employed. A fixed level of plus 4 dbm. is maintained on the bridging bus. A volume indicator (vú. meter) is permanently connected across the bridging bus so that a level of plus 4 dbm. may be set (Fig. 1).

The design of the bridging bus is rather simple. Our first requirement

Fig. 1. Standard NAB vu. meter indicating + 4 dbm. See text for explanation.

is to place all permanently connected units across the bridging bus and to determine, by Ohm's Law for parallel resistance, the total net impedance of all units. For bridging purposes transformers (other devices are also used) which normally connect across the 600 ohm bridging bus, are designed to have a primary impedance of from 5000-10,000 ohms. When adding several of these in parallel the net impedance will be too low and will disturb the normal 600 ohm impedance of the bridging bus. Therefore it is necessary to use what are known as

build-out resistors (Fig. 4) in a network terminating to the primary of the input transformers of the amplifiers.

The *McIntosh* 50W2 amplifier (Fig. 2) has built-in provision for a 20,000 ohm bridging input. To accomplish this, two 10,000 ohm resistors are connected in series with the primary of the input transformer to the preamplifier.

Our monitor amplifier was modified for bridging input purposes. The Radio Craftsmen RC-2 amplifier normally has an input direct to a 6J5 grid shunted with a 1 megohm resistance. See Fig. 5. A UTC type LS26 input transformer was added to the amplifier. Normally this transformer has a rated primary impedance of 5000 ohms. To make it suitable for bridging purposes, two resistors, having values of 7500 ohms each, were added in series with each side of the primary. See Fig. 4A. This results in a load impedance of 20,000 ohms to the bridging bus.

So far, we have two parallel circuits, both 20,000 ohms. These are normally connected across the bus either for recording or for playback.

Another item that must be considered when designing the bridging bus is the impedance presented by the volume indicator (vu. meter). As it comes from the factory, the standard NAB vu. meter (Fig. 1) has an internal impedance of 3900 ohms. This value is too low for bridging purposes. Therefore a ½ watt resistor of 3600 ohms is added in series with one side of the meter to bring the total impedance to 7500 ohms.

It is good engineering practice to avoid any load across the bridging bus



Fig. 2. A record-reproduce amplifier that provides ideal characteristics and adequate power.

that is not at least 10 times the impedance of the line, which in this case would be  $600 \times 10$  or 6000 ohms. By adding the series resistance of 3600 ohms to the volume indicator meter, a loss of 4 dbm. results, but inasmuch as the line itself is set for a program level of plus 4 dbm. this will read zero vu. or 100 on the scale of a standard vu.meter (A scale). In other words, the program is set so that the vu. meter indicates zero for practically all applications of either recording or playback in the particular system being discussed.

The combined impedance, so far, still is not of low enough ohmic value to represent the proper termination of 600 ohms.

A bridging bus terminating resistor is added in parallel across the bus (Fig. 3) so that the output of the line amplifier will "see" its correct load. Since the bus originally consisted of three (20,000, 20,000, and 7500 ohm) resistors in parallel, the addition of a bridging bus terminating resistor means that a fourth unit is paralleled and we must calculate for the net resistance of these four units

We know that the two 20,000 ohm loads in parallel give us an effective resistance of 10,000 ohms. To carry this further, adding a 7500 ohm load in parallel with 10,000 ohms would give us:  $R = 10,000 \times 7500/(10,000 + 7500) = 4285$  ohms.

Since we know that the output impedance of the line amplifier which we are matching is 600 ohms, it will be necessary to compute the resistance which should be added in parallel with 4285 ohms to give us the required 600 ohms.

or: 
$$600 = \frac{4285 + R_T}{4285 \times R_T}$$
or: 
$$600 (4285 + R_T) = 4285 \times R_T$$

$$4285 + R_T = 4285 R_T/600$$

$$4285 + R_T = 7.14 R_T$$

$$6.14 R_T = 4285$$

Therefore:  $R_T=697$  ohms where  $R_T$  is the terminating resistor. A 700 ohm ( $\pm$  1%) unit is used. The quality of the terminating resistor must be high. It must be noise-free so that no noise is added to the program circuit. It is best to use a wirewound non-inductive type of resistor made especially for the purpose.

Provision has been made, in the form of bridging bus multiples (Fig. 3), so that additional high impedance circuits may be added without seriously affecting the impedance of the bridging bus. For example, we may connect a high impedance remote amplifier to the bridging bus, providing its input impedance is approximately 25,000 or 30,000 ohms. Likewise, when it is desired to feed a signal from the bridging bus to the input of the magnetic tape recorder, we may do so without presenting serious loading to the bridging bus which would upset its characteristics. Another application is to patch

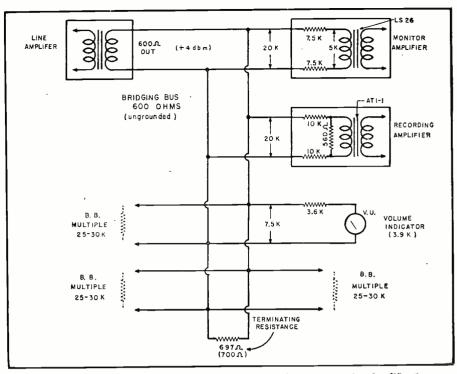


Fig. 3. Diagram of bridging bus. Jacks (Fig. 5, Part 2) are omitted for simplification.

in a pair of high impedance headphones for monitoring purposes direct from the bridging bus. If other amplifiers are to be used in a system employing a bridging bus they must all be designed so that the load presented by the amplifier is somewhere in the vicinity of 25,000 ohms.

As mentioned previously, the signal level across the bridging bus is set at plus 4 dbm. Note that the reference dbm. applies to a signal reference level of 0 db. equals 1 mw. across an impedance of 600 ohms. This reading should not be confused with older methods of indicating power level

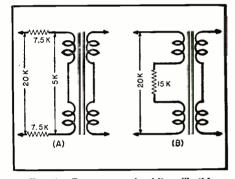
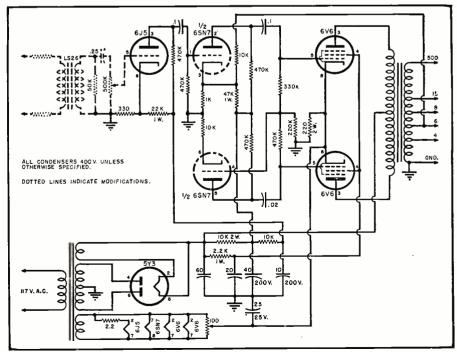


Fig. 4. Two ways of adding "buildout" resistors for bridging applications.

Fig. 5. The monitor amplifier schematic shows the modified input for bridging.



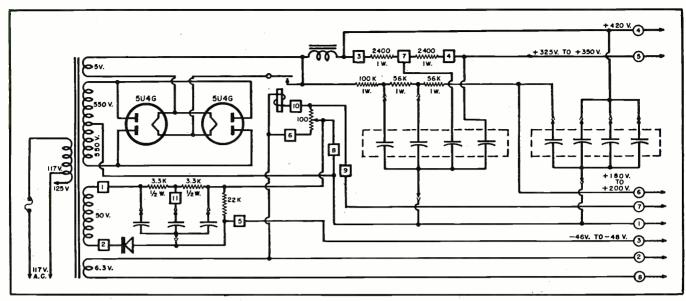


Fig. 6. Complete schematic diagram of the power supply used with the 50 watt record-reproduce amplifier.

where db. refers to a 6 mw. reference level. In recording it is an accepted practice to employ the term dbm. whenever the reading is taken with a vu. meter across a load of 600 ohms.

#### The Monitor Amplifier

The author had on hand a Radio Craftsmen RC-2 amplifier and it was decided to employ this unit for purposes of monitoring. As previously explained an input transformer was added for bridging purposes. See Fig. 5. Another modification includes the addition of a .25 µfd, condenser between the 50,000 ohm loading resistor across the secondary of the transformer and the input grid of the RC-2 amplifier. The fixed resistance  $R_1$  was replaced with a .5 megohm gain control so that a preset level could be made

to the input of the amplifier and further adjustment made when required to either raise or lower the monitoring volume level.

The output of the amplifier has a 500 ohm tap. This represents the highest impedance available from the output of the amplifier. Normally, it is connected in the circuit to feed a 600 ohm line to a monitoring loudspeaker. Note: Reference is often made to a 500/600 ohm line. Usually it makes no difference what rating is employed. Most amplifier outputs are rated at 500 ohms rather 600 ohms, and in all cases either one is suitable.

#### The Recording Amplifier

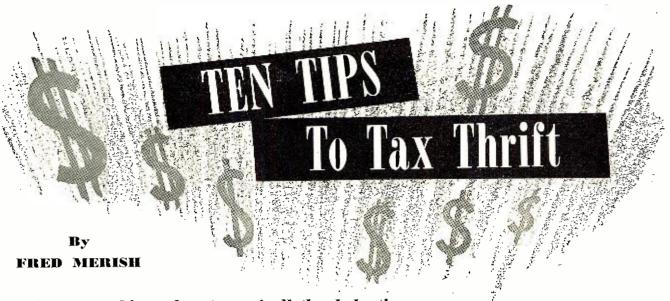
Certain basic conditions must be taken into account in selecting audio amplifiers and associated equipment for high quality recording-reproduction. The design features of the system must provide a frequency range at least equal to the original sound and be able to reproduce it at a desirable level.

Very thrilling and realistic reproduction of sound has been achieved when the listener, with his eyes closed, cannot differentiate between the recording and the original sound. This desideratum can be closely approached with equipment now available, even with systems designed for the home. This realism is tied in with several basic factors: Distortion defined in three ways-harmonic, intermodulation, and phase. These are virtually interrelated and if, for instance, the intermodulation distortion which is distortion caused by the mutual effect of two or

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Fig. 7. Diagram of the main or record-reproduce amplifier with the various plug-in units identified.



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 higher, yet, many radio and television dealers fail to take advantage of all legitimate tax savings available to them.

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1. Do not wait until the day before filing time to prepare a return. In your haste, essentials to tax economy may be overlooked. Omissions are costly. Keep the tax in mind throughout the calendar year and keep a check on the toll when analyzing each monthly profit and loss statement. It is as important to consider means of minimizing the tax toll as it is to curtail other items of expense as they are reviewed from month to month. Once the taxable year has passed into history, a taxpayer can seldom apply correctives because the proper action must be taken when the transaction occurs or during the taxable year. So, preview the records during the year or around the close of the year to see that all transactions have been handled and entered so that maximum benefits are obtained.

2. Deduct sufficient depreciation each year. A taxpayer is not permitted to take any depreciation allowance in a subsequent year to recompense him for failure to take an adequate allowance in prior years providing he had the facts that would have permitted the proper valuation. If you short-change yourself on depreciation when you file a return, you cannot retrieve the loss in a subsequent year so check the depreciation deduction carefully each year. The computation of depreciation is more an accounting problem than one of tax. Use the depreciation method that most accurately reflects wear and tear. A taxpayer is not limited to any one method as long as the depreciation allowance is reasonable.

3. Figure inventory conservatively,

cost or market, whichever is lower. Dealers often pay too much tax because they guess at the inventory. Take a physical count at the end of the year. Check it carefully. Record the details and file away. If the inventory is inflated in value, profits will be higher on paper and taxes will be higher in real money. There are numerous ways to figure the value of inventory. The "cost or market, whichever is lower" valuation is recommended. It is dependable, simple, and will keep the tax down to minimum. During a period of rising prices, cost is the inventory valuation. In a period of decreasing prices, the inventory valuation is the market or current bid price for the merchandise prevailing at the date of inventory.

The Treasury permits a deduction for loss on inventory due to deterioration of one kind or another, which compels the taxpayer to dispose of merchandise at reduced prices or scrap it entirely. Keep a separate record of such items on an inventory sheet. However, to get credit for a loss of this kind on inventory, the goods must be offered for sale within 30 days after the inventory is taken at the reduced list prices.

4. Do you contemplate repairs and improvements during the coming year? If so, be sure to earmark which is which. You can deduct repairs and maintenance as an expense but not improvements. Often the two overlap when you do a remodeling or reconditioning job. If so, get separate bills for repairs, otherwise the Treasury may consider the entire job as an improvement and refuse a deduction for the repairs.

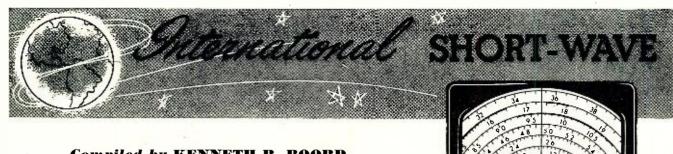
5. Deduct all petty cash outlays. Often small expenses are paid in cash and never recorded. Sometimes these expenses are paid out of pocket, hence, they may not be deducted from gross income. In the aggregate, over a year, these petty cash outlays may total a sizable sum, increasing tax expense. These petty cash disbursements should be handled systematically by means of a petty cash fund. The small- and moderate-sized dealer is most remiss in this. The standard accounting procedure is to open a petty cash account, set aside a certain sum for cash payouts and put it in a separate cash box. Pay all cash items out of this fund and place petty cash slips in the cash box covering the expenses.

6. Deduct for bad debts promptly. Many taxpayers hold worthless accounts indefinitely when they could reduce their tax payments by writing them off. Be sure to deduct for a bad debt in the year it is ascertained worthless, otherwise it will not be allowed.

7. If you trade in old equipment for new and the unrecovered cost on the books is more than the trade-in allowance offered, sell the equipment for cash and then the loss can be recorded on the books and deducted on the return. If you trade in the old equipment without a clean-cut sales transaction of this kind, the unrecovered cost (original cost less the depreciation deductions taken to date) is added to the net price of the new equipment (total price with trade-in allowance deducted) and the entire sum is then depreciated over the years, which does not give the taxpayer as much relief as the cash sales method. Using the cash sales method he may deduct in full for the unrecovered cost, whereas, using the other method he gets the deduction over a number of subsequent years.

8. If returns are filed on a cash basis (the cash you take in less the cash you pay out), try to pay all current bills during the taxable year so that these expenses may be deducted from the income of that year. Sometimes the economies thus effected make it advisable to borrow to meet these obligations. The tax savings amount to

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#### Compiled by KENNETH R. BOORD

T IS a pleasure this month to dedicate the ISW DEPARTMENT - to radio station TGNA, a new missionary voice in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America, Several U.S. DX-ers have cooperated in furnishing

TGNA ("Telling the Good News Abroad") is being operated as the "Radio Voice of the Central American Mission." The station is owned by the Central American Benevolent Association of Dallas, Texas. It is a noncommercial and non-political station carrying cultural, educational, and gospel programs and is sustained by free-will offerings of friends of this type of work both in Central America and in the United States.

From 0630 to 0800 and again from 1627 to 2057, TGNA's programs are radiated in the Spanish language on a m.w. channel of 1180 kc. and in the 49-m. band s.w. on 6.040. At 2100, the 1180 kc. channel is changed to 9.660 in the 31-m. band and parallels 6.040 for the English language releases of the evening; schedule recently was extended to 2230 closedown.

H. Leslie Garrison, technician-incharge, says that "eventually, we shall have in use from 2100 both 9.660 and 11.850, as soon as our final tanks are tuned. Later, we hope to use 6.040 for Spanish releases at the same time that 9.660 and 11.850 are in use for English periods." Frequencies have been varied slightly of late, in order to avoid interference and when satisfactory channels are found, the operators may ask the Guatemalan government for frequency changes. (The station is primarily interested in reaching the huge Spanish-speaking audience in Texas, New Mexico, California, and so on—as well as in Latin America.)

At present, TGNA is operating a dual transmitter manufactured by Clarence C. Moore, chief engineer of the International Radio & Electronics Corporation of Elkhart, Indiana. This is a bandchanging transmitter with three bands in each bay. One bay has the m.w. plus the 31- and 19-m. bands; the other bay has the 49-, 25-, and 16m. bands. Two bands are operated simultaneously-such as m.w. and 49m., or 31- and 49-m. Output is approximately 4 kw. in each bay, but ultimate operation calls for 5 kw. in each band. TGNA employs eight Eimac tubes (No. 4...1000A).

For m.w. radiation, TGNA has been using a vertical antenna on a 166-ft. tower. Later, on this tower there will be four cubicle stacked quad antennas for the 25-m. band. On the other two towers, when completed, will be two 31-m. cubicle stacked guads, three 19m. stacked quads, and two 16-m. stacked quads, all directional. At present, only one such stacked quad is in use for the 31-m. band; this includes the radiator and its reflector. The quads were designed by Mr. Moore and are leased to TGNA under contract.

Reception reports are desired and correct ones are now verified by mimeographed letter. QSL cards are being made up, however, and will be ready soon. QRA is TGNA, Apartado 601, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Our best wishes go to the staff of TGNA—"Telling the Good News Abroad!"

#### This Month's Schedules

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan-Radio Omdurman still is heard in Arabic 2315-2345 on 9.747; also noted afternoons to 1430 closedown; all-Arabic program. (Cox, Delaware, others) Should have English on Fridays around 1230-1300.

Angola—Occasionally, Radio Clube do Huambo, 11.925, Nova Lisboa, can be heard in California around 1115-1145; all-Portuguese. (Neeley)

Argentina-LRS2, 9.320, Buenos Aires, fair level when tuned 0050; musical program in Spanish. (Cox, Delaware) LRA, 9.69, still noted in English for North America daily 1900-

Australia-At the time this was compiled, Radio Australia still was using VLC7, 11.81, to North America mornings 0700-1115, news 0715, 0815, 0930, 1030. However, by this time may be using 9.540 or some other 31-m. outlet.

Austria-KZCA, 9.617, Salzburg, noted with good signal when tuned 0117, giving news; weather forecast 0129. (Ferguson, N. C.)

Barbados-Bridgetown, 7.547, Cable and Wireless station, is on the air only two or three times a year; the only time it operates is when a cricket match or horse race meet is being held. During the transmission on Nov. 11, it was announced that the station would not be transmitting again until February 1951, when a cricket match between Barbados and Trinidad will be played. (Mercer, England, via Radio Sweden) The Berne List gives VP918 as 7.547. SWL's who are desirous of verifying Barbados might watch for (Continued on page 118)

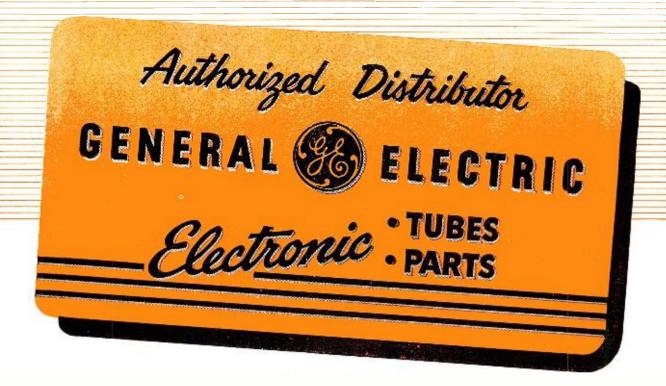
(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all time is expressed in American EST: add 5 hours for GCT. "News" refers to newscasts in the English language. In order to avoid confusion, the 24 hour clock has been used in designating the times of broadcasts. The hours from midnight until noon are shown as 0000 to 1200 while from 1 p.m. to midnight are shown as 1300 to 2400.) The symbol "V" following a listed frequency indicates "varying." The station may operate either above or below the frequency given." "A" means frequency is approximate.

This 16-year-old DX-er is David Dary of Manhattan, Kansas. He uses an RME-45 receiver and three long-wire antennas, each 100 feet long, running E-W, NE-SW, and NW-SW. All are at least 70 feet high. Dave hopes to add a DB22A preselector to his Listening Post soon. A high school junior, Dave is a member of ISWC, ISWL, N.Z. Radio DX League, and other groups. He has logged 49 countries on the short-wave bands in the last six months.



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**D.C. POWER SUPPLIES**Opad-Green Co. of 71 Warren Street, New York 7, New York has recently introduced a new series of general purpose, low voltage d.c. power supplies.

Featuring continuously variable outputs on all models, these units carry continuous duty ratings of 10 amperes. They are available in ranges of 0-8 volts, 0-12 volts, and 0-28 volts, d.c. The a.c. input requirements are 115 volts, 60 cycles, single phase.

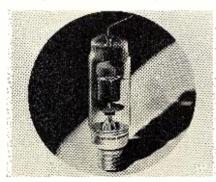
A variable voltage transformer and a fixed ratio transformer insure minute and precision control of the d.c. output, according to the company.

The d.c. voltage and current may be read directly on two 3" meters. The ammeter is calibrated in steps of 200 ma, and has a full scale value of 10 amperes. Bench space requirements are 8" x 16¾".

RECTIFIER TUBE

National Electronics, Inc. of Geneva, Illinois has recently developed a new quick-heating, 15 ampere rectifier tube for heavy-duty industrial applications.

Designated the NL-643, the new



tube is mercury-vapor filled and is designed as a substitute for conventional 15 ampere tubes where higher voltage, higher overload capacity, or extremely long life are required.

The peak inverse voltage rating of 700 volts is 40 per-cent higher than conventional mercury rectifiers. Other ratings include a filament voltage of 2.5; filament current of 23 amperes; filament heating time, 120 seconds; and maximum peak current, 90 amperes.

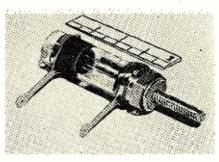
Complete data on this tube is available in the form of a catalogue sheet which is available on request from the company.

PISTON-TYPE VARIABLES

The JFD Manufacturing Co., Inc. of 6101 Sixteenth Avenue, Brooklyn 4, New York has announced production of a new piston type variable trimmer condenser which provides the minimum capacities required for accurate

and stable electronic adjustments.

Tubular in design, it delivers continuously uniform change of capacitance in relation to rotation. Excep-



tionally compact, the new unit is only one inch in length. In addition, the new trimmer has approximately zero temperature coefficient, a "Q" of over 1000 at 1 mc., 55 to 100 degrees C operating temperature, 10,000 megohm insulation resistance, and a single-unit movable electrode and adjustment screw made of a special alloy with low temperature coefficient of expansion.

Three units are available in the new line at the present time, the Nos. VC3, VC5, and VC11. The company will supply specifications on the units upon request.

#### **ELECTRONIC MIXER**

A new professional type electronic mixer for all audio systems is now being offered to the public by The Pentron Corporation of 221 East Cullerton Street, Chicago 16, Illinois as the "Audio-Mix."

Although designed especially for audio engineers in the professional field, the new Model MM-1 is priced for the non-professional user as well. The unit has four individual controls which permit a wide range of audio blending applications on each of its four channels simultaneously. A com-



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The entire unit weighs 4½ pounds and measures 8"x6"x5". Literature on the Model MM-1 "Audio-Mix" is available from the company.

PREAMP-EQUALIZERS

Brociner Electronics Laboratory, 1546 Second Avenue, New York 28, New York has introduced two new models of preamplifier-equalizers for magnetic (constant velocity) phonograph pickups.

The Model A100 and the A100P are



improved versions of the company's Model A65 unit. Both are mechanically similar to the older unit but include several new features among which are: an additional turnover step for exact low frequency equalization of LP records; increased gain which permits the use of new low output dynamic pickups; a screwdriver adjusted gain control for setting of gain to suit the pickup used; lower output impedance which allows the use of longer cable for output without loss of highs: a three-stage amplifier; and the use of the new 12AY7 low hum, non-microphonic dual triode for initial stages and the 6C4 for the output stage.

The units have a power socket to fit under the 6L6 or 6V6 output tubes with a special socket available for triode amplifiers. The Model A100P has an integral power supply on the same size chassis as the A100. This power supply uses a selenium high voltage rectifier.

#### PLUG-IN UNITS

Berkshire Laboratories, 504 Lexington Road, Concord, Massachusetts has begun marketing the "Labcase" which permits any three or four terminal networks to be made into a convenient plug-in unit.

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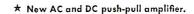
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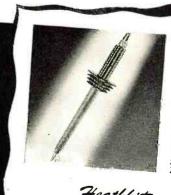
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The variable master oscillator covers 140 to 230 Mc. thus giving high output fundamentals where they are most needed. Low band coverage 2 Mc. to 90 Mc.

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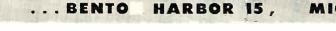
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The process is quite simple. After wiping the printing frame glass to remove fingerprints, the "Sheeting Yellow" is placed in first. The light must pass through this filter first. Then the pencil tracing is placed in proper position with the drawing face down. The "Autopositive" paper comes next, emulsion down, and the frame back is then fitted into place.

This frame was exposed for slightly over one minute as indicated. The "Autopositive" was removed and covered with the developer as rapidly as possible. In about 15 seconds (rather fast I was told) the print was fully developed. I then removed the print and put it in the fixing tray. No short stop was at hand. After about 5 minutes, the print was dropped into the pail for washing. The resulting print, from a very poor pencil tracing, was good.

With a better frame or light box and a more convenient developing layout, it is reasonable to expect that one person can make 25 to 50 8½ by 11 prints per hour after the equipment is set up. Larger copies require larger frames. Kodak recommends that for larger prints the paper be folded so as to use smaller trays.

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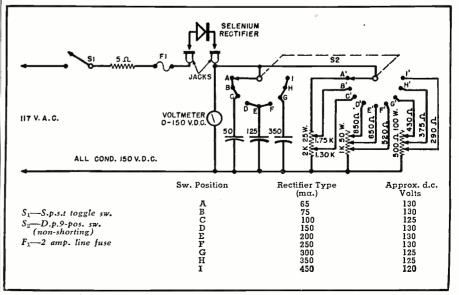
through the print paper, can be done so as to obtain copies of printed matter, one side at a time. It is essential that even illumination be available for this reflex printing. Several smaller No. 1 photoflood (or, better still, the 3200° K. lamps) are recommended for the tungsten-light bank. The No. 1 bulbs should be on about an 8 inch center-tocenter layout, while the larger, longerlasting 3200° K.'s should be on 17 inch centers. An opal or ground glass should be placed about half-way from the lamps to the glass of the printing frame. For reflection, high temperature aluminum paint can be used on the inside of the light box.

The exposure is made by using the usual "Sheeting Yellow" first on the frame, next the "Autopositive" emulsion down, then the typed page or printed matter last. If the magazine, drawing, or other matter to be copied is at all transparent or translucent, and the surface away from the "Autopositive" is not to be copied, it should be covered with black paper sheeting. The light must pass through the "Sheeting Yellow," the emulsion, and the type or material to be copied. The contrast of the "Autopositive" does the rest. The light source *must be intense* and the book or material to be copied held very firmly in place.

It can be seen that very simple equipment is all that is required for the "Autopositive" copy method. The paper in "A" (letter) size costs less than 5c per sheet in lots of 50. Setting the fixed and washed prints face up on newspapers constituted the drying mechanism. Thus, with this most elementary equipment, I can knock out those needed copies quickly and economically. For electronic circuits and layouts, this "Autopositive" copy system seems to be the answer to a long-felt want.

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Schematic diagram of a test unit for checking selenium rectifiers. The table included below shows correct switch position for various types of rectifiers. Voltage readings shown are those that should be obtained when testing rectifiers. This suggested test unit was designed by the Selenium Rectifier Division of Sarkes Tarzian. Inc.





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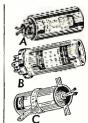
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### CR TUBE BOOKLET

Sylvania Electric Products Inc. of Emporium, Pa. has just issued a new 12-page booklet which lists characteristics of 194 cathode-ray tubes for television receivers, oscilloscopes, and radar applications.

The CR tubes described include 103 designed for magnetic deflection and 91 electrostatic types with screen sizes ranging from 2" to 22". The data provided includes current and voltage, nominal dimensions, basing, persistence and fluorescence of screen, maximum design center ratings, and typical operating conditions.

Copies of the publication, "Sylvania Television Picture Tubes," may be secured from the advertising department of the company at Emporium.

### **BAKELITE BOOKLET**

The new "Guide to Improved Packaging with Bakelite and Vinylite Plastics," recently issued by the Bakelite Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, is of particular interest to manufacturers.

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Copies of this 8-page booklet are available from the company at 300 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

### COMPONENT CATALOGUE

Allied Electric Products Inc. of 68-98 Coit Street, Irvington 11, New Jersey is currently offering a copy of its Catalogue 161 covering a variety of components.

The new 24-page catalogue covers attachment plug caps, cube adapters, cube taps, extension cord sets, fluorescent units, female connectors, various types of lamps, rectifier bulbs, springaction contacts, and a line of television picture tubes.

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### **INSULATOR DATA**

American Lava Corporation of Chattanooga 5, Tenn. has issued a new bulletin, No. 502, on internal insulators for electronic tubes.

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ments for vacuum tube insulators and outlines the main facts about various technical ceramics especially adapted to those requirements.

A chart gives detailed physical characteristics of the five most frequently used ceramic compositions. The chart also gives, for the first time, complete and detailed characteristics on the company's "AlSiMag 548".

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### CABINET CATALOGUE

The company's complete line of television cabinets and five-way combination console cabinets is described and illustrated in the new 14-page catalogue just released by Standard Wood Products Corporation of 43-02 39th Street, Long Island City 4, New York.

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### PRECISION CATALOGUE

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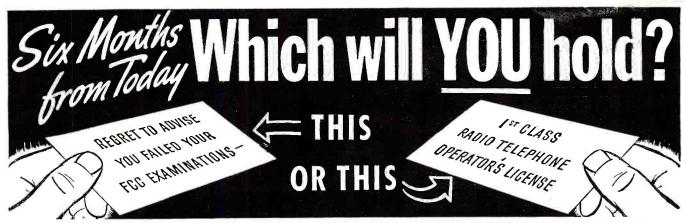
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This revised catalogue contains a wealth of technical information on the principles involved in fine music reproduction. As with the previous edition the material is presented in easy-to-understand form. A large section of this 100 page book is devoted to questions and answers most common to high fidelity owners. The balance of the handbook contains listings, prices, and information on hundreds of components and subassemblies relative to high fidelity music reproduction in the home or public places.

Copies of the 1951 edition of "Audio Equipment, A Handbook for Music Lovers" may be secured from the company without charge.

### PLUNGER RELAYS

H-B Instrument Company has recently issued its Catalogue No. 17 which explains in detail how relay maintenance can be eliminated by using the company's Mercury Plunger Relays.

In addition to providing complete specifications on normally-open and normally-closed tubes and relays with various mountings, the new catalogue features diagrams and cut-away illustrations showing how these relays work.

A copy of Catalogue 17 may be secured by writing Dept. MP31 of the company at 2633 Trenton Avenue, Philadelphia 25, Pa.

### POWER SUPPLIES

Kepco Laboratories, Inc. of 149-14 41st Avenue, Flushing, New York is making available copies of its new brochure on voltage regulated power supplies to interested electronic technicians.

Data sheets on the Models 315, 510, 515, and 500 R have just been released and will be supplied on request. Each sheet carries a picture of the unit and complete specifications and performance details.

Any or all of these sheets will be furnished. Please specify which model data sheets you require.

### SERVICE UNITS

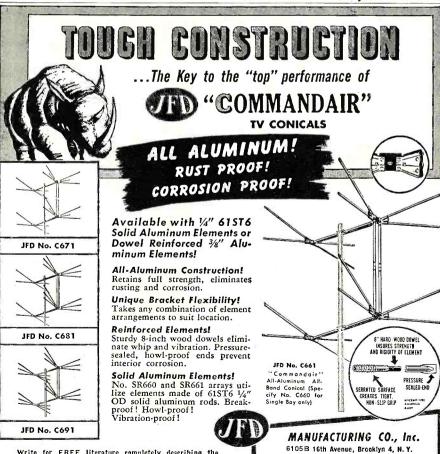
The Simpson Electric Company, 5200 W. Kinzie Street, Chicago 44, Illinois is offering a new, illustrated folder covering six of its instruments for FM and television servicing.

Included are descriptions of the company's Model 335 plate conductance tube tester; the Model 488 field strength meter; the Model 476 "Mirrorscope," the Model 303 v.t.v.m.; the Model 260 a.c.-d.c. volt-ohm-milliammeter; and the Model 480 "Genescope." Detailed descriptions on all of these instruments is given, along with photographs of the units and physical dimensions.

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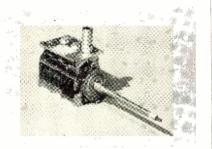
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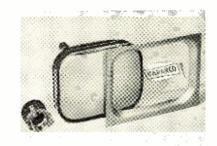
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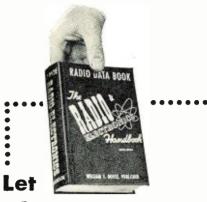
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"ENCYCLOPEDIA ON CATHODE-RAY OSCILLOSCOPES AND THEIR USES" by John F. Rider & Seymour D. Uslan. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., New York. 974 pages. Price \$9.00.

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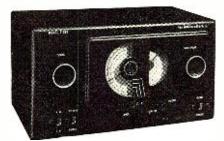
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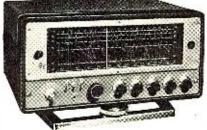


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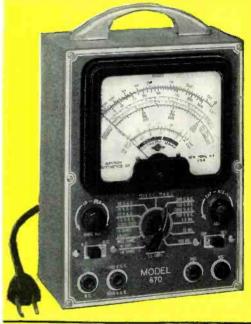
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\* TUBES USED: 12AU7—One section is used as oscillator and the second is modulated cathode follower. T-2 is used as modulator. 6C4 is used as rectifier.

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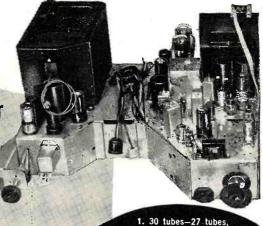
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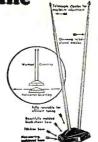
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### **Induction Heating**

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terior remains relatively cool. This technique is widely used for surface hardening of gears, bearings, cams, etc. Prior to the introduction of electronic heating, surface hardening was accomplished by heating the part in a furnace to a specified temperature and then quenching it in an oil bath. Induction heating now performs the same job in less time and with more uniform results. Since skin effect is a function of frequency, the metal may be hardened to any desired depth by proper choice of frequency. Fig. 1 shows a coil spring being hardened by this method. At the end of a preset length of time, an automatic timing device opens a "trap door" and allows the spring to fall into an oil bath. The springs are heated and quenched at a rate of one every eleven seconds. Furnace and open flame methods could never compete with this speed. The heating coil is usually made of hollow copper tubing. Water is sometimes circulated through the coil as a cooling agent.

### Soldering and Brazing

A similar system is used to solder the lids on metal containers such as canned foods and can-type condensers. The lid and a ring of solder are placed in position and the heating coil is then brought down over the container. In a matter of seconds, the lid is sealed with a smooth and uniform coating of solder. The heating is so localized and so rapid that the operation is completed long before the material inside the container can be affected.

Brazing is similarly accomplished. The system is especially advantageous in those cases where the heat must be confined to a small area of a large structure. In brazing aircraft propellers, for instance, the operation is completed before the heat can distort the metal and alter its critical shape.

### Tin Reflowing

Tin reflowing is another industrial problem to which induction heating has been applied with gratifying results. A continuous strip of steel passes through a specially shaped heating coil, and a smooth layer of tin, 30 millionths of an inch thick, is flowed on its surface. With this arrangement, the steel strip is tin plated at a rate of 1000 feet per minute. Formerly, the steel was tin plated by hot-dipping. This meant that the material had to be handled as single strips rather than as a continuous roll. The process was slow and the cost high. The old method required 1.5 pounds of tin for every hundred feet of steel. Induction heating reduces this requirement to one-half pound of tin per hundred feet of steel.

### R.F. Oscillator

The oscillators used to develop the r.f. energy are so conventional that

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their circuits will not be considered here. The Colpitts, Hartley, TGTP and other standard circuits are used. The induction heating unit is like a transmitter without any modulation circuits. Stray radiation must, of course, be held to a minimum to comply with the FCC limitation of 10 microvolts-per-meter at a distance of one mile. An automatic timing circuit is included to permit exact control of the amount of heat developed in the work. Commercially built induction heating units generate powers ranging from 2 kw. to 200 kw., at frequencies ranging from 50 kc. to 3 mc.

A representative induction heating unit is shown in Figs. 2 and 3. This is a 10 kw. generator operating at 450 kc. The oscillator plate coil is visible in the upper portion of the cabinet in Fig. 3. The full-wave, bridge-type rectifier occupies the lower portion of the cabinet. The oscillator tank circuit is tray mounted for ease of removal. Other tank circuits can be substituted for operation at other frequencies. -30-

### A.C. Voltmeter

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writer is a 4-inch round surplus Western Electric instrument with a 350 microampere movement. It has a 270° pointer travel, and hence a very long scale. For this reason it was satisfactory to provide a scale in steps of 10, rather than smaller steps. With a smaller meter, more scale ranges may be needed to get good accuracy of reading. In such a case, the input voltage divider could be arranged to give, say a series of ranges like this: .01--.02--0.1--0.2--1--2--10--20--100.

With the arrangement shown in the photographs, a db. scale was drawn on the meter face in red ink, and is extremely convenient. Fig. 3 gives the relative voltage points on the scale at which to mark decibels, over a 10 to 1 range of voltage.

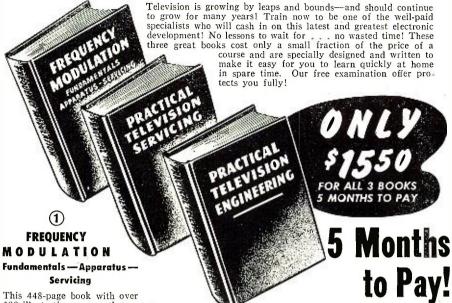
Imitating the Ballantine 300A meter, the scale was calibrated only from 10% to 100% of full-scale, the lower 10% being suppressed because it is read on the next lower range anyway. The mechanical zero adjustment was set so that the meter read correctly at 10% of full scale, and that was that. No further adjustment has even been needed. If a good, big meter is used, this type of scale is extremely convenient.

### Power Supply

The power supply is entirely conventional. The "B" voltage is not critical. A resistor is included to drop the filament voltage to about 5.9, for longer tube life and lower hum. Since the total "B" drain is only around 4 milliamperes, the resistance-capacitance filtering used is fully adequate, and the 6X4 rectifier is quite contented with its heater connected to the 5-volt winding of the power transformer. The actual heater voltage on

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If the value of  $R_{\tau}$  comes out more than 30 per-cent off of 10 ohms, something is probably wrong, and the circuit constants and voltages need

Provided the input attenuator is wired correctly with accurate resistors, calibration at only voltage level is all that is needed; the rest will take care of itself.

The circuit has very high inherent linearity. Small deviations from linearity are probably due to the d.c. meter itself. Large deviations, such as crowding at the top of the scale, are probably caused by insufficient d.c. plate current in tube V2, or to defective 1N34's. Below 10 per-cent of full scale, a little tapering-off may be expected. This is inherent in any rectifier-type meter, but the tail end of the scale should not have to be used anyway. Proper procedure is to calibrate at 10 per-cent and at full scale, and let the zero go hang.

### Physical Layout

There is nothing fussy about the physical layout. One should not go out of his way, of course, to introduce long leads and stray coupling in highimpedance signal circuits. Still, this circuit is considerably more tolerant of such matters than most audio amplifiers.

The cabinet is a standard 5" x 6" x 9" utility box. A special chassis was bent out of sheet aluminum and supported by homemade brackets about 3%" below the panel and parallel to it. The 6AU6 first stage is approximately underneath the input binding posts, and the 6AT6 below the range switch. Power supply components are located on the middle and upper portion of the chassis. This is about the

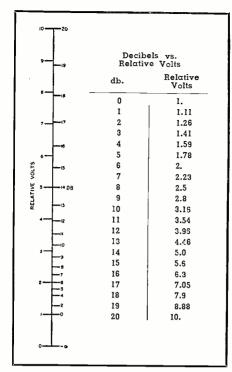


Fig. 3. Graphic and tabular representation of decibels versus relative voltages.

most compact layout that can be realized with standard parts, and the cabinet used has the advantage of taking up very little bench space. A sloping-front cabinet could be used just as well.

### Oscilloscope Jack

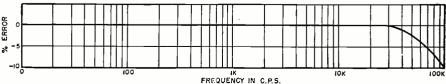
The phone jack  $J_{i}$  in the diagram of Fig. 2 is for plugging in a scope, to check the waveform of the voltage under measurement. It is very useful when distortion measurements are being made, and the use of a scope is advisable as an auxiliary to most audio measurements anyway, in order to see that one is measuring the real signal, and not hum or noise. The jack is convenient because changing ranges on the v.t.v.m. also changes the effective gain to the scope, and it is not necessary to twiddle the scope gain control. The meter reading is not disturbed by connection of the usual 0.5 megohm oscilloscope input to this jack. Phones can be plugged in here too, but headphones will shunt the meter circuit appreciably and make the reading erroneously low. The output level is ample for a scope, but not too high for phones, being of the order of 0.2 to 2 volts.

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Fig. 4. Graph of the frequency response of the electronic audio voltmeter.



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### Cartridge Replacement

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It is this lack of understanding or appreciation of the important role the phono-cartridge plays in determining the ability of the hobbyist's record player to bring him all the enjoyment he demands that has handicapped the technician in effectively exploiting the profitable cartridge market. In the past, manufacturers and distributors have given the technician only limited assistance in telling the public about phono-cartridges. However, under the stimulus of rapidly increasing public interest in home audio systems, cartridges are coming more and more into the spotlight of public attention. Manufacturers and distributors are becoming aware that audio fans want to know more about all the factors in the reproduction of sound. Radio and television journals and even a few national "mass circulation" magazines, alert to trends in the electronic market, are already devoting additional space to explanation of phono developments and installation.

The introduction of microgroove records and the profound effect they have had on phono-cartridge design has given the technician an important and impelling sales message to tell his customers. Actually, in performance and operation, the new, modern cartridges are less like their predecessors than the modern automobile resembles the "horseless carriage" of another era. It is important to note that the new improvements were not limited to microgroove cartridges but were applied to 78 r.p.m. cartridges as well. Unfortunately, the average record fan is not aware of the thorough overhauling of phono-pickup techniques nor what it means to him in superior sound reproduction, longer life from his records, and less record and needle wear. But the music enthusiast who treasures his library of records, often accumulated over a period of years and consequently including many 78 r.p.m. recordings, is particularly receptive to a cartridge guaranteed to bring him more brilliant reproduction from his records while extending their life many times over. And this is just what the technician has to offer him.

Ten million record players still use old-fashioned, heavy, stiff cartridges. Permitting the record fan to continue using these cartridges, which actually detract from his ability to fully enjoy his record player, is a disservice to him. The average list price of a modern cartridge replacement is \$7.00. Seldom has the technician had so much value to sell at so little cost. In no other component of a sound system, regardless of cost, have more significant improvements been made in recent years than in phono cartridges. The features that guarantee less record wear and better reproduction—light weight, high compliance, and reduced tracking pressures—are inherent in





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The compliance of a cartridge is one of the most important determinants of record and needle life and quality of reproduction. Compliance is the lightness of needle movement on the record. Just what this means can be demonstrated by letting the record fan move the needle of the old cartridge with his finger and then test the modern replacement cartridge in the same manner. The flexibility of the modern needle system is instantly apparent. The stiff, non-compliant needle system of old fashioned cartridges is not free to follow displacements of record grooves and much of the sound pressed into the record is not reproduced.

But the stiffness of the needle system has a second, more serious effect. The oppressive force with which the needle tip is forced against the groove walls rapidly wears them down, eliminating various tones so that reproduction merely approximates the original.

The hobbyist will easily understand why the flexibility or compliance of modern cartridges means less needle pressure against the record groove walls and greater ability to follow displacements of the grooves. He will know why his records will last longer and sound better when played by a modern pickup.

Old style cartridges require a force of 28 to 56 grams (1 to 2 ounces) to keep them from mis-tracking. Modern cartridges track perfectly at 5 to 12 grams pressure. By reducing the force with which the needle pushes against the record groove to a whisker touch, modern cartridges add months and months of usefulness to the life of records and needles.

These benefits were made possible by greatly improved phono-cartridge harness or drive systems. The high voltage output-to-compliance ratios offered by these drive systems marks their innate superiority over previous methods in which compliance and tracking pressure were virtually ignored as factors in cartridge design. An example of the radically new approach made to the problem of driving a piezoelectric generating element by a needle is the "Torque Drive" system of Electro-Voice cartridges. By this system, needle movement is transmitted to the generating element through a rotary motion. "Torque Drive" acts as a mechanical transformer and provides the right "gear ratio" between the record groove and crystal. It multiplies needle force to

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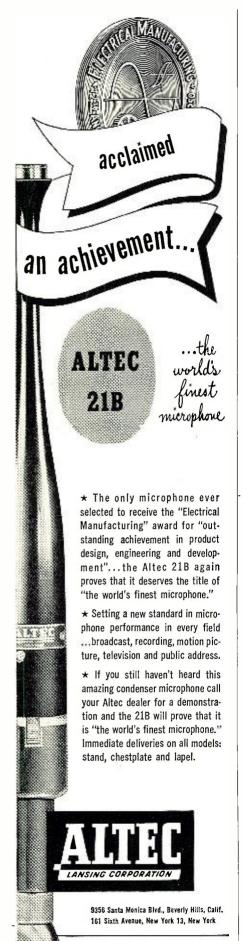
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The story of modern pickup cartridges is an interesting one for the audio enthusiast and one that will appeal to his desire for the most enjoyment possible from his record player. It is firmly implemented by facts to whet his scientific curiosity.

The cartridge modernization market can be one of the technician's most important sales areas. In it he is preeminently well equipped to render outstanding service. His technical knowhow is unmatched by any of the other factors active in the market. Cartridge manufacturers are eager to make available to the technician charts which list the modern cartridges they recommend to replace older, inferior models. Installation is easy because standard tone arm mounting dimensions and wiring arrangements are employed throughout most of the industry. Accurate, easy-to-read installation instructions are a part of each cartridge package. The replacement of old style cartridges in 10 million record players still using them presents the technician with the opportunity to make one of his most significant contributions to the development of home audio systems-and can be, at the same time, one of his most profitable sales activities.

### A SYNC SIGNAL INVERTER FOR THE SCOPE

By WILBUR J. HANTZ

In the course of oscilloscope measurement procedures it often becomes imperative to observe test signals of either polarity. This is usually an impossible attempt with ordinary scopes. It is somewhat annoying when one must plot an a.f. curve or observe sync pulses upside down.

The circuit shown in Fig. 1, was designed for the scope owner who doesn't have the cash to trade the old one in for a gold-plated special. Here the synchronizing voltage, whether it is of positive or negative polarity, internal or external, is applied to the first half of  $V_1$  which is a phase inverter. Any amount of signal can be selected from either the plate or cathode for feeding the second half of  $V_1$  by means of the center-tapped control  $R_5$ . The 1N52

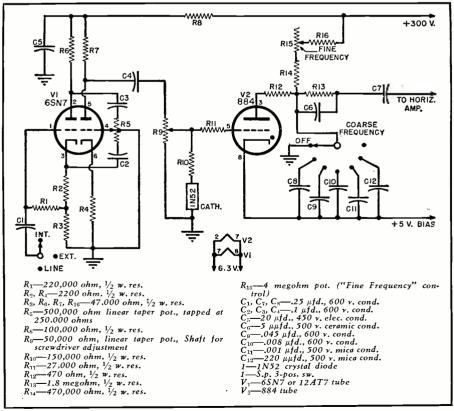
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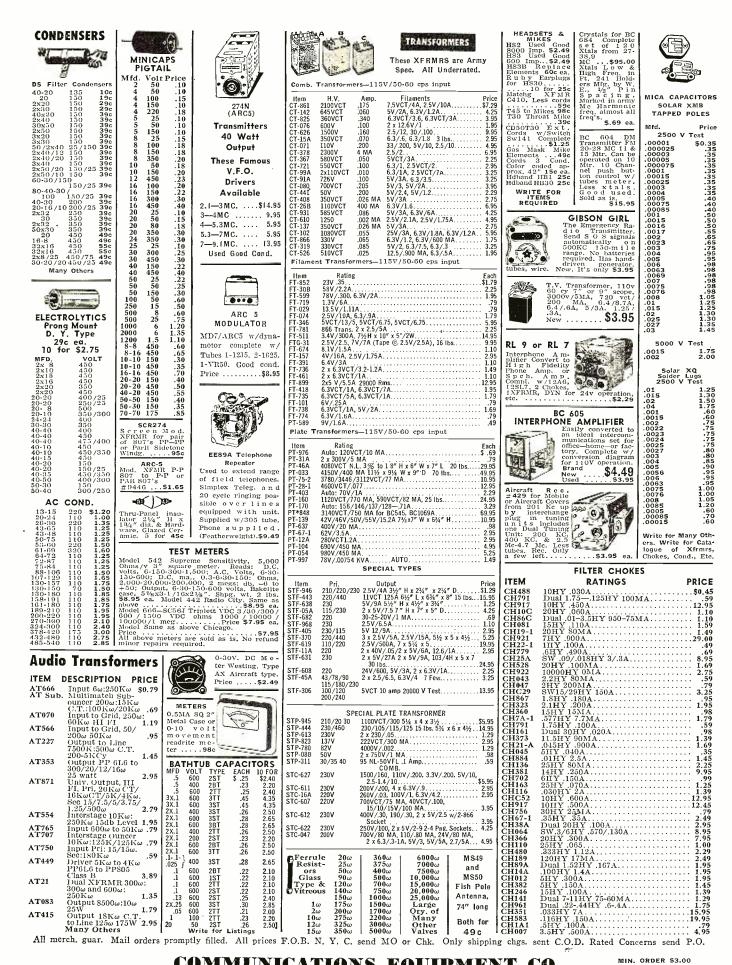
a peak limiter to prevent the sync volt-

age from exceeding a set level thus avoiding a premature firing of the 884 due to too much input signal. The control R<sub>0</sub> is a small screwdriver adjustment and may be located at the rear of the chassis or wherever convenient. In use, this is set so the diode conducts when the signal exceeds the bias. If desired, this control can be replaced by a 47,000 ohm, ½-watt resistor which was used in the author's final model.

The 884 sweep oscillator is along conventional lines and was shown just to indicate the addition of the sync signal inverter. In most cases any of the scopes will stand the addition of this extra tube which can be either a 6SN7 or a 12AT7. Several different size controls were tried instead of the center-tapped 500,000 ohm linear control shown but this pot works the best.

Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the reverse polarity sweep circuit.



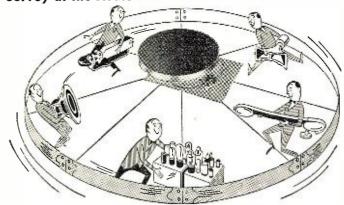


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is used with the value of its calibrations doubled. Instead of 3.5 ohms as the value of the center calibration mark, the new scale will have a value of 7 ohms at this point with a corresponding increase throughout the scale.

All of the fixed resistors may be of the carbon type, selected from standard RTMA sizes by checking a few units of the nearest standard size to the value required. The tolerance of the 10% units will usually allow a resistor of the right size and accuracy to be found.

The 9 megohm unit should be of 1 watt rating, not because of the load it carries, but on account of the voltage drop across it. The regular ½ watt unit is rated at 350 volts drop. As this is the drop across this resistor when 750 volts are under test, the larger resistor is used to provide a safety factor.

No matter how many ranges a selector switch may have it always seems that more could be used. By a little trick one extra range was added to the switch in this v-o-m circuit. To get it, the make and type of switch specified should be used. Remove the rear deck and replace it upside down. With the switch re-assembled as directed, the rotating contact of the reversed deck will be one position out of line with the rotating contacts of the other decks. This is shown in the schematic diagram (Fig. 2) where with the selector switch drawn in what would normally be the "Off" position, the 75  $\mu$ a. range is now connected to the panel jacks. This range is also connected to the Jones socket and should always be in when the oscillator is attached.

To build a device of this type into a cabinet this size requires that some fitting of parts will be necessary. There is not enough space on the v-o-m panel for the broad flange of the Weston meter. It was necessary, therefore, to turn down this flange to a diameter of 2% inches. This operation removes the screw holes provided for fastening the meter to the panel, so that other means had to be found. The job was finally done by boring out the meter hole in the panel (Fig. 5A) to a hand press fit against the meter case. To securely lock the meter in place, a little shellac is run in around the inside edge of the hole.

A standard panel bearing, shown under the index finger in Fig. 1, serving as a spacer and a support for the binding screw, will require modification. Various shaft lengths are supplied with these bearings. Select one that can be cut to a length of 1% inches from the rear of the bearing and cut it to length. Remove the shaft from the bearing. Then put the bearing into position. Note the excess of threads beyond the binding nut. These threads are unsightly and should be turned off. Next, the shaft which will now become the binding screw between the handle and

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the v-o-m must be turned down and threaded at the front of the bearing end with a 10-32 thread  $\frac{5}{16}$  inch long. The bearing and screw may then be assembled in the handle.

Cases for the separate units are made from material easily adapted to fit. For the v-o-m the case of the Weston Model 697 instrument is used. The tuning unit requires a rectangular aluminum tube 314 inches long x 3 inches high x 1% inches wide x .093 wall. A piece of 24 ST square aluminum tubing with rounded corners 4% inches long x 1½ inches each side x .050 wall is used for the handle. If this wall thickness can not be secured, a  $\frac{1}{16}$  wall, which is a more common size, may be used. The thicker wall will have to be filed out at the lower end of the handle to accept the single dry cell that must be placed here.

One picture has been given the value of 10,000 words. This being so, the construction and assembly of those parts not detailed in the drawings may be judged from the photographs, since these parts, such as the raising block, binding screw knob, etc., do not have to be held close to size or position.

The pleasure to be obtained from working with any device of your own construction depends to a great extent upon its appearance. For this reason the required lettering on the panel and dials should be engraved and the high frequency coils silver-plated for the gain in "Q" as well as the improved appearance that the plating gives. Do this and build carefully. You will have a job you can be proud of.

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By M. KALASHIAN, WINXT

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# Station MARS Station of the Month

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ESTLED in the Lake Tahoe Valley, 6250 feet above sea level, is military amateur radio station A6GMX, named MARS Station of the Month by the Chief of MARS-Army, Captain E. L. Nielsen.

The station is owned and operated by E. R. (Bob) Horwinski, a former Signal Corpsman who vowed, during the war, that "if I ever get home I will take my radio gear to the mountains and live my own life.'

He has taken to the mountains, true. But his activities as net control station on the MARS 4020 kc. net, serving as communications officer for Lake Tahoe Coast Guard Flotilla #61, working with forest rangers and with air-rescue service, indicate that Bob's life is not exactly carefree.

To get equipment for all these assorted services, A6GMX has "scrounged" the surplus market thoroughly. His home station transmitters are a pair of AT-20's, purchased from the Australian Government as surplus and shipped to California at Bob's expense.

Horwinski also operates a 1 kw. mobile station mounted in an armored truck. Police sirens and a beachmaster speaker system are mounted on the truck to help attract attention or direct other search parties when the unit operates with rescue crews. The Coast

Guard boat furnished for his use is completely equipped for maritime mobile operation on Lake Tahoe. (Lake Tahoe is 21.5 miles long by 12 miles wide with 75 miles of shoreline. Twenty-three postoffices serve the Lake Tahoe valley, according to A6GMX, and the valley is serviced by two major highways, U.S. 40 and U.S. 50.) A6GMX is presently crusading for

location of a weather station at Lake Tahoe. According to his observations, Lake Tahoe is "similar to the bottom of a pan, with mountains up to 12,000 feet all around it. U.S. 50 comes into this bowl over Spooner Summit Pass at 7140 feet, skirts the south end, and goes out over Echo Summit Pass at 7340 feet."

Horwinski's argument is that the area generates its own weather, which is not indicated by any other weather station now in existence. Because of the tremendous volume of tourists and visitors annually, Horwinski feels many lives might be saved by an atthe-scene weather charting service.

When winter sets in and the region is no longer open to motor traffic, Bob covers the valley by means of dog sled. You guessed it—he has emergency portable radio equipment aboard!

If he finds time hanging heavy on his hands, A6GMX can take to the air. He has a surplus P-40 aircraft, and is

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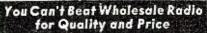
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a licensed pilot. "Only thing is," he mused recently, "the darn thing really eats up gasoline, and my income is pretty small. In the summer I live by the process of repairing radios-we have a lot of tourists—but in the winter the source of ready cash disappears. Confidentially, I'm preparing to put a commercial broadcast station on the air to give me a year 'round income so that I can pursue my hobbies the way I want to."

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either the network coaxial or the microwave relay. Material shortages will make it practically impossible to construct new television stations even if FCC ends the freeze. However, commercial television should continue to flourish as a result of the exploitation of the new markets which will open up as the network expands.

### Color Television

The FCC's decision late in 1950 to accept the CBS standard for color transmission has had very little effect on the industry as a whole. Although the initial reaction of the public was to hold off on the purchase of television receivers, this feeling was only short-lived and as of the end of the year receiver sales were normal. The future of color television is today a purely academic question. The conflict as to what system of color transmission will survive the test of time will undoubtedly continue in the coming year. No color system can be expected to achieve a "commercial" status within the foreseeable future. Manufacturers and broadcasters face too many difficulties in connection with existing black and white production and transmission to worry about color.

### Servicing Business 1951

Considering that 1951 offers a ten million television set servicing market, the future of the replacement business should remain a bright one. The big question mark, however, is one of supply, that is, providing the lower level of distribution—the technician—can obtain an adequate supply of parts and tubes to complete his servicing job. In this period of component shortages manufacturers will have to determine for themselves whether new sets are to receive a greater priority than those sets already in the field. The manufacturer must remember that his name and reputation is at stake when a set in the field is left inoperative due to an inadequate supply of components or tubes. At a recent meeting, Ernest A. Marx, general manager of the Du Mont Receiver Division, said that his company would give a component and tube priority to those sets already in the field. It is his contention that manufacturers must keep faith with the customers that have already been sold. What manufacturers in general will do will determine to a great part the

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state of the servicing business in 1951. The supplying of servicing organizations with needed parts and tubes will mean both an expanded servicing business and ever-operative television receivers, which in the final analysis is the most important factor in the success of television broadcasting.

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### Within the Industry

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LAWTON who has served as assistant to the president of Sentinel Radio Corporation for three and one-half years has been elevated to the post of secretary of the company . . . ROBERT B. BARNHILL is the new manager of mobile radio sales for Bendix Radio Communications Division . . . RALPH J. CORDINER has been elected president of the General Electric Company to succeed Charles E. Wilson who was recently named chairman of the government's new Defense Mobilization Board . . . EDWARD J. HANLEY has been named president and CLARK W. KING executive vice-president of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation . . . DAVID R. HULL has been elected a vicepresident of Raytheon Manufacturing Company by the board of directors . . . ROBERT K. ROULSTON has been appointed assistant to the president of Air King Products Company, Inc. and will coordinate the company's new expansion program . . . RAY F. SPARROW has been named senior vice-president of P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc. He has been vice-president in charge of sales since 1931 . . . M. J. ALEXANDER has joined Thomas Electronics, Inc. of Passaic, New Jersey as director of the TV tube firm's sales and advertising programs.

KURT APPERT, vice-president and chief engineer of Lenkurt Electric Co. of



San Carlos, California, has been named director of engineering for the firm.

Associated with the company since its founding in 1934, Mr. Appert will be actively engaged in the engineering of

the firm's line of wire-line and radio carrier equipment for telephony, telegraphy, telemetering, and control.

The post of chief engineer, vacated by the promotion of Mr. Appert, is being filled by George M. Lebedeff. He was formerly chief engineer at Heintz and Kaufman and was associated with the Federal Telegraph Company.

MURRAY HILL BOOKS, INC., publishers of technical books, is now operating as the Technical Division of RINEHART BOOKS, INC. The company will continue to maintain offices at 232 Madison Avenue in New York . . . SLIDE-CROSS TELETABLE COMPANY has been

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O. O. SCHREIBER has been named assistant to the president of *Philco Cor-*



poration in addition to his duties as assistant secretary of the company.

He has been associated with *Philco* for the past 17 years, joining the parent company as controller of *Philco* 

Distributors, Inc. in New York. He has since held various positions in the financial, production, and contract divisions of the company until his appointment to the post of assistant secretary in 1949. At the same time he was named secretary of the Management Policy Committee and of the Management Operations Committee, two responsibilities which he will continue to discharge.

**RTMA** reports that production of TV picture tubes in November continued at its peak fall rate, running slightly above October.

A total of 851,872 tubes were sold to manufacturers in November and 914,804 were produced for all purposes.

FRANK H. URIELL has been named vice-president and general counsel for  ${\it Ad}$ -

miral Corporation of Chicago.



A well-known tax attorney, Mr. Uriell ended a 25 year association with the law firm of *Pope and Ballard* to accept his new post. He joined the law firm

in 1922, later resigning when he was named Assistant to the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in 1933. He rejoined *Pope and Ballard* in 1937.

Mr. Uriell's first association with Admiral came about in 1942 when he was retained to handle a tax case for the company. From that time until the present he has handled the company's legal matters, an affiliation which led to his present position. —30—

### What's New in Radio

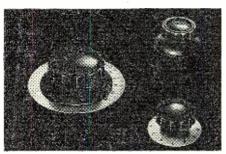
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proximately  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The output binding posts may be used with leads having single or double banana plugs, spade tips, or plain wire ends. Input terminals are of the banana type with standard  $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch spacing.

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In addition to standard types, the company can supply modified versions of the knobs and dials on special order in quantity production lots. Inquiries should be addressed to the company direct.

### **CORNER SPEAKER**

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A wide selection of speakers of various manufacture is available with this system. The impedance matches amplifier outputs of 4 to 16 ohms. Designed primarily for the small room, the system may be used in larger rooms with good results. The cabinet is available in either modern or traditional styling and measures 36" high, 30" wide, and 18" deep. Standard finishes include cordovan mahogany, wal-

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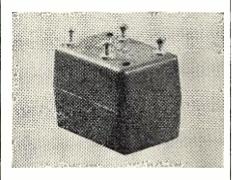
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### POTENTIAL TAP

Of interest to service technicians as well as laboratory personnel is the new device recently announced by Industrial Devices, Inc. of Edgewater, New Jersey.

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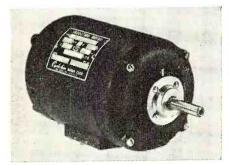
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#### FRACTIONAL H.P. MOTORS

The Cyclohm Motor Corporation Division of Howard Industries, Inc. of Racine, Wisconsin is currently in pro-



duction on a new fractional h.p. motor for tape recording applications.

The Model 2900 is a two-speed hysteresis motor which is rated at 1/100 to 1/15 horsepower. The same unit is also available as a non-synchronous capacitor motor and a torque motor with high resistance rotors.

The company will supply complete data and literature on the Model 2900 on request.

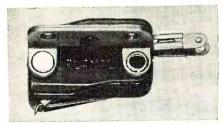
#### PHONO PICKUP

Two additions have recently been made to the line of phonograph pickups being manufactured by Sonotone Corporation of Elmsford, New York.

The new "Titone" units include the "Playal" with replaceable needle and the "Super Titone Turnover" unit.

The "Playal" can be used with three types of needles. With a 3 mil sapphire needle, it plays 78 r.p.m. recordings. A 1 mil sapphire needle is used with 331/3 and 45 r.p.m. recordings. All three types of recordings can be played with a 2.3 mil truncated osmium needle

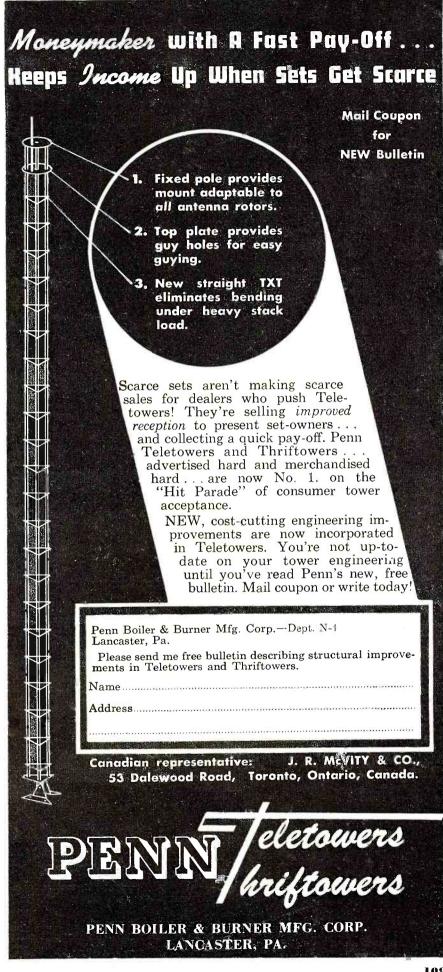
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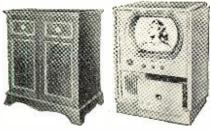
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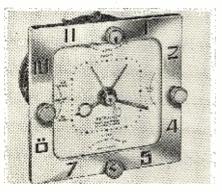
The company claims that the new tape offers excellent quality over a wide response range with unusually fine high frequency response.

A descriptive circular is available from the Accessories Division of the company at the address given.

#### **RADIO SWITCH-TIMERS**

The Sessions Clock Co. of Forestville, Conn. has recently announced a series of new switch-timer movements for radio applications.

These new units feature the "Tru-Bel" ten-minute reminder, a low-speed quiet motor, and "Sleep-Selector" switch to turn the radio off automatically at a preset time up to 90 minutes, automatic radio shut-off 11/2 to 2



hours after the timer turns on (for the forgetful), and UL Approved 10 and 15 ampere switches.

Radio manufacturers have a choice of front or back controls, round or square bezel, and etched or screened numerals, luminous or in color. Dial and hand styling can be furnished to suit the user.

The new switch-timer catalogue covering these and other units in the Sessions line is available from the Timer Division, Dept. 21, of the company.

#### PAGING SPEAKER

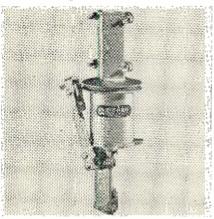
University Loudspeakers, Inc. of 80 South Kensico Ave., White Plains, N.Y. has developed a new paging-type speaker, the "Cobra-12."

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#### ANTENNA TURNER

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PLAYBACK MACHINE
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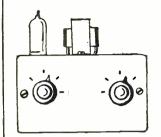
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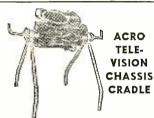
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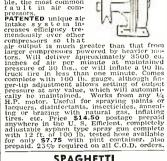
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# A Vacuum-Tube TRANSFORMER

A simple circuit, superior to cathode follower, eliminates costly transformers when coupling high-impedance output to low-impedance device.

#### By RICHARD H. DORF

Audio and TV Consultant

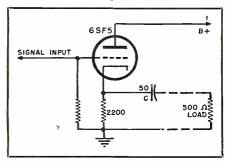
ANY occasions arise where the outputs of low-level amplifiers must be coupled to low-impedance devices. Typical instances are microphone and phonograph preamplifiers feeding low-impedance mixers or lines in broadcast stations, recording studios, p.a. systems, and high-quality residence installations. If transformers are used, high prices must be paid for output transformers which will not introduce frequency, phase, or intermodulation distortion.

Replacement of the transformer with a vacuum tube is the first thought that comes to mind, and the cathode follower circuit seems the obvious one to use. In many cases it is satisfactory and the impedancematching cathode followers presented by Leon G. Wilde in the December, 1949, issue of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS fill the bill.

There is one drawback, however, when a cathode follower is loaded by a low impedance. Fig. 1, for instance, shows a cathode follower with a 500-ohm output impedance feeding a 500-ohm load. The blocking condenser C must have a large capacitance, at least 50  $\mu$ fd. for a 500-ohm system and proportionately more for lower-impedance units, which means that it must be an electrolytic. And being an electrolytic, it has appreciable d.c. leakage, even if it is of the highest quality. There is, thus, some d.c. in the load.

The writer has found from experience that even this small amount of d.c. is enough to produce bad effects. If a variable attenuator—wire-

Fig. 1.



wound or step-type—is the load, the slightest imperfection in the contact of the rotating arm with the resistance network makes a loud pop. If the load is the primary of an input transformer, the d.c. may be enough to damage the frequency response, though it is not likely to saturate the core. If there is a switch of any kind between the cathode follower and its load, each opening and closing of the

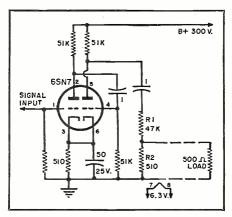


Fig. 2.

switch sounds like a pistol shot—and there is no way of "de-clicking" the system. Where a switch is used, there is some advantage in placing a permanent resistor, about 10 times as large as the load, between the negative end of the condenser and ground; this keeps the condenser charged, at least. It does not solve the problem.

A solution is offered by the circuit of Fig. 2. At the cost of one extra tube or the replacement of the single cathode follower triode by a duotriode, d.c. is entirely eliminated from the load and added gain is secured.

The problem solved in the writer's case was that of coupling the outputs of microphone and phonograph preamplifiers to 500 ohm lines leading to the inputs of a 500 ohm mixer system. The output circuit of Fig. 2 is simply a pair of cascaded triodes, with the output line tapped across the last 500 ohms of the resistance which ordinarily would be across the grid of the following stage. This approach may seem less ingenious than the cathode follower, aside from the question of blocking d.c., but a look at the following figures will change that impression

The voltage gain of each triode is 13; gain of the two stages from input ohms. The voltage appearing across grid to the second plate is 169 or 45 db.  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  constitute a voltage divider; the effective value of  $R_2$  in combination with the load is about 250  $R_2$  and the load is, therefore, about 1/200 of that on the second plate, a loss for purposes of impedance matching of about 46 db. Since the gain of both stages is 45 db., net loss from input grid to 500 ohm load is about 1 db.

The d.c. blocking condenser C is in series with 47,000 ohms instead of with 500 ohms as in the cathode follower of Fig. 1. It can, therefore, be much smaller. The value of 1  $\mu$ fd. shown in Fig. 2 is adequate for the most exacting bass response. It is, of course, a paper unit (or metallized paper for smaller size), so does not pass any detectable d.c.

The loss of 1 db. in this circuit compares with a somewhat greater loss in the cathode follower. It is also interesting to compare this circuit with a standard transformer-loaded triode stage. Voltage gain of the latter may be around 10, or about 20 db., from grid to plate, but the stepdown loss in the 10,000-500 ohm output transformer is about 4.5, or 13 db., leaving a net voltage gain for the stage of only 7 db. The use of the circuit of Fig. 2, therefore, entails a loss of only about 8 db. compared with a standard transformer scheme. But not only is it cheaper to add the gain needed with another tube (and usually the 8 db. difference is not important), but no transformer can perform as well for high-quality work as a straight vacuum-tube circuit.

Decibel calculations should usually, of course, be corrected for the differences in input and output impedances. Here, however, we are dealing strictly with voltage, so impedances do not introduce real errors.

The limitation on the circuit of Fig. 2 is that it is usable only in low-level applications. Maximum permissible input voltage to the first triode grid is 0.17 volt and maximum output is 0.14 volt or about -22 db. (6 mw. reference level in 500 ohms). The circuit may be used for 600-ohm circuits by simply replacing  $R_2$  with a 620 ohm resistor. Maximum output level in this case will be roughly -15 v.u. (1 mw. reference level in 600 ohms).

These values are quite satisfactory in most audio systems consisting of preamplifiers, high-level mixer, and program or line amplifier. In addition to the low cost and high performance compared to transformer coupling, the  $R_1$ - $R_2$  voltage-divider effect affords a 46 db. isolation of the outgoing line from tube noise and hum. In cathode followers the direct coupling to a tube element often gives great difficulty from these factors, especially from hum, when a low-level circuit is being fed. This is true even with very well filtered power supplies and may be due to the close proximity of the cathode to the heater.

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#### **Spot Radio News**

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are permitted to develop both technical and programming experience . . ." there is scant prospect that they will be ready and able to exploit ultrahigh television when it comes of age."

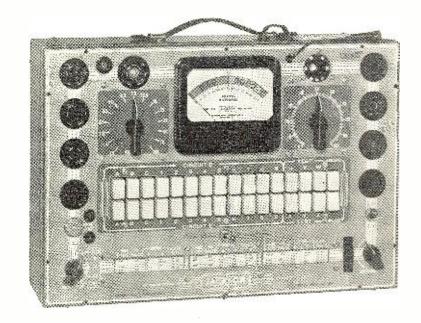
COLOR plunged into one of the dramatic events of the year during the closing days of '50, when RCA presented its improved version of compatible electronic red, green, and blue viewing. In accordance with its earlier promise to unveil a system that would feature many improvements, the gentlemen from Princeton displayed models using tri-color tubes with the number of dots increased from 351,000 to 600,000, and with new red and blue phosphors which added to picture brightness and eliminated the need for an optical filter.

Everyone was enthusiastic about the results. During a demonstration before licensees, several large-plant owners declared that the pictures were very striking. In the opinion of Dr. Allen B. DuMont, the system now offers substantial brilliance and no longer is there any flicker. The fidelity was also very good, he said.

The reduction in chassis size was particularly noticeable. When the color demonstrations were held about two years ago, there were about 100 tubes in the model and three picture tubes were set up in an elaborate mirror system. The newest set has only 43 tubes and a single three-color picture tube. Incidentally, the picture available now is about 131/2 inches, but it is expected that this will be increased to at least 16 inches very soon. A 13-tube converter was also demonstrated, along with a slave-type chassis.

Describing the operation of the system, technical staff members said that each primary color is directed to one of three camera tubes. The pictures on the three tubes are then scanned by electronic beams simultaneously and each image is thereby dissected into 525 lines, the entire process being repeated 30 times per second. The outputs of the three-camera tubes consist of three simultaneous picture signals, each representing one of the three primary colors. After the signals leave the camera tubes, they are combined to form a black and white picture, which contains mixed highs, a principle based on the fact that the eye cannot distinguish color in fine detail. At the same time, the three primary color signals pass through a color sampler and are multiplexed to permit their transmission over a standard TV band. The black and white signal containing the mixed highs is added to the sampled or multiplexed color signals in an electronic unit called an "adder," and the result is a combined high-detail video signal.

The incoming television signal passes through standard receiver circuits.



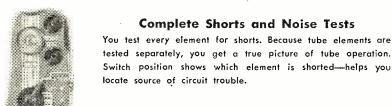
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Confidence in the improved technique was so sturdy, that a statement was issued declaring that the corporation is willing to back this assured feeling with its money and reputation. The assertion was made in a brief filed before the three-judge court in Chicago, before whom a color-injunction motion had been made against the FCC.

"The confidence of *RCA* and *NBC* in the *RCA* color system is not based on laboratory work alone, but upon actual experience," the brief said. "It is based on months of field testing under conditions which the record shows closely approximate normal commercial broadcasting conditions."

The brief also cited the lack of success CBS has had in finding an engineering solution to the problem of incompatibility after devoting, as it claims, ten years of research to its method. Compatibility, the brief explained, should be . . . "dealt with as a research expense of the company which sponsors a color system. It should not be dealt with at the expense of the public. But the adoption of the CBS system is an attempt to transfer the expense of compatibility to the public, which must buy adapters, at a cost of half a billion dollars. to overcome the defect of incompatibility in that system."

According to the legal reply of the electronic proponents, compatibility is . . . "an engineering matter to which RCA devoted its attention with success and with respect to which CBS must admit complete and absolute failure."

SMALL BOAT OWNERS received a bit of good news during the closing days of the old year, when they learned that the popular frequency of 2638 kilocycles, would still be available. Because of a rule-making procedure which had indicated that maritime rule revisions, calling for frequency and use restrictions, would be probed before the year was out, some small craft operators thought that the 2638 channel would be cancelled. Actually, according to the Commission, plans are afoot to provide comparable additional frequencies in the 2000 to 3500-kilocycle band. At present, there are no frequencies in this band available for immediate substitute assignment. Therefore, it will be necessary to continue the use of the 2638 frequency for general radiotelephone communications until substitute frequencies are made available.

The FCC said that they heartily approve the use of small-craft communications for not only essential contact, but for social purposes, too.

RAILROAD RADIO's communication possibilities were demonstrated to members of the Commission recently, during a run of over 200 miles by the *Erie Railroad*, between Susquehanna, Pennsylvania and Jersey City, N. J., a test route over which newspaper and magazine writers were taken a few months prior.

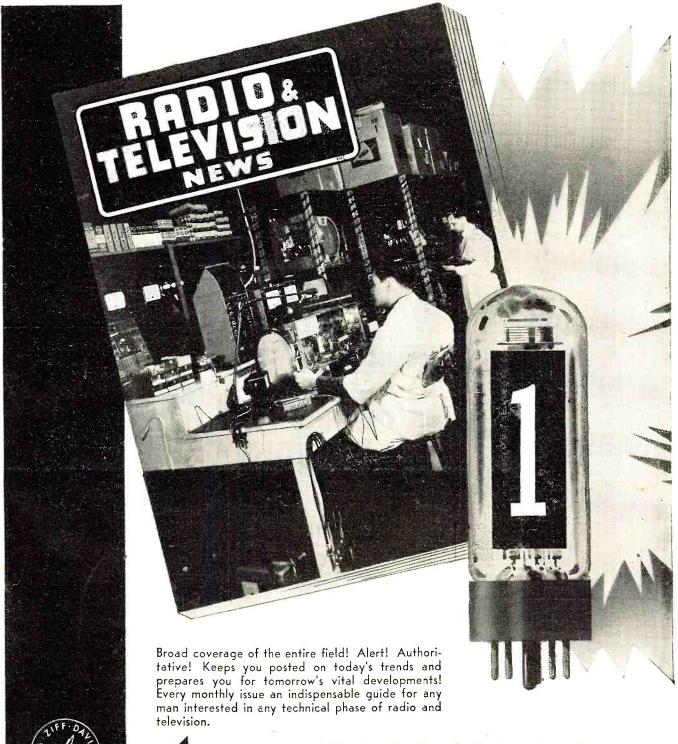
The Commissioners saw a four-way train-radio network in operation, which includes 51 wayside transmitting stations spaced at intervals ranging from six to thirty miles, operating on the standard very-high frequencies allotted for train-radio operations. Between Susquehanna and Port Jervis, N. Y., the train traveled over 104 miles of rugged terrain and through valleys of the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers. Eleven base stations provided point-to-point contact at all times. Between Port Jervis and Croxton Freight Yards in Jersey City, the train traveled over an 87-mile highly industrialized route in which power and structural interference had to be overcome. The results were excellent, the Commissioners found. During this portion of the trip, six base stations provided contact.

Among those who were on the trip were FCC Chairman Wayne Coy and Commissioners Paul Walker, Edward Webster, Robert Jones, and Rosel Hyde. Colonel Edwin L. White, chief of the safety and special services bureau, George Turner assistant chief engineer and Marshall Orr, chief of the enforcement unit were also on board.

The system was hailed as a milestone in railroading and communications, providing an all-important pointto-point link along a vital transportation route.

AS DOWNTOWN AND MIDTOWN WASHINGTON hum with political and legal activity, on the outskirts, or specifically Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street, there is a beehive of scientific motion. For here stands the National Bureau of Standards, where 15 scientific and technical divisions divided into more than 100 sections, are engaged in a round-the-clock investigation of every facet of science. It is here where the divisions of electricity, electronics, ordnance development, propagation, missile development, and other related units are seeking to provide the answers to problems which will further elevate our standards of living and strengthen our leadership in education, research, and industry. It is here where much of the nation's striking progress has been recorded and where we can look for even greater strides in these moments of national emergency . . . . L.W.

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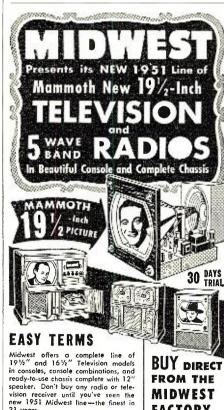
more than the interest paid on the borrowed funds.

9. If returns are filed on an accrual basis, using inventory valuations at the beginning and the end of the year, all accrued items, which are expenses, due but not yet paid, should be pro-rated to the end of the taxable year and deducted. Make each year's return complete in itself. Any expenses and liabilities overlooked in one year cannot be deducted from the next year's return. In general, the income tax law is concerned with losses or gains for the taxable year and the taxpayer should make the proper recordings in the year the transactions occur. All deductions must be evidenced by closed and completed transactions, fixed by identifiable events, bona fide and actually sustained during the taxable period for which allowed. That is why it is so important to preview your return some time before filing time and not prepare it in a hurry a few days before March 15. You may overlook certain important factors that might have given you tax benefits. You'll pay more tax than you should and you may not get a refund.

10. Keep accurate accounts and the necessary supporting records. The heavy taxes that will be levied from now on make it an economy measure to review your accounting set-up to make sure that it provides means for recording all business figures accurately. Errors and omissions will be far more costly today than in the days before Pearl Harbor. In too many establishments, particularly in the smallor moderate-sized shops, the records are vague and incomplete, in which case, the figures cannot be recorded on the return with any assurance that they will give the taxpayer maximum benefits. The taxpayer will be in a bad way if an income tax auditor checks his books and finds the records inaccurate or inadequate. Then the revenue man may have to estimate, and in such cases, he may figure high and penalize accordingly. Even if it means installing a new set of books, it will pay to do it in these high-tax days.

As for auxiliary records, the taxpayer should retain all invoices from suppliers, cancelled checks and bank statements, cash register tapes, receipts for paid taxes, inventory sheets detailing the valuation of inventory by item, transcripts of bad debts written off, cancelled notes for money borrowed, all papers and documents that support the recordings in the books. It is surprising how many taxpayers do not keep such supporting records, either destroy them, lose them, or file them in the wrong places so that they cannot be found when needed. Too many dealers use a desk drawer or some other inadequate receptacle as a catchall for some important papers that





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would help justify certain tax deductions and when they want them, they have disappeared. Retain all such records systematically in a file.

Many dealers assume that the savings on tax lie in the transference of the figures from the books to the return and their listing in the proper place on the form. This procedure covers only the mechanics of income tax. The real savings lie behind the figures on the return, in the supporting records you keep, the way you handle certain transactions and record them, the method of figuring inventory and depreciation, the recording of all expenses and liabilities during the taxable year, in a detailed explanation of all transactions of the unusual typeand such savings are not made at filing time, they are effected throughout the taxable year. In fact, when filing time comes around, it is often too late to effect all possible savings because the method by which transactions have been recorded or handled cannot be revised after the year is over. The Treasury is concerned with actual gains or losses that were duly recorded within the taxable year, not at some time during the following year.

Accurate book work in journals and ledgers plus the supporting records needed to justify the entries are a "must" if the dealer wants to keep his tax expense at minimum in the hectic days to come when taxes are destined to go to an all-time high.

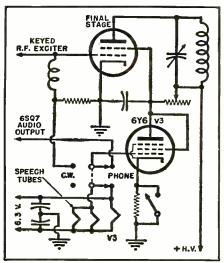
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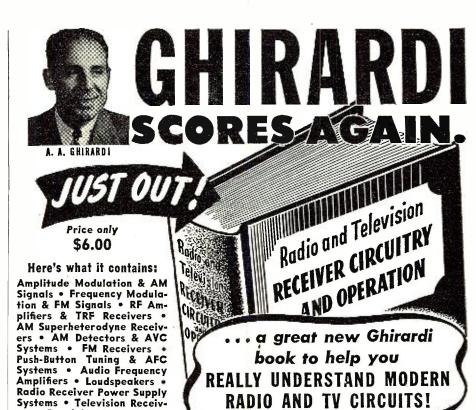
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#### International Short-Wave

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this station during February. suggested that newscasts from VP4RD. 9.625, Trinidad, be followed for announcement as to when the cricket match between Barbados and Trinidad is to be carried.

Belgian Congo-OTC3, 11.645, Leopoldville, noted parallel with OTC2 to around 2030 lately. (Leary, Indiana, others) OTM2, 9.400, heard with music 1448, news in French 1450-1500 signoff; woman announcer. (Cox, Delaware) OTH, 9.210, heard 1230-1330 through heavy QRM. (Peddle, Newfoundland)

Bolivia-CP2, 9.497, La Paz, weak signal noted 1855; terrific QRM from XEWW, 9.500, Mexico City; seldom heard. (Cox. Delaware)

Brazil—PRL7, 9.72, heard signing off 2304, fair signal but usual CWQRM from TGZ. (Neeley, Calif.) PRAS, 6.015, Recife, noted 1702 in Portuguese. ZYK3, 9.565, Recife, good level on Sundays 1630 with "Brazil Calling" (English). ZYB9, 15.155, Sao Paulo, noted 1240 with musical program in Portuguese; strong signal. (Cox, Delaware)

Burma-Radio Rangoon, 6.035, is still on old schedule 0900-1015; news 1000. (Neeley, Calif.)

Canada—CHNX, 6.130, Nova Scotia, has Mail Bag on Saturdays 1900. (Dary, Kans.) CJCX, 6.010, Sydney, Nova Scotia, heard daily 0530-2230; reports are verified by QSL card; IRC required; QRA is CJCX, Eastern Broadcasters, Ltd., Radio Building, 318 Charlotte St., Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Kroll, N. Y.)

Latest CBC International Service schedules are-European Service-0850-1130, CKNC, CKCX; 1130-1330, CKNC, CKCS; 1330-1345, CKCS; 1345-1400, CKCS, CHOL; 1400-1420, CHOL; 1420-1645, CHOL, CKLO; 1645-1700, CKLO; 1700-1830, CKLO, CKRZ. Australasian Service—2330-0005 (except Sat., Sun.) commentaries from UN. CHOL, CKLO; 0340-0450 (Sun. and Wed. only), CHOL, CKLO. Caribean and Latin-American Service-1850-(English 2100-2130), CKRA, CKLO. North West Territories (Northern Messenger) Service-2320-0005 (Sun. only), CKLO, CKOB; sign-off varies slightly. Outlets are CKNC, 17.82; CKRA, 11.76; CKCS, 15.32; CHOL, 11.72; CKOB, 6.09; CKCX, 15.19; CKLO, 9.63, and CKRZ, 6.06.

Cape Verde Islands—CR4AA, Praia, announces it works on 5.895; heard recently 1600-1630 with program of "mornas" (typical music of Cape Verde); good reception in Portugal. (Mesquita e Sousa) Measured as 5.8925 recently at 1630 by Oskay, N. J.

Ceylon-Radio Ceylon's Commercial Service is scheduled 0630-1130 on new channels of 11.975, 7.190, and 3.320; the 11.975 and 7.190 channels are directed to India-Pakistan, while the Tropical Band outlet of 3.320 is intended for reception in Ceylon. The 21.620 outlet is heard at good strength in New Zealand at 1830-2030 with program of request items from 2000. (Cushen) The 25-m. outlet was measured by Oskay, N. J., at 0650 recently as 11.9762.

Chile-CE118, 12.005, Santiago, fair level in Spanish with music 2030. (Cox, Delaware)

China-Hankow, 6.645, noted at good strength 0900: believed to come on the air 0530. (Dilg, Calif.) Heard in Australia at 0600 with Western recorded music, then news in Chinese. (Sander-

Mukden, Manchuria, 5.915A, opens around 0500. (Dilg, Calif.)

The Chinese station on approximately 8.005 is heard irregularly; location is unknown; at times relays Peking at 0700. (Dilg, Calif.)

Radio Peking, 10.260, noted in England 1840 with Chinese music, good signal. (Catch) Is heard in Eastern USA erratically from before 1800 to sign-off which varies 1920-1930.

Colombia--HJEX, 6.054, Radio Pa-cifico, Cali, closes 2210 Sundays, at 2300 on Mon.-Sat. (Grove, Ill.)

Costa Rica—Radio Attenea, San Jose, formerly battling Radio Brazzaville on 11.972, lately has been noted on 11.980. (Stark, Texas)

Cuba-Radio Salas, COBZ, 9.030, Havana, verified with nice QSL in English (Callarman, Oregon)

Curacao—PJC2, 2.460, Willemstad, weak to fair around 1917 parallel 5.010; at times has news 1930-1932. (Cox, Delaware)

Cyprus-Sharq-al-Adna noted Sundays 1045-1115 with dance music, then Arabic; heard well on 9.65, 11.72, 6.79. (Pearce, England)

Czechoslovakia-Prague noted on new 9.504 channel with news 1415 and 1530; call is probably OLR3B. (Bellington, N. Y., others) OLR2C, 6.115, weak signal 1538 with musical program. (Cox, Delaware) Noted on 11.84 with news 0645-0730. (Pearce, England)

Dominican Republic-La Voz Dominicana, 9.735, has English Mon., Wed., Fri. 1900-1915. (Neeley, Calif.)

Ecuador-HC1AC, 6.210, Quito, heard signing off in Spanish 0015. (Whitman, Ill.)

Egypt—SUX, 7.863A, Cairo, is widely reported erratically in Eastern USA around 1500-1600 or later. (Cox, Delaware; Bellington, N. Y., others) Also noted in Australia by Sanderson.

France—Paris broadcasts now to the United Kingdom on 6.145, 6.200 at 1345-1400 (French lesson), and 1445-1609 (general program). (Catch, England) The 6.200 channel noted with popular music 0225; French-English lesson 1530-1545 sign-off. The 15.350 outlet heard with excellent signal 1245 in French. (Cox, Delaware)

Paris has been carrying out a number of tests in *English*—daily 0300-0315 on 7.240; 1345-1400 on 6.200; Saturday 0845-0900 on 7.240, 9.560; Sundays 0815-0845 on 7.240, 9.560. (Patrick, Eng-

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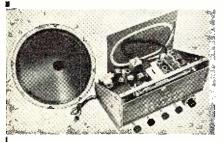
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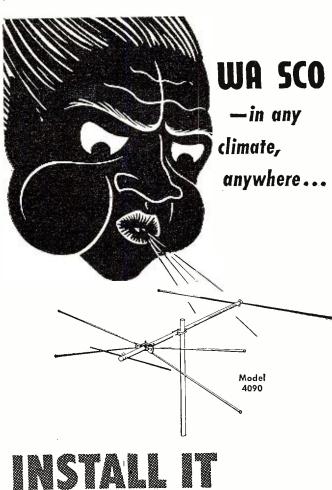
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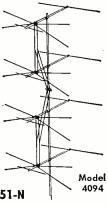
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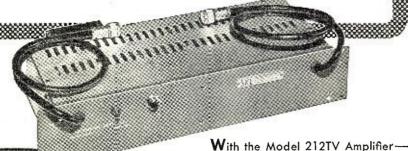


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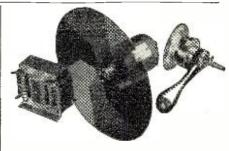
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Germany—Deutschlandsender, Berlin, broadcasts on 6.115, 7.150; is in Russian Zone. (Bachman, Pa.)

Radio Free Europe, 6.130, is now heard coming on the air with bells at 1020; may run as late as 2300; uses various Eastern European languages. (Pearce, England)

Greece—The Ceneral Broadcasting Station of the Greek Armed Forces, Athens, sent further letter verification and schedules via airmail; has new 1 kw. transmitter in operation, scheduled in Greek 2330-0200, 0500-0800, 1030-1615; in English 1615-1630; operates on 6.330; asked for further reports. (Pearce, England)

Radio Athens has been testing over 9.607 at 1430-1445 and 2000-2058; part is English. (Stark, Texas; Bellington, N. Y., others)

The Home Service now is heard from 1000 on 6.175. *Radio Epiros*, 6.224, Jannina, is on the air weekdays 1430-1600, Saturdays and Sundays 1430-1700. (Radio Sweden)

Larissa, 6.745, is heard 1300-1600 or later. (Peddle, Newfoundland)

Greenland—OXI, 5.944, Godthaab, heard in England 1630 with half-hour newscast in Danish; fair level. (Catch)

Guatemala—TGOA, Quezaltenango, verified in 20 days; sent QSL card and letter; frequencies were listed 1450 kc. and 6.400. Will add English programs soon. (Dary, Kans.)

Holland—Hilversum, 17.775 and 15.220, noted 0645 with news. (Fried, Mich.)

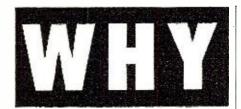
Honduras—HROW, 6.02, strong 0700, QRM'g Kuala Lumpur's 6.025 channel. (Balbi, Calif.)

Hong Kong—ZBW3, 9.525, noted signing off 1030. (Lane, South Dakota, others)

Hungary—The English periods at 0030 and 2300 are now radiated to North America over 6.248, 7.222, 9.833. (Bellington, N. Y., others)

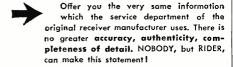
India—Delhi recently tested on 21.680 around 0230-0330. (Cushen, N. Z.) According to Radio Sweden, AIR now uses only 7.270 and 9.575 for the transmission in English for Europe 1400-1500.

Indo-China—Radio France Asie, Saigon, has recently changed schedules and has been testing. Reports are conflicting. I hope to have new schedules by next month. However, is heard mornings to around 1030 sign-off on 11.780 and 9.520A, with news 0900; also noted evenings around 1700-1926 on 9.520A, news 1725. Should have news 0500 on 11.830. The 9.520A channel is announced as 9.524. Riggle, Ohio, hears the 11.78 channel as early as 0515. Balbi, Calif., says has moved its 49-m. outlet from 6.165 to 6.095, heard 0500 with news in French, bad QRM; 6.165 is now occupied by "Voice of Vietnam" which signs on 0500 parallel with 9.62, formerly this one also used 7.265 which may have been replaced by 6.165; should have English around 0830-0930.

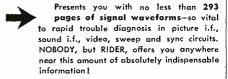


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Ireland—Dublin, 17.84, has news daily 1330 now instead of former 1230. (Cox, Delaware) Usually has QRM from Radio Brazzaville, on low side.

Jamaica—Radio Jamaica, Kingston, appears to have moved from 4.950 to approximately 3.360 (although announces 3.480) for its evening program around 1600-2300 sign-off; still noted mornings around 0700, however, on 4.950. (Stark, Texas; Lane, South Dakota, others)

Japan—Current schedules for NHK programs are JKI, 4.91, 0355-0930; JHK, 7.257, 1525-0930; JKI2, 9.655, 1525-1725; JKM, 4.95, 0255-0800; JKJ, 7.285, 1625-0800; JKM2, 9.695, 1625-0330; JBD, 9.505, JBD2, 9.560, and JBD3, 15.225, used irregularly. No English on any of these. (Tsujikawa, Japan, via Bachman, Pa.)

JBD3, 15.225, heard with fair level 1800 in Japanese; also heard 15.235 in parallel, but weaker. (Cox, Delaware)

AFRS schedule from Tokyo now is JKL2, 9.605, 1600-0300; JKL, 4.86, 0345-1000; JKI3, 6.175, 1700-1845, 0315-0700; JKI4, 11.800, 1900-0300. (Neeley, Calif.)

BCOF, 6.105, Kure, heard signing off 0930 with "God Save the King." No longer mentions call-sign WLKS, but does give m.w. frequency of 1470 kc.; announces only as BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces). (Neeley, Calif.)

Korea—Seoul's 2.510 outlet is much better in California early mornings than the 7.933 channel. (Dilg) The 7.933 station is best after 0700. (Balbi, Calif.) Heard with no English except call-sign HLKA which is given at about 30-minute intervals. (Rosenauer, Calif.)

Lebanon—Beirut, measured 8.031, noted 1510 with musical program. Oskay, N. J.) Noted leaving air 1600. (Bellington, N. J.) Heard in New York as early as 2350, late as 0030 in its "morning" program. (Bellington) Heard by Ferguson, N. C., at 0030 with news in French. Noted by Pearce, England, with English period 1030.

Luxembourg — Radio Luxembourg, 15.3526, measured 0730. (Oskay, N. J.)

Madagascar—Radio Tananarive still noted with French program on 9.515 from 2230. (Cox, Delaware)

Malaya—K u a l a L u m p u r, 6.025, Radio Malaya, heard signing off 1030 after program of popular music; fair to good level in California. (Neeley)

Malta—FBS, Middle East, now signs on 2330 on 7.220, 6.015, and 6.140; announces only m.w. 1478 kc., and s.w. channels of 7.220, 6.015, so the 6.140 may be an African relay outlet.

*Mexico* — Whitman, Ill., recently heard a Spanish-speaking station announcing as "La Voz de Mexico" testing around 2045-2145 on approximately 8.500.

Mozambique—New schedule for English sessions is 2300-0100 on 11.764, 4.925; 0100-1100 on 11.764, 7.260A; 1100-1300 on 11.764, 4.925; 1300-1600 (Sats. to 1700), 7.260A, and possibly



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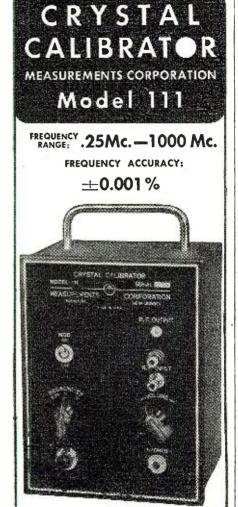
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4.925. (Hannaford, South Africa, others) The 7.260A outlet noted signing off 1100. (Neeley, Calif.)

New Caledonia—Radio Noumea was noted testing recently on 15.180 at 0200; and on 11.750 around 0400 calling Paris. (Cushen, N. Z.) FK8AA has been heard lately on 6.0346, signing on 0200. (Saylor, Va.)

New Zealand—ZL4, 15.28, heard with BBC news relay 1400; at 1545, ZL3, 11.78, signs on in parallel with ZL4, according to announcement made at that time. (Balbi, Calif.)

Pakistan—Radio Pakistan recently made changes in schedules. I hope to have complete new schedules soon. At the time this was compiled, the 0700 news was heard at good strength on 7.140; 17.770 is reported to parallel. Radio Australia says the 17.770 outlet is now in use 0300-0330, 0700-0730.

Panama—HOLA, 9.505 has English 1200-1430 daily. (Dary, Kans.) Also has English at various other times; uses commercials widely.

HP5B, 6.030, Panama City, noted with Spanish news by man 1950; HORT, 6.060, fair signal with Spanish music 2100. (Cox, Delaware).

Paraguay—ZPA3, 11.850, heard with choral music 1915, fair level. (Cox, Delaware).

Peru—OAX6A, 6.043, Arequipa,

weak signal with musical program in Spanish 1943; QRM. OAX4W, 9.360, Lima, noted 1448 with comedy show in Spanish. (Cox, Delaware) OAX1B, 5.706, Lima, noted around 2200. (Leary, Indiana) OAX4Z, 5.895, Lima, noted 2035 in Spanish. (Gerran, N. Y.)

Philippines—DYH2, The Voice of Cebu, 6.140, heard 0845 with news; DUH2. The People's Station, 6.170, heard 0900 with AP news; DZH4, The Voice of Manila, 6.000, heard 1000 with news; DZH6, The Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, 6.030, signs off 1030. says will return at 1800, and announces "We salute you from the Philippine Republic, 7000 beautiful islands where the Pacific Ocean meets the China Sea;" DZ13, the Republic Broadcasting System, 6.110, heard around 1015 announcing DZ13 and DZBB, Manila: DZH2, The Voice of the Philippines, 9.640, has news and maritime warnings 0315; DZH3, Radio Philippines, 9.503, noted around 0400 with fair signal. (Neeley, Calif.)

Daveo, Mindanao, now uses the callsign DXB2; operates on 3.950. The Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, Manila, uses 3.320 at 0300-0900; 6.030 and 15.300 at 1800-2000, 2300-0100, 0300-1015; has Mail Bag on Thursdays 0645. (Cushen, N. Z.) Has Mail Bag Program on Fridays 1000; reports seem to

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By KEN MAXWELL

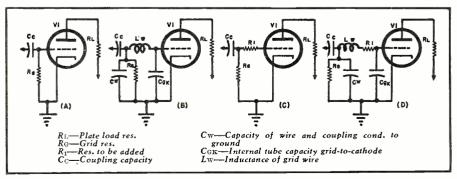
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Fig. 1.



be mostly from the Pacific Area. (Neeley, Calif.) Newscast noted 1930 on the 15.300 channel. (Hansen, Oregon) DYH4, 6.055, heard 0200-0500; QRA's Silliman University, Dumaguette City, Philippines. (DX Radio, Sweden)

Poland—Warsaw III, 6.115, now carries three programs to USA daily; each lasts an hour, first half is English; opens 1930, 2300, 0030. (Bellington, N. Y., others) Woman announcer says "This is Warsaw Calling."

Noted on 7.205 with weak signal, music, 0118. (Cox, Delaware)

Portugal—Lisbon more recently has been using 15.380 parallel 11.040 around 1215-1800.

Portuguese Guinea—Bissau is currently operating on 5.838, according to QSL's received by Sluter, Pa., and Mesquite e Sousa, Portugal. Confirms earlier reports by Bellington, N. Y., and Oskay, N. J., that had been heard around 5.840 at 1630-1800 when closed with "A Portu-

Portuguese India-Radio Goa has been noted on 9.610 at 1030 on Sundays with "Bringing Christ to the Nations" (English). (Cushen, N. Z.) May have higher-powered transmitter soon.

Roumania-Bucharest, 9.252, still has news 1500; off 1600. (Cox, Delaware)

Sao Tome—CR5SC, 4.805, noted from 1520 to 1600 when signs with "A Portuguesa." (Pearce, England) This station uses only Portuguese.

Saudi-Arabia—Djeddah noted on 5.975 opening 2300 with music; off 2330; parallel on 11.75, 11.95, 11.85. (Cox, Delaware). Heard now at 1200-1230 sign-off.

Southern Rhodesia - Peddle, Newfoundland, recently heard Salisbury on 3.320 (best) and 9.490 until closing 1500. Pearce, England, reports Salisbury with BBC news relay 1300; local news and South African news 1315.

Spain-Radio Murcia, Emisora del Frente de Juventudes, is a new station on approximately 7.160; starts 1557. (Radio Sweden) Radio Falange de Alicante, 7.940, usually signs off 1800 but extends its broadcasts on Sundays to (Continued on page 124)



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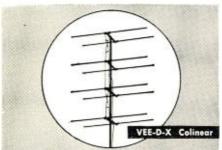
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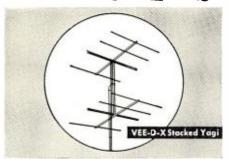
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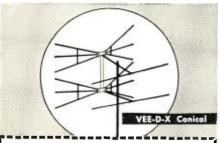
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Radio Nacional de Espana, 15.625, Madrid, noted signing off 1147; good signal. (Ferguson, N. C.) Radio Mediterraneo, 7.036A Valencia, now broadcasts in English each Tue. and Fri. 1445. (Patrick, England)

Surinam—Station noted on 10.97 recently around 1655 is definitely PZR; was in dual with PZH5, 5.76; may be used at times instead of 15.405. (Bellington, N. Y.)

Tahiti—Radio Tahiti, 6.980, heard 2300-2345, weak and usually with severe CWQRM; the 12.080 channel not heard lately. (Neeley, Calif.)

Taiwan—Taipeh, 7.133, signs on weekdays 0430, Sundays 0530. (Balbi, Calif.) Still has news 0630.

The 11.735 outlet noted in English 2310; weak. (Stark, Texas)

Trinidad—VP4RD, 9.625, Port-of-Spain, noted with news 1845-1858, then weather forecast. (Cox, Delaware)

Turkey—TAV, 17.840, Ankara, noted testing 0715. (Cushen, N.Z.) TAP, 9.465, noted with news 1445. (Bellington, N. Y.) The new 100 kw. transmitter, which had been testing for some months, was officially inaugurated in early December. Program time is expected to be expanded.

TAV, 17.840, noted 0500 with program for Forces in Pacific Area. (Sanderson, Australia)

Uruguay—CXA30, 6.035, heard with dance music 1945-2000; identified in Spanish. (Cox, Delaware)

USI—YDE, 11.77, Djakarta, noted with news 1000; considerable heterodyne. (Cox, Delaware)

USSR—Khabarovsk, 5.940, noted with weak signal in England 0915 with Russian program. (Catch) Yakutsk, 5.970, tuned 0405; commentary in foreign language by man and woman alternately. (Russell, Calif.) Petropavlosk, 6.075, noted in Chinese 0530-0615, in native from 0300, late as 0930. The 4.275 channel irregular relays the Chinese transmission in parallel with Petropavlosk. (Balbi, Calif.)

Vatican—HVJ, 17.765, noted recently with news 1000. (Oskay, N. J.) Noted recently with *English* 1315-1330 on 11.740. (Peddle, Newfoundland)

Yugoslavia—Belgrade, 6.100, heard in foreign language 1525; weak signal. (Cox, Delaware)

**Last Minute Tips** 

Radio Sweden reports an unidentified station on 7.540 with call-sign DIV2; announces as "The International Broadcasting System" and gives Central European Time, with opening around 0200; loaction is believed somewhere in Germany.

Radio Moscow now operates to South-East Asia in English 0900 on 9.60, 11.84, 15.18. (Fried, Mich.)

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in English on 6.115 at 1245-1315; on 6.220 at 1230-1300, 1400-1425, and on 7.205 at 1600-1630; also noted on 9.570 signing off 0915 or 0930. (Radio Sweden)

A new station in northeastern Brazil is Radio Arapuan in Joa Pessoa, capital of the State of Paraiba; was report as operating in the 60-m. band (exact channel not known) with powerful harmonic in the 10 meter amateur band in Rio de Janeiro, but ceased test transmissions by request of the Brazilian Amateur League and of the Technical Radio Commission. However, it may resume transmissions soon. Radio Record, Sao Paulo, is now using 6.055, 15.135; no longer uses 9.505 which belongs to Radio Nacional in Rio de Janeiro; PRL7, 9.72, by this time likely will have moved to 9.505 to escape QRM from Radio Moscow. Radio Quitandinha, Petropolis, is now on the air daily on 5.045 with test transmissions at 1230-1400 and sometimes at night. Petropolis, in the State of Rio de Janeiro, is a famous summer resort -2700 feet in altitude—on the highway between Rio and Belo Horizonte; is located 35 miles north of the nation's capital, 60 miles by highway! Radio Nacional now is using its 250 watt transmitter on 11.720; the channel used by this particular transmitter is not announced. (Serrano, Brazil)

Riggle, Ohio, reports Radio Rangoon, Burma, opening 0000 on approximately 15.050; after opening "chanting," had news in English.

At the time this was compiled, Balbi, Calif., said the only Peking outlets he was hearing around 0330-0510 were 10.260 and 6.040, in parallel.

BED26, 10.06, Taipeh, Taiwan, noted 0430 with Western recorded music, then Chinese news; BCSF, 7.334, also Taipeh, heard 0700 with recorded music, then Chinese news. (Sanderson, Australia)

According to Radio Australia, at the time this was compiled, Ankara, Turkey, was to test with 20 kw. on any of these channels-6.000, 7.240, 11.760, 17.720; and with the new 100 kw. transmitter on possibly 7.285, 9.515, 11.880, 15.160, 17.840, or 21.660.

Menado, Celebes, USI, more recently has been noted on 9.680 at 0630 with recorded musical program for Forces. (Sanderson, Australia)

#### **Press Time Flashes**

AIR, Delhi, airmailed me these schedules for English periods-2130, 11.760, 9.670, 9.565, 7.225, 6.110; 2315, 17.780, 15.160; 0230, 21.700, 17.740; 0300, 17.760, 15.290, 9.670; 0530 (Sat., Sun. only), 17.760, 15.160; 0730, 17.760, 15.290, 11.870, 9.590; 0830, 17.840, 15.350; 1030, 15.160, 9.590, 7.290, 6.010, 3.435, 3.365; 1045, 21.700, 11.790; 1400, 9.575, 7.275; 1930, 15.290, 11.790, Frequencies currently listed by Delhi are 21.700, 21.660, 17.840, 17.830, 17.780, 17.760, 17.740, 15.350, 15.290, 15.160, 11.870, 11.790, 11.760, 11.710, 9.670, 9.630, 9.590, 9.575, 9.565, 7.290, 7.275, 7.260, 7.255, 6.110, 6.010, 4.960, 3.435, and 3.365.

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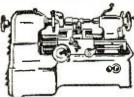
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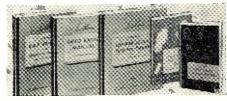
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4VEH, Haiti, at times now is using 9.730; noted there 1930. (Bellington, N. Y.; Stark, Texas, others) Mulvey, Conn., says moves from 9.745 to 9.730 at 1830 when is in *English*.

Monte Carlo, 6.035, 9.785, now noted signing on 0030 instead of former 0100. (Bellington, N. Y.)

HROW, Honduras, noted on *new* spot around 6.650 or 6.670; signs off 2330. (Stark, Texas; Bellington, N. Y.)

VLT5, 7.280, Port Moresby, British New Guinea, heard 1800 with BBC news relay. (Sutton, Ohio)

British Antarctic amateurs VP8AJ and VP8AK have been heard recently around 7.001-7.010 at 2000-2045. (Mulvey, Conn.)

YDC, 9.553.8 (measured), Makassar, Celebes, USI, noted recently 0450 with program of Hawaiian recordings. (Treibel, Washington State)

Damascus, 12.000, Syria, logged 0712 with native language, musical program; has *English* 0600; fair signal but with some CWQRM. Limassol, 6.170, 6.135, 6.790, and 9.650, Cyprus, noted from tuning 2345 with Arabic program. Tel Aviv, 6.830, Israel, heard 0015 with musical program in Hebrew, weak to fair; also heard 1525 with talk or news in Hebrew, weak. (Cox, Delaware)

During 1951, Radio Norway, Oslo, may use any of these channels-LLQ, 21.730; LLP, 21.670; LLN, 17.825; LKW, 17.755; LLM, 15,175; LKV, 15.170; LLK, 11.85; LKQ, 11.735; LLH, 9.645; LLG, 9.610; LKJ, 9.540; LLR, 7.240: LLS, 7.210: LLI, 6.185, and LKF, 1578 kc. Latest schedule is—For Norwegians Abroad (daily)—to North America and North Atlantic, 2000-2100, LKV, LKQ, LLG; to Far East, Antarctic, 0600-0700, LLP, LLM, LLK, LLG; to Indian Ocean, 0800-0900, LLP, LLM, LLK, LLG; to African Waters, Europe, 1400-1500, LLP, LKV, LLK. LLG; to South America, Antarctic, 1800-1900, LKV, LKQ, LLG, LKF. To these sessions, a 15-to-20-minute program in English ("Norway This Week") is added on Sundays only (at end of each of these transmissions). The last 15 minutes of the daily onehour broadcast For NorwegiansAbroad usually consists of Norwegian music or music by Norwegian artists; this section is introduced in both English and Norwegian. Home Serviceto African Waters, Europe, Antarctic, 0115-0230 (Suns. 0255-0550), LLP, LLN, LLM, LLK; 1300-1400 (Sats. 1200-1400, Suns. 1000-1400), LLP, LKV, LLK, LLG; 1500-1700 (Suns. 1515-1700), LLP, LKV, LLK, LLG. Home Service Over Tromsoe Short-Wave Transmitter—to North Atlantic, North Sea, 0115-0230 (Sats. 0115-0320, Suns. 0255-0320), LKJ; 0520-0740, LKJ; 1045-1700 (Sats. 0930-1700, Suns. 1015-1700), LLS. On Sundays, Wednes-



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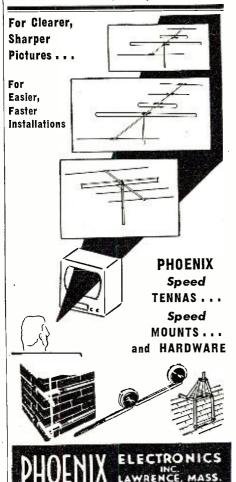
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BCOF, Kure, Japan, noted recently testing on 6.105 to 1030 sign-off; excellent signal in California; regular schedule is 1630-0930. (Neeley.)

Vatican Radio, 17.840, is coming in well in Virginia on Tuesdays 1030-1045 with news in English for the Far East. (Saylor.)

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, says it rarely uses calls, but lists these-ZEAE, 2.500; ZEAF, 3.320; ZEAH, 4.890; ZEAJ, 6.120, and ZEAK, 7.290. (Short Wave News, London.)

Sutton, Ohio, says V3USE, 15.060, Forestside, Mauritius, is heard with BBC news relay 2330; seldom heard due to poor band conditions lately; signs off 0015 now.

Lisbon, Portugal, is using 11.980 in parallel with 11.027 until closing at 1530; and re-opening 1600. (Radio Australia.) Also noted by Bellington, N.Y., others, on 11.980 which they thought might be image.

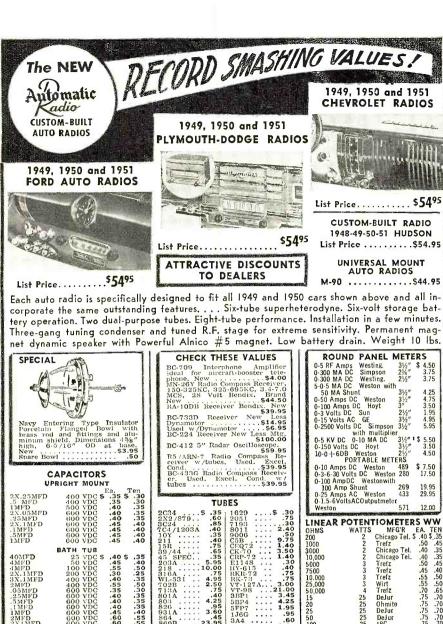
A French-speaking station noted on 9.960 at 1230-1500 gives call that appears to be Radio AEF; is believed to be a low-powered transmitter operated by Radio Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa. (Radio Sweden, others.) Heard in New York. (Bellington.)

Radio Nigeria, Lagos, is at present using only 6.035 but soon will transmit on 7.255 at 0100-0230, 0600-0700; on 9.655 at 0100-0230, 0600-1300; on 4.990 at 1300-1700; will drop the 6.035 channel. (Short Wave News, London.)

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# NEW TV PRODUCTS on the Market.

NEW TV TUBE

The Tube Divisions of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York have announced that production is currently underway on an aluminized 19" round metal picture tube (the 19AP4C) which will provide improved picture brightness, contrast, and de-

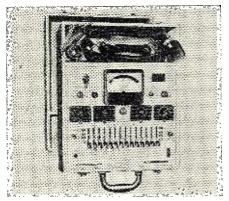
This is the second large picture tube to be aluminized within the past month by the company, the other being the 16" glass rectangular unit. The 19AP4C tube features an electron gun designed to be used with an external ion-trap magnet. The aluminized screen allows the tube to be operated at a lower anode voltage than is feasible with the non-aluminized version of the tube.

Electrical characteristics of the tube include a heater voltage of 6.3 volts; and heater current of .6 ampere plus or minus 10%. Maximum ratings are anode voltage 19,000 volts and grid-No. 2 voltage 410 volts.

#### CR TUBE TESTER

Precision Apparatus Company, Inc. 92-97 Horace Harding Blvd., Elmhurst, Long Island, New York has developed a new cathode-ray tube tester, the Model CR-30.

The new unit is a complete, selfcontained instrument which will test



all TV picture tubes (electrostatic as well as electromagnetic), scope tubes, and industrial CR tubes, including special tests for all tube elements.

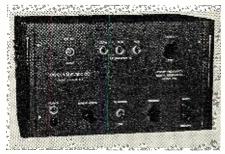
The CR-30 performs such tests without removing the tube from the TV set or the tube carton. The unit features a true beam current test circuit which checks all CR tubes with the electron gun in operation, giving accurate indication of proportionate picture brightness and tube condition. A voltage-regulated, bridge-type v.t.v.m. provides super-sensitive CR tube quality indications. With test circuits at high sensitivity position, a beam current change of only 1/10th of one microampere will create a change in

meter indication of approximately five divisions on the 120 division scale.

Full details on the Model CR-30 are available direct from the company.

#### SWEEP GENERATOR

Eastern Electric Company, P.O. Box 175, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York is currently in production on a



sweep frequency signal generator that is especially designed for television work.

The new Model 100 is an all-electronic, fundamentally-operated television i.f. generator for production alignment in the 20 mc. range. The maximum sweep width is 16 mc. at a center frequency of 25 mc. The amplitude variation is .1 db. per mc. with frequency linearity within 2%. The swept r.f. output is .5 volt across a 100 ohm terminated cable. Three steps of 20, 20, and 10 db. plus a linear vernier attenuator are available at the front panel with blanking, phasing, and sweep width controls and horizontal scope source. The unit incorporates no moving parts.

A data sheet on the new Model 100 is available on request.

#### "QUAD LOOP"

Square Root Manufacturing Corporation of 391 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers 3, New York is currently introducing a new television antenna for indoor applications.

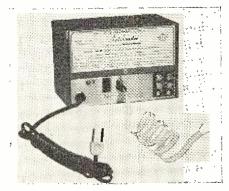
This top-of-the-set "Quad Loop" provides selective directivity without mechanical rotation on the top of the set, a single control which substantially reduces ghosts and selects the strongest signal, full 360 degree electronic rotation, and the reduction of unwanted interference. The unit is housed in a crackle finish cabinet which blends with any set.

A data sheet on the new "Quad Loop" is available on request.

NEW TV-FM BOOSTER
Industrial Television Inc. of 359 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey has begun production on a new and fully automatic TV-FM booster.

The new "Autobooster" amplifies the entire TV and FM band thus elim-

inating the need for any tuning or switching. The unit turns on and off with the receiver by means of a magnetic relay. It employs two 6CB6 tubes for a 9X gain on the low and a 5X gain



on the high TV channels with provision for field realignment to supply even higher gain on troublesome chan-

The booster provides for either single or double input, thereby permitting separate high and low frequency antennas and transmission lines without the usual manual switching. Because of its automatic feature the new "Autobooster" may be mounted in the rear of the television receiver out of sight of the viewer.

#### SIGNAL GENERATOR

The Hickok Electrical Instrument Company of 10514 Dupont Avenue, Cleveland 8, Ohio has developed a new universal, all-band microvolt signal generator, the Model 292X.

The new generator has been designed specifically for television, mobile radio, and AM-FM applications. It covers all of these frequencies in seven ranges and is crystal controlled. The modulated and unmodulated output from .2 to 100,000 microvolts is available through a 10 to 1 attenuator. The unit may be externally modulated from 15 to 10,000 c.p.s.

The instrument incorporates a decibel meter for faster servicing, to indicate reference level. It measures both input and output of units under test.

data sheet covering complete specifications on the Model 292X is available on request.

#### NEW TV TUBE

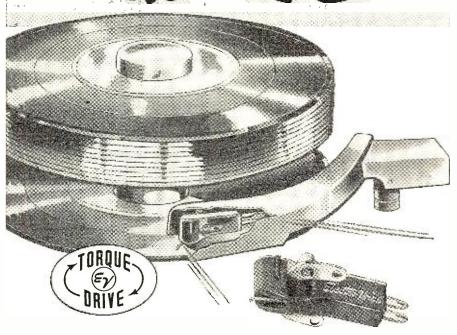
A new television receiving tube, designed primarily for vertical oscillator and amplifier service with large wideangle picture tubes, has been announced by the Tube Divisions of General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York.

The tube, the Type 12BH7, is a 9-pin miniature double triode having semihigh perveance units. In addition to its application in TV receivers, the 12BH7 may be used in applications where two similar triodes in a single envelope are desirable from the viewpoint of space conservation and cost reduction.

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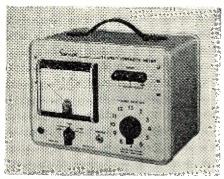
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Ratings for the tube when used as a vertical deflection amplifier are a maximum d.c. plate potential of 500 volts; maximum d.c. negative grid potential of 50 volts; and maximum peak heater-cathode potential of 180 volts.

#### FIELD STRENGTH METER

The Simpson Electric Company of 5200-18 West Kinzie Street, Chicago 44, Illinois has recently introduced a



television field strength meter which will measure TV signals in any locality and in all types of installations.

The Model 488 incorporates a 12 channel television tuner with each channel separately adjustable for maximum flexibility and uniform results. There are four ranges of sensitivity, i.e., 50 microvolts full scale range for fringe area installations,  ${\bf a}$ 500 microvolt range, a 5000 microvolt range, and a 50,000 microvolt range. A phone jack is included for making audible tests so that the operator can quickly identify the type of signal being measured.

The unit has a 41/2 inch modernistic meter which can be easily read from a considerable distance. All controls and connections are arranged for greatest accessibility. The meter is housed in a gray hammerloid case with a leather handle.

#### **GUY ANCHOR**

Technical Appliance Corporation of Sherburne, New York is in production on a new guy anchor that allows free rotation of the mast after the guy wires are attached.

Designated as catalogue No. 867, the new guy anchor is made of heavy gauge steel and provides the strength necessary for high installations where guy wires are required for steadying the antenna while the antenna is oriented.

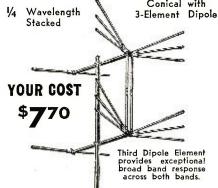
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lar, thus acting as further assurance of direction stability in addition to the mast mount.

#### 17" TV TUBE

National Union Radio Corporation of Orange, New Jersey has added a 17 inch rectangular tube to its line of

'Videotron' picture tubes.

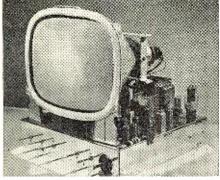
The new Type 17B04A is a directview picture tube providing a 11%"x 144" rectangular picture having the standard 3x4 aspect ratio. It features a face plate having an integral neutral gray filter which increases the contrast ratio when viewed under ambient light conditions.

The tube utilizes the new tiltedbeam type gun to obtain improved picture detail. It requires only a single field ion trap. The new tube is electrically similar to the company's 16KP4/16RP4 and is a suitable replacement in new set designs where the larger dimensions can be accommodated.

#### **NEW MOUNTING UNITS**

Anchor Industrial Company of 533 Canal Street, New York 13, New York has developed a new type of mounting and insulating "Ring" and "Sleeve" for 17" rectangular metal television tubes.

The "Ring" and "Sleeve" incorporate several new improvements over the general types now available, according to the company, but may be used in the same applications. Specially engineered models are available for all round and rectangular metal



picture tubes. Details on these custom models as well as the standard model are available from the company.

#### 20" TV PICTURE TUBE

Production has begun on a 20" rectangular picture tube at the Tube Divisions of General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York.

Designated the 20CP4, the new tube is a magnetic focus and deflection, direct-view, all-glass picture tube for television applications. It has a screen area of 217 square inches.

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Jerrold Electronics Corporation of 121 North Broad Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa. is currently marketing a new solderless coax fitting for RG-59/U cable.

The new fitting, the C-51, is a male connector for RG-59/U cable and mates with two other of the company's coax fittings, the Model C-61 heavy duty female receptacle and the Model C-81 cable coupler which is used to splice two RG-59/U cables.

All of these fittings may be assembled in the matter of seconds and make positive contact. These fittings use the inner conductor of the coax cable for the male pin. Fittings, individually packaged in sealed cellophane bags, are made of brass and plated with silver.

#### "CATHO-CHEK"

Thomas Electronics, Inc. of 118 Ninth St., Passaic, N. J. has just announced a new TV service instrument, the "Catho-Chek."

The new unit permits the technician to establish or eliminate the CR tube as the source of trouble in one simple. 60-second operation without removing the tube from the chassis.

The instrument is connected to the terminals at the tube base and indicates the condition of the tube in checking emission, gas ratio, shorts, leakage, etc. The lead wires on the unit are equipped with snap-on test clips which eliminates the need for removing, loosening, or shifting the tube on the chassis.

The unit comes complete in a grey, wrinkle-finish cabinet and weighs 14 pounds. A carrying handle is provided for easy portability.

#### "CLAMP-ON" ANTENNA

Channel Master Corp. of Napanoch Road, Ellenville, New York has just developed a "Clamp-On" television antenna which may be clamped any-

#### REPORT ON SIGNAL CORPS SUPPRESSOR TESTS

UIE long-time argument on the effect of resistor-suppressors on motor performance is seemingly resolved with the release of a report from the U.S. Signal Corps on the results of a series of extensive tests recently completed.

According to the report, the use of resistor-suppressors by no means brings on horsepower loss or reduced engine economy. In addition, the Signal Corps discovered that suppressors do not hinder cold weather starting but, on the contrary, they actually improved it.

In order that field conditions might be simulated in the tests, a used Army vehicle was employed. The vehicle selected was a quarter ton four-by-four truck which had already clocked 21,335 miles. Its pre-test performance was below par.

Doing away with the use of such starting aids as primers and heaters, the engine used in these experiments was started 18 times out of 18 tests at temperatures from minus 30 to minus 40 degrees F with resistor-suppressors applied in the spark plugs, distributor, or both, in an average cranking time of 57.3 seconds and at an average of 77 per-cent rated primary voltage during cranking.

With no resistor-suppressors in the ignition system, the engine started only once (at minus 30 degrees F) out of 13 attempts in the same temperature range, with an average cranking time of 215 seconds and at an average of 79.2 per-cent rated primary voltage.

The principal effect of inserting a resistor-suppressor of approximately 10,000 ohms at the spark plug appeared to be smoothing out the inductive

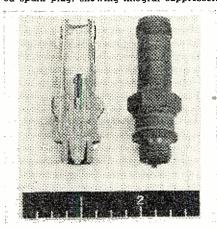
reactance component, allowing the energy stored in the inductance of the secondary to dissipate uninterruptedly through the gap.

Nor did suppressors at the distributor outlets, in addition to those at the spark plug, have any apparent effect on engine starting ability. Shielding on the ignition cables with suppressors in the spark plugs appeared to further improve starting.

On the basis of these tests, Signal Corps engineers have concluded that the effect of resistor-suppressors on the starting ability of engines, even at low temperatures, is beneficial rather than detrimental.

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Cutaway view of integrally suppressed shielded spark plug, showing integral suppressor.



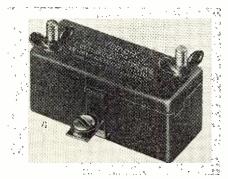
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where, thus solving many antenna installation problems.

Designed to be speedily affixed to furniture, fixtures, windows, etc., the new unit takes a positive grip anywhere. The ball-mounted, telescoping dipoles swing out in a 360 degree arc. The elements can be set to form a horizontal "V" for any channel, in any direction.

#### LIGHTNING ARRESTER

LaPointe-Plascomold Corporation of Windsor Locks, Conn. has added a new



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The new unit which is similar in design to the company's four-wire RW-204, is constructed with only two sawtooth contact points instead of four. The new RW-200 provides positive protection for all standard installations and lists in the moderate price -30-

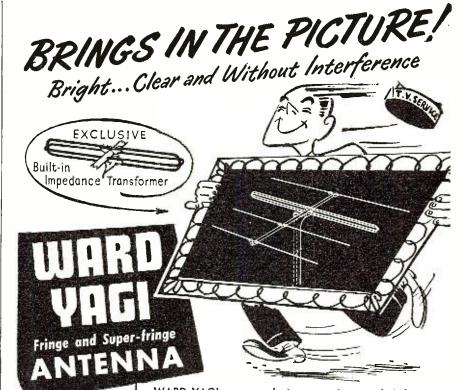
#### **HUM IN PICTURE TUBES**

By M. KALASHIAN, WINXT

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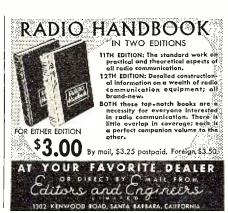
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more frequencies, is sufficiently low (below 1%), then it is quite likely that both the phase and harmonic distortion will be low.

It also follows that if the distortion figures are kept low the gain frequency characteristic of the amplifier will not only include the audio spectrum, but extend considerably above and below the range 20 to 20,000 cycles. The ear is much more sensitive to distortion than is usually believed as shown by the following test. If several different frequencies are used with a simple AB switch, and if the distortion is increased from 2/10ths to 7/10ths of a per-cent, using conventional speakers and without changing the audio level, it will be found that about 95% of the people tested can hear this change. It can be said, therefore, that perhaps there is no lower limit to which the distortion should be taken for most satisfactory and noticeable results. Further it seems that distortion in one part of the circuit, such as the speaker, does not mask the distortion in another part of the circuit. Probably it can be shown that the opposite is true. Since the most nonlinear portion of the circuit at some of the frequencies involved is usually the audio amplifier, it is logical to improve this part of the

In order to give meaning and justify the transmission of the entire audio band, some of the basic characteristics of speech and music may be of interest. A bass drum at 20 cycles would deliver an enormous amount of energy from 120 to 130 db. above the threshold of hearing. That actually approaches the threshold of pain. These peaks of power are equalled by such instruments as the pipe organ, even at 20 cycles, and by large orchestras. Since these peaks of power occur only for short periods of time they do not act as a physical irritant, but provide that feeling of depth and grandeur which only the low frequencies can give.

On the other end of the spectrum (at 15,000 cycles and above), the crash of the cymbal will deliver energies up to the threshold of pain, or intensities of 110 to 120 db. above the threshold of hearing. Practically all other sounds of the musical score have peaks of equal intensity somewhere between these two frequency limits. Thus we have the minimum limits, required for the adequate reproduction of all the sounds of speech and music, rather well defined. It is important, therefore, that an amplifier to be used in a quality recording-reproduction system be chosen with great care and that due consideration be given to the above requirements.

Reference to the circuit, Fig. 7, shows the plug-in features to be found in the 50W2 amplifier. As mentioned, a 20,000 ohm bridging input is provided



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by the addition of the AT1-1 input transformer connected as shown. There follows a preamplifier employing a 12AX7. The output of the preamp feeds through a gain control to the input of the inverter amplifier. This is also of a plug-in construction to facilitate servicing.

One of the unusual features of the McIntosh design is to be found in the method of employing extremely close coupling and specially designed transformers. This results in very low generator impedance which makes it ideally suited to recording amplifier applications. A 600 ohm winding is available at the output of  $T_3$ . This is usually connected through a pair of "normal" jacks to a 600 ohm line, driving the playback speaker, or in the case of recording, is patched into a 500 ohm Presto 1C cutter.

The amplifier power supply (Fig. 6) also includes several plug-in components such as the bias supply, the delay relay which withholds the application of high voltage until the filaments are thoroughly warmed, and various high voltage condensers which may require occasional replacement.

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#### **Novel Tester**

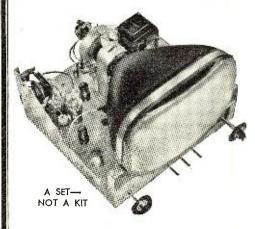
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farther from the transmitter. It is a good idea to check the radio-control transmitter initially at some time when it is known to be operating correctly. A note then should be made of the distance between transmitter and instrument, length of the pickup antenna, and the meter reading. When the transmitter subsequently is checked under the same conditions, a decreased meter reading will show that the transmitter output has fallen -an indication of failing tubes or batteries.

Somewhat more stable operation of the instrument, in transmitter checking, often can be obtained by grounding the instrument case. This is true especially when the gadget is placed at a good distance from the transmitter. The best grounding method consists of connecting a short length of flexible, insulated hookup wire from the "NEG." jack to a spike or rod driven into the earth.

Voltage Checking. Throw switch  $S_1$  to its "V" position. Plug test leads into the "NEG." jack and one of the voltage-range jacks. Touch the two test prods to the terminals of the voltage source and read the voltage on the scale of the meter. When checking an unknown voltage, protect the meter by always starting with the highest-voltage range and then transferring the positive test lead successively to each lower range jack until the unknown voltage can be read. Batteries and power supplies always should be checked under full-load conditions. If this rule is not followed, the batteries may appear in better condition than they really are.

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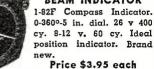
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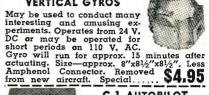
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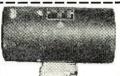




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#### NATIONAL NEWS 1951 National Convention

HICAGO is now definitely set as the site of the AFCA national annual meeting for 1951. April 19 and 20 will be the dates.

AFCA's Chicago Chapter will be host for the convention and plans are already well under way for an excellent show. Industry, instead of one of the armed services, will provide the displays, and from the start already made by the Chicago Chapter it is assured that something outstanding of interest will be presented.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

#### Atlanta

George M. Phillips, director of civil defense for the Atlanta Metropolitan Area, was the principal speaker at the Atlanta Chapter's winter dinner-meeting on December 4th at the Fort Mc-Pherson Officers' Mess. Details of the plans for civil defense for Atlanta and vicinity were explained to the 185 members present, and at the conclusion of the talk, Chapter President Ralph S. Grist of Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. pledged the full support of the chapter in rendering any assistance necessary to further the civil defense program.

Lt. Robert F. Malsby, formerly of the 34th Infantry, 24th Division, who went through the first 40 days in Korea, gave a short commentary on his experiences in Korea. The meeting closed with a showing of the film "The First Forty Days," a 21-minute portrayal of the Korean saga.

Over 185 members and guests attended the meeting. Among those present were Major General William C. Chase, Deputy Commanding General, Third Army; Col. Henry J. Hort, president of AFCA's Augusta-Camp Gordon Chapter; Major Harry Young, Communicator, 14th Air Force, Robins Air Force Base; and Captain Elwell T. Deagle, representing Brig. General George H. Weems, chief of the Georgia Military District.

#### Raltimore

The Bendix Radio Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., was host to the Baltimore Chapter on December 5th at its Towson, Maryland, plant.

Special emphasis was placed on the vital question of civil defense with Paul Holland, director of public works. and of civil defense, Baltimore City, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Holland outlined the civil defense program for the city and stated that it is being covered in three big phases, namely: (1) educating the people as early as

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possible, (2) conducting trial runs and drills in fire fighting, first aid, communications, transportation, etc., and (3) the development of an organization of 40 groups of civilian defense officers under the direction of a police sergeant in each of the 40 areas. With communications being of utmost necessity, Mr. Holland requested the assistance of the Baltimore Chapter.

Amateur radio will play an important role in Baltimore's program, said Mr. Holland. The city will be divided into 7 sectors—each sector having a complete transmitting station housed in a public building and operated solely by amateur radio operators. In addition, adequate underground communication facilities will be available to maintain contact between the stations at all times.

Col. George P. Dixon, AFCA national executive secretary, was a special guest of the chapter and reported on the over-all progress of the association in its membership and advertising programs.

At the conclusion of the dinner meeting, the members were conducted on a guided tour of inspection of the Bendix plant.

#### Boston

The Boston Chapter sponsored the exhibit of the Signal Corps, "The Signal Corps in Peace and War," at the 1st Cadet Armory, Boston, during the period December 12th-16th. Occupying some 6000 square feet and attended by a unit of Signal Corps personnel, the exhibit depicted some of the outstanding developments of the era.

Invitations to attend the exhibit were sent to all communications and electronics companies in the Boston area by Boston Chapter President T. F. Halloran of the General Communication Company.

The Zenith Radio Corporation was host to the Chicago Chapter for its October 26th meeting. An instructive

talk by J. E. Brown, asst. vice-president and chief engineer of Zenith on "Zenith Operations in Peace and War" was followed by a guided tour of the plant.

The program was concluded with the showing of the film, "Functional Photography in Industry," which has been made available to AFCA chapters through the courtesy of the Eastman Kodak Company.

Fort Monmouth "Color" was the featured subject on the program of the Fort Monmouth Chapter meeting on December 7th. Ralph M. Evans, superintendent of the color control department of the Eastman Kodak Company, gave an excellent talk supplemented by 100 slides which proved many of the points of his lecture by dynamic demonstration. He was assisted in the demonstration by a number of AFCA members who are instructors in the Photographic Division, Enlisted Department, The Signal School.

The chapter's annual elections were held with Col. E. A. Kenny selected as the new president; L. F. Christianson, 1st vice-president; Philip T. Boone, 2nd vice-president; Lt. Col. Mervin C. Bowers, secretary; and Esther M. Fernau, treasurer.

#### New York

Brig. General Peter C. Sandretto, USAFR, assistant technical director of Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, presented a demonstration-lecture on "Electronics in Aerial Navigation" at New York's November 15th meeting.

The many advances in the art of aerial navigation, both for military and civilian applications, were described and photographs of various equipments currently used to locate and plot positions of airplanes were shown, together with a motion picture in color depicting an actual landing using the I.L.S. method.

Another interesting feature of General Sandretto's lecture was a demonstration of the latest type "VOR" or omni-directional v.h.f. radio range beam, developed by the Federal Telecommunication Laboratories for the CAA. Signals from FM broadcasting stations in the 88-108 mc. band were tuned in and this device indicated the direction of the station. It was an impressive demonstration of the accuracy of this electronic direction finder. General Sandretto also described the F.T.L."Navigar System" of controlling airplane traffic enroute and at airports.

Two new films were made available for the meeting by the Continental Air Command. One depicted the effects of the atomic bombs on Japan during the past war and the other film described the important part to be played by civilian defense in any future emergency.

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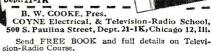
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Alaska where he is Chaplain to the 10th Rescue Squadron, addressed the Philadelphia Chapter meeting on November 16th.

"Bering Sea Patrol," the title of Father Hubbard's illustrated lecture, highlighted photography and communications in the strategic Alaskan Peninsula. Not only did he present some breath-taking pictures of distintegrating glaciers and ice floes, but also a first-hand account of the work that has been and is being done by the U. S. Air Forces in that area.

While the major part of Father Hubbard's lecture was confined to Alaska, he also presented some interesting views regarding the European and Korean situations.

A record audience of 500 attended the meeting. Guests of the chapter were members of the American Ordnance Association, 9555th ORTSU, Naval Aviation Supply Depot, Frankford Arsenal, Reserve Officers' Association and the Quartermaster Depot Officers' Club.

Pittsburgh

The Copperweld Steel Company, Glassport, Pa., was host to the Pittsburgh Chapter for its dinner-meeting on November 14th.

After a turkey dinner in the Copperweld dining room, the 118 members and guests were divided into groups of five to seven and conducted on a two-hour tour of the plant. The tour was most complete, following the processes of making Copperweld products from the casting department through to the shipping room.

#### Rochester

Members of the working committee attended a special meeting at the Genesee Valley Club, Rochester, on November 2nd to confer with Col. George Dixon, AFCA national executive secretary, on organizational plans for the new chapter.

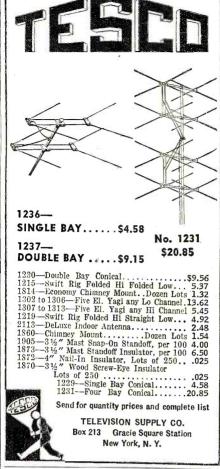
Those present were: Joseph C. Wilson, president of *The Haloid Co.* and chairman of the committee; Rufus Rosenbloom, president of *Ilex Optical Co.*; Edward A. Springer, president of *Wollensak Optical Co.*; J. A. Whittle, manager of the Contract Sales Div., *Eastman Kodak Co.*; and Kenneth E. Reynolds, *Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.* The president of *Graflex, Inc.*, and Howard A. Schumacher, vice-president, had planned to attend the meeting but were called out of town.

Plans were made for an organizational meeting to be held December 13th at which time the new Rochester Chapter of AFCA would be officially launched.

#### Sacramento

Mayor Bert Geisreiter of Sacramento was one of the speakers at the Sacramento Chapter's November 1st meeting where an over-all picture of disaster relief plans for the Sacramento area was presented.

At the meeting Col. Milton G. Mauer announced that he had found it neces-







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sary to resign his office as chapter president due to the press of increasing military activities related to his engineering work at the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. He was serving his second term as president. It was then announced that the chapter board of directors had selected Major Paul W. Carrington, USAR, to succeed Col. Mauer.

The motion picture "Atomic Power" was shown at the opening of the program and served as an effective introduction for Mayor Geisreiter and the other speakers on disaster relief.

Col. Joe Plato, director of disaster relief for Sacramento, outlined the various phases of the Sacramento disaster relief plan. The important part that would fall to communications should a disaster strike was described by Moody M. Jorgensen, chairman of the communications committee on disaster relief. He asked for the assistance of the Sacramento Chapter in inventorying communications equipment which would be required and available in case of disaster. The chapter readily agreed to assist in this matter and a committee is being appointed to work with Mr. Jorgensen's committee. Mr. Francis S. Smith of the McClellan Air Force Base discussed the "Atomic Effect on Industrial Areas" and outlined some of the medical aspects relative thereto.

Mayor Geisreiter described the overall disaster plan for Sacramento, pointing up the work that had already been accomplished and emphasizing the fact that considerable team work and planning remained to be done in order to perfect a workable and effective plan. Mayor Geisreiter also related some of the interesting highlights of a mayors' conference on disaster relief which he had recently attended in Washington, D. C.

Retiring President Mauer's term of office was marked by the chapter's achievements in the national Chapter of the Year contest, in which the Sacramento Chapter won second place for 1950 and is currently in the lead for the 1951 contest. Major Carrington, who succeeds to the presidency, was one of the original founders of the chapter back in 1946 and is well grounded in both the local and national activities of the AFCA. He is an official with the Sacramento municipal utility district and a member of the reserve unit at the Sacramento Signal Depot.

#### Seattle

'Far East Customs and Habits" was the subject of a talk by Major John D. Flewelling of the Alaska Communications System before the Seattle Chapter meeting of November 8th. He pointed out that the Japanese attitude has changed greatly since 1945 because under the occupation they have found freedom and individuality. The freedom educational program for the Japanese, he said, was accomplished quickly due to the extensive radio nets and newspapers.

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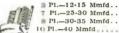
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The dinner meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Special guests of the evening were representatives of the U.S. Navy.

#### Southern California

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter met on November 9th to discuss the practicability of present plans to establish lines of communication for civilian defense. A report on the conclusions reached at the meeting was forwarded to AFCA national headquarters by Chapter President Arthur C. Hohmann, Deputy Chief of Police of Los Angeles.

#### Washington

The Washington Chapter's second meeting of the season on November 16th brought out a large attendance of AFCA members and guests to hear Rear Admiral Stanford C. Hooper. USN (Ret.) recount the first days of radio in the Navy and the birth of broadcasting.

Admiral Hooper, the "Father of Navy radio communications," had with him at the chapter luncheon his "First Team," a group of radio pioneers who had worked with him in the early days. The group of ten were honored guests at the meeting.

The "First Team" included one particularly well known AFCA member. former FCC Commissioner E. K. Jett, who was president of the Baltimore Chapter last year. Others were W. A. Eaton, R. A. Lavender, C. H. Maddox, T. A. M. Craven, R. E. Gillmor, Charles S. Range, Morris E. Eason, Arthur O'Brien, and Lloyd S. Quynn.

Admiral Hooper's recollections of his early efforts to have radio accepted in the Navy as a practical medium of communication proved highly amusing to the AFCA members present because of the many incidents related wherein doubt of radio's reliability caused reactions which seem comic now.

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#### One Man Shop Doomed?

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cate that about sixty per-cent of the television service jobs are completed in the owners' homes. In other words, out of every five service calls three are handle television units to and from "pulled" to the shop for repairs. To handle television units to and from customers' homes the service operator must have some kind of a truck, which represents another investment in operating equipment.

Of course, there are many other elements that are serious obstacles to the successful operation of a one-man television service business in competition with organizations of skilled specialists. The larger organizations usually specialize in the receivers of a limited number of manufacturers. Normally they frown upon or refuse to service an "orphan" set or one they do not handle in volume. The reason is obvious. Experience on any given circuit is additive. Knowledge of a receiver's eccentricities or peculiarities, gained from experience in servicing it, reduces the servicing time per unit.

In the final analysis the question resolves itself into-How far can one individual effectively "spread" his time and abilities in a business that requires such a wide variety of techniques?

Successful television service businessmen in cities of all sizes agree that an organization of skilled technicians is required to handle television service efficiently, economically, and profitably. They also agree that there is manpower minimum below which the business will lose money. This minimum size varies from four men to seven men depending upon the size of the city and the trade area where it operates. It also presumes that the owner is himself a skilled technician capable of performing any phase of the service activity. The size of any service organization in manpower is determined by many things, but chiefly these: 1. The managerial ability of the owner; 2. The finances available for investment in capital equipment such as trucks. test equipment, replacement tubes and parts stocks, operating supplies and equipment, etc.; 3. Knowledge of effective sales promotion methods on the part of the management to insure a uniform volume of business to keep personnel profitably employed.

All right, you say, suppose the oneman service operator passes up television service; he can still make a good living servicing FM and AM radios.

It's highly questionable whether any man ever made a "good living" consistently out of a one man service business. But let's assume that under current conditions and possessing a fairly good stock of hard-to-get tubes and replacement parts, the solo operator is able to take a good living out of his business. How long will it last?

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and u.h.f. television will give the green light to a rapid spreading of the type of television installation and service organization that has proven most successful in the metropolitan areas. Men who have acquired the management "know how" by working for successful metropolitan service businesses will seek opportunities to develop businesses of their own. They will turn their attention to smaller cities where a minimum-sized organization requiring a comparatively nominal investment can get a business foothold. We saw this development in a small way in cities that got television stations a year or more after the metropolitan areas were opened. The TV station freeze and the more recent tightening up in the skilled technical manpower situation caused a temporary suspension in this perfectly normal development in a new industry.

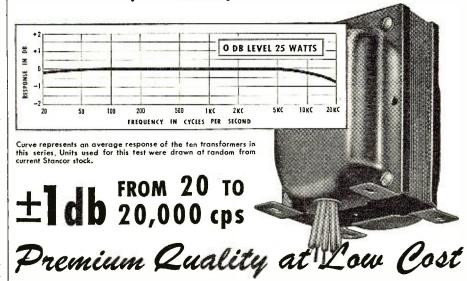
Successful television service contractors have developed sales promotional campaigns to maintain and expand their volume of business and through necessity have learned the fundamentals for maintaining good customer relations. One example of the excellent sales promotional material that service contractors are using is a fourteen-page brochure prepared by Whittingham Brothers, Inc., of Philadelphia, containing a pictorialized story of their organization and facilities. This brochure is distributed to the company's customers and prospective customers. It has helped materially to increase their volume of service business and also created an especial appreciation of the company on the part of their service contract customers.

Time and experience will eventually determine the cycles of television service. It will be only natural for TV service businessmen to explore ways and means for adding service business during their slack TV periods. AM and FM radios, record changers and players, and home recorders can provide this added volume. These companies have the equipment, the skilled manpower, and the "know how" to handle the servicing of any type of electronic vacuum tube equipment. They know how to "sell service." As a matter of fact, quite a number of contract organizations in metropolitan areas had perfected plans for going after AM and FM radio service business, plans which were temporarily shelved in the face of the tightening situation on replacement tubes and parts.

Perhaps the most promising field of activity for the individual technician who wants to work alone in his own business is that of television receiver conversions. TV set owners have shown a decided preference for having their receivers converted to include later developments over trading them in on new models. In most areas a brisk business has grown up in converting 7" and 10" picture tube sets to 12½", 14", 16", and 19" picture tubes.

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#### **Pulse Generator**

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time. The new miniature "metallized" paper condensers may be used to good advantage for coupling purposes since their small physical size reduces the distributed capacities to ground. They may be used for  $C_5$ ,  $C_6$  and  $C_9$ .

Once the construction job is completed, the unit may be mounted in a standard metal utility cabinet, and decals used to identify controls. When "dressed up" in this manner, the completed generator looks like a commercially-built piece of equipment (Fig. 1).

#### Use and Adjustment

Where exact frequencies are required, the output terminals of the completed pulse generator should be connected to an oscilloscope, and the frequency determining condensers ( $C_1$  thru  $C_5$ ) adjusted to give the desired results.

It is important that an oscilloscope having good high frequency response in the vertical amplifier be used if the pulse waveforms are to be observed without distortion. Pulsed signals contain harmonics as high as the tenth harmonic of a signal represented by the pulse-width (not pulse rate). Thus, a 10 kc. pulse rate, with the pulsewidth equal to 1/10 of the total time for a cycle, represents a frequency of 50 kc. and contains harmonics to 500 kc. For most work, a scope having a "fiat" response to 2 megacycles should be satisfactory. The Tektronix 511AD,



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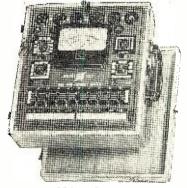
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used to obtain the waveforms shown in Fig. 3, is reasonably flat to about 10

When connecting the pulse generator to other equipment, it is best to use short connecting leads, particularly when high pulse repetition rates are Open leads are preferable to coax unless hum pickup in the connecting leads becomes too severe.

#### **Applications**

Pulses are particularly valuable for syncing multivibrators, blocking oscillators, relaxation oscillators, and scope sweeps. Whether positive or negative pulses are to be used depends upon the exact circuit to be "locked-in," and both should be tried.

A positive pulse may be used to form a saw-tooth signal when applied to a vacuum tube biased to cut-off, with an RC circuit in the plate circuit of the tube. The condenser is connected to ground and charges through the plate load resistor. When the positive pulse is applied to the grid the tube conducts, acting to discharge the condenser.

Pulses are also valuable for retrace blanking in a cathode-ray oscilloscope. When some scopes are used at high sweep rates, the retrace becomes visible and interferes with proper interpretation of the observed waveform, as illustrated in Fig. 4A.

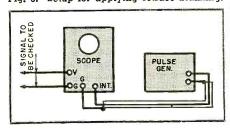
To apply retrace blanking to the scope, connect the output of the pulse generator to the "Intensity Modulation" terminals of the scope, as shown in Fig. 5. Whether positive or negative pulses are required for proper blanking depends on the design of the scope, and both should be tried. When the retrace is properly blanked out, the scope pattern shown in Fig. 4A will appear as in Fig. 4B.

For proper blanking, the pulse rate should be equal to the scope sweep rate.

When the pulse rate is higher than the sweep rate, small "dots" or "dashes" will appear in the observed signal, as shown in Fig. 4C.

Under such conditions, the pulse generator is useful for frequency measurement. As an example, if there are two complete cycles of the signal being observed between the "dashes" represented by the pulses, as in Fig. 4C, then the frequency of the observed signal is twice the pulse rate. Similarly, if there are three or four complete cycles between pulses, then the frequency of the observed signal is three and four times the pulse rate, respectively.

-30-Fig. 5. Setup for applying retrace blanking.



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- 1. Direct mail costs are more flexible than the costs of other media. You can spend as little or as much as you desire.
- 2. Direct mail can be used with a minimum "waste" circulation. The advertiser selects the list of prospects to whom the piece will be sent.
- 3. Direct mail advertising results can be checked accurately. Each recipient is known by the sender and can be subjected to various types of copy approaches. This means that after testing, advertising matter can be improved.
- 4. The advertiser controls his direct mail circulation as to amount, distribution, and quality. He establishes and maintains his own list. He can send a personalized message and can devote more space to the recipient's individual problems. In other words, he can sell his merchandise in terms of his customers' specific desires and needs.

Probably the most important element in successful direct mail adver-

tising is the list or the names to whom the pieces are directed. It is the advertiser's task to establish his own list, upon which depends the success of his campaign.

#### **Building the Mailing List**

Obviously, just any list of names would not serve too well as a source for potential customers. For example, you wouldn't direct a mailing piece offering expensive television sets to a lower income group of customers. Their interest in such an item would probably be negligible and their purchasing power low. You wouldn't choose a list of children for similar reasons. You would desire a list, however, of persons possessing the purchasing power and potential desire for your product.

Building a good list is not a difficult job. It requires, however, rigid adherence to certain basic rules which are

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3. The List Must Be Accurate. One of the surest ways to antagonize a customer is to misspell his name or call him "Mrs." instead of "Mr." When you are gathering your list, it is essential to get correct information as to spelling and other details. This, too, must be kept up-to-date to insure accuracy.

4. The List Must Be Complete. It should contain complete data which will enable the advertiser to know his prospects well. If possible, a list should contain age, education, financial status, and any other pertinent information which can be obtained.

5. The List Should Be Free of Duplication. In gathering lists from separate sources, it is important that there is no duplication of names. If one person receives two identical mailing pieces, the effect of both may be lost entirely.

#### **Gathering the Names**

Mailing lists can either be bought or built. There are companies which specialize in compiling and selling lists.

You can buy a list of names in practically any desired quantity and grouped in many varied categories. You can purchase names of people in your own town listed according to income bracket groups, neighborhoods, educational qualifications, etc. Remember, however, that "canned" lists can be obtained by anyone who is willing to pay the price—and that includes your compctitor. "Home made" mailing lists, though more difficult to obtain, are usually more effective, for they represent a more carefully selected group of people whose names make up a list available to no one else.

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3. Answers to advertisements soliciting mail orders. The use of a coupon at the bottom of your newspaper advertisement will facilitate the ordering and give you the information you desire.

4. Names of friends submitted by established customers. Inexpensive gift items offered for each name submitted will stimulate action.

5. Names from newspaper announcements of births, engagements, weddings, graduations, etc.

6. Municipal records of licenses and permits usually available at the city hall of your town.

7. Payroll lists of local companies, sometimes available.

8. Convention rosters, membership lists of commercial, professional, and social clubs.

9. The main and classified sections of local telephone directories.

10. The exchange of lists with non-competitive but allied retailers. Radio and television merchants can often find effective lists in the possession of a neighborhood record store or furniture store.

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The compiling of an effective direct mail list, though not too difficult a job, requires care, patience, and resourcefulness.

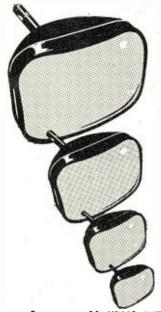
#### Classification

After the names have been gathered in sufficient quantity, it is wise to give thought to the information which has been compiled. Correct classifications will keep your list alive and accurate. Most important is to divide your list into "active" and "inactive" groups. After subjecting your "active" customers to a predetermined number of mailing pieces, unresponsive names









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#### Mac's Service Shop

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eye that the boy was doing some heavy thinking. He was trying to estimate just how many sets he had let slip without this routine check in the past!

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weak and noisy playing.

"What do you know!" he exclaimed as his ears turned a brick red. "That's not it. Well, it must be the resistor that drops the d.c. voltage for the filament string has increased in resistance and made the filament current too low. The tubes all check extra good on emission.

Mac said nothing, and a few minutes later the little set made a noticeable increase in volume. "There," Barney- announced triumphantly; "reducing the resistance of the dropping resistor a couple of hundred ohms did the trick."

Without making a reply Mac reached over and cut the output of the line isolation transformer from 117 volts to 105 volts. Instantly the little receiver went dead.

"I seem to remember telling you that all of the sets had to keep playing when the line voltage was dropped to 100 volts before they were ready to leave the shop," he observed quietly.

"But if I reduce that resistance any more, I am afraid the tubes will get too much current when the line voltage is up," Barney protested.

"Maybe you are barking up the wrong tree. How does the rectified voltage ahead of the dropping resistor check with the value given in the service manual?"

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"It's about ten per-cent low at 117 volts in the line."

"Then why don't you check the rectifier?'

"Because (a) the rectifier is a selenium job and they never give any trouble, and (b) I know of no way of checking that type of rectifier."

"Replying to 'a,' " Mac said," 'never' and 'always' are two words that just do not belong in the vocabulary of a technician. If he has been in this game long enough, he has seen everything happen, at least once. Those selenium jobs do give very little trouble, but some of them have been in service long enough now to begin to weaken a little. I replaced three last week. As for 'b' you are going to learn right now a quick and practical way of checking them."

Mac picked up the solder gun and unsoldered one lead from the rectifier. Then he connected an ohmmeter, set to its lowest range, across the selenium unit. When the leads were connected in one way, the meter pointer barely flickered; but when the leads were reversed, a resistance of around six hundred ohms was indicated. Next he took several new selenium rectifiers from a parts cabinet and showed Barney that each of them, in the conducting direction, presented a resistance of only fifty ohms or less.

"Be sure and notice the particular ohmmeter and the particular scale we are using for this test," Mac cautioned, "for that fifty-ohm figure will not hold good unless you employ the same setup. What we are really testing is the amount of current passed by the rectifier for a given voltage, and the applied voltage--and consequently the current—will be different for other ohmmeter circuits; but as long as you stick to this particular meter and range, the check will be all OK. A very high resistance in the non-conducting direction and a low resistance to current moving in the conducting direction is the mark of a good rectifier.'

"I suppose a fellow could use the low-resistance, high-current range of any ohmmeter to establish a similar acceptable resistance by taking the average of several new rectifiers, couldn't he?" Barney asked.

"That's right," Mac agreed as he removed the old rectifier and soldered the new one into place. Immediately the set started to play loudly and without hum, and it continued to play that way even when the line voltage applied was only ninety-five volts.

"That has taught me a lesson," Barney vowed. "From now on I am going to consider every radio part guilty until it has been proved innocent. I'm going to be as suspicious as a bubble-dancer at a bean-shooters convention.'

"While you are in this rare chastened mood, I want to mention a couple of other matters," Mac said. "In that set you left on the bench last night and which you said was ready to go back in the cabinet, you had re-

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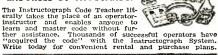
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"But I checked the resistance of the resistor, and it was well within ten per-cent of the rated value," Barney explained.

'That's not the idea. A resistor that has been subjected to that much of an overload is very likely to have developed structural strains that will cause it to become noisy. On top of that, a burned resistor in a set will cause the next technician who works on it to think that the charring has been done recently, and he may waste a lot of time trying to figure out why."

"I never thought of that," the redheaded youth admitted. "You know, I am beginning to wonder if I wasn't jumping the gun a little when I decided that I had about outgrown radio servicing. Maybe there are still a few tricks I can learn."

"Maybe," Mac agreed with a grin. "As some guy put it, all you need to keep you humble is enough egotism. If you are content to compare your mastery of servicing with that of your not-too-bright competitor down the street, it is easy to feel pretty smug about yourself; but if you are willing to stack your knowledge of radio up against all there is to know about the subject-well, you are not going to be too impressed with your own brilliance.'

#### CIRCUIT IMPROVEMENT

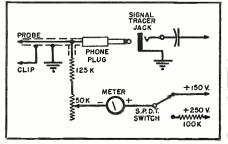
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DDING a noise localizer to your sig-A nal tracer, as suggested by William Tretter on page 44 of the October 1950 issue of RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS, is a bright idea.

However, a radio technician has enough on his mind, what with intermittent sets and customers, without adding one more burden. I am specifically referring to the injunction that you should "be sure and turn that you should "be sure and turn that switch to 'Off' when you are using the crystal probe." I am afraid of anything that makes

me think, so before I burned out my Ferris (a high-priced job) and not after -I made such an occurrence impossible. The diagram (Fig. 1) shows how one must remove the signal tracing probe to plug in the noise localizing section. You may also use the ohmmeter function together with the signal tracer or independently.

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#### Frequency Meter

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full-wave power supply and fed into the instrument for calibration of the 1000 cycle range. A 440 cycle signal may be taken from across the loudspeaker voice coil of a radio receiver tuned to WWV standard frequency broadcasts and used to calibrate the 440 cycle points in the 500 and 1000 cycle ranges. WWV also provides a tone frequency of 600 cycles (0.6 ma. on the 1000 cycle range).

Once the calibration rheostats have been set, it is advisable to lock their shafts in position with a drop of sealing wax or service cement.

#### Operating the Instrument

Use of the frequency meter is straightforward. Simply switch on the power and allow the tubes to heat up. Set the range switch to its 50 kc. position. Then connect the source of unknown frequency to the "Signal Input" terminals. If the frequency is too low to produce a deflection on the 50 kc. range, switch S2 successively to each lower range until the unknown frequency is read near the top of one of the ranges.

The frequency of a sound may be checked by means of a carbon microphone circuit connected as shown in Fig. 2. If a crystal or dynamic microphone is used, an external high-gain pre-amplifier will be required, but the transformer shown in Fig. 2 will not be necessary. The volume of the sound need not be constant, since the frequency meter reading will not change with variations in volume, as long as the voltage delivered by the secondary winding of the transformer does not drop below 1 volt. This scheme can be used to check the frequency of single-tone whistles, bells, chimes, buzzers, horns, tuning forks, pitch pipes, and the like.

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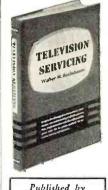
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#### TROUBLE - CONFUSION - FAILURES

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Trouble Brews for Independents
THE extent of the public's interest
and concern in any problem affecting a large segment of the population
is always reflected in the amount of
space devoted to it by magazines with
general national circulation and by the
daily newspapers. And when newspapers get their teeth into a subject
and a wide variety of reporters and
columnists start to interpret a business as heterogeneous as that of television servicing they brew the ingredients for a violent explosion of public
resentment that can hurt every honest
man engaged in that business.

In a recent issue of. "Pageant" magazine the lead article, "Beware the TV Gyps," detailed a number of case histories of the racketeering being practiced by some unscrupulous set dealers and so-called service operators. Of particular interest and significance in this article is the author's statement emphasized in italics that,

"The BBB's (Better Business Bureaus) in most of these cities (referring to the cities where the author made a personal investigation) re-

ported a larger volume of public howls about television receivers and service than for any single item of merchandise in their history."

Undoubtedly many other magazines with national newsstand circulation will pick up the ball on this subject and there will be a plethora of articles exposing the faults and failures of television retailing, installation, and maintenance activities. While all of the writers take great pains to point out that the majority of TV set buyers are fairly and honestly treated by the dealers and service operators with whom they deal, a flood of articles of this nature will incline the average reader to look with suspicion on every organization and technician engaged in independent television servicing unless the ethical operators find an effective publicity voice to proclaim what they are doing to obliterate the sharpshooters and the incompetents. Honestdealing service operators cannot safely take the attitude "Let's you and him fight," and stand on the sidelines while the magazines, newspapers, and BBB's wage the campaigns to clean up

A capacity crowd turned out in York, Pa, to hear the lecture on color television presented by the Television Technicians Lecture Bureau. Similar groups in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, and Philadelphia evidenced their interest in the subject by appearing in force to hear Edward M. Noll lecture on this vital topic.



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the TV retailing and servicing activities. It is in their best interests to get together and help.

As reported in this department last month, the Better Business Bureau of New York City recently launched a campaign to inform the public about how they can protect themselves against sharp-dealing and dishonest retailers and service operators. More recently in the Philadelphia area "The Bulletin" (the evening newspaper which, they say, almost everyone reads) launched a news campaign to alert their readers to the dishonest practices that are being employed by some television dealers and service technicians in Philadelphia with the idea of weeding out chiselers and racketeers with the help of an informed public.

Based on figures supplied by the Philadelphia Better Business Bureau "The Bulletin's" initial article pointed out that more than one thousand complaints had been received by the BBB so far and that this organization could not adequately cope with the situation with its present staff. While this record of complaints in Philadelphia is far below that of most other major cities, it is significant that concerted action is being taken to correct it.

It was noted that the Better Business Bureau had consulted with representatives of the Philadelphia Radio Servicemen's Association (PRSMA) and the Television Contractors Association (TCA) both of which were lending every possible assistance in the campaign to drive out the incompetent and the unscrupulous service operators in the Philadelphia area.

Quoting Paul V. Forte, executive secretary of TCA, the news account states that, "TCA welcomes a complete airing of this disgraceful situation.

"Such an inquiry will help the ethical and reputable men and firms in the field and will aid the public by teaching them to distinguish between legitimate individuals and concerns and the racketeers who have drifted into the business.

"Some retailers sell sets at cost and depend upon a 'kickback' for their profit from the service contractor with whom they place the policy. If the service contractor has to turn back part of the money to the retailer it is impossible for him to set aside any reserve funds to take care of the service over the life of the contract.

"Should he find himself in a position where he has to make any considerable outlay, he winds up with his back against the wall and can only go out of business. Then the users who paid their money for policies with him also become victims."

Along with the well-written, ably documented articles and news stories that are popping up in publications across the country, there are other writers who are putting out just plain drivel on the subject of TV servicing. Typical of these is the following excerpt from one columnist's "brilliant" coverage of current service conditions:



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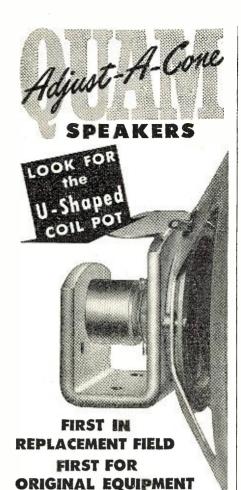
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"So if your television set goes on the fritz, just be pleasantly surprised if you get it fixed promptly and don't get a bill that makes you count to 10 before starting to ask questions.

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Radio service and television contract organizations in a few of the large cities are playing a vital role in unified campaigns to place independent television servicing on a sound, substantial basis as an honorable business activity. Unfortunately, there are far too few of these organizations in existence. If the existence of strong, local service organizations was the rule rather than the exception—as it is now—this entire problem could eventually be successfully whipped on a national scale.

However, local organizations can be influential and effective only on the limited scale of the trade area in which they are located. In the areas where there is no co-ordinated thinking among ethical service operators they may discover that some of this extensive news coverage of TV service failings may result in abortive city ordinances and licensing arrangements before they can develop an organization to protect their interests.

**Major Contractors Fail** 

The legitimate service operators are plastered with their worst black eyes when honestly conducted but poorly managed service organizations go broke and leave thousands of service contract owners to make out as best they can for service on their sets. The failure of the Prudential TV Service Company operating in New York and New Jersey is a case in point.

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Prudential suspended operations because they were unable to meet their payroll, said to be more than twenty thousand dollars per month. "Retailing Daily" reported the following four reasons as the basic causes for the company's failure:

- 1. Failure of dealers to escrow service contract monies. Prudential accepted contract commitments by telephone from dealers who, in turn, were required to mail the contract fees to the bank which acted as the escrow agent.
- 2. Receivers badly made, poorly inspected, and shipped with parts missing. This required service time that was not contemplated in the annual maintenance contract price.
- 3. Dealer "kickbacks." A portion of the service contract fee given to the dealer.
- 4. Inability of service technicians working in the greater New York City area to park at or even near customer's home. This cut the daily average of field service calls below the breakeven point.

While it is claimed that ninety percent of Prudential service contract owners are protected because of the company's escrow arrangement on contract service monies, the transfer of service accounts from a defunct company to another is never accomplished without a great deal of customer disappointment and dissatisfaction.

But while the Prudential service customer will get some sort of a continuation of service on their contracts, this is not true with failures like that of Supreme Television Service Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, which failed with thousands of contracts on their books. This company offered to settle with their creditors on the basis of ten cents on the dollar so it is obvious that thousands of set owners were left holding the bag for the balance of the service due on their contracts.

Several service organizations are studying plans for creating an insurance "pool" that would provide the means for fulfilling any member's service commitments in the event his business failed. Such a plan would solidly cement the relations of the organization's membership and it would provide the service contract customer with added assurance of uninterrupted service from any of the member organizations.

On the other hand, members of the Television Installation Service Association of Chicago pledge themselves to abide by a very strict Code of Ethics which, if followed to the letter, will almost insure that every member's business will prosper.

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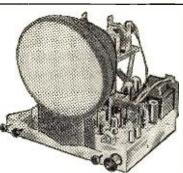
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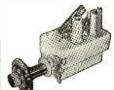
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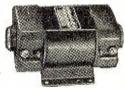
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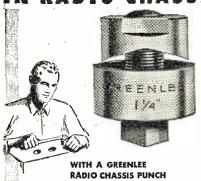
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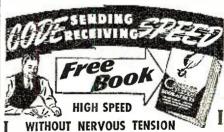
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ator and technician has resulted in a situation that is reminiscent of the story about the man who "jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions.'

In this department last month we reported the formation of the National Alliance of Television & Electronics Service Associations (NATESA) headed up by Frank J. Moch, president of TISA in Chicago. This organization was created in Washington, D. C., at a meeting of representatives of television service groups from nine cities in various parts of the country.

Subsequently a meeting was called in New York City by the Empire State Federation of Electronc Technicians Associations to discuss the formation of a national association or federation of state associations of radio and television service technicians. The end result of this meeting was the selection of a committee with Dave Krantz as chairman and Norman Chalfin as secretary, to develop a plan for a national organization. The plan as developed by this committee will be presented to the delegates of all associations which are represented at a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., early in 1951. Mr. Krantz is chairman of the Federation of Radio Service Associations of Pennsylvania and Mr. Chalfin is executive secretary of AR-TSNY.

There are two distinct schools of thought prevalent in the service industry about the kind of a national organization the service industry needs. The one opinion holds that a national organization should be made up of local associations of radio and electronic maintenance and service businessmen while the other insists that it must be made up of state associations or federations of radio and television service technicians.

Unfortunately, there are not enough active local associations or state federations to provide a nucleus for either type of national organization to justify their speaking with authority for the entire servicing industry.

Since most of the aggressive radio and television service association activities have been concentrated in the metropolitan areas, organization thinking is geared to the problems peculiar to the closely populated areas and not especially applicable to service activities in the smaller cities and rural areas where a large percentage of the successful independent service businesses are located.

A third philosophy of associated activity by radio and television technicians is that represented in the Radio Technicians Guilds of New England. These guilds which function under the simple creed of good fellowship and the exchange of ideas and information have quietly flourished down through the years without any fanfare or involvement in the political squabbles that have many times destroyed good service organizations.

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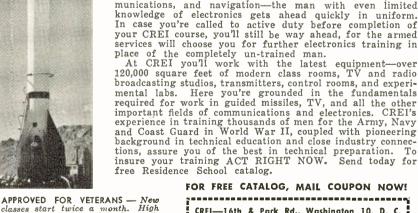
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#### **Loudness and Power**

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erally about 2 to 3% efficient. Wider range speakers costing up to about \$30 are generally not more efficient, the extra cost usually going into better bass and high frequency response. A number of speakers in the \$40 to \$70 class are about 4 to 6% efficient. These usually have magnets of 2 or 4 pounds as compared with ounces in the lower cost models. Top efficiency for a speaker unit seems to go to the Altec 604B which has an efficiency of about 8% according to my measurements. This is a pretty good standard for comparison. Higher efficiencies are obtained on some types of speaker systems using horn loading. The Klipsch corner horn system claims an efficiency of the order of 30% and some checks I have made seem to confirm this.

To return to the example of Table 1, the room was to be equipped with a coaxial speaker of good efficiency in a bass reflex cabinet. An efficiency of 5% was estimated for this model and so the electrical power calculated to produce the sound intensity of 120 decibels is:  $Electrical\ power = Acous$ tic power/Speaker efficiency;  $P_{\sigma}$  = .30/.05 = 6 watts.

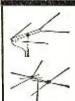
It is informative to calculate the power that will be used in this installation under different listening levels. At 113 decibels (top loudness of a symphony orchestra) the electrical power is 1.2 watts. Of course the instantaneous peaks may be above this level by a 6 decibel factor, or at the 6 watt output already calculated. The average loudness of a symphony orchestra will use only about a thousandth of a watt and lower volume levels will be down to a millionth of a watt and less.

It was reasoned that a 10 watt amplifier would suffice for this installation and as this agreed with other engineering advice a suitable unit was installed. Later some output measurements of the amplifier in various loudness levels were made and readings of the following type were obtained.

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This nomograph has been used in estimating power requirements in a number of different applications. It has proven to be very useful and even more educational. The limitations of the graph are the estimates involved in the reverberation time and the speaker efficiency. These factors must be used in any system of figuring power requirements plus an added safety factor which must be large enough to cover all contingencies. However by the methods described it is usually possible to come within 50%of the actual power required.

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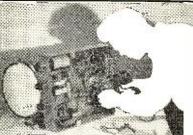
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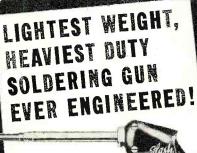
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