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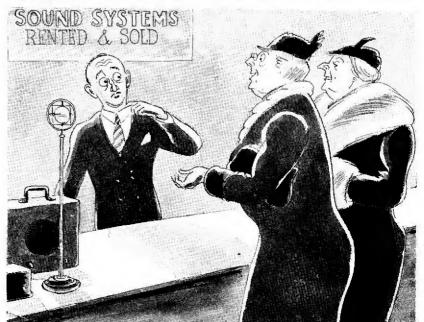
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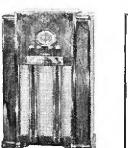
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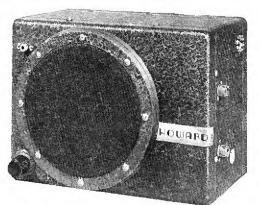
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MODEL H-A-8 . . EIGHT TUBE Superheterodyne. Possesses all the fine features of MODEL H-A-7 shown and described at left . . . PLUS . . . several other fine developments that make it this year's outstanding Eight-Tube DELUXE AUTO SET.

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**RCA RADIOTRONS** THE CHOICE OF MILLIONS **OF SET OWNERS** 

RCA Radio News RCA Manufacturing Company, Inc. • Camden, New Jersey A Service of the Radio Corporation of America

**RCA "CHECK-UP"** THE CHOICE OF THOU-SANDS OF SERVICE MEN

To the consumer, RCA Radiotrons mean high quality... To the radio man, RCA Radiotrons mean easier selling, higher profits

### **DEALERS GET WAY TO FIND PROSPECTS** ... MAKE THEM PAY TO BE DISCOVERED

Spring "Check-Up" a Proved Way to Profits ... Pays You for Building New Sales!

**RCA Radiotron jobbers now offer** a vastly improved profit-making plan based on three years of successful operation.

The RCA Radiotron Spring Check-Up Plan is a sound, complete ten-point radio checkup service for which you charge your customer \$1.50, exclusive of parts ... A complete merchandising package wrapped up for immediate use.

#### What It Does

This sensational Plan gives you entry into 73% of the homes in your community, because that many homes have a radio. Visits to sick radios open the door to the sale of more than tubes. Dealers and service men find check-up also promotes sales of service and parts-sells new sets and appliances.

#### Why It Works

58 out of every 100 sets in your community need service, repairs, new tubes. If you let them, set owners will wait until their radios break down completely before getting service. You can stir them into action with this Check-Up Plan because checkups are a part of American life. People are accustomed to automobile, health and dental check-ups. Hence, they see the wisdom of a radio check-up.

You visit customers on the basis of "service"-not "sales". You get paid in full for the service you render. In addition, you collect for parts, tubes, and whatever else you sell-and every home offers you an opportunity for profitable sales! In this way, the RCA Check-Up Plan actually makes prospects pay for being discovered!

### HOW THE CHECK-UP IS PROMOTED TO CONSUMER

RCA Radiotron, the only tube manufacturer today doing any national consumer advertising for its dealers, breaks with a tremendous campaign in April, featuring

- One column ads in Saturday Evening Post and Collier's every other week.
- Newspaper ads in over 100 cities.
- Strong commercial announcements on a full-hour nation-wide broadcast every Sunday.

Ask your distributor how you can cash in

on this outstanding advertising program.

### POWERFUL SALES HELPS **OFFERED BY RADIOTRON**

Radiotron jobbers are now in a position to supply service men and dealers new and potent sales aids to help them cash in on the Spring Check-Up. Ask your jobber how.

1 You can have your name listed in local newspaper ads. 2 Newspaper mats for your own use can be secured. 3 New mailing pieces, handouts and various pieces of literature can be had on a cooperative basis.

### MAKE YOUR WINDOW A **PROFIT PULLER**



Here is the second display in the '37 Radiotron Display Service. The slate with chalk and eraser comes with two giant cartons, measuring 6" x 6" x 18" and 30 dummy cartons. A real talking display that will help you sell Check-Up. Ask your RCA Tube distributor how

you can get this complete year's service.

### NEW!

#### Auto Radio Check-Up Opens New Field for Sale of Service, Tubes and Parts

1,412,000 auto radios were sold last year. This year it is estimated there will be 1,750,000 more sold. Car dealers aren't prepared to service them. You are! These radios need attention more often than home sets - and the RCA Auto Radio Check-Up Plangives you a great opportunity to cash in on extra business. Get full details from your RCA Tube distributor.

### **DEALERS MAKE 16% NET PROFIT** USING RCA CHECK-UP PLAN

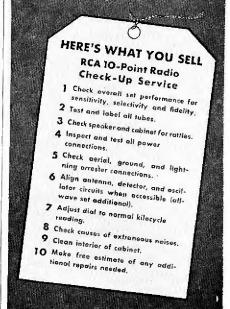
Below is shown results obtained by over 1,000 neighborhood dealers, radio service men and department stores from mailing 500 to 1,000 letters in connection with the RCA Radiotron Check-Up, to prospects and customers over a period of one month to three months. They averaged 38 calls per 1,000 mailings. Based on this average, the dollar returns per dealer are:

35 Check-Ups at \$1.50 each	\$ 52.50
Sale of tubes, parts for replace-	
ments were \$3.65 per Check-Up .	127.75
Dealers' operating	\$180.25
cost based on the above dollar v	aluma

cost based on the above don	ar	VOI	ume
Cost of tubes sold		. \$	39.01
Cost of parts and accessories			21.10
Cost of labor			-38.00
20% overhead (rent, light, etc.)	$\binom{th}{h}$	is is) igh)	36.00
		\$	134.11
*Average cost of advertising		. \$	17.00
Average net profit-16% .		. \$	29.14

The profit shown above, of course, was in addition to the money made by dealers in the regular course of business. Many dealers have reported sales of new radios and other electrical appliances ranging from \$3 to well over \$700-all plus value and profit.

Thousands of dealers are averaging from 3% to 16% returns-from 30 to 160 radio checkup jobs per thousand letters sent to radio set owners, at an average of \$5 per job.



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APRIL, 1937

O. FRED. ROST, Editor

### TO TOWN WITH SOUND

THROUGH THE ARRIVAL ON THE market of several advertised and thoroughly reliable lines of packaged and standardized sound equipment, radio dealers everywhere have been presented with an opportunity for boosting sales and profits, such as has come rarely if ever to retailers in other lines.

Despite the huge market that exists for sound equipment, the business was in the doldrums until recently. While satisfactory units were available the general public knew little or nothing about them and when brought in contact considered this another useful but highly complicated mechanical mystery that only a wizard could operate. Many local tinkerers kept this delusion alive by supplying home made or in-free-styleassembled sound jobs that only they themselves could keep in service. Such things as standardization of complete units, simplified and safe installations, firm pricing and selling policies were a rarity in this field.

TODAY FINDS THE SITUATION GREATLY IMproved. Expanding use, better understanding of its various uses and functions, advertising and general publicity on the subject have served to give the public a better understanding and broadened the demand for sound equipment in industrial, commercial, educational and private markets. Estab-

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lished manufacturers are prepared to furnish efficient, well designed, well appearing, well packaged complete units under selling plans that are varied but nevertheless give the dealer a chance to operate in this field at a profit.

\* \* \*

Sound EQUIPMENT BEING AN OFFSPRING of radio, it is apparent that radio distributors and dealers should know best how to sell it. Being more or less susceptible to all-yearround selling, sound equipment can be used effectively to fill in the valleys in the sales curve which appear to be one of the characteristics of radio set sales. The customer list which radio dealers have built up should disclose the names of many direct prospects and others who through business, political or personal connections would generate prospects.

However, radio dealers will want to study the theory and practice of sound apparatus carefully and particularly know the technique and essential requirements for satisfactory installation of the various units. Wherever the conditions warrant they should establish separate departments for sound equipment selling and maintenance.

The market is ready and the products are available so its just a question of which radio dealers will grasp this golden opportunity, and, in the vernacular of the day— "go to town"—with sound.

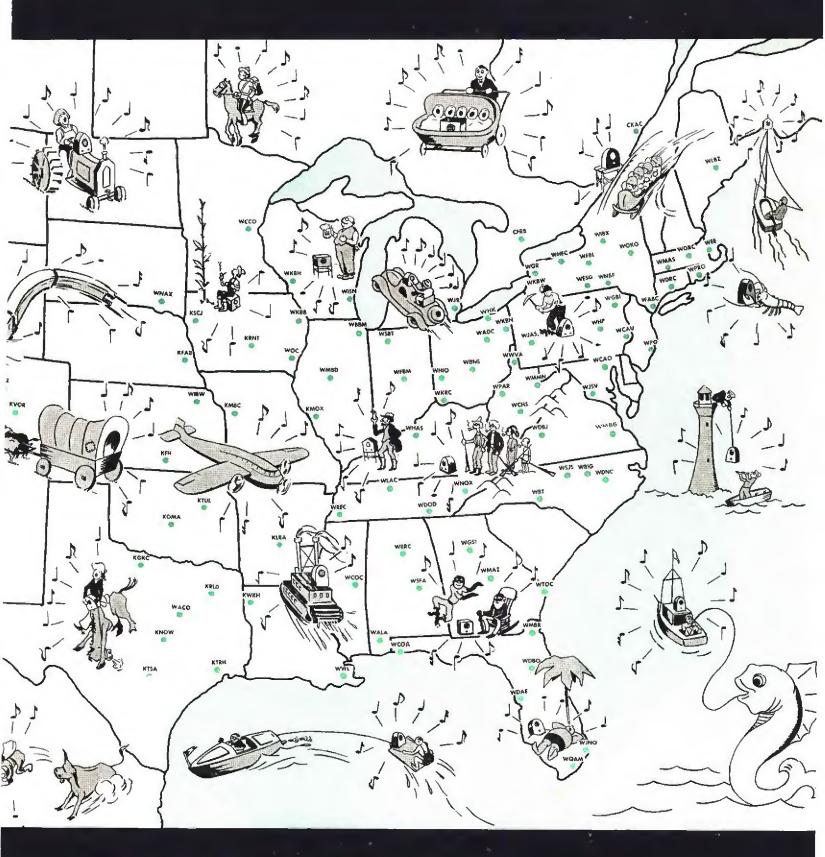
## THE RADIO STATIONS OF THE





### SHOWING JUST A FEW OF

## COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM



COLUMBIA'S 90,000,000 LISTENERS

## This message has to do with what happens after you sell gasoline motor powered equipment.

Your customer goes away with his purchase highly pleased and very proud. You have told him it's good . . . and he believes you. Some might think that the sale ends here. However, the deal is not over . . . the big test lies ahead.

How good your word is depends on how satisfactory the equipment proves to be. If it runs . . . dependably, economically, and trouble-free, the customer cannot say too much for you. If it doesn't . . . well, you know the answer.

It's well to remember when you sell gasoline powered equipment how important the motor is . . . and too, it is very important to remember that you can't go wrong when you sell equipment powered by a Briggs & Stratton 4 cycle gasoline motor and say "take my word for this." For 20 years, these small motors have done more for owners everywhere than was ever expected of them.

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP., Milwaukee, Wis., U.S.A.

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### **April** 1 9 3 7

### THE RADIO MONTH

### ROOTLESS RUMOR

In Washington getting the lowdown on pending legislation, we took time out to query the Federal Communications Commission regarding a persistent rumor that it planned to crack down on inter-office communicating systems on the grounds that some of these radiate outside the building in which they are installed.

Because this new packaged sound item is everywhere ringing the bell we are glad to report that the rumor is entirely without foundation. No one at the Commission's office had ever heard it.

Nor is there much likelihood that the FCC will ever concern itself overmuch with this type of equipment. For much of it uses inter-connecting wires of its own, is in no sense of the word radio transmitting equipment. And systems which do pipe modulated r.f. into the light lines rarely get out of the building for their output power is extremely small, their operating frequency is far from commonly used radio bands and signals are generally confined within shielding bx or grounded conduit.

The Commission, furthermore, is far too busy with other and more pressing problems to do more than query individual users of intercommunicators by mail where disgruntled neighbors report interference to work off a grudge. And in such cases it is generally possible to stop radiation by installing a simple filter at the electric meter.

### PROGRESS

The Columbia Broadcasting System reports that it has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to construct a combined television and sound transmitter atop New York's second highest, the Chrysler Building, and it is stated that the proposed station will provide coverage for 4,800 square miles.

If a permit is granted the project marks the re-entry into this field of one

of the early pioneers. Since 1933, when CBS discontinued television broadcasts of 60-line pictures, the art has advanced so that now 441-line images will be projected, as is done by RCA and Philco. That marks genuine progress. However, it should not raise false hopes for early service to the

OUR SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT— Practicing what it has frequently preached, *Radio Retailing* folds

within this issue a four-sheet supplement suggesting a window display designed to sell programs and, through programs, sets. Effective as the industry may

Lifective as the industry may be when pushing competitive features, it is woefully inarticulate on the subject of broadcasting, really its chief stock in trade. Show windows, particularly, could do an effective job.

Jarly, could do an effective job. Because broadcasting is supported by advertising the radio salesman has in his hands the biggest buy in entertainment packages ever offered the consumer. All that is needed is an instrument with which to tap the free air waves and a good receiver is cheap at any price.

But the consumer must be told so continuously. Or he'll forget it.

whole nation because 4,800 square miles only equal the area of Connecticut, our third smallest state, and represent only 1/600th part of our national area. When construction has begun on television transmitting stations in many of our large cities, the sale of television receivers will become a factor. Meanwhile, let's sell radio sets.

### SLAMMING DOORS

Out in Green River, Wyoming, a member of the Fuller Brush tribe of bellringers took offense at being forbidden to do house-to-house canvassing. He contended that the local ordinance prohibiting the practice was unconstitutional and, with his company backing up the effort, tried to prove his point in court. Last month the case reached the United States Supreme Court—which refused to review the case—which means that the ordinance stands and that Green River residents may slam doors in the faces of facile Fuller brush-sters with impunity which forces Mr. Bunger, the complainant, to push doorbells elsewhere. The moral is that radio dealers should watch their local law makers to make sure that they are not deprived of the opportunity to do home-selling.

### RADIO THIRD

The Marketing Department of De Paul University recently reported on a study of consumer buying ambitions for 1937. A total of 10,512 families were contacted in Chicago and asked to indicate first, second and third choices of what they planned to buy next. Radio sets stood third on the list being barely nosed out by insurance but beaten decisively by automobiles, while oil burners stood fifth, vacuum cleaners seventh, refrigerators ninth. washing machines fifteenth. The reporter observes "it was evident that people in large numbers were thinking of buying more expensive products." Assuming that Chicago consumers are typical, radio set sales in 1937 should be more numerous than last year and show higher values.

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### **SMOKE-SCREEN FOR DUMPING**

AGGRAVATING the trade-in problem, already the trade's most tender spot, is the manufacturers' growing inclination to use the allowance on old sets as a smokescreen for dumping.

The motive power behind this new technique of dumping is generally provided by some set maker who must dispose of surplus stock. He goes to large department stores, chain outlets and big dealers, offers radios at drastically slashed "campaign" prices. He agrees to pay for half or more of special advertising campaigns. And he then suggests that the cut be paraded to the presumably dull-witted public as a trade-in allowance.

Such subterfuge, investigation discloses, fools few consumers today. For usually no attempt is made to dignify the offer by injecting some specification as to the old set's condition, there are no variations in the size of the allowance, no limitations and no minimum requirements. It is, therefore, implied that any old radio, good or bad, suddenly has become worth much money.

The result is inevitable belittling of the value of all new radios in the eyes of the public. The buyer's idea of how much a good radio should be worth, already hammered down to ridiculous levels, is painfully augmented.

#### **Obviously** A Discount

Examples are everywhere apparent. For instance, a recent advertisement by a large New York dealer announces a special "clearance sale" on a well known set listing at \$69.50 and puts the value of a trade-in any trade-in—at \$30 by offering that \$69.50 set for "your old radio" plus \$39.50. This is 43 per cent off the original list price.

In a large Western city a prominent department store recently announced a \$69.50 trade-in allowance on a set "Regularly Sold At \$149.50" so that the unidentified "old set" paid for more than 46% of the presumably fairly established "list" price. Manufacturers aggravate trade-in trouble by sponsoring no-questions-asked allowance campaigns

Trade, fighting for replacement business, suggests set makers see that obsolete radios are destroyed

Two alternate used merchandise control plans offered

### By D. C. FREDERICK

Another city was treated to a widely advertised offering of a console set that previously had been nationally advertised at \$79.95. Here the trade-in set drew an allowance of \$41.21, or more than 50 per cent off the list.

However, the Chicago trading area recently was the scene of the most spectacular trade-in campaign of recent years. When it broke in the Sunday newspapers, some department stores and one chain carried full page broadsides, other department stores had smaller but still commanding space, the local utility company carried about one-third of a page and regularly established independent radio dealers were conspicuous by their absence. (Some days after the "big store" broadsides a similar advertisement appeared which listed dealers in the area).

All those advertisements varied in style and make-up but were uniform in one important detail, namely, they offered "\$10 to \$100 allowance for your old radio." One large store emphasized that those allowances would apply to any radio set "regardless of its condition," and featured "No Money Down" as an added inducement.

Impressed with the unprecedented magnitude of the Chicago cam-



### THE CONSUMER SMELLS A RAT

When an old receiver on which an allowance has been made is left in the home, the industry's non-too-savory list price structure is flaunted under the public's already sensitized nose

paign and considering also the prominence of the manufacturer who had obviously sponsored it, *Radio Retailing* decided that here was an opportunity to make a case study. Our hope was that by tracing and analyzing the effect of this outstanding effort on new set sales and trade-ins we might be able to contribute some new thoughts or plans for the possible solution of the tradein problem.

### Chicago Latest Hotspot

Field investigations by the author, to whom this job was assigned, uncovered some interesting details, of which the following are significant. 1. The manufacturer had established a uniform procedure by which all dealers offered uniform allowances on specific sets, thereby avoiding as far as possible cut-price competition between dealers and reducing to a minimum any permanent injury of price policy and structure.

2. The "allowances," when reduced to a discount basis, amounted to less than is customary under such conditions and in no case exceeded 25 per cent off the list price.

Those two facts are considered as clear indications that this campaign lacked many of the characteristics of an ordinary dumping operation, represented an earnest effort to dispose of a surplus stock with a minimum of disturbance in the trade, avoided



AGE, MAKE, CONDITION . . . are waved aside in flat-rate trade-in allowance ads like these with the result that they tear down public confidence in all radio list prices



as far as possible temporary stagnation of business which generally follows for the manufacturer who sponsors such a campaign.

#### **Could Be Constructive**

However, it was found that in some neighborhoods or towns where normally the sales of new sets is seriously interfered with because

traded-in sets are frequently offered and peddled at pitifully low prices, regular radio dealers still deplored the fact that the manufacturer had made no provision for a method of disposal of trade-ins by which they would be taken out of circulation.

One exceptionally able radio dealer contended that manufacturers as a whole seem to be disregarding the fact that the market for home sets is approaching a degree of saturation which will before long create a real problem unless a method is found by which present sets can be more quickly obsoleted and more trade-ins destroyed. He pointed out that manufacturers lose an excellent opportunity of building broader sales opportunities for the future when they themselves absorb the losses that are involved in disposing of surplus stocks via the trade-in allowance route but fail to get some future dividends on such sacrifice by actually forcing out of circulation the tradedin sets they pay for.

Further investigation disclosed that this dealer had put his finger on one of the important weaknesses of the flat-rate trade-in allowance as now generally practiced and one which only the manufacturers themselves can cure.

It was found that one of the retail stores most active in the campaign did not even bother to remove trade-ins from the homes of its customers. This meant that for every 100 sets sold by that store in this drive there were just 100 homes scratched off the list of possible buyers of a second set for supplementary use.

Another large store sold the tradedin sets to dealers who do nothing else but re-sell second hand sets. Those dealers buy trade-ins from large retailers at a mere pittance, recondition them superficially and then "plant" them in temporarily rented stores of good shopping towns or in good shopping districts of cities where the prices they quote help to make life miserable and selling difficult for the regularly established radio dealers.

Several large stores and many small dealers were found to follow the practice of putting trade-ins in good condition and selling them at varying prices, depending upon condition, age, size, etc. One large store was maintaining a complete reconditioning department where not only the chassis of each trade-in is tested and when necessary overhauled but even

the cabinets are refinished. However, the manager admitted that on the average he could do no more than break even on a year's operation.

Contrasted with that, small dealers who handled their own trade-ins generally contended that in most cases they were able to make a fair profit on their second-hand set business. Some few even insisted that without their profit on trade-ins they could not stay in business.

### Factories Must Take Lead

Investigation which at first was concentrated in the Chicago area and then continued in other cities and sections of the country definitely established the following facts:

1. That radio dealers, either for competitive, practical or economic reasons, are not inclined to function individually and of their own accord in removing second-hand radio sets from circulation, excepting only where age, appearance or condition makes scrapping the obvious procedure.

2. That sponsorship of a trade-in allowance deal for the purpose of closing out a surplus stock may successfully accomplish its immediate and primary purpose but generally will carry temporary stagnation of sales or even paralysis in its wake and does very definitely and cumulatively increase the problem of trade-ins as a barrier to the sale of new sets.

It follows that if those two points may be accepted as fair and accurate statements of conditions as they exist today then the conclusion seems warranted that manufacturers must provide the initiative and motive power for finding and putting into operation a plan to improve the situation and remove the trade-in from its present status as a menace to future progress of the industry and radio's Public Enemy No. 1.

#### Three Plans Proposed

Naturally, *Radio Retailing* discussed various plans for solving this pernicious problem with numerous dealers, distributors and manufacturers.

Several of the ideas advanced in those are briefly presented here for and gave promise of fair success and those are briefly presented here for the consideration of those interested.

Plan No. 1. Manufacturers who find themselves forced to dispose of (Please turn to page 57)

### FIGURES

### RADIO RETAILING'S MONTHLY BUSINESS BAROMETER

### CAR SET BIRDSEYE

Analysis of new auto-radio lines indicates that the average manufacturer offers a choice of three sets per line (actual average 3.2). The average price is \$50, right on the button. And the average number of tubes per autoradio is 5.7.

### FACTORY FIGURES

Zenith reports an operating profit for the first nine months of its current fiscal year ending January 31 of \$2,347,987 after deduction for depreciation, excise taxes, royalties and reserves. (But without other Federal tax deductions.) This compares with \$1,015,966 in a similar period last year.

Crosley made a net profit of \$1,237,-056 after depreciation and Federal taxes had been deducted in 1936.

Ken-Rad's summary of operations for the year ended December 31, 1936, shows a net operation profit of \$774,-319 before provision for depreciation. Allowance for depreciation brings the net to \$659,084, deduction of taxes, interest, etc., brings the net after all charges to \$484,834.

Stewart-Warner reports that radio sales in the period from October 1, 1936 to February 28, 1937 show a gain of 170 per cent over the corresponding period the year before. For the year ended December 31, 1936 radio sales were slightly more than twice as large as in 1935. From October 1, 1936 to February 28, 1937 the company's refrigerator sales increased 89 per cent over a similar period the preceding year. For the year ended December 31, 1936 sales were 130 per cent greater than in 1935.

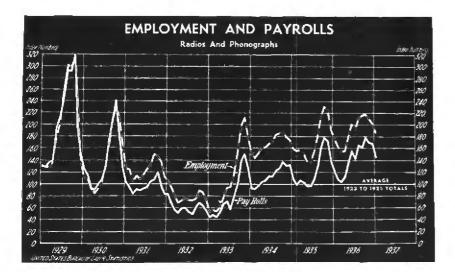
Apex advises that net income for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1936 amounts to \$479,045 after provision for normal income tax and surtax on undistributed earnings. This compares with a net of \$198,439 in 1935. Sales volume increased 17 per cent.

#### SET EXPORTS, BY MONTHS

Radio receiving set exports in 1936. by months, were as follows: January— 46,951. February—45,383. March— 58.595. April—46,046. May—45,071. June—39,460. July—35,877. August —48,963. September—60,949. October —74,905. November—63,299. December—76,869.

The total agrees substantially with that shown in *Radio Retailing's* advance estimate published in the 12th Annual "Figures" insert, January, 1937.

Dollar value (manufacturers' de-



### 1936 RADIO EXCISE TAX, BY STATES

Collections by months were shown in the February issue

STATE	TAX	PER CENT
ILLINOIS	\$1,536,900	23.57
NEW JERSEY	1,415,248	21.77
PENNSYLVANIA	1,153,439	17.74
NEW YORK	592,675	
MASSACHUSETTS	436 749	6.71
INDIANA	389,034	5.96
MICHIGAN	249,436	3.82
OHIO	209,621	3.21
CONNECTICUT	204,340	- 3.14
KENTUCKY - LL DES CONSULTAND	155,176	2.38
CALIFORNIA	121,983	1.87
WISCONSIN	23,175	.35
RHODE ISLAND	17,871	.27
MINNESOTA		.08
		.03
MISSOURI LEAVING FRANKING	418	
WASHINGTON	360	1
COLORADO	124	
TENNESSEE		- 4
KANSAS	50	•
MARYLAND		•
NEW HAMPSHIRE	15	
FLORIDA		-
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\*Less than .01 per cent.

clared valuation) was as follows: January—\$1,243,672. February—\$1,145,-272. March—\$1,330,100. April— \$1,221,688. May — \$1,073,249. Junc \$863,221. July—\$870,342. August— \$1,154,621. September — \$1,549,838. October—\$1,987,503. November—\$1,-605,800. December—\$2,003,915.

### WASHERS, AIR-CONDITIONERS UP

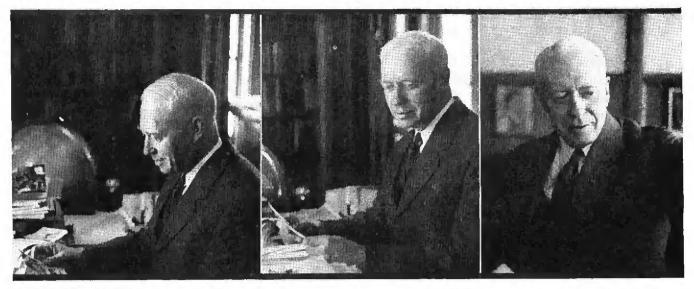
Household washers and ironers shipped in the first two months of 1937 totalled 302,089, topping the same period of 1936 by 11 per cent and achieving the greatest January-February total in the industry's history, Washers totalled 271,288, according to J. R. Bohnen of the American Washing Machine Manufacturers' Association, while ironers totalled 30,801.

Installed cost of equipment sold by the members of the Air Conditioning Manufacturers' Association in January and February totalled \$14,512,000, compared to \$5,471,000 in the first two months of 1936, an increase of 165 per cent. This, from William B. Henderson. executive vice-president.

### FIRST 100 BROADCASTERS

The hundred leading network radio advertisers placed a total of \$52,971,-493 for time on NBC and CBS networks during 1936, a study reveals. The first 10 spent \$18,508,943.

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ANGLE IN ACTION ... reads his mail

· goes to work

. . . dictates a letter

### **PRESENT PRICE BRACKETS ARE**

F it is possible for any man who is at the head of a large manufacturing enterprise to discuss the problems and troubles of his industry in completely detached but thoroughly constructive fashion, then W. M. Angle, president of Stromberg-Carlson, is that man. Radio set manufacturing is his vocation, listening in on the radio his avocation but when he talks with anyone from within the industry he prefers to guide the conversation into broad industry problems rather than talk about his own company.

In fact he can talk detachedly even about that and yet it would be difficult to find any executive who is more intimately acquainted with the operating details and problems of every department. He probably could quote the substance of last month's operating statement without referring to the records; he calls most of the workers in that vast plant of many acres by their first names; he is familiar with the performance and general abilities of the company's various distributors and when it comes to dealer problemswell, he tries to keep abreast of those first hand by visiting dealers whenever and wherever he has the opportunity.

#### says

W. M. ANGLE President, Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co.

Undoubtedly it was because of his broad and intimate knowledge of both production and distribution problems that Mr. Angle responded readily when his interviewer mentioned the subject of cutting down on models and the present situation on prices.

#### New Model Pricing Puzzles Factories

Said Mr. Angle: "We are unquestionably in a period of rising prices and are facing very definite problems in that connection. Not a day goes by that our purchasing department does not report that the price of this or that raw material, which we use, has advanced drastically and this has been going on now for some months and no one knows how long it will continue.

"With those price boosts coming at a time when we must decide on new models and on their list prices, the question naturally arises whether we should hold to our previous ideas of price levels and if so, whether we shall furnish sets of lower grade in order to stay in the price ranges that we used last year or cut corners very drastically in the hope of accomplishing this.

"I hear from all sides that this matter of price levels is an important factor in selling and yet personally I sometimes think that we have made more or less a fetish of those supposed natural price levels, credited them with much more importance than they deserve and brought out too many models to meet this mythical situation.

"I will grant that today we must have more models than we did in the early days of the industry when this company, for instance, had only about four a year but I doubt whether we need to spread ourselves all over the map by producing models to meet every actual or reported whim of the consumer and every price level that is said to be popular.

#### Increased Cost Excuse for Rise

"All radio manufacturers have recognized that there are certain prices at which the general public usually expects to buy radio receiving sets, such as around \$50, around \$75. just under \$100, and around \$150, and originally manufacturers



. . . answers the 'phone



simply tried to have sets available in those price classes. However, of late years some manufacturers have offered several sets in each of the major price classes and in addition at many intermediate price levels with the result that production has become more complicated and costly and distributors and dealers have had to carry much heavier stock and bigger investment which greatly increased their operating expense without corresponding gains in sales.

"I think the present uncertainties in prices of materials and labor provide us with the long needed impetus for calling a halt on this unlimited expansion of lines and going back to more sane and practical, and certainly more economical and profitable, procedures.

"We know that the average customer comes into a dealer's store with at least a more or less predetermined but often already well-fixed idea of the amount he intends to spend. Our own records show at which prices the largest number of sales are made so that it would seem logical that we concentrate on known factors rather than dabble in the unknown.

"I have heard that one manufacturer found that 40 per cent of his

- C Manufacturers are inclined to make a fetish of supposedly "natural" lists . . . hesitate to up these despite rising material and labor costs
- C. Some seek to solve this problem by cheapening construction of fast-movers . . . adding "sweeteners" carrying higher lists to the line
- C. More models do not, however, necessarily mean more profit . . . frequently complicate production, overstock the trade and confuse the customer

models produced nearly 90 per cent of total sales, which means that 6 out of every 10 models did not sell well enough to pay for the cost of the tools, dies and patterns and certainly not for the actual production and selling costs. If that is a fair illustration of general conditions then it seems to me that in these days of rising costs of materials and labor we should weed out those slow selling numbers and reduce our lines to models that actually have demonstrated their popularity in a particular price bracket.

"Certainly every manufacturer will have a very desirable cushion of extra profit to hold against future cost increases if all production and sales effort can be concentrated on fewer models with resulting better margins and greatly lessened danger of having to take large losses through close-

### This is the seventh in a series of interviews with important industry executives by O. FRED. ROST

out sacrifice sales at the end of the season.

"Similarly distributors and dealers will have a chance to concentrate their fire and get better sales results at much less expense because it is common knowledge among good merchants that the customer will buy more quickly if he or she is not confused by being shown too many different models to choose from. This is of particular importance to radio dealers because they have not merely the appearance of a set and the price level problem to meet with each prospective customer but in addition they must settle the much more elusive

question of tone quality to the buyer's satisfaction."

### **Too Much Variety Hurts Sales**

At this point Mr. Angle injected an idea that is being used successfully by one of the nationally operating chains and which is said to be one of the main reasons why that chain was able to sell several hundred thousand radio sets at retail last year of which the majority were sold at the store and without home demonstration.

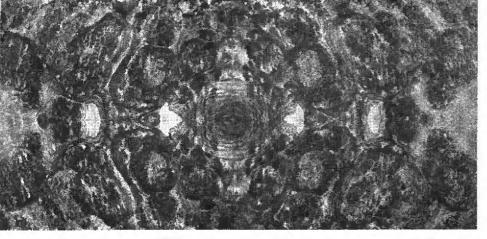
He continued: "I believe that this suggestion of cutting down the number of different models, if followed by many manufacturers, would positively result in increased sales efficiency all along the line and boost the sales of every dealer if in addition he would take a leaf out of the selling tactics of one of the big chains.

"It is a well known fact that the particular concern involved pays big salaries and buys the best sales talent available in each field, and if an idea that was evolved by some high-priced sales wizard makes their radio sales skyrocket, it ought to be used by the independent radio dealers.

"That sales procedure is based on the belief that the average buyer of a radio set has not sufficiently well trained hearing to differentiate between the tone quality and sensitivity of different sets and consequently is easily confused if several different models are demonstrated in rapid succession or, what is still worse, simultaneously.

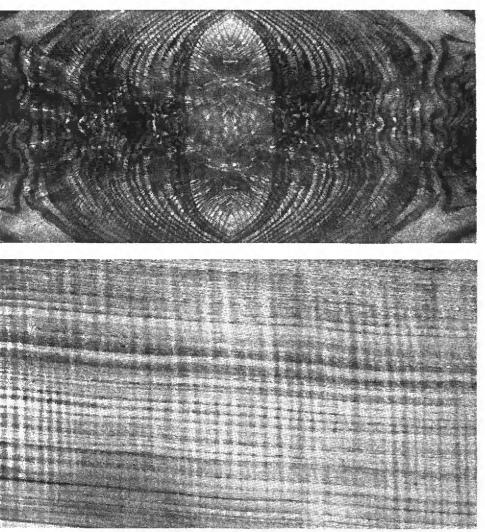
"Consequently salesmen are compelled to find out first the approximate price a customer wants to pay. Then they expound verbally the external appearance, characteristics and advantages of sets that can be offered in the price range mentioned and in

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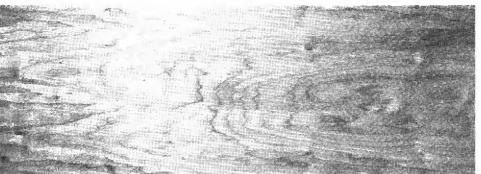
BURL — Expensive walnut because it comes only from deformed trees

CROTCH — Next rarest, comes from the crotch of the tree, as the name implies



QUARTERED — The striped appearance is due to the way in which the walnut is cut ROTARY — Most common, whole logs are placed against

a huge knife to get this effect



### W O O D . . .

### By Tom Blackburn

THIS is to tickle the memories of those who have forgotten that women have been "oh-ing" and "ah-ing" over pretty clothes and jewelry since Heck was a pup. It is addressed to those big, brawny salesmen who think it a bit effeminate to mention exclusiveness, beauty and design in radio cabinets.

We all fall for beauty and anything extraordinary. And, with the upsurge in radio prices, manufacturers have seen that the public is again becoming interested in fine pieces of furniture. Steadily climbing ahead is impressiveness of cabinetwork.

The chassis might just as well be setting in a banana crate, so far as getting a tumble from some salesmen. Malcolm H. Sherwood, author of "From Forest to Furniture," told recently of a radio salesman who sat a woman down before a \$150 beauty and talked at length about gadgets that might be seen in a \$50 model. He said nothing about the cabinet.

Right there before them was a veneer made of thuya burl; a rare wood which is dug out by African natives from the hot sands of Morocco. There were woods which had been hunted in tropical jungles as sedulously as a miner seeks gold, cut down and dried for five years. There was resonant koa wood from Hawaii, used by natives for surf boards and ukuleles. Other models he was showing contained zebrawood, badouk, peanut-grained tamo from Japan.

That salesman could have told his customer that not even all of these rare trees yield good veneer. Once in a while extraordinary pieces are found which are precious as chinchilla fur, ambergris or rose pearls. Veneer men treasure them like old masters. In fact, there are veneers which are famous. The Paris Louvre

### ... What You Should Know About It

### Radios are furniture. As technical design steadies down and

prices rise appearance becomes an important sales factor

contains Louis XV's roll top desk which has such extraordinary design and matching in it that for two hundred years cabinet makers have made pilgrimages to see it.

#### Dope on Veneers

A lot of salesmen, reading this, are going to ask, "What do I know about veneers and cabinet work?" It's toolong a subject to cover in an article but here are some main talking points.

There are three things to remember about veneers:

1. Most expensive veneer is burl, which has a wavy, gnarled pattern. Rare, because only deformed parts of a tree yield burl veneer, and then often in small pieces. Most trees have no deformity. Such veneer is usually placed on the front of a radio cabinet.

2. Crotch veneer is next rarest, and may be recognized by its wavy appearance, often fan shaped. It is much more regular in conformation than burl and comes from the crotch of the tree only.

3. Quartered veneer is usually striped. It has that appearance because of the way it is cut.

4. Rotary veneers are most common, have the least figures. They are made by placing the whole log against a huge knife, and peeling off the veneer, much as you would peel an apple.

Veneers date back to the master designers, Sheraton, Hepplewhite, and Duncan Phyffe. Today they are generally applied over plywood, which is stronger than solid wood. Plywood, by its cross-banding, distributes its strength, making the fibers run in different directions. Wood changes with humidity conditions and plywood construction reduces its tendency to shrink or swell. Declares Earl Hughes of the

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Wabash Cabinet Company, Chicago: "It is important for the salesman to call attention of his prospective customer to the fact that on higher priced radios, a heavier panel is used, usually about  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch. These heavier panels do a great deal for the resonance of the radio's tone by the way they baffle it. Look behind the radio, and you will see that the panel is thin on cheap radios.

### How Finish May Be Faked

"Also in the finishing of cheap cabinets the work is rushed. For example, a combination filler and stain is put on and flat lacquer slapped about without that hand rubbing which works the finish into the grain of the wood. A wet glass set on top of a cheaply finished radio will often produce a ring whereas the finish of a higher priced unit will usually protect it from marking."

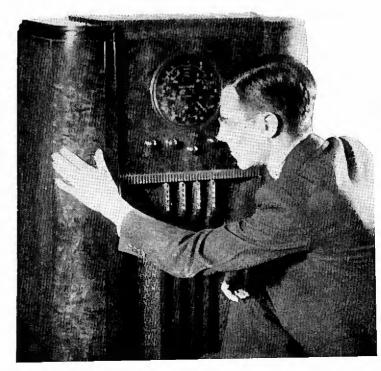
Cheap radios, Mr. Hughes points out, often have photographic pictures of expensive veneers applied to them. A salesman with a magnifying glass can show the prospect that veneer is a fake as it does not follow the natural pinholes and other minute defects in the wood. Such prints are often applied on solid wood, which with its tendency to warp, is not an asset to the radio.

Notable among recent achievements in radio design is the development of round corners. This feature is now spreading to other types of furniture. Heretofore rounded corners could only be produced by bending a board, which sets up stresses and causes it to break. A machine which routs out portions of the back of the wood and permits it to be bent makes this new development possible.

### Carvings to Come Back

With higher priced radio cabinets a certainty for the fall of 1937, it is likely that there will be some return to wood carving which enriched (*Please turn to bage* 56)

UP FRONT — Best Veneers are placed where they catch the customer's eye, in prominent places such as the curved corners of a console. C. C. DeWces of Stewart - Warn er shows how to dramatize this



### DISPLAY ..... MANAGEMENT .....

### Camera Corner Aids Radio Sales

CHICAGO — Cameras, particularly the small, new and inexpensive "candid" variety equipped with fast lenses and using 16 mm. movie film, are an excellent sideline for a radio business, thinks the Stanley Warren Radio Shop.

Men who used to tinker with homeconstructed sets in the days before commercially-built models reached a high state of perfection have now in many instances taken up photography, are good spenders.

Occupying little space, requiring relatively small investment, photographic supplies swell store traffic. This, in turn, boosts set and service business.



SUMMER SIDELINE SALESLADY—Dolly Mertens says bidding for good amateur photographs by magazines such as *Life* and *Look* has injected new life into the camera business

### Replacement Plan Promotes Annual Radio Step-Up

DENVER—Many automobile owners are today convinced that it is cheaper to turn in their car for a new one each year than to nurse an old model until its trade-in value plummets. That the same idea can be fostered in the radio business with profit to the trade is the opinion of the Easy Housekeeping Shop of this city.

Last year, this company inaugurated an experimental plan designed to step-up unit sales by easy stages. During 1936 better than 10 per cent of the sets sold by this company in 1935 were replaced with new and generally higher-priced models. W. E. Austin relied initially upon the gross profit returned by new merchandise moved to make the plan pay but now informs us that he does better than break even on the trade-ins resold because, as he puts it: "Used sets more than a few years old must be marked down 75 per cent or more to interest the consumer but receivers only 1 year old can frequently be resold within 25 per cent of the original list price."

The price quoted on a new radio model to a customer who has a 1 year old set to trade is the difference between the list on the set owned and the list on the set which will supersede it in the home . . . plus 25 per cent for depreciation. No additional finance charge is made if the customer is still paying on the year old set, the payments simply being extended to cover the new purchase. The amount added for depreciation, according to Austin, is sufficient to cover the cost of re-conditioning and to permit re-sale on a break-even or slightly better basis.

The important profit in a transaction of this kind is, obviously, on the step-up in unit price. Take these typical ex-

### ADVERTISING .... SELLING ...

### Purchase Order Discourages Joy-Riders

amples: A customer bought a 1936 radio at \$69.95 in May of last year. In January 1937 he traded it for an \$89.95 receiver. The company allowed \$52.50 on the year old model (25 per cent off the original selling price for depreciation). Re-conditioning cost \$8 and the trade-in was sold a few days after it had been taken in for \$60, leaving a mere 50-cent loss on the trade-in itself, amply blanketed by profit on the step-up.

In another instance a customer bought an \$89.95 receiver in 1936, traded it four months later for one selling for \$139.95. He was allowed \$68.50. Reconditioning cost \$3 and the machine was later sold for \$75, leaving a gross profit (exclusive of selling cost) of \$3.50. Again, of course, the full profit was made on the replacement.

#### Basic Installment Selling Principle

Important point in connection with the plan is the fact that Easy Housekeeping takes advantage of a basic installment selling principle well known to furniture dealers but not so widely appreciated by specialty radio stores. It is good business, Austin contends, to keep paying customers on the books as long as possible. For this reason the job of selling year old set purchasers new models is best done when they come in to make payments.

Salesmen consider customers with two or three more payments to make and on the record as customers who meet their obligation on time the best bets. Trade-ins are frequently suggested to such customers even before a transaction has approached the end of its term this closely. Servicemen, too, have been instructed to report step-up possibilities to the office, are most effective in unearthing prospects who have just remodelled or redecorated their homes and are for this reason especially susceptible.

Especially interesting is Austin's opinion that this plan builds good business for the future by inducing customers to part with radios before the trade-in value is depressed down near the zero-point. As he points out, the tendency of a man who has a radio so old that it is worth little as a trade is inclined to step himself down to a cheaper receiver next time he buys. This is directly counter to the trade's interests.

MADISON, WIS.—When a prospect asks Mike Cohen, owner of the Capitol Radio Store here, if the firm sends sets out on free demonstration he says: "Sure, if you will sign a purchaseorder."

"What do you mean by that?" asks the prospect.

Replies Cohen: "We complete the deal in the ordinary way and if the set is not returned in 48 hours the sale is actual."

Capitol's chief exec reports that this method of treating prospects who ask for free demonstrations at home eliminates the "joy-rider" who realizes that when he signs a purchase order he is liable for any damage to the set while he has it in his possession. Responsible people who are really going to buy sign a sales slip with little hesitation, we are told. They realize that when merchandise leaves a store it is equitable to give the dealer a receipt for it.

Seventy-five per cent of all sets put out on purchase-order demonstration by Cohen are later sold. 48 hours is plenty of time, he advises, limiting his plan to this maximum.

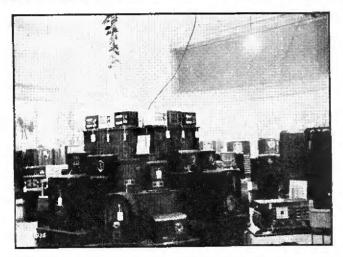
Purchase orders discourage joy-riders.

TECHNICAL TWINS — Antenna work, ducked by most dealers, is virtually free of competition. So the Radio Supply Company of Boise, Idaho, capitalizes by putting W. A. Craig (right) full time on sky-wire jobs. Dick Talbot sticks to straight service

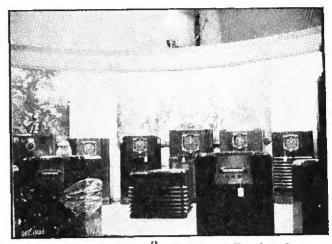


DRAMATIC DIS-PLAY-Built of beaverboard a n d chromium plated moulding, wall display this used by Royal Radio makes table models easy to sell yet centers attention on a console. Note display of small electrical appliances at bottom





DISPLAY ARRANGEMENT HELPS SELL-UP  $\rightarrow$  At Gimbel's, Milwaukce, table model sets are arranged on shelves around a supporting center post, where customers



see them first. But against adjoining walls, close by, consoles are grouped and outlined against tapestry. Salesmen can show the more expensive models by taking just two or three steps

### **Puts Premium On Floor-Time**

ST. LOUIS—As an incentive to make 16 salesmen extend themselves when they are out canvassing for radio, refrigerator and major electric appliance prospects, the Bigalte Electric Company puts a premium on valuable floor selling periods.

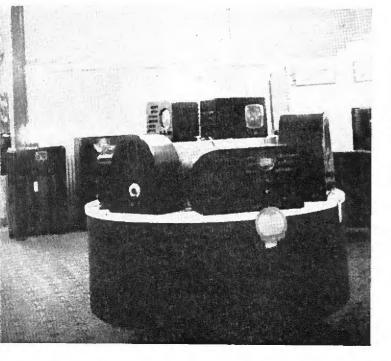
The salesman who sells between \$500 and \$1200 worth of home appliances in a month is given approximately eight floor periods a month; if his sales are somewhere between \$1200 and \$1700 he gets 12 floor periods a month, and exceeding \$1700 about 19 a month. If his sales run under \$500 he gets no floor selling opportunity.

Says J. D. Vinyard, sales manager: "Our floor selling period plan weeds out the 'duds." If a man can't sell \$500 of merchandise he'll burn himself out and quit."

There are three floor periods of four and a half hours each daily. The maximum number of salesmen on the floor in a period is three, except on gas and electric bill payment days when four are on the floor.

Bigalte pays salesmen a 10 per cent commission for sales closed with "drop in" customers on the store floor, which is the same remuneration as for sales made to prospects who were developed from home canvassing. On every sale made in the store some salesman earns a 10 per cent commission, except for a few personal sales closed by the management.

The plan is definitely increasing business.



MIDGETS CO 'ROUND—This circular display in the center of the Boston Store's radio department, Milwaukee, stops lukewarm radio prospects. Consoles back against the wall are near enough at hand to facilitate selling up

### Credit Risks Classified

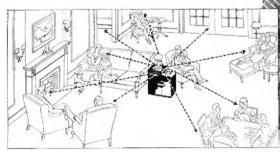
Chester J. Antiau of the Detroit Institute of Technology, writing for *Credit World* lists people in order of their standing as credit risks:

1-Railroad employees90.8
2-Office clerks
3-Nurses
4-Accountants
5-Teachers
6-Municipal firemen
7-Street railway employees.84.0
8-Mail carriers
9-Municipal policemen80.5
10-Skilled male factory
workers
11-Retail grocers
12-Retail butchers
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14—Plumbers
15-Clergymen
16-Retail store salesmen
17—Doctors
18-Dentists
18—Dentists69.5 19—Unskilled female factory
workers
20—Farmers
21-Gas station attendants67.8
22-Unskilled male factory
workers
23-Bricklayers and masons65.4
24-Drug store employes65.1
25-Auto mechanics
26-Carpenters
27-Domestic servants
28-Hotel help
29-Lawyers
30—Barbers
31-Miscellaneous workers53.4
32-College students
33-Painters and decorators40.7
34—Restaurant help
35-Artists
36—Entertainers
37-Cab drivers

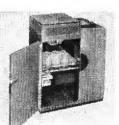




A STARTLING NEW PRINCIPLE IN SOUND PROJECTION



CELLARETTE



**RE-TUBE WITH KADETTE** The Cream of the Tube Market — picked and sold by Kadette. Kadette's new Equatonic principle is the last word in radio. It projects the sound into every corner of the room with equal intensity — with perfect clarity and quality of tone. Listeners need no longer sit "in front" of the radio.

The revolutionary design of the EQUAFONIC now gives radio its proper place — in the center of the room. The beautiful modernistic Club Model with built-in cocktail service rack makes an exquisite and useful piece of furniture, "Bell-Tested" for tone quality — the most exacting test known to science; new 6V6 beam tube amplifier increases volume, improves tone; lamp socket in back of cabinet; illuminated interior with automatic door switch; highest quality hand-rubbed piano finish.

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Advanced AC 6-tube circuit tunes standard broadcast and European bands - 540 to 1850 kilocycles (555 to 162 meters) and 5300 to 17,500 kilocycles (56.5 to 17 meters).

The EQUAFONIC is today's radio sensation! Give it a leading place in your sales efforts. Watch sales climb to a new high.

INTERNATIONAL RADIO CORPORATION 533 WILLIAMS ST., ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN



REHEARSAL—F. J. Grieve of Schirmer's, stopwatch in hand, times a recording. Simple drapes soundproof this concern's special studio sufficiently, give it professional appearance that attracts groups



### **RECORDING...**

### New Business For The Radio Dealer

WITH the introduction of medium-priced recording equipment, a new field for the radio dealer has unfolded. Previously, recording equipment was far beyond the average dealers' pocketbook since the profit derived did not ordinarily warrant the necessary investment. Small home-recording outfits proved popular for a time, but the results at best were poor. Then again, it was necessary to use pre-grooved records. An instrument that would give reproduction equal or nearly equal to standard recordings was in demand.

New equipment is portable, not much larger than the average suitcase. It is complete in every detail, containing turntable, cutter-head, playback, microphone, amplifier and speaker. The recordings are made on blank, acetate-coated aluminum discs, which may be played back on any phonograph, or on the instrument itself. The cutter-head cuts its own groove as well as impressing the sound vibrations on the disc. No treating or processing of the discs is necessary, they may be played immediately. With care they will give excellent results for over a 100 playings.

Anyone can use such devices. In operation they are no more complicated than the ordinary phonograph. A little timing, so that the recording will fill the disc, is all that is necessary. After a few recordings, made while keeping an eye on a watch, it is a simple matter.

Recordings may be cut or played at  $33\frac{1}{3}$  or 78 r.p.m. Ordinary steel needles are used for the playback but special cutter needles are necessary. These are good for from 6 to 12 recordings.

A carefully made recording of this type possesses good fidelity characteristics on both high and low frequencies. It is possible to reproduce the voice and commonly encountered music frequencies with quality superior to that of the average radio.

#### **Recordings** in **Demand**

Such an instrument provides new sales opportunities for the radio dealer. The sale of recordings alone should prove a profitable item. As an example, F. J. Grieve, of G. Schirmer & Co., New York, informs us that his sale of recordings varies between 60 and 100 per month. Prices range from \$1.50 for both sides of a 6 in. disc to \$5 for the 12 in. type. A small studio approximately  $7 \ge 15$  feet is available for auditions.

"The majority of customers," says Grieve, "are music teachers, choirs, radio artists — one well known radio star in particular sends us all singers that he wishes to interview. When the recording is made he can listen at his ease, and decide whether the singer in question is worth further attention.

"We are contemplating a larger studio to accommodate groups. No unit sales have resulted yet, but the recording angle looks very promising."

Another dealer, E. de Cordoba, of the Hickok Music Store, Poughkeepsie, tells us he has turned out 75 recordings in the past few months. Orchestras and music instructors are his best customers. Hickok's is a typical music store handling radio and musical instruments. Mr. de Cordoba finds that by simply displaying the instrument he can increase store traffic. Often recordings are made in the window.

In many cases, a customer who has made a few recordings later purchases a small turntable and pickup. This adds considerably to the store's profit. DeCordoba is well pleased with the results, hopes in a short time to have a studio.

### Machines Sell Readily Too

The business is by no means limited to the sale of records, according to E. Burton of the Center Music Store, New York, who sells 2 to 3 inEquipment now within retailer's means, efficient, easy to operate. Trade already taking it up, moving both records and machines



By C. A. Nuebling

hear their own voice they are tempted either to buy more recordings or purchase the machine. It could safely be said that it frequently sells itseli.

M. D. Segal of the Eastman Kodak store, also in New York, has sold three units. "This isn't very many," says Segal, "but these sales resulted without any attempt to push the item. The instrument was not placed on display, only a few small pamphlets on the counter resulted in the inquiries."

A few recordings have been made up to the present time. However, a studio is planned and recording sales will undoubtedly be a factor.

While the new recording equipment described is most often sold or (*Please turn to page 57*)

IN THE STORE—S. Caplan of Center Music keeps his recorder up front, claims that its novel appearance eliminates the necessity for preliminary sales talk

REPEAT CUSTOMER — She makes recordings at Rabson's regularly, is a good prospect for the machine itself. E. A. Hilton operates the controls in a radio demonstration room

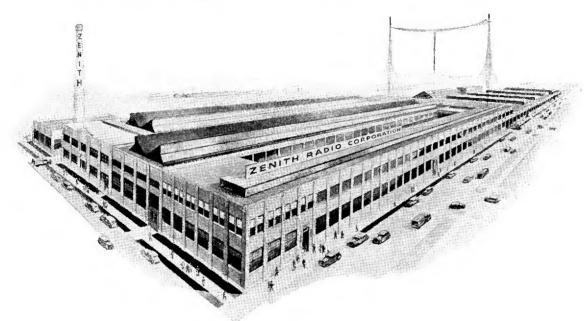
struments a week. This is a goodsized store in an excellent location, carries a complete stock of radio and associated equipment. "Most of our prospects," says Burton, "are radio and stage artists. It is indispensable for the man studying the speaking or singing voice. Recorders are a very popular item around here, I wish there were more items like them."

Recorders and recordings are surprisingly casy to sell. Once people

RADIO RETAILING, APRIL, 1937



## Zenith Moves Into World's Largest Radio Factory on One Floor



### Reason . . .

Of all major radio manufacturers, Zenith enjoyed the greatest increase in public demand in 1935—and again in 1936. (Zenith has been unable to fill its orders in full during any month since June, 1935.)

## But . . . .

Zenith, even with its purchase of these enormous new facilities, proposes to continue its conservative policies—protecting the dealer's profits and time payment paper on Zenith Radios—making unnecessary, cut-rate advertising, dumps, excessive trade-in allowances, and other practices that endanger the dealer's investment.

'America's Most Copied Radio . . . Again A Year Ahead''

ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION, CHICAGO

### SOUND IN INDUSTRY

The Consolidated Corkscrew Plant Launches a Hot New Product



Modern Sound Systems Save Time . . . Energy and Money CONSULT YOUR RADIO DEALER FREE—This attractive Island Display with order for Arvin Table Models see your jobber for complete details about the Arvin No. 6 Deal at once.

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Phantom

Advance Showing

**There are 11** table models in this advance showing of Arvin Radios. Starting with the smart little Arvin Phantom baby—a 5-tube set at \$19.95 up to 6 and 8-tube models. The Island Display provides a perfect setting for any 6 of them you select. It is painted in rich oil colors of maroon and contrasting buff tones. Actual size of display is 50" high and 40" wide.

Prices slightly higher in extreme South, Denver and West.

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**Big Sales News in Radio**... a few years ago it was the superheterodyne circuit. Today... it's the Arvin Phantom Filter Circuit. Why? Simply because engineers have perfected a circuit that puts more punch in the new 1938 Arvin models ... improves tone quality ... filters out noise ... and gives better all-over-the-dial reception. It's all due to the way the coils, condensers, transformers and tubes are knit together. And you well know, it's the circuit that makes a radio.

ARVIN

The value of Arvin's big sales feature...the *Phantom Filter Circuit*...will be readily appreciated when you hear the new table models. And when you see the price tags, you'll realize the opportunity Arvins offer you for sales and profits.

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Arvin set out to design the "hottest" line of table radios in the industry—and did it! When you see the complete line announcement next month, you'll recognize instantly that Arvin consoles are just as "hot." Yes—Arvin will be a hot line this year. See and hear the new Arvin table models—and order the Arvin No. 6 Deal from your jobber.

NOBLITT-SPARKS INDUSTRIES, Inc., Columbus, Indiana.... Also makers of Arvin Phantom Filter Car Radios and Arvin Hot Water Car Heaters.



THE

Filter Circuit

LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLETE 1938 ARVIN LINE IN MAY

Phantom Filter

TABLE RADIOS WITH



### EASTERN RADIO MEN TO RUN JUNE PARTS SHOW SPECIAL

"Representatives" and Sales Managers Club Sponsor Rail Caravan Made Up In New York. Will Pick Up Car From Boston at Albany, Stop at Syracuse, Rochester and Other Cities En Route to Chicago

NEW YORK—For the first time since 1931 a special train from the East will carry a contingent of manufacturers, distributors and sales representatives to a national trade show at Chicago. A "Radio Industries Special," completely air-conditioned and provided with entertainment, will leave Grand Central station on Wednesday, June 9, pick up a car from Boston at Albany and others at Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse and Rochester, arriving in Chicago on the morning of June 10 in time for the opening of the Radio Parts Manufacturers National Trade Show.

The special is sponsored by both "The Representatives" and the Sales Managers Club. The committee on transportation is headed by Perry Saftler of 27 Warren Street. Associated with him are Charles Golenpaul, Dan Bittan, Jack Price and Earl Dietrich. Reservations can be made through this committee for both rail transportation and accommodations at the Hotel Stevens.

Following is the schedule of departure from various points, time given being Eastern Standard: New York (Grand Central) 3:20 p.m., Albany-6:04 p.m., Boston (South Station)-12 noon, Schenectady-6:34 p.m., Utica-7:59 p.m., Syracuse-9:01 p.m., Rochester-10:23 p.m.

Arrangements can be made, we understand, for those who wish to join the party at Buffalo, Cleveland and other cities through which, or near which, the special passes.

### AEROVOX PLANT FOR CANADA

HAMILTON, ONT.—Control of the former Polymet Delta Company here has been taken over by the Acrovox Corporation of Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A. Henceforward the plant will operate as Acrovox Canada, Ltd., producing dry and wet electrolytic condensers as well as mica and paper types under Canadian patents.

Engineers from the Hamilton plant are

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familiarizing themselves with Aerovox standards in Brooklyn while home office engineers have come to Hamilton to arrange production details and set up engineering specifications.

Aerovox manufacturing affiliates are already operating in Australia.



HEADS NEW FIRM — R. B. Lacey, vice president and general manager of Clarion Corporation

### **NEW CLARION CORP. ENTERS SET FIELD**

Western Group Buys Trade-Name Rights From New York Concern Affiliated With Wholesale Radio Service. Full Line Ready Soon. Car Models Out

CHICAGO—The trade-name "Clarion" has changed hands, at least insofar as radio receivers are concerned. A Chicago group has just purchased it from Transformer Corporation of America, New York manufacturer operating for some time under the wing of Wholesale Radio Service, active mail-order distributing house. TCA may continue to use the name in connection with sound equipment but details on this point are not available at press-time.

R. B. Lacey, for the past five years general sales manager for Wilcox-Gay of Charlotte and for seven years prior to his association with this Michigan manufacturer with Perryman Tubes in a similar capacity, is vice president and general manager of the new firm. From permanent executive and sales offices just leased in the Pure Oil Building, Chicago, Lacey advises that all Clarion radios will henceforward be sold through regular wholesale distributors on a restricted territorial basis.

The line, to include home receivers for both urban and rural areas, will be ready in ample time for early summer deliveries. Auto-radio models are coming off production lines and will be ready for shipment as this issue of *Radio Retailing* goes in the mails.

### **SALES MANAGERS CLUB CONVENES JUNE 11**

Eastern and Western Divisions Will Get Together at Chicago. Prince to Discuss Trade Legislation

NEW YORK—The Eastern and Western Divisions of the Sales Managers Club will convene Friday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in Chicago's Hotel Stevens. This news comes from Charles Golenpaul of Aerovox and Ralph Hill of Ohmite, chairmen of the two sections, who conferred in New York just before press time.

Organized two years ago, the Sales Managers Club has attacked many of the problems of the parts manufacturer and has had considerable success in their solution.

While the program is yet tentative it is understood that Kenneth C. Prince, Chicago attorney and executive secretary of the western division, will discuss some of the recent trade legislation.





PROUD OF NEW PACKAGING — H. A. Crossland (left), G.E. radio tube sales manager, and C. T. Wandres, radio advertising manager, show how the diagonal stripe on new tube cartons can be used to achieve novel display effects

### G.E. NOW HAS COMPLETE TUBE LINE

Types Bearing Company Name Include All Metal and "G" Numbers Plus Important Replacement Glass Varieties

BRIDGEPORT—From the General Electric plant comes the announcement that this company has expanded the line of radio receiving tubes bearing the G-E monogram. All metal types, all octal base glass or "G" types and standard base glass tubes which still represent important replacement volume are now in production. Old-timers such as the O1A, 71A, 12A and X99 are ready for shipment. Omitted from the standard base glass tube listing are types which accounted for less than 1/10 of 1 per cent of the industry's sales last year.

Both metal and glass tubes now marketed by G.E. are packed in new improved, sealed and tamper-proof cartons. Presenting a striking individual appearance, these cartons will, the management hopes, be even more effective as business builders when grouped. A continuous, oblique white panel separating orange and blue colored areas on the four sides of each carton permits display men to achieve novel display variations.

#### N-U ENGINEERING STAFF EXPANDED

NEW YORK—Dr. Frederick Holborn, well known to the Radio industry here and abroad, becomes chief engineer for the National Union Radio Corporation just as we go to press. Associated with Holborn in his new duties will be Paul Schwerin, active in the tube industry in this country and in England for some years and H. A. Wilder, cathode-ray specialist.

All engineering activities of the company are being consolidated in enlarged

quarters in the 57 State Street plant, Newark.

### Port-O-Matic Corporation Formed

NEW YORK—A new company known as the Port-O-Matic Corporation has been formed here, will make its headquarters at 1013 Madison Avenue. The concern is to make Port-O-Matic portable radios, portable automatic radio-phonograph combinations and Fidel-O-Matic console automatic radio-phonograph combinations.

M. Lehman is president and general manager.

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### COLORAMA COCKTAIL

A Havana, Cuba barkeep, inspired by GE's radio dial, has concocted a new drink which he calls the "Colorama Cocktail".

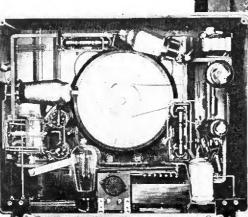
Unlike the dial, it doesn't change from red to green. It's green and stays that way.

### **Crosley Ups Stevens**

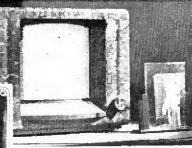
DES MOINES-C. J. Stevens has been named district manager for the Crosley Radio Corp., covering Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska.



RE-JOINS TRIUMPH — George Norris has re-joined the Triumph Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, will aid this company in its drive for more distributors. For a time Triumph instrument sales were limited to contract buyers and export. Increased production facilities now permit sales through regular trade channels



RADIO -



Philips, British set maker, has startled the industry with this new 5-tube superhet using no chassis, claiming lower production cost and easier servicing. Parts are mounted on lugs moulded into the Bakelite cabinet

### BREEZ-ELECTRIC INVADES WIND CHARGER FIELD

"Supercharger" Uses Two Propellors, Concern Makes Own Generators, "No Stock" Plan Announced for Dealers and Distributors

CHICAGO—Following a series of tests in the laboratories of major set makers, the Breez-Electric Corporation of 440 N. Oakley Blvd. has just placed on the market a new 6-volt wind charger of advanced design. Known as the "Supercharger," it uses an airfoil propellor 8 feet in length plus a 5-foot prop with a variable pitch hnb. Because the auxiliary prop used to govern speed gives the device a fourbladed appearance similar to that of propellors used on modern transport planes the governing device is christened "Airliner."

The company's executive personnel includes Hal Thomas, chief engineer; Fred Butterfield, purchasing agent and comptroller; L. Tatro; R. W. Reed and director of sales and advertising Prentiss Cleaves. With the exception of Tatro, founder of the L'Tatro Products Corporation, all the above are former Wincharger Corporation employees.

Breez will manufacture even its own generators in a modern, 18,000 sq.ft. plant, has announced a merchandising plan under which neither distributors nor dealers need carry stock other than a sample. Units are ordered direct from the factory by the consumer on special order blanks bearing the distributor's and dealer's name. Commissions for such sales are mailed to distributors and dealers so named by the factory. No servicing or financing obligation is incurred by the trade.

In addition to the "No Stock" merchandising plan described Breez-Electric also introduces a finance plan under which the consumer may obtain a "Supercharger" for as little as \$5 down, leaving more cash for the radio set down-payment.

The company has manufactured 32 volt, wind-driven farm lighting plants for some time,



ERLA'S TROUBLE - SHOOTER —Here's a Radio Retailing candid-camera study of vicepresident in charge of trouble O. F. Taylor

### UNITED SOUND GETS LICENSE

ST. PAUL—The United Sound Engineering Company, maker of complete sound systems and inter-office communicators and one of the first manufacturers to recognize the importance of "package" merchandise, is now fully licensed by arrangement with Electrical Research Products, Inc., under patents owned and controlled by American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company, Inc.

United, operating through jobbers and dealers, has just gotten out a new 16-page catalog covering all its products.



HE'LL BE MISSED — Nathan P. Bloom. Ill health forced him to leave post as Adler president

### **BLOOM, ILL, LEAVES ADLER**

Resigns as President After 24 Years With Company to Take Needed Rest

LOUISVILLE—Nathan P. Bloom has resigned as president of the Adler Manufacturing Company, a leading cabinet plant, due to ill health aggravated by his activity during the recent flood.

With the company for the past 24 years, Bloom made it his entire business career, coming to the Kentucky plant from Yale, class of 1913. Well known to the entire industry not only for his connection with Adler but because of his active participation in the affairs of the Radio Manufacturers Association, he plans to take a much needed rest for an indeterminate period.

Insisting that he has no definite business plans for the future, Bloom nevertheless states that he does not intend to be listed for long among the unemployed and does not qualify for the ranks of the "idle rich."

He leaves Adler on the best of terms with its Board of Directors, at the conclusion of the best year the company has ever experienced.

### NOVEL BROADCAST BY HALLICRAFTERS

CHICAGO—William J. Halligan, president of the Hallicrafters, Inc., manufacturer of communication receivers, started a novel weekly broadcast over WMAQ (670 kc.) at midnight, Saturday, April 3. Entitled "200 Meters And Down," based upon material taken from the files of the American Radio Relay League and dramatized by Clinton De Soto, this program will publicize outstanding events in the development of amateur radio.

At the conclusion of each broadcast Lt. Com. R. H. G. Mathews (W9ZN), central division director of the ARRL, will address amateurs on subjects pertinent to their avocation and the operations of the League.

#### Adams Made Champion S. M.

DANVERS, MASS.—John Q. Adams of Chicago has just been appointed sales manager of the Champion Radio Works, succeeding Greg Haltam, resigned.



9,000,000th — Judge Frank Smith of the Penn Athletic Club (left) accepts Phileo's ninemillionth radio while Commentator Carter, James M. Skinner, president of the Philadelphia Storage Battery Co. and Sayre M. Ramsdell, vice-president of Phileo Radio & Television Corp., look on

### **NEW ANSLEY CONTRACTS OBSERVE FAIR TRADE ACT**

### Wurlitzer Signs First Document, Insuring Maintenance of Dynaphone List

NEW YORK—Arthur C. Ansley, president of the Ausley Radio Corporation, advises that his company is now making contracts with dealers under the New York Fair Trade Act. These contracts, he states, give the list prices of all Dynaphone and Radio-Dynaphone combinations and specify that the instruments will not be sold for more or less than these figures. A number of dealers have already signed such contracts and all approached, according to Ansley, have been enthusiastic about the protection thus afforded. The fact that some have already signed makes the price schedule binding upon all dealers in New York.

The first contract was signed by P. R. Bowers for the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company.



ON DOTTED LINE – P. R. Bowers of Wurlitzer (center) signs first Ansley contract under New York State Fair Trade Law while Arthur C. Ansley (left) and Ray S. Erlandson (right) look on

### WEBSTER-CHICAGO GETS IRVING

CHICAGO—G. J. Irving, formerly with Operadio, has been placed in charge of the sales promotion division of Webster-Chicago, will concentrate initially on the business of providing an improved dealerhelp service for the concern's customers.



JOINS WEBSTER-CHICAGO — Appointed new western sales manager for Webster-Chicago, *M. F. Klicpera* said farewell to Operadio

### Universal Celebrates Anniversary

INGLEWOOD, CALIE.—The Universal Microphone Company celebrates its ninth anniversary May 5 and founderpresident James R. Fouch plans to hold open house at the plant that day.

#### G. E. BRANCH IN PEORIA

PEORIA—The radio division of the General Electric Company has opened a new factory branch office at 1321 South Washington Street.

#### Dunkly, Satchell Join G. E. Supply

CLEVELAND—Howard Dankly and Ray Satchell, radio salesmen, have been added to the staff of the General Electric Supply Corporation here.

### MECK LEAVES CLOUGH-BRENGLE

CHICAGO—John S. Meck (photo in March issue), has resigned as general sales manager of the Clough-Brengle Company; says he will form a new corporation devoted to the manufacture of precision radio test apparatus in the low price field.

Formal announcement of his new affiliation will be made at a later date.



FROM STORE TO FACTORY— George P. Lohman. Long associated with prominent New York retailers, he becomes Ansley's sales manager

### LOHMAN, NEW ANSLEY S. M.

NEW YORK—George P. Lohman has been made sales manager of the Ansley Radio Corporation. For the past four years he has been active in the retail radio business, with Liberty Music, The Gramophone Shop and Haynes-Griffin. For ten years before this he promoted sales for Stromberg-Carlson and RCA.

### PRECISION SELLS ON TIME

BROOKLYN-The Precision Apparatus Corporation announces that its test instruments will now be available on a time payment plan. Heretofore, the company has sold equipment only for eash.



NEW C-B SALES MANAGER-Robert L. Barr, who steps up with Clough-Brengle from the position of application engineer and assistant to the general sales manager to that of general sales manager

# THERE is STILL TIME to Enter the RAYTHEON CONTEST!

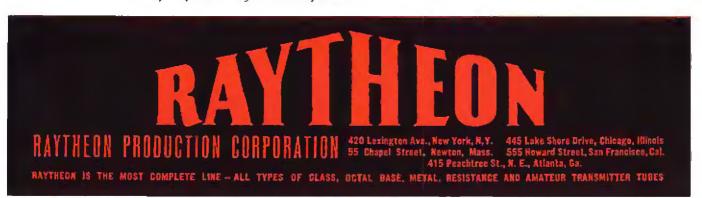
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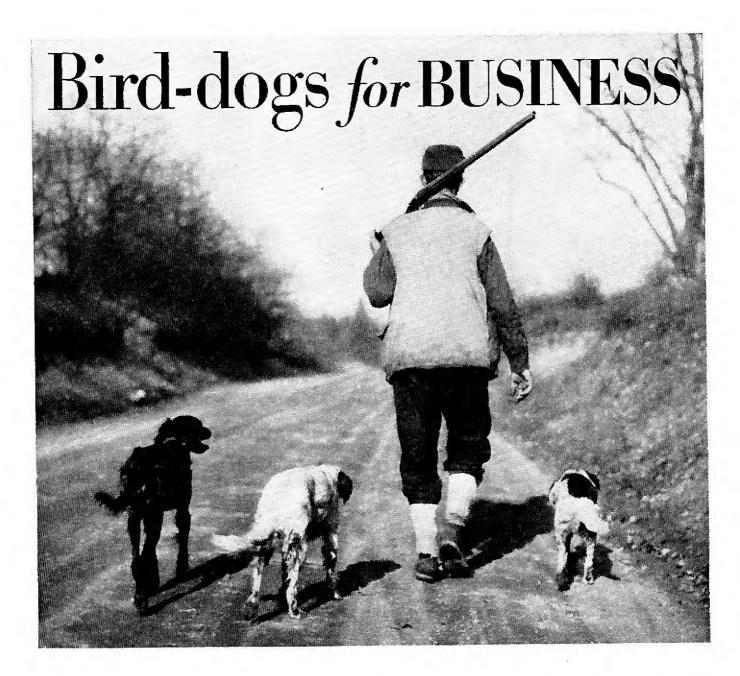
Your Name Here

**OR \$600.00 CASH-FIRST PRIZE** ALSO 500 OTHER FREE PRIZES

WE ARE Giving Moag this Truck!

There is still time to enter! The contest does not close until May 1. It is the easiest contest you ever saw. All you need to do is just write a sentence. There are going to be 500 winners of valuable prizes! And the winner of the V-8 Truck will be personally advertised in the Saturday Evening Post in a Raytheon Advertisement! Ask your jobber today for an entry blank!





### Push Sylvania Tubes! They'll hunt out profits in more ways than one

No matter how profitable your tube business may be...you can make it *better*—and Sylvania, we honestly believe, can show you how.

Not only because Sylvania tubes are good tubes in themselves. But because they lead indirectly—and often directly—to other, bigger sales. The satisfied tube customer is a potential new-set customer every time... and his sale is yours, if the tubes you sell him treat him right.

Here's why you can depend on Sylvania to increase your tube business and tone up your business in general. *First*, every Sylvania tube, during the process of manufacture, undergoes scores of separate tests for your protection. *Second*, Sylvania's technical and sales helps are designed to build business for you. *Third*,—well, sell Sylvanias and watch them go to bat for you on performance!

Get in touch with Sylvania now. For complete sales and technical information, write to the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation, Emporium, Pa.

## SYLVANIA

THE SET-TESTED RADIO TUBE



MERCHANDISING IN MAUI—From far-away Hawaii comes this interesting shot of a Zenith distributor and his employees. Seven nationalities are represented in this Von-Hamm-Young setup: Chinese, Philippino, Japanese, Korean, Hawaiian, Portuguese and American. The gent at the extreme right is J. D. Summers of Perfection Stove



ASSISTS NU'S COBURN—R. H. Van Dusen of National Union. His title changes from New York office manager to assistant sales manager



ZENITH'S EXPORT EXPERT— James F. Weldon, Gene Mc-Donald's new export manager.



SHOT OF A SIAMESE SUBSCRIBER—Out in Bangkok, Far Eastern Radio reads Radio Retailing. This picture was taken for us to show that they do a good display job even at the other side of the world

### ARGENTINA PROMOTES FARM SET SALES

BUENOS AIRES—The Ministry of Agriculture of Argentina has appointed a committee to determine the type or types of radio receiving sets suitable for use on the farm and ranches of this country, according to the Department of Commerce's assistant trade commissioner J. D. Walstrom,

The general plan is to select one or more types combining adequate performance with low cost and then to actively promote the widespread use of these among farmers and ranchers. Due to the advanced stage of the Argentine radio industry manufacturers in that country seem confident that they will have little difficulty competing with imported equipment.

### BRUSH BUYS BUILDING

CLEVELAND—The Brush Development Company, widely known for its pioneering of Rochelle salt crystal elements for radio, public address and general electronic applications, moved April 1 to its own building at 3311 Perkins Avenue.

### CONNELLY COMPANY EXPANDS

SPOKANE—The F. B. Connelly Company will soon remodel its branch here along modernistic lines, preparatory to broadening operations throughout the northwest. This company, maintaining its main office at Seattle, now extends its sphere of influence to eastern Washington, northern Idaho, the larger part of Montana and eastern Oregon.

### BLAKESLEE JOINS ZENITH

CHICAGO—H. W. Blakeslee now heads promotion activities in the Zenith Radio Corporation parts and accessories department, R. F. Miller continues as operating manager of this department.

Blakeslee was previously with the Hanff-Metzger advertising agency.

### Standard Parts Moves

DAYTON—The Standard Radio Parts Company moved to new and enlarged quarters at 135 E. Second Street, invited dealers and servicemen in for a "housewarming" April 5.

### Two to Tracy-Wells

COLUMBUS—J. E. Howell has joined The Tracy-Wells Company, will assist vice-president and general manager Hager. John P. Castner will assist Tracy, treasurer.

### Fogelson Leaves Wholesale

CHICAGO—Bob Fogelson, purchasing agent of the Chicago division of the Wholesale Radio Service Co. is resigning April 1.

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Five popular models in the Hotpoint De Luxe line, all with gleaming baked Glyptal finish. All the features and style that a prospect could possibly want. Speed Freezer powered by the vacuum-sealed Thriftmaster is standard equipment on all Hotpoint Refrigerators.

### **HOTPOINT IMPERIAL LINE**

Four popular models in the Imperial line, America's finest refrigerators, all in enduring porcelain enamel inside and out. Beautifully styled, attractively priced, and built to keep your customers boosting for you. The Imperial line has powerful sales appeal. It offers a host of extra features that convert lookers into buyers.

### **HOTPOINT STANDARD LINE**

Three fast-selling models in baked Glyptal finish, porcelain interior. Dependability, long life and beauty in a line that does credit to the famous reputation which Hotpoint enjoys for full value. See this line and note the profit possibilities offered by its big value.

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# NEW REFRIGERATOR LINES **POWERFUL SALES FEATURES**

## HOTPOINT gives you a quick selling, profit build-ing refrigerator line with plenty of easy-todemonstrate features and plus values.

Beauty that sells on sight; lifetime all-steel cabinets; gliding shelves; ever-visible food safety gauge; are a few of the plus features. Read about the 3 Powerful New Sales Features of the new Hotpoint Refrigerators.

Then get the sensational Hotpoint story before you start your 1937 campaign. Call or write the Hotpoint distributor in your territory. Ride with Hotpoint in 1937.

## NATIONAL ADVERTISING **EVERY MONTH DURING THE** SELLING SEASON Double pages in

color and full pages featuring the Hotpoint refrigerator exclusively will appear in Saturday Evening Post and Collier's. Beginning in March this advertising will appear every month throughout the selling season.

# STREAMLINED SALES PLANS

Fast-acting direct mail pieces, dramatic window displays, newspaper mats, powerful outdoor posters.

### SALES FEATURES THAT GET THE ORDER

Look over the Hotpoint line. Count up the plus-value sales features that make the prospect want to sign the order. Get in touch with your Hotpoint distributor now.

EDISON GENERAL ELECTRIC APPLIANCE CO., INC. 5680 West Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois

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# **3 GREAT FEATURES**

Ice and dessetts frozen faster than ever! Foods kept safe and crispy

fresh in a gently fresh in a gently floating blanket of frosty air air

held at constant chill, regardless of

freezing speed, by Hotpoint's pre-

cisely balanced

freezing control.

# VACUUM Thribtmaster SEALED Thribtmaster

Delivers more power at lower cost. Tests prove that the Hotpoint Vacuum Sealed Thriftmaster is one of the most effi-



cient mechanisms ever produced. Almost by magic a mere trickle of electricity is transformed into an abundance of freezing power. 5¢ worth of electricity makes twice as much cold as it did formerly.

5-YEAR PROTECTION PLAN The new Hotpoint line of refrigerators is backed by a 5-year

protection plan. It is another strong sales feature which stresses the care-free performance of the Vacuum Sealed Thriftmaster. See the 1937 line of sales-winning Hot. Point Refrigerators.

Edison General Electric Appliance Co., Inc. 5680 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, Ill. Please send me full information, prices and sales plan on

the new line of Hotpoint Refrigerators.

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**RIDE WITH** 

### 10,000,000 WOMEN STATE PROGRAM PREFERENCES

Vote Rudy Vallee Hour Best Variety Show; Ford Symphony Outstanding Straight Musical. Indicate Favorite News, Educational, Children's and <sup>®</sup> Dramatic Broadcasts

NEW YORK—Ten million women affiliated with the Women's National Radio Committee have just voted Rudy Vallee's broadcast, sponsored by Standard Brands, the best variety hour of the year. Other preferences indicated at the organization's third annual luncheon, held at the St.

Regis, placed the Ford Symphony at the top of the straight musical heap, spotlighted Boake Carter, news commentator for Philco, labelled the Chicago University Round Table "best educational program," lauded Dorothy Gordon's "Children's Corner" and the Monday Night Radio



Theatre, presented by Lever Brothers.

Vallee, copping top spot in the variety hour classification for the second consecutive year, struts his stuff for NBC, this chain also presenting Chicago University's program. Ford, Carter, Miss Gordon and Lever Brothers do their talking into a CBS mike.

Mutual was commended for its contribution to the cause of good music through presentation of the summer Lewisohn Stadium concerts and operas. Dr. Walter Damrosch, who broadcasts musical appreciation courses for school children over NBC, received a special citation for his "forcsightedness nine years ago in grasping the possibilities of radio for the dissemination of musical culture."

#### NEW CONSOLIDATED CONDENSERS

CHICAGO—Consolidated Wire and Associated Corporations will soon announce a complete new line of midget condensers understood to involve a unique method of foil etching which permits high capacity units having high voltage ratings to be made in smaller cases.

Consolidated engineers have been working on design for some time and the units are nearly ready for production.



PRESIDENT AGAIN — Pleased with his re-election is W. M. Egan of the L. Fish Farniture Company, once again president of the Illinois Electrical & Radio Dealers Association



SALT LAKE LEADERS—Radio Retailing's candid camera catches R. W. Langley (left) and Frank Warren of Christensen-Warren Radio & Appliance Company, resting for the moment on their oars

### WISCONSIN GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

Greusel, Seidel, Fairfield Re-Appointed to Top Positions in Active Association

MILWAUKEE—Frank W. Greusel has been re-elected president of the Wisconsin Radio, Refrigeration & Appliance Association. A. F. Seidel is, once again, retail vice-president and Gordon Fairfield continues as wholesale vice-president. Arthur Schleiger is the Association's new treasurer and B. S. Wisniewski becomes secretary.

Members of the Board are: Michael Ert, honorary chairman; W. F. Scemuth, chairman; Henry Czeck, Howard Richardson, A. VanAntwerpen, Gordon Fairfield, Leroy Kunzelmann, F. W. Greusel, Gordon Ische, A. F. Seidel and G. J. Weiland.



TWO BOISE BOYS—(Top) O. W. Hon, president of Hon Electric and R. R. Boyer, sales manager of Radio Supply, face RR's personality picture-taker

#### SALES APPOINTMENTS

ATLAS SOUND-For Ohio and the city of Louisville, Ky.: Edwards Sales Company of Cleveland. For Texas and Louisiana: Schoonmaker of Dallas.

CLAROSTAT—For New England: Harry Gerber of Boston. **EMERSON**—For the Cincinnati area: *Kraus Radio Distributors, Inc.,* soon to be installed in a new building.

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# PREVIEW of NEW PRODUCTS



#### RECOTON

#### Recoton Corp., 178 Prince St., Nevo York, N. Y.

Device: Phono attachment. Description: As front panel is drawn down, the record shelf automatically moves out; high fidelity crystal pick up; locking device for pick up arm for transportation; self-starting motor; 12 in. turntable; volume and speed controls; 17x9x15 in.; ac or ac-de; walnut cabinet with hand rubbed lacquer finish.

May be used under midget radio or on top of console. — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### SONORA

Sonora Phonograph Co., Inc., 160 Varick St., New York, N. Y.

Model: Arm-chair model.

**Description:** Available as a straight electric phonograph or in combination with a radio: receiver is a 6-tube ac-dc superhet covering from 550-1700 ke, and 17-55 mc., 10 in, speaker.

The feature of this model is the compartment for 100 records. Comes in walnut, mahogany or maple, 27x23x15 in.—*Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.

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#### CROSLEY

Crosley Radio Carp., Cincinnati, Ohio

- Models: "Fiver" with Teletuning.
- Description: 540-1720 and 5800-15,400 kc., three-dimensional glass magna ceramic dial; a.v.c., power supply noise filter. A feature of the set is the Teletuning dial.

Also available without Teletuning and as a battery set covering from 540-1725 kc.

Prices: Teletuning, \$24,95; without Teletuning \$19,99, battery model \$19,99.— Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### EMERSON

Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., 111 Eighth Ave., New York City

Models: Z-159; Z-160.

Description: Z-159, 6-tubes, a.e. superhet, 540-1750 and 5,600-18,000 kc., upright table model with slanted front panel.

Model Z-160, same technical features, compact horizontal table cabinet, speaker grille open on front and side, projecting ebonized base.

Prices: Z-159, \$44.95; Z-160, \$39.95. — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.





#### AIR-KING

Air-King Products Co., Inc., 27 Hooper St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Models: Radios in color. Description: Models 1000 and 1001, 4 tubes, ac-dc, 540-1750 kc., small table sets in black and gold, red and gold, and ivory and gold, as well as walnut, maple or mahogany. Model 77, upright table

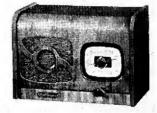
Model 77, upright table set in a molded cabinet in varying colors and finishes, including ivory, chony, green, red. Phonograph jack, avc, 16-52, and 55-560 meters.—*Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.

#### FREED-EISEMANN

Freed Radio & Mfg. Co., 44 W. 18th St. New York, N. Y.

#### Model: FE-24.

**Description:** 5 tubes ac-dc, trf, 530 to 1820 kc., illuminated gold and blue scale. 12x81x64. — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### • PIERCE-AIRO

Pierce-Airo, Inc., 510 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y.

#### Model: 700.

Description: 7 tubes; Syncro-beam tuning; indirectly illuminated etched dial; 19-550 meters; de luxe bentwood American duo-tone walnut cabinet.— Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### **RCA-VICTOR**

RCA	Mfg.	Co.,	Inc.,	
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Models: 84-BT; 84-BT6.

- Description: Supersed e Model 5-BT; available for 2 or 6 volt operation; 4 tubes; p.m. dynamic speaker; high gain antenna circuit; low battery drain; avc; 530-1720 kc. Either model in illustrated cabinet.
- Price: 84-BT (2 volt), \$27.95; 6 volt, \$37.95.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



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Cinaudagraph Corp., Stamford, Conn.

Models: Magic Magnet exponential speakers.

Description: All units are of 6 ohm voice coil impedance; provided with air column horn type baffles; Nipermag permanent magnets.

Smallest is Model FYA, 9 lb. without horn; capable of handling a steady power input of 15 watts.

Model HWA, weighs 26 lb. without horn; handles 25 watts continuously and 30 watts on peaks; higher efficiency than FYA and improved frequency response.

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#### DICTOGRAPH

Dictograph Products Co., Inc., 580 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Model: Inter-office communicating systems.

- Description: Duo-Matic system-provides simultane-ous two-way talk without use of a listen-talk key; absolute privacy; no tubes; operates 8 to 12 months on a few dry cell batteries. Sizes to meet any requirement-Junior model with 1 executive and 4 or staff stations; Duo-Matic, two stations; and the larger system for large firms, hospitals, schools.
- Prices: Duo-Matic (executive station with hand-setoperated staff station), \$65; with both executive and staff stations equipped with loud speaker, \$75.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### INTERCOMMUNICATOR

Sound Systems, Inc., 1311 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio

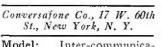
Model: Intercommunication system.

Description: This model is a departure from the various types available using midget-radio-cabinet design. The unit is in an unusually small aluminum casting, 7x5x4 in., with speaker-microphone un mounted at a 45° angle. unit

1 to 18 units may be used with one central amplifier and it may be combined for two station one-way or two-way conversation; 2 to 18 station one-way master; two way master or all master 100% intercommunicating. Amplifier is similar in size to the ordinary telephone ringer box.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

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#### CONVERSAFONE

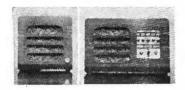


Inter-communication equipment. Description: Master and up

to 7 sub-stations; selective, permitting conversation between one or more sub-stations separately or combined; outlying stations can respond to Master station without use of keys or switches.

For factories with high noise level, a trumpet is available permitting direct two-way communication at distances over 75 ft.

When two or more master stations are required a



coordinator is used, allowing master stations to talk with one another and both masters to talk to individual sub-stations.

For strictly private conversation an earphone may be added to any station.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### OPERADIO

Operadio Mfg. Co., St. Charles, Ill.

Model: Amplifier paging system.

Description: Supplied com-plete with contact type crystal microphone, special amplifier which mounts on the wall near the mike, a foot switch for use when talking and a complement of four p.m. dynamic speakers in attractive steel wall-cabinets. Speakers are connected in parallel through a two wire system. Additional speakers may be added. Suitable for factories, hotels, public build-ings and similar places.— Retailing, April, Radio 1937.





#### PORT-A-FONE

Electronic Devices, Inc., 626 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio

Model: Inter-office communication systems.

Description: No wiring; plugs into the electric light line; portable; may be carried to any point and plugged in; improved volume control. For 110-118 volt, 25-60 cycle a.c. or 110-120 volt, d.c.--Retailing, Radio April, 1937.

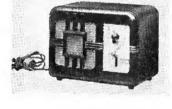
#### WEBSTER-CHICAGO

Webster Go., 3825 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

Model: Inter-office communicating system.

Description: Two types: Model OC-2 for operation Two types: between two points only; Model OCM, a multiple system designed to accommodate up to ten stations. With the latter a number of simultaneous conversations may be carried on.

The equipment is fur-nished in an attractive, highly polished wood case with ebony finish .- Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### STROMBERG CARLSON

Stromberg Carlson Tel. Mfg. Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Device: Voice paging system.

Description: Replaces buzzers, codes and bells, reaches anyone any place in the plant, or, all employees may be addressed at their desks. Equipment consists of amplifier, 1 to 12 speakers, and microphone. — Radio tailing, April, 1937. Re-

#### BULLET-PHONE

Transducer Corp., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

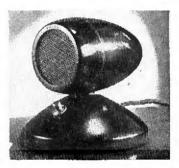
Device . Communication systems.

Description: The "Bullet-Phone," illustrated, acts as both microphone and speaker; takes up less space than a telephone; single control gives instantaneous connection; high sensitivity.

Series C is a 2-way system permitting instantaneous conversation between master unit and up to 3 remote stations. Series T is a multi-sta-

tion system with selective master station.

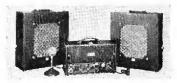
Series S is a deluxe system; each station is a Master having full control over every other, station; two simultaneous private conversations are possible; Master unit and amplifier at each station .-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### BELL

Bell Sound Systems, Inc., 61 E. Goodale St., Columbus, Ohio

Device: PA-4-C p.a. system. Description: 20 watt portable; amplifier arranged in carrying case so that it can be set up by merely removing cover; 2 heavy duty high velocity speakers of the infinite baffle type; high gain amplifier; 2 in-put channels; facilities for utilizing and matching up to 6 speakers; high ve-locity type crystal microphone; overall gain of amplifier, 112 db; frequency response within plus or minus 2 db. from 35 to over 10,000 cycles.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



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RCA Mfg. Co., Camden, N. J.

Model: Aerodynamic microphone.

- Description: Pressure operated; frequency range, 100-6000 cycles; impedance, 250 ohms; average operating level, ---68 db. (10 bar signal across open circuit). May be used for close talking or normal public address work.
- Price: Microphone only, \$26.50; table or hand stand, \$3.75, adjustable stand, \$16.50.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



### CROWE

Crowe Name Plate & Mjg. Co., 3701 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, 111.

Model: Panel controls for auto radios.

Description: Complete line for all 1935, '36 and '37 cars; standard controls and shafts are used in all cars, the only new part required when moving the set from auto to auto is the panel kit; easy to assemble.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### • KRAEUTER

Kraeuter & Co., Newark, N. J.

#### Model: Pliers.

Description: Designed for pulling out and cutting cotter pins; as the cotter pin is started out it is gripped into a special groove in the diagonal jaws which allow for a maximum of leverage. 6, 7 and 8 in. sizes.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

Western	Electric	Co.,
195	Broadway	Fa .
New	York, N.	<i>Y</i> .

WESTERN ELECTRIC

Device: Convertible microphone.

Description: May be conveniently and instantly changed from a non-directive unit to a semi-directional unit; can be mounted on desk or floor stand or suspended from overhead.

A small detachable disc makes it possible to use this unit for a wide variety of applications including directional and non-directional service.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



### LAFAYETTE

Wholesale Radio Service Co., Inc., 100 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Model: Tele-Dial Console. Description: 17 station control buttons are arranged around the edge of the 8½ in. dial; conventional 5½ in. pointer-type dial is included for use when Teledial tuning is not desired. 13 tubes, two 12-in. auditorium speakers, 16,4 to 568 meters.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### RADOLEK

Radolck Co., 601 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

Model: Inter-office communication system.

Description: Selective type; up to five outlying stations may be used with the master unit.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.





#### EVEREADY

National Carbon Co., Inc., 30 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

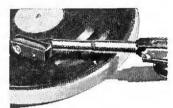
Device: Battery container. Description: With this bat-

tery container dealers can make a "B-C" pack for almost any battery radio. Made from strong, durable, corrugated boards, finished in mottled walnut brown. Holds three large size heavy duty "B" batteries and up to three 4<sup>‡</sup> volt "C" batteries. All plug-in connections to the battery cable are made inside the package. — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### AEROVOX

Acrovox Corp., 70 Washington St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

 Model: Condenser kit for Thordarson oscilloscope.
 Description: A convenient kit of condensers called for in the construction of the new Thordarson cathode-ray oscilloscope. — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### TRU-TAN

Astatic Microphone Laboratory, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio

#### Model: B-16 pickup.

Description: Introduces to the professional field the Astatic offset head design which results in a marked reduction in tracking error; plays all sizes of lateral transcriptions; arm length, needle point to center of base, 12 in.

Price: \$27.50.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### TRIUMPH

#### Triumph M/g. Co., 4017 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

Device: Fixed frequency audio oscillator.

Description: New type electronic audio oscillator which can be used as a driver source for constant modulation of air beacon transmission beams, bridge analysis or other applications where approximately 35 milliwatts of pure sine wave a.f. may be used; 500 and 5000 ohm output terminals.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### ELIMI-O-STAT

Solar Mfg. Corp., 599 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

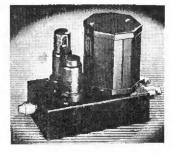
- Device: Radio interference filter for electric razors.
- Description: Efficient filter of the capacitive-inductive type containing not only the conventional condensers but also induction coils for maximum filtering effect. Installation casily made by means of built-in plugs.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

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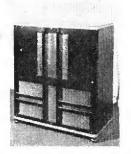
United Transformer Corp., 72 Spring St., New York, N. Y.

#### Models: Pre-amplifier.

Description: Obtains its power supply directly from the main amplifier; incorporates a 6F5 resistance coupled to a 6C5 providing 60 db. of gain. *Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.







#### RCA VICTOR

#### RCA Mfg. Co., Inc. Camden, N. J.

### Model: High fidelity speaker.

Description: Console cabinct model with a substantially uniform frequency response of from 60 to 10,000 cycles; speaker unit is of double voice coil electro - dynamic type; power handling, 10 watts; voice coil impedance, 15 ohms. Receptacles for supplying either ac or field current supply to the unit and also for audio input. Modern cabinet finished in black with aluminum trimming.

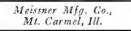
Price: \$133.20.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### BOONTON

#### Boonton Radio Corporation, Boonton, N. J.

Models: Hi-Q parts. The Description: main items in this line of lowradio parts are: loss threaded and grooved low-loss Isolantite forms for high frequency coupled coils, as well as complete inductors and aluminum shields. Special flat sockets are available to take the prongs of the inductors and coils. There is also a line of special low-loss mica-insulated binding posts, jacks and terminals, together with parts. miscellaneous Retailing. April, Radio 1937.

#### MEISSNER



Device: Dual - universal wave trap.

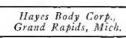
Description: Eliminates both channels of interference and at the same time eliminates Lf. and broadcast band interfer-



ence; range, 400-1720 kc.; use of ferrocart (iron core) provides high "Q" circuit.

Price: \$2.65.—Radio Retailing. April, 1937.

#### HAYES



Models: Business trailers.

Description: Counters, display cases, special wiring, lounges for visitors, equipment for display and demonstration—all may be included. New models have heavier construction throughout.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

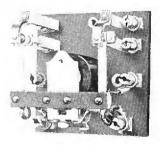
#### WARD LEONARD

#### Ward Leonard Electric Co., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

#### Device: R. F. relays.

Description: Two sizes: 15 and 4 amp. capacity; specially designed for antenna changeover and for switching directional antennas.

The midget type; with 4 amp. contacts arranged for double pole, double throw, is available for operation on 6-8 volt d.c. and 110 volt a.c. circuits: particularly adapted for



mobile installations such as police and aircraft transmitters.---Radio Retailing, April, 1937.





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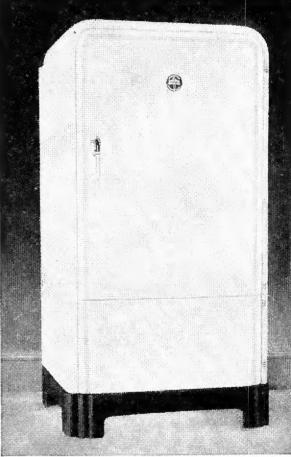
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#### TRIPLETT

#### Triplett Electrical Instrument Co., Bluffton, Ohio

- Models: 1260 portable audio oscillator.
- Description: If r e q u e n c y range: 100-250-500-1000-2000 - 3000-4000-5000-7500 -10,000 cycles; signal furnished is sufficiently strong to be used in checking weak amplifiers; attenuation for the measurement of gain percentage is extremely accurate and impedance matching is variable.
- Price: \$28.33 net to dealer. -Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

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#### CLAROSTAT

Clarostat Mfg. Co., Inc., 285 N. 6th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

- Device: Tapped control replacement kit.
- Description: Complete assortment of tapped control replacements in handy kit form. Fourteen units, one of each of the types needed to take care of past and present models.— *Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.



TURNER

#### Turner Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Model: Handset.

Description: A crystal microphone which is efficient at voice frequencies and a sensitive magnetic receiver combined in an attractive molded onepiece unit; particularly adaptable to portable transceiver work.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., Cleveland, Ohio

#### Model: 4900 set tester.

Description: Has zero current voltmeter for measuring voltage in high resistance networks besides the usual ranges of a.c. and d.c. volts, milliammeters, resistance and capacity. The zero current voltmeter has three ranges, 0-10, 0-50 and 0-250 volts at an infinite resistance per volt and will give voltage readings independent of circuit resistance.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### HIDE-ME ANTENNA

Modern Inventions Co., 890 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif.

Device: Indoor antenna.

Description: Two types—the flat felt model may be hidden under rug or radio or used as a drape over the radio; the pennant type hangs on the wall.

Consists of 65 ft. of Anaconda special radio wire hidden in a felt oblong pad; no ground wire necessary. Any school or college pennant available.

Price: Flat felts, \$2.25; pennants, \$3.50.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### MOTORTONE

Pierce-Airo, Inc., 510 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Model: 527 auto radio.

Description: 5 tubes, superhet, sloping dynamic speaker, avc, hi-efficiency iron core antenna coil.

Flat top permits mounting without removing compartments or instruments; chassis may be removed from the case without unsoldering wires. Size 11x6½x4 in.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### TACO

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Device: Line-noise filter. Description: Not only line noises within the broadcast band but also those in the shortwave band are prevented from reaching the all-wave set because of the 50 db. drop in the filter; housed in a round polished-aluminum casing with standard receptacle and ground-connection binding post at top.

Price: \$4, — Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### PIONEER

Pioneer Gen-E-Motor Corp., 464 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

Device: Complete lighting kits.

Description: Three practical lighting kits for complete wiring. Model LKS is made up

Model LKS is made up of basic equipment only, such as bulbs, fuses, sockets, wire, etc. Model LKA includes

Model LKA includes also a 2-light living room fixture and a 1-light chrome kitchen unit. Model LKB provides fixtures for dining room,

fixtures for dining room, living room, bedroom, kitchen and porch.

Prices: LKS, \$14.95; LKA, \$19.95; LKB, \$28.95.— —Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### PRECISION

Precision Apparatus Corp., 821 E. New York Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Model: Series 830 Multimeter,

Description: Eleven range service instrument; large three-inch square meter of modern design.

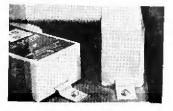
Five d.c. voltage ranges: 0-10, 0-100, 0-250, 0-500, 0-1000 at 1000 ohms per volt; four d.c. current ranges: 0-1, 0-10, 0-100 and 0-250 ma. Two resistance ranges: low ohms shunt method, 0 - 500 ohms; high ohms reading. 0-300,000 ohms. Selector controlled throughout.— *Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.



TOBE

#### Tobe Deutschmann Corp., Canton, Mass.

- Device: New mounting clip on electrolytics,
- **Description:** Clip, which is not permanently affixed to condenser, may be imserted in accurately spaced slits in the condenser ends for rigid and easier mounting; provision for either flat or edge-wise mounting. Now supplied with all T-D electrolytics. —*Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.



#### • ARCTURUS

Arcturus Radio Tube Co., Newark, N. J.

Models: New tubes.

Description: Following new types: 6J5G, 6K5G, 6U7G, 6V7G, 25L6G, 950.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### COMMUNO-PHONE

David Bogen Co. Inc., 663 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Device: Intercommunicating systems.

Description: Five models, three "wired" and two "wireless" types; all operate on ac or dc; plug and socket connections on two of wired systems elimininate wiring connections. Model 5W is free from

Model 5W is free from audible line noises due to circuit developments; several systems may be used independently in same building; 3W, lower cost wireless system with 2 master stations, lower power.

The three wired systems are: 5SC, 5 station all master, selective controls to enable conversation with any or all stations either independently or simultaneously; 2SC, 2 station selective, one amplifier for operation of both stations; 3A, 1 master and choice of 4 remote stations, one amplifier, provides either elective talk back from any remote station or complete control from master only. —*Radio Retailing*, April, 1937.

### ONAN

D. W. Onan & Sons. 43 Royalston Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Device: A.C. current gencrating plants.

Description: Of lined, fully streamenclosed, symmetrical design; small and compact; operate on gasoline; may be serv-iced entirely from the exhaust side enabling installation in close quarters; starting with thermal control; welded all-steel generator with special cooling; wide range temperatures; special impulse dampener for portable jobs. — Radio Retailing, jobs. — F April, 1937.

Electrical Research Labs., Inc., 2222 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

ERLA

Models: 72AT, 76AC.

Description: Model 76AC, 11 tubes; all-wave; automatic tuning system which provides for call letters of selected stations, each individually and automatically lighted in tuning; easily set up by user and may be changed at any time; 12 in. speaker. Model 72AT, 5 tubes; 540-1720 and 2300-6300 kc.; large rectangular dial, avc, table cabinet.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



SUPREME

Supreme Instruments Corp., Greenwood, Miss.

Device: Oscilloscopes.

Description: Two - inch tube featured allowing four times the screen area of a one-inch screen tube yet is only 7 in. long; requires no more operating voltage than smaller tube. Two models available.

Model 535, the larger, employs return sweep eliminator for completely removing high frequency linear sweep return; includes positive interlocking circuit between linear time base and incoming signal; special uni-control. Model 530 has selective return sweep eliminator for inclusion or rejection of power supply frequency return sweep.

Prices: 535, \$49.95; 530, \$29.95.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



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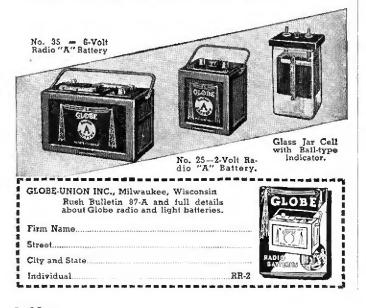
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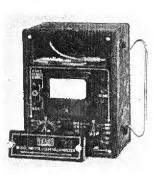
#### SUPERCHARGER

Breez-Electric Corp., 440 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Device: Wind charger.

Description: Designed especially for use in areas of low wind velocity; will furnish electric lights in addition to radio service in most areas; 8 ft. airfoil propellor: governor consists of a 5 ft. propellor mounted at right angles to the main propellor on a variable-pitch hub energized by flyball weights; heavy duty, slow speed type; weight 45 lb.; builtin radio noise suppressor. Breez - Electric also makes 32 volt wind-driven

makes 32 volt wind-driven farm lighting plants.— Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### RANGER-EXAMINER

Readrite Meter Works, Bluffton, Ohio

Model: Model 740 voltohm-milliammeter.

Description: Has Triplett precision instrument with scales reading; 10-50-250-500-1000 a.c. and d.c. volts at 1000 ohms per volt; 1-10-50-250 d.c. milliamperes; 0-300 low ohms; high ohms to 250,000 at l½ volts.

Metal case, 54x74x48 in. Built - in compartment with snap-on cover holds all accessories.

Price: \$18.60 net to dealer. —Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

#### DYNAPHONE

Ansle	y R.	adio	Corp.,	240	W.
			York		

Model: Arm chair combination,

Description: 7 tube radio, shortwave and broadcast, 12 in. speaker, Ansley crystal pick up, sliding top cabinet.

Price: \$99.50.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### ELECTRO ACOUSTIC

Electro-Acoustic Products Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Device: 15 watt portable system.

- Description: High gain amplifier for direct operation with all crystal type microphones; delivers undistorted output of 15 watts; incorporates inputs for microphone and high impedance phonograph; 3 controls for mixing, fading and tone; output receptacles for 2 speakers: Magnavox high fidelity 12 in. speaker; complete system self-contained in tray type weatherproof carrying case.
- Price: \$134.50 with tubes.--Radio Retailing. April. 1937.

#### AEROVOX

Aerovox Corp., 70 Washington St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Device: Universal mounting electrolytics.

Description: The slotted metal flanges are fully adjustable so as to hold the unit flat against chassis, upright, or stacked by interlocking and soldering the flanges. Variable spacing of mounting holes possible; available in 200 and 450 volts working ratings, all popular capacities in single, dual and triple sections.—Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

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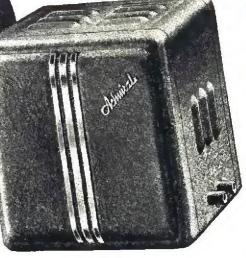
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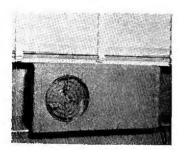




#### CLIMAX

Climax Machinery Co., 121 E. Morris St., Indianapolis, Ind.

- Model: Air conditioner. Description: Refrigerates, de-humidifies, circulates, filters, and ionizes; walnut cabinet no larger than a radio; water cooled, in-cluding condensers, motors and compressors; Freon refrigerant. Four models.
- Prices: \$249 to \$507.50 --Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### NORTHWIND

Pleasantaire Corp., 304 E. 45th St., New York, N. Y.

Model: Room cooler.

- Description: Consists of an air-cooled condensing unit with an evaporator and fan mounted in a cabinet 148x28x131, to be placed on window sill. Two adjustable steel rods are provided to fix the position of the unit on the sill. Plugs into the electric outlet; may be moved from room to room; circulates more than 300 cu.ft. of cool air per minute.
- rice: \$175; after May 1, \$189.50. *Radio Retailing*, April, 1937. Price:

#### SAVAMAID

#### Crosley Radio Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio

Models: Washers, ironers, Description: Washers - 3 electric and 2 gas engine models; Lovell pressure cleansing safety wringer; life-time lubricated type

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motor; some models have invertible agitator.

Ironers-two models: large self-aligning chromium ironing shoe; one model has white enameled cabinet cover with alu-minum top.-Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



FROSTOFF

Frostoff Co., Inc., 250 E. 43rd St., New York, N. Y.

Device: Automatic defroster.

- Description: Housed in a modern electric clock: enamel case, trimmed with chrome. Defrosts refrigerator the automatically, preventing ice incrustations and reducing current consumption. Wall model.
- Price: \$15 .-- Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



#### GRUNOW

General Household Utilities Co., 2650 N. Crawford Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Models: 1937 refrigerators. Description: 7 models; newly designed cabinets of modern lines; chrome hardware; Carrene re-frigerant: Acrator "defrigerant; Acrator "de-odorizer"; interior light; thermometer on 4 models; 2 round dishes, a water bottle and vegetable pan standard on all models; some also have sliding "Serve-Shelves," hydrator pan, fruit basket, mezzanine shelf, foot pedal. -Radio Retailing, April, 1937.





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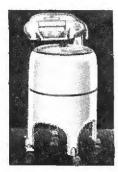
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Kelvinator Div. Nash-Kelvinator Corp., Detroit, Mich.

#### Models: Washers.

Description: Smartly streamlined and featuring new and improved mechanism; models ranging seven from the small, single tub to the large 13SA with rotary dryer and spin-rinse features; five of wringer type; two employ rotary principle of drying.

Models finished in white have a band of blue, others come in two-tone grav.

Gasoline motors are available; automatic drain pumps at slight extra cost on all models .- Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

SAMSON

#### Samson-United Corp., Rochester, N. Y.

Model: Electric fans.

Description: Smaller edition of the rubber-bladed Safe-Flex. Added to the safety feature is the fact that it is really silent, no metallic echo.

Can be stood on the table; pinned on the wall with the special pin provided; or, clamped with a steel clamp sealed in the base.

Prices: \$3.95 each .-- Radio tailing, April, 1937.



#### HOTPOINT

Edison General Appliance Co., Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Models: Washers: ironers. Description: Washers-five models; three offered in both standard and de luxe styles with the remaining two in de luxe style; Thriftivator provides three separate zones of washing action

Ironers-The roll moves to the shoe and not the shoe to the roll; adjustable thermostat safety and simplicity of operation emphasized. - Radio Retailing, April, 1937.



defrosting controlled by clock; Thrifter - storage space or door fitted with 6 ebony topped glass receptacles; built in vegabin which is accessible without opening food compartment; glass crispers in most de luxe models; thermostatic temperature control; black base and trim on vegabin, clock and escutcheon-trim also available in red or green. -Radio Retailing, April, 1937.

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the next higher brackets. While they do that they study their customer to find the particular model which seems to arouse the greatest interest, and that is generally the higher priced set. After preference has been ascertained, that set is "turned on" and then the salesman begins to expand all its good points in tone quality, selectivity, sensitivity and volume.

"It is important to note that the demonstrating rooms of that concern are so wired that only one set can be played at a time which is done as a further aid to the salesman so that he can concentrate his own sales talk and the customer's attention very definitely on the one set and generally that practice results in the customer buying a set at a higher price than the one originally mentioned."

Mr. Angle closed the interview by saying: "If all the dealers followed that simple process of concentrating sales effort and customer interest the whole industry could get along with much fewer sets, fewer price brackets and every dealer would make more money on less investment."

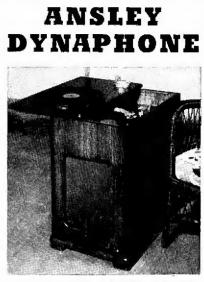
#### WOOD-WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT

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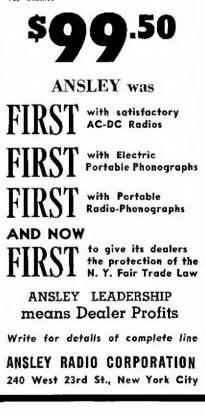
many an earlier model. The effect of wood carving can be had by molding the design with wood paste and attaching it to the cabinet. Close observation will reveal, however, that the grain of the flat surfaces does not go through the carved portions, thereby proving it false. In machine carving, the grain carries through the design. Yet there is a roundness—a scooped out—effect that tips off the machine origin.

True hand carved designs have very sharp edges, made as the tools cut away wood in a fashion impossible with machines. However, where machine carving has been used to do the principal design and it has been touched up by hand, there is virtually no difference from the hand made article.

The year 1937 is going to reward tails about the salesmen who learn the interesting about to sell.



The NEW Model D-23 "Arm Chair" Combination 7-Tube Radio—Short Wave and Broadcast— Ansley Crystal Pick-up—12 inch Speaker—Sliding Top Cabinet



facts about cabinet work and tell about it.

Literature put out by the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, 616 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago; the Veneer Association, same address; and the Mahogany Association, 75 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, will be of help to the sales force that is interested in further details about the new cabinets they are about to sell. a quantity of sets at a sacrifice should observe the following basic rules when sponsoring a trade-in allowance drive:

(a) Leave the previously established list prices undisturbed so as to check the growing doubt on the part of the public of the efficacy of list prices in general.

(b) Announce specific trade-in allowances that will be available only against the actual delivery of the set for which an allowance is claimed.

(c) Inform dealers that credit memos, equivalent to the amount of the advertised trade-in allowance will be issued *only* against the actual delivery of the traded-in set to the manufacturer or his representative.

(d) Arrange to have a direct representative of the manufacturer or his authorized distributor visit every dealer who participates in the surplus sale and there supervise the actual physical destruction of every trade-in set, handing over to the dealer his credit memo after the sets have been destroyed.

(c) Dealers might be permitted to retain trade-in sets by forfeiting the manufacturer's allowance if they feel that they can dispose of certain trade-ins at more than the amount granted by the manufacturer.

*Plan No. 2.* Manufacturers and distributors who are operating in a given territory might sponsor a plan by which dealers in a given retail area would cooperate in jointly op-

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erating a single second-hand radio store. None of the cooperating dealers would offer trade-ins for sale in their own store. Entirely useless, obsolete and orphan trade-ins would be destroyed at the cooperative second-hand store and a nominal salvage credit allowed to the dealer who brought it in.

Trade-ins with a definite re-sale value would be reconditioned and sold at the cooperative store and at the end of fixed periods the profit or losses would be pro-rated on the basis of the number of trade-ins which each dealer cleared through the store.

Wherever this plan is put into operation the participating manufacturers and distributors might find it advisable and even profitable if they jointly offered a bonus for trade-ins destroyed.

The particular merit claimed for this plan by its proponents is that it makes every participating dealer *exclusively a new set dealer* and thus may be expected to stimulate better sales effort and increase sales of new sets.

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Plan No. 3. This plan is based on the premise that any offer for a flat trade-in allowance in the long run is injurious to the best interests of the manufacturer who makes it and to his dealers, but takes cognizance of the fact that trade-ins are a necessary evil and as such should not be handled on a catch-as-catch-can basis but dealt with intelligently. It is suggested that any trade-in offer that is to be advertised in a newspaper by either the manufacturer or his dealers should provide for at least 3 different amounts of trade-in allowances as follows:

(a) The highest possible amount is to apply only to sets of the same manufacture but of older vintage or technically obsolete.

(b) The intermediate amount is to be allowed on sets that are not over 3 years old and made by a manufacturer who is still building sets.

(c) The lowest allowance would apply on sets of any make over 3 years old and would permit the manufacturer to pay the dealer a special *additional* compensation for sets destroyed under the manufacturer's supervision.

It is claimed that under this plan the radio industry would prevent the further undermining of public confidence in its "list price" quotations by paralleling the practices that prevail in the automobile industry where trade-in allowances are definitely based upon the probable re-sale value of the old car.

Proponents of this plan also point out that the "destruction bonus" provided for in this plan already has been tried out successfully in the automobile industry where certain large makers have paid dealers \$15 to \$25 for old cars that then were scrapped by the manufacturer and thus definitely taken out of circulation as an incumbrance to future sales.

#### RECORDING - NEW BUSINESS FOR THE RADIO DEALER (Continued from page 23)

rented to professional or semi-professional customers it also has a natural market among ordinary people who buy radio sets. Families frequently can be sold the idea of recording their son's or daughter's voice on a birthday, saving the record together with a snapshot.

A number of customers do this very thing at Steadman's Music Store, Yonkers. Frank Steadman tells us that on the average his recordings run 12 to 15 a week. One youngster in particular makes recordings twice a month and sends these to relatives in Germany. Steadman is quite enthusiastic over the results.

At Rabsons Music and Camera

Store, New York, 15 machines will be sold this year if the demand continues at the present rate. This is a double store; radio sets and equipment occupy one section while cameras and supplies take up the other half.

The sales method employed at Rabsons is to send the machine to the customer's home. A short demonstration is all that is necessary to convince the prospect of the usefulness of the device. Almost invariably the lifelike reproduction of the customer's voice clinches the sale. Although the sale of recordings is not an important item here the unit sales provide a nice income. Blank recordings are available in 6, 8, 10 and 12 in. sizes at prices from \$.40 to \$1 list. The playing time for each side of a 6 inch disc is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minute, the 8 inch size takes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes; 10 inch  $3\frac{1}{2}$  minutes; and 12 inch  $4\frac{3}{4}$  minutes. The actual recording time is the same. However, a short rehearsal is usually necessary in order to "time" the recitation. On the average a half hour is sufficient for a 12 in. recording. Some recitations will take up an hour's time.

The usual retail prices of records are \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3 for one side of a 6, 8, 10, 12 inch disc, respectively. Recordings on both sides of the discs bring \$1.50, \$2.75, \$4 and \$5.

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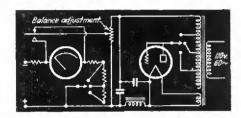
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#### Infinite Resistance Voltmeter

A voltmeter by Hickok designed around a d.c. potentiometer offers infinite resistance to a circuit under test. The usual vacuum tube voltmeter has a high resistance leak connecting the grid circuit to ground. Therefore a device of this type does not give a truly accurate reading. The infinite resistance voltmeter draws no current whatsoever from the measured circuit.

The voltmeter works on the principle that if two equal voltages are connected in parallel no current flows. However, if one voltage is higher than the other, current will flow. If a potentiometer is connected across the larger voltage a true balance may be obtained by adjusting the arm of the potentiometer. A standard voltmeter connected from the arm to one end of the potentiometer will then read the voltage of the circuit under test. The reading will be taken from the supply which is balancing the voltage to be measured. However, since the two voltages are equal, no current flows. The reading obtained will be the exact voltage conditions of the circuit.

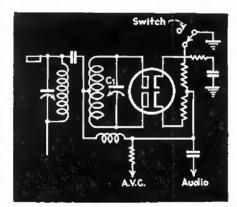
Referring to the diagram, the circuit shown is the basis for the voltmeter. One meter is used in conjunction with a suitable switching arrangement to indicate balance and also read voltage. Although the input circuit of the meter is comparatively low resistance, no current is drawn since a balanced condition is necessary when the actual readings are taken.

The balancing voltage is obtained from a built-in power supply, which operates from the a.c. line. Adequate filtering is used so that the instrument may be connected directly to the grid of an r.f. tube without introducing objectionable hum.

Three voltage ranges of 10, 50 and 250 volts are provided by the switch  $S_1$ . This gives ample coverage for any grid voltages commonly encountered as well as plate voltages in resistance coupled stages.

Included in the infinite resistance voltmeter are the usual ranges of a.e. and d.e. voltages at 1,000 ohms per volt. Also a rectifier type output meter as well as resistance, current and capacity ranges.

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#### **Aligning A.F.C. Circuits**

The serviceman who is called upon to align one of the a.f.c. controlled receivers will have to follow a different technique. One recommended in an Aerovox bulletin is as follows:

First align the entire receiver with the a.f.c. cut out. Then loosely couple the signal generator to the last i.f. stage, the one that drives the discriminator. This may be done by bringing the output leads close to the grid cap. The signal generator should be unmodulated and tuned to the i.f. frequency.

Tune in a station and adjust for zero beat between the station's carrier and the signal generator. Then switch in the a.f.c. and retune the secondary of the discriminator transformer (C1) for zero beat. It now should be possible to obtain zero beat at both positions of the a.f.c. switch. If beat signal is heard when the cut-out switch is rotated the entire process should be repeated.

#### Transmission Line Auto Antenna

Coupling a car antenna to the receiver by a transmission line is a new feature devised by Arvin. The circuit, acting as a filter as well as feeder system consists of three parts: an antenna coupler, transmission line and a tuned resonant circuit at the receiver end.

The antenna coupler is designed to resonate at 500 k.c. with an antenna capacity of 75 mmf. Higher capacities will, of course, resonate at lower frequencies. Some metal insert top cars will perform quite satisfactorily although most of them have too much capacity. Energy from the antenna is impressed on the primary of the circuit. This energy is induced into the secondary and fed into the matched transmission line which is loaded with a 1000 mmf, condenser at the input end.

As the transmission line is of low impedance, very little loss from radiation occurs. Static pickup and car noises are prevented from entering the line by the shielding. Further, the action of the twisted pair would be to balance out any stray pickup.

The transmission line is terminated in series with the antenna coil. The capacity of the line and loading condenser have an effect on the tunning of this circuit. High-Q construction using iron core and double-pie coil design permits an overall gain of from 14 to 24 in the antenna stage.



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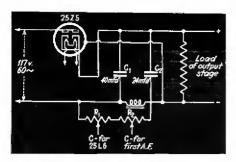


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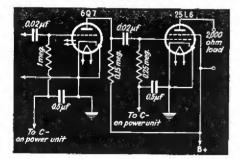


#### A.C.-D.C. High Output Stage

The high power sensitivity of the 25L6 permits its use in sensitive, low-cost circuits. A single 25L6 can be driven to rated output by a single 6Q7 as a second detector and first a-f amplifier. A bulletin by RCA describes the operation of the 25L6 in typical circuits.

The circuit of the power-supply unit used in these tests is shown in Fig. 1. In this power unit, R1 and R2 are resistors used to obtain bias voltages from the voltage drop across the filter choke which is connected in the negative side of the line. This method of obtaining bias has two important advantages. The full output voltage of the power-supply unit is available for plate and screen voltage. When the choke is connected in the positive side of the line and bias is obtained by some other method, plate and screen voltages are necessarily decreased by an amount equal to the bias. For a.c.d.c. operation this decrease in voltage may cause an appreciable loss in power output. Other methods of obtaining bias may require the use of at least one resistor and a high-capacity bypass condenser; the suggested arrangement requires only two resistors and a low-capacity by-pass condenser.

In the test of this arrangement, an a-f signal was fed to the grid of a 6Q7; the output of the 6Q7 was resistance-coupled to a 25L6. The bias

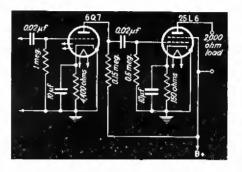


for each tube was obtained from the voltage drop across the filter choke connected in the negative side of the line, as shown in Fig. 1. The circuit and operating characteristics of the amplifier are shown in Fig. 2. With an input condenser of 40 mfd ( $C_1$ ) and a power supply load of 5,000 ohms, 2.5 watts of audio is available at the grid current point. Total distortion was 15 per cent, Somewhat higher distor-

tion takes place when either of these values are reduced.

In a self bias test, bias for the 6Q7 and 25L6 was obtained from individual self-bias resistors, as shown in Fig. 3. As in all self-bias tests, the filter choke was connected in the positive side of the line. Hence, resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ in Fig. 1 were not required.

In this case 1.8 watts are available with a distortion of 11 per cent. This indicates that the power output, with reference to distortion is better using choke bias than with self bias. At the same output level of 1.8 watts, choke bias develops only 8 per cent distortion.



#### **New Tubes**

**24–XH** A two inch screen cathode ray tube interchangeable with the 913. Overall length is  $7\frac{5}{8}$  in. From 300 to 600 volts may be used on the second anode. Short persistence screen of greenish hue.

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Heater current.	.6	amp,
Maximum voltage		
(Anode No. 2)	600	volts
Maximum voltage		
(Anode No. 1)	$3^{\circ}0$	volts
Grid voltage for cutoff	-60	approx.
Power per sq, cm, of screen	10	milliwatts

#### Deflection Sensitivity

Plates D1 and D2...... 21 to .14 mm/volt Plates D3 and D1....... 28 to .16 mm/volt

**6U7C.** An r.f. pentode similar to a 6D6 but equipped with an octal base.

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Amplifier	(Class	A	
Heater Voltage	6.3	6.3	Volts
Plate Voltage	100	250	Volts Max.
Grid Voltage	-3	-3	Volts
Screen Voltage	100	100	Volts Max.
Suppressor	7	lie to (	Cathode
Plate Current	8.0		Ma.
Screen Current			Ma.
Plate Resistance	0.25	0.8	Megohm
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#### OPERATING CONDITIONS WITH VARIABLE BIAS

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Heater Voltage	6.3	6.3	Volts
Plate Voltage	100		Volts Max
Grid Voltage	-10	-10	Volts Min.
Screen Voltage	100	100	Volts Max

### **AMATEUR NOTES**

**RK37** is a high mu triode by Raytheon with a thoriated tungsten filament. It is designed for use as a class "B" modulator or amplifier, R.F. amplifier or oscillator. The plate is made of tantalum and the base isolantite.

Filament voltage	7.5 volts
Filament current	3.25_amperes
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Grid to plate.	3.2 mmf.
Grid to Filament	3.5 mmf.
Plate to Filament	.20 mmf.

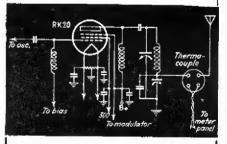
Typical Class " C " Specifications Are:

DC plate voltage	1.250	1,000 volts
DC grid voltage	90	-70 volts
DC plate current.	90	95 ma.
DC grid current	20	20 ma.
Plate dissipation.	35	35 watts
Peak R. F. input	172	140 volts
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a ower output (Carrier)	78	60 watts

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The tank circuit of the amplifier is of the impedance matching type so that any antenna or wire may be used to radiate the energy. A novel idea is the use of a thermocouple in the antenna lead at the tank coil. The meter is thus kept clear of the r-f fields and is mounted on the meter panel. The leads from the thermocouple run up to this meter. This is illustrated in the circuit diagram.



The amplifier is suppressor grid modulated. A 6F6 modulator preceded by a 6J7 and a 6C5 speech amplifier supply the necessary audio for this operation. Sufficient gain is developed for use of a crystal microphone.

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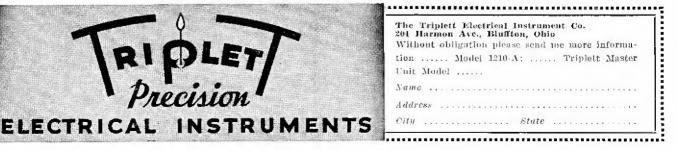
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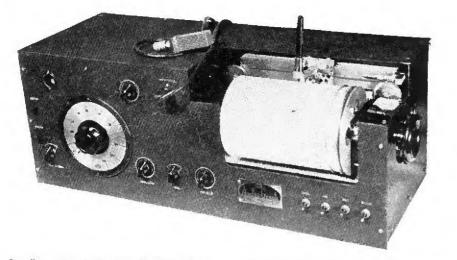
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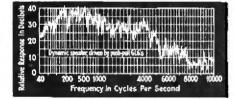


#### SOUND



#### Audio Response Recorder

To make a frequency run on microphone, loudspeaker or other apparatus necessary in the reproduction of speech or music used to be a long process. The Tobe Deutchman Corp. has designed a device that performs all the necessary functions in one operation. Variations in a speaker's output are reproduced directly on a graph as shown in Fig. 1. This curve illustrates the exact response



of a typical dynamic speaker. The short variations in output are of little consequence in a speaker since, on the average, they follow a comparatively even line. The sharp drop at 5000 cycles, however, would be noticeable.

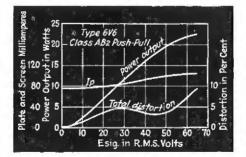
The recording instrument consists of a graph mounted on a motor-driven drum. This drum also drives the variable condenser of a beat frequency oscillator. A multicell crystal microphone picks up the sound vibration set up by the speaker under test. The vibrations are amplified and feed an electro-mechanical bridge assembly of the constant output type. The construction and operation of the bridge are such that a motor driven volume control maintains the output constant. The volume control is direct connected to a pen carriage which records the amount of unbalance resulting from the change in microphone output with variation in frequency. If the output in one instance was too high, causing an unbalance in the bridge circuit, the motor driving the attenuator and pen carriage would decrease the signal. If the signal is low, the opposite is true. The motor is of the reversible type.

By adjusting the speed of the motor which drives the recording drum, the time required for securing a complete chart may be varied between one minute and ten minutes. As a rule, a recording time of two and one half to three minutes is sufficient.

# **6V6** Operating Characteristics

The 6V6 is particularly adapted to portable amplifier circuits since it provides large outputs with relatively low plate voltages. A bulletin by Sylvania describes the operation characteristics. For single tube operation a 5,000 ohm

load is suitable for general use since the sensitivity and output are good. The distribution of total distortion



between the second and third harmonics is better than that obtained with ordinary pentodes. If lower percentage of third harmonic is desired, the load should be reduced to 4,000 ohms. However, there will be a slight decrease in power sensitivity and approximately 0.25 watt less power available. An increase in load to 7,000 ohms would result in higher distortion, especially in third harmonic, and the regulation of the screen current is not as good as with the lower load values.

Output values up to 5 watts can be obtained from a single tube with a

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total distortion value of 8 per cent. These results were obtained with a plate voltage of 263 volts; plate current was 45 milliamperes. The cathode bias resistor was 240 ohms bypassed with a 10 mfd condenser.

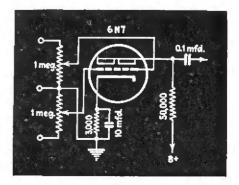
In pushpull, 22 watts output can be obtained with a distortion less than 10 per cent. Under these conditions plate and screen current were 100 milliamperes with a plate voltage of 320 volts and bias resistor of 225 ohms. Output load was 7,000 ohms.

#### **Electron Mixer**

Modern microphone technique frequently requires the use of more than one microphone simultaneously. An electron mixer designed by U.T.C. engineers enables a sound man to mix or fade two high impedance microphones or pickups.

The circuit consists of a 6N7 dual triode. The plates of this tube are connected in parallel to a single load resistor. A .1 mfd condenser couples the output to the following stage.

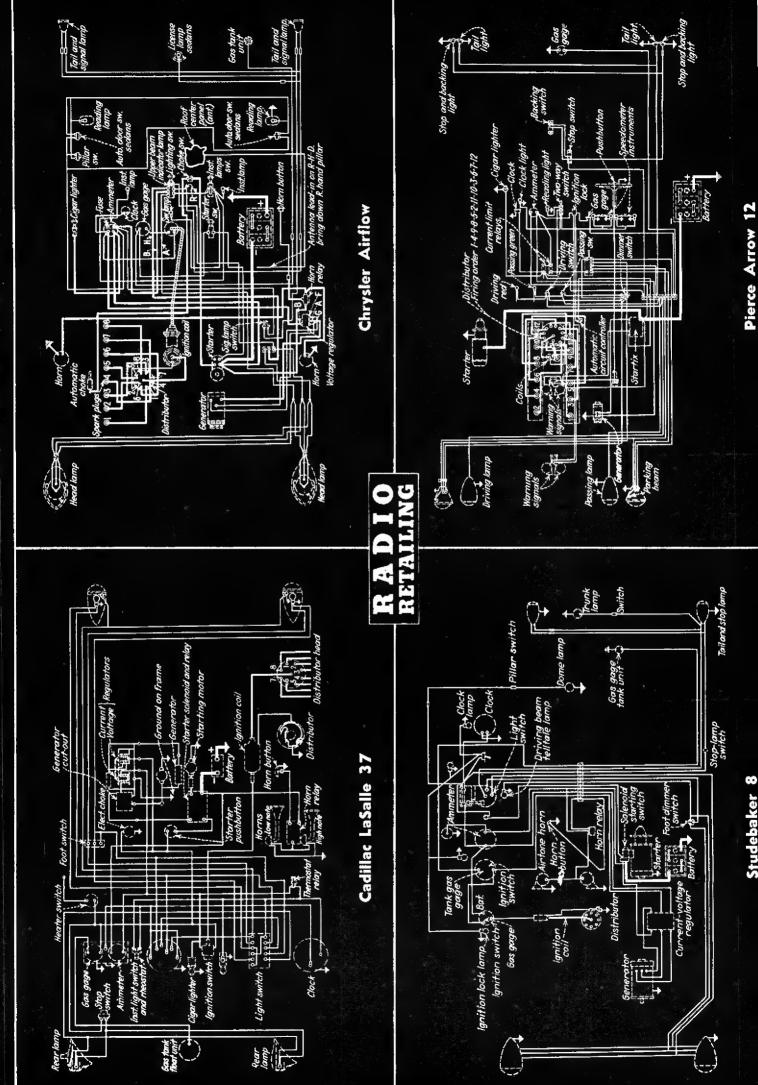
The grids are fed separately to the arms of two 1 meg. potentiometers. Thus the input to each grid may be controlled separately. The energy impressed on either or both grids is amplified and appears across a common output network.



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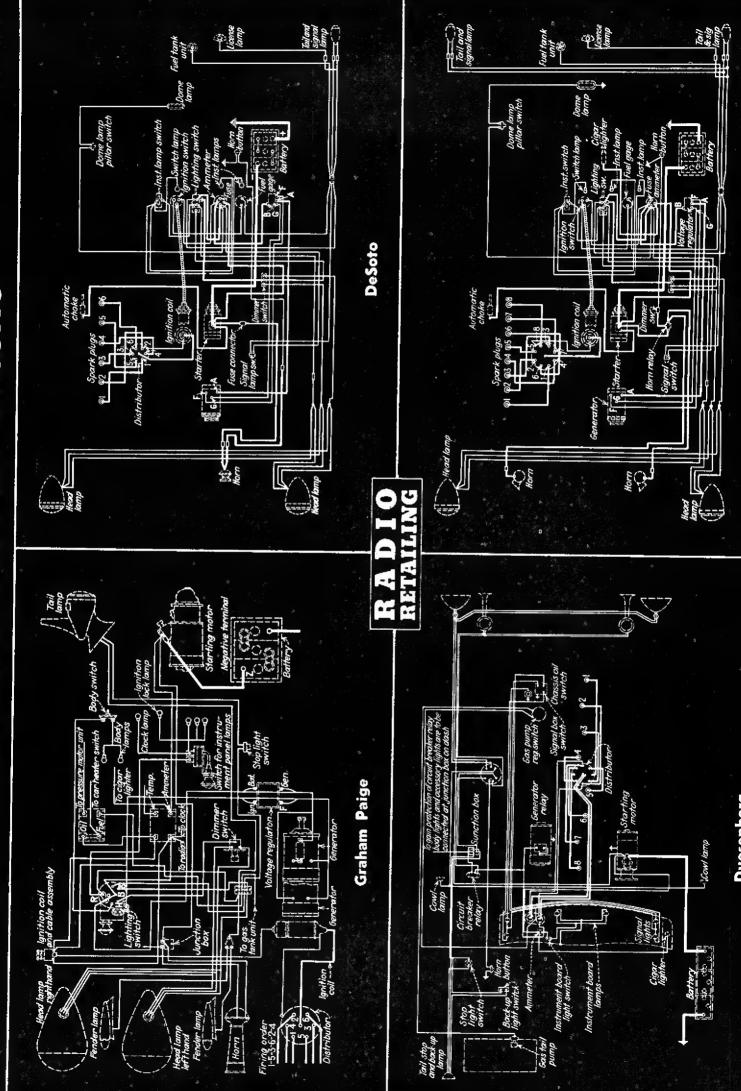
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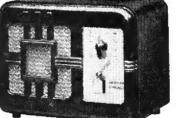


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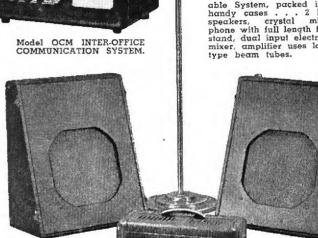
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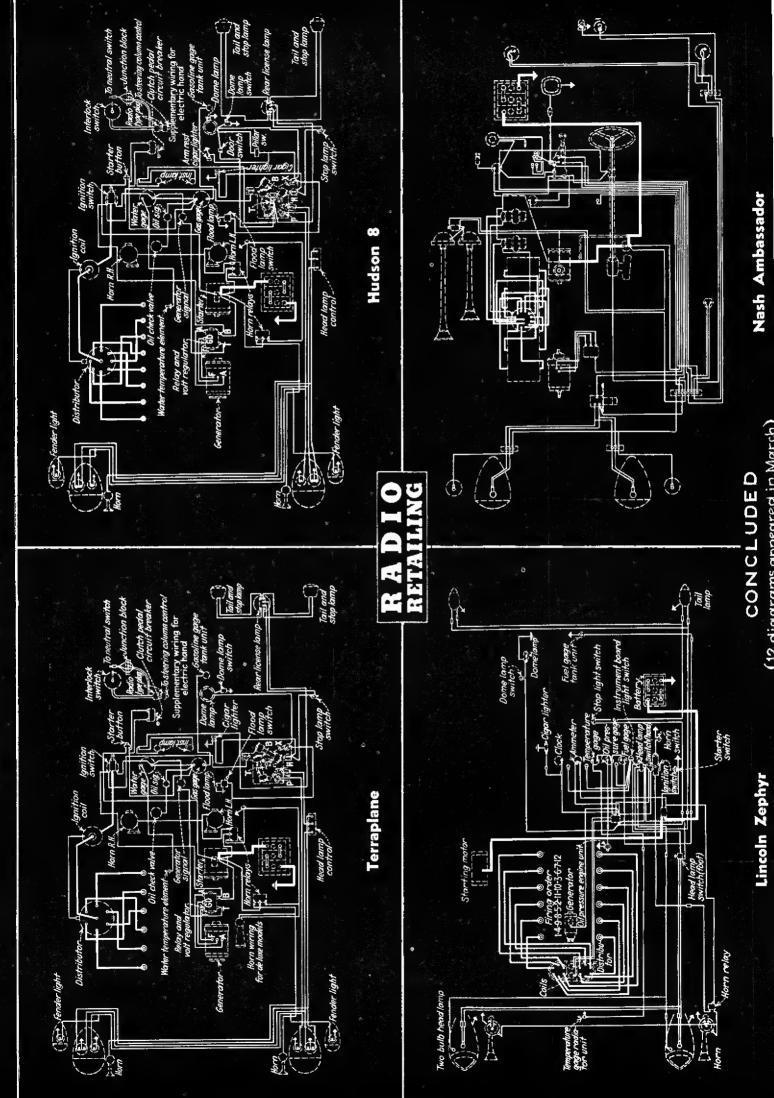
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# SHORTCUTS

#### Testing Condensers Without Unsoldering

#### By George Messig

Leaky capacitors in a set always present quite a problem to the service man. It is impossible to check all these units while they are connected to their usual circuits yet, when they are unsoldered the heat necessary to melt the solder very often damages the condenser. Then too, the leads are often so badly twisted together that they break when attempting to get the kinks out of them.

A more satisfactory way is to clip one lead of the condenser, thereby eliminating the associated circuit. The unit under question can then be tested in any one of many ways. An ohmmeter or a condenser tester will indicate the condition of the condenser. To convect back in the circuit is a simple matter when a number of the following spring connectors are made up.

Procure a length of No. 16 or 17 piano wire such as used on automobile chokes. If a lathe is on hand one end



of the wire is placed in the chuck and the other allowed to rotate freely through a small hole drilled in steel post which in turn is clamped to the lathe bed. A washer and loop will prevent the wire from coming loose. Now if the lathe is started we find we have a shaft of No. 16 wire rotating freely. If the wire is too loose it can be tightened by sliding it further into the chuck jaws. We are now ready to make the connectors.

One end of a length of No. 24 copper wire is also clamped in the chuck along with the piano wire. Begin to wind the copper wire on the piano wire. The turns can be spaced by twisting two turns of the same wire around the piano wire and guiding this along as you wind. The small coil thus formed will be open just the width of the wire itself. After a foot or so is wound stop the lathe and take the coil off the piano wire. It should then be cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. lengths. These gadgets can then be slipped over each end of the clipped lead and soldered, A solid and serviceable joint is the result with no damage to the condenser.

If a lathe is not obtainable for making the connectors any one of a number of other methods may be used. A hand drill and vise would do the trick nicely. They could also be found by hand on a short length of stiff wire. It is a good idea of keep a number of these gadgets on hand, as they are invaluable on a condenser job. This idea can also be applied to resistor networks.

#### **Repair for Push-On Knobs**

#### By Morris E. Skidmore

Very often the small spring inside the slip on type knob gets lost or broken. A great deal of time is lost looking for a new knob or trying to make a new spring.

A satisfactory repair can be had by breaking the butt end of a steel pen point with a pair of pliers. By placing this inside the knob and inserting on the shaft a good grip is obtained. With a little practice it is a simple matter to break the points at the desired length.

# Improving Speaker Fidelity

#### By Leslie C. Vickery

Many old speakers rattle or buzz at certain frequencies even after the voice coil is centered and everything else is adjusted. This is due to stiffening of the cone through climatic conditions.

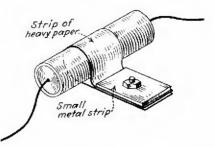
By softening the cone a very noticeable improvement in tone and volume results. This can be done easily by rubbing the entire surface of the diaphragm with a damp cloth. Care should be exercised so as not to rub too hard or have the cloth too wet. Allow a few minutes for the moisture to penetrate the fibers before checking the results.

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#### **Tubular Condenser Mount**

#### By S. Ray

A rigid support for tubular condensers can be made simply as shown in the illustration. A strip of heavy paper or cardboard is bent around the condenser and a hole drilled through the ends. A small screw is then slipped through this hole. Before putting on



the nut a strip of brass is placed on top of the cardboard ends to prevent the cardboard from tearing when the nut is tightened.

Different size clamps of this type can be quickly made for mounting electrolytes or paper condensers. If asbestos paper is used a satisfactory resistor mount is obtained.

#### Aligning Variable Selectivity Receivers

#### By H. D. Hooton

Automatic selectivity sets should always be aligned with the switch or knob placed in the maximum selectivity position. If no delay has been incorporated in the AVC design, it is usually the best policy to temporarily "short-circuit" the AVC resistor in order to remove the action from the circuits to be adjusted. Likewise the AFC circuit, if one is used, should be inoperative. Now connect the output of the test oscillator to the mixer control grid and peak each I.F. trimmer for maximum output in the usual manner.

The next step, leaving the I.F. trim-mers and the selectivity-fidelity control undisturbed, is to bring the R.F. and oscillator circuits into their proper relation to each other and the I.F. channel, "peaking" each trimmer for maximum output as outlined above. After this has been done we are ready to check the response in the "fidelity" or broad positions. The simplest method of doing this, provided the oscillator dial can be read with a fair degree of accuracy, is to adjust the test oscillator to some point on the broadcast band, say about 1,000 kc., tune in the signal as accurately as possible on the receiver, place the control in the "medium" or "full" fidelity positions and then rotate the oscillator dial a few degrees off resonance on each side, watching the output indicator. If the adjustments have been correctly made, the needle of the meter should remain practically stationary for a degree or so each side of resonance.

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#### Checking Superhet Oscillators

#### By Gerald Evans

When a radio comes in for service and the oscillator is suspected or if the radio appears normal but no station can be tuned in, it is advisable to first check up to see if the oscillator is operating. Very often this is rather difficult, but if another radio is available, it can be made quite easy.

Tune the radio that is in working condition to a station as near the 1500 kc, side of the scale as possible. Try to avoid one that may be mixed up with interference. Then with the dead radio turned on, start rotating its dial over its scale from about 1400 kc, to the 550 kc, side. If the oscillator is working it will cut the carrier of the station being heard as it passes it, and a whistle will be noted. If no whistle is heard it is certain that the oscillator in question is inoperative, it is hardly possible that a radio would be shielded so well as to prevent radiation by its oscillator.

The IF of the radio under test will be approximately equal to the difference between the dial readings of the two receivers when the whistle is heard, but this does not mean that it will be accurate enough to use instead of the makers rating for alignment.

#### **Interference Sleuthing**

#### By Anthony J. Zugel

On all my calls I carry a small sensitive five tube radio with built-in aerial. If noisy reception is encountered after I finish repairing a radio I carry the small set from room to room or basement, trying to localize the noise by the intensity of the disturbance.

Some of the most common offenders found are: defective power transformers in homes with two or more sets, leaking or intermittent shorts in condensers shunted across power transformer primaries, slipping refrigerator belts causing static discharges, poor electrical contact between refrigerator motor and base. In this last case a cure can be effected by bonding the two, eliminating the static discharge through the layer of paint insulation.

Other disturbances are caused by heating pads, electric water heaters, universal fans, sewing machines. vacuum cleaners, oil and gas burners and their thermostatic controls, electric fish aquariums, irons, toasters and heaters. In each case the trouble was completely eliminated by a standard filter by a reputable manufacturer.

If I suspect the noise is outside the building I use the auto radio, with a special probing rod as a noise pickup. The lead to the rod is shielded. Any disturbance caused by power lines or street car noises should be reported directly to the company, in every case they have cooperated to the fullest extent.

In apartment houses where noise is most always present, I take my radio to the basement of the building, installing it near the main line switches and fuse boxes of each apartment with the radio tuned to the spot where noise is loudest. I proceed to break the circuit, one at a time, to each apartment, either with the switch or by backing off a fuse, never touching the neutral if a three wire system is used. In this way I can trace the noise to a particular apartment or circuit, and then proceed as if it were a private house.

In one instance I was called in to trace noise in an apartment building containing over a hundred apartments. Several radio men and a man from a power company said nothing could be done about it as the noise was coming from the outside. The disturbance was so heavy day and night alike that it was impossible for anyone in the building to receive any stations except locals. I installed my radio in the basement and found the noise to be originating in an apartment where I discovered a small electric water heater thermostatically controlled used in a fish aquarium to be the source of all this noise. A filter cured the trouble.

Another case exactly like the above was traced the same way to a defective radio power transformer on the fourth floor of the building.

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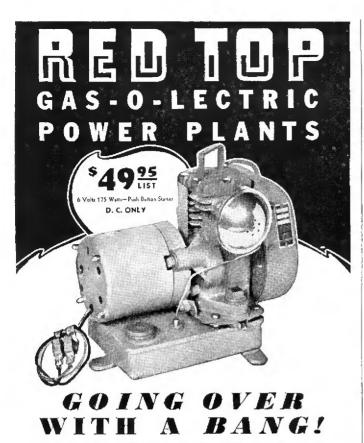
#### By Americus Molinara

If located in the immediate vicinity of a broadcast station, it is easily possible to ascertain whether or not an all-wave receiver is properly aligned, without using any equipment. This is done by shifting to each band and listening for the harmonic of the local broadcast station. If the harmonic does not occur at the proper place on the dial then a tuning up is in order.

As an example, assume we are in the vicinity of station WPG operating on 1100 KC. When the set is shifted to the next short wave band, it should be possible to hear a harmonic of WPG at 2200 KC. In like manner a harmonic should be heard at 4400 KC. and so forth. If the harmonics do not appear at these frequencies the set needs aligning.



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#### A.K.60

Inoperative . . 1050 ohm flat wirewound resistor located under red and yellow resistor mounting open. Cut lead where it solders to condenser terminals. Replace with 1 watt carbon unit soldered from this condenser to ground.

#### A.K. 317, 337, 637

No broadcast reception . . . check voltage on oscillator section of 6A8. This should be approximately 185 volts. If lower replace 30,000 ohm plate dropping resistor.

#### FADA 25-Z

Volume control inoperative . . . Green 20,000 ohm resistor grounding.

#### EMERSON 36

No screen voltage . . . shorted or leaky .02 mfd. screen bypass. Often this causes the 9000 ohm section of the voltage divider to burn. If damaged replace divider with 9000 ohm 2 watt and 27,000 ohm 1 watt.

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#### HALSON N.S.40

Burns out 25Z5 and pilot light . . . replace 25Z5 socket which has blown over to ground. Pilot light is the 2.5 volt variety.

#### KING 94

Dead . . . check tubular r.f. plate bypass for short. There are three condensers, one adjacent to each r.f. coil. Pitch in defective unit often bulges out.

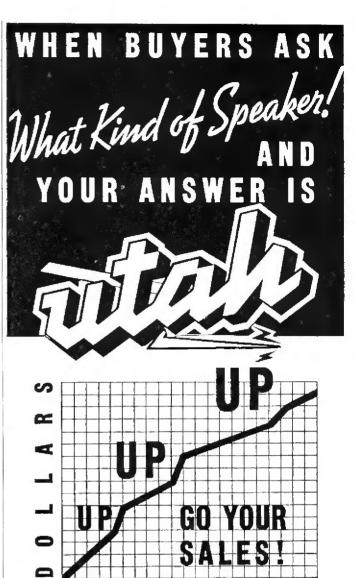
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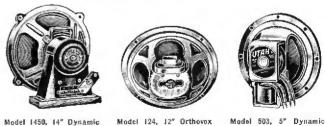




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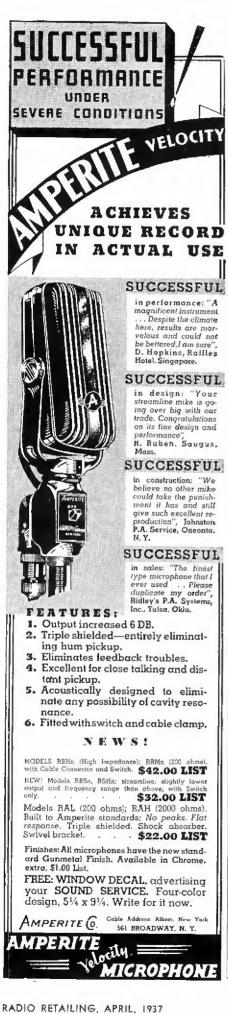
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RICKS

#### PHILCO 59

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#### PHILCO 80

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#### PHILCO 111, 111A, 211, 211A

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#### PHILCO 112, 112A, 212, 212A

Oscillation and distortion when sensitivity switch snapped to maximum . . . open .5 mfd. condenser located in filter block bypassing screens of first detector and i.f.

Weak or dead . . . check 15,000 ohm resistor between minus of speaker field and chassis for decrease in value. Replace with 5 watt unit.

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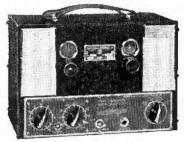
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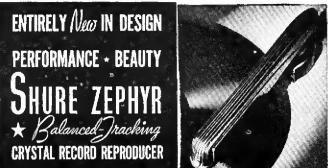
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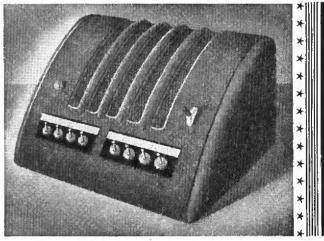
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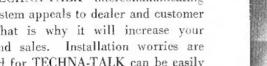
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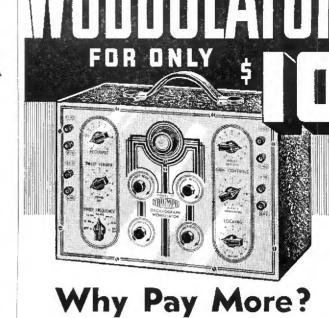


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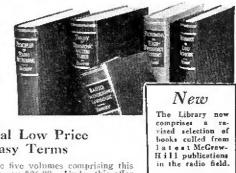
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# LETTERS

#### We Print Your Opinion, Too

Your position makes it possible to place your opinion about proper business conduct before your readers. It is not, however, always good to take it for granted that your opinions are always right.

I refer to your Editorial in the Feb-ruary issue called "Plugs," in which you give the reader the impression that Mr. Ford is wrong in his objection to having plugs placed before or after the Ford program. We beg to differ with you. Every one will try to pick the kind of company they feel most desirable and tasteful. We can well understand Mr. Ford's attitude to demand what he pays for. A full half-hour paid for should be a full half-hour given. Then the type of program the Ford Company places before the public leaves a taste of quality that the listener should be able to enjoy without being pumped full of the advertising and baloney of a cut rate store or such like. We recently checked a broadcast that was paid for by a group of dealers in South Jersey. The impression was created in our mind by the station that this 15 minute program was to follow a very popular program, 3 times per week. The moment the so-called popular program left the air a plug, as you call them, was added before the next program took over this supposed audience and I am quite sure there was little audience left after the plug was terminated. Consequently, the value of our program so far is zero as we see it.

Nor will Mr. Ford place his show room on the city dump.

Dorchester, N. J. DIRK GOUMA Gouma Electric & Radio Shop

#### Voice From Heavener

Why don't you tell Mr. Gerald Evans of Ola, Arkansas and Mr. Arthur Risley of Richfield Springs, N. Y. what you think of their idea of home-built radio sets and let me tell them that I don't think it can be done. Sure would be grand to have a custom-built set come in for repairs with someone's pet circuit that even he couldn't even remember just how it was booked up.

Mr. Evans chief trouble seems to be obtaining cabinets but there are two cabinet factories within seventy-five miles of him and there are two jobbers within the same distance that will sell him battery sets so cheap that he can sell them in competition to the mail-order houses and still make a fair profit. I can't see how anyone who can't sell standard brand radios in competition to the mail-order houses can sell custom-built sets.

I happen to know, incidentally, that Mr. Evans buys some of his supplies from a large mail order house that will sell to anyone and is his largest competitor.

As for Radio Retailing, you have a good

magazine and I am for commercial receiver discounts. HEAVENER, OKLA. E. L. HAYES

LA. E. L. HAYES Hayes Radio Service

#### Says It Can Be done

I notice that Arthur Risly would be interested in discovering a way to build radio sets for less than the ready-built jobs cost at wholesale.

Once upon a time I also had the idea that sets cost more to build than to purchase. And if Mr. Risly buys kits, as he states, there is no doubt but what it does. Really, a kit is a partially completed radio, the hardest part of the job already having been completed.

If you would make money building sets you must be a good buyer, chassis layout man, wirer, and have a complete knowledge of exactly what will be satisfactory to use in a radio. Buying the parts at the proper price is by far the small end of the job.

Close contact with the jobbers that have hot specials is absolutely essential, and when a Chicago house offers dual i.f. trimmers at 9 cents each these should be bought in quantities large enough to last until the next special. Coils must be wound, from i.f. to oscillator. Several houses are now handling cabinets at prices that appear to be less than cost of manufacture.

It is a pretty tough life, this building your own, but if you like to you can make good. But the serviceman who has the idea that he wants to build radio sets for profit only and gets no "kick" out of it will not get far in the set building business.

It takes a little money to carry sufficient quantities of materials, but not much more than to carry a stock of radio sets. As stated above, the hard part of this husiness is in turning out a really satisfactory set in competition with those produced by salaried engineers. However, it's up to you. It can be done.

OLA, ARK. GERALD EVANS

#### Sound Service Advice

The radio servicing trade has much to learn from the older repair crafts.

I came across a chap the other day who made a charge of \$1 for a three-minute job on a set. He permitted the customer to come to the rear of the shop and to watch while the set was being checked and the simple repair made. And did that customer kick at the \$1 charge! You would have thought the serviceman was a racketeer.

The moral of this little story is quite simple. I pass it on to all servicemen, for it will save them many an argument. Remember the watchmaker. He doesn't repair your watch while you wait. He tells you to come back in a day or two, or even a week. And when you get your watch back in good working order you pay his price and like it.

There's no argument. The watchmaker may have put in five minutes or five hours. It's none of your business. The main thing is that the watch is now fixed. That's the way it must be with radio servicing in the shop.

Don't make repairs while the customer waits.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. CHARLES GOLENPAUL Acrovox Corporation

#### More Noise Rumblings

Having fought for noise elimination for years while in the service business, and after reading your articles on the subject, l feel that some legislation would be helpful.

A bill has been introduced into the Pennsylvania Legislature to "require all noisecreating electrical apparatus manufactured or sold in the State to be properly filtered."

I would appreciate your comments for or against this bill, and any other help that you may be able to render, to aid its passage.

LEMOYNE, PENNA, CARL J. GRAY.

We're for anything that will reduce manmade noise, of course, and have sent many, many words over the dam campaigning on the subject. While a number of communities have passed ordinances such as you mention, none introduced in State Legislatures have so far gotten to first base and this one, in our estimation, probably hasn't a Chinaman's chance.

chance. As pointed out in several of our articles, we believe that the time is not yet quite ripe for legislative action. The radio industry itself will have to contribute much more time, money and energy to solution of the problem before legislators can be expected to take up cudgels.

EDITOR

#### Suggestions Welcome

Is the "Sales Static" cartoonist also a serviceman? Or does he get the lowdown from his sales and service friends?

He sure hits the mark!

MISHAWAKA, IND. H. B. MILLER

The managing editor, who used to be a serviceman, and a salesman too, thinks them up and, frankly, sometimes has a deuce of a time keeping up with the parade. So if you have any suggestions don't be bashful. EDITOR

#### Still Pulling

In looking over some back numbers and feeling an urge for some better advertising, I am writing you in regard to an article in November, 1936, "Why Good Service Can't Be Cheap."

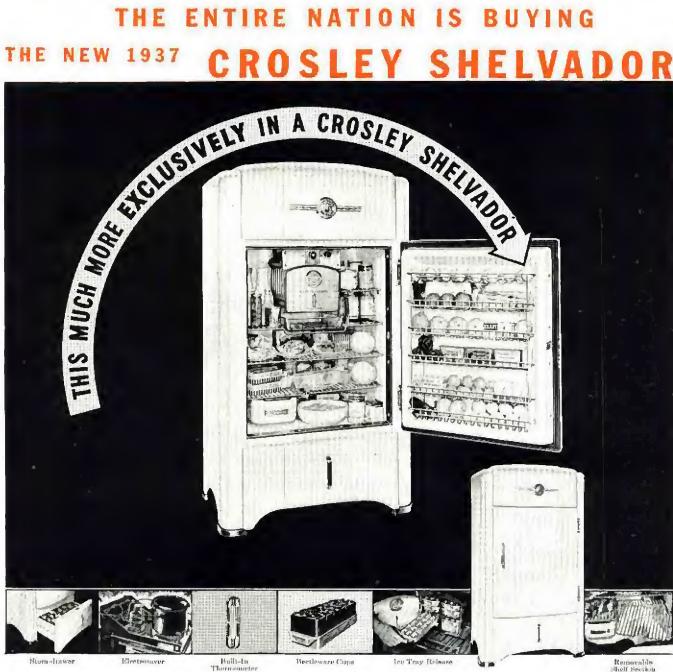
Would it be possible to obtain copies of the article?

DEL RIO, TEX. CALUWELL RADIO SERVICE

Only by re-printing. But this is not expensive as we've had so many requests that we've held the plate longer than usual. EDITOR



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It's the sales-sensation of the year-this new 1937 Crosley Shelvador. Everybody's talking about it ... everybody's buying it. "Mrs. America" has put her unreserved approval on the Shelvador because it done offers her all the features she demands—MOBE BEAUTY, MOBE ECONOMY, MORE CONVENTENCE, MOREUSABLE SPACE, MORE ACCESSIBLITY . . . plus the EX-CLUSIVE, fully insulated shelves-in-the-door. Dealers are enthusiastic over the Shelvador because it gives them powerful selling features that can be convincingly demonstrated. It's a lot easier and more profitable to



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follow the trend than to buck it. Line up with the Crosley Shelvador and sell the electric refrigerator that everyone is buying See your Crosley Distributor today for details of the Crosley Franchise. Model shown above is the DeLuxe IIL5-71, Capacities:

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